Aardvark - 8-bit Processor

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1 HARDWARE OVERVIEW

We are designing an 8-bit processor. Each instruction is 1 byte long. The main memory is word addressable while the instruction memory is byte addressable. There are 4 addressable registers: $s1 (00), $s2 (01), $sp (10) and $ra (11). $slt_0 and $slt_1 cannot be addressed directly, but rather utilized for jumping purposes.

2 CORE INSTRUCTION SET

NAME,MNEUMONIC		FORMAT	OPERATIONS	OPCODE	FUNCT
ADD	add	R	R[rs] = R[rs] + R[rt]	000	0 1
NAND	nand	R	R[rs] = NAND(R[rs],R[rt])	001	0 1
SET LESS THAN (slt_0)	slt_0	R	R[rs] < R[rt] ? 1 : 0	010	0
SET LESS THAN (slt_1)	slt_1	R	R[rs] < R[rt] ? 1 : 0	010	1
SHIFT LEFT	sl	R	R[rs] = R[rt] << 1	011	0
SHIFT RIGHT	sr	R	R[rs] = R[rt] >> 1	011	1
LOAD WORD	lw	I	R[rs] = Mem(R[sp] + immediate)	100	0
SAVE WORD	sw	I	Mem(R[sp] + immediate) = R[rs]	100	1
ADDI	addi	I	R[rs] = R[rs] + immediate	101	0
BRANCH IF EQUAL	beq	J	if R[slt_0]=R[slt_1]; PC = PC+immediate	110	n/a
JUMP AND LINK	jal	J	R[ra]=PC+2; PC = PC+immediate	111	n/a
JUMP REGISTER	jr	JR	PC = R[ra]	*101	1

* jump register can only jump to $ra which has the fixed address 00010011.

3 BASIC INSTRUCTION FORMAT

Type	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
R	opcode			func	rs		rt	
I	opcode			func	immediate		rs	
J	opcode			(PC relative) immediate				
JR	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

4 SAMPLE CODE

To demonstrate the functionality of the instruction set, three sets of codes were written. THe first piece of code demonstrates basic arithmetic operations, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The second and third sets of code demonstrates the summation from 1 to 10. The former performs the procedure recursively, the second performs the procedure non-recursively. Complementary C code is also provided for comparison.

4.1 ARITHMETIC CODE

4.1.1 Arithmetic Code in C

```
int mult()
{
        int c = a * b;
        return c;
}
int div(int a, int b)
{
        int c = a / b;
        return c;
}
```

4.1.2 Arithmetic Code in Assembly

```
        #a = $s1, b = $s2
        sw 0, $ra
        sw 1, $s1
        sw 2, $s2
        lw 0, $s1 #this will act as the sum, eventually getting the product

addition:
        add $s1, $s2
        sw 3, $s1

multiplication:
        lw 2, $s2
        addi -1, $s2    #decrease b by one each time
        sw 2, $s2
        slt_0 $ra, $s2  #if 0 < b add again
        lw 1, $s2       #put a into s2
        lw 3, $s1
        beq addition
        lw 2, $ra
```

#a = $s1, b = $s2

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        sw 0, $ra
        sw 1, $ra
        sw 2, $s2
        sw 3, $s3

subtraction:
        lw 3, $s1
        nand $s2, $s2
        addi 1, $s2
        add $s1, $s2
        sw 3, $s1

division:
        lw 3, $s2 #check if it has subtracted enough times
        slt_0 $ra, $s2 # 0 < sum
        lw 1, $s1
        addi 1, $s1
        sw 1, $s1
        lw 2, $s2 #put b into s2 for subtraction
        beq subtraction
        lw 1, $s1
        addi -1, $s1 #it always overshoots by one
        sw 1, $s1
        lw 1, $ra
```

4.2 NON-RECURSIVE CODE

4.2.1 Non-Recursive Code in C

```
function()
{
  int i, sum;
  int n = 10;
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
  {
    sum += i;
  }
}
```

4.2.2 Non-Recursive Code in Assembly

```
function:

nand $s1, $s1
nand $s2, $s2
```

```
sl $s1, $s1
nand $s2 $s1     # i($s2) = 1
sw 0, $s2        # store i

nand $s1, $s1    #s1 becomes 1
sr $s1, $s1      #initialize sum($s1) = 0
sw 1, $s1        #store sum($s1) into offset 1 of $sp

add $s1, $s2      #n = 1
sl $s1, $s1
sl $s1, $s1
sl $s1, $s1       #n = 2^3 * n
add $s1, $s2      #n = 9
add $s1, $s2      #n($s1) = 10
sw 2, $s1        #save 10 to memory

nand $s1, $s1
nand $s2, $s2
sl $s1, $s1
nand $s1 $s2              # $s1 = 1
sw 3, $s1                 #store value 1

LOOP:
        lw 2, $s1          #load n
        slt_0 $s2, $s1     # i < n
        slt_1 $s1, $s2     # i > n
        beq END           #if i = n, go to END
        lw 0, $s2         #load i
        lw 1, $s1         #load sum
        add $s1, $s2      #sum($s1) += i
        sw 1, $s1
        lw 3, $s1
        lw 0, $s2         #load i to $s2
        add $s2, $s1      # i = i + 1
        jal LOOP
END:
        lw 1, $s1
```

4.3 RECURSIVE CODE

4.3.1 Recursive Code in C

```
int sum()
{
        if (n > 1){
                return n+sum(n-1);
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        }
                return 1;
}
```

4.3.2 Recursive Code in Assembly

```
function:
nand $s1, $s1
nand $s2, $s2
sl $s1, $s1
nand $s2 $s1
nand $s1, $s1           #$s1 = -2
sw 0, $s2               #save n in $s2 to memory

#then follows to sum (recursion)
sum:
        add $sp, $s1            #adjust stack for 2 items $s1 = -2
        sw 1, $ra               #save return address to memory
        sw 2, $s2               #save current n to memory
        nand $s1, $s1           #s1 becomes 1
        sw 3, $s1               #saves $s1 (= 1)
        slt_0 $s1, $s2          #slt_0=n > 1?, 0:1
        slt_1 $s2, $s1          #slt_1=n>1?, 0:1
        beq END                 #if n < 1, jump to L1

        nand $s1, $s1           #$s1 = -2
        lw  3, $s2              #load 1 into $s2
        add $s1, $s2            #$s1 = -1
        lw 2, $s2               #load n into $s2
        add $s2, $s1            #decrement n by 1
        jal sum                 #recursive call

        lw 3, $s1
        add $sp, $s1            #pop 2 items from stack (s1 needs to be 1)
        add $sp, $s1
        lw 1, $ra               #restore return address
        lw 0, $s1               #restore original n to s1
        add $s2, $s1            #s2 = s2 + s1
        jr $ra                  #return to calling address

END:
        jr $ra                  #return 0 if n is not > 1
```