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| Digital Design and Computer Architecture: Lab Report | | |
| Lab 9: The Performance of MIPS | | |
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|  |  | Lab session / lab room |
|  |  | Friday 08:15  Zoom breakout room 60 |

**Use a zip file or tarball that contains the report and any other required material. Only one member from each group should submit the report. All members of the group will get the same grade.**

**The name of the submitted file should be *Lab9\_LastName1\_LastName2.zip* (or *.tar*), where *LastName1* and *LastName2* are the last names of the members of the group.**

**Note 1: Please include all the required material. No links/shortcuts are accepted.**

**Note 2: The deadline for the report is a hard deadline and it will not be extended.**

**Exercise 1**

For the following values of A and B, how many clock cycles are needed to execute your first program from Lab 7 on your baseline MIPS processor, before adding optimizations of Lab 9? Assuming that we run the MIPS processor at 20 MHz, how much time (in seconds) would that take? (You can assume that the loading of the numbers requires only one instruction)

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| **Value of A** | **Value of B** | **Number of cycles** | **Time in seconds** |
| 0 | 8 | 42 | 2.1 \* 10-6 |
| 6 | 8 | 18 | 9 \* 10-7 |
| 0 | 250’000’000 | 1’000’000’010 | 50.00000005 |
| 249’999’996 | 250’000’002 | 34 | 1.7 \* 10-6 |

The infinite j-loop in ‘end:’ is excluded in all the cycle counts.

**Exercise 2**

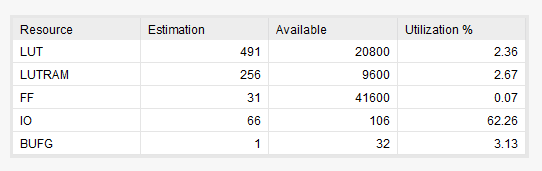
Fill in the new values for the Table in Exercise 1 when using the modified MIPS architecture running the optimized code, as discussed in the manual for Lab 9. (You can assume that the loading of the numbers requires only one inctruction)

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| **Value of A** | **Value of B** | **Number of cycles** | **Time in seconds** |
| 0 | 8 | 11 | 5.5 \* 10-7 |
| 6 | 8 | 11 | 5.5 \* 10-7 |
| 0 | 250’000’000 | 11 | 5.5 \* 10-7 |
| 249’999’996 | 250’000’002 | 11 | 5.5 \* 10-7 |

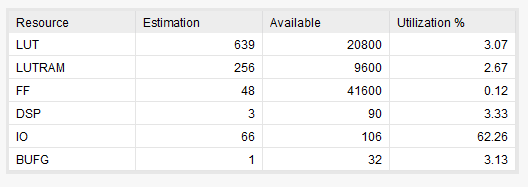
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**Exercise 3**

Compare the size/device utilization of the two implementations (before and after the modifications in Lab manual 9). What differences do you see? Briefly comment on them. *Hint: Look into the synthesis report.*

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*Before the modifications in Lab 9*



*After the modifications in Lab 9*

The modifications from Lab 9 make the program faster but also slightly increase the number of logic gates / area used (see LUT).

There is always a tradeoff between area usage and efficiency of the program.

**Feedback**

If you have any comments about the exercise, please add them here: mistakes in the text, difficulty level of the exercise, or anything that will help us improve it for the next time.