CHAPTER 5

Computer Organization

(Solutions to Practice Set)

Review Questions

1. The three subsystems are the central processing unit (CPU), the main memory, and the input/output.
2. The CPU has an arithmetic logic unit (ALU), a control unit, and various kinds of registers.
3. The ALU performs arithmetic and logical operations.
4. The control unit is responsible for controlling the operations of all other subsystems.
5. The main memory stores data and programs when the program is being executed.
6. RAM is random access memory and can be read from and written to by the user. ROM is read only memory. The contents of ROM are written by the manufacturer and cannot be overwritten by the user. SRAM is static RAM that uses flip-flop gates to hold data. DRAM is dynamic RAM that uses capacitors to hold the data. PROM is programmable read only memory and can be programmed by the user using special equipment. EPROM is erasable PROM and can be erased by the user using a special device that uses UV light. EEPROM is electronically erasable PROM that can be reprogrammed while it is still installed in the computer.
7. The cache memory provides the CPU with fast access to part of data stored in main memory.
8. A magnetic disk consists of one or more disks with a magnetic coating and one read/write head for each disk surface.
9. The surface of a magnetic disk is divided into circular rings called tracks. Each track is divided into sections called sectors. The width of a magnetic tape is divided into 9 tracks. The length of the tape may be divided into blocks.
10. Data can be stored on a CD-R and a CD-RW by the user. The advantage of a CD-RW is that it can be overwritten with new data. A DVD uses much smaller pits and lands that allow the disk to hold much more data (4.7 GB to 17 GB) compared to a CD-ROM (650 MB).

11. An SCSI (small computer system interface) controller is a parallel interface that provides a daisy chain connection between devices and the buses. The FireWire interface is a high speed serial interface that transfers data in packets. It can use a daisy chain or tree configuration. USB is a serial controller that connects both low and high-speed devices to the computer bus. Multiple devices can be connected to a USB controller.
12. Isolated I/O uses a set of instructions to access memory and another set of instructions to access I/O devices. Memory-mapped I/O uses the same set of instructions to access memory and I/O devices.
13. In the programmed I/O method, the CPU waits for the I/O device. A lot of CPU time is wasted by checking for the status of an I/O operation. In the interrupt-driven I/O method, the I/O device informs the CPU of its status via an interrupt. In direct memory access (DMA), the CPU sends its I/O requests to the DMA controller which manages the entire transaction.
14. CISC (Complex Instruction Set Computer) has a large set of instructions to execute commands at the machine level. This makes the circuitry of the CPU and the control unit very complicated. RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) uses a small set of instructions. Complex operations are accomplished using a set of simple commands.
15. Pipelining allows different types of phases belonging to different cycles to be done simultaneously. Pipelining can increase the throughput of the computer.
16. A single computer can have multiple control units, multiple ALU units and multiple memory units to perform several instructions in parallel. Parallel processing increases the throughput of the computer.

Multiple-Choice Questions

17. a	18. b	19. a	20. d	21. d	22. d
23. c	24. a	25. b	26. a	27. a	28. d
29. b	30. c	31. b	32. c	33. b	34. c
35. c	36. d	37. c	38. b	39. a	40. c

Exercises

41. We have 64 MB /(4 bytes per word) = 16 Mega words = $16 \times 2^{20} = 2^4 \times 2^{20} = 2^{24}$ words. Therefore, we need 24 bits to access memory words.
42. We need $24 \times 80 = 1920$ bytes.
43. We need 4 bits to determine the instruction ($2^4 = 16$). We need 4 bits to address a register ($2^4 = 16$). We need 10 bits to address a word in memory ($2^{10} = 1024$). The size of the instruction is therefore (4 + 4 + 10) or 18 bits.
44. Since the size of the instruction is 18 bits (See Solution to Exercise 43), we must have 18-bit data registers.
45. The instruction register must be at least 18 bits long (See solution to Exercise 43).

46. The program counter must be large enough to hold the address of a word in memory. Therefore, it must be 10 bits (See Solution to Exercise 43).
47. The data bus must be wide enough to carry the contents of one word in the memory. Therefore, it must be 18 bits (See Solution to Exercise 43).
48. The size of the address bus must be 10 bits ($\log_2 1024$) (See Solution to Exercise 43).
49. The control bus should handle all instructions. The minimum size of the control bus is therefore 4 bits ($\log_2 16$) (See Solution to Exercise 43).
50. The memory has 1024 words which is addressable by 10 bits. Since the system uses isolated I/O, up to 10 bits can be used to address the I/O registers. This means we can have up to 1024 registers. If each controller has 16 registers, then up to 1024/16 = 64 controllers can be accessed in this system.
51. The address bus uses 10 lines which means that it can address $2^{10} = 1024$ words. Since the memory is made of 1000 words and the system uses shared (memory-mapped I/O) addressing, 1024 – 1000 = 24 words are available for I/O controllers. If each controller has 4 registers, then 24/4 = 6 controllers can be accessed in this system.
52. Program S5-52 shows the instruction codes, the first column is not part of the code; it contains instruction addresses for reference. We type A, B, and C on the keyboard (one at a time). The program reads and stores them as we press the ENTER key.

Program S5-52

$(00)_{16}$	$(1FFE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input A from keyboard to R_F**
$(01)_{16}$	$(240F)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_F$, Store A in M_{40}**
$(02)_{16}$	$(1FFE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input B from keyboard to R_F**
$(03)_{16}$	$(241F)_{16}$	**// $M_{41} \leftarrow R_F$, Store B in M_{41}**
$(04)_{16}$	$(1FFE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input C from keyboard to R_F**
$(05)_{16}$	$(242F)_{16}$	**// $M_{42} \leftarrow R_F$, Store C in M_{42}**
$(06)_{16}$	$(1040)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_0$, Load A from M_{40} to R_0**
$(07)_{16}$	$(1141)_{16}$	**// $M_{41} \leftarrow R_1$, Load B from M_{41} to R_1**
$(08)_{16}$	$(1242)_{16}$	**// $M_{42} \leftarrow R_2$, Load C from M_{42} to R_2**
$(09)_{16}$	$(3310)_{16}$	**// $R_3 \leftarrow R_1 + R_0$, Add A to B and store in R_3**
$(0A)_{16}$	$(3432)_{16}$	**// $R_4 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2$, Add C to (A + B) and store in R_4**
$(0B)_{16}$	$(2434)_{16}$	**// $M_{43} \leftarrow R_4$, Store The result in M_{43}**
$(0C)_{16}$	$(1F43)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{43}$, Load the result to R_F**
$(0D)_{16}$	$(2FFF)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_F$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(0E)_{16}$	$(0000)_{16}$	**// Halt**

53. Program S5-53 shows the instruction codes, the first column is not part of the code; it contains instruction addresses for reference. We type A on the keyboard. The program reads and stores it as we press the ENTER key.

Program S5-53

$(00)_{16}$	$(1FFE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input A from keyboard to R_F**
$(01)_{16}$	$(240F)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_F$, Store A in M_{40}**
$(02)_{16}$	$(1040)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_0$, Load A from M_{40} to R_0**
$(03)_{16}$	$(A000)_{16}$	**// $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + 1$, Increment A**
$(04)_{16}$	$(A000)_{16}$	**// $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + 1$, Increment A**
$(05)_{16}$	$(A000)_{16}$	**// $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + 1$, Increment A**
$(06)_{16}$	$(2410)_{16}$	**// $M_{41} \leftarrow R_0$, Store The result in M_{41}**
$(07)_{16}$	$(1F41)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{41}$, Load the result to R_F**
$(08)_{16}$	$(2FFF)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_F$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(09)_{16}$	$(0000)_{16}$	**// Halt**

54. Program S5-54 shows the instructions. The first column is not part of the code; it contains the instruction addresses for reference. We type A on the keyboard. The program reads and stores it as we press the ENTER key.

Program S5-54

$(00)_{16}$	$(1FFE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input A from keyboard to R_F**
$(01)_{16}$	$(240F)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_F$, Store A in M_{40}**
$(02)_{16}$	$(1040)_{16}$	**// $M_{40} \leftarrow R_0$, Load A from M_{40} to R_0**
$(03)_{16}$	$(B000)_{16}$	**// $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 - 1$, Decrement A**
$(04)_{16}$	$(A000)_{16}$	**// $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 - 1$, Decrement A**
$(05)_{16}$	$(2410)_{16}$	**// $M_{41} \leftarrow R_0$, Store The result in M_{41}**
$(06)_{16}$	$(1F41)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{41}$, Load the result to R_F**
$(07)_{16}$	$(2FFF)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_F$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(08)_{16}$	$(0000)_{16}$	**// Halt**

55. Program S5-55 shows the instructions. The first column is not part of the code; it contains the instruction addresses for reference. First, we type 0 and *n* (*n* has a minimum value of 2) from the key board. The program reads and stores them in registers R_0 and R_1 as we press the ENTER key. We then type the first number and press ENTER. The program stores the first number in register R_2. The program then decrements R_1 twice. We type the second number which is stored in register R_3. The program adds the content of R_2 and R_3 and stores the result in register R_2. The program then compares the value of R_1 with R_0, If they are the same, it dis-

plays the result on the monitor and halts; otherwise, it jumps back to the second decrement statement and continues.

Program S5-55 Program for Exercise 55

$(00)_{16}$	$(10FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input 0 from keyboard to R_0**
$(01)_{16}$	$(11FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input *n* from keyboard to R_1**
$(02)_{16}$	$(12FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input the first number to R_2**
$(03)_{16}$	$(B100)_{16}$	**// $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 1$ Decrement R_1**
$(04)_{16}$	$(B100)_{16}$	**// $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 1$ Decrement R_1**
$(05)_{16}$	$(13FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input the next number to R_3**
$(06)_{16}$	$(3223)_{16}$	**// $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3$ Add R_3 to R_2 and store in R_2**
$(07)_{16}$	$(D104)_{16}$	**// If R0 ≠ R1 the PC = 04, otherwise continue**
$(08)_{16}$	$(2FF2)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_2$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(09)_{16}$	$(0000)_{16}$	**// Halt**

56. Program S5-56 shows the instructions. The first column is not part of the code; it contains the instruction addresses for reference. We first type 0 and then the two integers on the keyboard (the first integer has a value of 0 or 1). The program reads and stores them on R_0, R_1 and R_2 as we press the ENTER key.

Program S5-56 Program for Exercise 56

$(00)_{16}$	$(10FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input 0 from keyboard to R_0**
$(01)_{16}$	$(11FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input the first integer to R_1**
$(02)_{16}$	$(12FE)_{16}$	**// $R_F \leftarrow M_{FE}$, Input the second integer to R_2**
$(03)_{16}$	$(D108)_{16}$	**// If $R_0 \neq R_1$ then PC = 08, otherwise continue**
$(04)_{16}$	$(A200)_{16}$	**// $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 1$**
$(05)_{16}$	$(2FF2)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_2$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(06)_{16}$	$(A100)_{16}$	**// $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 1$**
$(07)_{16}$	$(D10A)_{16}$	**// If $R_0 \neq R_1$ then PC = 0A, otherwise continue**
$(08)_{16}$	$(B200)_{16}$	**// $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 1$**
$(09)_{16}$	$(2FF2)_{16}$	**// $M_{FF} \leftarrow R_2$, Send the result to the monitor**
$(0A)_{16}$	$(0000)_{16}$	**// Halt**