Design Document: Functional Simulator

The document describes the design aspect of Phase1.py, a functional simulator.

# How to execute a program:

## Use Command:

$python3 Phase1.py “machine\_file\_name.mc” # $python3 Phase1.py fact.mc

# Input/Output

## Input

Input to the simulator is .mc file that contains the encoded instruction and the corresponding address at which instruction is supposed to be stored, separated by space. For example:

0x0 0x00500513

0x4 0x008000EF

0x8 0x04000463

## Functional Behavior and output

The simulator reads the instruction from instruction memory, decodes the instruction, read the register, execute the operation, and write back to the register file.

The execution of instruction continues till it reaches instruction “0xFFFFFFFF”, simulator stops and print updated registers and memory as well as updated memory contents on to a memory .mc file.

The simulator also prints messages for each stage, for example for the third instruction above following messages are printed.

* Fetch prints:
  + “FETCH: Fetch instruction 0xE3A0200A at address 0x0”
* Decode
  + “DECODE: Operation is ADD, first operand R2, Second operand R3, destination register R1”
* Execute
  + “EXECUTE: ADD 10 and 2”
* Memory
  + “MEMORY: if (memory operation is used) : accessed memory location at ‘memory address’ “

Else : No memory operation

* Writeback
  + “WRITEBACK: if(writeback operation exists): write 12 to x[1]”

else: no writeback

# Design of Simulator

## Data structure

We used list for the registers and dictionary for the memory.

## Simulator flow:

There are two steps:

1. First memory is loaded with input memory file.
2. Simulator executes instruction one by one.

For the second step, there is infinite loop, which simulates all the instruction till the instruction sequence reads “0xFFFFFFFF”.

Next we describe the implementation of fetch, decode, execute, memory, and write-back function.

# Test plan

We test the simulator with following assembly programs:

* Fibonacci Program
* Bubble-sort
* Factorial
* Some other test cases