

6.004 Tutorial Problems

L4 – Procedures and Stacks II

Problem 1.

Integer arrays **season1** and **season2** contain points Ben Bitdiddle had scored at each game over two seasons during his time at MIT Intramural Basketball Team. Please write a RISC-V assembly program which counts the number of games he scored more than 20 points. An equivalent C program is given below. Note that the base addresses for arrays **season1** and **season2** along with their size are passed down to function **greaterthan20**.

```
int main() {
    int season1[7] = {18, 28, 19, 33, 25, 11, 20};
    int season2[7] = {30, 12, 13, 33, 37, 19, 22};
    int result = greaterthan20(season1, season2, 7);
}

int greaterthan20(int a[], int b[], int size) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        if (a[i] > 20)
            count++;
        if (b[i] > 20)
            count++;
    }
    return count;
}

// Beginning of your assembly code
greaterthan20:
    li t0, 0 // t0 <= count
    li t1, 0 // t1 <= index
    li t2, 20
loop :
```

Problem 2.

The following C program computes the log base 2 of its argument. The assembly code for the procedure is shown on the right, along with a stack trace showing the execution of `ilog2(10)`. The execution has been halted just as it's about to execute the instruction labeled "rtn." The SP label on the stack shows where the SP is pointing to when execution halted.

```
/* compute log base 2 of arg */
int ilog2(unsigned x) {
    unsigned y;
    if (x == 0) return 0;
    else {
        /* shift x right by 1 bit */
        y = x >> 1;
        return ilog2(y) + 1;
    }
}
```

```
ilog2: beqz a0, rtn
       addi sp, sp, -8
       sw s0, 4(sp)
       sw ra, 0(sp)
       srli s0, a0, 1
       mv a0, s0
       jal ra, ilog2
       addi a0, a0, 1
       lw ra, 0(sp)
       lw s0, 4(sp)
       addi sp, sp, 8

rtn:   jr ra
```

- (A) Please fill in the values for the two blank locations in the tack trace shown on the right. Please express the values in hex.

Fill in values (in hex!) for 2 blank locations

- (B) What are the values in `a0`, `s0`, `sp`, and `pc` at the time execution was halted? Please express the values in hex or write "CAN'T TELL".

Value in `a0`: 0x_____ in `s0`: 0x_____

Value in `sp`: 0x_____ in `pc`: 0x_____

- (C) What was the address of the original `ilog2(10)` function call?

Original `ilog2(10)` address: 0x_____

SP→

0x93
0x240
0x1
0x240
0x5
0x1108
0x37

Problem 3.

You are given an incomplete listing of a C program (shown below) and its translation to RISC-V assembly code (shown on the right):

```
int fn(int x) {  
    int lowbit = x & 1;  
    int rest = x >> 1;  
    if (x == 0) return 0;  
    else return ???;  
}
```

(A) What is the missing C source corresponding to ??? in the above program?

C source code: _____

```
fn: addi sp, sp, -12  
    sw s0, 0(sp)  
    sw s1, 4(sp)  
    sw ra, 8(sp)  
    andi s0, a0, 1  
    srai s1, a0, 1  
yy: beqz a0, rtn  
    mv a0, s1  
    jal ra, fn  
    add a0, a0, s0
```

```
rtn: lw s0, 0(sp)  
     lw s1, 4(sp)  
     lw ra, 8(sp)  
     addi sp, sp, 12  
     jr ra
```

The procedure **fn** is called from an external procedure and its execution is interrupted just prior to the execution of the instruction tagged '**yy:**'. The contents of a region of memory are shown on the left below. If the answer to any of the below problems cannot be deduced from the provided information, write "CAN'T TELL".

(B) What was the argument to the most recent call to **fn**?

Most recent argument (HEX): x= _____

(C) What is the missing value marked ??? for the contents of location 1D0?

Contents of 1D0 (HEX): _____

(C) What is the hex address of the instruction tagged **rtn:**?

Address of rtn (HEX): _____

(D) What was the argument to the *first recursive* call to **fn**?

First recursive call argument (HEX): x= _____

(E) What is the hex address of the *jal* instruction that called **fn** *originally*?

Address of original call (HEX): _____

(F) What were the contents of s1 at the time of the *original* call?

Original s1 contents (HEX): _____

(G) What value will be returned to the *original* caller if the value of *a0* at the time of the original call was 0x47?

Return value for original call (HEX): _____

	0x1
0x1D0	???
	0x4C
SP→	0x1
	0x11
	0x4C
	0x1
	0x23
	0x4C
	0x3
	0x22
	0xC4