

Computer Architecture

Mid Semester Exam

Answer All Questions

24th February, 2022

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

1. A separate assignment tab has been created for mid-semester in the MS Teams class. Write your answers on paper, scan and then submit in this assignment tab of MS Teams before tomorrow 25th Feb., 8:00 AM. Answer sheet must be a single pdf file.
2. Do not forget to mention your Roll number, Name, and Branch in the answer sheet. The name of the submitted copy should be your roll number.

1. Describe the steps that transform a program written in a high-level language such as C into a representation that is directly executed by a computer processor. [5]
2. If computer A runs a program in 10 seconds and computer B runs the same program in 15 seconds, how much faster is A than B? [5]
3. Translate the following C code to MIPS assembly code. Use a minimum number of instructions. Assume that the value of a, b, i, and j are in registers \$s0, \$s1, \$t0, and \$t1, respectively. Also, assume that register \$s2 holds the base address of the array D. [10]

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for (i=0; i<a; i++)
    for (j=0; j<b; j++)
        D [4*j]=i+j;
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4. For the MIPS assembly instructions below, what is the corresponding C statement? Assume that the variables *f*, *g*, *h*, *i*, and *j* are assigned to registers \$s0, \$s1, \$s2, \$s3, and \$s4, respectively. Assume that the base address of the arrays A and B are in registers \$s6 and \$s7, respectively. [10]

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sll $t0, $s0, 2      # $t0 = f * 4
add $t0, $s6, $t0     # $t0 = &A[f]
sll $t1, $s1, 2      # $t1 = g * 4
add $t1, $s7, $t1     # $t1 = &B[g]
lw $s0, 0($t0)        # f = A[f]
addi $t2, $t0, 4
lw $t0, 0($t2)
add $t0, $t0, $s0
sw $t0, 0($t1)
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5. Translate the following loop into C. Assume that the C-level integer *i* is held in register \$t1, \$t2 holds the C-level integer called *result*, and \$s0 holds the base address of the integer *MemArray*. [10]

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addi $t1, $0, $0
Loop: lw $s1, 0($s0)
addi $s0, $s0, 5
addi $t1, $t1, 1
sli $t2, $t1, 100
bne $t2, $s0, Loop
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6. Assume \$t0 holds the value 0x20000000. What is the value of \$t2 after the following instructions? [10]

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sllt $t2, $0, $t0
beq $t2, $0, ELSE
j DONE
ELSE: addi $t2, $t2, 2
DONE:
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