

# CMSI 284 Simple Machine Exercise or, the Da Vinci Opcode

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## Instructions

Work out and answer the following questions based on the simple machine described in <http://cs.lmu.edu/~ray/notes/simplecomputer/>. You may submit this assignment in one of these ways:

- If you know  $\text{\LaTeX}$  sufficiently, copy the *source file* of this exercise and add your solutions to this copy. Commit and push the file to your GitHub repository. *Advantage:* Drop-dead clear, sharp, unambiguous presentation. *Disadvantage:* Intermediate work such as the state of the machine at a given moment may be harder to write down.
- Alternatively, you may *print* the PDF version of this exercise and do your work on paper. Submit this printout with your *name* in the designated blank up top. *Advantage:* More convenient for showing your work. *Disadvantage:* Handwritten answers may be harder to read.

If answering on paper, use separate blank sheets for your answers/code if necessary. Don't try to cram everything solely within the available space.

## Mapping to Outcomes and Proficiencies

The overall assignment covers outcomes *1c*, *4d*, and *4f*. Each question specifically pertains to *1c* and will be given a score ranging from 0 to 4 based on the correctness of the answer. The average score for a given outcome, rounded, determines the final proficiency for the assignment.

Outcome *4d* will be determined by how well you use the information given in class to compute the requested answers, and how accurately you follow the instructions in this assignment.

Outcome *4f* will be determined by whether you submit the assignment on time.

# 1 Disassembly

Choose two (2) out of the following five machine language programs then: (a) disassemble them into an equivalent assembly language program and (b) state the computation that they perform. Some ground rules and tips:

- There might be “garbage” (i.e., unused) words in the memory dump, so just follow the instructions and trust in what they make the machine do.
- When disassembling the programs, choose meaningful labels, just as you would when writing programs in higher-level languages.
- If you recognize that the operations being performed result in something that is overall more meaningful (e.g., “the program squares the given number then multiplies it by  $\pi$ ”) then describe the program in those more meaningful terms rather than just spelling out the operations (e.g., “the program computes the area of a circle with the given radius”).
- To help remember how you are interpreting the code, you may annotate your code with a comment (e.g., “; current value of counter”).
- Many of these programs read or write values to and from ports. Make sure to recognize which ports are being used for what.

```
1. 0000000: C0000004
   0000001: 0000000A
   0000002: 00000001
   0000003: 00000001
   0000004: 00000002
   0000005: 60000001
   0000006: 10000002
   0000007: 00000001
   0000008: 50000003
   0000009: D000000C
   000000A: 10000001
   000000B: C0000004
   000000C: 00000002
   000000D: 30000FAC
   000000E: C000000E
   000000F: 000000F1
   0000010: 10000002
   0000011: 30000004
   0000012: 8000009A
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0000013: 10000000
0000014: 20000AEF
0000015: FFFFFFFF
0000016: 00000000
dec:      1                ;
factorial: 1                ;
count:    10               ;
          JUMP   start      ;
start:    LOAD   factorial   ;
          MUL    count       ; multiply accumulator value by count
          STORE  factorial   ;
          LOAD   count       ; loads count to accum
          SUB    dec         ; decrement count
          JZ     output      ; jumps to endstage of program
          STORE  count       ; stores count if necessary
          JUMP   start      ;
output:   LOAD   factorial   ;
          OUT    FAC         ;
end:      JUMP   end         ; infinite loop to end program

```

This program outputs (10!)

2. (*Hint:* Keep those bitwise operations in mind.)

```

0000000: 20000016
0000001: 10000008
0000002: 50000009
0000003: D0000003
0000004: 00000008
0000005: B0000009
0000006: 30000050
0000007: C0000000
0000008: 00000000
0000009: FFFFFFFF
000000A: 20000111
000000B: 00000003
000000C: 10000022
000000D: C0000005
000000E: 40000001
000000F: 30000001
0000010: 40000004
0000011: A000001D

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0000012: 90000002
0000013: B000001E
0000014: 00000001
0000015: F0000002
0000016: 40000EBD
```

3. (*Hint:* You have probably written this program before.)

```
0000000: 200EA000
0000001: 10000014
0000002: 80000011
0000003: D0000005
0000004: C000000C
0000005: 00000014
0000006: 80000012
0000007: D0000009
0000008: C000000E
0000009: 00000014
000000A: 80000013
000000B: D000000E
000000C: 00000015
000000D: C000000F
000000E: 00000016
000000F: 300FF000
0000010: C0000010
0000011: 00000004
0000012: 00000064
0000013: 00000190
0000014: 00000000
0000015: 00000000
0000016: FFFFFFFF
```

4. (*Hint:* What is happening here relates to a well-known theorem.)

```
0000000: C0000003
0000001: 00FEA007
0000002: 9001A2B3
0000003: 20F80000
0000004: 10000001
0000005: 60000001
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0000006: 10000001
0000007: 20F80000
0000008: 10000002
0000009: 60000002
000000A: 40000001
000000B: 30F90000
000000C: C000000C
000000D: 10000014
000000E: 80000011
000000F: D0000005
0000010: C000000C
0000011: 00000014
0000012: 80000012
0000013: D0000009
0000014: C000000E
0000015: 00000014
0000016: 80000013

```

```

a:      0          ;
b:      0          ;
        JUMP      start ;
start:  IN        F80000 ;
        STORE     a      ; stores input into memloc 1
        MUL       a      ; squares input into accum
        STORE     a      ; stores square of input
        IN        F80000 ;
        STORE     b      ;
        MUL       b      ;
        ADD       a      ;
        OUT       F90000 ;
end:    JUMP      end    ;

```

This program outputs the result of summing two squares from input.

5. (*Hint:* Remember the first 128 Unicode codepoints when reading through this one.)

```

0000000: C0000005
0000001: 00000061
0000002: 0000007A
0000003: 00000020
0000004: FA001F1F
0000005: 20000032

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0000006: D0000006
0000007: 10000004
0000008: 50000001
0000009: E0000010
000000A: 00000004
000000B: 50000002
000000C: F0000010
000000D: 00000004
000000E: 50000003
000000F: 10000004
0000010: 00000004
0000011: 30000064
0000012: C0000005
0000013: 10000008
0000014: 50000009
0000015: D0000003
0000016: 00000008

```

## 2 Assembly

Choose three (3) out of the following five program descriptions then: (a) implement them in assembly language and (b) assemble your code into machine language. Start your assembled programs at memory location 00000000. When reading/writing to/from ports is requested, you may choose the port numbers to use, but you should explicitly state which port is being used for what.

In all cases, assume that the programs work in infinite loops: after accepting the input and processing the output, they all start over and accept new input from the designated port.

1. *Two digit decimal-to-hex converter:* A program that reads two words from a given port that are meant to represent individual decimal digits. If the words are not in the range 0 to 9, then the error result **FFFFFFFF** is sent to an output port. Otherwise, the integer represented by the two decimal digits is sent.

```

size_test:    9                ;
raise_order:  A                ;
error_out:    FFFFFFFF        ;
input_port:   444              ;
output_port:  999              ;
              JUMP      start   ;
start:        IN        input_port ;
              SUB       size_test ;
              JGZ       error    ;
              ADD       size_test ;
              STORE     a        ; first digit
              IN        input_port ;
              SUB       size_test ;
              JGZ       error    ;
              ADD       size_test ;
              STORE     b        ; second digit
              LOAD      a        ;
              MUL       raise_order ;
              ADD       b        ;
              OUT       output_port ;
              JUMP      start    ;
error:        LOAD      error_out ;
              OUT       output_port ;
              JUMP      start    ;

```

```

0000000: C0000006;
0000001: 00000000; a
0000002: 00000000; b
0000003: 00000009;
0000004: 0000000A;
0000005: FFFFFFFF; error_out
0000006: 20000444;
0000007: 50000003;
0000008: F0000015; jump if error
0000009: 40000003;
000000A: 10000001;
000000B: 20000444;
000000C: 50000003;
000000D: F0000015;
000000E: 40000003;
000000F: 10000002;

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0000010: 00000001;
0000011: 60000004;
0000012: 40000002;
0000013: 30000999;
0000014: C0000006;
0000015: 00000005;
0000016: 30000999;
0000017: C0000006;

```

e.g., If the input port receives 00000003 then 00000008, the output port gets 00000026 because 38 decimal is 26 hex. If the input port receives 00000001 then 0000000E, the output port gets FFFFFFFF because 0000000E is not a decimal digit.

2. *Overflow possibility checker:* A program that reads two words from a given port then checks whether adding them together *might* cause overflow. If overflow is possible, an output port receives 1. If overflow cannot happen, the output port receives 0.

e.g., If the input port receives FFFFAD05 then 6A004301, the output port gets 0 because adding these numbers will not result in overflow. If the input port receives 0000001B then 00000002, the output port gets 1 because adding these numbers *might* result in overflow.

3. *Simulated bank account:* A program that reads two words then updates an in-memory word representing a current bank account balance. The first word may either be UTF-32 D or W. The second word is some integer amount. D stands for “deposit,” and adds the given amount to the balance in memory. W stands for “withdrawal,” and subtracts the given amount from the balance in memory. Any character other than D or W results in no action; both input words are ignored. You may assume that the amount is always a positive number.

e.g., If the in-memory balance is \$100 decimal and the input port receives 00000044 then 0000000A, the balance becomes \$110 decimal because the two words requested a deposit of \$10. If the input port next receives 00000057 then 0000003C, the balance becomes \$50 decimal because the two words requested a withdrawal of \$60. If the two words are 00000041 then 00000100, nothing happens because 00000041 is neither Unicode D nor W.



```

                                JUMP      start    ;
balance: 1000000000            ;
w:      00000057               ;
d:      00000044               ;
action: 00000000               ;
amt:    00000000               ;
start:  IN      0000444        ;
        STORE   action        ;
        IN      0000444        ;
        STORE   amt           ;
        LOAD    w              ;
        SUB     action         ;
        JZ      withdr        ;
        LOAD    d              ;
        SUB     action         ;
        JZ      depos         ;
        JUMP    start          ; jumps to start if action is not W or D
withdr:  LOAD    balance        ;
        SUB     amt            ;
        JLZ     start          ; jumps to start if withdrawal is greater than balance
        OUT     0000999        ;
        JUMP    start          ;
depos:   LOAD    balance        ;
        ADD     amt            ;
        JLZ     start          ; jumps to start if somehow negative
        OUT     0000999        ;
        JUMP    start          ;

```

```

0000000: C0000006;
0000001: 7FFFFFFF; balance
0000002: 00000057; w
0000003: 00000044; d
0000004: 00000000; action
0000005: 00000000; amt
0000006: 20000444;
0000007: 10000004;
0000008: 20000444;
0000009: 10000005;
000000A: 00000002;
000000B: 50000004;
000000C: D0000011;
000000D: 00000003;
000000E: 50000004;
000000F: D0000016;
0000010: C0000006;
0000011: 00000001; withdraw
0000012: 50000005;
0000013: E0000006;
0000014: 30000999;
0000015: C0000006;
0000016: 00000001; depos
0000017: 40000005;
0000018: E0000006;
0000019: 30000999;
000001A: C0000006;

```

4. *Two-number sorter*: A program that reads two words then echoes them back through an output port in ascending order. e.g., If the input port receives 00AA0123 then 01FF9231, the output port gets 00AA0123 then 01FF9231. If the input port receives 008012AB then 000039EF, the output port gets 000039EF then 008012AB.

```

                                JUMP      start      ;
a:                             0                  ;
b:                             0                  ;
out_port:                      00000999          ;
in_port                        00000444          ;
start:                         IN           in_port ;
                                STORE        a      ;
                                IN           in_port ;
                                STORE        b      ;
                                SUB          a      ;
                                JGZ         first_less ;
                                JLZ         first_greater ;
first_less:                    LOAD         a      ;
                                OUT          out_port ;
                                LOAD         b      ;
                                OUT          out_port ;
                                JUMP        start ;
first_greater:                 LOAD         b      ;
                                OUT          out_port ;
                                LOAD         a      ;
                                OUT          out_port ;
                                JUMP        start ;

00000000: C0000003;
00000001: 00000000;
00000002: 00000000;
00000003: 20000444;
00000004: 10000001;
00000005: 20000444;
00000006: 10000002;
00000007: 50000001;
00000008: F000000A;
00000009: E000000F;
0000000A: 00000001;
0000000B: 30000999;
0000000C: 00000002;
0000000D: 30000999;
0000000E: C0000003;
0000000F: 00000002;
00000010: 30000999;
00000011: 00000001;

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0000012: 30000999;  
0000013: C0000003;
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5. *Single-digit expression adder/subtractor*: A program that reads a single word meant to be a UTF-8 sum or difference of single digits, then evaluates that expression. The expression may be assumed to be valid.

e.g., If the input port receives 00342B37—i.e., 4+7—the output port gets 0000000B because that is the sum of those two numbers. If the input port receives 00312D39—i.e., 1-9—the output port gets FFFFFFFF8 because that is the difference of those two numbers.

### 3 Reflection

Which task do you think is harder—*following* instructions to determine what they compute (the first section), or *writing* instructions to perform a specified computation (the second section)? Why do you think so?

I found the first section more difficult because you are unsure of the function of the program until you've nearly completed executing it. It's like following instructions without knowing their purpose, which is significantly less intuitive than writing the instructions yourself.