# CSEE 3827: Fundamentals of Computer Systems, Spring 2022

Lecture 7

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#### Agenda (P&H 2.1-2.8, 2.10)

- Instruction Set Architecture (RISC / MIPS)
- CPU + Memory in MIPS overview
- CPU
  - · conceptual view of control
  - · registers in the register file
- Memory
  - Addressing in MIPS (multiple-of-4 rule)
- Instruction Types
  - Memory Movement, Data Manipulation, Jump and Branch
- Instruction Formats
- Memory Organization: Heap and Stack
- Procedure Calls

New Book = some same stuff, new notation!!

## RISC & MIPS

#### RISC machines

- RISC = **R**educed **I**nstruction **S**et **C**omputer
- MIPS (Microprocessor without Interlocked Pipeline Stages) is a specific RISC architecture we use from now on (used in the P&H book)
- MIPS (and other RISC architectures) are "load-store" architectures, meaning all operations performed only on operands in registers. (The only instructions that access memory are loads and stores)
- Alternative to CISC (Complex Instruction Set Computer) where operations are significantly more complex.

#### "Parts" of a program from a code perspective

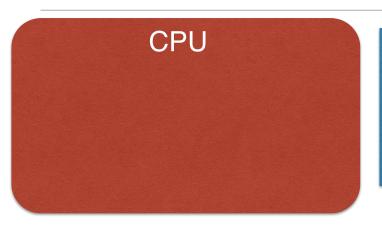
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while (save[i] == k)
    i += 1;
```

#### C code

- C code has various "parts" that play different roles
  - "State": variable i, k, array save[], also stores the C-code itself
  - "Operation":
    - compare values to make decisions on what to do next (save[i] == k)
    - make a change to some "state": i += 1
  - "Control": "while" command says "stay in this loop". Also if/then, for, etc.
- Low level (assembly/machine code) also has these various "parts", and using them requires a lot more familiarity and involvement



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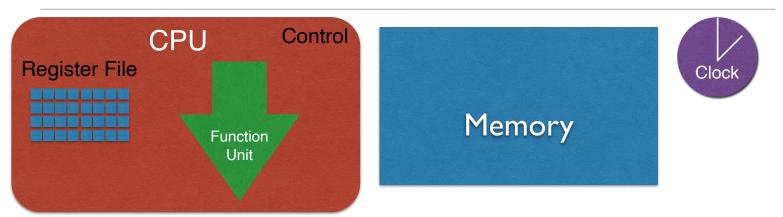




#### Memory

- Hardware consists of:
  - CPU: Control Processing Unit: The "brain" of the computer (state, control, perform operations)
  - Memory: (State only) stores program and additional (program) data
  - Clock: creates clock cycles that the computer uses to execute programs (i.e., in MIPS, an instruction takes a clock cycle to complete)

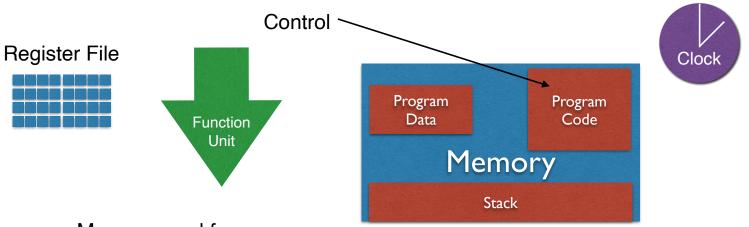
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#### · CPU:

- Control: tracks instruction (i.e., line of code to execute) for current clock cycle
- Function Unit: input → function unit → output (output "lost" as soon as inputs changed, no storage)
- Register File: collection of registers (state holding data actively worked on)
  - values in registers fed into function unit (as input)
  - results out of function unit stored back in registers (output)
  - Registers maintain values until changed (over several clock cycles)

#### Use of Memory

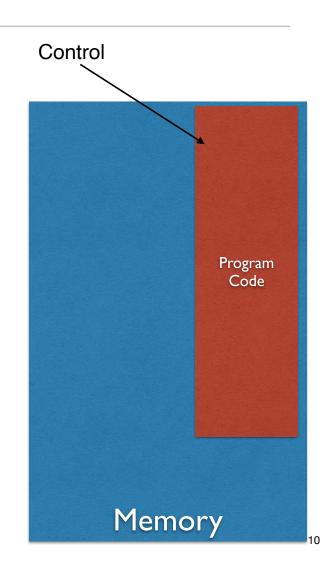


- Memory used for:
  - storing program code (executable)
  - storing program data
  - stack (to be discussed later)

### Control

#### Hardware: Control

- Keeps track of what part of program is currently executing
- Each clock cycle, control points (in memory) to an instruction
- Instruction pointed to in that clock cycle performed (executed)
- Control moves to next instruction for next clock cycle
- Special instructions can move control (i.e., to do loops, branches, etc.)

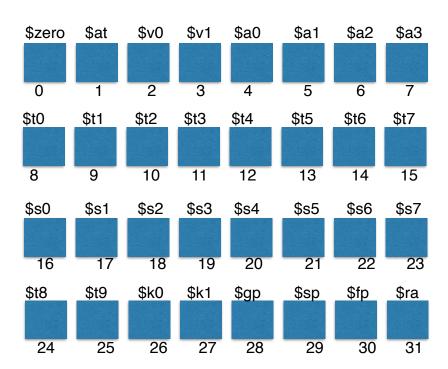


# Registers and Register File

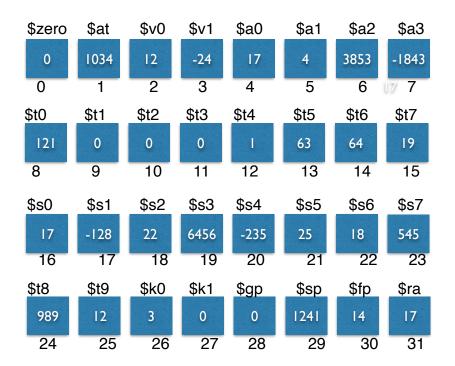
#### Hardware Component: Registers

- Collection of all registers called the Register File
- Each register can hold a word (wordsize # of bits) of data (over several clock cycles)
- Each register has a unique name (e.g., in MIPS: \$s0, \$s1, \$t1, \$sp, etc.)
- Computations can be performed on values in registers, e.g.,
  - Add the words in registers \$s0 and \$s1, store the resulting word in \$s2
  - Logically AND the word in register \$s0 with the constant 15, store result in \$s0
- · Values can be moved from memory to registers and back again, e.g.,
  - Load (copy-to-register) the word at memory location 4040 into register \$s0
  - Store (copy-to-memory) the word in register \$s1 into memory location
     4000
  - Registers are special memories whose data can be processed
  - Kind of like (temporary) variables in a program

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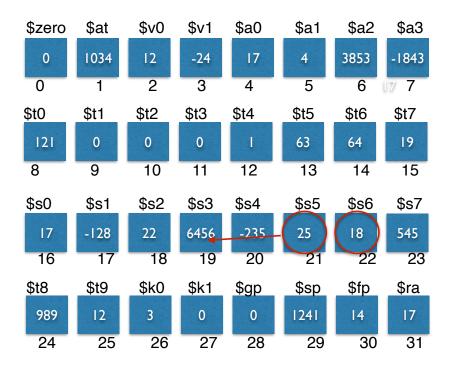
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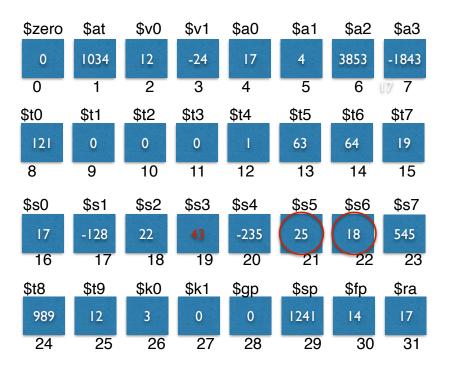


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next clock cycle: \$s3 storing 43

#### Complete List (not important for course)

Register name	Number	Usage	
\$zero	0	constant 0	
\$at	1	reserved for assembler (e.g., used by some multi-step pseudo-instruc	
\$v0	2	expression evaluation and results of a function	
\$v1	3	expression evaluation and results of a function	
\$a0	4	argument 1	
\$a1	5	argument 2	
\$a2	6	argument 3	
\$a3	7	argument 4	
\$t0	8	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t1	9	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t2	10	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t3	(11)	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t4	12	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t5	13	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t6	14	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t7	15	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$s0	16	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$s1	17	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
<b>\$</b> \$\$2	(18')	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$s3	19	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$s4	20	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$\$5	21	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$56	22	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$s7	23	saved temporary (preserved across call)	
\$t8	24	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$t9	25	temporary (not preserved across call)	
\$k0	26	reserved for OS kernel	
\$k1	27	reserved for OS kernel	
\$gp	28	pointer to global area	
\$sp	29	stack pointer	
\$fp	30	frame pointer	
\$ra	31	return address (used by function call)	

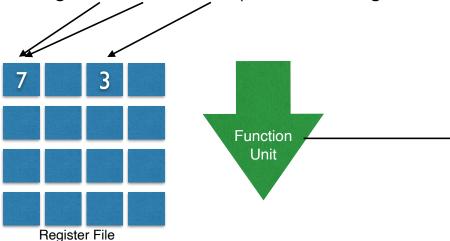
FIGURE B.6.1 MIPS registers and usage convention.

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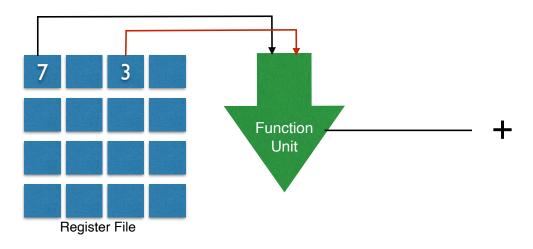
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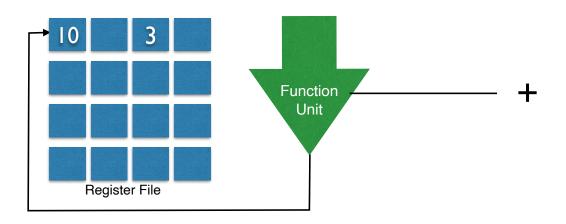
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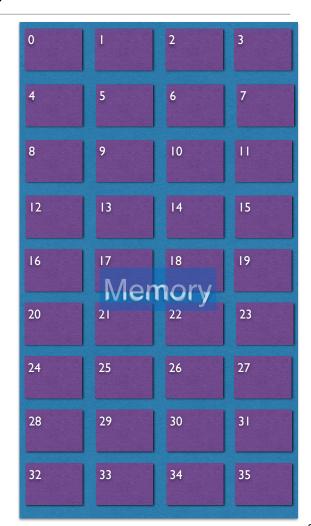
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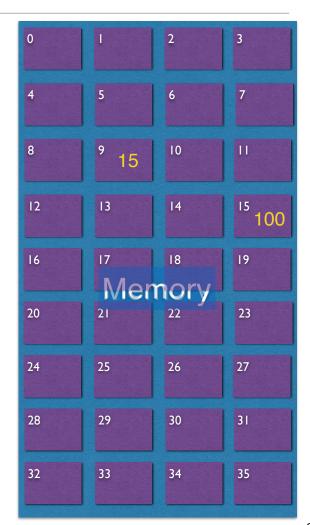
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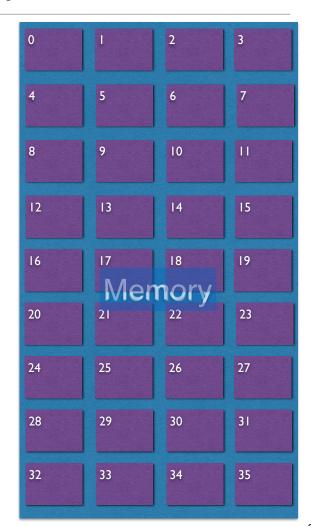
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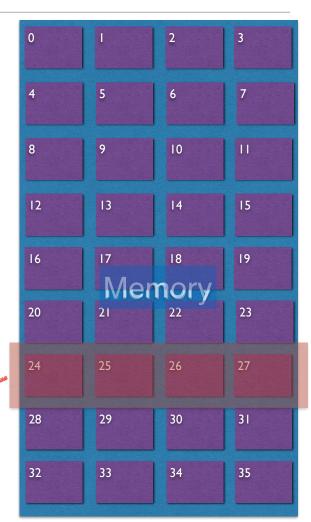
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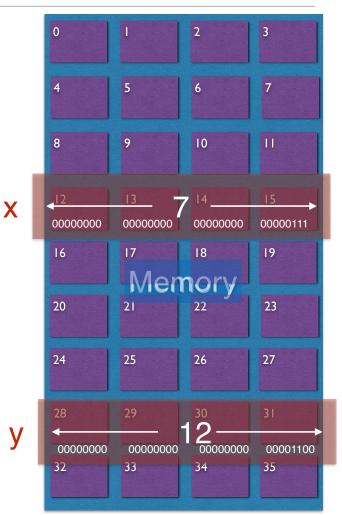
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#### Pointers (in C) and accessing memory in MIPS

- int x = 7;
  - x is a variable. It's value is stored somewhere in memory (or maybe a register)
- int \*y = &x;
  - y is a pointer, pointing to (the address of) x. The value in y is the address where x's data is stored
  - y = 12 in this example
  - y is also a variable, and is stored somewhere in memory (or in a register), in this case, at address 28.



#### Memory v. Register in MIPS

Attribute	Memory	Register
Quantity	$2^{32}$ bytes = $2^{30}$ words	32 registers in total
Functionality	Store to and Load from only	Load, Store, Math ops, etc.
Cost per word	Low	High
Speed to access	Slow	Fast

# Instruction Set Arch

(ISA)

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   — 32-bit program counter

#### Code

- A series of instructions that tells the function unit how to move and manipulate data
- High level language code:
  - e.g., C, C++, Java, Python, etc.
  - Portable: Divorced from architecture (as much as possible)
  - human-friendly
  - Compiled (e.g., C, C++, Java) or interpreted (Python) into low level language
- Low level language code:
  - e.g., MIPS, x86
  - Dependent on architecture (talking directly to the arch, not portable)
  - a lot less human friendly

#### Assembly Code vs. Machine Code

- A low-level language instruction has two forms: Assembly and Machine
  - Assembly: human-readable form, e.g., add \$t1, \$s0, \$s2
    - says take values in registers s0 and s2, add them together, store result in register t1
  - Machine: a word (32 bits in MIPS) that is actually stored in memory that fully describes the instruction
    - e.g., add \$t1, \$s0, \$s2 is 00000010 00110010 01000000 001000000 in binary or 02 32 40 20 in hex
- An assembler is software that converts a text file of assembly code (instructions) into a binary file of machine code
  - very straightforward (trivial) process: each instruction converts quite easily
  - One "smart" thing assembler does is permit labels for branches and jumps (discussed more later).

#### Assembly Program

- An Assembly program is a collection of instructions
- Each instruction might do several of the following:
  - Read from register file, from memory, or read in a constant
  - Perform an operation (e.g., +, -, &, |, comparison)
  - Write to register file or memory
  - "Jump" in the program control: decide which instruction should be next (e.g., like a GOTO)
- Complex operations are performed via sequences of instructions

## Programming in MIPS

#### An example Program in MIPS: Factorial(n)

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#### C code

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                      # test for n < 1
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   addi $sp, $sp, 8
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   jr
        $ra
                       # and return
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                       # recursive call
   jal
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Parameters that the instruction applies its operation to.

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Labels: used for control-oriented instructions (jumps and branches)

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                          # adjust stack for 2 items
         $ra, 4($sp)
                          # save return address
    SW
         $a0, 0($sp)
                          # save argument
    SW
    slti $t0, $a0, 1
                          # test for n < 1
         $t0, $zero, L1
    beg
    addi $v0, $zero, 1
                          # if so, result is 1
                              pop 2 items from stack
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
    jr
         $ra
                              and return
L1: addi $a0, $a0, -1
                          # else decrement n
    ial
         fact
                          # recursive call
         $a0, 0($sp)
                          # restore original n
    lw
         $ra, 4($sp)
                              and return address
    lw
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
                          # pop 2 items from stack
    mul
         $v0, $a0, $v0
                          # multiply to get result
                          # and return
         $ra
    jr
```



```
int fact(int n) {
    if (n < 1) return 1;
    else return (n * fact(n - 1));
}</pre>
```

#### C code

Instructions
that transfer
between
register and
main memory

```
fact:
    addi $sp, $sp, -8
                         # adjust stack for 2 items
        $ra, 4($sp)
                         # save return address
    SW
        $a0, 0($sp)
                         # save argument
    SW
    slti $t0, $a0, 1
                         # test for n < 1
   beq $t0, $zero, L1
    addi $v0, $zero, 1
                         # if so, result is 1
                             pop 2 items from stack
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
    jr
        $ra
                             and return
L1: addi $a0, $a0, -1
                         # else decrement n
        fact
    jal
                         # recursive call
        $a0, 0($sp)
                         # restore original n
    lw
        $ra, 4($sp)
                             and return address
    lw
   addi $sp, $sp, 8
                         # pop 2 items from stack
   mul
        $v0, $a0, $v0
                         # multiply to get result
                         # and return
         $ra
    jr
```



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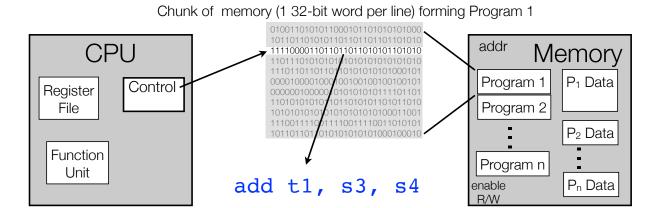
#### C code

Labels and
"Jump/branch"
Instructions that
affect control (i.e.,
determine which
instruction comes next)

```
fact:
    addi $sp, $sp, -8
                         # adjust stack for 2 items
        $ra, 4($sp)
                         # save return address
    SW
        $a0, 0($sp)
                         # save argument
    SW
    slti $t0, $a0, 1
                         # test for n < 1
        $t0, $zero, L1
   beg
    addi $v0, $zero, 1
                         # if so, result is 1
   addi $sp, $sp, 8
                             pop 2 items from stack
   ir
        $ra
                             and return
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                         # else decrement n
        fact
   jal
                         # recursive call
                         # restore original n
    lw
        $a0, 0($sp)
        $ra, 4($sp)
                             and return address
    lw
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
                         # pop 2 items from stack
   mul
        $v0, $a0, $v0
                         # multiply to get result
                         # and return
        $ra
    jr
```

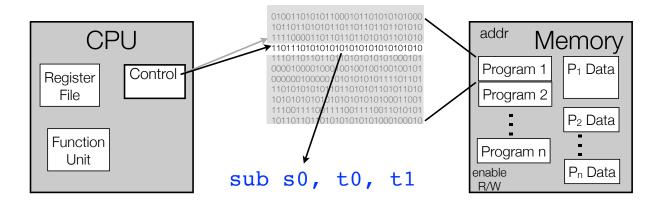


## Simple View of ISA



- Control: points to the "current" instruction in memory and interprets it for execution
- Instruction then tells CPU what to do, e.g.,
  - "add values in registers s3 and s4 together, store result in register t1"
  - This example instruction
    - · uses register file and function unit
    - does not read or write data from/to (main) memory

## Simple View of ISA



 Normal control movement: Unless instruction specifies otherwise, after performing instruction, control moves to the next word in the memory (closest larger address) to get next instruction

# Instruction Types

## Instruction Types

- 4 basic types of instructions:
  - Affect State (values in registers, memory):
    - Memory Access: Move data to/from memory from/to registers
    - Arithmetic/Logic: Perform (via functional unit) computation on data in registers (and store result in a register)
  - Affect Control (which instruction is next to be processed):
    - Jump / Jump Subroutine / Jump return: direct control to a different part of the program (not next word in memory)
    - Conditional branch: test values in registers. If test returns true, move

## Instructions of interest (Arithmetic/Logic)

#### rd, rs, rt are registers; const, shamt are constants

- add rd, rs, rt rd = rs+rt
- addi rt, rs, const rt = rs+const
- and rd, rs, rt rd = rs & rt
- or rd, rs, rt
- sll rd, rt, shamt rd = rt << shamt
- sub rd, rs, rt rd = rs rt
- xor rd, rs, rt  $rd = rs \oplus rt$
- lui rt, const (load upr 16 bits of rt)
- slt rd, rs, rt (rd = 1 iff rs < rt, else 0)
- slti rt, rs, const (rt = 1 iff rs<const else 0)

- addu rd, rs, rt (unsigned)
- addiu rt, rs, const (unsigned)
- · andi rt, rs, const
- · ori rt, rs, const
- srl rd, rt, shamt rd = rt >> shamt

xori rt, rs, const

- sltu rd, rs, rt (unsigned)
- sltui rt, rs, const (unsigned)

## Immediate Operands

Constant data encoded in an instruction

No subtract immediate instruction, just use the negative constant



## MIPS Logical Operations

Instructions for bitwise manipulation

Logical operations	C operators	Java operators	MIPS instructions
Shift left	<<	<<	sll
Shift right	>>	>>>	srl
Bit-by-bit AND	&	&	and, andi
Bit-by-bit OR			or, ori
Bit-by-bit NOT	~	~	nor

**FIGURE 2.8 C and Java logical operators and their corresponding MIPS instructions.** MIPS implements NOT using a NOR with one operand being zero. Copyright © 2009 Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.

Useful for inserting and extracting groups of bits in a word



## The Constant (Register) Zero

- MIPS register 0 (\$zero) is the constant 0
- \$zero cannot be overwritten
- Useful for many operations, for example, a move between two registers



## **AND Operations**

- example: and \$t0, \$t1, \$t2 # \$t0 = \$t1 & \$t2
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- example: or \$t0, \$t1, \$t2 # \$t0 = \$t1 | \$t2
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## **NOT Operations**

Useful to invert bits in a word

MIPS has 3 operand NOR instruction, used to compute NOT

• example: nor \$t0, \$t1, \$zero # \$t0 = ~\$t1

```
$t1: 0000 0000 0000 0000 1101 1100 0000
$t0: 1111 1111 1111 1111 0010 0011 1111
```



## Instructions of interest (control: jump and branch)

rd, rt, rsrc1, rsrc2 are registers address is of form C[r] where C is const, r is register target, label are labels

- beq rs, rt, label (rs==rt -> goto label)
- bgtz rs, label (rs > 0)
- j target (jump to label target)
- jalr rs, rd (jump and rd = return addr)

- bne rs, rt, label (rs!=rt -> goto label)
- bgez rs, label (rs >=0)
- jal target (jump with ability to return)
- jr ra (jump return to address in ra)

## Instructions of interest (memory)

rd, rt, rsrc1, rsrc2 are registers address is of form C[r] where C is const, r is register target, label are labels

```
lw rt, const(rs): rt = mem[(val in rs+const) (transfer mem->reg)
```

• sw rt, const(rs): mem[(val in rs+const)=rt (transfer reg->mem)

# Examples translating C to MIPS

## Arithmetic Example 1

$$f = (g + h) - (i + j);$$

C code



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$$f = (g + h) - (i + j);$$

C code

## Assume following registers hold corresponding variables:

g:\$s1

h: \$s2

i:\$s3

j:\$s4

f: \$s0



## Arithmetic Example 1

Assume following registers hold corresponding variables:

g:\$s1 h:\$s2 i:\$s3 i:\$s4

f: \$s0

```
add $t0, $s1, $s2  # temp $t0=g+h
add $t1, $s3, $s4  # temp $t1=i+j
sub $s0, $t0, $t1  # f = $t0-$t1
```

#### **Compiled MIPS**

In MIPS, instruction line can be followed by comments (following "#")



```
int x;
unsigned int y;
float z;
int *p;
float *q;
```



```
int x;
unsigned int y;
float z;
int *p;
float *q;
} Pointers to memory
```



```
int x;
unsigned int y;
float z;
int *p;
float *q;
```

In MIPS, these are all 32-bit values



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int x;
unsigned int y;
float z;
int *p;
float *q;
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In MIPS, these are all 32-bit values

Each could be stored in a register or in a word of memory



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C code



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A[0] = 7

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A[2] = 35

A[3] = 0

A[]	Mem Addr	stored	
A[0] = 7			
A[1] = -1			
A[2] = 35			
A[3] = 0		_	1

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A[2] = 35	1008-1011	0000100011
A[3] = 0	1012-1015	0000

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### C code

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\$s3 = 1000 (base address	3)
\$s3 + 0: address of A[0]	
\$s3 + 4: address of A[1]	
\$s3 + 8: address of A[2]	
\$s3 + 4i: address of A[i]	

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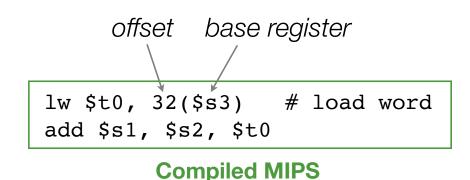
- Recall memory operations: load (read from men) and store (write to mem)
  - MIPS Can only read from or write to memory
  - We only consider memory operations that transfer whole words (4) bytes)
  - Read: lw rt, const(rs): rt = mem[(val in rs+const) (transfer mem->reg)
  - Write: sw rt, const(rs): mem[(val in rs+const)=rt (transfer reg->mem)



Assume: Non-array variables stored in registers, arrays stored in main memory (but the location in memory of the array stored in a register)

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$$A[12] = h + A[8];$$

C code



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### C code

Assume h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3

index = 8 requires offset of 32 (8 items x 4 bytes per word) index = 12 requires offset of 48 (12 items x 4 bytes per word)



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### C code

h in \$s2, base address of A in \$s3

index = 8 requires offset of 32 (8 items x 4 bytes per word) index = 12 requires offset of 48 (12 items x 4 bytes per word)

```
lw $t0, 32($s3)  # load word
add $t0, $s2, $t0
sw $t0, 48($s3)  # store word
```



## Conditional Operations

- Branch to a labeled instruction if a condition is true
  - Otherwise, continue sequentially
- Instruction labeled with colon e.g.
   L1: add \$t0, \$t1, \$t2
- Labels permit assembler to move code within memory: fixed values are determined (by the assembler) during compilation process
- beq \$rs, \$rt, L1 # if (rs==rt) branch to instr labeled L1
- bne \$rs, \$rt, L1 # if (rs!=rt) branch to instr labeled L1
- j L1 # unconditional jump to instr labeled L1



# Examples with Conditionals/Branches

```
if (i == j)
    f = g+h
else
    f = g-h
```

### C code

- Assume f is in \$s0, g is in \$s1, h is in \$s2, i is in \$s3, j is in \$s4
- The assembler calculates the addresses corresponding to the labels



```
if (i == j)
    f = g+h
else
    f = g-h
```

### C code

```
bne $s3, $s4, Else
add $s0, $s1, $s2
j Exit
Else:
  sub $s0, $s1, $s2
Exit:
```

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    Exit:
```

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# if (i == j) f = g+h else f = g-h C code

### Label naming up to coder

```
bne $s3, $s4, Zpxyz
add $s0, $s1, $s2
j Yaya
Zpxyz:
sub $s0, $s1, $s2
Yaya:
```

- Assume f is in \$s0, g is in \$s1, h is in \$s2, i is in \$s3, j is in \$s4
- The assembler calculates the addresses corresponding to the labels



### Leading with bne best matches C code (why?)

```
bne $s3, $s4, Else
  add $s0, $s1, $s2
  j Exit
Else:
  sub $s0, $s1, $s2
  Exit:
```

- Assume f is in \$s0, g is in \$s1, h is in \$s2, i is in \$s3, j is in \$s4
- The assembler calculates the addresses corresponding to the labels when assembly code stored in memory (more on this later...)



```
while (save[i] == k)
    i += 1;
    C code
```

Assume i is in \$\$3, k is in \$\$4, address of save in \$\$5



```
while (save[i] == k)
i += 1;
C code
```

```
Loop:
sll $t1, $s3, 2
add $t1, $t1, $s5
lw $t0, 0($t1)
bne $t0, $s4, Exit
addi $s3, $s3, 1
j Loop
Exit:
```

### **Compiled MIPS**

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addi $s3, $s3, 1
j Loop
Exit:
```

### **Compiled MIPS**

Assume i is in \$\$3, k is in \$\$4, address of save in \$\$5

Suppose save[0] stored at address 10,000. Then \$s5 = 10,000

Suppose i = 5, then \$s3 = 5, and save[i] = save[5] @ address 10,020



```
while (save[i] == k)
    i += 1;
    C code
```

```
$s3 = 5
Loop:
                           $t1 = 20
  sll $t1, $s3, 2
                          $t1 = 10,020
  add $t1, $t1, $s5
  lw $t0, 0($t1) ←
                          put value in
                          Imem @
 bne $t0, $s4, Exit
                          address
  addi $s3, $s3, 1
                          10,020 into
                          $t0
  j Loop
Exit:
```

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# More Conditional Operations

Set result to 1 if a condition is true

Use in combination with beg or bne

```
slt $t0, $s1, $s2  # if ($s1 < $s2)
bne $t0, $zero, L  # branch to L</pre>
```



# Branch Instruction Design

- Why not blt, bge, etc.?
- Hardware for <, >= etc. is slower than for = and !=
  - Combining with a branch involves more work per instruction, requiring a slower clock
  - All instructions would be "penalized" by slower clock because of this
- As beq and bne are the common case, this is a good compromise



# Signed v. Unsigned

- Signed comparison: slt, slti
- Unsigned comparison: sltu, sltui
- Example:

```
slt $t0, $s0, $s1 # signed: -1 < 1 thus $t0=1
sltu $t0, $s0, $s1 # unsigned: 4,294,967,295 > 1 thus $t0=0
```



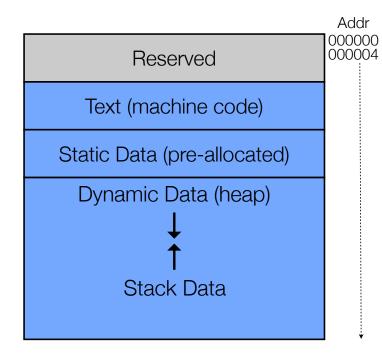
# Using Memory:

The Stack and stack pointer (\$sp)

Program Counter (\$pc)

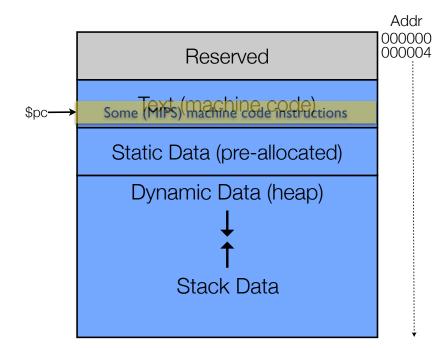
# Memory Usage

- To be consistent with book, in this picture, higher addresses more toward top
- Memory has several uses
  - Reserved: space reserved for ?
  - Text/Code: where the program instructions are stored
  - Static data: pre-allocated memory
  - Dynamic data: data that can be allocated during runtime
  - Stack data: special stack structure useful for procedure calls



# Memory Pointers: program counter (\$pc)

- Program counter \$pc "points" to a memory address
- \$pc is not in the register file (special external register)
- The value \$pc holds during a clock cycle is the memory address of the current instruction to be processed (by the microprocessor)



```
while (save[i] == k)
i += 1;
```

### C code



### Mem Addr

```
Loop:
40,000 sll $t1, $s3, 2
40,004 add $t1, $t1, $s5
40,008 lw $t0, 0($t1)
40,012 bne $t0, $s4, Exit
40,016 addi $s3, $s3, 1
40,020 j Loop
Exit:
40,024 addi ....
```



```
while (save[i] == k)
                         Mem Addr
    i += 1;
                              Loop:
        C code
                         40,000 sll $t1, $s3, 2
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                         40,008 lw $t0, 0($t1)
    $pc
                         40,012 bne $t0, $s4, Exit
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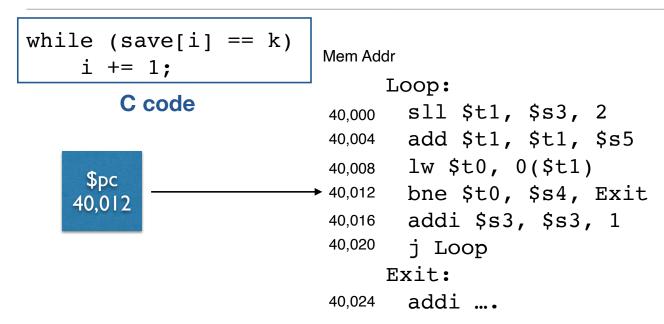


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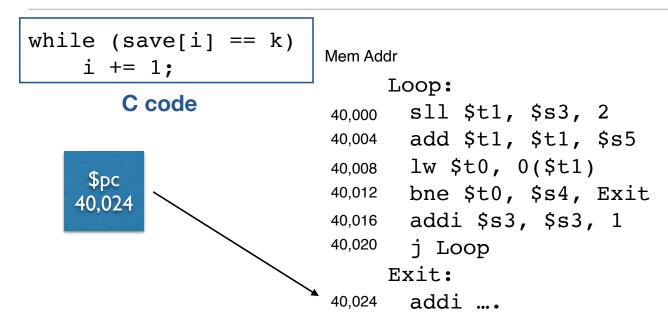
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                         40,020
                                j Loop
                              Exit:
                         40,024
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```





Value of \$pc for next clock cycle depends on outcome of bne instruction Let's assume the condition holds true (\$t0≠\$s4) so code branches to Exit label...



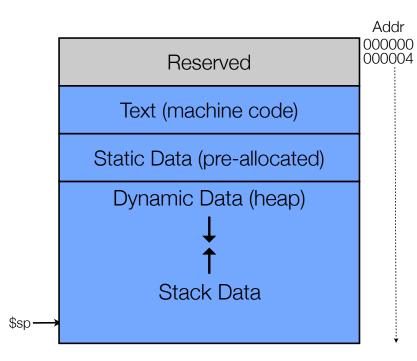


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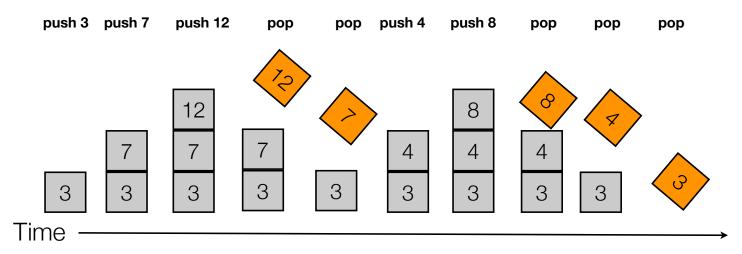
# Memory Pointers

- Special registers (e.g., stack pointer \$sp) "point" to memory address
- When "\$sp points to address A" we mean
  - The value stored in \$sp is A
  - We access the word in memory "pointed to" by \$sp by sending the value in \$sp to the address selector of memory
- Program counter (\$pc) (indicates current instruction to execute) is also a memory pointer



# Stack: Conceptual view

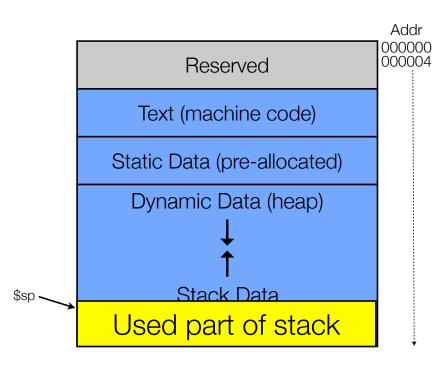
- Stack is a storage construct:
  - A new data item (word) is pushed onto the stack
  - Data items (words) can then be popped off the stack in the reverse order in which they were put on



• e.g., push 3, push 7, push 12, pop (returns 12), pop (returns 7), push 4, push 8, pop (returns 8), pop (returns 4), pop (returns 3)

# Stack implementation in memory

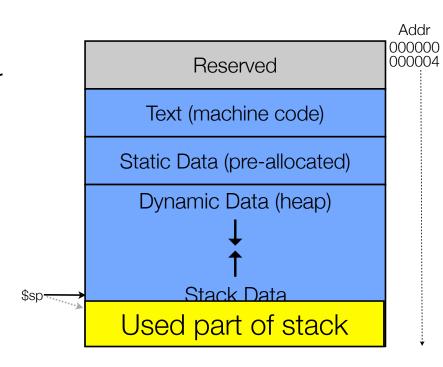
- Pushed word placed at highest available memory address
- Special stack pointer (\$sp) register points to the lowest used address of the stack
- · Push data D:
  - \$sp -= 4;
  - store D in address pointed to by \$sp



e.g., push 59

# Stack implementation in memory

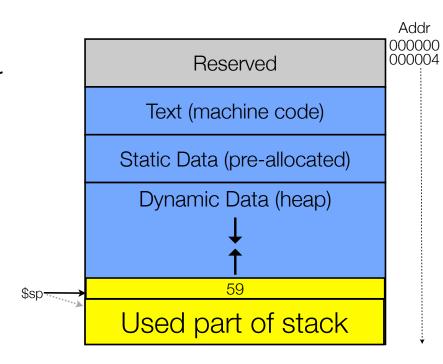
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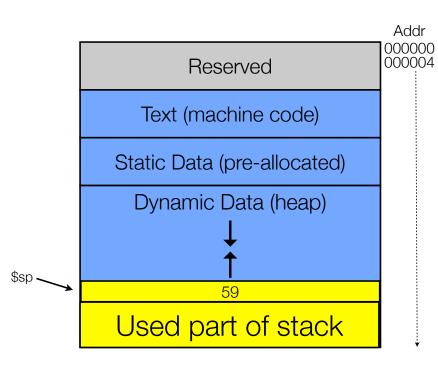
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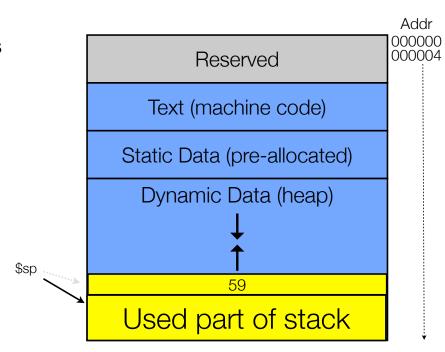
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e.g., push 59

#### Stack implementation in memory

- Pop data D:
  - retrieve data word D in address pointed to by \$sp
  - \$sp += 4;
- Note: data "popped" not explicitly erased from memory
- But will be overwritten next time data is pushed onto stack



e.g., push 59

#### Procedure Calling

- Like function call in C program
  - control "jumps" to subroutine, and returns when complete
  - need to be careful about how "global" and "local" variables (registers) are used
- Steps required:
  - 1. Place parameters in registers
  - 2. Transfer control to procedure
  - 3. Acquire storage for procedure
  - 4. Perform procedure's operations
  - 5. Place result in register for caller
  - 6. Return to place of call



#### Default Register Usage for procedures

- \$a0-\$a3: arguments (procedure can be passed 4 values through registers passing more requires another approach, e.g., use of stack)
- \$v0, \$v1: result values: 2 return values permitted
- \$t0-\$t9: temporaries, can be overwritten by callee
- \$s0-\$s7: contents saved (must be restored by callee)
- \$gp: global pointer for static data
- \$sp: stack pointer
- \$fp: frame pointer: useful as a fixed offset during a procedure to reference dynamic variables (the \$sp might change values over time)
- \$ra: return address
- Note: there is nothing special about these registers' design, only their implied use!!!
  - e.g., could store return value in \$sp if calling and callee program both agreed to do this - just beware of messing up the stack for all other programs if not properly restored

#### Cross-call Data Preservation

 Nothing special about registers (from hardware perspective) - this is just their suggested usage!

Preserved	Not preserved
Saved registers: \$s0-\$s7	Temporary registers: \$t0-\$t9
Stack pointer register: \$sp	Argument registers: \$a0-\$a3
Return address register: \$ra	Return value registers: \$v0-\$v1
Stack above the stack pointer	Stack below the stack pointer

**FIGURE 2.11** What is and what is not preserved across a procedure call. If the software relies on the frame pointer register or on the global pointer register, discussed in the following subsections, they are also preserved. Copyright © 2009 Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.



# Procedure Calls (and using the Stack)

#### Procedure Call Instructions

- Procedure call: jump and link
  - jal ProcedureLabel
    - Address of following instruction put in \$ra
    - Jumps to target address
- Procedure return: jump register
  - jr \$ra
    - copies \$ra to program counter
    - can also be used for computed jumps (e.g., for case/switch statements)
- When used together, jump to routine, and returns to subsequent instruction



# Procedure Example

```
int leaf_example(int g,h,i,j) {
    int f;
    f = (g+h) - (i+j);
    return f+1;
}
```

#### C code

- Arguments g, h, i, j in \$a0 \$a3
- f will (temporarily) go in \$s0 (so will have to save previous contents of \$s0 to stack)
- result (f+1) in \$v0



```
int leaf_example(int g,h,i,j) {
    int f;
    f = (g+h) - (i+j);
    return f+1;
}
```

```
main(){
  int g;
  int f = 20;
  g = leaf_example(3,2,1,0);
  print("%d\n"g+f);
}
```

#### C code

Suppose both main() and leaf\_example store their (different) f variables in register \$s0

- Arguments g, h, i, j in \$a0 \$a3
- f will (temporarily) go in \$s0 (so will have to save previous contents of \$s0 to stack)
- result (f+1) in \$v0



```
int leaf_example(int g,h,i,j) {
   int f;
   f = (g+h) - (i+j);
   return f+1;
}
```

#### C code

leaf_example:
addi \$sp, \$sp, -4
sw \$s0, 0(\$sp)
add \$t0, \$a0, \$a1
add \$t1, \$a2, \$a3
sub \$s0, \$t0, \$t1
addi \$v0, \$s0, 1
lw \$s0, 0(\$sp)
addi \$sp, \$sp, 4
jr \$ra

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save \$s0 on stack
procedure body

result
restore \$s0
return



#### Non-Leaf Procedures

- A non-leaf procedure is a procedure that calls another procedure
- For a nested call, the caller needs to save on the stack:
  - Its return address
  - Any arguments and temporaries needed after the call
- After the call, the caller must restore these values from the stack



```
int main() {
    int x = 5;
    int y = f2(x);
    printf("y is %d\n", y);
}
int f2(int a){
    int x = a+5;
    int y = f3(x);
    return y+x+a;
int f3(int a){
    return a+3;
```

#### C code

Assume any instance of:

- •x stored in \$s0
- y stored in \$s1
- a stored in \$a0 (input param)

Emulate c code as close as possible



```
int main() {
    int x = 5;
    int y = f2(x);
    printf("y is %d\n", y);
}
int f2(int a){
    int x = a+5:
    int y = f3(x);
    return y+x+a;
}
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    return a+3;
```

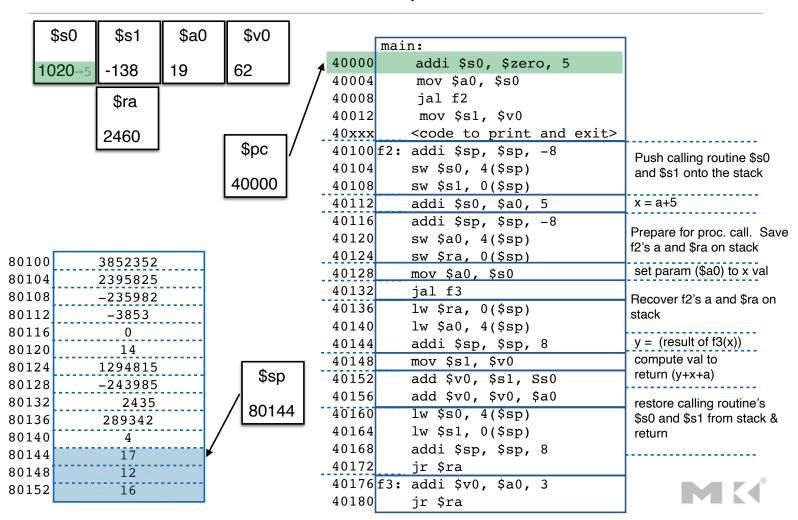
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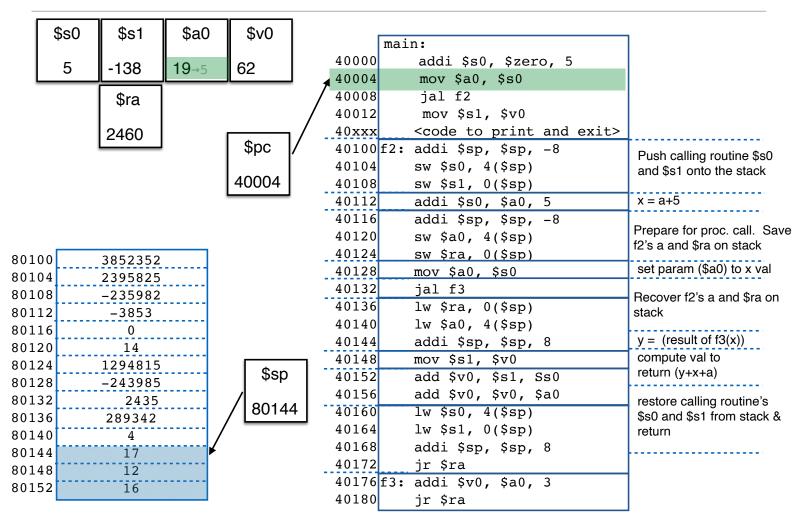
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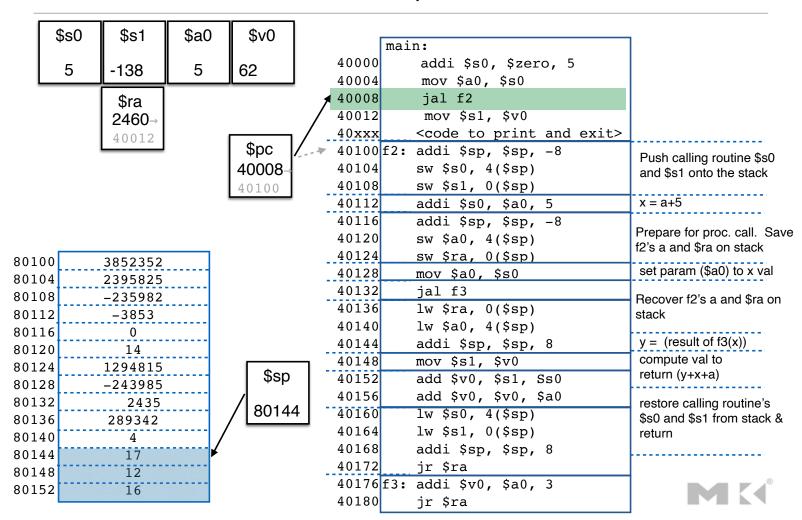
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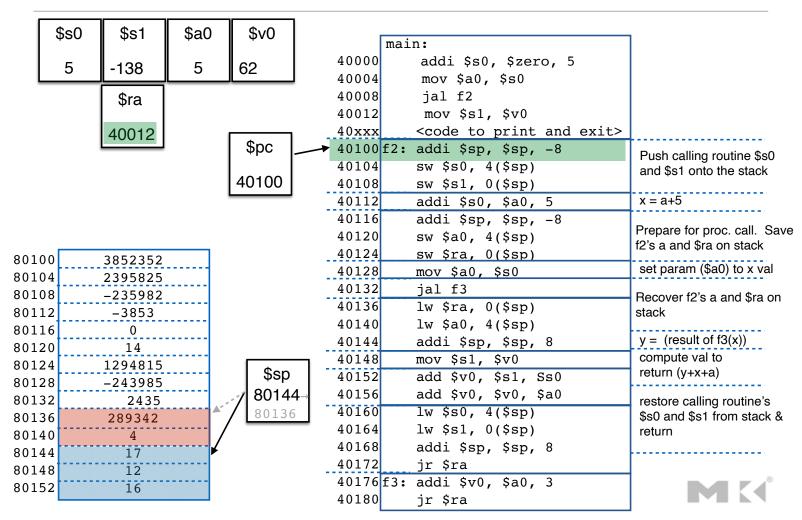
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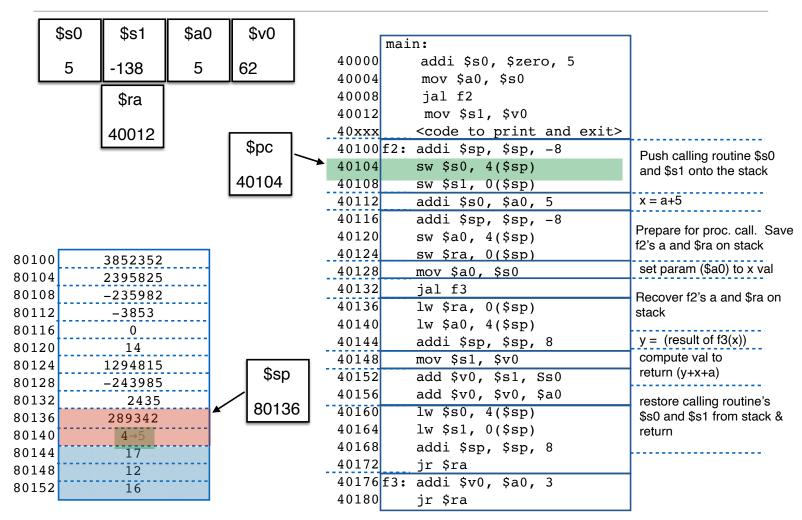
```
main:
     addi $s0, $zero, 5
     mov $a0, $s0
     ial f2
      mov $s1, $v0
    <code to print and exit>
f2: addi $sp, $sp, -8
                                    Push calling routine $s0
    sw $s0, 4($sp)
                                    and $s1 onto the stack
    sw $s1, 0($sp)
    addi $s0, $a0, 5
                                   x = a + 5
    addi $sp, $sp, -8
                                   Prepare for proc. call. Save
    sw $a0, 4($sp)
                                   f2's a and $ra on stack
    sw $ra, 0($sp)
                                   set param ($a0) to x val
    mov $a0, $s0
     ial f3
                                   Recover f2's a and $ra on
    lw $ra, 0($sp)
                                   stack
    lw $a0, 4($sp)
                                   y = (result of f3(x))
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
                                   compute val to
    mov $s1, $v0
                                    return (y+x+a)
    add $v0, $s1, Ss0
    add $v0, $v0, $a0
                                    restore calling routine's
    lw $s0, 4($sp)
                                    $s0 and $s1 from stack &
    lw $s1, 0($sp)
                                    return
    addi $sp, $sp, 8
     jr $ra
f3: addi $v0, $a0, 3
     jr $ra
```

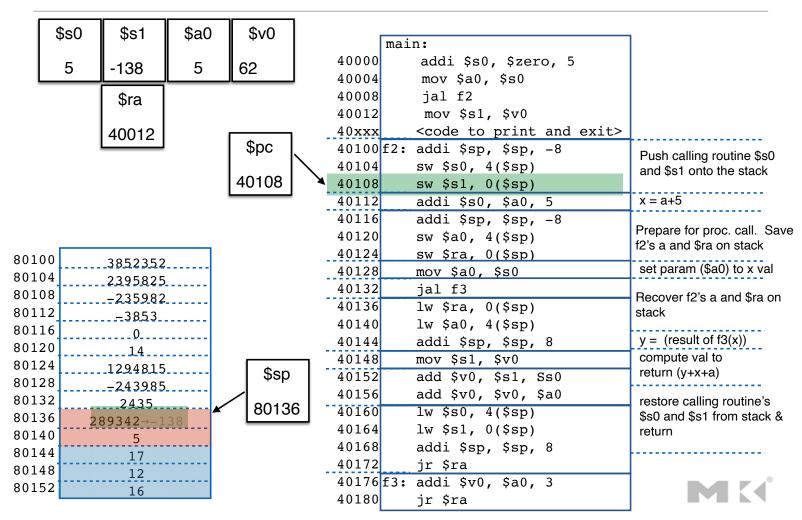


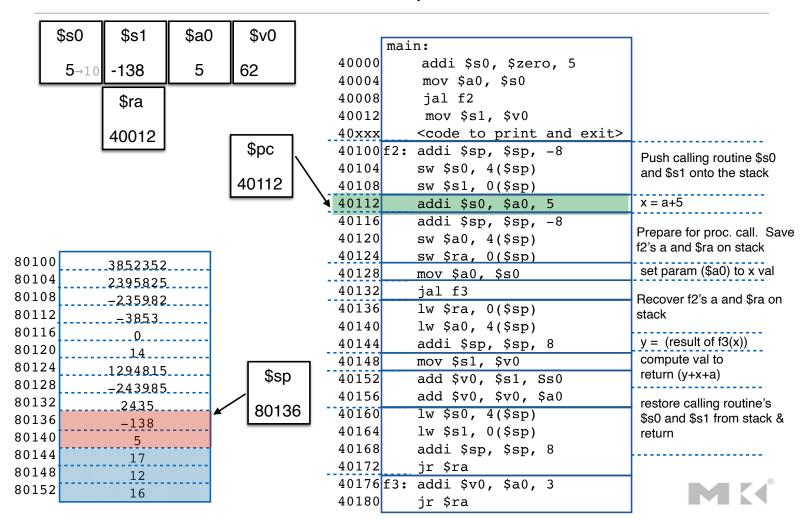


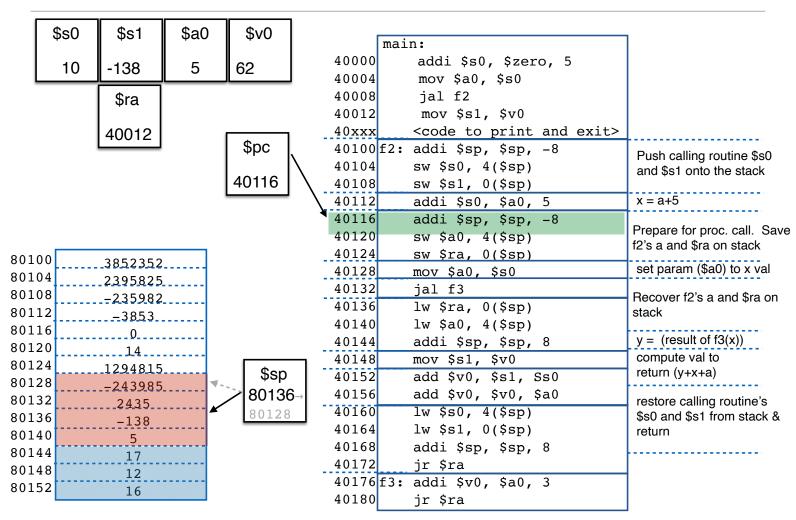


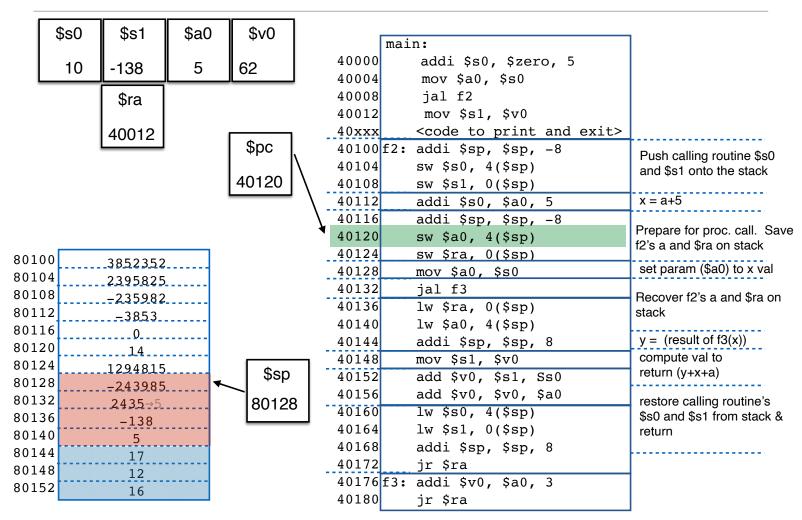


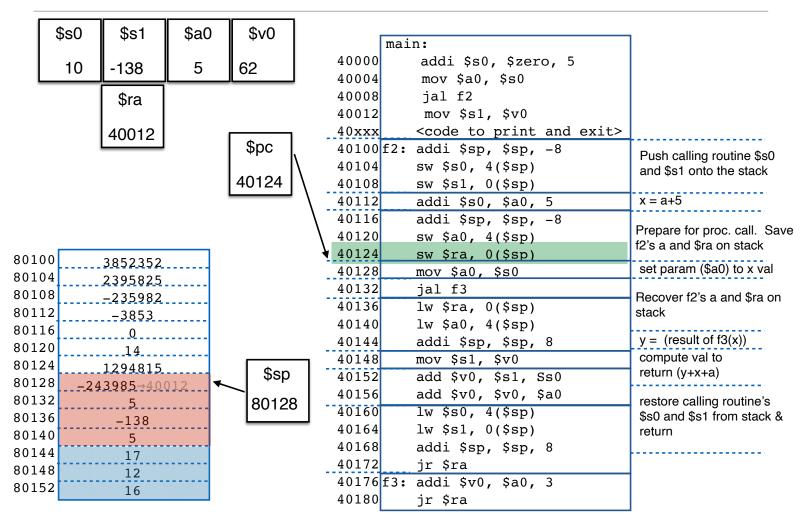


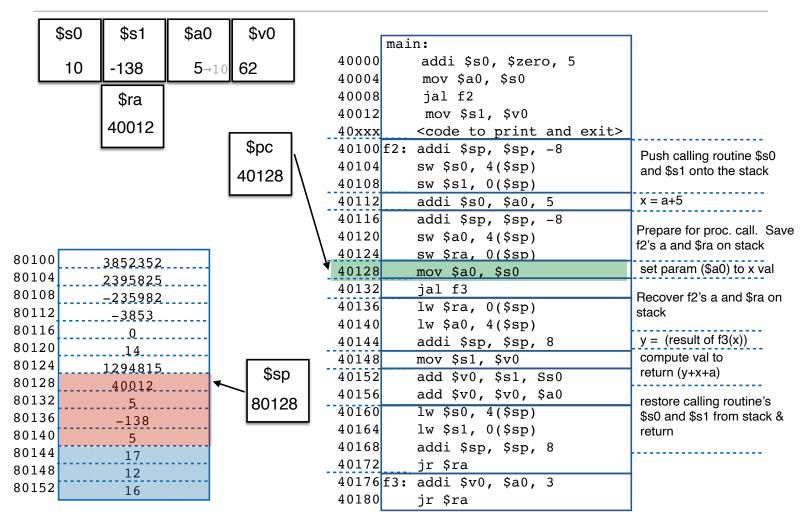


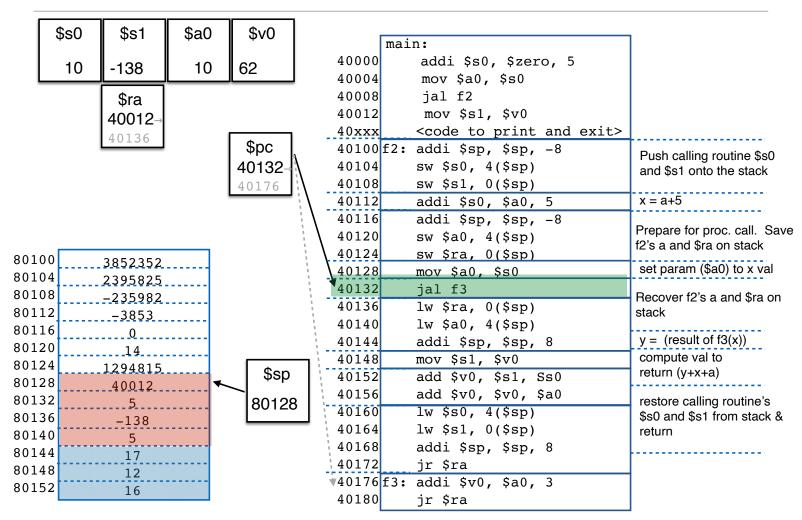


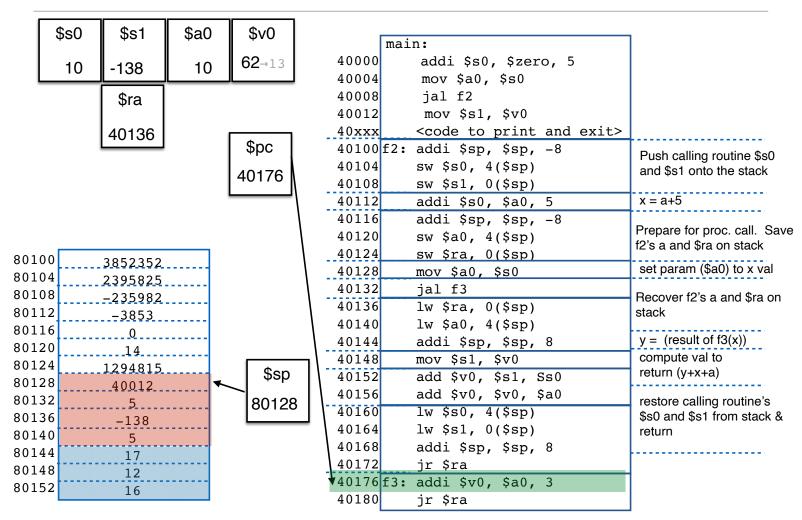


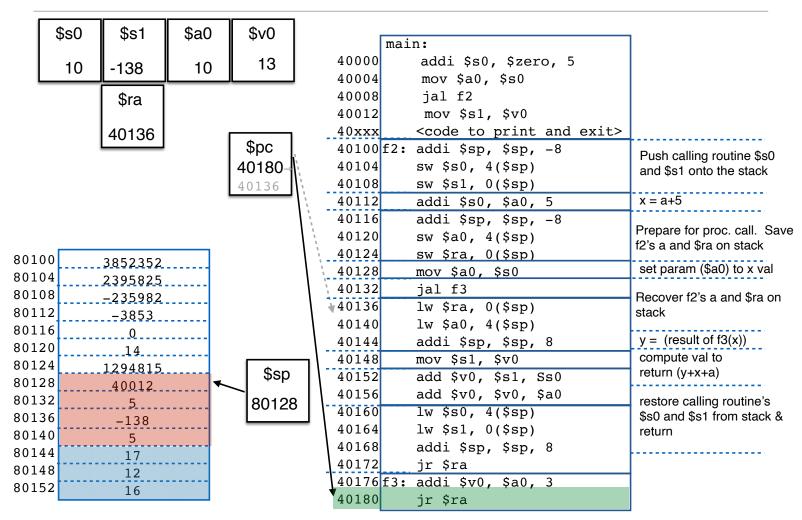


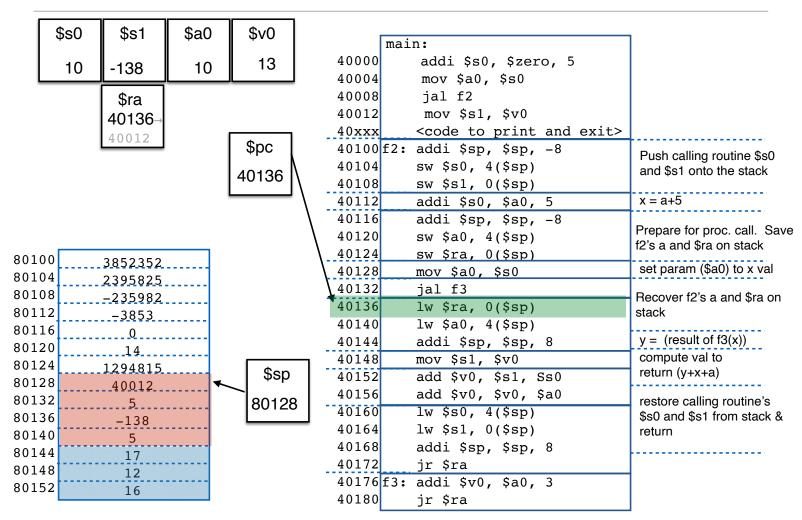


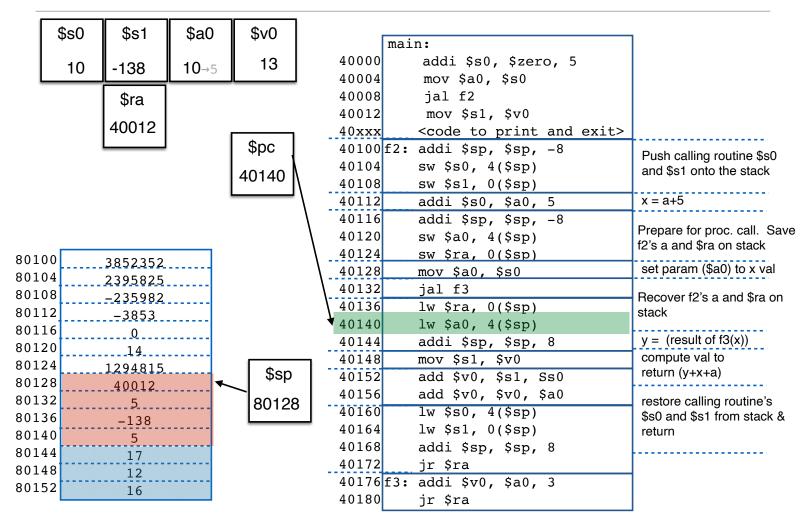


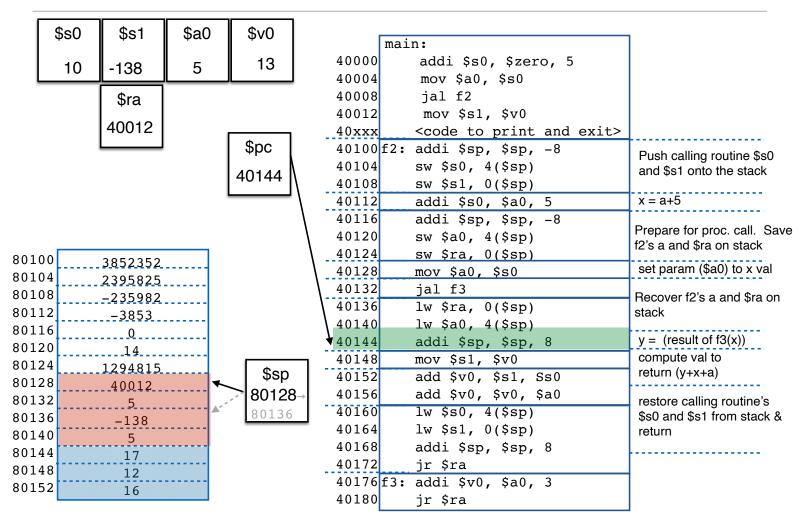


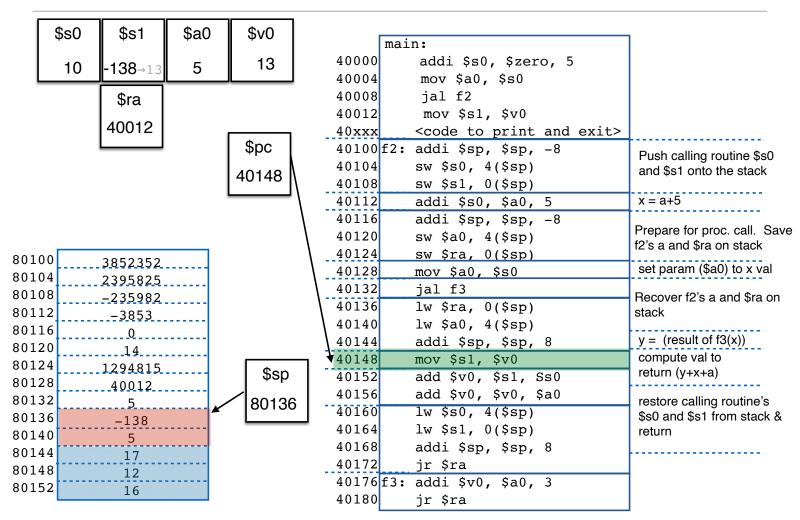


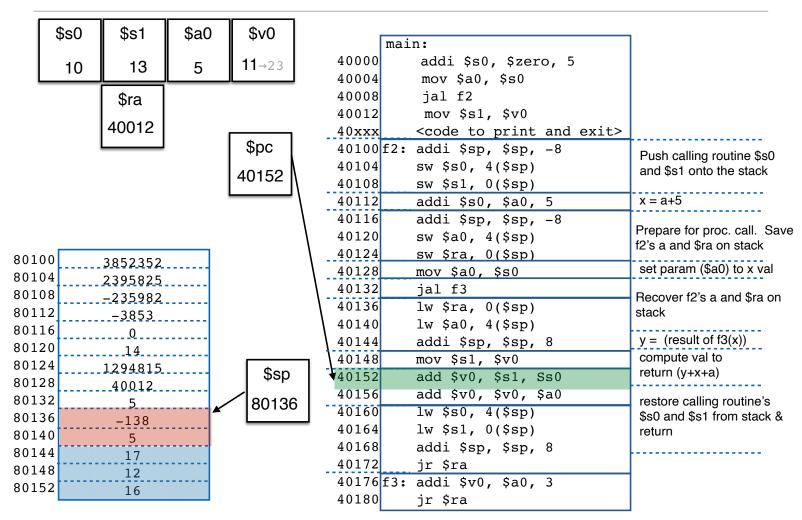


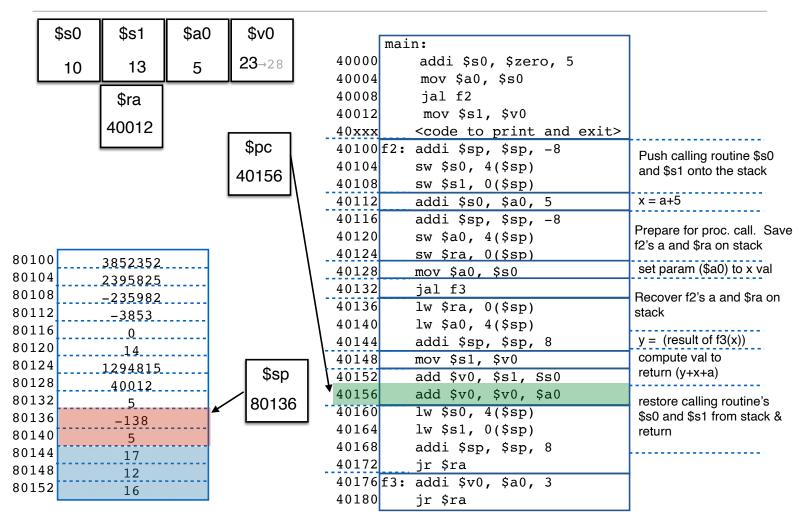


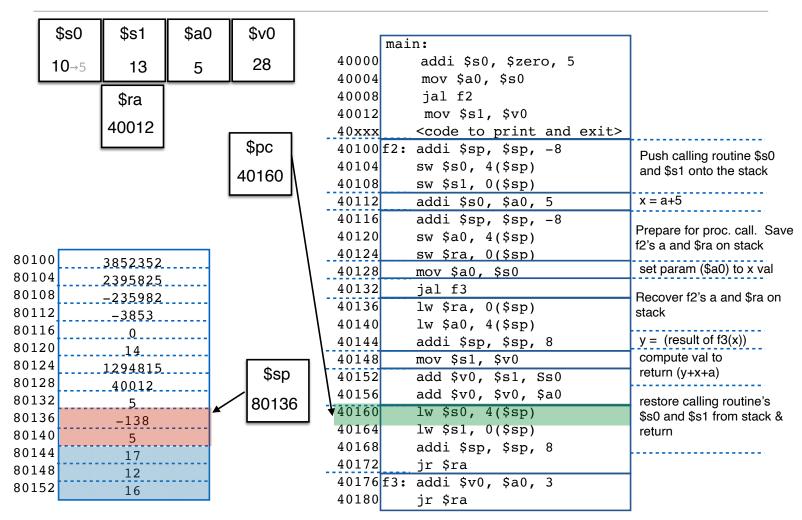


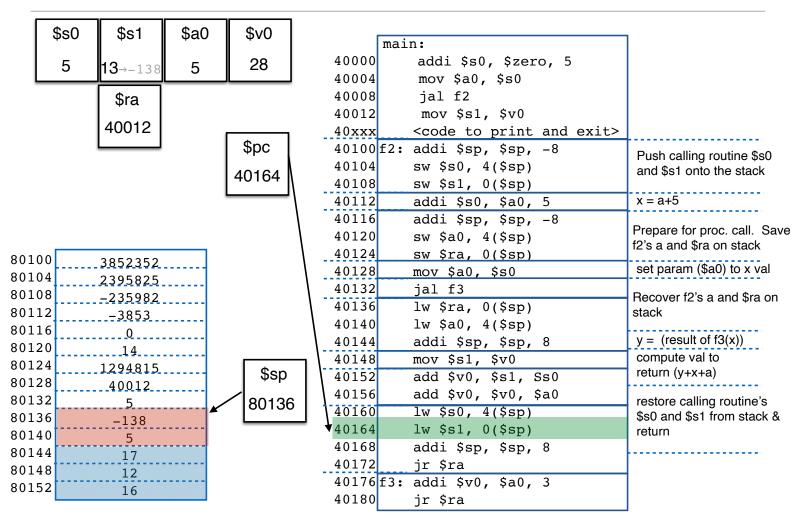


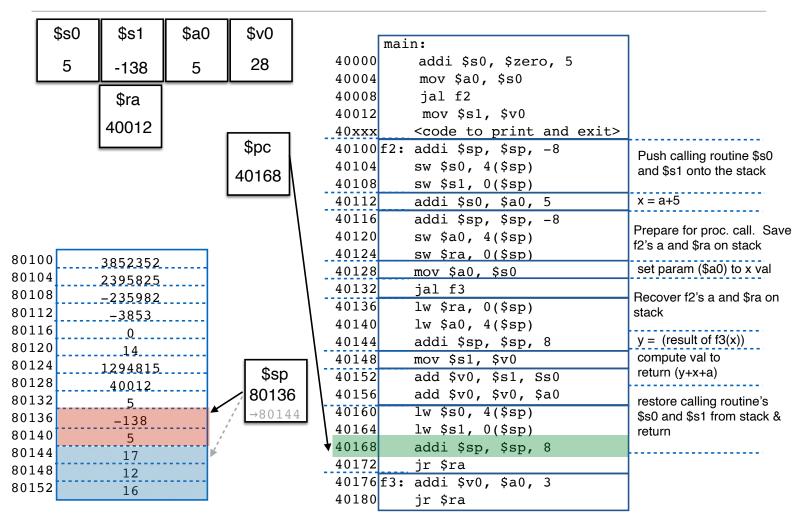


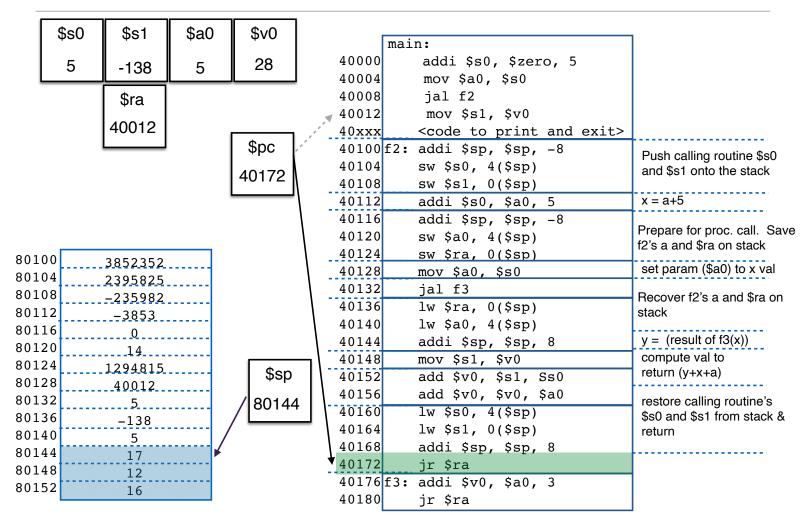


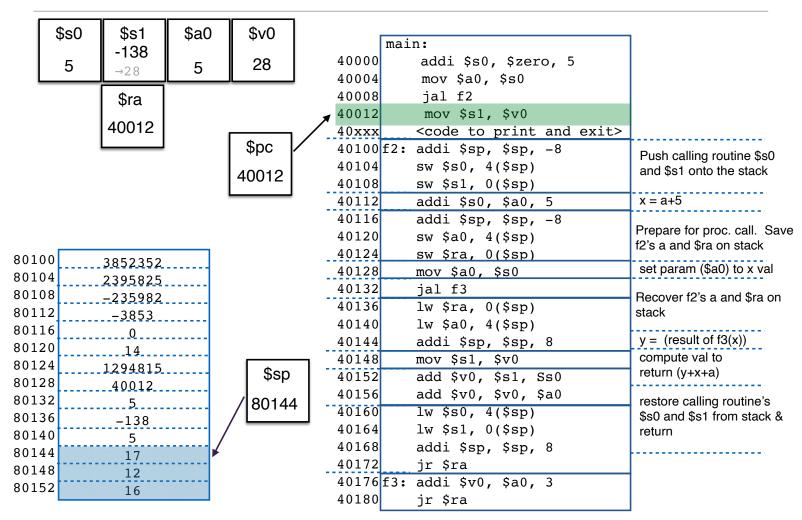












```
int fact(int n) {
   if (n < 1) return 1;
   else return (n * fact(n - 1));
}</pre>
```

C code

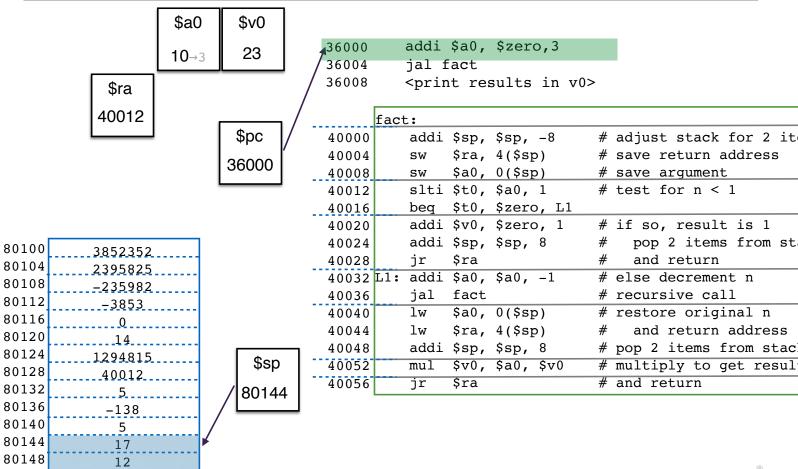


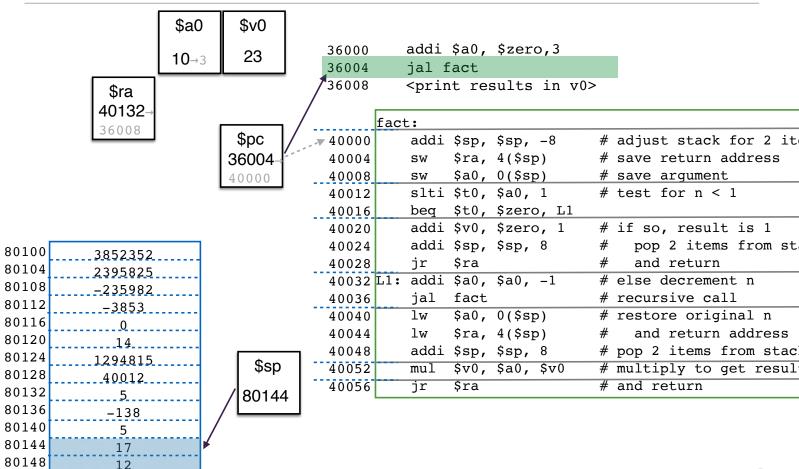
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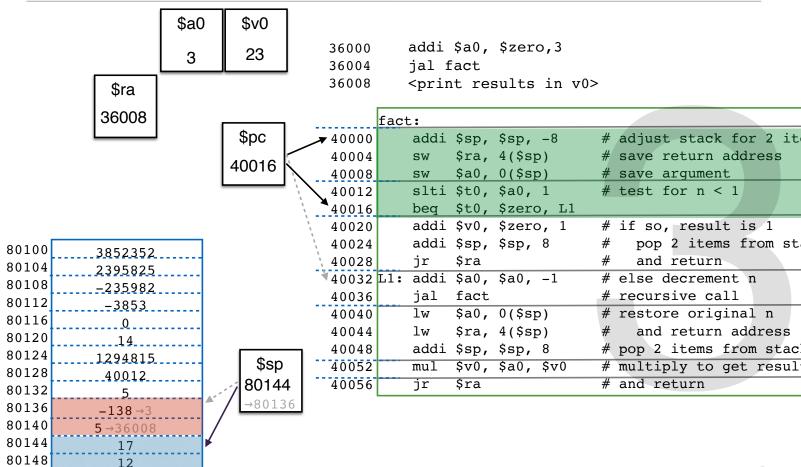
}						
C code	fact	:				
		addi	\$sp,	\$sp, -8	#	adjust stack for 2 items
Push info to save		sw	\$ra,	4(\$sp)	#	save return address
onto stack		sw	\$a0,	0(\$sp)	#	save argument
		slti	\$t0,	\$a0, 1	#	test for n < 1
		beq	\$t0,	\$zero, L1		
Items on stack not needed - clear them off		addi	\$v0,	\$zero, 1	#	if so, result is 1
		addi	\$sp,	\$sp, 8	#	pop 2 items from stack
		jr	\$ra		#	and return
	L1:	addi	\$a0,	\$a0, -1	#	else decrement n
nested call $\longrightarrow$		jal	fact		#	recursive call
		lw	\$a0,	0(\$sp)	#	restore original n
Need to recover		lw	\$ra,	4(\$sp)	#	and return address
original values after		addi	\$sp,	\$sp, 8	#	pop 2 items from stack
nested call might have		mul	\$v0,	\$a0, \$v0	#	multiply to get result
changed them		jr	\$ra		#	and return

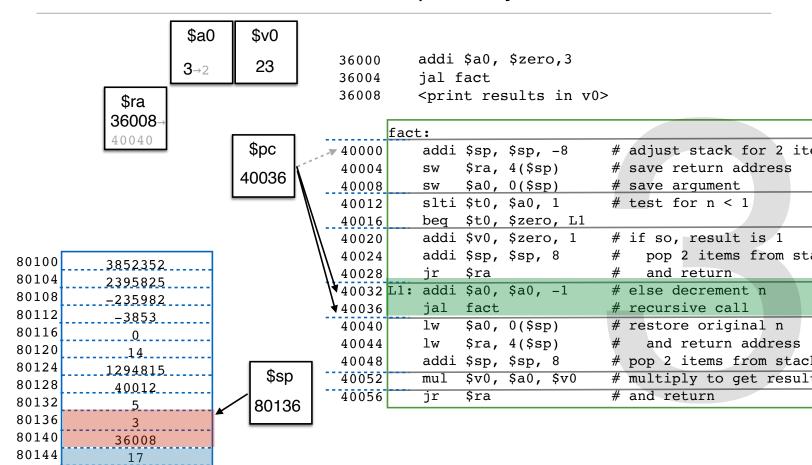
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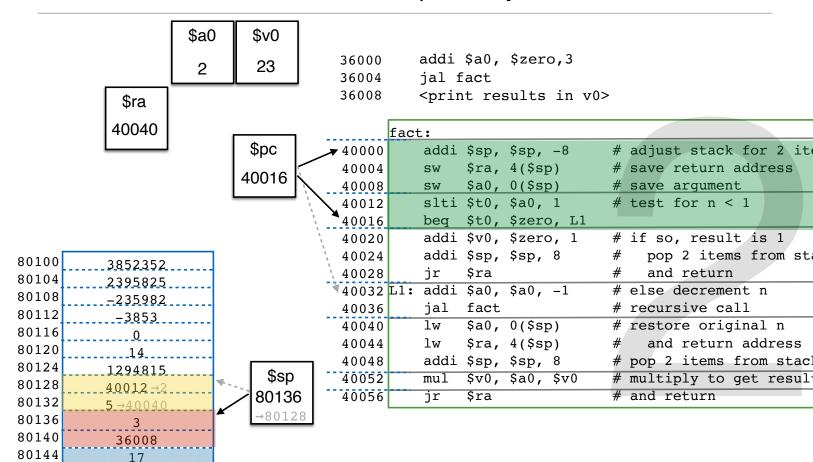




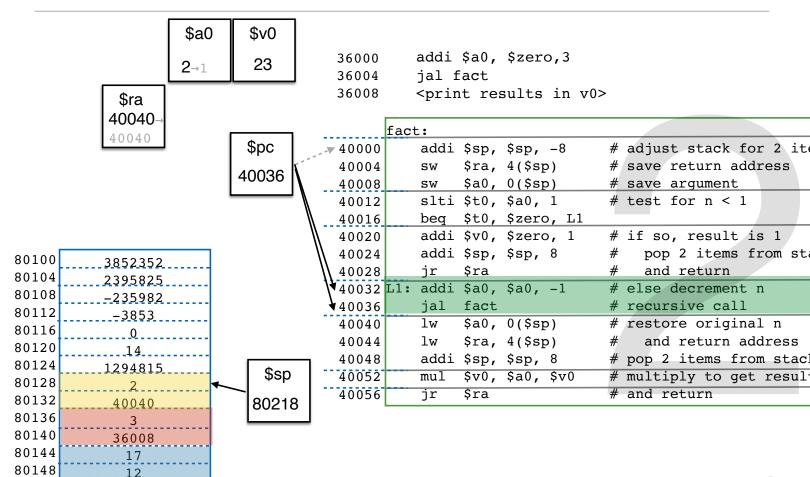




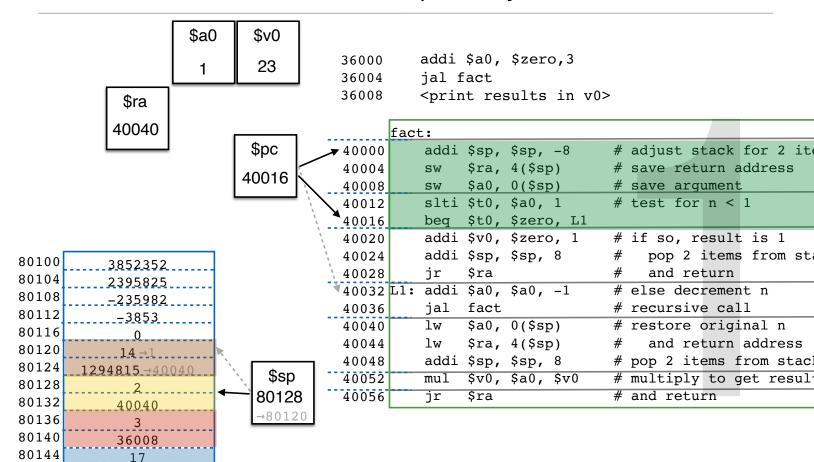




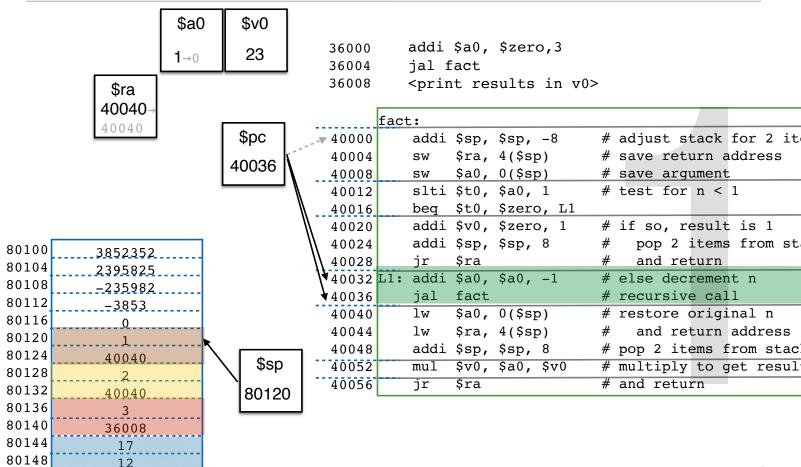




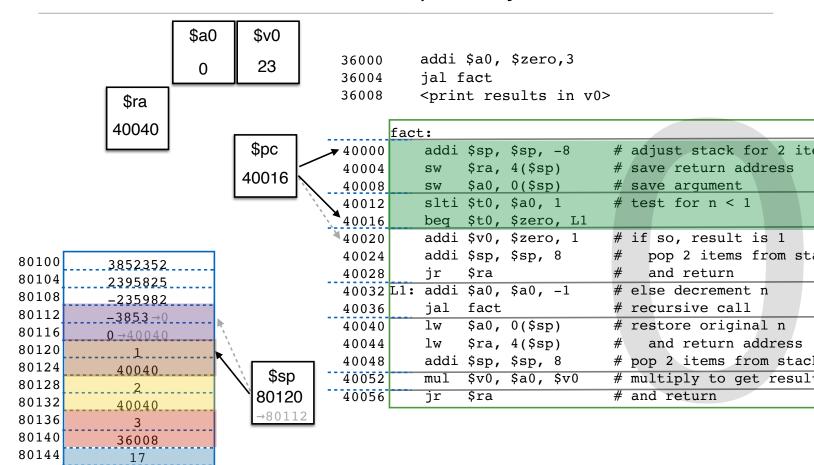




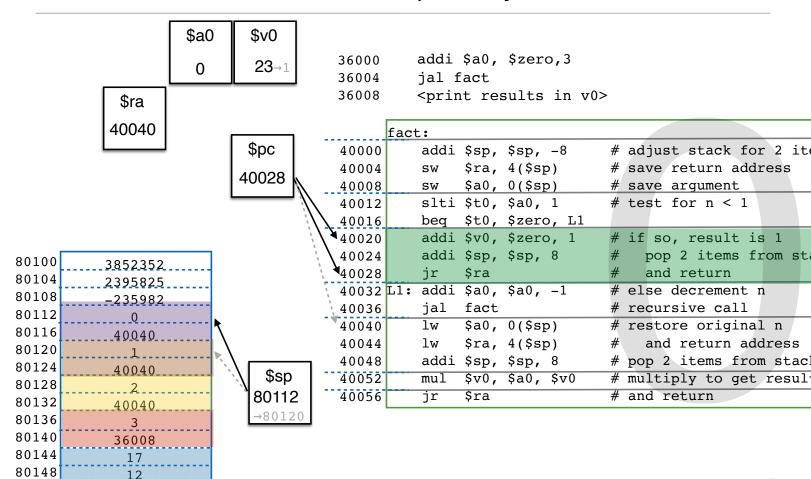




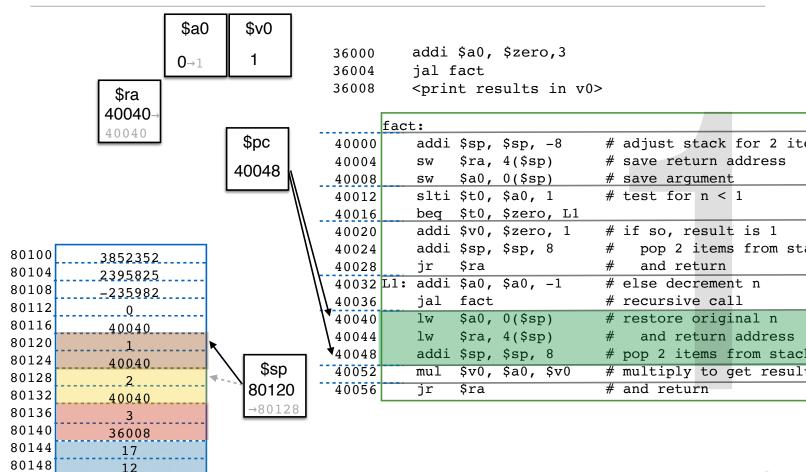




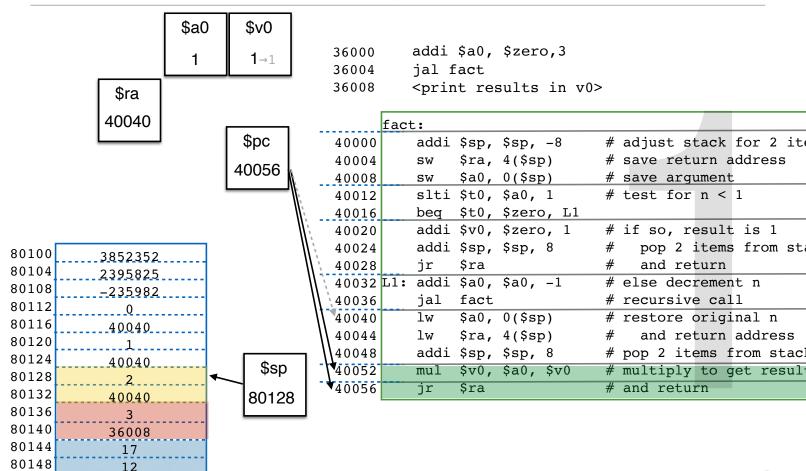




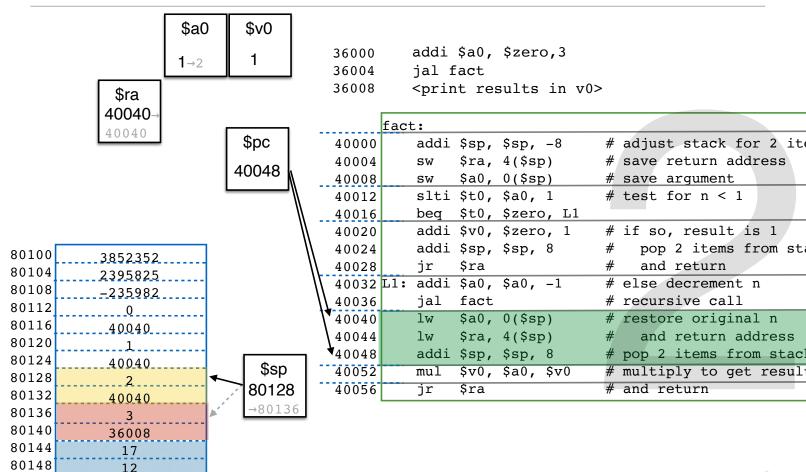




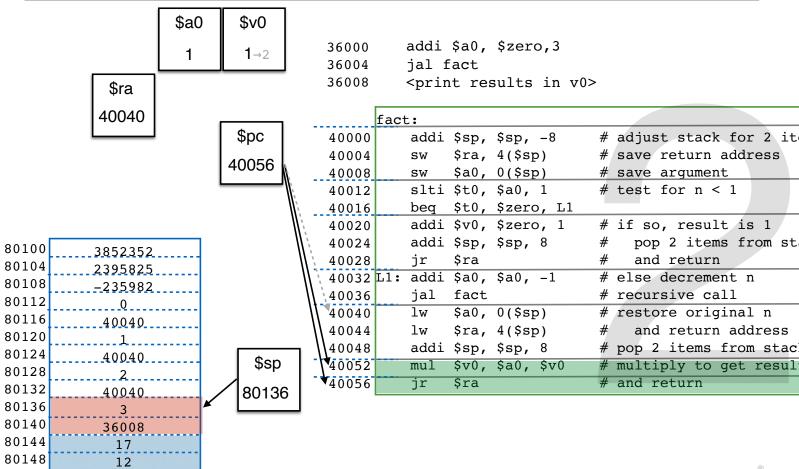


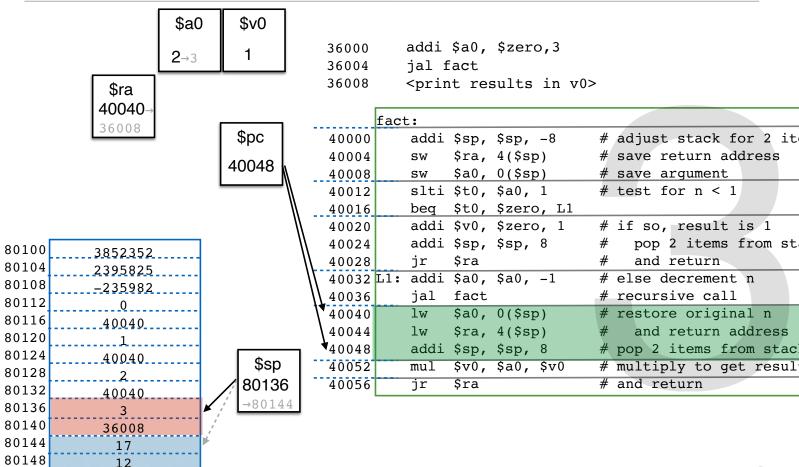




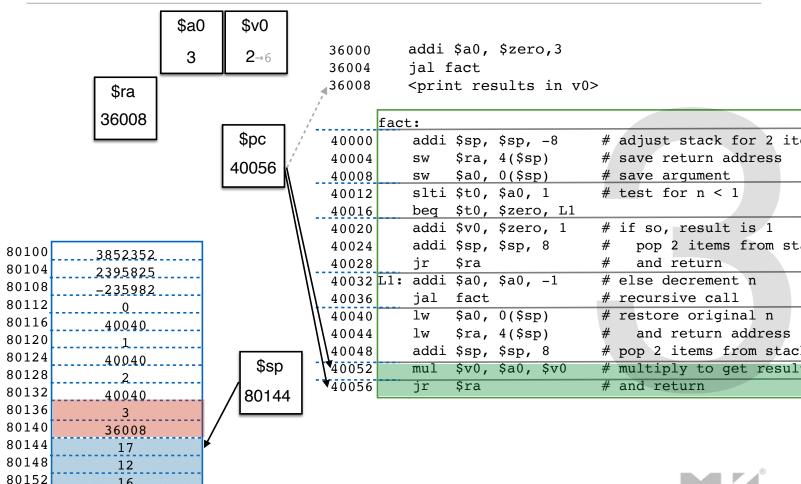


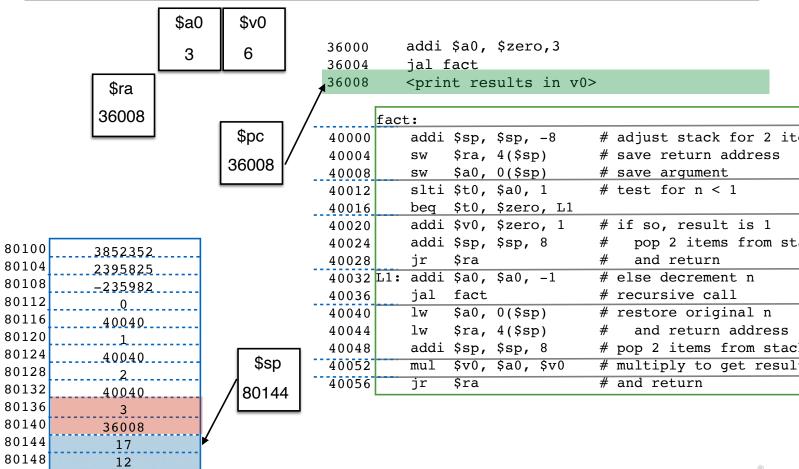












# MIPS Errata

#### Sign-extend

- Suppose we want to convert an unsigned 8-bit number to its equivalent unsigned 16-bit number.
  - e.g., extend 10110110
  - Prepend 8 0's: 00000000 10110110
- Suppose we want to convert a signed (2's complement) 8-bit number to its equivalent unsigned 16-bit number
  - e.g., extend 10110110
  - It's negative: turns out prepend all 1's to extend: 11111111 10110110
  - If it's positive, prepend 0's, e.g., 00001010 extends to 00000000 00001010
- So for unsigned, always prepend 0's to extend. For 2's complement, prepend the high-order bit: this is called sign-extend

# Partial-Word memory Ops

#### Memory Byte/Halfword Operations

- Could use bitwise operations
- MIPS has byte/halfword load/store FROM/TO MEMORY (note offset and rs value need not be a multiple of 4)
  - lb rt, offset(rs) # sign extend byte to 32 bits in rt
  - lh rt, offset(rs) # sign extend halfword to 32 bits in rt
  - lbu rt, offset(rs) # zero extend byte to 32 bits in rt
  - lhu rt, offset(rs) # zero extend halfword to 32 bits in rt
  - sb rt, offset(rs) # store rightmost byte of rt
  - sh rt, offset(rs) # store rightmost halfword of rt



#### String Copy Example

```
void strcpy (char x[], char y[]) {
   int i;
   i = 0;
   while ((x[i]=y[i]) != '\0')
        i += 1;
}
```

C code (naive)

- Null-terminated string, each item in array is a byte
- Addresses of x and y in \$a0 and \$a1 respectively
- i in \$s0



#### String Copy Example

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   int i;
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        i += 1;
}
```

#### Assume:

addr of x passed in through \$a0 addr of y passed in through \$a1 i to be stored in \$s0

#### C code (naive)

```
strcpy
   addi $sp, $sp, -4
                         # adjust stack for 1 item
        $s0, 0($sp)
                         # save $s0
   SW
   add $s0, $zero, $zero # i = 0
L1: add $t1, $s0, $a1
                         # addr of y[i] in $t1
   lbu $t2, 0($t1)
                         # $t2 = y[i]
   add $t3, $s0, $a0
                         # addr of x[i] in $t3
   sb $t2, 0($t3)
                         \# x[i] = y[i]
   beq $t2, $zero, L2 # exit loop if y[i] == 0
   addi $s0, $s0, 1
                         \# i = i + 1
                         # next iteration of loop
        L1
L2: lw $s0, 0($sp)
                         # restore saved $s0
   addi $sp, $sp, 4
                         # pop 1 item from stack
   jr
        $ra
                         # and return
```

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# Constants and their (bit) size

#### 16-bit constants

- MIPS requires use of 16-bit constants (instead of 32-bit)
- Why?
  - Constants often embedded in 32-bit instruction
  - Some of those bits have to describe the instruction: only a subset of bits can be devoted to the constant
  - So: use 16 bits to describe instruction, 16 bits remain to describe (value of) constant

#### 32-bit constants

- Most constants are small, 16 bits usually sufficient
- Occasionally, need 32-bit constant in memory location

#### lui rt, constant

- copies 16-bit constant to the left (upper) bits of rt
- clears right (lower) 16 bits of rt to 0
- example usage: copy 4,000,000 ( = 61 \* 2<sup>16</sup> + 2304) into \$s0: takes 2 instructions

#### Assembler Pseudoinstructions

- Most assembler instructions represent machine instructions, one to one.
- Pseudoinstructions are shorthand. They are recognized by the assembler but translated into small bundles of machine instructions.

move \$t0,\$t1 
$$\xrightarrow{becomes}$$
 add \$t0,\$zero,\$t1

blt \$t0,\$t1,L  $\xrightarrow{becomes}$  slt \$at,\$t0,\$t1

bne \$at,\$zero,L

• \$at (register 1) is an "assembler temporary"



#### Programming Pitfalls

- Sequential words are not at sequential addresses -- increment by 4 not by 1!
- Keeping a pointer to an automatic variable (on the stack) after procedure returns