CS2700 Homework 1

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Question 1.

2.2 Consider two different machines, with two different instruction sets, both of which have a clock rate of 200 MHz. The following measurements are recorded on the two machines running a given set of benchmark programs:

Instruction Type	Instruction Count (millions)	Cycles Per Instruction
Machine A		
Arithmetic and logic	8	1
Load and store	4	3
Branch	2	4
Others	4	3
Machine B		
Arithmetic and logic	10	1
Load and store	8	2
Branch	2	4
Others	4	3

(a) Determine the effective CPI, MIPS rate, and execution time for each machine.

Solution:

$$CPU_A = \frac{\sum CPI_i * I_i}{I_c} = \frac{(8*1+4*3+2*4+4*3)*10^6}{(8+4+2+4)*10^6} = 2.\overline{22}$$

$$MIPS_A = \frac{f}{CPI_A * 10^6} = \frac{200*10^6}{2.22*10^6} = 90$$

$$CPU_A = \frac{I_c * CPI_A}{f} = \frac{18*10^6*2.2}{200*10^6} = .2 \text{ seconds}$$

$$CPI_B = \frac{\sum CPI_i * I_i}{I_c} = \frac{(10*1+8*2+2*4+4*3)*10^6}{(10+8+2+4)*10^6} = 1.91\overline{6}$$

$$MIPS_B = \frac{f}{CPI_B * 10^6} = \frac{200*10^6}{1.92*10^6} = 104$$

$$CPU_B = \frac{I_c * CPI_B}{f} = \frac{24*10^6*1.92}{200*10^6} = .23 \text{ seconds}$$

(b) Comment on the results.
Solution:
Machine B takes more CPU time to finish its benchmark even though it has a higher MIPS that Machine A

Question 2.

2.5 The following table, based on data reported in the literature [HEAT84], shows the execution times, in seconds, for five different benchmark programs on three machines.

Benchmark	Processor		
	R	M	Z
E	417	244	134
F	83	70	70
H	66	153	135
I	39449	35527	66000
K	771	368	369

(a) Compute the speed metric for each processor for each benchmark, normalized to machine R. That is, the ratio values for R are all 1.0. Other ratios are calculated using Equation (2.5) with R treated as the reference system. Then compute the arithmetic mean value for each system using Equation (2.3). This is the approach taken in [HEAT84].
Solution:

$$\text{Arithmetic Mean} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

Normal to R

	R	M	Z
E	$417/417 = 1$	$417/244 = 1.71$	$417/134 = 3.11$
F	$83/83 = 1$	$83/70 = 1.186$	$80/70 = 1.186$
H	$66/66 = 1$	$66/153 = .431$	$66/135 = .4\overline{88}$
I	$39449/39449 = 1$	$39449/35527 = 1.11$	$39449/66000 = .598$
K	$772/772 = 1$	$772/368 = 2.098$	$772/369 = 2.092$
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(b) Repeat part (a) using M as the reference machine. This calculation was not tried in [HEAT84].

(c) Which machine is the slowest based on each of the preceding two calculations?

(d) Repeat the calculations of parts (a) and (b) using the geometric mean, defined in Equation (2.6). Which machine is the slowest based on the two calculations?