Lab Tasks

1. Convert by hand the number **-123456789** into its 32-bit single-precision binary representation, and Show your work for a full mark.

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123\ 456\ 789 \div 2 = 61\ 728\ 394 + 1;
61728394 \div 2 = 30864197 + 0;
30\ 864\ 197 \div 2 = 15\ 432\ 098 + 1;
15\ 432\ 098 \div 2 = 7\ 716\ 049 + 0;
7716049 \div 2 = 3858024 + 1;
3858024 \div 2 = 1929012 + 0;
1929012 \div 2 = 964506 + 0;
964\ 506 \div 2 = 482\ 253 + 0;
482\ 253 \div 2 = 241\ 126 + 1;
241\ 126 \div 2 = 120\ 563 + 0;
120\ 563 \div 2 = 60\ 281 + 1;
60\ 281 \div 2 = 30\ 140 + 1;
30\ 140 \div 2 = 15\ 070 + 0;
15\ 070 \div 2 = 7\ 535 + 0;
7535 \div 2 = 3767 + 1;
3767 \div 2 = 1883 + 1;
1883 \div 2 = 941 + 1;
941 \div 2 = 470 + 1;
470 \div 2 = 235 + 0;
235 \div 2 = 117 + 1;
117 \div 2 = 58 + 1;
58 \div 2 = 29 + 0;
29 \div 2 = 14 + 1;
14 \div 2 = 7 + 0;
7 \div 2 = 3 + 1;
3 \div 2 = 1 + 1;
1 \div 2 = 0 + 1;
123 456 789 (decimal) = 111 0101 1011 1100 1101 0001 0101 (binary)
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2. Convert by hand the floating-point number **1 10010100 1001100000110000000000** (shown in binary) into its corresponding decimal value. Show your work for a full mark.

First. we subtract 127 from the exponent to get the true exponent: 148 - 127 = 21

Second. we convert the mantissa to decimal, by multiplying by 2N of number:

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1 \times 2 - 1 + 0 \times 2 - 2 + 0 \times 2 - 3 + 1 \times 2 - 4 + 1 \times 2 - 5 + 0 \times 2 - 6 + 0 \times 2 - 7 + 0 \times 2 - 8 + 0 \times 2 - 9 + 0 \times 2 - 10 + 1 \times 2 - 11 + 1 \times 2 - 12 + 0 \times 2 - 13 + 0 \times 2 - 14 + 0 \times 2 - 15 + 0 \times 2 - 16 + 0 \times 2 - 17 + 0 \times 2 - 18 + 0 \times 2 - 19 + 0 \times 2 - 20 + 0 \times 2 - 21 + 0 \times 2 - 22 + 0 \times 2 - 23 = 0.594482421875 \text{ (decimal)} Then we will add 1 to the mantissa: 0.594482421875 (decimal) + 1 = 1.594482421875 (decimal) Finally, the floating-point value is then equal to -1 \times 2
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21 \times 1.594482421875 = -3343872
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3. Trace the following program by hand to determine the values of registers **\$f0** thru **\$f9**. Notice that **array1** and **array2** have the same elements, but in a different order. Comment on the sums of **array1** and **array2** elements computed in registers **\$f4** and **\$f9**, respectively. Now use the QTSPIM tool to trace the execution of the program and verify your results. What conclusion can be made from this exercise?

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.data
array1: .float 5.6e+20, -5.6e+20, 1.2
array2: .float 1.2, 5.6e+20, -5.6e+20
.text
.globl main
main:
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la
       $t0, array1
lwc1
      $f0, 0($t0)
lwc1
      $f1, 4($t0)
lwc1
      $f2, 8($t0)
add.s $f3, $f0, $f1
add.s $f4, $f2, $f3
la
       $t1, array2
lwc1
      $f5, 0($t1)
lwc1
      $f6, 4($t1)
lwc1
      $f7, 8($t1)
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add.s $f8, $f5, $f6
add.s $f9, $f7, $f8
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li \$v0, 10 # To terminate the program syscall

.end main

$$f0 = 5.6e + 20$$

$$f1 = -5.6e + 20$$

$$f2 = 1.2$$

$$f3 = f0 + f1 = 0$$

$$f4 = f2 + f3 = 1.2$$

$$f5 = 1.2$$

$$f6 = 5.6e + 20$$

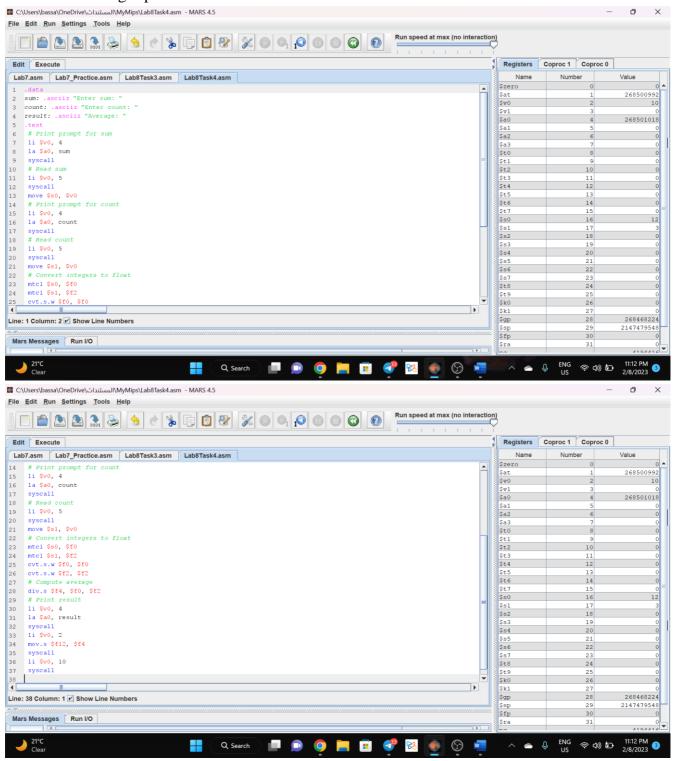
$$f7 = -5.6e + 20$$

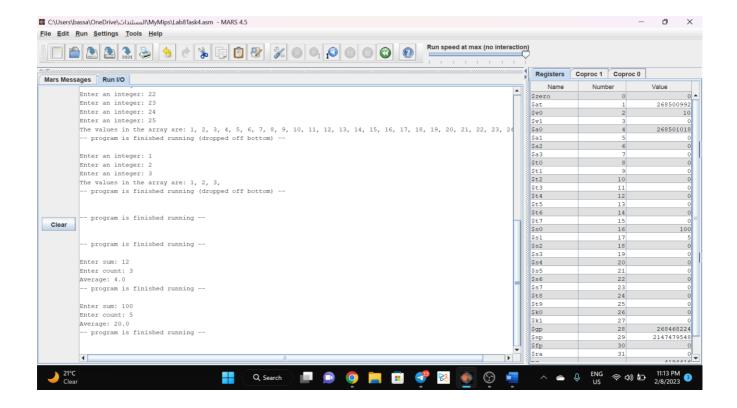
$$f8 = f5 + f6 = 5.6e + 20$$

$$f9 = f7 + f8 = 0$$

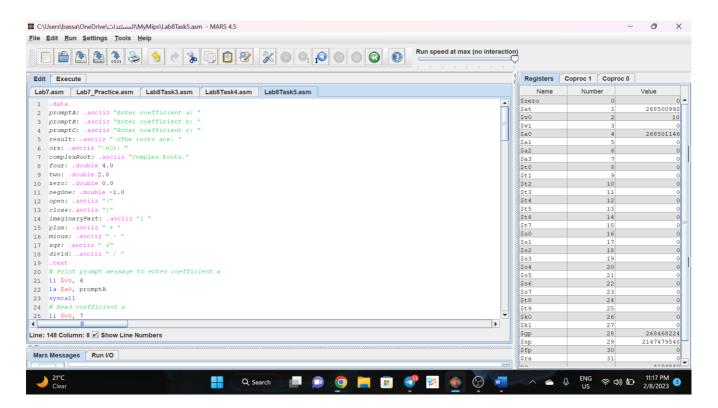
The sum of elements of "array1" is 1.2 and the sum of elements of "array2" is 0. This shows that the order of elements in a floating-point addition operation can affect the result due to the limited precision of floating-point numbers.

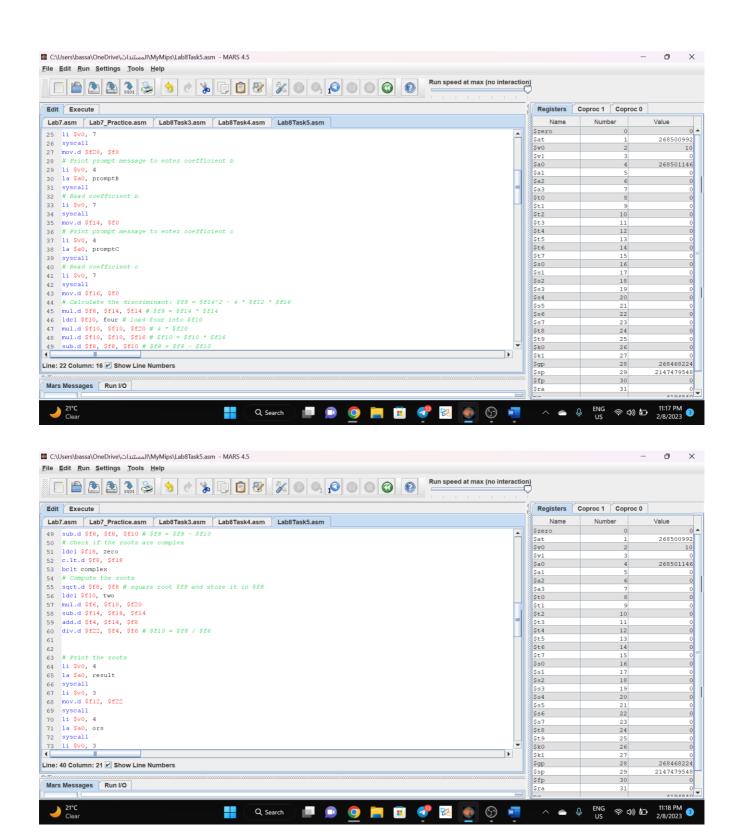
4. Write an interactive program that inputs an integer **sum** and an integer **count**, computes, and displays the **average = (float) sum / (float) count** as a single-precision floating-point number. Hint: use the proper convert instruction to convert **sum** and **count** from integer word into single-precision float.

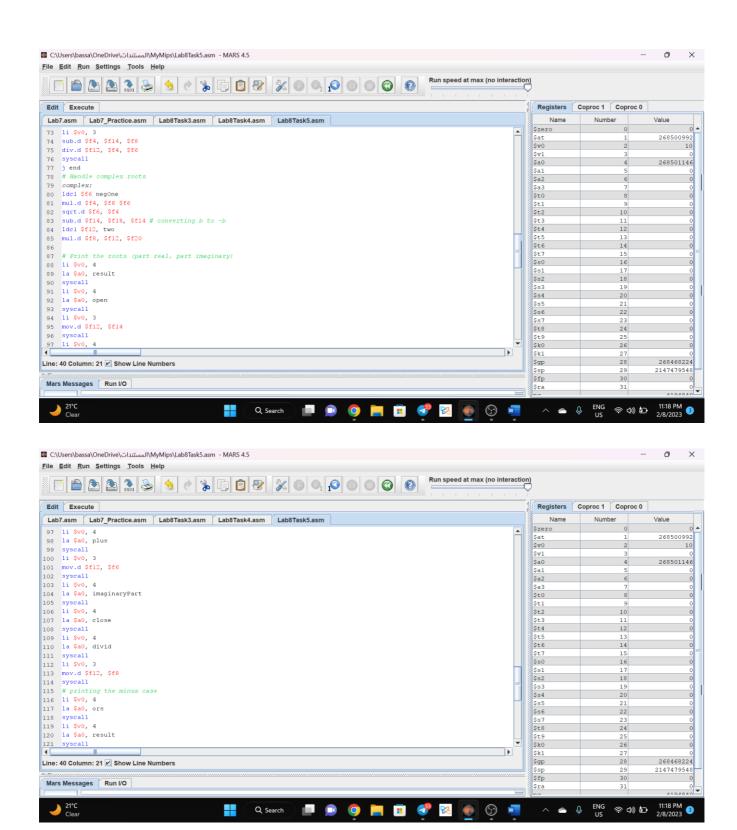


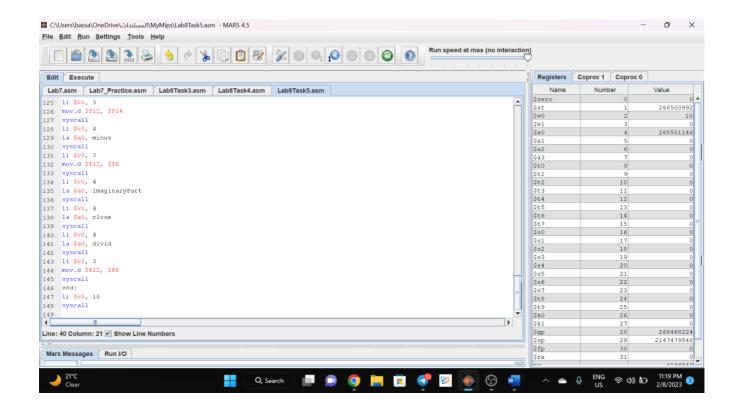


5. Write an interactive program that inputs the coefficient of a quadratic equation, computes, and displays the roots of the quadratic equation. All input, computation, and output should be done using double-precision floating-point instructions and registers. The program should handle the case of complex roots and displays the results properly.





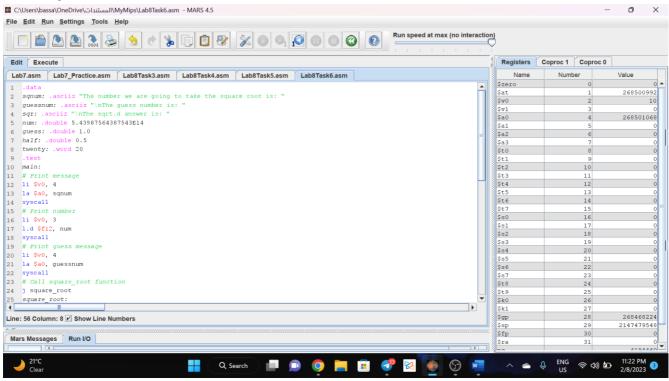


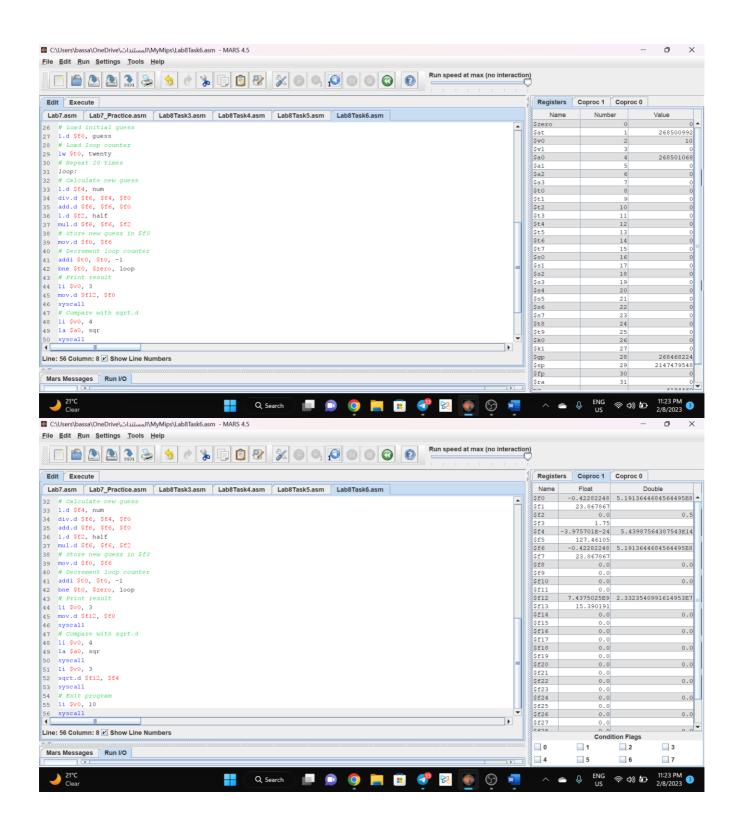


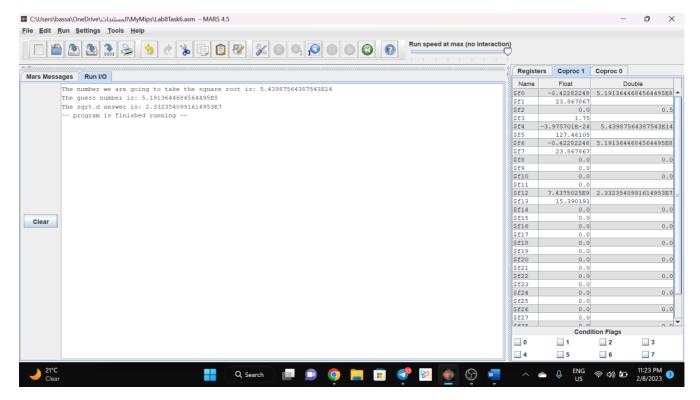
6. Square Root Calculation: Newton's iterative method can be used to approximate the square root of a number **x**. Let the initial **guess** be **1**. Then each new **guess** can be computed as follows:

guess = ((x/guess) + guess) / 2;

Write a function called **square_root** that receives a double-precision parameter **x**, computes, and returns the approximated value of the square root of **x**. Write a loop that repeats 20 times and computes 20 **guess** values, then returns the final **guess** after 20 iterations. Use the MIPS floating-point register convention to pass the parameter **x** and to return the function result. All computation should be done using double-precision floating-point instructions and registers. Compare the result of the **sqrt_d** instruction against the result of your **square_root** function. What is the error in absolute value?







The difference gets bigger when the number is big. We can fix that by increasing the loops from 20 to something bigger.