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# Abstract

The paper is about gain valuable insight into computer science related to hardware engineering. Alan Turing is the creator of Turing’s machine as a mathematical model, and his contributions to CS are of great importance: engineers realized that using RAM is better than Turing’s infinite tape. Apart from modern computers, there are super computers that are widely used by scientists to deepen their scientific research. One of the greats supercomputers is CRAY-1 proposed by Cray, as it was quite efficient and successful machine sold across the world until 1990s. Cray tempted to develop a scientific programming language, which is later known as FORTRAN. Others such languages include Python, C++, Rust, and others. It is interesting to point out that Python can work together with FORTRAN, which now contains a great amount of “legacy code” (the code that is old but very critical not to overwrite because of compatibility issues). The programming language is a language that is easily understood to humans and is used to send instructions to CPU and then execute them. There are two types of programming languages: 1) interpreted and 2) compiled. For example, Python is an interpreted one, whereas C++ is compiled into machine code; yet, I have to admit that Python is written in CPython programming language, and the source code of Python is compiled into bytecode and then executed by the interpreter. To enhance performance, CPU can distribute the workload on the computer machine system components and each one can send signals to CPU which can signal about an action – dispatching an action based on a state; some components might include: 1) GPU, 2) TPU, 3) QPU and others. Also, we study Assembler and binary operations to gain more insight into CS. Keywords: supercomputer, programming language, hardware, performance, CPU, GPU, RAM, location, year, creator, purpose, Assembler, Python, OS, MS-DOS, UNIX, Linux, binary, 32-bit, 8-bit, floating-point, XOR, AND, SHIFT, and inverting bits.

# Goals of this paper

In this section, I would like to clarify the goal of this paper:

1. Present theoretical knowledge and cite sources of the searched information; by this, you can understand:
   * + 1. forking with existing research paper.
       2. building on top of another search, thereby extending one’s academic paper, and gaining new insights into the subject.
2. Solve homework assignments.

Each homework assignment contains theory and practice. Every time I complete the assignment, I add it to the academic paper, becoming a book.

Methods are quite simple: searching for academic papers and extending them. All sources of information are academic papers and cited as references to my data, which I do not quote, but talk about it by myself.

For writing code, it is generally acceptable to edit and write code here, in the Word document. I will not share screenshots of my code editor; rather, I demonstrate the algorithms here.

# Preview of homework assignments

## Homework I

### Theory

To gain insight into computer hardware, we have to account for various terms used in Computer Science (hereinafter, CS). This is of great importance, because without a solid foundation in CS, it might be challenging to develop, for example, a full-stack NEXT web applications. The full-stack term means here that NEXT (JS framework built on top of React, which is another framework used to build web applications) has two goals:

1. front-end
2. back-end

The first part is the UI/UX (User interface) which is used to display the design of a site; the other one is the server-side part. It is where NEXT server sits. The main purpose is to use SSR and SSG when rendering a page: when a user clicks a button, a request is sent to the server, and upon response, the content is displayed, which besides, the data comes from a database such as MongoDB or mySQL, or even SQLite. The last one is serverless, so the most popular choice is the mongoose or mySQL, using the NOSQL or SQL syntax, respectively. Thus, the full-stack term means that a software engineer develops both front- and back-ends.

One of the most important aspects are RAM, SSD, Bios, DOS, OS, C++/C, Signals, and CPU. Let us briefly refresh the information:

1. RAM – Random access memory, main memory.
2. SSD – Solid State Drive, secondary, memory; this is where most data is stored.
3. BIOS – Basic Input Output System.
4. DOS – Disk Operating System.
5. C++/C – a programming language (C++ has more OOP features than C).
6. Signals – a binary signal: 0 means false and 1 – true.
7. CPU - Central Processing Unit. Also:
   * + 1. TPU – Tensor Processing Unit.
       2. GPU – Graphical Processing Unit.
       3. QPU – Quantum Processing Unit.
8. OS – Operating System such as MS-DOS, Linux, Windows.

Lastly, we had to talk about supercomputers and how they are different from usual computer machines.

**Remark**. A computer can function without any OS as they did in the middle of XX century. The purpose of OS is to improve the performance and enable multiple users to make the most of the computer. Consequently, an OS can allocate and manage CPU resources efficiently, allowing the concurrent processing of multiple threads, enabling several users to utilize it simultaneously. In addition to facilitating multiprocessing, operating systems have also made computers accessible through user-friendly interfaces.

### Practice

The Homework I assignment was to create a data analysis of supercomputers; we had to include the following data:

1. CPU,
2. TPU/GPU/QPU,
3. Location, datetime,
4. Name,
5. Memory.

To create a custom computer, we had to fetch data and build a computer based on custom settings and preferences. This means that the data listed above should have been chosen and included in the PC build. Apart from the technical details, I also had to name the purpose of why I needed a PC, and for what tasks.

## Homework II

### Theory

The lecture was quite long: Binary operations. This section is all about bitwise operations, and how a computer handles those. The concepts that are to be covered are

1. XOR,
2. OR,
3. AND,
4. SHIFTS,
5. Least significant bit,
6. Binary vector.

To demonstrate these in practice, we are going to use Python, and Assembly. Therefore, it is important to gain insight into

1. I/O,
2. Registers,
3. …

Here is the example of Assembly Linux x86 code (OneCompiler, 2023, run and share the code) which runs the Hello, World message:

section .data

hello: db 'Hello, World!',10 ; 'Hello, World!' plus a linefeed character

helloLen: equ $-hello ; Length of the 'Hello world!' string

section .text

global \_start

\_start:

mov eax,4 ; The system call for write (sys\_write)

mov ebx,1 ; File descriptor 1 - standard output

mov ecx,hello ; Put the offset of hello in ecx

mov edx,helloLen ; helloLen is a constant, so we don't need to say

; mov edx,[helloLen] to get it's actual value

int 80h ; Call the kernel

mov eax,1 ; The system call for exit (sys\_exit)

mov ebx,0 ; Exit with return "code" of 0 (no error)

int 80h;

### Practice

The second homework assignment is to implement the binary operations. Consider the following example:

or

where is the radix of the numeral system. In this case, it means binary, but because we have 4-digits numbers, it is 4-bit representation of the binary numbers.

Apart from addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, you can implement various algorithms using bitwise operations:

1. Binary vector,
2. Remove duplicates.

**Remark.** Please, notice that modern CPU are highly optimized, which means that one does not have to rely on bitwise operations to improve the performance of a program. For modern computers, it is more efficient to 2 + 2 rather than 0b0010 + 0b0010. So, the use of bitwise operations DOES NOT necessarily enhance the efficiency. Simple additions or multiplications in the decimal numeral system can be faster, therefore, we should use bitwise operators only and only if it is appropriate. Consider

num **\*=** 2

num <<= 1

As it can be demonstrated, the first one is faster than the other one, because the simple arithmetic operation is highly optimized for modern CPU, 32-bit one.

To perform arithmetic operations, we can use both approaches:

1. Arithmetic operators
2. Binary operations

The choice depends on the problem that we are working on. In fact, the simplest arithmetic operation is better than bitwise addition, due to modern CPUs. For this particular homework assignment, I must demonstrate how computers add up numbers, more specifically, integers and floats. To do so, I am going to leverage the power of Python, and ASM; however, I must announce that Python will cover most of algorithms, rather than implementing floating addition in ASM. This is due to the period of time I have to fulfill the assignment. The teacher must conclude that ASM is a highly difficult language.

Remark. To obtain a negative binary number, we have to inverse all bits and add one to it. For example, ‘3’ is ‘0b0000\_0011’, but ‘-3’ would be ‘~0b0000\_0011 + 0b0000\_0001’ which is equal to ‘0b1111\_1100 + 0b0000\_0001’ or ‘0b1111\_1101’, and corresponds to 253 or ‘-3’.

# Introduction

## Computers

### Turing’s Machine

Computers are machines specifically designed to simplify computational processes. This way, scientists could increase the performance of their calculations and enhance the quality of research papers – academic works that share a few valuable findings and insights into the concurrent technologies. Throughout human history, there were built and assembled many machines that assisted many professionals in carrying out their duties such as ancient temple’s doors that could open automatically at the specified time, relying on pure mechanical principles for their functionality. The Romans devised the first early vending machines that could operate over water supplies. Doubtless, those machines are completely different from today’s computers; but the evidence of human knowledge that led to the creation of the first computer systems is of great essence. It is a testament to human ingenuity and the foundation of computer science. There begs the question as to how scientists created those computers?

Alan Turing is the most prominent individual in the field of computer science; his contributions were significant to creating and testing the first Turing’s machines that eventually evolved into modern computers. What was Turing’s machine?

This is great question which helps us understand how computers work. Referred to as Turing’s machine, the infinite tape divided into many discrete cells is a theoretical mathematical model of computation introduced by Turing in 1930 [Source: English Wikipedia at [link](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Turing)]. The machine showcased the following syntax of a programming language that we now refer to as Turing complete programming languages such as C, C++, C#, Rust, Python, Java, JavaScript, and others:

1. The definition of a variable (e.g., int x = 1); the tape could declare int, char, and Boolean variables. I would like to draw the reader’s attention to the fact that the Turing machine did not have string data type, and neither does C++; for this purpose, C++ developers created and deployed (released to commercial use) a standard string library “std::string”.
2. Read and Write functionality, also known as Read/Write Head, is the component of the machine that is used by machine to process the input data, for example, “0b0001” (1 in decimal numeral system), and write result of a computation, also, in binary: “0b0010” which is 2 in our numeral system, with radix or base equal to 10.
3. The crucial keyword is the state of the Turing’s machine based on which the machine could resume or perform an action. For example, in C, we can define a loop to perform a repetitive task, and either could Turing’s machine do so, but in slightly different way, because it did not have built-in loops: it was a tape, not a program written in C, compiled to machine code and executed with CPU. Thus, Turing’s machine was more lower abstraction level than C or Assembly which are used to perform calculations using CPU hardware of a computer machine.
4. Transition functions are critical aspect of Alan Turing’s machine, as they help it operate over binary data and perform actions. The similar concept is how JavaScript can be used to dispatch a state and perform an action based on this; it is then used in React JavaScript’s framework to 1) initialize a state; 2) update it if state changed due to React updated some properties. This way, React can monitor the state of some functional components and re-render if necessary upon the change, otherwise keep the state intact.

Alang’s machine could not assign values to variables [1] in the traditional sense: char h = “h” or int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5}. It is also true that Turing could not write onto the tape his desired data like “0001\_0001” to get “0010\_0” as result of addition. The reader might wish to pose a question as to whether the question of Turing’s ability to write data onto the tape has any sense. It turns out that the question is meaningless [2]. It is because Turing could design tapes for each specific tasks such as add, multiply, subtract or divide that come with built-in transition functions helping the Turing’s machine to read and process the data to produce an output for the given input data.

Another remark is that this was theoretical mathematical model. This means that from the perspective of compute engineering, Turing could build a machine that consisted of his tape and the hardware needed to operate with the central processing unit, in this case, the tape core functionality. Therefore, he had to create a programming language that could compile the code into the Turing’s machine code and then execute. Apart from execution of instructions, he could likely to create a memory to store the output and input data which is processed by his machine. Namely, Turing’s machine had the sequential memory stored in the tape itself.

### Programming Language

As discussed before, a programming language is the language used to give orders or instructions to central processing unit (CPU) of a computer to execute. It is the language that is easily understood by the people who are specialized in it (hereinafter programmers or developers). Still, we have to tall the CPU apart from hardware that is used to simplify developer’s work when building software which is the application that is used by people who do not belong to professionals of computer science; they are referred to as users.

As of today, there are a great number of programming languages that suit different duties and used to simplify developing in various fields of CS (computer science). Of the most prominent languages, we can list the following: Assembly, COBOL, FORTRAN, C, C++, C#, Java, PHP, Python, JavaScript, Rust, Ruby, Swift, Golang and many others. The Fortran is famous due to its application to the field of science such as physics, chemistry, mechanics, and so forth. Today, we mostly leverage the capabilities of a powerful programming language known for its versality and simplicity – Python. How is the programming language understood by the machine?  
 CPU cannot directly execute the instructions that it obtained from developers. For this purpose, programmers introduced the compilation of a programming code (instructions that provide specific algorithms that operate over data and easily understood by CPU) into the machine code, binary code. Thus, C code gets translated into structured instructions represented in binary code and then becomes executed by the machine core CPU.

Among programming languages, we can encounter high-level ones which means that their code is not directly translated into the machine code; instead, it gets interpretated by an interpreter which understands the syntax of the given programming language. For instance, Python is an interpreted language which means it does not get compiled into machine code but executed by its interpreter, which reads the source code of a program in Python. When reading about Python on GitHub platform, we can encounter the files with hpp extensions, meaning that a few Python’s parts are also written in C [3]. In fact, “for loops” in python are written in C and are highly optimized implying that the performance is quite impressive.

The Python’s code gets interpreted and translated into bytecode, rather than entire machine code that is understood by CPU of a machine. This process involves compiling python code into bytecode and is handled by CPython’s compiler. After the compilation, bytecode is executed by the interpreter.

### Memory

From a practical perspective, computers should store the data after the program terminates. As such, if the user obtains a result, it can refer to it later and reuse, as an input data for another program. This leads us to a modular programming approach and data is processed in chunks and every part of it is of great essence; hence, the leak of any data is a critical indicator of failure.

For storing data, computers utilize RAM and external data storage:

1. Referred to as RAM, the random-access memory is the key aspect of modern computers, unlike Turing’s machine infinite memory stored on the tape. What a program uses when to store temporary data is called RAM. It is volatile memory meaning that upon the termination of a program, all data is erased unless loaded to the other type of memory.
2. External data storage includes many types of storing hardware such SSD (Solid-State Drive), or HDD (Hard Disc Drive). This is where our OS (Operative System) is stored, and once the machine system cannot get a signal from the storage, it cannot boot up the system and start all services like those in Linux operated by SYSTEMD (System daemon). The difference between SSD and HHD is that the former is actually faster in terms of performance as it does not use moving parts which reduces the latency (the delay of a response delivered to the user who sent a request) and also more durable [4]

The signal is a keyword here, representing 1 or 0 to indicate True or False, respectively. It means that some components of a machine can interact with others by sending signals. For example, a component of machine electric circuit can send a signal to CPU meaning that the completion of a task. Thus, CPU distributes the task among other components of machine to boost performance of the entire computation process. In fact, when we hit the turn on button situated on the top of physical machine element, it sends electrical signals to the hardware and then the system distributes the work done. Every component is responsible for their tasks, and once completed, they send the positive signal to a CPU. If no signal from SSD, the system cannot display data on the screen, because GPU cannot obtain the information to display.

### Hardware

A computer machine can have other hardware units that simplify the work and reduce the load on CPU, enhancing the overall performance. These common components include:

1. GPU – Graphical processing unit that is responsible for the work associated with graphical operations such as rendering images, and then applying filters. In CS, images are in fact a collection of ordered bits which sit at specific locations. The software relying on the GPU work can 1) filter the image; 2) change the image; 3) mutate the properties; and others. This is typically done by operating over binary data.
2. TPU – Tensor processing unit that is specialized for working with data represented as tensors. In physics, tensors are the generalization of the vector notion. Thus, working with tensors quantities means that we operate in the three-dimensional (or multi-dimensional) space. The simplest way of it is the strain tensor that is given by a 3-by-3 matrix and exhibits the strain value at the specific direction (xy, yx, zy, yz, …). Computers can and are used to facilitate the computational process conducted by humans and for this reason, some specific hardware can be created ([Google official information](https://cloud.google.com/tpu/docs/intro-to-tpu)).
3. QPU – Quantum processing unit is a tool used to process quantum physics matter. For example, a quantum computer can solve a Schrodinger’s equation more efficiently when compared to CPU.

## Supercomputers

### Definition

One of the most prominent examples of such an example is Cray-1 [Source: Britannica Supercomputer CRAY-1 as [link](https://www.britannica.com/technology/UNIVAC)]. What may be a supercomputer? Cray wished to create the most efficient and successful scientific supercomputer that could speedup science research and contribute to mankind knowledge, leading to new revolutions and changed in how people live and interact with the world. The word “scientific” is quite critical because the supercomputer is a machine that is able to carry out scientific computations much faster than a normal machine. What makes these supercomputers unique?

A supercomputer is highly optimized computational machine that can significantly contribute the scientific research. In modern setting, software engineers train ML-systems to create and train neural networks and artificial intelligence models.

Изображение выглядит как текст, диаграмма, линия, Параллельный

Автоматически созданное описание

Fig. 1. Basic computer system [Source: CRAY-1 at [link](https://www.ed-thelen.org/comp-hist/CRAY-1-HardRefMan/CRAY-1-HRM.html)]

### Examples

In this section, I would like to demonstrate examples of the modern famous supercomputers and share their details as a table.

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| Name | Created At | Details | Further reading |
| Summit  [IBM Power System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Power_Systems) AC922 | Year: 2018,  Location: [Oak Ridge National Laboratory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak_Ridge_National_Laboratory),  Where: USA. | OS: Linux  (RHEL 7.4),  CPU: 202,752  (9,216 × 22-core IBM [POWER9](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/POWER9) @3.07 GHz),  GPU: 27,648 × 80 Nvidia [Tesla V100](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nvidia_Tesla) | [The summit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summit_(supercomputer))  [supercomputer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summit_(supercomputer)) |
| Frontier  [HPE Cray EX235a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HPE_Cray_EX235a) | Year: 2022,  Location: [Oak Ridge National Laboratory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak_Ridge_National_Laboratory),  Where: USA. | OS: Linux ([HPE Cray OS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cray_Linux_Environment)),  CPU: 591,872  (9,248 × 64-core [Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optimized_3rd_Generation_EPYC_64C) @2.0 GHz),  GPU: 36,992 × 220 AMD [Instinct MI250X](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMD_Instinct). | [The Frontier supercomputer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frontier_(supercomputer)) |
| Fugaku | Year: 2020,  Location: [RIKEN Center for Computational Science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riken)  Where: Japan. | OS: Linux ([RHEL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux)),  CPU: 7,630,848  (158,976 × 48-core [Fujitsu A64FX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fujitsu_A64FX) @2.2 GHz),  GPU: None. | [Fugaku supercomputer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fugaku_(supercomputer)) |
| LUMI  [HPE Cray EX235a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HPE_Cray_EX235a) | Year: 2020,  Location: [EuroHPC JU](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EuroHPC_JU) [Kajaani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kajaani)  Where: Finland. | OS: Linux ([HPE Cray OS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cray_Linux_Environment)),  CPU: 150,528  (2,352 × 64-core [Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optimized_3rd_Generation_EPYC_64C) @2.0 GHz),  GPU: 9,408 × 220 AMD [Instinct MI250X](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMD_Instinct). | [LUMI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LUMI_(supercomputer))  [supercomputer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LUMI_(supercomputer)) |

Table 1. Supercomputers

In the ‘further reading’ column, I cite my sources of information to build my academic paper on.

## CPU

This is an integral component of most computers. The computer OS (Operating System) can vary from architecture to another, but CPU remains the core. As demonstrated from electric circuits which abide by physics laws such as Maxwell, fundamental law of all electro-magnetism, and Kirchoff’s laws which help to compute the voltage of an integrated computer circuit or microchips. Hence, understanding Maxwell’s equations are essential to gain insight into how microchip’s components interact with each other, while sending electrical signals of Boolean nature: False or True.

## OS

Also, referred to as Operating System, OS was designed to introduce multitasking and facilitate the computer’s CPU workload by properly managing its resources. OS is the integral component of computer systems because it introduced user-friendly interface and assisted in improving computer’s performance. Despite computer machine being to process data without any OS, the operating system is of great importance and significantly transformed our interaction with computing machines.

Throughout the history, there have been many instances of computer machines and the most popular ones include Unix and MS-DOS. Both OSs were written in C, the programming language, because C enabled the portability across various CPU architectures which allowed many engineers to execute their code efficiently.

## Compilation process

A compiler carries out critical duty of computer science by allowing developers to run their code and identify bugs and syntax errors, as well as to test it against bugs and errors. The compilation process is intricate and involves several minor tasks (subtasks) to fulfill. What these tasks might be? As an introducing problem, let us consider the human readable sentence:

This is a sentence.

This is a classic example studied in compilation process analysis. When people read it, they automatically, withing milliseconds, understand its meaning. They do so by breaking the sentence into meaningful parts, called, tokens, and the process is referred to as tokenization, as shown below in the picture. We can visualize this as a tree of sentence’s nodes: subject, predicative, article, and object – these are the sentence’s parts. By following Grammar standards and rules, we can ensure our meaning conveyed by a sentence is delivered and understood, thereby creating, and organizing the proper communication. However, there are some problems in English which prevent readers from understanding a sentence correctly: the incorrect usage of pronouns leads to loss of understanding:

Jack said his friend bought a book.

This sentence is correct, and we can understand it well. Consider another example:

Jack said Peter bought his book.

The problem that you start discerning is the meaning of the pronoun “his”, which can refer to various nouns used in the sentences. In this example, “his” refers to “Jack”. Let us analyze a few more examples:

Jack said Jack bought a book.

Jack said that his book was sold to Jack.

Jack bought Jack bought and sold it to Jack.

Jack remembered that Jack sold her book.

You can see that the scope of the nouns is the way in which computer compilers address the problem (the following code is written in Python):

Изображение выглядит как рукописный текст, текст, зарисовка, рисунок

Автоматически созданное описание

Fig.2: The tree of a sentence: tokenization

number = 1

def print():

number = 2

print(number)

return None

print(number)

When we run the script, we can see that even though the name is similar, the variable addressed are different, and, hence, the values stored in them would differ. This is how Python handles the ambiguity problem.

### Lexical Scope

To demonstrate how scoping is used in lexical analysis, we can consider a few examples. Let us start with the simplest one: inner and outer functions with different variables. In the outer function, we declare a variable with name ‘num’, and 1 as value assigned to it. In the inner function, we also declare a variable with similar name but different value: 2. In both functions, we print the variable to see its value in the console, and the inner function returns its variable, while the outer function returns the inner function to ensure “closing”. Thus, we may write the following code:

def foo():

num = 1

print(num)

def baz():

num = 2

print(num)

return num

return baz

#Let us use it – Remember, it returns a function

test = foo() # not a varible

#Let us invoke the function

result = test()

#Let us print the result

print(result)

The output of this program is the following:

1

2

2

It is because when we invoke the function ‘foo’, we see its scoped variable printed. When we invoke the inner function, we also see its variable value printed to the console, and then we can store the value of it in “result” variable. In Python, we can use ‘nonlocal’ keyword to access outer function variables:

def foo():

num = 1

def baz():

nonlocal num

print(num)

return num

return baz

test = foo()

result = test()

The output will be

1

1

This is because now the inner variable accesses the outer function’s lexical scope and can use its variables. Let us consider another example:

#Organize data

english, estonian, russian = TextFormatter.process\_descriptions([

language.get("Description", "No Description")

for language in [

data.get(language,"No such language") for language in data.keys()

]

])

Have you seen the ‘language’ name used twice? Why it is possible? Because the ‘language’ variables are used in different scopes, which is why Python can tell them apart and my code runs successfully. However, I would like to specify the data used in the script: I have a large, nested dictionary which represents the tree storing my data; in this particular case, I store and process all necessary information related to my CV: languages, skills, and so forth. Thus, compilers introduced.

### Compilation subtasks

When our code C++ code is compiled, it is translated into Assembly code for the specific CPU architecture. After this, ASM code is compiled into machine code that is understood by the target CPU. Once our code is compiled, we can run it as .com or .exe files or just as an executable file on Linux machine – for this, we have to create a link to it by using ld command. For example,

nasm -f elf64 -o program.o program.asm

ld -o program program.o

./program

Now we can run the program and get “Hello, world!” as an output.

The compilation process involves the following subtasks:

1. Lexical analysis: This is the first part when a compiler analyzes the source code and groups its part to create meaningful sequences, identifying tokens.
2. Syntactic analysis: Check for syntax, and other syntax-related errors. It constructs a hierarchical structure known as a parse tree with the help of tokens.
3. Semantic analysis: This phase ensures that the components of the program fit together meaningfully. It gathers type information and checks for type compatibility.
4. Intermediate code generation: After semantic analysis, the compiler generates an intermediate code of the source code for further processing.
5. Optimization: This phase optimizes the intermediate code for the better performance by removing unnecessary lines of code and arranging the sequence of statements.
6. Code generation: This is the final phase when the optimized intermediate code is converted into the machine code.

# Assembly

## Introduction

The Assembly is one of the lowest-level programming languages. It is the language used to program and compose hardware for a computer system, which means that to create a coffee machine and design peripherals to use is to leverage the power of Assembly. Additionally, numerous software applications have been developed in this language, ranging from hardware drivers to popular games like Rollercoaster. This is impressive considering that Assembly is one of the most challenging programming languages to master. Why would one have to learn and use the programming language? Why is it important to look at Assembly and invest one’s time into the language?

The first reason is connected to Assembly’s low-level nature. Assembly teaches how to maintain memory allocation, memory management and pointers arithmetic. Hence, Assembly can be used to further optimize some program to enhance their performance, because Assembly is a low-level programming language, closely tied to a computer’s CPU. This argument aligns with the understanding that programming at a low level, such as Assembly, allows for more precise control over hardware resources, which can lead to more efficient and optimized code.

The other reason is that Assembly can extend one’s outlook and assist in designing business ideas such as developing hardware for coffee machines or Tesla cars, for example. Learning Assembly equips individuals with the skills needed to work at the intersection of software and hardware, helping people to bring innovative, bright ideas to live in the technology industry.

Lastly, Assembly can shed light on how arithmetic operations are performed over binary numbers. This knowledge help teacher and educational centers to teach binary numbers to any individual with interest in information technology field.

## Registers

In Assembly, registers are used to store some data in specific memory location that are accessed by CPU when executing the code. For example, the registers RAX, EAX, AX, AL are used to perform arithmetic, while RBX is used for addressing data in memory, RCX is used as counter register, and RDX is used for data operations and often is paired with RAX. The interesting diagram is placed below.

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Fig. 3: Register’s RAX hierarchy.

## Hello World Program

In this section, I teach how to write HelloWorld program in Assembly. It may seem arduous at first glance, but with practice, one can get more familiar and gain more insights into Assembly. Let us write some code.

section .data

text db “Hello, world!”, 0ah

section .text

global start

start:

mov rax, 1

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, text

mov rdx, 14

syscall

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 0

syscall

Upon the first observation, it is difficult to understand what happening. Therefore, it is important to attempt at mutating the variable ‘text’ value and run the program again. How to run our program? There is a couple of ways how to achieve the goal: 1) one may search for web compilers, specifically, NASM Linux x86, or it can install nasm and run the commands that we discussed earlier:

nasm -f elf64 -o helloworld.o helloworld.asm

ld -o helloworld helloworld.o

If no error has occurred, we just create an executable file with the name helloworld and we can run it using the following command:

./helloworld

As a helpful tip, on a Linux machine, it is possible to reuse previous efficiently by using ‘!!’ or ‘!<the first letter of previous command>’ to recall and execute them. For example,

ls

!l

Here, the ‘ls’ command is actually list of items in the current directory, and one can read more about it by running ‘man ls’ command.

Let us return back to the Assembly hello world program. The key idea lies in the line ‘mov rax, 1’. By doing so, you efficiently move 1 to the rax register which associates it with the ID equal to 1. If one looks up the table of IDs to call system procedures, it can see that we are calling the write procedure. Another command, “mov rax, 0’ would indicate the ‘read’ procedure and Assembly can scan our data. It is done by including ‘.bss’ section where we declare ‘data resb size’ as in ‘number resb 8’, 8 bits is the size of our number.

The second line ‘mov rdi, 1’ is also of great importance. It actually places the value 1 to the register rdi, which holds the ID of our system procedure and specifies the standard output. The next command ‘mov rsi, text’ is quite essential, because it stores the address of our text in the ‘rsi’ register. The size of our string is stored in the ‘rdx’ register. The last piece of puzzle is to call the procedure, and since we are going to invoke the system procedure with ID equal 1, we have to call the system function: ‘syscall’ is the correct command for that.

The last segment of code is designed for exiting our program. The symbol ‘0ah’ is equivalent to ‘10’ and this is ‘\n’, or new line character. One can compare the program with Python’s one: ‘print(“Hello, world!”)’.

Remark. ‘db’ stands for ‘define bytes’ and it is used to indicate raw bytes data.

## Printing Strings

To print any string of any size, you want to loop over the string until null character is reached. Let us start writing code:

section .data

text db ‘Hello, world!’, 0ah ; this is our string to print.

section .text

global \_start

;This is a macro.

%macro exit 0

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 0

syscall

%endmacro

\_start:

mov rax, text ; store text memory address in the rax register

call \_printText ; call the subprocedure

\_printText:

push rax ; push data onto stack to save the current memory address

mov rbx, 0 ; setup our counter

printTextLoop:

inc rax ; moves rax to the next memory location

inc rbx ; increment our counter

mov cl, [rax] ; cl is used to store byte-level information

cmp cl, 0 ; compare if current character is null one (0ah, 10)

jne printTextLoop ; if not equal to 0, then proceed to another iteration

mov rax, 1 ; this gets executes when cl = 0

mov rdi, 1 ; file descriptor 1 to set up standard output

pop rsi ; pop the value and store in the given register

mov rdx, rbx ; set the size of the output data to that stored in the rbx register

syscall ; call the system procedure with ID 1, meaning ‘write’

ret ; return

In the code, we use various techniques such as using macros, loops and registers to operate over data. For example, we store the data in cl register, which is used to work with byte-level operations.

## Macros

In the Assembly program, one can encounter the expressions containing ‘%’ sign and followed by the name ‘macro’. For example,

%macro printText 1 2 ; macros take as parameters 1 and 2

mov rax, 1

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, %1

mov rdx, %2

syscall

%endmacro

This macro can be used in our main routing called ‘start’:

%macro exit 0 ; macros take no parameters

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 1

syscall

%endmacro

start:

printText msg, 14

exit

Also, we can import other files in our Assembly program to make our code more modular. This can simplify and make our code more readable and cleaner as well as efficient:

%include ‘module.asm’

## Print Numbers

Let us print some numbers in the Assembly. The first thing to know is that Assembly utilizes UNICODE characters or ASCII forms. To demonstrate this, we can return back to hello world program:

section .data

msg db ‘Hello, world!’, 0ah

Let us change the ‘Hello, world’ to, say, 49, and run the program. Once our program is compiled and made executable, we can run it and see the output, which is the character stored with 49 UNICODE:

1

Thus, the program’s output is ‘1’. Therefore, we can write the following program to display numbers from 0 to 9:

section .data

num db 5, 0ah

section .text

global \_start

\_start:

mov rax, num ; load the address of our chosen number into num

call printNumber ; call our subroutine

mov rax, 60 ; Terminate the program

mov rdi, 0

syscall

printNumber:

mov rax, 48 ; UNICODE for numbers is from 48

add [num], al ; holds the least significant bit of num

mov rax, 1 ; trivial printing

mov rdi, 1 ; file descriptor to 1, meaning STDOUT

mov rsi, num ; the address of num is loaded into the rsi register

mov rdx, 1 ; specifies the size of our digit

syscall ; call the system procedure

ret ; return

When we compile this program, the output will be the number stored in .data section.

Another more complex program is to print the number like ‘123’ to the console. This involves division, as one has to traverse the number from left to right and store each digit in stack, which helps print the character one by one until we reached the end. To illustrate this, I write the following program:

section .bss

digitSpace resb 100

digitSpacePosition resb 8

section .text

global \_start

\_start:

mov rax, 123 ; load our number into the rax register

call printNumber ; call the subroutine

mov rax, 60 ; terminate the programm

mov rdi, 0

syscall

printNumber:

mov rcx, digitSpace

mov rbx, 10

mov [rcx], rbx

inc rcx

mov [digitSpacePosition], rcx

printNumberLoop:

mov rdx, 0

mov rbx, 10

div rbx

push rax

add rdx, 48 ; The ‘rdx’ register is added to 48, which is ASCII for numbers

mov rcx, [digitSpacePosition]

add [rcx], dl

inc rcx

mov [digitSpacePosition], rcx

pop rax

cmp rax, 0

jne printNumberLoop

printNumberSecondLoop:

mov rcx, [digitSpacePosition]

mov rax, 1

mov rdi,1

mov rsi, rcx

mov rdx, 1

syscall

mov rcx, [digitSpacePosition]

dec rcx

mov [digitSpacePosition], rcx

cmp rcx, digitSpace

jge printNumberSecondLoop

ret

The idea behind this program is quite simple: The remainder of division is stored in the rdx register:

mov rax, 10

mov rbx, 2

div rbx

In this case, we can see that ‘rdx’ should be 0, as the remainder of 10 / 2 is 0, and the quotient is 5, because 10 / 2 is 5.

To add up two numbers, we can simply using “add” procedure and perform the addition:

mov rax, 123 ; the first number

add rax, 1 ; the second number

## Arithmetic operations

To perform arithmetic operations over simple numbers such as 5 or 9, we can write the following program:

section .data

num db 0, 0ah

section .text

global \_start

%macro sum 2

; macro consists of several functions.

; Constrait: digits from 0 to 9.

; Args: 1 and 2.

; Returns: the sum of these arguments.

mov rax, %1

add rax, %2

printDigit rax

%endmacro

%macro subtract 2

; macro consists of several functions.

; Constrait: digits from 0 to 9

; Args: 1 and 2.

; Returns: The result of subtraction: 2 from 1: 1 - 2.

mov rax, %1

sub rax, %2

printDigit rax

%endmacro

%macro multiply 2

; macro consists of several functions.

; Constrait: digits from 0 to 9

; Args: 1 and 2.

; Returns: The product of 1 and 2

mov rax, %1

mov rbx, %2

mul rbx

printDigit rax

%endmacro

%macro divide 2

; macro consists of several functions.

; Constrait: digits from 0 to 9

; Args: 1 and 2.

; Returns: The division of 1 by 2

mov rax, %1

mov rbx, %2

xor rdx, rdx ; ensure that rdx is zero

div rbx

printDigit rax

%endmacro

%macro printDigit 1

; Prints from 0 to 9.

; Input: the parameter 1.

; Prints: Number passed to it.

mov rax, %1

mov [num], al

call \_printNumber

%endmacro

%macro exit 0

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 0

syscall

%endmacro

\_start:

printDigit 1

sum 2, 3

subtract 6, 2

multiply 2, 4

divide 6, 3

exit

\_printNumber:

mov rax, 48

add [num], al

mov rax, 1

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, num

mov rdx, 2

syscall

ret

# Binary Operations

## Basics

Let us try to implement binary addition in Python. To add up two numbers, we usually utilize the arithmetic operator ‘+’: ‘2+2’ produces 4 as an output. To add up two binary number, we use the bitwise operations such as XOR, AND, OR, and SHIFT. Let us perform these operations.

The first one is XOR and it is called logical OR:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 2.: XOR between 1 and 2.

The 4-bit representations of these numbers is quite known: ‘0b0001’ for 1 and ‘0b0010’ for 2. The result in this example is ‘0b0011’ or ‘0000 0011’ which corresponds to 3. Let try another example.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 3.: XOR between 5 and 7.

The result of this 5 XOR 7 is ‘0000 0010’ which corresponds to 2 in the decimal numeral system. In Python, we can quickly check the result: ‘5 ^ 7’ which is 2. As it can be seen from the tables, the XOR is the bitwise operation which process our number bit by bit and compares bits of binary numbers. It returns 1 whenever one’s number bit is 0 and the other number’s bit is 1, or, on the contrary, if the first number’s bit is 1, while the second one is 0, consequently, it returns 1; if both bits are 0, then it returns 0, and if both are 1, it also returns 0.

Another bitwise operation is called AND. Let us perform the operation between the same numbers:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 4.: AND between 1 and 2.

Thus, 1 AND 2 results into 0 or ‘0000 0000’, which is also ‘0b0000’ in the 4-bit representation. Let us consider another example: 5 AND 7:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 5.: AND between 5 and 7.

The result of this operation is the binary number ‘0000 0101’ which corresponds to 5. In Python, you can use ‘&’ operator to perform the operation: print(5 & 7) produces 5 as an output.

The third operation is the bitwise OR operator. For example,

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 6.: bitwise OR between 1 and 2.

The result is 3, as expected. Let us try the second example:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 7.: bitwise OR between 5 and 7.

As seen from the table, the result is ‘0000 0111’ or ‘0b0111’ which corresponds to 7, whereas the XOR result was 5.

Another example would be SHIFT. It is also bitwise operator but might be differentiated into 3 types: arithmetic shift, logical shift, and traditional shift. For example,

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 8.: SHIFT LEFTWARDS BY 1 BIT.

The result of the left shift by 1 bit is equivalent to multiplication the number by 2. In this example, the output is 2 for the input number 1. However, we can shift by any bit number:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 9.: SHIFT LEFTWARDS BY 2 BIT.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 10.: SHIFT LEFTWARDS BY 5 BIT.

To represent this number in python, we can use ‘b’ notation for ‘binary’: ‘0b0010\_0000’ in 8-bit representation. As it can be demonstrated, the maximum number for 4-bit representation is ‘0b1111’ which corresponds to 15, or ‘0xF’ in the hexadecimal numeral system. The maximum for 8-bit representation is ‘0b11111111’ which corresponds to 255.

We can also shift RIGHTWARDS:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 11.: SHIFT RIGHTWARDS BY 1 BIT.

The result of this right shift by 1 bit is ‘0b00000101’ which corresponds to 5. In Python, you can perform these operations by using ‘>>’ for the right shift and ‘<<’ for the left shift. For example, for the given example, we could ’11 >> 1’ which produces 5 as an output, or ‘1 << 5’ which yields 32. In other programming languages such as JavaScript, we can encounter logical shift operator ‘>>>’. Consider, the example:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 12.: LOGICAL SHIFT RIGHTWARDS BY 1 BIT.

Another example,

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 13.: LOGICAL SHIFT RIGHTWARDS BY 1 BIT.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Result | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 14.: LOGICAL SHIFT RIGHTWARDS BY 1 BIT.

The difference is when we try to perform this operation on the unsigned binary number. It will shift by the specified number of bits and fill those with zero. For example,

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| n | 32-bit representation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| r | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 15.: The logical right shift by 2 bits.

The input number is ‘-5’ which is ‘1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1011’. We shift it rightwards by 2 bits and fill left-side with zeros: ‘0011 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1101’, which corresponds to ‘1073741822’.

## Negative binary numbers

As seen from the previous examples, “~number + 1” is actually “-number” or two-complementary binary number, and the process is called complementing.

Example 1. Find the binary representation of ‘-13’. First, we have to find the binary representation for 13 for 4-bit form:

Thus, to find the binary for 13, we have to divide it by 2:

Thus, the quotient is 6 and remainder is 1 (because ). Let us continue dividing by 2:

The quotient is 3, while the remainder is 0. The next division is whence the quotient is 1 and the remainder is 1 (because ). The last division leads to the zero quotient and the remainder being equal to 1. Thus, we can form a structure based on the remainders:

in reverse order. Thus, our number is ‘0b0000\_1101’.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Result | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 16.: Logical Not.

From the table, we can see the result of ‘~0b0000\_1101’ is ‘0b1111\_0010’. The last step is to add a binary ‘1’ to it:

We can perform the addition according to a table:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| Addend 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Addend 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sum | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 17.: Adding two numbers to get ‘-13.’

Thus, the sum is the binary number ‘0b1111\_0011’, which corresponds to 243 as positive, and ‘-13’ as negative. To verify our calculations, we can use Python here:

num = 0b0000\_1101

inversed = ~num

negative\_num = inversed + 1

print(negative\_num)

Also, you can see our result by running the script:

num = bin(-13 & 0xFF)

print(num)

In this case, we get ‘0b1111\_0011’ as an output. Otherwise, we get ‘-0b1101’ to denote ‘-13’.

## Implementation in Python

### Iterative approach

To add up, two numbers, we can use XOR if bits do not coincide:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| Addend 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Addend 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 18.: Adding two numbers to demonstrate how XOR is used.

Thus, ‘0b0010\_1111’ + ‘0b1101\_0000’ is equal to ‘0b1111\_1111’ or . Can we add up any binary numbers using this approach? It turns out that we cannot. To illustrate that, we can consider the addition:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| Addend a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Addend b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 19.: Adding two numbers using XOR leads to incorrect answer.

Thus, , or , but the sum would be 5, as opposed to the given result. Thus, we have to seek another approach as to how add up two binary numbers. For this purpose, we have to look at the expression , which is crucial here, because it can help to determine the sum.

Remark. Please, do not get confused, because the least significant bit is found by.

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For example, , and , as seen from the table.

The result ‘3 AND 2’ in this context is denoted by ‘carryover’. Let us apply the left shift to the given ‘carry’:

Now, let us perform another round of these operations:

Now, we take closer look at the expression stored in : . We recognize this as the binary number corresponding to 5, which is our sum. Thus, we can write the following algorithm:

def add(a: int, b: int) -> int:

“””

This function adds up two binary numbers using iterative approach. It does so by efficiently applying XOR, AND and LEFT SHIFT.

“””

while b != 0:

carry = a & b

a ^= b

b = carry << 1

return a

#Example usage

print(add(2, 3))

This algorithm works only for nonnegative numbers, therefore, for and .

To perform subtraction, we have to notice that carry changes to . Let us again perform all steps manually. This time, I show calculations as tables: where and .

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
| Minuend  ~a | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Subtrahend b | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 20.: The first iteration: performing logical AND and store result in carry.

Thus, ; hence,

I also perform these bitwise operations using tables:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 21.: The first iteration: performing logical XOR.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 22.: The first iteration: performing logical LEFT SHIFT.

So, we have the following data:

Let us perform necessary computations for the next iteration:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 23.: The second iteration: performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 24.: The second iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Subtraction | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 25.: The second iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus,

As we can see, , so we must continue the cycle:

Again, we use tables.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 26.: The third iteration: performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 27.: The third iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtraction | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 28.: The third iteration: performing logical XOR.

Upon thorough observation,

Thus, the result of is , which is correct: or

Our example is completed.

Let us write the function:

def subtraction(a: int, b: int) -> int:

while b != 0:

carry = ~a & b

a ^= b

b = carry << 1

return a

#Example usage

print(subtraction(218, 55))

As an output, we obtain the number 163 as expected.

Now we can try to call our function with , so :

print(subtraction(2, 3))

This leads to infinite loop; we can work around this very easy:

1. If , then , so and our function works as expected.
2. If and , then and , so while .

Therefore,

#abstraction layer

def subtract(a: int, b: int) -> int:

if 0 < b < a:

return sub(a, b)

elif 0< a < b:

return -sub(b, a)

elif a > 0 and b < 0:

return add(a, b)

elif b > 0 and a < 0:

return -add(-a, b)

else:

return -add(-a, -b)

The functions ‘sub’ and ‘add’ are listed above.

### 2-complement binaries

Here, I would like to share another approach for negative numbers:

def add(a: int, b: int) -> int:

mask = 0xFFFFFFFF

MIN = -0x80000000

MAX = 0x100000000

while b != 0:

carry = (a & b) & mask

a = (a ^ b) & mask

b = carry << 1

if a <= MAX:

return a | MIN

return ~(a ^ mask)

This function works for negative numbers: , while ; or , but , and . The output will be the negative number.

### Recursion

Let us first rewrite our iterative function into recursion:

from functools import cache

@cache

def add(a: int, b: int) -> int:

if b == 0:

return a

return add(a ^ b, (a & b) << 1).

@cache

def subtract(a: int, b: int) -> int:

if b == 0:

return a

return add (a ^ b, ((~a) & b) << 1)

These functions work for the numbers which are not floating, nor negative. They are decorated with the decorator ‘cache’ to ensure excellent performance by leveraging the power of memorization. Following the same idea, we can use these functions to create one general function:

def add\_numbers(a, b):

if a >= 0 and b >= 0:

# Both positive numbers, use regular addition

return add(a, b)

elif a < 0 and b < 0:

# Both negative numbers, use regular addition and negate the result

return -add(-a, -b)

elif a >= 0 and b < 0:

# a is positive, b is negative, subtract b from a

return subtract(a, -b)

else:

# a is negative, b is positive, subtract a from b

return -subtract(-a, b)

# Example usage:

print(add\_numbers(5, 3)) # Output: 8

print(add\_numbers(-5, -3)) # Output: -8

print(add\_numbers(5, -3)) # Output: 2

print(add\_numbers(-5, 3)) # Output: -2

## Binary vector

Bitwise operations can be well applied to the problem of searching for duplicates in the array. First, we consider the following fundamental bitwise functions:

def is\_set\_bit(bit\_vector: list[int], index: int) -> bool:

row = get\_row(index)

column = get\_column(index)

return (bit\_vector[row] & (1 << column)) != 0

def set\_bit(bit\_vector: list[int], index: int) -> None:

row = get\_row(index)

column = get\_column(index)

bit\_vector[row] |= 1 << column

def get\_row(bit: int) -> int:

return int(bit >> 5)

def get\_column(bit: int) -> int:

return bit % 32

#Usage

nums = [1,2,3,3, 3, 4,5, 5,6,7,8,9]

visited = [0] \* 256

def print\_duplicates(nums: list[int]) -> None:

for i in range(len(nums)):

if is\_set\_bit(visited, nums[i] – 1):

print(nums[i])

else:

set\_bit(visited, nums[i] – 1)

print\_duplicates(nums)

## Assembly

In Assembly, the procedure sub, add are already operating with binaries. However, in order to store binaries, we would have to store them as hexadecimal numbers:

section .data

num db 0x1

section .text

\_global start

\_start:

mov rax, 48 ; translating UNICODE characters

add [num], al

mov rax, 1

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, num

mov rdx, 1

syscall

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 0

syscall

Thus, in Assembly, all those bitwise operations are already implemented. Therefore, we do not have to use loops for this purpose. Instead, we can use add and sub subroutines. For example,

section .data

num db 0x2

result db 0x0

section .text

global \_start

\_start:

mov rax, [num]

add rax, 5

mov [sum], rax

mov rax, 48

add [sum], al

mov rax, 1

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, sum

mov rdx, 1

syscall

mov rax, 60

mov rdi, 0

syscall

This program uses binary addition.

# 32-bit floating-point format

In order to convert a real number into the given format, we have to, first, identify if the number is positive or negative; then, we normalize the binary representation to get fractional part; after, we count how many shifts we have to perform to the right in order to achieve the desired form (nonzero number). The last step is to determine the binary representation of a fractional part.

In Python, we can achieve this using the following script:

def float\_to\_bin(number):

return format(struct.unpack('!I', struct.pack('!f', number))[0], '032b')

def bin\_to\_float(binary):

return struct.unpack('!f',struct.pack('!I', int(binary, 2)))[0]

num = 123.456

binary = float\_to\_bin(num)

print(f"Binary representation of {num} is {binary}")

print(f"Float representation of {binary} is {bin\_to\_float(binary)}")

# Homework

## Part I

In this section, I would like to present my solution to the first home assignment as an academic paper. According to HW’s protocol, I must choose a supercomputer and answer the following questions [Source: Moodle, Home Assignment]:

1. Where is it?
2. Performance?
3. Rank when compared to others in the world?
4. Purpose?
5. Who is the creator and who are users?
6. How much is it if one had to buy it using financial means such as EUR, or USD?
7. Build my dream PC, and share its details.

To satisfy 1-6, I can grab the information from the previous section and present it here as a table. To answer the given question, I have to fetch the following data:

1. Name,
2. Location,
3. Date time,
4. Rank,
5. Purpose,
6. Creator (company)
7. Cost.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Location | Date Time | Rank | Purpose | Creator | Cost |
| Fugaku supercomputer | RIKEN Center for Computational Science | 2020 | 2 | Scientific Supercomputer,  Computational Science | [MEXT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Education,_Culture,_Sports,_Science_and_Technology) | [Riken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riken) |

Table 3. Homework assignment: Supercomputer details

[Sources: [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fugaku_(supercomputer)) and [TOP500](https://www.top500.org/system/179807/)].

The next task is to build my dream computer. Basically, this question implies the specification of the target computer machine such as

1. OS,
2. GPU,
3. CPU,
4. Performance,
5. Goal.

To address hardware questions, I have to specify the SSD, HHD or other more specific hardware questions details. Also, I must provide a name for my computer. Now I cite my response to the HW as a table.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | OS | CPU | GPU | Performance | Goal |
| AI polygon | Linux | 591, 872  (9,248 × 64-core [Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optimized_3rd_Generation_EPYC_64C) @2.0 GHz), | 9,408 × 220 AMD [Instinct MI250X](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMD_Instinct) | Motheboard:  ASUS ROG Strix B550-F,  RAM:  32GB DDR4 3600MHz,  PSU:  850 W Gold-rated PSU by EVGA,  Cooling:  Liquid Cooling Solution Corsair,  Storage:  SSD (1 TB NVMe), | The goal of this compute is to perform scientific research and  Develop AGI (Artificial General Intelligence) |

Tab 4: My PC build

Thus, I completed my HW assignment.

## Part II

This is the second homework assignment due to 26.09.2023. It is related to binary operations. The challenge statement is the following: ‘Assume numbers are represented in 8-bit twos complement representation. Show the calculation of the following:

1. 6 + 13
2. -6 + 13
3. 6 – 13
4. – 6 – 13

Solution. The first one is the simplest here, but it can be used to evaluate expressions, as shown in my theory section where we derived and defined the algorithm for adding and subtracting any integers, except for floating. However, we can still evaluate floating by separating them by the delimiter period: becomes and . When separated, we can compute the main parts and then compute the period ones; once processed, we can merge them back into the single number.

For the first one,

def add(a: int, b: int) -> int:

while b != 0:

carry = a & b

a ^= b

b = carry << 1

return a

Thus, we divide the task into 4 subtasks:

1. Determine the carry.
2. Perform XOR between the input numbers.
3. SHIFT the carry.

Here, we denote and .

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 28.: The first iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 29.: The first iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus, we get the following results:

Since , we continue our iteration:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 30.: The second iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 31.: The second iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus, we got the following:

Because , we continue the iteration:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 32.: The second iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 33.: The second iteration: performing logical XOR.

We got the following results:

With the being equal to zero, we terminate our iteration and return the result:

Thus,

or

Remark. We can find the binary representation by dividing the number by 2 and analyzing the remainder 8 times. The result is all remainders read in reverse: 1, 0, 1, 1 yields 1, 1, 0, 1 as an output for the binary representation.

The second one ‘-6 + 13’ is actually subtraction process, as we can read it: ’13 – 6’. Therefore,

def sub(a: int, b: int) -> int:

while b != 0:

carry = (~a & b)

a ^= b

b = carry << 1

return a

For demonstration, we compute the binary number for and , following the algorithm:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 34.: The first iteration: performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Tab 35.: The first iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Subtraction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 36.: The first iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus, for the first iteration, we have

Because , we proceed to the next iteration.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 37.: The second iteration: performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 38.: The second iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtraction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 39.: The second iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus, we got the following results:

Again, because , we continue iterating:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 40.: The third iteration: performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 41.: The third iteration: performing logical AND.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtraction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Tab 42.: The third iteration: performing logical XOR.

Thus, we get the following:

As , we terminate the iteration. The result of the subtraction is stored in :

The third example, ‘6-13’ is actually . So, we perform the binary subtraction and then multiply the result by or inverting and adding 1 in binary. Let us do it. In our previous calculation, we concluded that

So, is the answer for the operation . To get , we must simply invert and add one to it:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 43.: Performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

Now, let us add one to it:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sum | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 44.: Performing the logical XOR.

Thus, corresponds to , and is the result of .

The last example, can be regarded as . Therefore, we first compute the sum as usual, and then invert and add one to the result. In this case, the result was , so

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tab 45.: Performing logical NOT: bitwise inversion.

Now, let us add one to it:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Numbers | 8-bit representation | | | | | | | |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sum | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Tab 44.: Performing the logical XOR.

Thus, the result is which corresponds to .

We should recall that all actions performed during this exercise, are fulfilled by the functions ‘add’, and ‘sub’ by adopting the input data to call them.

Express the following numbers in IEEE 32-bit floating-point format:

1. -5
2. -6
3. -1.5
4. 384
5. 1/16
6. -1/32

Solution. a) The sign bit is 1, because it is negative. The next step is to normalize the binary representation. Let us notice that is 5 in binary; omitting zero, we get . From here, we shift twice to get , and so the exponent is 129, and therefore, is the 8-bit part. The fractional part should also be represented in binary: . Adding 21 zeros, we get

Combining our findings yields the correct format:

This binary representation corresponds to .

The second one is the same; we see that the sign bit is again 1, because the number is negative; to construct the normalized binary representation, we seek the fractional part: where we removed one zero: . Therefore, the normalized representation is , and the exponent is 2; adding it to the bias, we get , which corresponds to in binary. Finally, the fractional binary representation is . Thus, putting results together, we obtain

which is in the 32-bit floating-point binary representation.

The third example is that we have to convert to 32-bit floating-point binary representation. To do so, we must notice that the sign bit is 1, because the number is negative. The number is already normalized, as , so the exponent is , and adding it to the bias, we get which corresponds to in binary or . The fractional part is actually . Hence,

The fourth example is that we must convert 384 in 32-bit floating-point binary representation; let us notice that the number is already positive, so the sign bit is 0. The binary representation of 384 is . Thus, we must shift 8 times to get ; the exponent is 8 and adding it to the bias, we get or . The fraction part is , so

During the fifth example, we are converting to 32-bit floating-point format. The number is positive, so the sign bit is 0. Next, we find the binary representation of : , since . To normalize it, we have to shift 4 times to the right to get ; therefore, the exponent is and, subsequently, adding it to the bias gives which is . The binary representation of the fractional part is ; hence,

The last example is . The number is negative, so the sign bit is 1; the second essential point is to represent the number in the binary format. Because , we find which is binary representation of the given fraction. During normalization, we are shifting 5 times to the right; therefore, the exponent is , and adding it to the bias yields . The number is . Hence,

Thus, the number is represented in 32-bit floating-point format, as desired.

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