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TAKE HOME TEST 1

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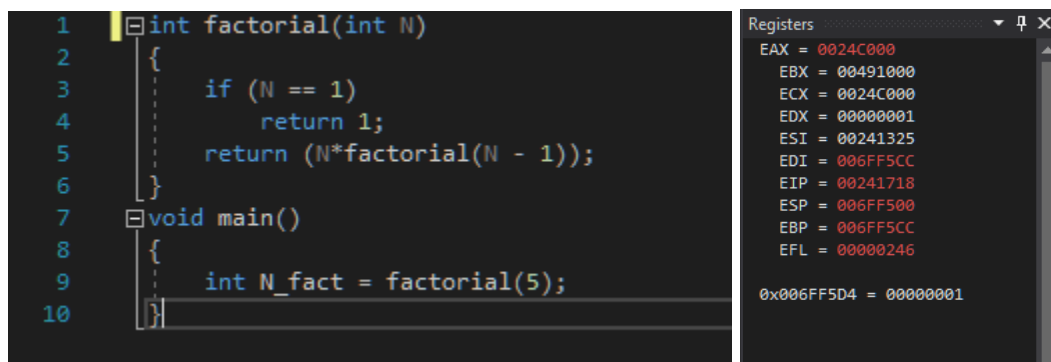
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I. Objective

The objective of this take home test is to understand and demonstrate how recursive function calls allocate memory, and how recursive functions are executed. Also understanding how control and parameters are transferred from one level of recursion to the next level.

II. Description of Specifications and Functionality

Factorial - Windows Visual Studio



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with a C++ file named 'Factorial.cpp'. The code defines a recursive function 'factorial' and a 'main' function. The 'factorial' function takes an integer 'N' and returns 1 if 'N' is 1, otherwise it returns 'N' multiplied by 'factorial(N - 1)'. The 'main' function calls 'factorial(5)' and stores the result in 'N_fact'. To the right, the 'Registers' window is open, displaying the current state of the CPU registers. The 'EAX' register contains '0024C000', which is the memory address of the 'main' function. Other registers like 'EBX', 'ECX', 'EDX', 'ESI', 'EDI', 'EIP', 'ESP', 'EBP', and 'EFL' also show their current values.

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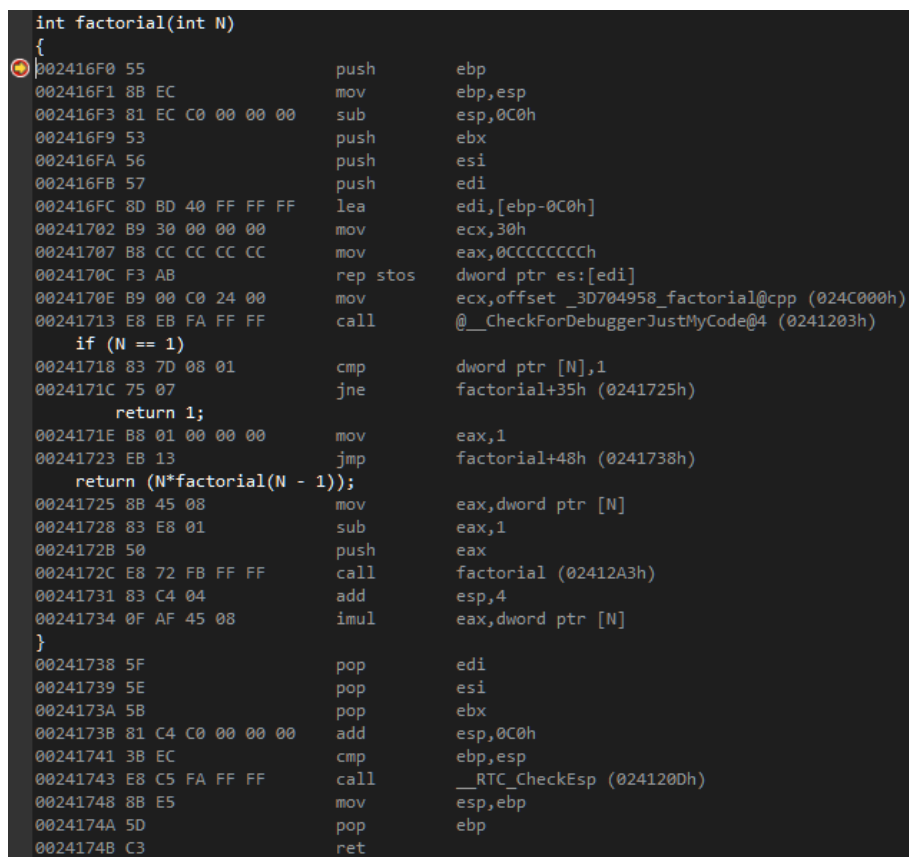
1 int factorial(int N)
2 {
3     if (N == 1)
4         return 1;
5     return (N*factorial(N - 1));
6 }
7 void main()
8 {
9     int N_fact = factorial(5);
10 }

```

Registers

EAX	= 0024C000
EBX	= 00491000
ECX	= 0024C000
EDX	= 00000001
ESI	= 00241325
EDI	= 006FF5CC
EIP	= 00241718
ESP	= 006FF500
EBP	= 006FF5CC
EFL	= 00000246

0x006FF5D4 = 00000001



The screenshot shows the assembly code for the 'factorial' function. The code is generated by the Visual Studio compiler and is written in x86 assembly. It starts with a 'push ebp' instruction, followed by 'mov ebp, esp' and 'sub esp, 0C0h'. The function then pushes 'ebx', 'esi', and 'edi' onto the stack. It then loads 'edi' with '[ebp-0C0h]' and 'ecx' with '30h'. The 'eax' register is set to '0CCCCCCC'h. The 'rep stos' instruction is used to store 'ecx' into the memory pointed to by 'esi'. The 'ecx' register is then set to 'offset _3D704958_factorial@cpp (024C000h)'. The 'call' instruction is used to call the function '_CheckForDebuggerJustMyCode@4 (0241203h)'. The 'if (N == 1)' condition is checked using 'cmp dword ptr [N], 1' and 'jne factorial+35h (0241725h)'. If the condition is true, the function returns 1. Otherwise, it calculates 'N * factorial(N - 1)' and returns the result. The function ends with 'pop edi', 'pop esi', 'pop ebx', 'add esp, 0C0h', 'cmp ebp, esp', 'call __RTC_CheckEsp (024120Dh)', 'mov esp, ebp', 'pop ebp', and 'ret'.

```

int factorial(int N)
{
002416F0 55          push     ebp
002416F1 8B EC       mov      ebp,esp
002416F3 81 EC 00 00 00 00 sub     esp,0C0h
002416F9 53          push     ebx
002416FA 56          push     esi
002416FB 57          push     edi
002416FC 8D BD 40 FF FF FF lea      edi,[ebp-0C0h]
00241702 B9 30 00 00 00 mov      ecx,30h
00241707 B8 CC CC CC CC mov      eax,0CCCCCCC'h
0024170C F3 AB       rep stos dword ptr es:[edi]
0024170E B9 00 C0 24 00 mov      ecx,offset _3D704958_factorial@cpp (024C000h)
00241713 E8 EB FA FF FF call     @__CheckForDebuggerJustMyCode@4 (0241203h)
    if (N == 1)
00241718 83 7D 08 01 cmp      dword ptr [N],1
0024171C 75 07       jne      factorial+35h (0241725h)
        return 1;
0024171E B8 01 00 00 00 mov      eax,1
00241723 EB 13       jmp      factorial+48h (0241738h)
    return (N*factorial(N - 1));
00241725 8B 45 08     mov      eax,dword ptr [N]
00241728 83 E8 01     sub      eax,1
0024172B 50          push     eax
0024172C E8 72 FB FF FF call     factorial (02412A3h)
00241731 83 C4 04     add      esp,4
00241734 0F AF 45 08 imul     eax,dword ptr [N]
}
00241738 5F          pop      edi
00241739 5E          pop      esi
0024173A 5B          pop      ebx
0024173B 81 C4 C0 00 00 00 add     esp,0C0h
00241741 3B EC       cmp      ebp,esp
00241743 E8 C5 FA FF FF call     __RTC_CheckEsp (024120Dh)
00241748 8B E5       mov      esp,ebp
0024174A 5D          pop      ebp
0024174B C3          ret

```

Each color Frame is how the a recursive function allocate their memory with (10 fa 6f 00)

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Factorial - GDB

```
Breakpoint 1, fact (n=5) at main.cpp:2
2      if( n == 1)
(gdb) disassemble
Dump of assembler code for function _Z4facti:
0x000055555555129 <+0>:      endbr64
0x00005555555512d <+4>:      push   %rbp
0x00005555555512e <+5>:      mov    %rsp,%rbp
0x000055555555131 <+8>:      sub    $0x10,%rsp
0x000055555555135 <+12>:     mov    %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
=> 0x000055555555138 <+15>:     cmpl   $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
0x00005555555513c <+19>:     jne    0x55555555145 <_Z4facti+28>
0x00005555555513e <+21>:     mov    $0x1,%eax
0x000055555555143 <+26>:     jmp    0x55555555156 <_Z4facti+45>
0x000055555555145 <+28>:     mov    -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x000055555555148 <+31>:     sub    $0x1,%eax
0x00005555555514b <+34>:     mov    %eax,%edi
0x00005555555514d <+36>:     call   0x55555555129 <_Z4facti>
0x000055555555152 <+41>:     imul   -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x000055555555156 <+45>:     leave
0x000055555555157 <+46>:     ret
End of assembler dump.

(gdb) x/12xw $rsp
0x7fffffffdfc0: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000005
0x7fffffffdfd0: 0xfffffffff0    0x00007fff      0x5555516e      0x00005555
0x7fffffffdfd0: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000
(gdb) n 2

Breakpoint 1, fact (n=4) at main.cpp:2
2      if( n == 1)
(gdb) x/12xw $rsp
0x7fffffffdfa0: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000004
0x7fffffffdfb0: 0xfffffffff0    0x00007fff      0x55555152      0x00005555
0x7fffffffdfc0: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000005
(gdb) n 2

Breakpoint 1, fact (n=3) at main.cpp:2
2      if( n == 1)
(gdb) x/12xw $rsp
0x7fffffffdf80: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000003
0x7fffffffdf90: 0xfffffffff0    0x00007fff      0x55555152      0x00005555
0x7fffffffdfa0: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000004
(gdb) n 2

Breakpoint 1, fact (n=2) at main.cpp:2
2      if( n == 1)
(gdb) x/12xw $rsp
0x7fffffffdf60: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000002
0x7fffffffdf70: 0xfffffffff0    0x00007fff      0x55555152      0x00005555
0x7fffffffdf80: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000003
(gdb) n 2

Breakpoint 1, fact (n=1) at main.cpp:2
2      if( n == 1)
(gdb) x/12xw $rsp
0x7fffffffdf40: 0x00000002      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000001
0x7fffffffdf50: 0xfffffffff0    0x00007fff      0x55555152      0x00005555
0x7fffffffdf60: 0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x00000002
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Stack Frame

```
(gdb) bt
#0  fact (n=1) at main.cpp:2
#1  0x00005555555555152 in fact (n=2) at main.cpp:4
#2  0x00005555555555152 in fact (n=3) at main.cpp:4
#3  0x00005555555555152 in fact (n=4) at main.cpp:4
#4  0x00005555555555152 in fact (n=5) at main.cpp:4
#5  0x0000555555555516e in main () at main.cpp:8
```

Assembly Code

```
mengwai@mengwai-VirtualBox:~/desktop/v
.file "main.cpp"
.text
.globl _Z4facti
.type _Z4facti, @function
_Z4facti:
.LFB0:
.cfi_startproc
endbr64
pushq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset 6, -16
movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_register 6
subq $16, %rsp
movl %edi, -4(%rbp)
cmpl $1, -4(%rbp)
jne .L2
movl $1, %eax
jmp .L3
.L2:
movl -4(%rbp), %eax
subl $1, %eax
movl %eax, %edi
call _Z4facti
imull -4(%rbp), %eax
.L3:
leave
.cfi_def_cfa 7, 8
ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE0:
.size _Z4facti, .-_Z4facti
.globl main
.type main, @function

main:
.LFB1:
.cfi_startproc
endbr64
pushq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset 6, -16
movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_register 6
subq $16, %rsp
movl $5, %edi
call _Z4facti
movl %eax, -4(%rbp)
movl $0, %eax
leave
.cfi_def_cfa 7, 8
ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE1:
.size main, .-main
.ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 11.3.0-1ubuntu1~22.04) 11.3.0"
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.section .note.gnu.property,"a"
.align 8
.long 1f - 0f
.long 4f - 1f
.long 5
0:
.string "GNU"
1:
.align 8
.long 0xc0000002
.long 3f - 2f
2:
.long 0x3
3:
.align 8
4:
```

As you can see above the recursive functions have 5 stack frames with the main() frame at the bottom. The return address is 0x555555152 0x00005555. RBP is 0xffffdff0 0x00007fff for factorial(5), RBP is 0xffffdfd0 0x00007fff for factorial(4), RBP is 0xffffdfb0 0x00007fff for factorial(3), RBP is 0xffffdf90 0x00007fff for factorial(2), RBP is 0xffffdf70 0x00007fff for factorial(1).

Factorial - MIPS

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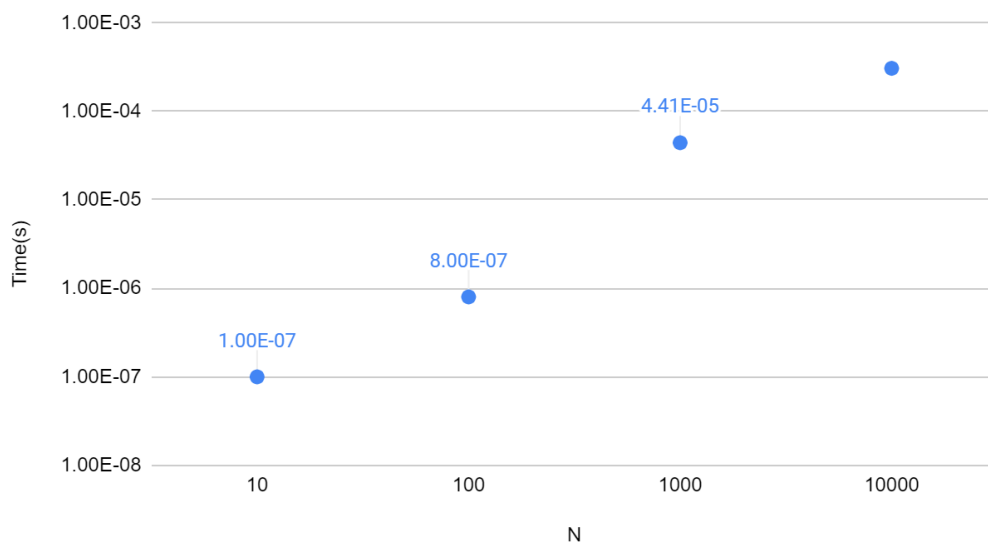
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Factorial - Time Analysis

```
C++ fact.cpp > main()
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <chrono>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int factorial(int N){
6      if (N == 1)
7          return 1;
8      return N*factorial(N-1);
9  }
10
11 int main(){
12     typedef chrono::high_resolution_clock time;
13     typedef chrono::milliseconds ms;
14     typedef chrono::duration<float> fsec;
15
16     auto t0 = time::now();
17     factorial(10);
18     auto t1 = time::now();
19
20     fsec fs = t1 - t0;
21     ms d = chrono::duration_cast<ms>(fs);
22     cout<< fs.count()<<"s\n";
23 }
```

N	10	100	1000	10000
Time(s)	1e-07	8e-07	4.41e-5	3.054e-4

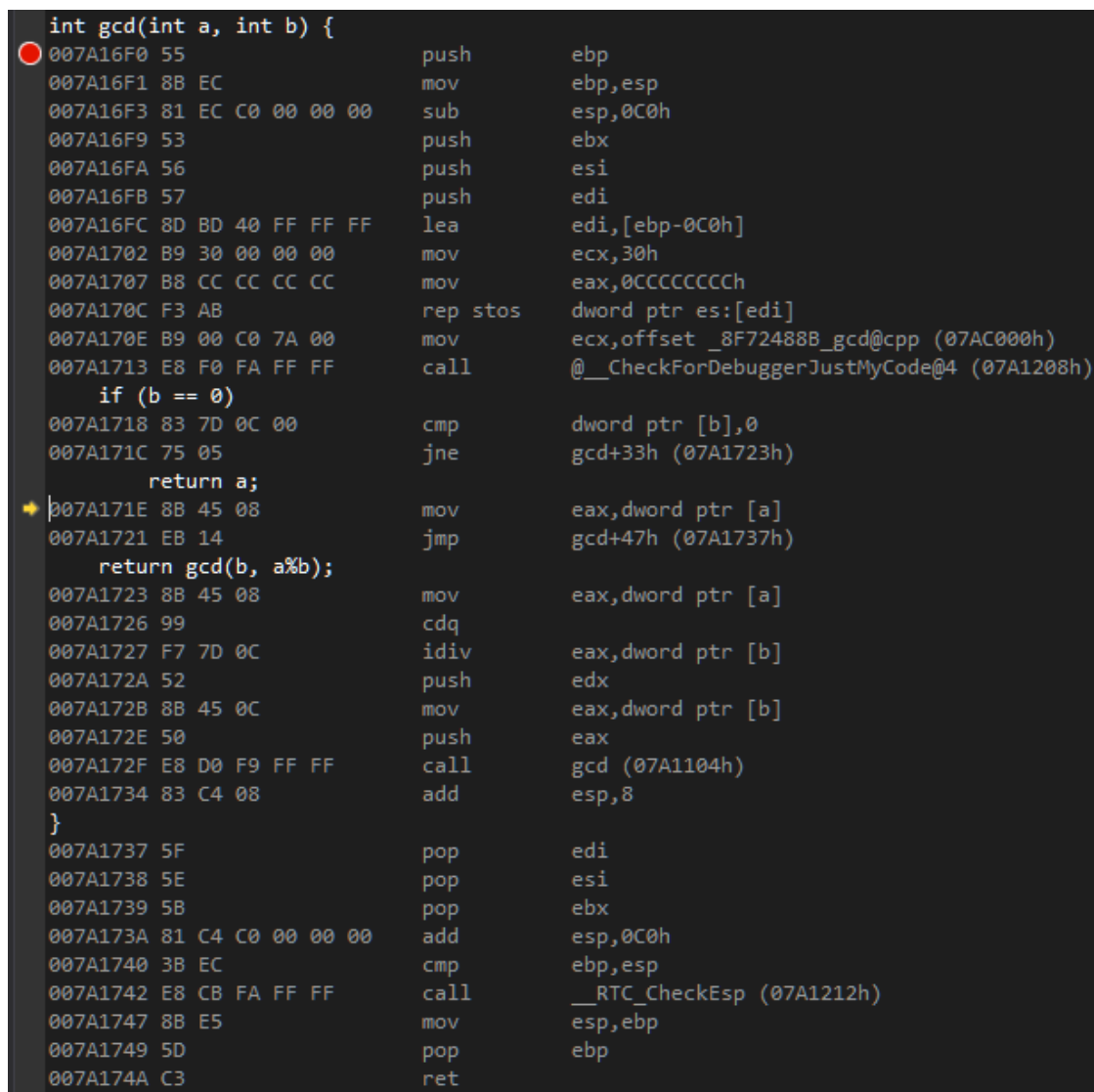
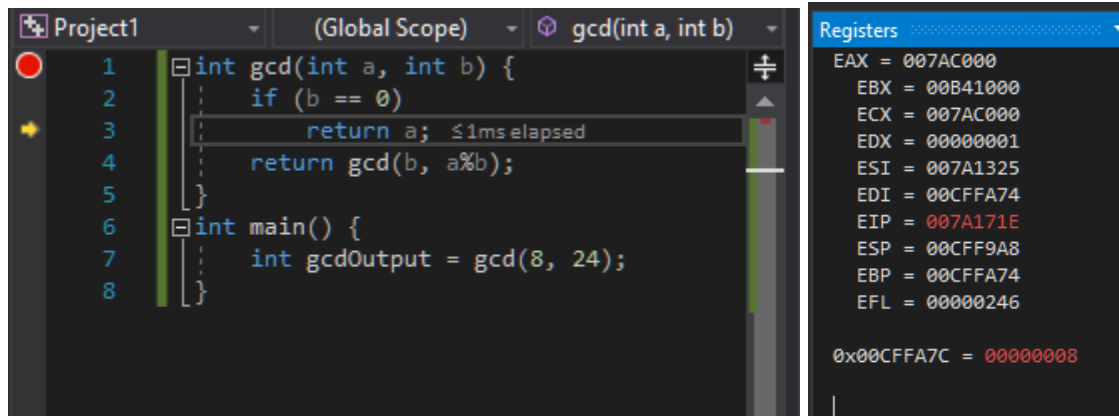
Time(s) vs. N



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GCD - Windows Visual Studio



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GCD - GDB

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```
(gdb) disassemble
Dump of assembler code for function _Z3gcdii:
0x000055555555129 <+0>:      endbr64
0x00005555555512d <+4>:      push    %rbp
0x00005555555512e <+5>:      mov     %rsp,%rbp
0x000055555555131 <+8>:      sub     $0x10,%rsp
0x000055555555135 <+12>:     mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
0x000055555555138 <+15>:     mov     %esi,-0x8(%rbp)
0x00005555555513b <+18>:     cmpl    $0x0,-0x8(%rbp)
0x00005555555513f <+22>:     jne     0x55555555148 <_Z3gcdii+31>
0x000055555555141 <+24>:     mov     $0x0,%eax
0x000055555555146 <+29>:     jmp     0x5555555515c <_Z3gcdii+51>
0x000055555555148 <+31>:     mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x00005555555514b <+34>:     cltd
0x00005555555514c <+35>:     idivl   -0x8(%rbp)
0x00005555555514f <+38>:     mov     -0x8(%rbp),%eax
0x000055555555152 <+41>:     mov     %edx,%esi
0x000055555555154 <+43>:     mov     %eax,%edi
0x000055555555156 <+45>:     call    0x55555555129 <_Z3gcdii>
0x00005555555515b <+50>:     nop
=> 0x00005555555515c <+51>:     leave
0x00005555555515d <+52>:     ret
End of assembler dump.
```

```
mengwai@mengwai-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/
.file "gcd.cpp"
.text
.globl _Z3gcdii
.type _Z3gcdii, @function
_Z3gcdii:
.LFB0:
.cfi_startproc
endbr64
pushq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset 6, -16
movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_register 6
subq $16, %rsp
movl %edi, -4(%rbp)
movl %esi, -8(%rbp)
cmpl $0, -8(%rbp)
jne .L2
movl $0, %eax
jmp .L3
.L2:
movl -4(%rbp), %eax
cltd
idivl -8(%rbp)
movl -8(%rbp), %eax
movl %edx, %esi
movl %eax, %edi
call _Z3gcdii
nop
.L3:
leave
.cfi_def_cfa 7, 8
ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE0:
.size _Z3gcdii, .-_Z3gcdii
.globl main
.type main, @function
main:
```

```
main:
.LFB1:
.cfi_startproc
endbr64
pushq %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset 6, -16
movq %rsp, %rbp
.cfi_def_cfa_register 6
subq $16, %rsp
movl $24, %esi
movl $8, %edi
call _Z3gcdii
movl %eax, -4(%rbp)
movl $0, %eax
leave
.cfi_def_cfa 7, 8
ret
.cfi_endproc
.LFE1:
.size main, .-main
.ident "GCC: (Ubuntu 11.3.0-1ubuntu1-22.04) 11.3.0"
.section .note.GNU-stack,"",@progbits
.section .note.gnu.property,"a"
.align 8
.long 1f - 0f
.long 4f - 1f
.long 5
0:
.string "GNU"
1:
.align 8
.long 0xc0000002
.long 3f - 2f
2:
.long 0x3
3:
.align 8
4:
```

```

1  .data
2  a: .word 8
3  b: .word 24
4
5  .text
6  .globl main
7  main:
8      lw $a0, a
9      lw $a1, b
10     jal gcd
11     add $a0, $v0, $zero
12     li $v0, 1
13     syscall
14     li $v0, 10
15     syscall
16
17 gcd:
18     addi $sp, $sp, -12
19     sw $ra, 0($sp)

```

```

20     sw $s0, 4($sp)
21     sw $s1, 8($sp)
22
23     add $s0, $a0, $zero
24     add $s1, $a1, $zero
25     addi $t1, $zero, 0
26     beq $s1, $t1, return
27     add $a0, $zero, $s1
28     div $s0, $s1
29     mfhi $a1
30
31     jal gcd
32
33 exit:
34     lw $ra, 0($sp)
35     lw $s0, 4($sp)
36     lw $s1, 8($sp)
37     addi $sp, $sp, 12
38     jr $ra
39 return:
40     add $v0, $zero, $s0
41     j exit

```

Address	Value (+0)	Value (+4)	Value (+8)	Value (+c)	Value (+10)	Value (+18)	Value (+1c)
0x7ffffec0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000018
0x7ffffef0	0x00000008	0x00400058	0x00000008	0x00000018	0x00400014	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff00	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff20	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff40	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff60	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff80	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffa0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffc0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffe0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff00	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff20	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff40	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff60	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffff80	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffa0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffc0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0x7fffffe0	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000

Name	Number	Value
\$zero	0	0x00000000
\$at	1	0x10010000
\$v0	2	0x0000000a
\$v1	3	0x00000000
\$a0	4	0x00000008
\$a1	5	0x00000000
\$a2	6	0x00000000
\$a3	7	0x00000000
\$t0	8	0x00000000

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III. Conclusion

In this take home test I gained an important lesson, which emphasized on how each recursive function called is shown and executed in the stack frame. It also helps us gain an insight on where each stack frame is stored in memory, giving us a better understanding on how stack frames function.