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1.2

Can a higher-level programming language instruct a computer to compute more than a lower-level programming language?

answer:

No, because all computer languages ,no matter higher-level or lower-level , all will be finally converted to the same language - the machine code . And the different may be the code's length or the implementation's differ. But There NO difference in functional uses, or say the things that lower-programming language can Compute is the same as that of higher-level programming language.

1.4

Name one characteristic of natural languages that prevents them from being used as programming languages

answer:

Ambiguity, that is, there may be multiple ways to understand the same sentence, which cannot be run on a deterministic machine.

for example :

Lucy insisted on a talk with the manager herself;

1.It is the **manager herself** that Lucy wants to talk to

2.It is the **Lucy herself** that wants to talk to the manager

1.10

Name three characteristics of algorithms. Briefly explain each of these three characteristics.

answer:

definiteness to describe the notion that each step is precisely stated.

effective computability to describe the notion that each step can be carried out by a computer..

finiteness to describe the notion that the procedure terminates.

1.16

Name at least three things specified by an ISA:

answer:

1.**Instruction Set:** The ISA defines the set of instructions that a computer can execute.

2.**Data Types:** The ISA defines the data types that the computer can operate on

3.**Addressing Modes:** The ISA specifies the addressing modes that the computer supports calculates the memory address of operands.

1.18

How many ISAs are normally implemented by a single microarchitecture? Conversely, how many microarchitectures could exist for a single ISA?

answer:

a single microarchitecture is typically designed to implement **a specific ISA**,
multiple microarchitectures can exist for a single ISA

2.4

Given n bits, how many unsigned integers can be represented with the n bits? What is the range of these integers?

answer:

for each bit it can be 0 or 1, and that's for n bits, so we can have 2^n different unsigned integers.
and We count them from zero, so the range is 0 to $2^n - 1$

2.8

- What is the largest positive number one can represent in an eight-bit 2's complement code? Write your result in binary and decimal.
- What is the greatest magnitude negative number one can represent in an eight-bit 2's complement code? Write your result in binary and decimal.
- What is the largest positive number one can represent in n -bit 2's complement code?

d. What is the greatest magnitude negative number one can represent in n-bit 2's complement code?

answer:

a:

Binary : 0111 1111

Decimal: +127

b:

Binary: 1000 0000

Decimal: -128

c:

Decimal: $2^{n-1} - 1$

First bit should be zero and the following n-1 bits are all one.

d:

Decimal: -2^{n-1}

First bit should be one and the following n-1 bits are all zero.

2.17

Add the following 2's complement binary numbers. Also express the answer in decimal.

a. 01 + 1011

b. 11 + 01010101

c. 0101 + 110

d. 01 + 10

answer:

a:

0001

1011

1100

Decimal expression: 1-5=-4

b:

11111111

01010101

01010100

Decimal expression: -1+85=84

c:

0101

1110

0011

Decimal expression: $5-2=3$

d:

01

10

11

Decimal expression: $1-2=-1$

2.20

The following binary numbers are four-bit 2's complement binary numbers. Which of the following operations generate overflow? Justify your answer by translating the operands and results into decimal.

a. $1100 + 0011$ d. $1000 - 0001$

b. $1100 + 0100$ e. $0111 + 1001$

c. $0111 + 0001$

answer:

a:

1100

0011

1111

No overflow

Decimal expression: $-4+3=-1$

b:

1100

0100

0000

NO overflow

Decimal expression: $-4+4=0$

c:

0111

0001

1000

has overflow

Decimal expression: $7+1=8$ which is out of range (for 4 bits 2's complements code the largest integer is 7) but it is -8

d:

1000-0001

=

1000+1111

1000

1111

0111

has overflow

Decimal expression: $-8-1=-9$ which is out of range (for 4 bits 2's complements code the largest integer is -8) but it is 7

e:

0111

1001

0000

No overflow

Decimal expression: $7-7=0$

2.34

Compute the following:

a. NOT(1011) OR NOT(1100)

b. NOT(1000 AND (1100 OR 0101))

c. NOT(NOT(1101))

d. (0110 OR 0000) AND 1111

answer:

a:

NOT(1011) = 0100

NOT(1100) = 0011

0100 OR

0011 =

0111

b:

1100 OR

0101 =

1101

1000 AND

1101 =

1000

NOT(1000) =

0111

c:

NOT(NOT(1101)) = 1101

double NOT is just itself

NOT(1101) = 0010

NOT(0010) = **1101**

d:

0110 OR

0000 =

0110

0110 AND

1111 =

0110

