

CS 225, Fall 2018
Sequential Processor Architecture
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1 Introduction

In this lab, you will learn about the design and implementation of a sequential Y86-64 processor. When you have completed the lab, you will have a keen appreciation for the interactions between code and hardware that affect the performance of your programs.

The lab is organized into two parts. In Part A you will write some simple Y86-64 programs and become familiar with the Y86-64 tools. In Part B, you will extend the SEQ simulator with a new instruction.

2 Logistics

You will work on this lab alone.

Any clarifications and revisions to the assignment will be posted on the course Web page.

3 Handout Instructions

Download the `archlab-handout.tar` file from the Assignment tab on CS 225 LMS page.

1. Start by copying the file `archlab-handout.tar` to a (protected) directory in which you plan to do your work.
2. Then give the command: `tar xvf archlab-handout.tar`. This will cause the following files to be unpacked into the directory: `README`, `Makefile`, `sim.tar`, `archlab.pdf`, and `simguide.pdf`.

3. Next, give the command `tar xvf sim.tar`. This will create the directory `sim`, which contains your personal copy of the Y86-64 tools. You will be doing all of your work inside this directory.
4. Finally, change to the `sim` directory and build the Y86-64 tools:

```
linux> cd sim
linux> make clean; make
```

4 Part A

You will be working in directory `sim/misc` in this part.

Your task is to write and simulate the following three Y86-64 programs. The required behavior of these programs is defined by the example C functions in `examples.c`. Be sure to put your name and ID in a comment at the beginning of each program. You can test your programs by first assembling them with the program `YAS` and then running them with the instruction set simulator `YIS`.

In all of your Y86-64 functions, you should follow the x86-64 conventions for passing function arguments, using registers, and using the stack. This includes saving and restoring any callee-save registers that you use.

sum.y: Iteratively sum linked list elements

Write a Y86-64 program `sum.y` that iteratively sums the elements of a linked list. Your program should consist of some code that sets up the stack structure, invokes a function, and then halts. In this case, the function should be Y86-64 code for a function (`sum_list`) that is functionally equivalent to the C `sum_list` function in Figure 1. Test your program using the following three-element list:

```
# Sample linked list
.align 8
ele1:
    .quad 0x00a
    .quad ele2
ele2:
    .quad 0x0b0
    .quad ele3
ele3:
    .quad 0xc00
    .quad 0
```

rsum.y: Recursively sum linked list elements

Write a Y86-64 program `rsum.y` that recursively sums the elements of a linked list. This code should be similar to the code in `sum.y`, except that it should use a function `rsum_list` that recursively sums a list of numbers, as shown with the C function `rsum_list` in Figure 1. Test your program using the same three-element list you used for testing `list.y`.

```

1 /* linked list element */
2 typedef struct ELE {
3     long val;
4     struct ELE *next;
5 } *list_ptr;
6
7 /* sum_list - Sum the elements of a linked list */
8 long sum_list(list_ptr ls)
9 {
10     long val = 0;
11     while (ls) {
12         val += ls->val;
13         ls = ls->next;
14     }
15     return val;
16 }
17
18 /* rsum_list - Recursive version of sum_list */
19 long rsum_list(list_ptr ls)
20 {
21     if (!ls)
22         return 0;
23     else {
24         long val = ls->val;
25         long rest = rsum_list(ls->next);
26         return val + rest;
27     }
28 }
29
30 /* copy_block - Copy src to dest and return xor checksum of src */
31 long copy_block(long *src, long *dest, long len)
32 {
33     long result = 0;
34     while (len > 0) {
35         long val = *src++;
36         *dest++ = val;
37         result ^= val;
38         len--;
39     }
40     return result;
41 }

```

Figure 1: **C versions of the Y86-64 solution functions.** See `sim/misc/examples.c`

copy.y_s: Copy a source block to a destination block

Write a program (`copy.ys`) that copies a block of words from one part of memory to another (non-overlapping area) area of memory, computing the checksum (Xor) of all the words copied.

Your program should consist of code that sets up a stack frame, invokes a function `copy_block`, and then halts. The function should be functionally equivalent to the C function `copy_block` shown in Figure 1. Test your program using the following three-element source and destination blocks:

```
.align 8
# Source block
src:
    .quad 0x00a
    .quad 0x0b0
    .quad 0xc00

# Destination block
dest:
    .quad 0x111
    .quad 0x222
    .quad 0x333
```

5 Part B

You will be working in directory `sim/seq` in this part.

Your task in Part B is to extend the SEQ processor to support the `iaddq`, described in Homework problems 4.51 and 4.52 at the end of Chapter 4 in the Course text book. To add this instructions, you will modify the file `seq-full.hcl`, which implements the version of SEQ described in the CS:APP3e textbook. In addition, it contains declarations of some constants that you will need for your solution.

Your HCL file must begin with a header comment containing the following information:

- Your name and ID.
- A description of the computations required for the `iaddq` instruction. Use the descriptions of `irmovq` and `OPq` in Figure 4.18 in the CS:APP3e text as a guide.

Building and Testing Your Solution

Once you have finished modifying the `seq-full.hcl` file, then you will need to build a new instance of the SEQ simulator (`ssim`) based on this HCL file, and then test it:

- *Building a new simulator:* You can use `make` to build a new SEQ simulator:

```
linux> make VERSION=full
```

This builds a version of `ssim` that uses the control logic you specified in `seq-full.hcl`. To save typing, you can assign `VERSION=full` in the Makefile.

- *Testing your solution on a simple Y86-64 program.* For your initial testing, we recommend running simple programs such as `asumi.yo` (testing `iaddq`), comparing the results against the ISA simulation:

```
linux> ./ssim -t ../y86-code/asumi.yo
```

- *Retesting your solution using the benchmark programs.* Once your simulator is able to correctly execute small programs, then you can automatically test it on the Y86-64 benchmark programs in `../y86-code`:

```
linux> (cd ../y86-code; make testssim)
```

This will run `ssim` on the benchmark programs and check for correctness by comparing the resulting processor state with the state from a high-level ISA simulation. Note that none of these programs test the added instructions. You are simply making sure that your solution did not inject errors for the original instructions. See file `../y86-code/README` file for more details.

- *Performing regression tests.* Once you can execute the benchmark programs correctly, then you should run the extensive set of regression tests in `../ptest`. To test everything except `iaddq` and `leave`:

```
linux> (cd ../ptest; make SIM=../seq/ssim)
```

To test your implementation of `iaddq`:

```
linux> (cd ../ptest; make SIM=../seq/ssim TFLAGS=-i)
```

For more information on the SEQ simulator refer to the handout *CS:APP3e Guide to Y86-64 Processor Simulators* (`simguide.pdf`).

6 Evaluation

The lab is worth 65 points: 30 points for Part A and 35 points for Part B.

Part A

Part A is worth 30 points, 10 points for each Y86-64 solution program. Each solution program will be evaluated for correctness, including proper handling of the stack and registers, as well as functional equivalence with the example C functions in `examples.c`.

The programs `sum.yo` and `rsum.yo` will be considered correct if the graders do not spot any errors in them, and their respective `sumlist` and `rsumlist` functions return the sum `0xcba` in register `%rax`.

The program `copy.yo` will be considered correct if the graders do not spot any errors in them, and the `copy_block` function returns the sum `0xcba` in register `%rax`, copies the three 64-bit values `0x00a`, `0x0b`, and `0xc` to the 24 bytes beginning at address `dest`, and does not corrupt other memory locations.

Part B

This part of the lab is worth 35 points:

- 10 points for your description of the computations required for the `iaddq` instruction.
- 10 points for passing the benchmark regression tests in `y86-code`, to verify that your simulator still correctly executes the benchmark suite.
- 15 points for passing the regression tests in `pctest` for `iaddq`.

7 Submission Instructions

You will submit the files on LMS.

- You will be submitting following four files:
 - Part A: `sum.js`, `rsum.js`, and `copy.js`.
 - Part B: `seq-full.hcl`.
- Make sure you have included your name and ID in a comment at the top of each of your submitted files.
- To submit your files, create a new directory called `archlab`.
- Copy all the four files (`sum.js`, `rsum.js`, `copy.js`, and `seq-full.hcl`) in the newly created directory `archlab`.
- On the `linux` prompt go one directory up (i.e., the directory that contains the `archlab` directory) by typing `cd ..`.
- Create a tar file including your submitted files by typing the following at the linux shell prompt:

```
tar -cvf <your_registration_no>.tar lab5
```

If your registration number is 20100945, type:

```
tar -cvf 20100945.tar lab5.
```
- Submit the `<your_registration_no>.tar` on LMS.

8 Hints

- The `psim` and `ssim` simulators terminate with a segmentation fault if you ask them to execute a file that is not a valid Y86-64 object file.