

# Circuits for Arithmetic; Assembly Language: A First Look

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- In theory, we could use the minterm-expansion approach to create **3 circuits**.

- one for each output bit

- It ends up being overly complicated.
  - more gates than are really needed

- Instead, we'll take advantage of two things:
  - our elementary-school bitwise-addition algorithm
  - modular design!

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## A Full Adder

- Recall our bitwise algorithm:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{0}11 \\
 101101 \\
 + 001110 \\
 \hline
 111011
 \end{array}$$

- A *full adder* adds only one column.

- It takes 3 bits of input:

- x and y – one bit from each number being added
- $c_{in}$  – the carry bit *into* the current column

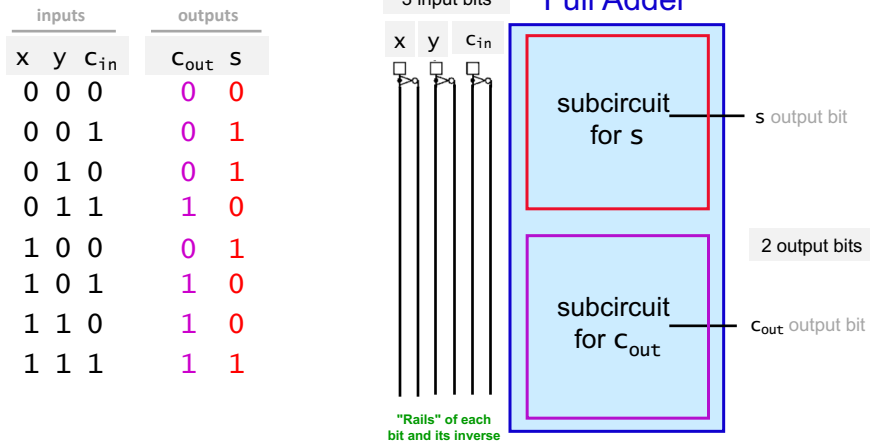
- It produces 2 bits of output:

- s – the bit from the sum that goes at the bottom of the column
- $c_{out}$  – the carry bit *out of* the current column
  - it becomes the  $c_{in}$  of the next column!

| inputs |   |          | outputs   |   |
|--------|---|----------|-----------|---|
| x      | y | $c_{in}$ | $c_{out}$ | s |
| 0      | 0 | 0        | 0         | 0 |
| 0      | 0 | 1        | 0         | 1 |
| 0      | 1 | 0        | 0         | 1 |
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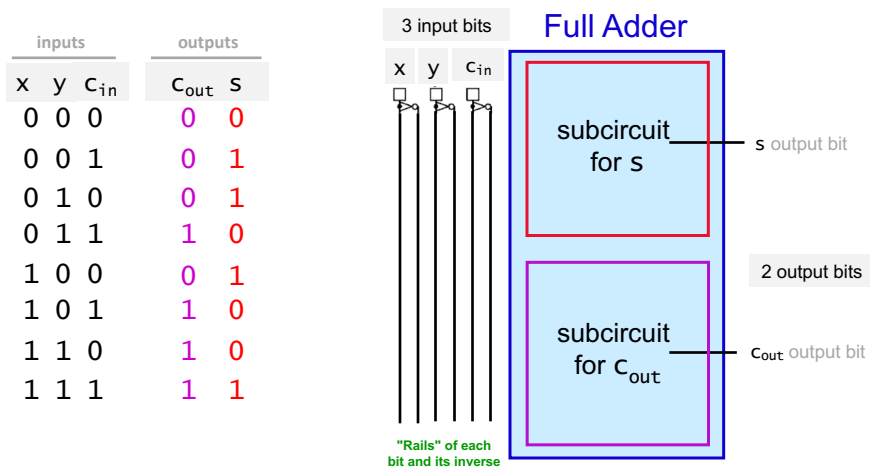
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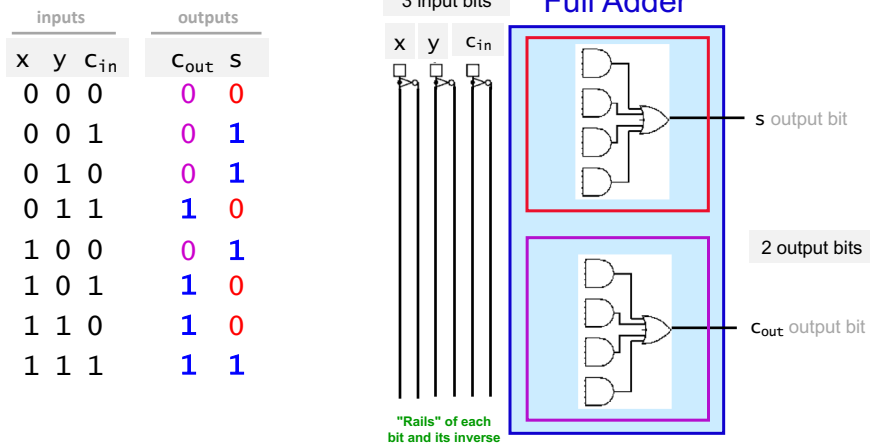
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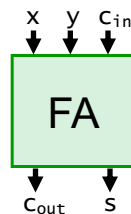
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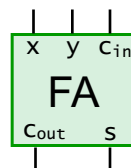
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## Modular Design

- Once we have a full adder, we can treat it as an *abstraction* – a "black box" with 3 inputs and two outputs.

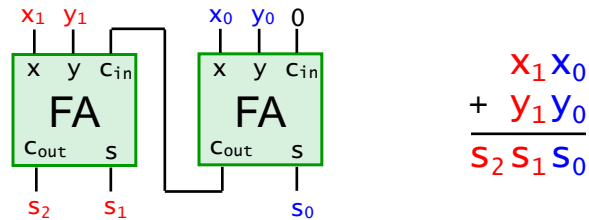


- Here's another way to draw it:



## Modular Design (cont.)

- To add 2-bit numbers, combine two full adders!

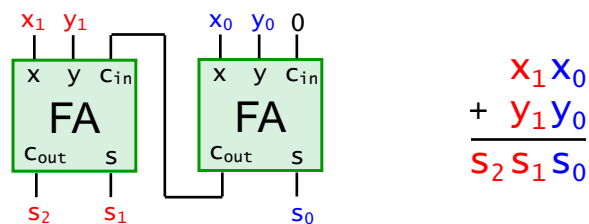


- Produces what is known as a *2-bit ripple-carry adder*.
- To add larger numbers, combine even more FAs!
- More efficient than an adder built using minterm expansion.
  - 16-bit minterm-based adder: need several *billion* gates
  - 16-bit ripple-carry adder: only need *hundreds* of gates

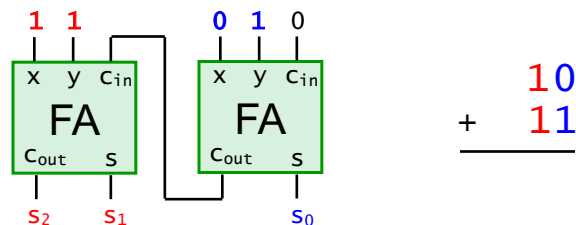
In PS 5,  
you'll build  
a 4-bit  
version!

## 2-Bit Ripple-Carry Adder

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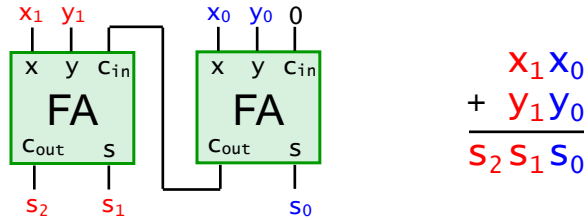


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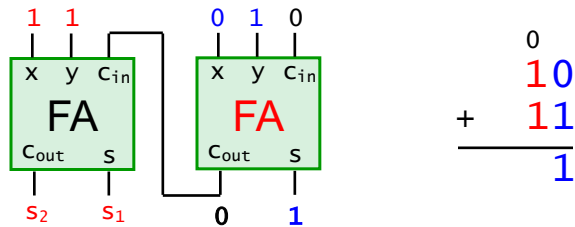


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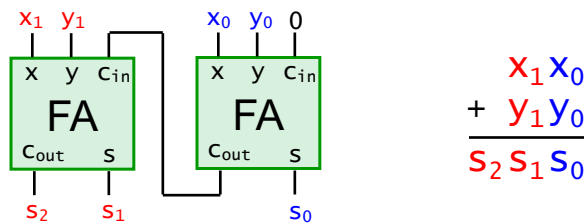


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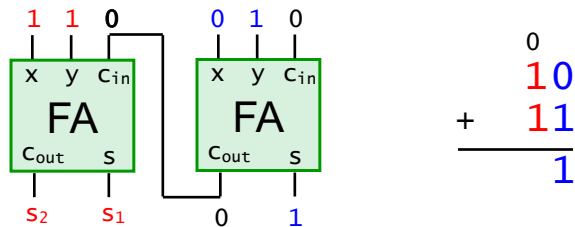


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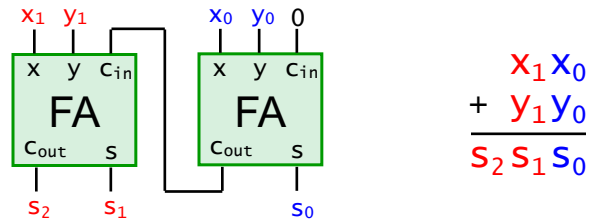


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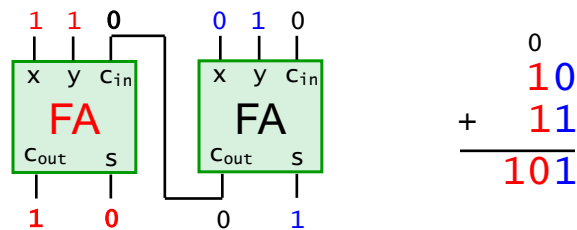


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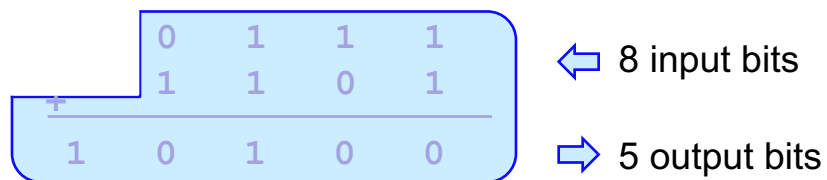


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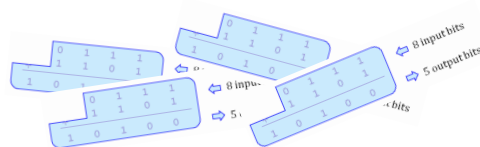


## More Modular Design!

- Once you build a 4-bit ripple-carry adder, you can treat it as a "black box".



- Use these boxes to build other circuits!

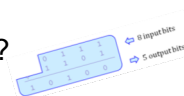




## Also in PS 5: Building a 4x2 Multiplier

|       |   |   |   |   |                        |
|-------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|
|       | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | first factor (4 bits)  |
| x     |   |   | 1 | 0 | second factor (2 bits) |
| <hr/> |   |   |   |   |                        |
| 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 partial products     |
| 1     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |                        |
| <hr/> |   |   |   |   |                        |
| 1     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | final answer           |

- How could you use a 4-bit ripple-carry adder here?  
to combine the partial products (which bits?)
- What other smaller circuit might we want to build first so that we can use it as part of the 4 x 2 multiplier?
  - a 4x1 multiplier!
  - use two of them – one to compute each partial product



## Two Key Components of a Computer



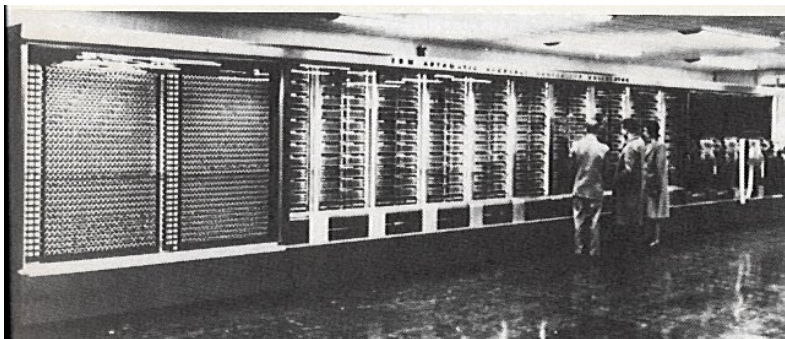
- all computation happens here
- adders, multipliers, etc.
- small number of *registers* for storing values
- lots of room for storage
- no computation happens here
- Program instructions are stored *with the data* in RAM.
- Instructions and data are transferred back and forth between RAM and the CPU.

## von Neumann Architecture

- John von Neumann was the one who proposed storing programs in memory.



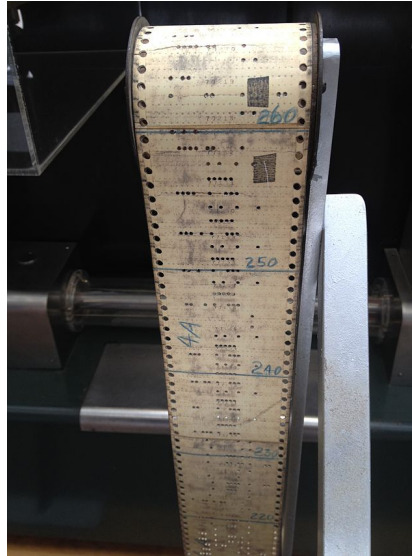
## Early Computers



The Mark I: Howard Aiken, Grace Hopper, et al.; Harvard, the 1940s/50s

- In the first computers, programs were stored *separately* from the data.

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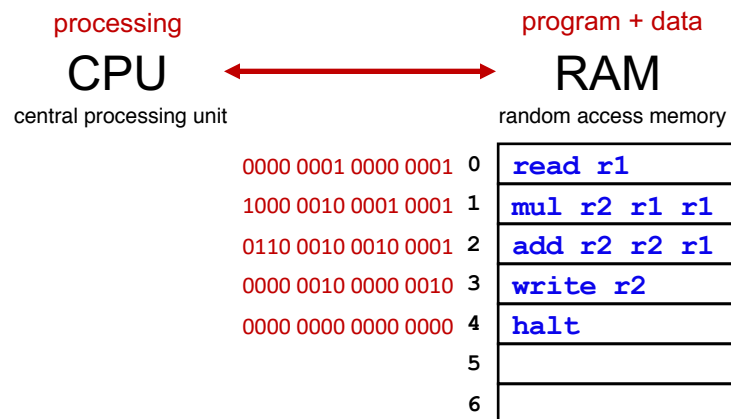


A sample program in machine language:

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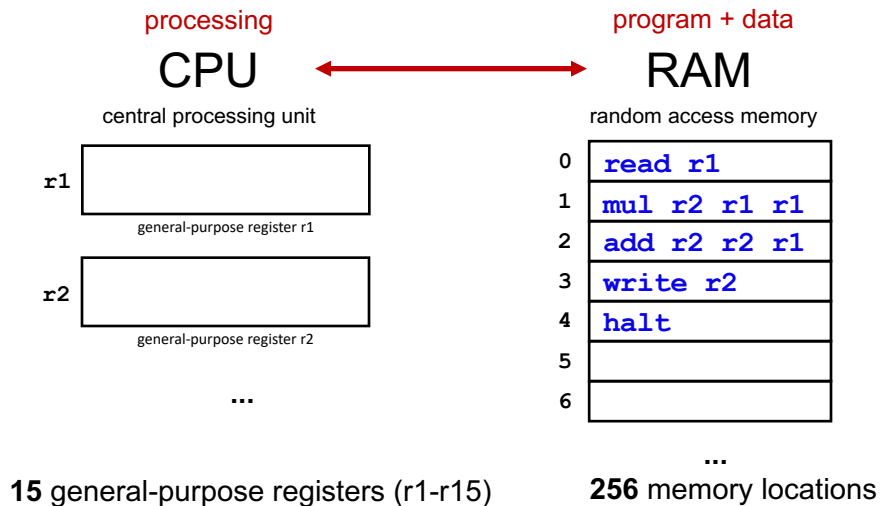
an external  
program tape  
for the Mark I

## Assembly Language



- Assembly language is *human-readable* machine language.
  - use mnemonics instead of the actual bits
  - Each assembly language is specific to a particular computer architecture and operating system.

## Hmmm (Harvey Mudd Miniature Machine)



quick reference and full documentation:

<http://www.cs.hmc.edu/~cs5grad/cs5/hmmm/documentation/documentation.html>

## Hmmm Assembly: Basic Instructions

| <u>instruction</u>      | <u>what it does</u>          | <u>example</u>      |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>read</b> rX          | reads from keyboard into rX  | <b>read</b> r1      |
| <b>write</b> rX         | writes value of rX to screen | <b>write</b> r2     |
| <b>add</b> rX rY rZ     | $rX = rY + rZ$               | <b>add</b> r1 r1 r3 |
| <b>sub</b> rX rY rZ     | $rX = rY - rZ$               | <b>sub</b> r4 r3 r2 |
| <b>mul</b> rX rY rZ     | $rX = rY * rZ$               | <b>mul</b> r3 r1 r2 |
| <b>div</b> rX rY rZ     | $rX = rY // rZ$              | <b>div</b> r2 r5 r6 |
| <b>mod</b> rX rY rZ     | $rX = rY \% rZ$              | <b>mod</b> r2 r1 r3 |
| <b>setn</b> rX <b>n</b> | $rX = n$                     | <b>setn</b> r1 7    |
| <b>addn</b> rX <b>n</b> | $rX = rX + n$                | <b>addn</b> r1 -1   |

Notation:

- rX, rY, rZ is any register name (r1-r15)
- **n** is any integer from -128 to 127

What Does This Program Output?

Screen **42** (input)

## RAM

random access memory

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 2.6666666666666666
- D. 3.6666666666666666
- E. none of these

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 0 | <code>read r1</code>      |
| 1 | <code>setn r2 9</code>    |
| 2 | <code>sub r3 r1 r2</code> |
| 3 | <code>div r3 r3 r2</code> |
| 4 | <code>addn r3 -1</code>   |
| 5 | <code>write r3</code>     |
| 6 | <code>halt</code>         |

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## CPU

central processing unit

## RAM

random access memory

|    |    |
|----|----|
| r1 | 42 |
| r2 | 9  |
| r3 | 33 |

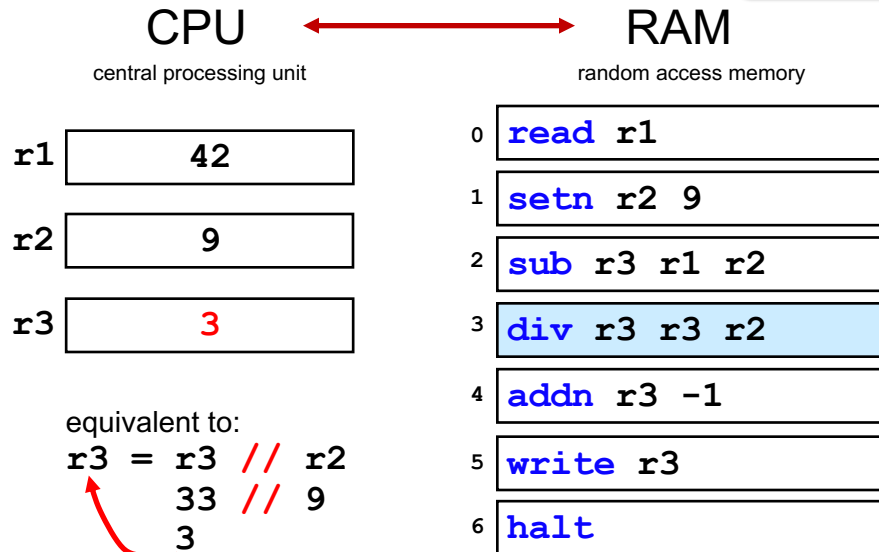
equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} r3 &= r1 - r2 \\ &= 42 - 9 \\ &= 33 \end{aligned}$$

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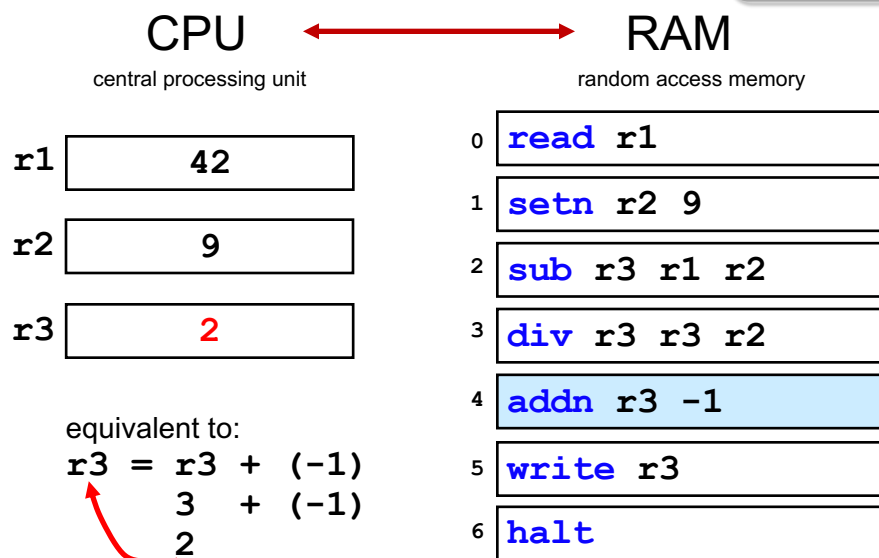
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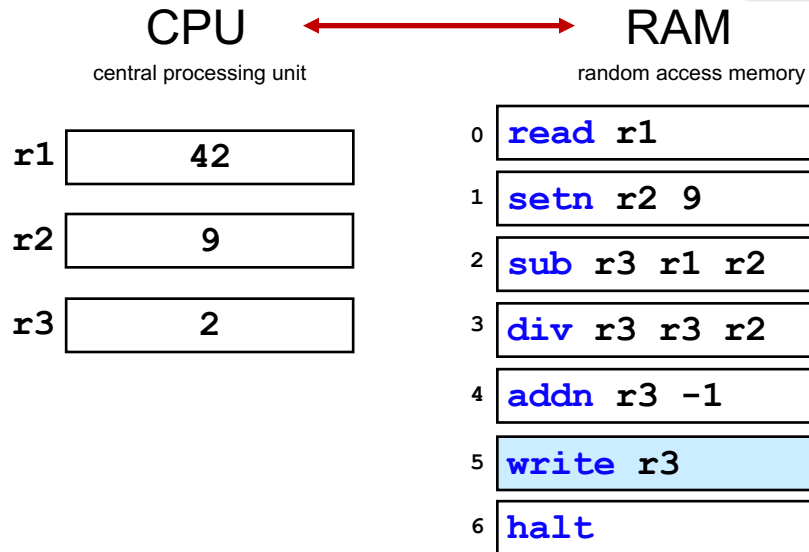


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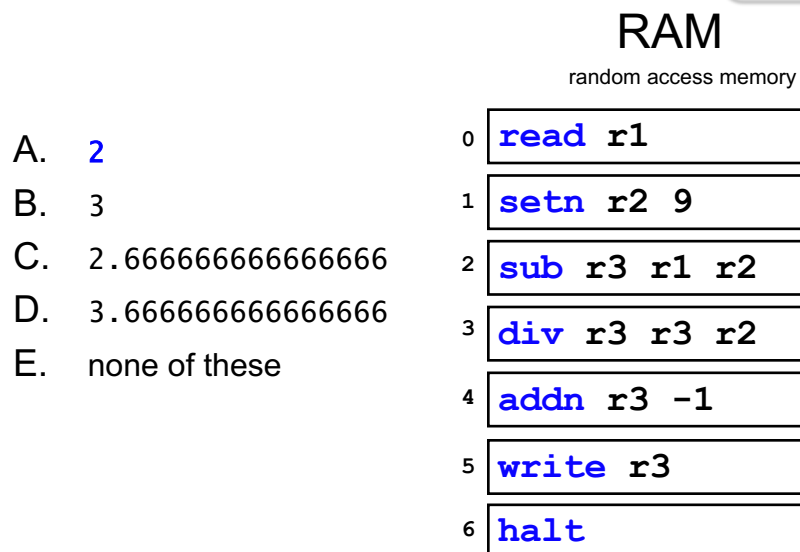
2 (output)



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## Recall: Binary Data

- All values in the computer are stored as binary numbers.
  - sequences of *bits* (0s and 1s)
- With  $n$  bits, we can represent  $2^n$  different values.
  - 2 bits give  $2^2 = 4$  different values  
00, 01, 10, 11
  - 3 bits give  $2^3 = 8$  different values  
000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111

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- Thus, we can store any integer from -32,768 to 32,767.
  - the user can enter integers in this range
  - our computations can produce results in this range

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setn r1 7  
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- the last 8 bits specify the number
  - only  $2^8 = 256$  possible values!
  - 128 to 127 for arithmetic instructions
  - 0 to 255 for jumps

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| <br><code>jumpr rX</code><br>(more on this later) | <br>jumps to line # stored in rX | <br><code>jumpr r2</code> |

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| Instruction                          | Description  | Aliases                    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>System instructions</b>           |  |                            |
| <code>halt</code>                    | Stop!  |                            |
| <code>read rX</code>                 | Place user input in register rX                                      |                            |
| <code>write rX</code>                | Print contents of register rX  |                            |
| <code>nop</code>                     | Do nothing   |                            |
| <b>Setting register data</b>         |  |                            |
| <code>setn rX N</code>               | Set register rX equal to the integer N (-128 to +127)                |                            |
| <code>addn rX N</code>               | Add integer N (-128 to 127) to register rX                           |                            |
| <code>copy rX rY</code>              | Set $rX = rY$  | <code>mov</code>           |
| <b>Arithmetic</b>                    |  |                            |
| <code>add rX rY rZ</code>            | Set $rX = rY + rZ$   |                            |
| <code>sub rX rY rZ</code>            | Set $rX = rY - rZ$   |                            |
| <code>neg rX rY</code>               | Set $rX = -rY$   |                            |
| <code>mul rX rY rZ</code>            | Set $rX = rY * rZ$   |                            |
| <code>div rX rY rZ</code>            | Set $rX = rY / rZ$ (integer division; no remainder)                  |                            |
| <code>mod rX rY rZ</code>            | Set $rX = rY \% rZ$ (returns the remainder of integer division)      |                            |
| <b>Jumps!</b>                        |  |                            |
| <code>jumpn N</code>                 | Set program counter to address N                                     |                            |
| <code>jumpr rX</code>                | Set program counter to address in rX                                 | <code>jump</code>          |
| <code>jeqzn rX N</code>              | If $rX == 0$ , then jump to line N                                   | <code>jeqz</code>          |
| <code>jnezn rX N</code>              | If $rX != 0$ , then jump to line N                                   | <code>jnez</code>          |
| <code>jgtzn rX N</code>              | If $rX > 0$ , then jump to line N                                    | <code>jgtz</code>          |
| <code>jltzn rX N</code>              | If $rX < 0$ , then jump to line N                                    | <code>jltz</code>          |
| <code>calln rX N</code>              | Copy the next address into rX and then jump to mem. addr. N          | <code>call</code>          |
| <b>Interacting with memory (RAM)</b> |  |                            |
| <code>loadn rX N</code>              | Load register rX with the contents of memory address N               |                            |
| <code>storen rX N</code>             | Store contents of register rX into memory address N                  |                            |
| <code>loadr rX rY</code>             | Load register rX with data from the address location held in reg. rY | <code>loadi, load</code>   |
| <code>storer rX rY</code>            | Store contents of register rX into memory address held in reg. rY    | <code>storei, store</code> |

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