Architetture dei Sistemi di Elaborazione [GRB-ZZZ]	Delivery date: November 8th 2022
Laboratory 4	Expected delivery of lab_04.zip must include: - this document compiled possibly in pdf format.

1) Introducing gem5
gem5 is freely available at: http://gem5.org/
the laboratory version uses the ALPHA CPU model previously compiled and placed at:

```
/opt/gem5/
```

the ALPHA compilation chain is available at:

```
/opt/alphaev67-unknown-linux-gnu/bin/
```

a. Write a hello world C program (`hello.c`). Then compile the program, using the ALPHA compiler, by running this command:

```
~/my_gem5Dir$  /opt/alphaev67-unknown-linux-gnu/bin/alphaev67-unknown-linux-gnu-gcc -static -o hello hello.c
```

b. Simulate the program

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py -c hello
```

In this simulation, gem5 uses *AtomicSimpleCPU* by default.

c. Check the results
your simulation output should be similar than the one provided in the following:

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py -c hello
gem5 Simulator System.  http://gem5.org
gem5 is copyrighted software; use the --copyright option for details.

gem5 compiled Sep 20 2017 12:34:54
gem5 started Jan 19 2018 10:57:58
gem5 executing on this_pc, pid 5477
command line: /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py -c hello

Global frequency set at 1000000000000 ticks per second
warn: DRAM device capacity (8192 Mbytes) does not match the address range assigned
(512 Mbytes)
0: system.remote_gdb.listener: listening for remote gdb #0 on port 7000
warn: ClockedObject: More than one power state change request encountered within the
same simulation tick
**** REAL SIMULATION ****
info: Entering event queue @ 0.  Starting simulation...
info: Increasing stack size by one page.
hola mundo!
Exiting @ tick 2623000 because target called exit()
```

•Check the output folder
in your working directory, gem5 creates an output folder (`m5out`), and saves there 3 files: `config.ini`, `config.json`, and `stats.txt`. In the following, some extracts of the produced files are reported.

•Statistics (`stats.txt`)

```
---------- Begin Simulation Statistics ----------
sim_seconds                  0.000003      # Number of seconds simulated
sim_ticks                     2623000      # Number of ticks simulated
final_tick                    2623000      # Number of ticks from beginning of simulation
```

```
sim_freq                 1000000000000     # Frequency of simulated ticks
host_inst_rate                 1128003     # Simulator instruction rate (inst/s)
host_op_rate                   1124782     # Simulator op (including micro ops) rate(op/s)
host_tick_rate               564081291     # Simulator tick rate (ticks/s)
host_mem_usage                  640392     # Number of bytes of host memory used
host_seconds                      0.00     # Real time elapsed on the host
sim_insts                         5217     # Number of instructions simulated
sim_ops                           5217     # Number of ops (including micro ops) simulated
... ... ...
system.cpu_clk_domain.clock 500     # Clock period in ticks
... ... ...
```

- Configuration file (`config.ini`)

```
... ... ...
[system.cpu]
type=AtomicSimpleCPU
children=dtb interrupts isa itb tracer workload
branchPred=Null
checker=Null
clk_domain=system.cpu_clk_domain
cpu_id=0
default_p_state=UNDEFINED
do_checkpoint_insts=true
do_quiesce=true
do_statistics_insts=true
dtb=system.cpu.dtb
eventq_index=0
fastmem=false
function_trace=false
```

2) Simulate the same program using different CPU models.

Help command:

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py -h
```

List the CPU available models:

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py --list-cpu-types
```

a. *TimingSimpleCPU* simple CPU that includes an initial memory model interaction

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py --cpu-type=TimingSimpleCPU -c hello
```

b. *MinorCPU* the CPU is based on an in order pipeline including caches

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py --cpu-type=MinorCPU --caches -c hello
```

c. *DerivO3CPU* is a superscalar processor

```
~/my_gem5Dir$ /opt/gem5/build/ALPHA/gem5.opt /opt/gem5/configs/example/se.py --cpu-type=DerivO3CPU --caches -c hello
```

Create a table gathering for every simulated CPU the following information:

- Ticks
- Number of instructions simulated
- Number of CPU Clock Cycles
  - Number of CPU clock cycles = Number of ticks / CPU Clock period in ticks (usually 500)
- Clock Cycles per Instruction (CPI)

    - CPI = CPU Clock Cycles / instructions simulated
- Number of instructions committed
- Host time in seconds
- Number of instructions Fetch Unit has encountered (this should be gathered for the out-of-order processor only).

TABLE1: Hello program behavior on different CPU models

CPU Parameters	AtomicSimpleCPU	TimingSimpleCPU	MinorCPU	DeriveO3CPU
Ticks	2750000	396822000	34320500	20006500
CPU clock domain	500	500	500	500
Clock Cycles	5500	793644	68641	40013
Instructions simulated	5467	5467	5480	5268
CPI	1.006	140.5425	12.5257	7.5954
Committed instructions	5467	5467	5480	5466
Host seconds	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.06
Instructions encountered by Fetch Unit	/	/	/	2096

3) Download the test programs related to the **automotive** sector available in MiBench: `basicmath`, `bitcount`, `qsort`, and `susan`. These programs are freely available at https://github.com/embecosm/mibench

a) compile the program `basicmath` using the provided *Makefile* using the ALPHA compiler
hint:

add a variable to the Makefile in order to use the ALPHA compiler:

```
CROSS_COMPILE = /opt/alphaev67-unknown-linux-gnu/bin/alphaev67-unknown-linux-gnu
CC=$(CROSS_COMPILE)-gcc
```

and substitute all the `gcc` occurrences with the new variable as follows:

gcc → $(CC)

then compile:

```
~/my_mybench_dir/automotive/basicmath/ make
```

b) Simulate the program **`basicmath`** using the ***large*** set of inputs (i.e., compile basicmath_large.c) and the default processor (*AtomicSimpleCPU)*, saving the output results. In the case the simulation time is higher than a couple of minutes (it is host-dependent!), modify the program in order to reduce the simulation time; for example, in the case of `basicmath`, it is necessary to reduce the number of iterations the program executes in order to reduce the computational time.
TODO (in case of long simulation time): To reduce the simulation time of *basicmath_large.c*, modify the number of iterations of the for loops as follows (RED arrow):

```
76  /* Now solve some random equations */
77  for(a1=1;a1<10;a1+=2) { // EDITED
78    for(b1=10;b1>0;b1-=1) { // EDITED
79      for(c1=5;c1<15;c1+=1) { // EDITED
80          for(d1=-1;d1>-5;d1-=.5) { // EDITED
81              SolveCubic(a1, b1, c1, d1, &solutions, x);
82              printf("Solutions:");
83              for(i=0;i<solutions;i++)
84                printf(" %f",x[i]);
85              printf("\n");
86          }
87      }
88    }
89  }
90
91
92  printf("********* INTEGER SQR ROOTS **********\n");
93  /* perform some integer square roots */
94  for (i = 0; i < 1000; i+=2) // EDITED
95    {
96      usqrt(i, &q);
97                        // remainder differs on some machines
98     // printf("sqrt(%3d) = %2d, remainder = %2d\n",
99     printf("sqrt(%3d) = %2d\n",
100            i, q.sqrt);
101   }
102 printf("\n");
103 for (l = 0x3fed0169L; l < 0x3fed4169L; l++)
104   {
105       usqrt(l, &q);
106       //printf("\nsqrt(%lX) = %X, remainder = %X\n", l, q.sqrt, q.frac);
107       printf("sqrt(%lX) = %X\n", l, q.sqrt);
108   }
109
110
111 printf("********* ANGLE CONVERSION **********\n");
112 /* convert some rads to degrees */
113 /*   for (X = 0.0; X <= 360.0; X += 1.0) */
114 for (X = 0.0; X <= 360.0; X += .01) //EDITED
115   printf("%3.0f degrees = %.12f radians\n", X, deg2rad(X));
116 puts("");
117 /*   for (X = 0.0; X <= (2 * PI + 1e-6); X += (PI / 180)) */
118 for (X = 0.0; X <= (2 * PI + 1e-6); X += (PI / 5760))
119   printf("%.12f radians = %3.0f degrees\n", X, rad2deg(X));
120
121
122 return 0;
123 }
```

c) Simulate the resulting program using the gem5 different CPU models and collect the following information:
   a) Number of instructions simulated
   b) Number of CPU Clock Cycles
   c) Clock Cycles per Instruction (CPI)
   d) Number of instructions committed
   e) Host time in seconds
   f) Prediction ratio for Conditional Branches (Number of Incorrect Predicted Conditional Branches / Number of Predicted Conditional Branches)
   g) BTB hits
   h) Number of instructions Fetch Unit has encountered.

   Parameters *f* , *g and h* should be gathered exclusively for the out-of-order processor.

TABLE2: `basicmath_large` program behavior on different CPU models (with modified code to reduce the computational time)

CPUs Parameters	AtomicSimpleCPU	TimingSimpleCPU	MinorCPU	DerivO3CPU
Ticks	47739965500	6542621148000	91283650000	38246563000
CPU clock domain	500	500	500	500
Clock Cycles	95479931	13085242296	182567300	76493126
Instructions simulated	95479869	95479869	95479895	93788941
CPI	1	137.05	1.912	0.8156
Committed instructions	95479869	95479869	95479895	95479868
Host seconds	53.84	499.52	290.30	274.11
Prediction ratio	/	/	/	0.03
BTB hits	/	/	/	0
Instructions encountered by Fetch Unit	/	/	/	16266396