# **ELEC6234 FPGA Synthesis of a picoMIPS Processor**

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#### Abstract

This project covers the design, and implementation using SystemVerilog, of a picoMIPS embedded processor. The processor designed is Turing complete, but is tailored to the execution of an affine pixel transform.

The architecture created is minimal in size, however a modular and parametric design allows for simple extension and modification for other purposes.

In addition to the processor design, a feature-rich assembler was written using Python, capable of translating high level assembly instructions into a series of machine code instructions.

A signed binary number to binary coded decimal converter was also created in order to allow decimal output of the output word using 7-segment displays.

## 1 Introduction

This project relates to the design and implementation of a picoMIPS processor. The objectives are:

- 1. Design of a picoMIPS processor, capable of executing an affine transform.
- 2. Implementation of the designed processor in SystemVerilog.
- 3. Verification of the SystemVerilog model, by simulation.
- 4. Validation of the synthesised SystemVerilog processor.
- 5. Minimising the resources used by the synthesised processor design.

The affine transform which the processor is to execute can be represented by Equation 1. A assembly program was written to implement this, and the program was then translated to machine code using a custom assembler written for the purpose.

The minimalisation objective, objective 5 is quanified by by the cost figure of Equation 2.

Cost = [No. of Logic Elements] + max([No. of 9-bit Multipliers used] 
$$-2,0$$
) +  $\frac{[\text{kBits of RAM}]}{1024} \times 30$  (2)

In preparation for the assignment, I conducted research into minimal instruction set computers, and designed my system on paper. The design of the instruction set is summarised in Section ??, and the design of the remainder of the system is discussed therein, as well as in subsequent sections.

As part of this preparation I investigated the structure of Altera logic blocks, and synthesised small test modules in order to see their resource utilisation.

As an extension exercise I wrote SystemVerilog code to convert the signed 8-bit words on the switches and LEDs to binary coded decimal and then display this using the seven segment displays present on the development board. This is discussed briefly in Section 4.

# 2 System Design and Verification

#### 2.1 Overview

A block diagram showing my picoMIPS implementation is shown in Figure 1. In this diagram, blue lines represent address signals, red represents data signals, and green represents control signals. Each block in this diagram represents a SystemVerilog module in the design, and each module has been annotated with the bus width of all of the signals into and out of it.

The cycle counter defines the current stage of instruction execution. The processor is not pipelined, so the cycle counter controls which parts of the processor are active on any given clock cycle. The counter has three states, decode, execute, and write, which make up one instruction cycle.

The program counter stores the instructions which make up the program, and on each instruction cycle it presents the instruction pointed to by it's address input to the processor.

The register block contains a small amount of storage necessary for program execution. Two registers are read per instruction cycle, and the result of the arithmetic logic unit (ALU) operation is written back to the second register.

The ALU performs the requested operations on the input registers, and presents the result to the rest of the processor so that the appropriate action can be carried out.

The final block is the program address multiplexer. This block is responsible for presenting the program memory with either the next address, or a branch address depending on the ALU result. In a traditional processor, the next address would be calculated and stored by a program counter. This processor uses a slightly different approach and stores the next address is stored in the program code instead. The reason for this choice is that it contributes less to the cost function. The processor uses 5 bit addresses, and therefore a 5 bit counter would be needed. This would require 5 logic elements, which is a cost of 5. There are 31 instructions in the main program, and so the cost of adding 5 bits to each one is  $\frac{31 \times 5}{1024} \times 30 = 4.54$ , therefore it is cheaper to not have a dedicated program counter.

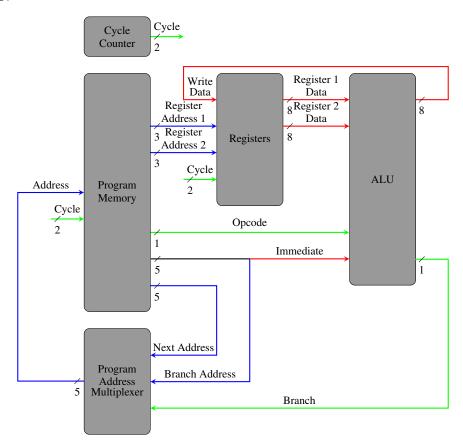


Figure 1: Final processor architecture

## 2.2 Cycle Counter Design

As mentioned in Section 2.1, the counter has three states. This is represented using a one hot encoding, with the zero state also valid. This arrangement means that the counter uses the same number of bits than the equivalent binary counter. Careful assignment of state encodings means that no decoder is necessary for decoding the current cycle anywhere in the design. This is possible because no signals need to be asserted in the decode state, and so this state can be encoded as zero.

A timing diagram showing the execution of the processor across these cycles is shown in Figure 2. During the decode stage, the new instruction is valid, and so it can be decoded, and the register values can be fetched from random access memory (RAM). During the execute stage, the register values have been fetched from RAM and so the ALU can perform the operation. During the write cycle the data produced by the ALU is written back to RAM. A cycle is necessary for this because the RAM blocks inside the Cyclone IV field programmable gate array (FPGA) do not support read during write with new data, so a cycle is necessary to ensure that the register value is valid for the decode cycle.

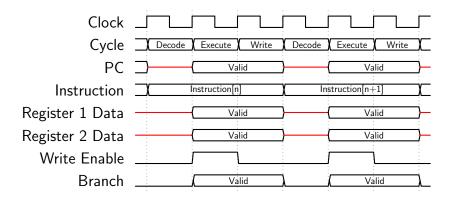


Figure 2: Processor timing diagram

## 2.3 Instruction and Program Design

The processor is capable of performing two instructions tabulated in Table 1. SUBLEQ was chosen as the primary instruction because it is Turing complete by itself, so can execute any program. Using solely SUBLEQ instructions does have a downside however. Executing a multiply operation would require many lines of code, and so would take a large amount of time, as well as a lot of program memory. For this reason a second instruction MULTI is also used. This instruction also gives a method of loading immediates (by multiplying by 1), which would require an additional multiplexer and bit in the instruction in a SUBLEQ only system.

Mnemonic	Mathematical operation	English Description
SUBLEQ	regs[b] = regs[b] - regs[a]; $if(regs[b] \le 0)$ branch;	Subtract and branch if less than, or equal to, zero.
MULTI	$regs[b] = regs[a] \times Immediate;$	Multiply immediate.

Table 1: Instructions

The processor uses 17 bit instructions. This breaks down into a one bit opcode, two 3 bit register addresses, a 5 bit immediate / branch address, and a 5 bit value to store the next address, as shown in Figure 3.

The opcode can be made one bit long because there are only two instructions in the processor, and therefore one bit is enough to differentiate them. The immediate / branch address bits can be shared

across the two functions because the MULTI instruction uses an immediate but does not branch, whilst the SUBLEQ instruction does not use an immediate, but can branch. The details of why these two instructions were chosen, and the details of their implementation is given in Section 3.

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
op. Reg. 1 Addr.		Reg	g. 2 A	ddr.	Im	m. / B	Branch	Addr	ess		Nex	t Add	ress			

Figure 3: Instruction Format and Assembler

A listing of the program used is given in Listing 1. This is a custom dialect of assembly code created for this project. Upon reading the source code, the reader will notice that the majority of assembly instructions used are not present as machine instructions in the processor architecture. This is because writing assembly code solely using SUBLEQ and MULTI instructions can be very confusing. For this reason a two-stage compilation toolchain was created using the Python programming language. The first stage takes each assembly instruction that doesn't map into a machine instruction, and re-writes it so that only SUBLEQ and MULTI instructions are used. This is performed by optimiser.py, and the second stage is to compile this assembly code into machine instructions. This is performed by assembler.py. The machine code output by the compilation toolchain is listed in Listing 2.

The majority of instructions such as MOV and ADD have their conventional definitions, however there are some slightly more esoteric instructions, namely JLEZ, and JGZ. These are represent 'jump if less than or equal to zero', and 'jump if greater than or equal to zero' respectively. These instructions are used to poll switch 8. Initially the more conventional JZ, and JNZ ('jump if zero', and 'jump if not zero') were used. The system worked with these instructions, however they require more SUBLEQ instructions to implement, and since the switch 8 register is guaranteed to be either 0x00, or 0x01 the simpler instructions are functionally equivalent.

## 2.4 Program Memory Design

The program memory block is very simple, it consists solely of a block of synchronous read only memory (ROM), initialised with the data from Listing 2.

Initially the ROM was inferred by creating an array of words, and then transferring the addressed word to the output on each rising clock edge, using a non blocking assignment within a rising clock edge always block. However later the ROM was instantiated using a dedicated Altera RAM library element. The reason for this choice is that the design requires access to the asynchronous clear input on the address register in order to reset the design. This is something which was not possible to infer using standard SystemVerilog code.

Due to its simplicity this block was not tested with an individual testbench, and the functionality of the block was verified during system level testing, as described in Section 3.1.

## 2.5 Program Address Multiplexer Design

The multiplexer used to multiplex between the next address and branch address is not implemented using a traditional structure, instead a multiplier is used.

The reason for this choice is that an n bit multiplexer requires n logic blocks for a traditional implementation, however using hardware multipliers, one can implement up to a 9 bit multiplexer using a single  $18 \times 18$  hardware multiplexer. This would represent a cost of 2 (because an  $18 \times 18$  multiplexer is formed of two  $9 \times 9$  multipliers).

The operation of the multiplexer is illustrated by Figure 4. If the two words to be multiplexed a and b are concatenated to a single multiplier input, and a single bit is set in the second word, then the input can be shifted by a set amount. Setting the second input to either 1 or 1 << (Word Width), therefore

acts as a multiplexer if we observe the output bits from  $[(Word Width) \times 2 : (Word width) + 1]$  we have effectively created a multiplexer.

Input	b[3]	b[2]	b[1]	b[0]	a[3]	a[2]	a[1]	a[0]
Sel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Result	<i>b</i> [3]	<i>b</i> [2]	b[1]	b[0]	a[3]	a[2]	a[1]	a[0]
Input	b[3]	b[2]	<i>b</i> [1]	b[0]	a[3]	a[2]	a[1]	a[0]
Input Sel	b[3] 0	<i>b</i> [2] 0		b[0]		a[2] 0	a[1] 0	a[0] 0

Figure 4: 4-bit Multiplexer Operation

This multiplexer was designed as a parametric model, so that it can be used as the program address multiplexer, as well as elsewhere in the design.

#### **2.5.1** Testing

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## 2.6 Register Design

#### **2.6.1** Layout

The register block is the most complex block of the design. At its heart it uses a dual port RAM block (with one dedicated read port, and one read/write port) to access data. Use of this configuration allows both registers to be read in a single clock cycle, as shown by Figure 2. It should be noted however that the RAM inside the Cyclone IV FPGA does not support reading of new data during write, and so this is why there is a dedicated write cycle in the processors execution. Removal of this would result in incorrect data being read if an instruction requested the data from a register that was written to in the previous clock cycle.

The memory map of the registers is shown in Table 2. Registers R1–R4 are general purpose computation registers. These are entirely application specific registers, and both reading and writing is legal for any of them. The contents of R4, however, does also map to the light emitting diodes (LEDs) on the FPGAs development board.

The U register stands for unity. This register is guaranteed to hold the constant necessary for an immediate to be loaded directly into a register using the MULTI command. This is necessary because by default immediates are treated as being a fractional constant, as discussed in Section 3. It is forbidden for any program to write to this value, as doing so will break the LDI (load immediate) command. The value of this register is initialised by the bitstream only, and resetting the processor using the reset switch will not reset its value. It should be noted that writing to this register is not prevented in hardware, but it is forbidden for any program to do so.

The Z register stands for zero. The value of this register is kept at zero, and writing to it should be done with extreme caution. Many of the higher level assembly commands internally rely on this register being zero when they are replaced with calls to SUBLEQ, and MULTI. Writing to Z, however, is not forbidden entirely as many of these higher level commands use it as a general purpose computation register, but they all guarantee to clear Z back to zero before exiting. Z is not initialised to zero by the bitstream, but instead the first command of the program must be SUBLEQ Z Z in order to clear it. This approach is taken so that the processor still functions correctly if it is reset using the reset switch whilst Z is non-zero.

The SW07 and SW8 registers are different from the others in that they do not map to internal storage in the FPGA. When the program attempts to read their value the value of switches 0–7, or

switch 8 is returned instead, this is achieved by multiplexing the data outputs of the register bank. There do exist, however, registers inside the register memory at the addresses of the switch registers, this is because writing to the SW07 and SW8 registers is legal, but has no effect, physical registers need to exist in order to avoid an out of range write.

Table 2: Register map

Address	Mnemonic			
0x0	R1			
0x1	R2			
0x2	R3			
0x3	R4 / LED			
0x4	U			
0x5	Z			
0x6	SW07			
0x7	SW8			

#### 2.6.2 Implementation

The registers are implemented as shown in Figure 5. The main block is the register memory block, this is a block of true dual port RAM. Data 1 is set to the value of the data stored at address 1 on each rising clock edge, and data 2 is set to the value of the data stored at address 2 if the write enable is false, otherwise the value stored at address 2 is replaced with the write data.

The LED register allows mirrors register R4 in the main memory bank, but allows the LEDs to be constantly driven.

The switch multiplexers are three way multiplexers that multiplex between the register data, switches[0:7], and switches[8], dependant on the register address selected. The control signals for these multiplexers are derived from two register addresses. Internally the multiplexers are formed of two cascaded two input multiplexers, one to choose between the two registers of switches, and one to select between the switch values and the data register.

#### **2.6.3** Testing

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# 3 ALU Design

SUBLEQ is implemented using logic elements to form a subtracter, then the output of the subtracter is tested for the branch condition using a multiplier. The condition to branch is if the result is less than or equal to zero, we can test this using multiplication by -1.  $-1 \times 0 = 0$ , and  $-1 \times [\text{Negative number}] = [\text{Positive number}]$ , however  $-1 \times [\text{Positive number}] = [\text{Negative number}]$ , therefore the branch condition is the logical negation of the most significant bit (MSB) of the multiplier output. This saves the use of several logic elements.

MULTI requires minimal overhead (only a single hardware multiplexer – a cost of 1 in the cost function), and provides loading of immediates without a multiplexer on the ALU input, as well as multiplication without a large loop of SUBLEQ instructions.

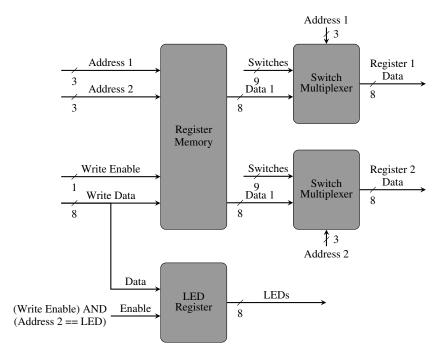


Figure 5: Register memory architecture

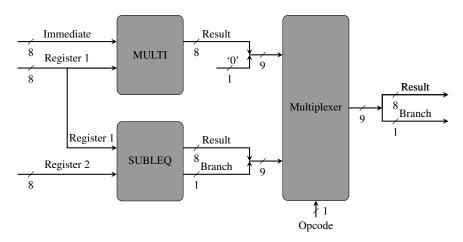


Figure 6: ALU architecture

#### **3.0.1** Testing

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# 3.1 System Level testing

To test the overall functionality of the system, a testbench was created to simulate switch input, and confirm the output result against a model of the affine transform calculated by the testbench. Using this method, the system was able to be tested for all possible inputs.

## **3.1.1** Testing

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# 4 Altera DE2-115 Implementation and Validation

Due to the extensive system level verification discussed in Section 3.1, few problems were encountered during implementation. Upon testing the initial programming file, it was noted that the system did not respond to any input. Investigation of the setting in Quartus revealed that the pin mapping .qsf file had not been loaded properly and so the pin assignments were not correct. Upon fixing this issue, the design worked as expected.

The validation methodology was:

- 1. Select an x and y co-ordinate to test.
- 2. Look up the expected result in the output log produced by the system level testbench.
- 3. Input the data to the system under test.
- 4. Check the result produced.

In particular, attention was paid to ensuring that a range of random values, as well as edge cases (coordinates close to 0 and the limits of the integer size) were validated. In all cases the tested value matched the expected result.

#### 4.1 Decimal decoder

In order to improve the ease of validation, a small SystemVerilog module was written to decode the signed 8-bit values on the switches and LEDs, and display them in decimal on four seven segment displays. This module does not contribute to the cost figure of the design as it is instantiated outside of the picoMIPS module. The design of the module will not be covered in detail, as it is largely outside of the scope of the project.

#### **4.1.1** Testing

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### 5 Conclusion

All of the objectives noted in Section 1 have been achieved. Objectives 1 and 2 are realised through the design, and subsequent SystemVerilog implementation of the processor discussed in Section 2. Objectives 3 and 4 have been realised through the verification and validation of the design discussed in Sections 3.1 and 4 respectively.

Obective 5, minimalisation of the design has been at the heart of the design philosophy throughout the project, and this culminates in the tiny cost Figure calculated by Equation 3.

$$Cost = [No. of Logic Elements] + max([No. of 9-bit Multipliers used] - 2,0) + \frac{[kBits of RAM]}{1024} \times 30$$
(3)

#### Fill in this

The created processor performs well and can easily be tailored to new applications due to the parametrised and modular design. The fact that the processor is accompanied by a powerful assembler aids in it's applicability to new applications.

In conclusion there are few ways in which the design could be improved without extending the scope. One key element that would make it more versatile would be adding support for a higher level programming language. This would allow the system to be tailored to new applications with ease. A C compiler would be the obvious choice, however this would encompass a large design effort, so porting a Forth runtime to the processor would likely be a more realistic goal.

# References

# Appendix A Program Code

Listing 1: Main Program

```
// Assembly for Affine Transform
3
   // Define constants - data set 2
                                         // 00100 = 0.5
4
           CONST
                            4
                    A11
5
           CONST
                    A12
                             25
                                         // 11001 = -0.875
           CONST
                    A21
                            25
                                         // 11001 = -0.875
6
7
                                         // 00110 = 0.75
           CONST
                    A22
8
9
                    B1
                             5
                                         // 00101 = 5
           CONST
10
           CONST
                    B2
                             12
                                         // 01100 = 12
11
12
   //Ensure that zero register is zero
   SUBLEQ Z Z
14
   //Load pixels
15
16
   start: JLEZ
                    SW8
                                             // Wait for SW8 = 0
                             start
           MOV
                                              // Store X1 in R1
17
                    SW17
                            R1
18 pol12:
           JGZ
                    SW8
                             po112
19
   pol13:
           JLEZ
                    SW8
                             po113
20
           MOV
                    SW17
                            R2
                                             // Store Y1 in R2
   poll4: JGZ
21
                    SW8
                             poll4
22
   //Begin Affine algorithm execution part 1
23
24
   //Note this could be optimised if some coefficients are repeated
25
           MULTI
                    R1
                            R3
                                     A11
                                               // Multiply All, and Xl, store in
                R3
           MULTI
                    R2
                                     A12
                                              // Multiply A12, and Y1, store in
26
                            R4
                R4
27
           ADD
                    R3
                            R4
                                              // Add R3 and R4, store in R4
28
           LDI
                    R3
                            B1
                                             // Store B2 in R3
29
                            R4
                                              // R4 = Y2 = B2 + (A21*X1) + (A22*
           ADD
                    R3
               Y1)
30
   //Begin output stage
   //No need to move R4 to LED as it is already connected
32
   poll5: JLEZ
33
                      SW8
                               poll5
34
35
   //Begin Affine algorithm execution part 2
36
   //Note this could be optimised if some coefficients are repeated
           MULTI
37
                    R1
                            R3
                                     A21
                                               // Multiply A21, and X1, store in
                R3
38
           MULTI
                    R2
                            R4
                                     A22
                                               // Multiply A22, and Y1, store in
                R4
39
                    R3
                            R4
                                              // Add R3 and R4, store in R4
           ADD
40
                    R3
                            B2
                                              // Store B1 in R3
           LDI
                                              // R4 = X2 = B1 + (A11*X1) + (A12*
                            R4
41
           ADD
                    R3
               Y1)
42
43
   //Begin output stage
44 //No need to move R4 to LED as it is already connected
```

```
45
   poll6:
            JGZ
                    SW8
                             poll6
46
            JP
                     start
                             Listing 2: Main Program (compiled)
   - Automatically generated memory map by python
   -- 03:00AM on April 28 2017
3
   DEPTH = 31;
4
5
   WIDTH = 17;
6
   ADDRESS\_RADIX = HEX;
7
   DATA\_RADIX = BIN;
8
   CONTENT
9
   BEGIN
10
11
   00 : 01011010000100001;
      : 01011110000100010;
12
   02 : 11100000100000011;
   03 : 010111110010100100;
15
      : 01011010001100101;
   05 : 010111110010100110;
17
        11100010100000111;
18
      : 01011110100101000;
19
      : 01011010011101001;
20
   09
      : 10000100010001010;
21
      : 10010111100101011;
   0 a
22
      : 00101010110001100;
      : 01010110110101101;
      : 01011010111001110;
      : 11000100010101111;
26
      : 00101011000010000;
27
   10 : 01010111000110001;
28
   11 : 01011011001010010;
29
      : 010111111001010011;
30
      : 10000101100110100;
31
        10010110011010101;
32
      : 00101011011010110;
33
        01010111011110111;
34
   17
      : 01011011100011000;
35
         11000100110011001;
36
        00101011101011010;
37
   1a : 010101111101111011;
38
        01011011110011100;
39
      : 010111111111011101;
40
   1d: 01011011110011110;
41
   1e: 010110100001111111;
42
43
   END;
```

# **Appendix B** Simulation Stimulus and Waveforms

Listing 3: test\_bin\_to\_bcd.sv Stimulus

```
10
   initial
11
   begin
12
        for (int i = -128; i < 128; i++)
13
        begin
14
             in = i;
15
             # 10ns;
16
        end
17
        $stop;
18
   end
```

```
\begin{array}{ccc} & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & &
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Figure 7: test\_bin\_to\_bcd.sv Output

#### Listing 4: test\_multi.sv Stimulus

```
17
   initial
   begin
18
19
        register = 8'b00000110; //6
20
       immediate = 5'b00110; //0.75
21
       #1 ns
22
        assert(result == 8'b00000100); //4 (truncated from 4.5)
23
24
25
        register = 8'b00001000; //8
       immediate = 5'b01100; //12 (but divided down for immediate)
26
27
28
        assert(result == 8'b00001100); //12 (truncated from 4.5)
29
30
       #10 ns
31
        register = 8'b10000000; //-128
32
       immediate = 5'b00100; //0.5
33
       #1 ns
34
        assert(result == 8'b11000000); //12 (truncated from 4.5)
35
       #10ns;
36
        $stop;
37
   end
```

Listing 5: test\_multiplexer.sv Stimulus

```
10 initial
11 begin
12 a = 34;
13 b = 95;
```

```
register[7:0] \frac{0x6 \times 0x8}{0x6 \times 0x}
immediate[4:0] \frac{0x6 \times 0xc}{0x4 \times 0xc}
result[7:0] \frac{0x4 \times 0xc}{0x4 \times 0xc}
```

Figure 8: test\_multi.sv Output

```
sel = 0;
14
15
        # 10 ns;
16
        assert (out == a);
        sel = 1;
17
18
        # 10 ns;
19
        assert (out == b);
20
        sel = 0;
        # 10 ns;
21
22
        assert (out == a);
23
        $stop;
24
   end
```

```
a[7:0] 0x22
b[7:0] 0x5f
sel 0t[7:0] 0x22\sqrt{0x5f}
```

Figure 9: test\_multiplexer.sv Output

#### Listing 6: test\_regs.sv Stimulus

```
82
   // Stimulus
83
    initial
84
    begin
         //Initialise memory with dummy values
85
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_R1_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
86
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_R2_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
87
88
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_R3_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_R4_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
89
         dut.mem0.mem[`REG_Z_ADDR] = 0; // The program code normally does this
90
91
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_SW07_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
         dut.mem0.mem['REG_SW8_ADDR] = $urandom_range(255,0);
92
93
         # 1ns;
94
         $display($time, ": begin test 1");
95
         rwTest('REG_R1_ADDR, 'REG_R2_ADDR, $urandom_range(255,0),$urandom_range
            (255,0);
    //
96
         $stop;
         $display($time, ": begin test 2");
97
         rwTest('REG_R3_ADDR, 'REG_R4_ADDR, $\surandom_range(255,0),\surandom_range
98
            (255,0);
99
         $display($time, ": begin test 3");
         rwTest('REG_SW07_ADDR, 'REG_R1_ADDR, $\sqrt{urandom_range}(255,0),
100
            \frac{\text{surandom}_{\text{range}}(255,0)}{\text{range}}
         $display($time, ": begin test 4");
101
         rwTest('REG_SW8_ADDR, 'REG_R2_ADDR, $urandom_range(255,0),
102
            \frac{\text{surandom}_{\text{range}}(255,0)}{\text{range}}
```

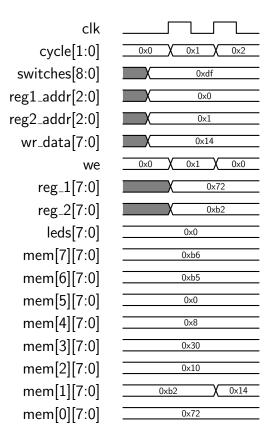


Figure 10: test\_regs.sv Output

Listing 7: test\_picoMIPS.sv Stimulus

```
110
    // Stimulus
    initial
111
112
    begin
         logFile = $fopen("log.txt");
113
         $fdisplay(logFile, "xi\tyi\txo\tyo");
114
115
         // Initialise
116
         SW17 = 0;
117
         SW8 = 0;
118
119
120
         // Reset
121
         SW9 = 0;
122
         # 100 ns;
123
         SW9 = 1;
124
125
         // testAffineTransform (-1,2);
126
         // $stop;
127
         //Test all possible values
128
```

```
for (int i = -128; i < 128; i++)
129
         begin
130
             $display(i);
131
132
             for (int j = -128; j < 128; j++)
133
             begin
                  testAffineTransform(i,j);
134
135
             end
136
         end
137
138
         $fclose(logFile);
139
         $stop;
140
141
    end \\
```

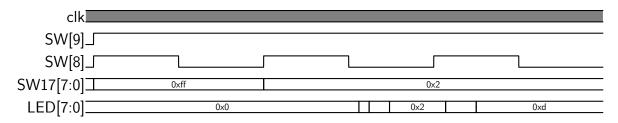


Figure 11: test\_picoMIPS.sv Output