CIS450 Computer Architecture Lab 4 quiz Dr. Daniel Andresen

Notes: This quiz is closed book, closed notes, closed neighbor. Bring a blank sheet of paper to write down your answers. I will select several (but not all) of the questions below for you to answer in class.

- 1. **Briefly** define the following and discuss their major tradeoffs (advantages/costs). What problem are they addressing?
 - a. Pipelining
 - b. %rdi
 - c. %esp
 - d. Stack frame
 - e. Address alignment
 - f. Caller save / callee save
- 2. Why use the lea instruction for mathematical operations when it is designed for calculating memory addresses? What limitations does it have?
- 3. How are 1D & 2D arrays represented in memory?
- 4. How is nested array element access performed?
- 5. How is multi-level array element access performed?
- 6. What is assert () and why do we use it?
- 7. What happens in a procedure call?
- 8. How does the stack make recursion work?
- 9. Describe what 8 (%ebp) is using normal compiler conventions in IA32.
- 10. Why is x86-64's passing of arguments to procedures significantly faster than IA32?