Computer Architecture

Assignment - Second Semester - 2020-2021

Notes:

- Students are requested to submit the MIPS program(s)/source code (.asm files) to the elearning no later than All files need to be compressed into one .zip (.rar is not accepted) file before submitting. Assignments must be done individually.
- Students have to demonstrate program(s) on MARS MIPS. Time and location will be announced later. Students not show up during the demonstration time will get 0 for assignments.
- Similarity less than 20% in MIPS code is allowed. In other words, you will get 0 if your answers are similar to an another student more than 20%. We will use the Stanford MOSS system to check the similarity (https://theory.stanford.edu/~aiken/moss/).
- The report should not contains code. Students should present the algorithms as well as the idea in your implementation.

Question 1. Students follow the following instructions to finish your works.

- 1. Write a C/C++ program that:
 - Allow user to input the dimension of two 2D matrix <A> and (the matrices may be square or not).
 - Read the input value from file "A.txt" and assign for the matrix <A>.
 - Read the input value from file "B.txt" and assign for the matrix .
 - Read the input value from file "result.txt" and assign for the matrix <result>, the height of the matrix <result> is the height of the matrix <A>, the width of the matrix <result> is the width of the matrix .
 - Calculate matrix <golden_result>, where <golden_result> = <A> x .
 - Compare the matrix <result> and <golden_result> then print the rate of difference.

Note: The number of value that are stored in "A.txt", "B.txt", "result.txt" are always equal to the size of their corresponding matrix.

- 2. Write a MIPS **procedure** to perform read/write file. The input arguments satisfy the following order:
 - (a) Name of the file where the data are read from or written to.
 - (b) Argument that identify the behaviours of the procedure (read/write).
 - (c) The array where the data are read from (read from array and write to file) or are write to (read from file and write to array).

Function: Read/Write file.

Return value: None

- 3. Write a MIPS **procedure** to perform dynamic allocation for an array. The input arguments satisfy the following order:
 - (a) The number of elements of the array.
 - (b) The size of each element of the array (in bytes).

Function: Dynamically allocate a space based on input requirements.

Return value 1: If total requested size exceed 65536 bytes, return an error code (-1). Otherwise, return success code (0).

Return value 2: The first address of the allocated array.

- 4. Write a MIPS **procedure** to perform matrix multiplication. The input arguments satisfy the following order:
 - (a) The matrix A.
 - (b) The matrix B.
 - (c) The matrix result.

Function: Calculate the product of matrices A and B and store in matrix result.

Return value: If the dimension of matrices A and B does not satisfy the matrix multiplication condition, return error code (-1), else return success code (0).

- 5. Write a MIPS **program** of matrix multiplication that:
 - Allow user to input the dimension of multiplier and multiplicand matrices.
 - Dynamic allocate space for multiplier and multiplicand matrices.
 - Dynamic allocate space for product matrix.
 - Randomly generate integer value for multiplier and multiplicand matrix.
 - Print the value of multiplier matrix into "A.txt" file, and multiplicand matrix into "B.txt" file.
 - Calculate the product of multiplier and multiplicand matrices and store it in product matrix.
 - Print the value of product matrix into "result.txt" file.
 - During the program, if there are any error, print the error code then exit the program.

Evaluation

- Students complete the requirements.
- Students explain clearly their code.
- Students can implement properly the procedures.
- Students can use appropriately the registers.
- The results of the multiplication are exact.

Question	Score
1	1 pt
2	2 pts
3	2 pts
4	3 pts
5	2 pts
Total	10 pts

Table 1: Score for each question