

CS 110 Computer Architecture RISC-V II

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R-type compare and how to identify a negative number

RV32I R-type Compare

- Syntax of instructions
 - SLT/SLTU: slt/sltu rd, rs1, rs2

Compare the value stored in register rs1 and that of rs2, sets rd=1, if rs1<rs2 otherwise rd=0, equivalent to a = b < c?1:0, $a \Leftrightarrow a = b < c?1:0$ rd, b \Leftrightarrow rs1, c \Leftrightarrow rs2. Treat the numbers as signed/unsigned with slt/sltu.

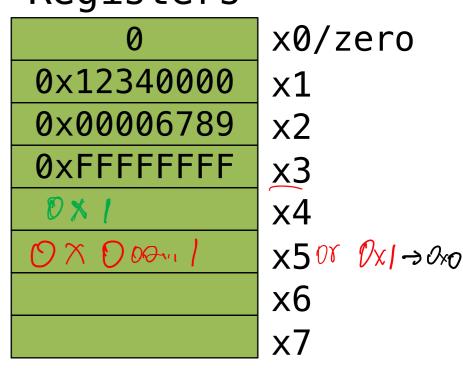
**T/Situ. \bigcirc **Signed.*

• Example: $\underbrace{\text{Slt x5, x2, x1}}_{\text{--}}$ **Signed.* \hat{s} ltu x5, x3, $\hat{x}1$

slt x4, x3, x1 $\times 37 \times 1 \rightarrow \times 5=0 \rightarrow unsigned$ Registers

 Overflow detection (unsigned) add x5, x3, x3 sltu x6, x5, x3 Overflow detection (signed)?

```
add t0, t1, t2
slti t3, t2, 0
slt t4, t0, t1
bne t3, t4, overflow
```



- R-type compare and how to identify a negative number
- slt has unsigned version as sltu, but not the other R-type instructions
- rs1, rs2 and rd field in the code all have 5 bits to represent the 32 general purpose registers (GPRs)

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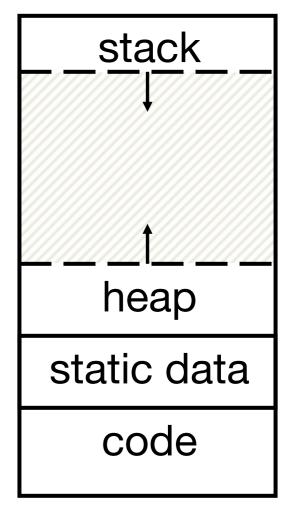
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	imm[31:12	2]				$^{\mathrm{rd}}$		opcode	U-type
[imm[20]] $imm[1]$	0:1] im	m[11]	imm	[19:12]		$^{\mathrm{rd}}$		opcode	J-type

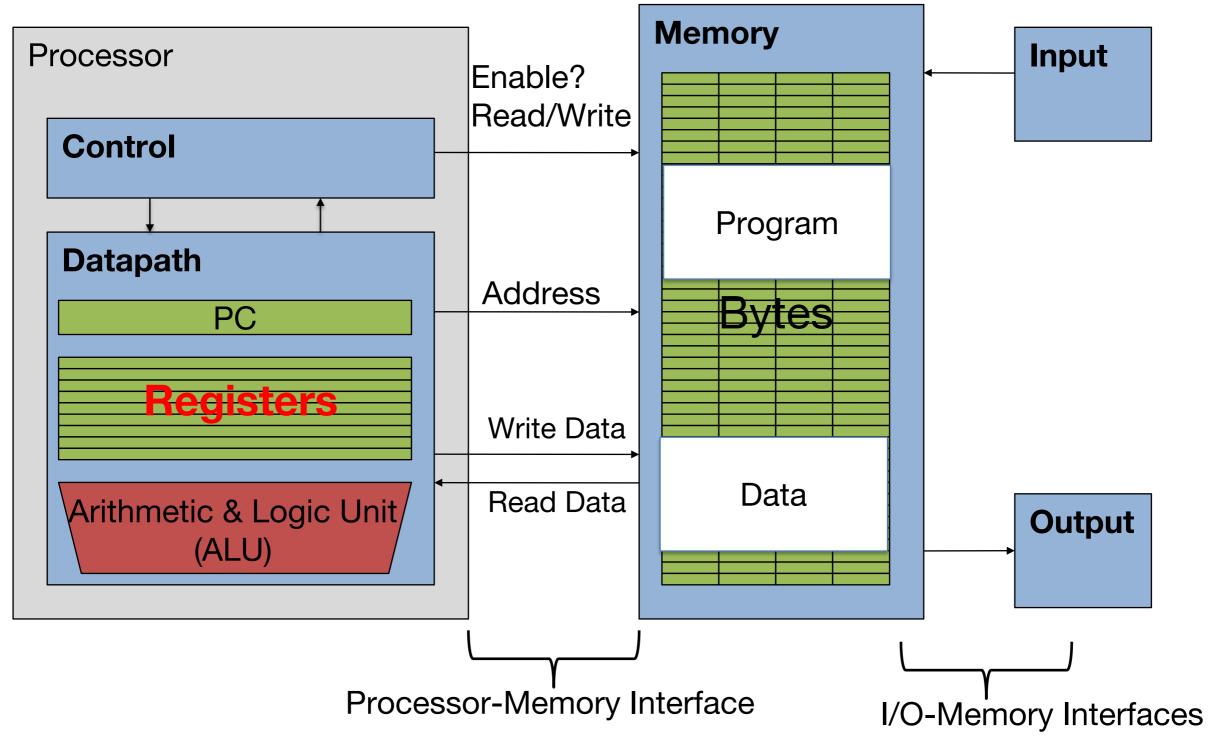
Your code text vs. the machine code

```
1c: a8 83 1f b8 stur w8, [x29, #-8]
20: 28 1c 82 52 mov w8, #4321
24: a8 43 1f b8 stur w8, [x29, #-12]
28: a8 83 5f b8 ldur w8, [x29, #-8]
2c: a9 43 5f b8 ldur w9, [x29, #-12]
30: 08 01 09 0b add w8, w8, w9
```

Memory Address (32 bits assumed here)



This is only a simplified model!



Administrative

- HW2, due Mar. 22nd and Lab2 (with guidance to valgrind) are released
- Lab 3 with tutorial to Venus available today, play with venus to understand better about RISC-V assembly

https://venus.cs61c.org/

- Proj1.1 will be released Next week
- Discussion this week on memory management & valgrind (useful for your labs/HWs/projects) by TA Suting Chen at teaching center 301 on Monday
 - Discussion on Mar. 15th will be held at SPST 4-122 (only this one)
- Discussion next week on RISC-V assembly & CALL, useful for Proj1.1 by TA Chao Yang at teaching center 301

Outline

- Assembly instructions in RISC-V (RV32I)
 - R-type
 - I-type arithmetic and logic
 - I-type load
 - S-type store
 - Desicion-making instructions
 - Branch (B-type)
 - Function call
 - Unconditional jump (J-type)
 - Calling convention
 - Managing the stack

Computer Decision Making—Branch

- Normal operation: execute instructions in sequence
- In C: if/while/for-statement; function call
- RISV-V provides conditional branch (B-type) & unconditional jump (J-type)

RISC-V: similar to if-statement instruction

```
beq rs1, rs2, L(imm/label)
```

meaning: go to statement labeled if (value in rs1) == (value in rs2); otherwise, go to next statement

- beq stands for branch if equal
- Similarly, bne for branch if not equal

Computer Decision Making—Branch

```
Example:
                                                          1c: a8 83 1f b8
                                                           20: 28 1c 82 52
         beq rs1, rs2, L(imm/label)
                                                           24: a8 43 1f b8
                                                          28: a8 83 5f b8
                     Compile
 C code
                                                          2c: a9 43 5f b8

    Assembly

                                                           30: 08 01 09 0b
                                      addi x2, x0, 5
int main(void) {
                                      addi x3, x0, 6
                                                             assembler
    int i=5;
                                                          \#imm = 8
                                      bne x2, x3, L1
    if (i!=6){
                                      beq x2, x3, L2
         <u>i++;</u>
                                   L1:addi x2, x2, 1
                                      ret #kind of jump, psuedo-
    else i--;
                                   instruction
   return 0;
}
                                   L2:addi x2, x2, -1
                                      ret
```

Label can also point to data (more in discussion)

B-type Branch

Computer Decision Making—Branch

Example:

```
beq rs1, rs2, L(imm/label)
```

C code

```
int main(void) {
    int i=5;
    if (i!=6){
         <u>i++;</u>
    else i--;
   return 0;
}
```

Assembly (real stuff in ARM64)

```
mov w8, #5
Ltmp3:
    .loc1 10 9 is_stmt 0
    subs w8, w8, #6
    b_eq LBB0_2
         LBB0_1
LBB0_1:
Ltmp4:
    .loc1 11 10 is_stmt 1
    ldr w8, [sp, #8]
    add w8, w8, #1
    str w8, [sp, #8]
    .loc1 12 5
        LBB0 3
Ltmp5:
LBB0_2:
    .loc1 13 11
    ldr w8, [sp, #8]
    subs w8, w8, #1
    str w8, [sp, #8]
         LBB0 3
    b
Ltmp6:
LBB0 3:
    .loc1 0 11 is_stmt 0
    mov w0, #0
    .loc1 14 5 is_stmt 1
    add sp, sp, #16
```

ret

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Computer Decision Making—Branch

Example:

```
beq rs1, rs2, L(imm/label)
```

C code

Five variables f through j correspond to the five registers x19 through x23

Assembly

```
bne x22, x23, Else
#Go to Else if i≠j

add x19, x20, x21
#f = g + h (skipped if i≠j)

beq x0, x0, Exit
#Jump to Exit
```

Else: sub x19, x20, x21

Exit: #Else branch & Exit

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Computer Decision Making—Branch

- Normal operation: execute instructions in sequence
- In programming languages: if/while/for-statement
- RISV-V provides conditional branch & unconditional jump

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imm[12] $imm[1]$	0:5] rs2	rs1	funct3	imm[4:1]	[imm[11]]	opcode	B-type

RISC-V: if-statement instructions are

```
blt/bltu/bge/bgeu rs1, rs2, L(imm/label)
```

meaning: go to statement labeled L if (value in rs1) </e> </e> (value in rs2) using singed/unsigned comparison; otherwise, go to the next statement

C Loop Mapped to RISC-V Assembly

```
int A[20];
int sum = 0;
for (int i=0; i < 20;
i++)
sum += A[i];</pre>
```

```
# Assume x8 holds pointer to A
# Assign x10=sum
  add x9, x8, x0 # x9=&A[0]
  add x10, x0, x0 # sum=0
  add x11, x0, x0 \# i=0
  addi x13, x0, 20 \# x13=20
Loop:
  bge x11, x13, Done
  lw \times 12, 0(\times 9) \# \times 12 = A[i]
  add x10, x10, x12 \# sum +=
  addi \times 9, \times 9, 4 # &A[i+1]
  addi x11, x11,1 # i++
  j Loop
Done:
  ret
```

Optimization

- The simple translation is sub-optimal!
 - Inner loop is now 4 instructions rather than 7
 - And only 1 branch/jump rather than two: Because first time through is always true so can move check to the end!
- The compiler will often do this automatically for optimization
 - See that i is only used as an index in a loop

```
# Assume x8 holds pointer to A
# Assign x10=sum
add x10, x0, x0 # sum=0
add x11, x8, x0 # ptr = A
addi x12, x11, 80 \# end = A + 80
Loop:
        x13,0(x11) # x13 = *ptr
   lw
        x10, x10, x13 \# sum += x13
   addi x11, x11, 4 # ptr++
blt x11, x12, Loop # ptr < end
```

- This optimization is not required
- Line by line translation is good
- Correctness first, performance second

Arrays and Pointers

```
int i;
int array[10];

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
   array[i] = ...;
}</pre>
```

```
int *p;
int array[10];

for (p = array; p < &array[10]; p++)
{
   *p = ...;
}</pre>
```

These code sequences have the same effect!

Translate Assembly to C

```
addi x10, x0, 0x7
add x12, x0, x0
label_a:
andi x14, x10, 1
beq x14, x0, label_b
add x12, x10, x12
label_b:
addi x10, x10, -1
bne x10, x0, label_a
```

```
x10 = 7
x12 = 0
label_a: x14 = x10 & 1
if (x14!=0)
{x12 = x10+x12;}
label_b: x10 = x10-1;
if (x10!=0)
{go to label_a;}
```

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Function call

Call a Function—Unconditional Jump

```
#include <stdio.h>
0000000100003f40 < main>:
100003f40: ff c3 00 d1 sub sp, sp, #48
                                                  int main() {//compute 1234 + 4321
                                                    int x = 1234, y = 4321;
100003f58: 48 9a 80 52 mov w8, #1234
                                                    int z = x+y;
100003f5c: a8 83 1f b8 stur w8, [x29, #-8]
                                                    printf("z=%d/n",z);
100003f60: 28 1c 82 52 mov w8, #4321
                                                    return 0;
100003f64: a8 43 1f b8 stur w8, [x29, #-12]
100003f68: a8 83 5f b8 ldur w8, [x29, #-8]
100003f6c: a9 43 5f b8 ldur w9, [x29, #-12]
100003f70: 08 01 09 0b add w8, w8, w9
100003f90: 05 00 00 94 bl 0x100003fa4 <_printf+0x100003fa4>
Disassembly of section __TEXT,__stubs:
                                                                     Memory
000000100003fa4 < stubs>:
100003fa4: 10 00 00 b0 adrp
                                    Processor
100003fa8: 10 02 40 f9 ldr
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                                                          Instructions
Increase by 4 each
                                     Datapath
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time an instruction
                                            PC
is executed
                                         Registers
                                                          Instruction .
Except for
                                                          Address
                                                                        Program
                                     Arithmetic & Logic Unit
branch/jump/function
                                            (ALU)
call
```

Call a Function

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum_two_number(int a, int b)
    int y;
    return y=a+b;
int main(int argc, const char * argv[])
    int x=4321, y=1234;
    int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, f=6, g=0;
    y = sum_two_number(x,y);
    c = sum_two_number(a,b);
    f = sum_two_number(e,d);
    g = sum_two_number(c,f);
    printf("Sum is %d.\n",y);
    return 0;
```

- 1. Put parameters in a place where function can access them
- Transfer control to function (PC jump to sum_two_number)
- 3. Acquire (local) storage resources needed for function
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- 6. Return control to point of origin, since a function can be called from several points in a program

RISC-V Function Call Conventions

- Registers faster than memory, so use them as much as possible
- Give names to registers and conventions on how to use them

REGISTER NAME, USE, CALLING CONVENTION



REGISTER	NAME	USE	SAVER
x 0	zero	The constant value 0	N.A.
х1	ra	Return address	Caller
x2	sp	Stack pointer	Callee
x3	gp	Global pointer	
x4	tp	Thread pointer	9 8
x5-x7	t0-t2	Temporaries	Caller
x8	s0/fp	Saved register/Frame pointer	Callee
x9	s1	Saved register	Callee
x10-x11	a0-a1	Function arguments/Return values	Caller
x12-x17	a2-a7	Function arguments	Caller
x18-x27	s2-s11	Saved registers	Callee
x28-x31	t3-t6	Temporaries	Caller

Older version: https://riscv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/riscv-calling.pdf
Latest draft: https://github.com/riscv-non-isa/riscv-elf-psabi-doc/releases/tag/draft-20230220-87f4a72d5aeaf048b35a230e0ba5accd1bfcf072
Part of application binary interface (ABI)

RISC-V Function Call Conventions

- a0-a7 (x10-x17): eight argument registers to pass parameters and return values (a0-a1)
- ra: one return address register to return to the point of origin (x1)
- Also s0-s1 (x8-x9) and s2-s11 (x18-x27): saved registers

REGISTER NAME, USE, CALLING CONVENTION



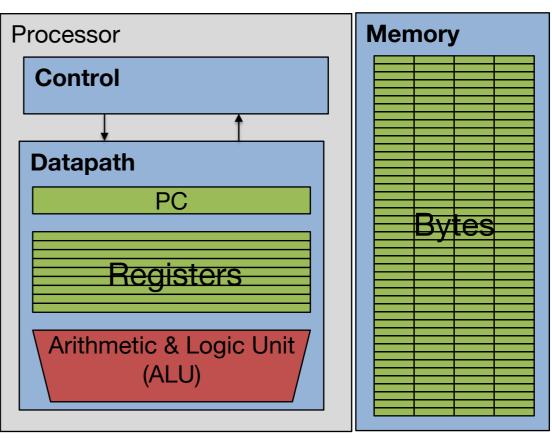
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x8	s0/fp	Saved register/Frame pointer	Callee
х9	s1	Saved register	Callee
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Call a Function

• a0-a7 (x10-x17): eight argument registers to pass parameters and return values (a0-a1)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum_two_number(int a, int b)
    int y;
    return y=a+b;
int main(int argc, const char * argv[]) {
    int x=4321, y=1234;
    int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, f=6, g=0;
    y = sum_two_number(x,y);
    c = sum_two_number(a,b);
    f = sum_two_number(e,d);
    g = sum_two_number(c,f);
    printf("Sum is %d √n",y);
    return 0;
```

x and y are function arguments; Can be put in registers a0-a7 y is returned function argument; Can be put in registers a0-a1



Save this

register ra

value to

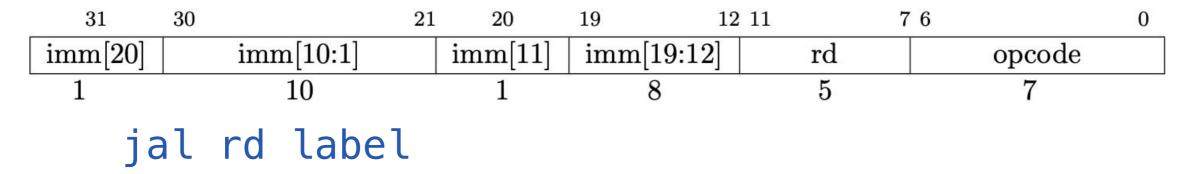
Call a Function

ra: one return address register to return to the point of origin (x1)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum_two_number(int a, int b)
   Func called:
   0x2000 //one instruction
   0x2004 //another instruction
           //need jump back to main()
int main(int argc, const char * argv[]) {
   Start:
   0x1000 //one instruction
   0x1004 //another instruction
   0x1008 //a third instruction
   0x100c //PC jump to 0x2000 (call function
   sum_two_number)
   0x1010 //next instruction...
```

Call a Function—J-type

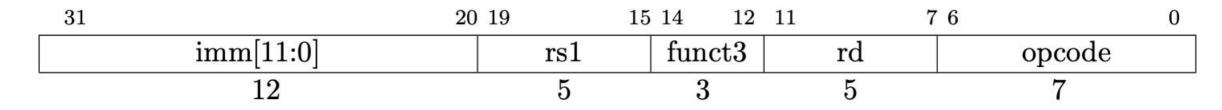
- JAL: Jump & Link, jump to function
- Unconditional jump (J-type)



- Jump to label (imm+PC, explain later) and save return address (PC+4) to rd;
- rd is x1 (ra) by convention; sometimes can be x5.
- When rd is x0, it is simply unconditional jump (j) without recording PC+4.

Return—J-type

- JALR: Jump & Link Register
- Unconditional jump (I-type encoding)



jalr rd label

- Jump to label (imm+rs1)&~1 and save return address (PC+4) to rd
- rs1 can be the return address we just saved to ra
- When rd is x0, it is simply unconditional jump (j) without recording PC+4.

Jump

-jal rd offset -jalr rd rs offset

- Jump and Link (jal)
 - Add the immediate value to the current address in the program (the "program counter"), go to that location
 - The offset is 20 bits, sign extended and left-shifted one (not two)
 - At the same time, store into rd the value of PC+4
 - So we know where it came from (need to return to)
 - jal offset == jal x1 offset (pseudo-instruction; x1 = ra = return address)
 - j offset == jal x0 offset (jump is a pseudo-instruction in RISC-V)
- Two uses:
 - Unconditional jumps in loops and the like
 - Calling other functions

Jump and Link Register

- The same except the destination
 - Instead of PC + immediate it is [value in rs] + immediate
 - Same immediate format as I-type: 12 bits, sign extended
- Again, if you don't want to record where you jump to...
 - jr rs == jalr x0 rs
- Two main uses
 - Returning from functions (which were called using Jump and Link)
 - Calling pointers to function

Call a Function

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum_two_number(int a, int b)
    int y;
    return y=a+b;
int main(int argc, const char * argv[])
    int x=4321, y=1234;
    int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, f=6, g=0;
    y = sum_two_number(x,y);
    c = sum_two_number(a,b);
    f = sum_two_number(e,d);
    g = sum_two_number(c,f);
    printf("Sum is %d.\n",y);
    return 0;
 int (*p)(void);
```

- 1. Put parameters in a place where function can access them (addi/add etc. to copy)
- Transfer control to function (PC jump to sum_two_number, jal/jalr)
- 3. Acquire (local) storage resources needed for function
- 4. Perform desired task of the function (we have learned this)
- 5. Put result value in a place where calling code can access it and restore any registers you used (addi/add etc. to copy)
- 6. Return control to point of origin, since a function can be called from several points in a program (jalr)

Notes on Functions

- Calling program (caller) puts parameters into registers a0-a7 and uses jal X to invoke (callee) at address labeled X
- PC provides the returning point
- What value does jal X place into ra?
- jr ra puts address inside ra back into PC
- New problem, small # of GPRs

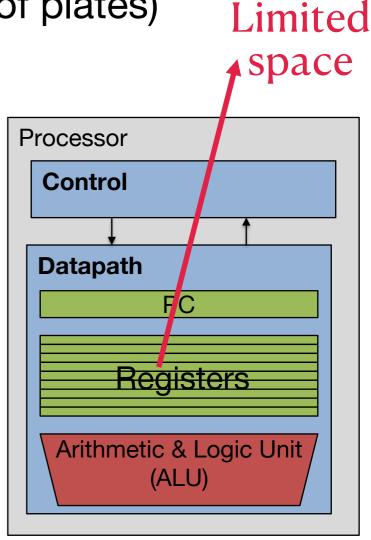
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int sum_two_number(int a, int b)
{
    int y;
    return y=a+b;
}
int main(int argc, const char * argv[])
{
    int a=1,b=2,c=3,d=4,e=5,f=6,g=0;
    int h,i,j,k,l,m,n,cs110,cs110p,...;
    y = sum_two_number(x,y);
```

3. Acquire (local) storage resources needed for function

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Where are Old Register Values Saved to Restore Them after Function Call?

- Need a place to save old values before call function, restore them when return, and delete; use the big main memory
- Ideal is stack: last-in-first-out queue (e.g., stack of plates)
 - Push: placing data onto stack
 - Pop: removing data from stack
- Stack in memory, so need register to point to it
- sp is the stack pointer in RISC-V (x2)
- Convention is grow from high to low addresses
 - Push decrements sp, Pop increments sp



Stack

- Stack frame may include:
 - Return "instruction" address
 - Parameters (spill)
 - Space for other local variables
- Stack frames contiguous; stack pointer (sp/x2) tells where bottom of stack frame is
- When procedure ends, stack frame is tossed off the stack; frees memory for future stack frames; sp restores

Calling Convention

- Could have saved all variables to main memory
- Calling convention to make things easier
- Callee-saved registers: callee clean the mess
 - Callee needs to save old value of s1 (and any other callee saved registers), and makes sure they are not changed after return, and

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x8	s0/fp	Saved register/Frame pointer	Callee
х9	s1	Saved register	Callee
x10-x11	a0-a1	Function arguments/Return values	Caller
x12-x17	a2-a7	Function arguments	Caller
x18-x27	s2-s11	Saved registers	Callee
x28-x31	t3-t6	Temporaries	Caller

Example

Leaf function: a function that calls no function

```
int Leaf (int g, int h, int i, int j)
{
   int f; f = (g + h) - (i + j);
   return f;
}
int main (void){
   int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e, x;
   e = Leaf(a,b,d,c);
   return e;
} /*a function called by OS*/
```

```
x0/zero
       x1
ra
       x2
Sp
       x9
s1
       x10
a0
       x11
a1
       x12
a2
a3
       x13
a4
       x14
```

- Parameter variables g,h,i and j in argument registers a1,a2, a3, and a4, and f in a0 when returned, and assume x in s1
- Assume function Leaf use s1 for intermediate results
- Register ra consideration

RISC-V Code for Leaf()

```
Leaf:
addi sp, sp, -4 # adjust stack for 1 items, callee
saved s1
     s1, 0(sp) # save callee saved s1 to stack
SW
add s1, a0, a1 \# s1 = q + h
add a2, a2, a3 \# j = i + j
sub a0, s1, a2 # calculate result (g + h) - (i + j)
             # return value (g + h) - (i + j)
    s1, 0(sp) # restore register s1 for caller
lw
     sp, sp, 4 # adjust stack to delete 1 items
addi
  ra # jump back to caller (pseudo-assembly: ret)
jr
                         Stack for
                         main()
                                      Stack
                                    During call
                Sp
                        value of s1
```

Optimization for Leaf ()

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REGISTER NAME, USE, CALLING CONVENTION



REGISTER	NAME	USE	SAVER
x 0	zero	The constant value 0	N.A.
x1	ra	Return address	Caller
x2	sp	Stack pointer	Callee
x3	gp	Global pointer	
x4	tp	Thread pointer	
x5-x7	t0-t2	Temporaries	Caller
x8	s0/fp	Saved register/Frame pointer	Callee
x9	s1	Saved register	Callee
x10-x11	a0-a1	Function arguments/Return values	Caller
x12-x17	a2-a7	Function arguments	Caller
x18-x27	s2-s11	Saved registers	Callee
x28-x31	t3-t6	Temporaries	Caller

Optimization for Leaf()

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```
Leaf:
addi sp, sp, -4 # adjust stack for 1 items, callee saved s1

sw s1, 0(sp) # save callee saved s1 to stack
add t1, a0, a1 # s1 = g + h
add a2, a2, a3 # j = i + j
sub a0, t1, a2 # calculate result (g + h) - (i + j)

# return value (g + h) - (i + j)

lw s1, 0(sp) # restore register s1 for caller
addi sp, sp, 4 # adjust stack to delete 1 items
jr ra # jump back to caller (pseudo-assembly: ret)
```

Nested Call

```
In foo, g, h, i, and
int bar(int g,int h,int i,int j)
                                          j are in s0-s3
int f = (g + h) - (i + j);
 return f;
                                foo:
                                # do stuff (code omitted)
int foo(int x)
                                # save ra
                                addi sp, sp, -4 (Prologue)
//do stuff
                                sw ra, 0(sp)
 int x = bar(g, h, i, j);
                                # set up argument registers
//g, h, i, j for other use
                                add a0, s0, x0
return (x/2);
                                add a1, s1, x0
                                add a2, s2, x0
int main()
                                add a3, s3, x0
// do stuff
                                 al bar
                               # restore ra
foo(x);
                                                 (Epilogue)
                                lw ra, 0(sp)
// do stuff
                                addi sp, sp, 4
                                slli a0, a0, 1
                                jr ra
```

Call a Function

- Caller put parameters in a place where function can access them (a0-a7, or stack when registers not avail.), and then save caller-saved registers to stack
- 2. Transfer control to callee function (PC jump to function): jal/jalr, rais changed to where caller left
- 3. Acquire (local) storage resources needed for function: change sp (size decided when compiling);
 Callee push callee-saved registers to stack (e.g., s0-s11)
- 4. Perform desired task of the function
- 5. Put result value in a place where calling code can access it (a0, a1), and restore callee-saved registers (s0-s11, sp)
- 6. Return control to point of origin, since a function can be called from several points in a program (j r ra); caller restores caller-saved registers