

Lecture 3 & Lab 3 notes

More Conditional Operations

1. Instructions

```
1 # recap
2 beq rs, rt, L1 # if rs == rt, jump to label L1
3 bne rs, rt, L1 # if rs != rt, jump to label L1
4 # additionally
5 slt rd, rs, rt #if rs < rt, rd = 1
6 slti rs, rt, i #if rs < i, rs = 1
```

2. Compile condition operations

```
1 # suppose storing a in $s0, b in $s1
2 # if(a<b) L1; else L2
3 slt $t0, $s0, $s1
4 beq $t0, $zero, L2
5 L1: ...
6 j exit
7 L2: ...
8 exit:
9 ...
10
11 # if(a<=b) L1; else L2
12 slt $t0, $s1, $s0 # b<a, t0 = 1
13 bne $t0, $zero, L2
14 L1: ...
15 j exit
16 L2: ...
17 exit:
18 ...
19
20 # if(a>b) L1; else L2
21 slt $t0, $s1, $s0
22 beq $t0, $zero, L2
23 L1: ...
24 j exit
25 L2: ...
26 exit:
27 ...
28
29 # if(a>=b) L1; else L2
30 slt $t0, $s0, $s1 # a<b, t0 = 1
31 bne $t0, $zero, L2 # t0 = 1, j L2
32 L1: ...
33 j exit
34 L2: ...
35 exit:
```

```

36  ...
37
38  # if(a==b) L1; else L2
39  bne $s0, $s1, L2
40  L1: ...
41  j exit
42  L2: ...
43  exit:
44  ...
45
46  # if(a!=b) L1; else L2
47  beq $s0, $s1, L2
48  L1: ...
49  j exit
50  L2: ...
51  exit:
52  ...

```

Loops

1. one layer loop

```

1  for(int i = 0; i < bound; i++){
2      ...
3  }

```

```

1  li $s0, 0
2  li $s7, 8 # any bound you like
3  iLoop:
4      addi $s0, $s0, 1
5      ...
6      beq $s0, $s7, exit
7      j iLoop
8  exit:
9      ...

```

2. 2 layers loop

```

1  for(int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
2      for(int j = 0; j < i; j++){
3          ...
4      }

```

```

1  li $s0, 0
2  li $s1, 0
3  li $s2, 4
4  iLoop:
5      addi $s0, $s0, 1
6      ...

```

```

7      jLoop:
8          add $s1, $s1, 1
9          ...
10         bne $s1, $s0, exitj
11         j jLoop
12     exitj:
13         li $s1, 0
14         bne $s0, $s2, exiti
15         j iLoop
16     exiti:
17         ...

```

Procedure Calling

1. steps

- put **parameters** in a place where procedure can access them
- transfer control to the procedure
- acquire the storage resources needed for the procedures
- perform the tasks
- put the value in a place where the caller can access them
- return control to the caller

2. Implementation of step **1, 5, 6**

- 4 argument-registers to pass the parameters: `$a0 -- $a3`
- 2 return-registers to return the values: `$v0 -- $v1`
- store the origin that calls the function(**automatically**): `$ra`

What if we need extra space(look at 4)?

We can use other registers indeed, **but by conventions**, we use **memory** instead.

3. Implementation of step **2, 6** (More generally, how do we transfer control)

caller use "jump and link" to jump to callee

```
1 | jal functionLabel # function label is self-defined
```

callee use "jump and return to \$ra" to jump to caller

```
1 | jr $ra
```

PC(program counter)

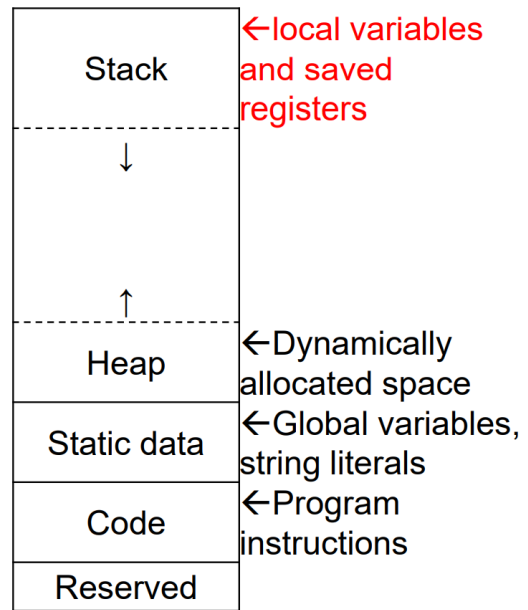
PC is a special register maintain the address of the instruction being executed. It will generally transfers to the next instruction except "j".

4. Stack pointer: providing extra register if needed

1. Memory allocation

High address

- Text: program code
- Static data: global variables
 - e.g., static variables in C, constant arrays and strings
 - \$gp initialized to address allowing \pm offsets into this segment
- Dynamic data: heap
 - E.g., malloc in C, new in Java
- Stack: automatic storage



Low address

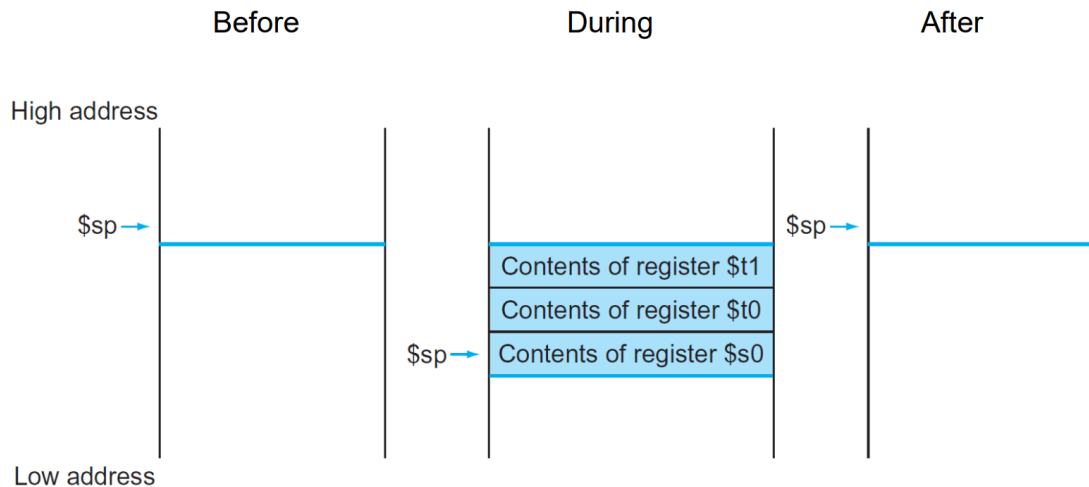
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2. Idea of usage of stack pointer

We want to use the registers like \$s1, \$s2 But as source register, they may be used in the caller, so what is a good solution?

So we use stack to store the data of some registers used in the procedure, after which we recover the register with data in stack.

3. Stack before, during, after calling



5. a simple procedure example

```
1 | int leaf(int a, int b, int c, int d){  
2 |     return (a + b) - (c + d);  
3 | }
```

```

1  leaf:
2      addi $sp, $sp, -4
3      sw $s0, $sp
4
5      add $s0, $a0, $a1
6      sub $s0, $s0, $a2
7      sub $s0, $s0, $a3
8      addi $v0, $s0, 0
9
10     lw $s0, $sp
11     addi $sp, $sp, 4
12     jr $ra

```

6. useful conventions to avoid memory operations

1. caller's conventions:

Can use V registers (such as \$v0, \$a0, \$t0) freely

Assume the parameter passed correctly

Ensure return value to be stored in V registers

make a copy for the used S registers

Assume \$ra is correct

2. callee's conventions:

Use S registers without fear of being overwritten

Assume the return value is correct

set \$sp to the bottom of the stack (never point to some used data in the memory when calling a procedure)

save \$ra to the stack if necessary (critical in compound function calls)

3. summary of registers conventions

MIPS register conventions

Name	Register number	Usage	Preserved on call?
\$zero	0	The constant value 0	n.a.
\$v0-\$v1	2-3	Values for results and expression evaluation	no
\$a0-\$a3	4-7	Arguments	no
\$t0-\$t7	8-15	Temporaries	no
\$s0-\$s7	16-23	Saved	yes
\$t8-\$t9	24-25	More temporaries	no
\$gp	28	Global pointer	yes
\$sp	29	Stack pointer	yes
\$fp	30	Frame pointer	yes
\$ra	31	Return address	yes

Non-leaf procedure calling

1. an example:

```

1 int fact(int n){
2     if(n < 1)
3         return 1;
4     else return n * fact(n-1);
5 }

```

2. a feasible implementation

Firstly, we should know that a recursive call looks like a stack. So, we can store data like a **stack**, i.e. **FIFO**

Specifically, we can store the factor n in each step and the \$ra each time until n equals to 0. Then we pack the stack pointer and manipulate the data in it.

3. codes

```

1 store:
2     addi $sp, $sp, -8
3     sw $a0, $sp
4     sw $ra, 4($sp)
5     addi $a0, $a0, -1
6     bne $a0, $zero, L1
7     # when $a0 = 0
8     # initialize the return value
9     li $v0, 1
10    jr $ra
11 L1:
12    jal store # $ra is here or the main caller
13 Y:

```

```

14      # pack the pointer,update the $ra
15      addi $sp, $sp, 8
16      lw $ra, 4($sp)
17      # manipulate the data
18      lw $t0, $sp
19      mul $v0, $v0, $t0
20      jr $ra

```

updating PC register

Knowing how PC register updates enable us to learn basic principle of program execution.

- Check if the current instruction is non-jump
 - If the current instruction is non-jump instruction: $PC = PC + 4$
 - If the current instruction is jump instruction
 - If the current instruction is unconditional jump $pc = \text{destination address}$
 - If the current instruction is conditional jump
 - If the condition is met: $PC = \text{destination address}$
 - If the condition is not met: $PC = PC + 4$

Pseudo-instructions(A package of some instructions)

1. declaration:

there is no such instructions in the hardware.

the assembler translates them into a combination of real instructions

we can use them to enhance our efficiency in the programming

2. examples

Pseudo-instructions

伪指令

	Pseudoinstruction	Usage
Copy	Move	move regd, regs
	Load address	la regd, address
	Load immediate	li regd, anyimm
Arithmetic	Absolute value	abs regd, regs
	Negate	neg regd, regs
	Multiply (into register)	mul regd, reg1, reg2
	Divide (into register)	div regd, reg1, reg2
	Remainder	rem regd, reg1, reg2
	Set greater than	sgt regd, reg1, reg2
	Set less or equal	sle regd, reg1, reg2
Shift	Rotate left	rol regd, reg1, reg2
	Rotate right	ror regd, reg1, reg2
Logic	NOT	not reg
Memory access	Load doubleword	ld regd, address
	Store doubleword	sd regd, address
Control transfer	Branch less than	blt reg1, reg2, L
	Branch greater than	bgt reg1, reg2, L
	Branch less or equal	ble reg1, reg2, L
	Branch greater or equal	bge reg1, reg2, L

Summary of Useful Instructions

1. conditional jump

```

1  # basic instructions
2  bne $t0, $t1, L
3  beq $t0, $t1, L
4  # pseudo instructions
5  blt $t0, $t1, L # branch less than
6  ble $t0, $t1, L # branch less equal
7  bgt $t0, $t1, L # branch greater than
8  bge $t0, $t1, L # branch greater equal
9  bltu $t0, $t1, L # branch less than unsigned
10 bleu $t0, $t1, L # branch less equal unsigned
11 bgtu $t0, $t1, L # branch greater than unsigned
12 bgeu $t0, $t1, L # branch greater equal unsigned

```

2. loading

```

1  # we want to load data from a memory
2  lw $t0, address
3
4  # we want to load data from a register
5  lw $t0, ($t1) # parentheses cannot be omitted
6  addi $t0, $t1, 0
7  add $t0, $t1, $zero

```



```

8  move $t1, $t0
9
10 # we want to load a address to a register
11 la $t0, address
12 # after loading an address
13 4($t0) means the address of memory with offset 4, not $t1
14
15 # then we can use t0 as address, but parentheses cannot be omitted
16 lbu $t1, ($t0) # from the memory load a byte unsigned
17
18 # loading with different size
19 # follow the alignment, or throw address error
20 # n-byte alignment => address is a multiplication of n
21
22 lb $t0, 3($t1) # no alignment request
23 lbu $t0, 3($t1) # no alignment request
24
25 lh $t0, 2($t1) # follow 2-byte alignment
26 lhu $t0, 2($t1) # follow 2-byte alignment
27
28 lw $t0, 4($t1) # follow 4-byte alignment
29
30 # ld means load 2 word, note that $t3 will be modified too.
31 ld $t0, 8($t3) # follow 8-byte alignment
32
33 #loading without alignment
34 ulh $t0, 2($t1)
35 ulhu $t0, 2($t1)
36 ulw $t0, 4($t1)
37 uld $t0, 8($t3)

```

3. storing

```

1  # we only need to store register data to memory address
2  # register in mips follow big-endian, while in most computer system, memory
   # follow little-endian.
3  #remember that storing is an operation of registers, i.e. la is needed to
   # load an address.
4  la $t1, mem
5
6  # store a byte to memory
7  li $t0, 99
8  # automatically store the Least significant byte to (mem)
9  sb $t0, ($t1)
10
11 # a more instresting example
12 li $t0, 355 # 1*2^8 + 99
13 sh $t0, ($t1)
14 # (mem) will be 99 and 1(mem) will be 1
15 # Due to the difference of Big-endian and little-endian.
16 # instructions will automatically match the byte respectively

```

```

17 # we can conclude sw that ...
18
19 # storing with different size
20 # follow the alignment, or throw address error
21 # n-byte alignment => address is a multiplication of n
22
23 sb $t0, 3($t1) # no alignment request
24
25 sh $t0, 2($t1) # follow 2-byte alignment
26
27 sw $t0, 4($t1) # follow 4-byte alignment
28
29 # sd means load 2 word, note that $t4 will be modified too.
30 sd $t0, ($t3) # follow 8-byte alignment
31
32 # storing without alignment
33 ush $t0, 2($t1)
34 usw $t0, 4($t1)
35 usd $t0, 8($t3)

```

4. arithmetic instructions

```

1 # addition
2 add $t0, $t1, $t2
3 addi $t0, $t1, 5
4 addu $t0, $t1, $t2
5 addu $t0, $t1, 5
6
7 # subtraction
8 sub $t0, $t1, $t2
9 subu $t0, $t1, $t2
10 subu $t0, $t1, 5
11
12 # multiplication and division
13 # basic instructions
14 # store 64-bit, $t3 * $t4 = ($Hi, $Lo)
15 mult $t3, $t4
16 mfhi $t0 # $t0 = $Hi
17 mflo $t1 # $t1 = $Lo
18
19 # pseudo-instruction
20 mul $t0, $t3, $t4 # $t0 = $t3 * $t4
21
22 # multiplication
23 # basic instructions
24 # store 64-bit, $t3 * $t4 = ($Hi, $Lo)
25 mult $t3, $t4
26 mfhi $t0 # $t0 = $Hi, higher 32 bits
27 mflo $t1 # $t1 = $Lo, lower 32 bits
28
29 # pseudo-instruction(signed)

```

```

30 mul $t0, $t3, $t4 # ($t0, $t1) = $t3 * $t4
31
32 # for unsigned multiplication(only one method)
33 multu $t3, $t4
34 mfhi $t0 # $t0 = $Hi
35 mflo $t1 # $t1 = $Lo
36
37 # division
38 div $t3, $t4 # $Hi = $t3 % $t4, $Lo = $t3 / $t4
39 mfhi $t1 # $t1 = $Hi
40 mflo $t0 # $t0 = $Lo
41
42 # pseudo-instruction(signed)
43 div $t0, $t3, $t4 # $t0 = $t3 / $t4
44 rem $t1, $t3, $t4 # $t1 = $t3 % $t4
45
46 # for unsigned division(only one method)
47 divu $t3, $t4
48 mfhi $t1 # $t1 = $Hi
49 mflo $t0 # $t0 = $Lo
50
51 # set a "boolean"
52 # signed
53 slt $d, $s, $t
54 sgt $d, $s, $t
55 sle $d, $s, $t
56 sge $d, $s, $t
57 # unsigned
58 sltu $d, $s, $t
59 sgtu $d, $s, $t
60 sleu $d, $s, $t
61 sgeu $d, $s, $t

```

5. shifting

```

1 # $shamt is in bits
2 sll $d, $t, shamt
3 sla $d, $t, shamt
4 sra $d, $t, shamt
5 # rotate left, complements left overflowed bits to the right
6 rol $d, $t, shamt
7 # rotate right, complements right overflowed bits to the left
8 ror $d, $t, shamt

```

6. logic

```
1 and $d, $s, $t
2 or $d, $s, $t
3 xor $d, $s, $t
4 not $d, $s # $d = ~$s
5 nor $d, $s, $t # $d = ^($s | $t)
```