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## [Bug Report] incorrect SFENCE.VMA decoder #876

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Hi, we are currently doing some co-simulation with cva6 and spike, and we found the decoder has an incorrect behavior when meeting a sfence.vma with non-zero rd field.

According to the ISA Specification (Volume II: RISC-V Privileged Architectures V20211203 Page 152) for the SFENCE.VMA format, instr[11:7] should be 5'b00000.

When modified instr[11:7] to 5'b00001. cva6 treats this instruction as SFENCE.VMA as well. No exception occurred. The implementation is missing a check for this field.

```
cva6/core/decoder.sv
Lines 152 to 165 in 44a89b9
        // SFENCE.VMA
152
         default: begin
153
             if (instr.instr[31:25] == 7'b1001) begin
154
155
                 // check privilege level, SFENCE.VMA can only be executed in M/S mode
                 // otherwise decode an illegal instruction
156
                 illegal_instr
                                  = (priv_lvl_i inside {riscv::PRIV_LVL_M, riscv::PRIV_LVL_S})
157
                 instruction_o.op = ariane_pkg::SFENCE_VMA;
158
                 // check TVM flag and intercept SFENCE.VMA call if necessary
159
                 if (priv_lvl_i == riscv::PRIV_LVL_S && tvm_i)
160
                     illegal_instr = 1'b1;
161
```

In the following test case, there is an invalid sfence.vma at 0x80000190, whose rd field is 1, cva6 execute it as normal instruction, while spike throws an excaption.

```
[cva6] 532890ns 26637 M 000000008000018c 0 12000073 sfence.vma
[spike] core 0: 0x000000008000018c (0x12000073) sfence.vma zero, zero
[cva6] 534950ns 26740 M 0000000080000190 0 120000f3 sfence.vma
[spike] core 0: 0x0000000080000190 (0x120000f3) unknown
[spike] core 0: exception trap_illegal_instruction, epc 0x00000000000190
[spike] core 0: tval 0x00000000000000
```

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