



Computer Architecture (计算机体系结构)

Lecture 5 Introduction to MIPS : Decisions II

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Review

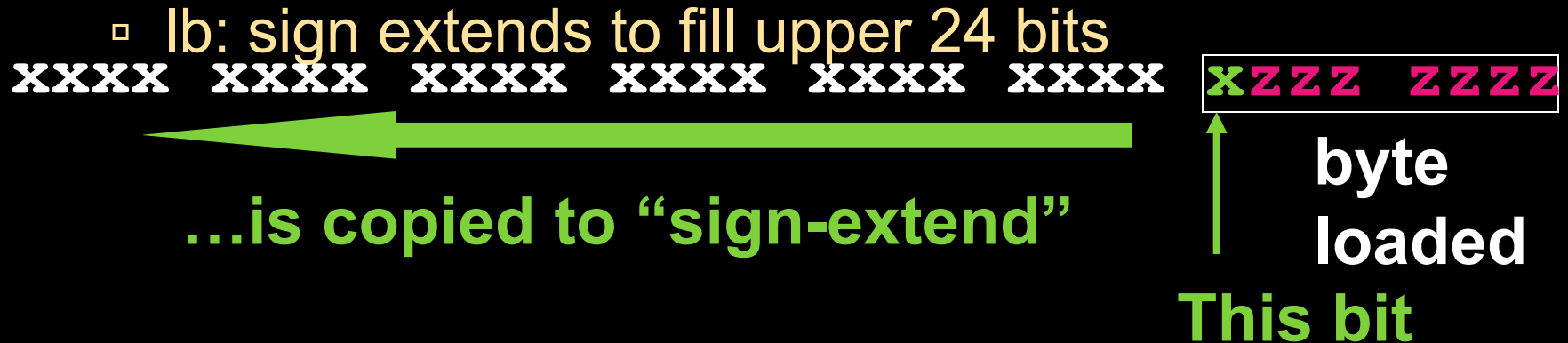
- Memory is **byte**-addressable, but **lw** and **sw** access one **word** at a time.
- A pointer (used by **lw** and **sw**) is just a memory address, so we can add to it or subtract from it (using offset).
- A Decision allows us to decide what to execute at run-time rather than compile-time.
- C Decisions are made using **conditional statements** within **if**, **while**, **do while**, **for**.
- MIPS Decision making instructions are the **conditional branches**: **beq** and **bne**.
- New Instructions:
lw, sw, beq, bne, j

Last time: Loading, Storing bytes 1/2

- In addition to word data transfers (**lw**, **sw**), MIPS has **byte** data transfers:
 - load byte: **lb**
 - store byte: **sb**
- same format as **lw**, **sw**
- E.g., **lb \$s0, 3(\$s1)**
 - *contents of memory location with address = sum of “3” + contents of register **s1** is copied to the low byte position of register **s0**.*

Loading, Storing bytes 2/2

- What do with other 24 bits in the 32 bit register?



- Normally don't want to sign extend chars
- MIPS instruction that doesn't sign extend when loading bytes:
 - load byte unsigned: **lbu**

Overflow in Arithmetic (1/2)

- Reminder: Overflow occurs when there is a mistake in arithmetic due to the limited precision in computers.
- Example (4-bit unsigned numbers):

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ + 3 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1111 \\ + 0011 \\ \hline 10010 \end{array}$$

- But we don't have room for 5-bit solution, so the solution would be 0010, which is +2, and wrong.

Overflow in Arithmetic (2/2)

- Some languages detect overflow (Ada), some don't (C)
- MIPS solution is 2 kinds of arithmetic instructions:
 - These cause overflow to be detected
 - add (**add**)
 - add immediate (**addi**)
 - subtract (**sub**)
 - These do not cause overflow detection
 - add unsigned (**addu**)
 - add immediate unsigned (**addiu**)
 - subtract unsigned (**subu**)
- Compiler selects appropriate arithmetic
- MIPS C compilers produce **addu, addiu, subu**

Two “Logic” Instructions

- Here are 2 more new instructions
- Shift Left: **sll \$s1,\$s2,2**
#s1=s2<<2
 - Store in \$s1 the value from \$s2 shifted 2 bits to the left (they fall off end), **inserting 0's** on right; << in C.
 - Before: **0000 0002**_{hex}
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010_{two}
 - After: **0000 0008**_{hex}
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1000_{two}
 - What arithmetic effect does shift left have?
- Shift Right: **srl** is opposite shift; >>

Loops in C/Assembly (1/3)

- Simple loop in C; **A[]** is an array of `ints`

```
do { g = g + A[i];  
    i = i + j;  
} while (i != h);
```

- Rewrite this as:

```
Loop: g = g + A[i];  
      i = i + j;  
      if (i != h) goto Loop;
```

- Use this mapping:

g ,	h ,	i ,	j ,	base of A
\$s1 ,	\$s2 ,	\$s3 ,	\$s4 ,	\$s5

Loops in C/Assembly (2/3)

- Final compiled MIPS code:

```
Loop: sll    $t1,$s3,2      # $t1= 4*I
      addu   $t1,$t1,$s5    # $t1=addr A+4i
      lw     $t1,0($t1)     # $t1=A[i]
      addu   $s1,$s1,$t1    # g=g+A[i]
      addu   $s3,$s3,$s4    # i=i+j
      bne    $s3,$s2,Loop   # goto Loop
                          # if i!=h
```

- Original code:

```
Loop: g = g + A[i];
      i = i + j;
      if (i != h) goto Loop;
```

Loops in C/Assembly (3/3)

- There are three types of loops in C:
 - `while`
 - `do... while`
 - `for`
- Each can be rewritten as either of the other two, so the method used in the previous example can be applied to these loops as well.
- Key Concept: Though there are multiple ways of writing a loop in MIPS, the key to decision-making is conditional branch

Inequalities in MIPS (1/4)

- Until now, we've only tested equalities (`==` and `!=` in C). General programs need to test `<` and `>` as well.
- Introduce MIPS Inequality Instruction:
 - “Set on Less Than”
 - Syntax: `slt reg1, reg2, reg3`
 - Meaning: `reg1 = (reg2 < reg3);`

```
if (reg2 < reg3)
    reg1 = 1;
else reg1 = 0;
```

Same thing...

“set” means “change to 1”,
“reset” means “change to 0”.

Inequalities in MIPS (2/4)

- How do we use this? Compile by hand:

```
if (g < h) goto Less; #g:$s0, h:$s1
```

- Answer: compiled MIPS code...

```
slt $t0,$s0,$s1 # $t0 = 1 if g<h
bne $t0,$0,Less # goto Less
                # if $t0!=0
                # (if (g<h)) Less:
```

- Register \$0 always contains the value 0, so **bne** and **beq** often use it for comparison after an **slt** instruction.
- A **slt** → **bne** pair means **if (... < ...)** goto...

Inequalities in MIPS (3/4)

- Now we can implement $<$,
but how do we implement $>$, \leq and \geq ?
- We could add 3 more instructions, but:
 - MIPS goal: **Simpler is Better**
- Can we implement \leq in one or more
instructions using just **slt** and **branches**?
 - What about $>$?
 - What about \geq ?

Inequalities in MIPS (4/4)

a:\$s0, b:\$s1

slt \$t0,\$s0,\$s1 # \$t0 = 1 if a<b

beq \$t0,\$0,skip # skip if a >= b

<stuff> # do if a<b

skip:

Two independent variations possible:

Use *slt \$t0,\$s1,\$s0* instead of

slt \$t0,\$s0,\$s1

Use *bne* instead of *beq*

Immediates in Inequalities

- There is also an immediate version of **slt** to test against constants: **slti**
 - Helpful in **for** loops

C **if** (**g** **>=** **1**) **goto** **Loop**

Loop: . . .

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I **slti** \$t0,\$s0,1 # \$t0 = 1 if
P # \$s0<1 (g<1)
S **beq** \$t0,\$0,**Loop** # goto Loop
 # if \$t0==0
 # (if (g>=1))

An slt → beq pair means if (... ≥ ...) goto...

What about unsigned numbers?

- Also **unsigned** inequality instructions:

sltu, sltiu

...which sets result to 1 or 0 depending on unsigned comparisons

- What is value of \$t0, \$t1?

(\$s0 = FFFF FFFA_{hex}, \$s1 = 0000 FFFA_{hex})

slt \$t0, \$s0, \$s1

sltu \$t1, \$s0, \$s1

MIPS Signed vs. Unsigned – diff

meanings!

- MIPS terms Signed/Unsigned “overloaded”:

- Do/Don't sign extend

- `(lb, lbu)`

- Do/Don't overflow

- `(add, addi, sub, mult, div)`

- `(addu, addiu, subu, multu, divu)`

- Do signed/unsigned compare

- `(slt, slti/sltu, sltiu)`

Peer Instruction

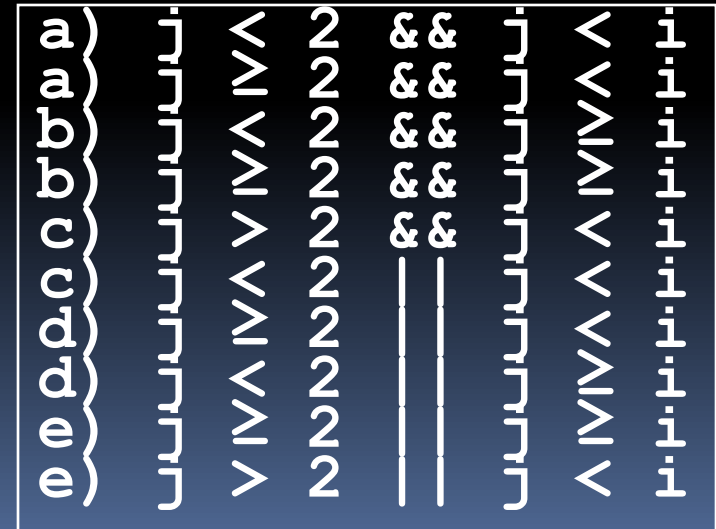
```

Loop: addi $s0, $s0, -1    # i = i - 1
      slti $t0, $s1, 2     # $t0 = (j < 2)
      beq  $t0, $0, Loop   # goto Loop if $t0 == 0
      slt  $t0, $s1, $s0   # $t0 = (j < i)
      bne  $t0, $0, Loop   # goto Loop if $t0 != 0
    
```

(\$s0=i, \$s1=j)

What C code properly fills in the blank in loop below?

do {i--;} while(____);



“And in conclusion...”

- To help the **conditional branches** make decisions concerning inequalities, we introduce: “Set on Less Than” called **slt, slti, sltu, sltiu**
- One can store and load (signed and unsigned) **bytes** as well as words with **lb, lbu**
- Unsigned add/sub **don't cause overflow**
- New MIPS Instructions:
sll, srl, lb, lbu
slt, slti, sltu, sltiu
addu, addiu, subu



Bonus Slides

Example: The C Switch Statement

(1/3)

- Choose among four alternatives depending on whether k has the value 0, 1, 2 or 3.
Compile this C code:

```
switch (k) {  
    case 0: f=i+j; break; /* k=0 */  
    case 1: f=g+h; break; /* k=1 */  
    case 2: f=g-h; break; /* k=2 */  
    case 3: f=i-j; break; /* k=3 */  
}
```

Example: The C Switch Statement

(2/3)

- This is complicated, so **simplify**.
- Rewrite it as a chain of if-else statements, which we already know how to compile:

```
if(k==0) f=i+j;  
    else if(k==1) f=g+h;  
        else if(k==2) f=g-h;  
            else if(k==3) f=i-j;
```

- Use this mapping:

```
f:$s0, g:$s1, h:$s2,  
i:$s3, j:$s4, k:$s5
```

Example: The C Switch Statement

- (3/3) Final compiled MIPS code:

```
        bne  $s5,$0,L1      # branch k!=0
        add  $s0,$s3,$s4    # k==0 so f=i+j
        j    Exit          # end of case so Exit
L1:     addi  $t0,$s5,-1     # $t0=k-1
        bne  $t0,$0,L2     # branch k!=1
        add  $s0,$s1,$s2    # k==1 so f=g+h
        j    Exit          # end of case so Exit
L2:     addi  $t0,$s5,-2     # $t0=k-2
        bne  $t0,$0,L3     # branch k!=2
        sub  $s0,$s1,$s2    # k==2 so f=g-h
        j    Exit          # end of case so Exit
L3:     addi  $t0,$s5,-3     # $t0=k-3
        bne  $t0,$0,Exit    # branch k!=3
        sub  $s0,$s3,$s4    # k==3 so f=i-j
Exit:
```