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Assembly Language III

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Lecture Topics

- Multiplication
- Division
- Floating Point Instructions
- Input/Output
- Floating Point Data Representation

- The easiest way to multiply numbers is through repeated addition:
 - $5 \times 4 = 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4$

- To multiply $x \times y$, we could use a loop
 - We add y to an accumulator every iteration and use x to control the loop (or vice-versa)
- However, this is terribly inefficient for larger numbers
 - $500 \times 400 = 400 + 400 + 400 + 400 + 400 + 400 + 400 \dots$

- A faster way to multiply numbers is achieved using bit shifting
 - Recall that shifting a number to the left is equivalent to multiplying the number by some power of 2

 Using bit shifting and some addition, multiplication can be sped up significantly

- Consider the following:
 - 100×20
 - $100 \times 20 = 64(20) + 32(20) + 4(20) = 2^{6}(20) + 2^{5}(20) + 2^{2}(20)$

- Three shift instructions and two add instructions are needed
 - Left shift 20 by 6 bits
 - Add with 20 left shifted by 5 bits
 - Add with 20 left shifted by 2 bits

- The Shift-and-Add Algorithm
 - The first operand is the multiplier and the second operand is the multiplicand
 - Initialize an accumulator to zero
 - 2. If the multiplier is zero, terminate and return the accumulator (the product)
 - 3. If the multiplier is odd, add the multiplicand to the accumulator
 - 4. If the multiplier is even:
 - 1. Left shift the multiplicand by 1 bit
 - 2. Right shift the multiplier by 1 bit
 - 5. Repeat step 2

- When multiplying two binary numbers, the product will often use more bits than the operands
 - $1001 \times 0100 = 10100$
- When multiplying an M-bit number by a N-bit number, M+N bits should be provided for the product
- MIPS has a mnemonic that performs multiplication on two 32-bit numbers
 - The result is 64 bits

- Since registers are 32-bits in size, the product is split between two registers
 - The hi register contains the higher-order 32 bits of the product
 - The lo register contains the lower-order 32 bits of the product
 - These registers are separate from the general registers

hi	0x00000000
10	0x00000000

The hi and lo registers in MIPS

• The **mult** mnemonic multiplies two operands and stores the result to the hi and lo registers.

- \$rs = Source Register 1
- \$rt = Source Register 2
- To move the data from hi to a different register:

- \$rd = Destination Register
- To move the data from lo to a different register:

- When dividing an integer by another integer, we have two results: the quotient and remainder
 - Both of which are integers

- For example
 - $22 \div 4 = 5$ with a remainder of 2
 - $38 \div 5 = 7$ with a remainder of 3
 - $60 \div 6 = 10$ with a remainder of 0

- A quick way to divide numbers is achieved using bit shifting, much like the shift-and-add algorithm for multiplication
 - Recall that shifting a number to the right is equivalent to dividing the number by some power of 2

 The shift-and-subtract algorithm combines bit shifting and subtraction to perform division

- Since division gives two results, two neighboring registers are used.
 - The first (left) register is the quotient
 - The second (right) register is the remainder
- The following algorithm is used to left shift a register pair:
 - 1. Left shift the left register by 1 bit
 - 2. Check if the high-order bit of the right register is 1
 - If so, add 1 to the left register
 - 3. Left shift the right register by 1 bit

- The Shift-and-Subtract Algorithm
 - The first operand is the dividend and the second operand is the divisor
 - 1. Initialize the quotient and remainder to 0
 - 2. Shift the quotient left
 - 3. Shift the remainder-divisor register pair left
 - 4. If the remainder is greater than or equal to the divisor:
 - 1. Subtract the divisor from the remainder, placing the result in the remainder
 - 2. Increment the quotient
 - 5. Repeat step 2, once for each bit in the word (eg. 32 times)

• The **div** mnemonic divides two operands and stores the remainder to the hi register and the quotient to the lo register.

- \$rs = Source Register 1 (Dividend)
- \$rt = Source Register 2 (Divisor)
- To move the data from hi to a different register:

- \$rd = Destination Register
- To move the data from lo to a different register:

- For non-integer numbers, the **floating-point** data type is used.
 - Examples of non-integers: 5.678 and -22.1
- MIPS has two floating point data types- float and double
 - These are identical to the float and double types in Java
- The float type is a 32-bit (single precision) number
- The double type is a 64-bit (double precision) number
 - We will discuss what *single precision* and *double precision* mean later in this lecture. For now, you only need to remember the size (in bits) of each.

- MIPS has 32 additional registers that are used for holding floating point numbers.
 - Registers \$f0 through \$f31
- Each of these registers, like the registers previously seen, are 32 bits in size

- The registers are in a separate part of the CPU
 - Coprocessor 1

Registers	Copi	roc 1	Coproc 0			
Name		Float			Double	
\$f0			0x	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$fl			0x	00000000		
\$f2			0x	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f3			0x	00000000		
\$f4			0x0	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f5			0x	00000000		
\$f6			0x	00000000	0x000000000000000	
\$f7			0x	00000000		
\$ f 8			0x0	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$ f 9			0x	00000000		
\$f10			0x0	00000000	0x000000000000000	
\$f11			0x0	00000000		
\$f12			0x0	00000000	0x000000000000000	
\$f13			0x0	00000000		
\$f14			0x0	00000000	0x000000000000000	
\$f15			0x	00000000		
\$f16			0x0	00000000	0x000000000000000	
\$f17			0x	00000000		
\$f18			0x0	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f19			0x	00000000		
\$f20			0x0	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f21			0x	00000000		
\$f22			0x0	00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f23			0x	00000000		
\$f24		0x00000000		00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f25		0x00000000		00000000		
\$f26		0x00000000		00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f27		0x00000000		00000000		
\$f28		0x00000000		00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f29		0x00000000		00000000		
\$f30		0x00000000		00000000	0x0000000000000000	
\$f31		0x00000000		00000000		

• To initialize memory with a single-precision value, the **.float** directive is used in the program's data section.

.data

x: .float 6.789

• The ${f 1.s}$ (load single-precision) mnemonic loads a single precision non-integer from memory to a register

1.s \$fd, label

- \$fd = Destination Register
- label = Symbolic (or non-symbolic) memory reference

1.s \$f0, x

• The **mov.s** (**mov**e **s**ingle-precision) mnemonic moves a single precision non-integer from one register to another

mov.s \$fd, \$fs

- \$fd = Destination Register
- \$fs = Source Register

mov.s \$f6, \$f0

• Arithmetic for single precision floating-point data:

add.s	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
sub.s	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
mul.s	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
div.s	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft

- \$fd = Destination Register
- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2

- Special instructions are used to compare the equality of single-precision values.
- The c.eq.s (compare equality single-precision) mnemonic compares two floats for equality

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to a special 1-bit condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

• The c.lt.s (compare less than single-precision) mnemonic compares two floats for a less than relationship

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to the condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

• The c.le.s (compare less than or equal single-precision) mnemonic compares two floats for a less than or equal relationship

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to the condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

 To branch after a comparison, the bc1t mnemonic branches to a specified label if the condition code contains 1

bc1t label

label = Section to jump to if the condition code contains 1

 To branch after a comparison, the bc1f mnemonic branches to a specified label if condition code contains 0

bc1f label

• label = Section to jump to if condition code contains 0

• To print a float, the number **must** be placed in register \$f12

- The system call code for printing a float is 2
 - 2 must be placed in register \$v0

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mov.s $f12, $f0 #Copies the value in $f0 to $f12
li $v0, 2 #Sets the syscall code for printing a float
syscall #Prints the float in register $f12
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- For 64-bit double-precision values, pairs of registers are used.
 - Though, only the first register is specified in instructions

- By convention, the even numbered registers are used as the first register of a double-precision number.
 - \$f0 and \$f1
 - \$f2 and \$f3
 - \$f4 and \$f5
 - and so on...

• To initialize memory with a double-precision value, the .double directive is used in the program's data section.

.data

x: .float 6.789

y: .double 3.1415

• The 1.d (load double-precision) mnemonic loads a double-precision non-integer from memory to a register

1.d \$fd, label

- \$fd = Destination Register
- label = Symbolic (or non-symbolic) memory reference

1.d \$f0, y

• The mov.d (move double-precision) mnemonic moves a double precision non-integer from one register pair to another

- \$fd = Destination Register
- \$fs = Source Register

• The value in pair \$f0 and \$f1 will be moved to the register pair \$f6 and \$f7

Arithmetic for double precision floating-point data:

add.d	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
sub.d	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
mul.d	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft
div.d	\$fd,	\$fs,	\$ft

- \$fd = Destination Register
- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2

• The c.eq.d (compare equality double-precision) mnemonic compares two doubles for equality

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to the condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

• The c.lt.s (compare less than double-precision) mnemonic compares two doubles for a less than relationship

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to the condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

• The c.le.d (compare less than or equal double-precision) mnemonic compares two doubles for a less than or equal relationship

c.le.d \$fs, \$ft

- \$fs = Source Register 1
- \$ft = Source Register 2
- A 1 is stored to the condition code if the result is true
- A 0 is stored to the condition code if the result is false

- To branch after a comparison, the process is the same as it was for floats
 - The **bc1t** mnemonic branches to a specified label if the condition code contains 1

bc1t label

- label = Section to jump to if the condition code contains 1
- The bc1f mnemonic branches to a specified label if the condition code contains 0

bc1f label

label = Section to jump to if the condition code contains 0

Floating Point Instructions

- To print a double, the number **must** be placed in register \$f12
 - Would be \$f12 and \$f13

- The system call code for printing a double is 3
 - 3 must be placed in register \$v0

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mov.d $f12, $f4 #Copies the value in $f4 and $f5 to $f12 and $f13 li $v0, 3 #Sets the syscall code for printing a double syscall #Prints the double in registers $f12 and $f13
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 By now, you have seen examples of using the following system call codes for printing data of varying types

Service	System Call Code	Arguments	Result
Print an int	1	\$a0 = integer	Prints integer in \$a0
Print a float	2	\$f12 = float	Prints float in \$f12
Print a double	3	\$f12 = double	Prints double in \$f12/\$f13
Print a string	4	\$a0 = string	Prints string in \$a0

We use a similar process to read keyboard input.

- It is important to remember to print a prompt before reading keyboard input.
 - Otherwise the program will pause and wait for input
 - It may not be clear to the user that the program is waiting for their typed entry

- To read an integer entered with the keyboard...
 - The system call code for reading an integer is 5
 - 5 must be placed in register \$v0
 - The entered integer will be stored to register \$v0

li \$v0, 5
syscall

- To read a float entered with the keyboard...
 - The system call code for reading a float is 6
 - 6 must be placed in register \$v0
 - The entered float will be stored to register \$f0
 - If there was data in \$f0 it will be overwritten

li \$v0, 6
syscall

- To read a double entered with the keyboard...
 - The system call code for reading a double is 7
 - 7 must be placed in register \$v0
 - The entered double will be stored to register \$f0
 - If there was data in \$f0 and \$f1, it will be overwritten

li \$v0, 7
syscall

- To read a string entered with the keyboard...
 - The system call code for reading a string is 8
 - 8 must be placed in register \$v0
 - The starting address of where the entered string will be stored must be in register \$a0
 - The **.space** directive reserves the specified number of bytes
 - The maximum length (in bytes) of the string must be stored in \$a1

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la $a0, entry
li $a1, 1000
syscall
.data
entry: .space 1000
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- To terminate a program...
 - The system call code for exiting the program is 10
 - 10 must be placed in register \$v0

li \$v0, 10 syscall

Service	System Call Code	Arguments	Result
Print an int	1	\$a0 = integer	
Print a float	2	\$f12 = float	
Print a double	3	\$f12 = double	
Print a string	4	\$a0 = string	
Read an int	5		Integer in \$v0
Read a float	6		Float in \$f0
Read a double	7		Double in \$f0
Read a string	8	\$a0 = storage, \$a1 = length	
Exit	10		

- While 101.11 is a perfectly valid base 2 number, we have no way to specify a "binary point" in memory.
 - Like how we don't have a way to specify a "-" for a negative number

- Two such number formats for representing non-integers are:
 - Fixed Point Notation
 - Floating Point Notation

Floating point is the more common of the two.

- Fixed Point Notation
 - A specific number of bits allocated for digits to the left of the binary point.
 - A specific number of bits allocated for digits to the right of the binary point.

Binary	Decimal
00 0	0.0
001	0.5
01 0	1.0
01 1	1.5
10 0	2.0
10 1	2.5
11 0	3.0
11 1	3.5

Binary	Decimal
0 00	0.00
0 01	0.25
0 10	0.50
011	0.75
100	1.00
1 01	1.25
1 10	1.50
1 11	1.75

- In floating-point, non-integers are represented via scientific notation.
 - The decimal number 12.41 could be re-written as 1.241×10^{1}
 - The decimal number -0.003 could be rewritten as -3.0 \times 10⁻²

- The binary number 1001.1 is expressed in scientific notation as $1.0011_2 \times 2^3$
 - Where $2^3 = 4 = 100_2$
 - The number 1.0011 is referred to as the significand or *mantissa*; The digits to the right of the binary point are called the *fraction*.

$$1.01101 \times 2^3 = 1011.01$$

 $-1.11 \times 2^{-1} = -0.111$

• The placement of the binary point "floats" to where it needs to be.

- We'll begin with half-precision (16-bits) floating point format
- Memory space is allotted for:
 - A sign bit 1 bit
 - The exponent 5 bits
 - The mantissa 10 bits
- (This example will use 16 bits to store 11.25, or 1.01101 \times 2³)
- This number is positive, so the sign bit is zero.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0		

- 1.01101×2^3
- The exponent is expressed as 2^{b-1}-1 more than the exponent's actual value.
 - Where b is number of bits allotted for the exponent.

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$$3 + (2^{5-1}-1) = 3 + (2^4-1) = 3 + 15 = 18 = 10010_2$$

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0	10010	

- 1.01101×2^3
- The mantissa is supposed to start with "1." so only the fractional bits will be stored.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0	10010	0110100000

Working backwards with a different number:

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
1	10011	0110100000

A 1 in the sign bit means the number is negative.

• Exponent: $10011_2 = 19 \rightarrow 19 - (2^{5-1}-1) = 19 - (2^4-1) = 19 - 15 = 4$

• Mantissa: 1.01101

$$-1.01101_2 \times 2_{10}^4 = -1.01101_2 \times 1000_2 = -10110.1_2 = -22.5_{10}$$

- Next, we'll demonstrate the same number but this time use singleprecision (32-bits) floating point format
- Memory space is allotted for:
 - A sign bit 1 bit
 - The exponent 8 bits
 - The mantissa 23 bits
- (This example will use 32 bits to store 11.25, or 1.01101 \times 2³)
 - This number is positive, so the sign bit is zero.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0		

- 1.01101×2^3
- The exponent is again expressed as 2^{b-1}-1 more than the exponent's actual value.
 - Where b is number of bits allotted for the exponent.

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$$3 + (2^{8-1}-1) = 3 + (2^7-1) = 3 + 127 = 130 = 10000011_2$$

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0	10000011	

- 1.01101×2^3
- The mantissa is supposed to start with "1." so only the fractional bits will be stored.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0	10000011	0110100000000000000000

- Finally, we'll demonstrate the same number using double-precision (64-bits) floating point format
- Memory space is allotted for:
 - A sign bit 1 bit
 - The exponent 11 bits
 - The mantissa 52 bits
- (This example will use 64 bits to store 11.25, or 1.01101 \times 2³)
 - This number is positive, so the sign bit is zero.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0		

- 1.01101×2^3
- The exponent is again expressed as 2^{b-1}-1 more than the exponent's actual value.
 - Where b is number of bits allotted for the exponent.

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$$3 + (2^{11-1}-1) = 3 + (2^{10}-1) = 3 + 1023 = 1026 = 10000000010_2$$

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction	
0	1000000010		

- 1.01101×2^3
- The mantissa is supposed to start with "1." so only the fractional bits will be stored.

Sign Bit	Exponent	Fraction
0	1000000010	011010000000000000000000000000000000000

- Half Precision 16 bits
 - One sign bit
 - Five exponent bits
 - Ten fractional bits
- Single Precision 32 bits
 - One sign bit
 - Eight exponent bits
 - Twenty-three fractional bits
- Double Precision 64 bits
 - One sign bit
 - Eleven exponent bits
 - Fifty-two fractional bits