

Tutorial 4 – Week of Oct. 4th 2021

Question 1) 2.27

In most cases, C int is 32 bits. (4 bytes.)

Translate the following loop into C. Assume that the C-level integer `i` is held in register `x6`, `x5` holds the C-level integer called `result`, and `x10` holds the base address of the integer

```
.data
MemArray:                // array of 100 words
    .word    0
    .word    1
// ...
    .word    99

.text
    addi x6, x0, 0        // i = 0
    addi x5, x0, 0        // result = 0
    addi x29, x0, 100     // x29 = 100
LOOP: lw x7, 0(x10)       // x7 = Mem[&MemArray[0] + 0] = MemArray[0]
    add x5, x5, x7        // x5 = result + MemArray[0]
    addi x10, x10, 4      // x10 = x10 + 4 = &MemArray[4]
    addi x6, x6, 1        // i = i + 1
    blt x6, x29, LOOP    // if i > 100 goto LOOP
```

out of loop:

Solution:

```
int i;
int result = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    result += *MemArray;
    MemArray++;
}
return result;
```

// Many people would write the code this way

```
int i;
int result = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    result += MemArray[i];
}
return result;
```



This is a non-leaf procedure example. (procedure that calls another procedure in its body).

Question 2) 2.31

In most cases, C int is 32 bits. (4 bytes.)

x2 (\$sp) is stack pointer.

Translate function f into RISC-V assembly language. Assume the function declaration

for g is

int g(int a, int b).

The code for function f is as follows:

```
int f(int a, int b, int c, int d){
    return g(g(a,b), c+d);
}
```

Assume (by convention):

for g:

x10 = 1st_arg, x11 = 2nd_arg, x10 also store return value after execution.

for f:

x10 = 1st_arg, x11 = 2nd_arg, x12 = 3rd_arg, x13 = 4th_arg

Initially, x10 also store return value after execution.

x10 = a, x11 = b, x12 = c, x13 = d

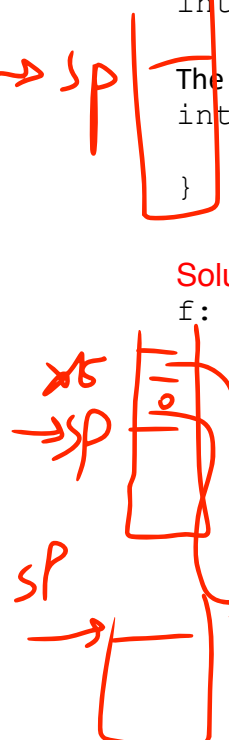
we know that x10, x11, x12, x13 should be saved by caller by convention.

Solution:

f:

```
addi x2, x2, -8 // Allocate stack space for 2 words
sw x1, 0(x2) // Save return address
add x5, x12, x13 // x5 = c+d
sw x5, 4(x2) // Save c+d on the stack
jal x1, g // Call x10 = g(a,b)
lw x11, 4(x2) // Reload x11= c+d from the stack
jal x1, g // Call x10 = g(g(a,b), c+d)
lw x1, 0(x2) // Restore return address
addi x2, x2, 8 // Restore stack pointer
jalr x0, 0(x1)
```

return to f's caller, use x0 because we don't need to store our current PC address any more.



Risk: “shared” means other procedure could modify it during the execution of our procedure.
Solution: we need a “lock” (lr.d and sc.d) to check if the shared variable is NOT interfered by other procedure. If it does being interfered by other procedure, we need to start from the beginning and execute our procedure again.

Question 3) 2.37

Write the RISC-V assembly code to implement the following C code as an atomic “set max” operation using the lr.d and sc.d instructions. Here, the argument shvar contains the address of a shared variable which should be replaced by y if y is greater than the value it points to. Assume x10 is address of integer pointed by shvar and value of y is in x11. ✱

Assumption:
x10 = shvar
x11 = y

```
void setmax(int* shvar, int y) {  
    // Begin critical section  
    if (y > *shvar)  
        *shvar = y;  
    // End critical section  
}
```

Solution:

```
setmax:  
    try:  
        lr.d x5, (x10)           # Load-reserve *shvar  
        bge x5, x11, release     # Skip update if *shvar > y // if *shvar >= y goto release  
        addi x5, x11, 0  
        sd x5, 0(x10)           ①  
    release:                     ② if success, write zero to x7  
        sc.d x7, x5, (x10)  
        bne x7, x0, try          # If store-conditional failed, try again  
        jalr x0, 0(x1)
```