Homework 3 - LC-3 Datapath

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1 Overview

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is for you to understand the datapath and the state machine of the LC-3 processor (as presented in the Patt textbook, Lecture, and Lab). You will implement components on the LC-3 datapath and complete the microcode for multiple LC-3 machine instructions.

Note: The LC-3 implementation in this assignment is simplified and does not include all the features or components of the full LC-3 from the Patt textbook, Lecture, or Lab.

1.2 Task

Please read through the entire document before starting and acquaint yourself with the rules and submission policies stated in the syllabus. Often times, things are elaborated on below where they are introduced, so reading the entire document can give you a better grasp on things. **Start early** and if you get stuck, come visit us during office hours or make a post on Piazza.

- Complete the partially complete LC-3 datapath found in `LC3.sim`.
- Complete the microcode for three new instructions. You will enter the control signals into the `microcode.xlsx` spreadsheet we have provided.

IMPORTANT NOTE: While working on the assignment, be sure to review 'Section 5.1: Tips, Tricks, and Recommendations', 'Section 9: Appendix: Datapath Control Signals','Section 9.1: Mux Values' for info on selector bits for different muxes, and 'Section 9.2: LC3 Reference'.

2 Completing the LC-3

2.1 Completing the LC-3 Sub-Circuits

All work for this section of the assignment will be done in the `LC3.sim` file.

Note: **DO NOT move the position of the inputs and outputs** in the LC-3 sub-circuits; this could break the rest of the LC-3 simulator.

2.2 Bit Extenders

For many of our LC-3 instructions, we need a way to input addresses or immediate values (an immediate value refers to a hardcoded integer used in an arithmetic operation) within an instruction. However, since our LC-3 uses 16 bits for its instructions and registers, we need a way to fit 16-bit numbers into our 16-bit instructions along with our opcodes and other operands. Since this is not possible, we use numbers with bit sizes less than 16 in our instructions. However, we can't operate on two numbers with different bit sizes, so we have to sign or zero extend these numbers. Your job is to implement these extenders in CircuitSim for the LC-3. You are not permitted to use Circuit Sim's built-in bit-extenders. You will build 5 bit-extenders:

1. **SEXT 11 → 16**: 11 to 16 bit sign extension
2. **SEXT 9 → 16**: 9 to 16 bit sign extension
3. **SEXT 6 → 16**: 6 to 16 bit sign extension
4. **SEXT 5 → 16**: 5 to 16 bit sign extension
5. **ZEXT 8 → 16**: 8 to 16 bit zero extension

2.3 ALU

Another important component of our LC-3 is the ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit). You will need to build the ALU sub-circuit in `LC3.sim`. You should be able to use what you learned from Homework 2 to populate this sub-circuit easily.

Note: You may use the built-in adder under the Arithmetic tab!

The ALU will perform one of 4 functions and output it depending on the ALUK signal:

1. **ALUK = 0b00:** A + B
2. **ALUK = 0b01:** A & B
3. **ALUK = 0b10:** NOT A
4. **ALUK = 0b11:** PASS A

2.4 PC

You will need to build the PC (Program Counter) sub-circuit in `LC3.sim`.

Note: You may use the built-in multiplexer under the Plexer tab!

The PC is a 16-bit register that holds the address of the next instruction to be executed. During the **FETCH** stage, the contents of the PC are loaded into the memory address register (MAR), and the PC is updated with the address of the next instruction. There are three scenarios for updating the PC:

1. The contents of the PC are incremented by 1.
   Selected when PCMUX = 0b00.

2. The result of the ADDR (an address-adding unit) is the address of the next instruction. The output from the ADDR should be stored in the PC. This occurs if we use the branching instruction (BR).
   Selected when PCMUX = 0b01.

3. The value on the BUS is the address of the next instruction. The value on the BUS should be stored into the PC. For example, this is used during the JMP instruction.
   Selected when PCMUX = 0b10.

The PC should only be loaded on a rising clock edge and when the LD.PC signal is on.

Ensure that you don't reach the unused case (PCMUX = 0b11) of the circuit, or else spooky stuff might happen (undefined behavior in LC-3).

2.5 CC-Logic

You will implement the CC-Logic sub-circuit in `LC3.sim`.

Note: You may use the built-in comparator under the Arithmetic tab!

The LC-3 has three condition codes: N (negative), Z (zero), and P (positive). These codes are saved on the next rising edge after the LC-3 executes Operate or Load instructions that include loading a result into a general purpose register, such as ADD and LDR.

For example, if ADD R2, R0, R1 results in a positive number, then NZP = 001.

The CC sub-circuit should set N to 1 if the input is negative, set Z to 1 if the input is zero, and set P to 1 if the input is positive. Only 1 bit in NZP should be set at any given time. Zero is not considered a positive number.

Bit 2 (the MSB) is N, Bit 1 is Z, Bit 0 is P.

With that in mind, set the correct bit and implement this circuit in the CC-Logic sub-circuit.

2.6 Using Manual LC-3 (for testing only)

- Once you have your bit-extenders, PC, CC-Logic, and ALU complete, you can begin playing around with the instructions and control signals to understand how the LC-3 works.
- In lecture and in lab, we have covered the control signals in the datapath and how to use them when tracing an instruction.
- The first thing you will want to do is use the Custom-Bus, GateBUS, and LD.IR signals to set a custom IR value on the next rising edge. Until you figure out the micro-states for FETCH, you can use these steps to set your IR with any instruction you want to work on.
- Once you have an idea of how FETCH works, you can load some instruction(s) in the RAM. In order to do that:
  1. Right-click the RAM near the bottom of the Manual LC-3 circuit
  2. Select "edit contents"
  3. Click "Load from file"
  4. Locate and select one of the provided test files in the project (ex: add.dat)
  5. Close the edit contents menu
- Now that you have loaded the RAM with a program, you can fetch instructions into the IR.

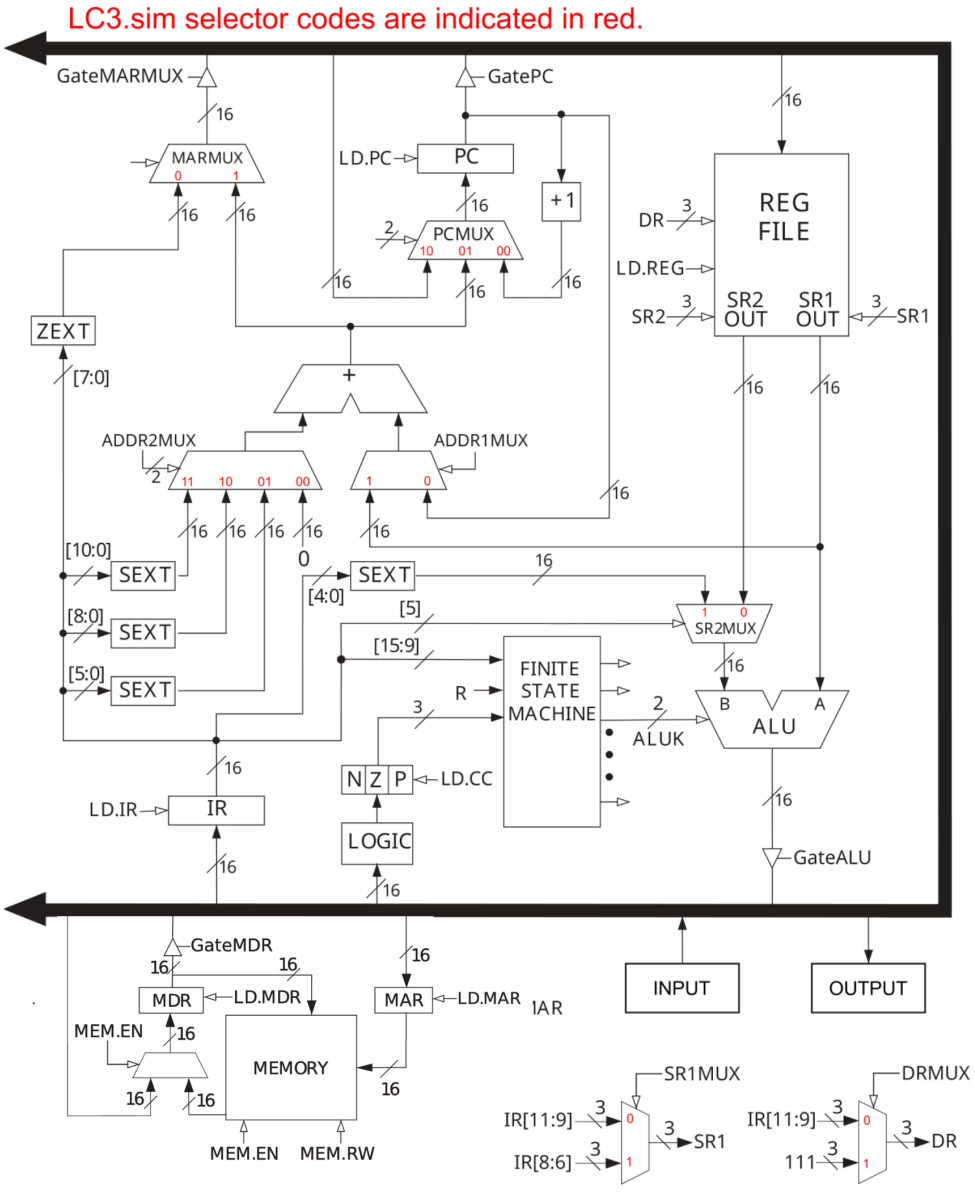
- Now that you have an instruction in the IR, you can start executing it. In order to do that, you can turn on the different signal pins on the right to control the datapath and move data around as we did in lecture/lab. Once you think you know how an instruction is executed, you can enter it into the microcode spreadsheet, the process for which is outlined below.
  - Tests inside the `tests/` directory have a comment at the end of the .asm file which explains the system state after the end of the program's execution. You must ensure that this is the system state after you have run every instruction sequentially through the simulator.
  - To test whether the program acted correctly, go to the 'LC-3' circuit and double-click into the 'REG FILE' element **that is placed in the datapath**. *Note:* you **should not** just click into the 'REG FILE' subcircuit, as this will not properly load the state of the specific 'REG FILE' element that's built into the LC-3, just some generic REG FILE.
  - Bonus tip: Use Ctrl-R to reset the simulator state and easily clear RAM and registers to 0 in order to test again.
- If you are familiar with LC-3 assembly (you will learn it throughout the next few weeks), you are welcome to write your own test programs to verify your code. Make sure that your programs **do not** start at x3000, as in this project ***only*** we will start execution at x0000 for simplicity's sake. You can compile LC-3 assembly projects to machine code by following the LC-3 ISA, and then create your own RAM.dat files. However, we can't guarantee that we'll be able to help with these test cases in office hours.

2.6.1 Deliverables

- `LC3.sim` - The completed LC-3 datapath with functioning bit extension (x5), `PC`, `CC-Logic`, and `ALU` subcircuits.

3 The LC-3's Microcontroller

The LC-3 datapath we've discussed in class contains a lot of pieces very similar to circuits we've seen or even made before (e.g. an ALU, a register file with 8 edge-triggered general purpose registers, a RAM unit, etc.). One piece we've mostly referred to as a "black-box" in the past is the microcontroller. It's responsible for controlling the entire datapath, and getting it to properly execute the instructions that we give it. That's a big task!



So, how does the microcontroller actually work? The microcontroller uses the idea of states to keep track of

when to use which datapath components. In lecture, we introduced the notion of macro-states and micro-states. A micro-state is an individual state of the finite state machine that specifies control signals that should be asserted during a single clock cycle. Each micro-state is a *component* of a slightly larger sequence of states known as a macro-state. The FETCH and EXECUTE of each LC-3 instruction are macro-states. Each of the macro-states will require 1 or more micro-states to complete, depending on the complexity of the instruction. The microcontroller, shown above, is a finite state machine. It has 59 possible states (holy dancing crab!), and because it is implemented in the "binary reduced" style, it needs 6 bits to store all its possible states. It also has 49 output bits of output flags, including 10 which are used to determine the next state and 39 which extend throughout the datapath to control other pieces of the LC-3. That would be a lot of very complex hardware—**if it were built entirely with combinational logic**.

It turns out there is an easier way. We can actually use a **ROM (Read-only Memory)** in order to specify the behavior of each distinct state in the state machine.

3.1 The ROM

ROM stands for Read-only Memory and as its name suggests it is a piece of memory that can only be read. Each memory address will hold an entry that represents a micro-state. This entry holds two crucial pieces of information: 1) what signals to assert on the datapath for a specific micro-state and 2) what the next state should be. Now we have a way to encode the output bits (the datapath signals) and next state (the next micro-state) for each micro-state in a binary string. As long as we know the appropriate memory address, we can now read from the ROM to obtain the binary string for a specific micro-state.

What does a ROM entry look like? We encourage you to go ahead and open up `microcode.xlsx`, on the microcode sheet, to follow along.

	LD.MAR (1)	LD.MDR (1)	LD.IR (1)	LD.REG (1)	LD.CC (1)	LD.PC (1)	GatePC (1)	GateMDR (1)	GateALU (1)	GateMARMUX (1)	PCMUX (2)		DRMUX (1)	SR1MUX (1)	ADDR1MUX (1)	ADDR2MUX (2)		MARMUX (1)	ALUK (2)		MEM.EN (1)	R.W (1)	NEXT (6 bits)					
FETCH																												
FETCH1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
FETCH2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
FETCH3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
DECODE																												
DECODE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
ADD																												
ADD1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
AND																												
AND1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

A ROM entry is basically a long binary string. The last few bits of it cover the transition to the next state (these are essentially the address of the binary string for the next state in the ROM)—you don't need to worry about this at all during this homework, so we've covered it in dark grey on the right. **Do NOT modify the NEXT bits, or stuff will break.** Each of the other bits corresponds to a signal asserted onto the datapath or a mux selector bit during that clock cycle. For this homework, since most of the basic functions were covered in lecture, we only require that you implement 2 new custom instructions.

4 Writing the Microcode

4.1 General Instructions

- **Use Microsoft Excel!** Do not use Numbers or anything else; it will not work. Remember, you have an account for Microsoft products via your Georgia Tech login.
- In this homework, you'll actually write the "microcode" which allows the microcontroller to function. We've simplified and removed a number of micro-states which aren't directly a part of the LC-3's main instructions. There are only 13 micro-states in this homework that you will have to complete. We have given you the micro-states that you have been taught in lecture. Your task is to fill in the rest and finish the LC-3 microcode!
- In `microcode.xlsx` Excel document, **microcode** sheet, there exist a number of macro-states. Among them are FETCH and the EXECUTE stages for most instructions supported by the LC-3 (we've removed several macro-states related to trap and interrupt handling). For each macro-state, we've provided space for the micro-states which will make up that macro-state, and, for each micro-state, we've handled all of the logic related to transitioning to the next micro-state.
- You should complete all the remaining macro-states by filling in their micro-states.
  - If you notice that the output column to the right of the blacked-out columns (column AH) is showing artifacts like `#NAME?`, **ensure that you have the most up-to-date version of Excel**. As a last resort, try opening the Excel spreadsheet in your Georgia Tech Office 365 Online Excel workspace. Sign in to Office 365 with Georgia Tech credentials, select 'Excel', and then choose 'Upload and open' to edit the excel sheet online.

4.2 Filling Out The Microcode Spreadsheet

The microcontroller is the "brain" of the LC-3 and it performs operations by manipulating the control signals within the datapath. The `microcode.xlsx` spreadsheet is an abstraction of what the microcontroller does in each micro-state.

In the `microcode.xlsx` spreadsheet, the rows correspond to micro-states and the columns correspond to control signals on the LC-3 datapath. What you need to do is fill in the spreadsheet based on the control signals that are set for each micro-state. **You should check out the Appendix and subcircuits in LC3.sim for specifications on each control signal.**

For example, for the micro-state BR1, the control signals involved are:

- LD.PC
- PCMUX = 01
- ADDR2MUX = 10

Please read 'Section 5.1: Tips, Tricks, and Recommendations', before beginning to fill out the microcode.

4.3 DJMP

Your fellow TAs are trying to create a few new LC-3 instructions! We're calling the first one - **DJMP** - Double Jump. This instruction should take the value in the source register, double it, and add 1. Then, it should use this newly calculated value as an address to load from memory. It should set PC to the value from memory.

- `PC <= mem[2 * SR + 1]`
- The 16-bit instruction is formatted in the following:
  [OPCODE (4 bits) | 000 (3 bits) | SR (3 bits) | 000 (3 bits) | SR (3 bits)]

Note: During this instruction, the ALU's SR2 is always referred to by bits [2:0] since bit 5 is 0.

Fill out the micro-states for `DJMP` in the `microcode.xlsx` excel sheet.

4.4 STRDI

The second instruction is called **STRDI** - Store Register Double Indirect. This instruction takes the value in a Base Register and adds offset6 to find an address. It then reads what is in memory at this address to find another address. It again reads what is in memory at the second address to find yet another third address. It then stores the value of SR1 in memory at this third address.

- `mem[mem[mem[BaseR + off6]]] <= SR`
- The 16-bit instruction is formatted in the following:

  [OPCODE (4bits) | SR (3 bits) | BaseR (3 bits) | off6 (6 bits)]

Fill out the micro-states for `STRDI` in the `microcode.xlsx` excel sheet.

4.5 JMPR

The 2110 TAs think the `JMP` instruction is a little too simple. Who needs to jump to the exact address in a register anyways! Just to spice things up, instead of implementing `JMP` they want you implement `JMP` with an offset – feeling fashionable, they've decided to name the new instruction after their favorite article of clothing, the **JMPR**.

Please note that this is not how the `JMP` instruction operates normally. The `JMP` on your reference sheets as well as the the `JMP` you will use when you are writing your assembly code does not take an offset and will jump straight to the address held in the base register.

- `PC <= BaseReg + off9`
- The JMP instruction is typically formatted like the following:
  [OPCODE (4 bits) | 000 (3 bits) | BaseR (3 bits) | 000000 (6 bits)]
- The new JMPR instruction is formatted in the following:
  [OPCODE (4 bits) | **BaseR (3 bits) | offset9 (9 bits)**]

Fill out the micro-states for `JMPR` in the `microcode.xlsx` excel sheet.

5 Using the CircuitSim File

The LC-3 datapath you will be working with for this homework, as contained in the `LC3.sim` file, is a complete but simpler version of the LC-3 datapath you might encounter in your textbook's appendix C. Here are some notable differences between the two:

- The instruction set used by the LC-3 in Homework 3 does not have a TRAP instruction.
- In the regular LC-3, halting is handled by a trap. In Homework 3, this opcode (1111) is taken up by a single "HALT" instruction that just loops infinitely. The LC-3 in Homework 3 does not have circuitry for handling interrupts/traps/exceptions/etc.
- The state machine used by the LC-3 in Homework 3 numbers its states differently from those in the book, and the microcontroller signals are a little different. The LC-3 in Homework 3 assumes that memory reads/writes take a single clock cycle like in CircuitSim, while in practice they take much longer.
- The LC-3 in Homework 3 does not include I/O.

You can ignore the components not present in the `LC3.sim` file as they appear in the textbook. We have provided you with this built LC-3 datapath for your own understanding and manual testing, but **you do not need to modify anything in this file.**

5.1 Tips, Tricks, and Recommendations

- This was said before, but **USE MICROSOFT EXCEL!**
- Do **NOT** leave any of the cells within an instruction row blank. Ensure that every cell in the instruction rows are filled in with a 0 or 1.
- As mentioned before, some of the instructions have been completed for you. Do not change them.
- Some cells on the spreadsheet are locked. This is on purpose. **DO NOT CHANGE THEM**.
- You should **NOT** touch the NEXT state bits which are covered in dark grey. Changing them will result in failure of autograder tests.
- You do not need to worry about the control signals of DRMUX and SR1MUX. We have already filled them in for you.
- You do not need to handle anything with regards to the SR2MUX. Why? Because everything with regards to the SR2MUX is done using data from the instruction. It is not handled by the FSM.

5.2 How to Test your Microcode

At any time that you want to test your microcode, you can export it from the .xlsx file and apply it to LC-3 hardware by following these steps. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Passing all of the tests provided does not guarantee that you have a functional datapath, any number of coincidences could cause you to get the correct output with incorrect functionality. As always, we reserve the right to grade with additional test cases.**

To manually test your microcode in the LC-3:

1. At the bottom of the `microcode.xlsx` file select the **output** tab.
2. Copy all of column D from row 1 through row 64.

3. In CircuitSim, open LC3.sim. Navigate to the 'Fsm' subcircuit. This circuit contains the microcontroller. To enter the subcircuit, double-click on it inside the LC-3 subcircuit or right-click and select "View internal state."

4. Right-click on the ROM and select "Edit contents."

5. Select the top left cell and paste into the ROM. You should see the values in the ROM change.

6. Navigate to the 'LC-3' subcircuit.

7. You can now load a program into the RAM, following the instructions below in the Manual LC-3 section (Section 5.1 of this PDF).

8. To run the LC-3, you can manually click through the CLK signal or use 'Ctrl-K' to start or stop the automatic clock. After your program has stopped executing (you can tell when it's finished running because it will HALT and the datapath will stop changing).

9. Tests inside the `tests/` directory have a comment at the end of the .asm file which explains the system state after the end of the program's execution. To test whether the program acted correctly, go to the 'LC-3' circuit and double-click into the 'REG FILE' element **that is placed in the datapath**. Note: you **should not** just click into the 'REG FILE' subcircuit, as this will not properly load the state of the specific 'REG FILE' element that's built into the LC-3, just some generic REG FILE.

6 Checking Your Work

Once complete, run the autograder:

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java -jar hw03-tester.jar
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in the command prompt within the same directory as your `microcode.xlsx` and `LC3.sim` file. **NOTE: the autograder uses LC3.sim to grade, so please make sure it passes first before you test your microcode.**

If all of the relevant tests pass, you've completed this part of the homework. Congrats!

If some of the relevant tests do not pass, and/or you would like to double-check your own understanding of how your microcode interacts with the LC-3 Datapath, you can use the "Manual LC-3" subcircuit provided in the homework file. **NOTE: This is an ungraded part of the homework that you do not need to use to get full points on this homework. This is supposed to be used as a debugging tool to help you understand how to complete the homework.**

6.1 Using the Manual LC-3

- In lecture and in lab, we have covered the signals in the datapath and how they are used when tracing an instruction.
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NOTE: The above section on the manual LC-3 is not needed to get full points on this homework. This is supposed to be used as only a debugging tool to help you understand how to complete the homework.

6.1.1 Resources

This can all be pretty daunting to read and understand at first. But, it's not the end of the world, so do not panic, carry a towel, and make sure to use the resources available to you. Here are some options:

- LC-3 Datapath Diagram and ISA Quick Sheet: Canvas → Files → `CS2110 Reference Sheet.pdf`
- LC-3 Instructions Detail Sheet: `LC-3InstructionsDetail.pdf`, in this homework.zip
- The Manual LC-3!
- Your friendly TAs (Office Hours, Ed Discussion, etc.)
- Textbook
- Appendix on Datapath Control Signals in **this PDF**.

7 Deliverables

Please submit the following files:

1. `LC3.sim`
2. `microcode.xlsx`

to Gradescope under the assignment "Homework 3: Datapath". **The Gradescope autograder will check your work on the microcode file against a working and correct LC3.sim file, not your own submission of the LC3.sim file.**

Note: The autograder may not reflect your final grade on this assignment. We reserve the right to update the autograder when grading.

8 Rules and Regulations

1. Please read the assignment in its entirety before asking questions.
2. Please start assignments early, and ask for help early. Do not email us the night the assignment is due with questions.
3. If you find any problems with the assignment, please report them to the TA team. Announcements will be posted if the assignment changes.
4. You are responsible for turning in assignments on time. This includes allowing for unforeseen circumstances. If you have an emergency, please reach out to your instructor and the head TAs **IN ADVANCE** of the due date with documentation (i.e. note from the dean, doctor's note, etc).
5. You are responsible for ensuring that what you turned in is what you meant to turn in. No excuses if you submit the wrong files, what you turn in is what we grade. In addition, your assignment must be turned in via Gradescope. Email submissions will not be accepted.
6. See the syllabus for information regarding late submissions; any penalties associated with unexcused late submissions are non-negotiable.

8.1 Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is taken very seriously in this class. Quizzes, timed labs, and the final examination are individual work. Homework assignments will be examined using cheat detection programs to find evidence of unauthorized collaboration.

You are expressly forbidden to supply a copy of your homework to another student. If you supply a copy of your homework to another student and they are charged with copying, you will also be charged. This includes storing your code on any platform which would allow other parties to it (public repositories, pastebin, etc). If you would like to use version control, use a private repository on github.gatech.edu.

Homework collaboration is limited to high-level collaboration. Each individual programming assignment should be coded by you. You may work with others, but each student should be turning in their own version of the assignment.

High-level collaboration means that you may discuss design points and concepts relevant to the homework with your peers, share algorithms and pseudo-code, as well as help each other debug code. What you shouldn't be doing, however, is pair programming where you collaborate with each other on a single instance of the code, or providing other students any part of your code.

Submissions that are essentially identical will receive a zero and will be sent to the Dean of Students' Office of Academic Integrity. Submissions that are copies that have been superficially modified to conceal that they are copies are also considered unauthorized collaboration.

9 Appendix: Datapath Control Signals

The microcontroller of the LC-3 has 52 bits of output signals to control program execution on the datapath. In this assignment, we will focus on 20 of them. There are four categories of signals we need to worry about:

1. **Load Signals** Each register has a load signal associated with it. When the load signal of a register is high (1), the value of the register will update to its input at the uptick of the clock.

   - **LD.MAR** The MAR (Memory Address Register) register holds the address of data to be read from, or written to, memory. This signal loads the MAR with the value from the bus, which should be the address of data to be read in a load signal (LD, LDR, LDI), or data to be written to in a store signal (ST, STR, STI). This address should be come from either the PC (For FETCH) or from the MARMUX (for all other memory access instructions).
   - **LD.MDR** The MDR (Memory Data Register) holds the data either read from or to be written to memory. The MDRMUX that selects between the bus (For store instructions - when data from a register is to be written to memory) and memory out (For load instructions - when data read from the memory is to be written to a register). When LD.MAR is high the MDR loads whichever the MDRMUX outputs.
   - **LD.IR** The IR (Instruction Register) holds the currently executing instruction (Contrast this to the PC, which holds the *address* of the next instruction to be executed, the IR holds the literal 16-bit assembled instruction which is fetched from memory at the address in the PC). The IR is only written to during the FETCH stage, so that is the only time LD.IR should be used.
   - **LD.REG** LD.REG is used for writing to the general purpose registers. When LD.REG is high (1), the DR register will load the value on the bus. In general, this signal should be active in the last state of any instruction that writes to a destination register.
   - **LD.CC** The CC (Condition Code) register is used for conditional (branching) statements. The CC itself is a three bit register, with one bit for each of (negative, zero, positive). Branching instructions (BR) use the value of the CC to determine if a branch should be taken (i.e. BRn means 'branch if cc == negative'). Because of this, the CC should always reflect the result of the previous instruction. The 'result' of an instruction is generally whatever is written to a register in the last cycle. This means that LD.CC should be closely related to LD.REG as those loads are done in the same cycle (Because the result is already on the bus to load into the register file, we can also load it into the CC for free.) **Note that not all instructions should set the condition codes.** Generally, things like load instructions (LD, LDR, LDI) and all arithmetic instructions (ADD, AND, NOT) should set the CC, while things like branching and store instructions don't really have a 'result' so they do not set the CC.
   - **LD.PC** The PC holds the address of the next instruction to be executed. Therefore, the value in the PC defines the control flow of the program. By default, the PC should be incremented by 1 during every FETCH stage. Branching and Jumping instructions work by setting the PC to some other value which causes the execution to jump to another point in the program. This signal should be high whenever the value of the PC should be changed, namely, in the FETCH stage and all branching and jumping instructions (There is a PCMUX which chooses the input of the PC to either increment the PC for fetch, read from the bus, or the ADDR calculation circuit – ADDR1MUX + ADDR2MUX).

2. **Gate Signals** All of the components on the datapath are connected by the **bus.** The bus is a single wire which any component can read from, and any component can assert to. However, we already know what happens when we try to assert two different signals to the same wire (Short circuits, fire, ensuing chaos and certain doom). Enter the **Tri-State Buffer.** The tri-state buffer works similarly to a transistor. It has an **input**, **output**, and **enable** bit, analogous to the source, drain and gate of the transistor. If the enable bit is high (1), then the output of the tri-state buffer will be whatever is connected to its input. If the enable bit is low (0), then the output will have no value, so it won't ever cause a short circuit. So, we use tri-state buffers to connect each component to the datapath. That way, as long as only one tri-state buffer is enabled per clock cycle, we can move anything on the datapath and don't have to worry about short circuits! However, this also means that we can only move one thing on the bus at a time. **This is very important. It also means it is your responsibility to make sure that only one tri-state buffer on the bus is ever enabled in a given clock cycle.**

    - **GatePC** This signal asserts the value of the PC to the bus. This should be used any time you want to load the PC into another register. Namely, this could be the MAR (for fetch), or R7 for saving the PC as a return address in branching and jumping instructions.
    - **GateMDR** This signal asserts the value of the MDR to the bus. In this case, the MDR should hold data read from memory, so it is being asserted to the bus to be saved to another register. Namely, this should be used to load the value of the MDR into the IR for FETCH, into a general purpose register for load instructions (LD, LDR, LDI), or back into the MAR for indirect memory access instructions (LDI, STI).
    - **GateALU** This signal asserts the output of the ALU to the bus. Remember, the ALU can output 4 different operations: A + B, A & B, A, PASS A. Clearly, this signal should be active for the arithmetic instructions that use the first 3 operations (ADD, AND, NOT). The GateALU should also be active any time the value of a general purpose register should be written somewhere else (i.e. for storing instructions), which is when the PASS A option would be used (PASS A directly asserts the value of SR1 onto the bus).
    - **GateMARMUX** This signal asserts the output of the MARMUX onto the bus. Almost always, the value asserted onto the bus represents an address to be loaded into the MAR for loading and storing instructions (or directly into a destination register for LEA).

3. **MUX Signals** These signals have a range of possible values, and this range of values can differ based on the number of inputs to a given MUX (some have 2 inputs, others have 3 or 4).

    - **PCMUX** The PC has 3 options every time it is updated. During every FETCH, the PC is incremented by 1, and during branching and jumping instructions, the PC can be loaded either from the ADDR calculation circuit (ADDR1MUX + ADDR2MUX, for most branching/jumping), or read from the bus (rarely).
    - **DRMUX** For most instructions, the DR (Destination Register) is explicitly defined in the instruction. Sometimes, however, the DR is implicitly set to R7 (as R7 is always used as the return address for branching instructions.) The DRMUX can set the DR to either IR[11:9] (the 3 bits of the instruction register used to encode the DR for most instructions), or hardcoded R7 for the branching instructions that save a return address (the PC) in R7.
    - **SR1MUX** For most instructions, the first Source Register (SR1) is encoded at IR[8:6] (bits 6, 7, and 8 of the instruction). However, some instructions have their source/base register located higher in the instruction at IR[11:9] (Namely, storing instructions that need space lower in the instruction for an immediate offset.)
    - **ADDR1MUX** For memory address calculation (For data or instructions), all addresses take the form of a base register (which is usually the PC, but sometimes a general purpose register from the register file) which is added to the sign extension of some number of bits from the IR. The ADDR1MUX chooses what the base register should be, either the PC (for most instructions), or a general purpose base register (for LDR, STR, JSRR, and JMP).

- **ADDR2MUX** For memory address calculation (For data or instructions), all addresses take the form of a base register (which is usually the PC, but sometimes a general purpose register from the register file) which is added to the sign extension of some number of bits from the IR. The ADDR2MUX chooses what that offset should be. Different instructions can allocate different numbers of bits for their immediate offset, with some having 6, 9, or 11. Each of these, IR[5:0], IR[8:0], IR[10:0], as well as a hardcoded 0 option, is sign extended to 16 bits to be added to the base register. ADDR2MUX chooses which of these is passed through.
- **MARMUX** Most memory calculations will come through the MARMUX. The MARMUX has 2 inputs, one for the ADDR calculation circuit (ADDR1MUX + ADDR2MUX), and one to zero extend the lower eight bits of the instruction register (ZEXT(IR[7:0])). The later option is only used for TRAP instructions, which are outside the scope of this homework, so you only need to worry about the former.
- **ALUK** The ALUK selects which operation the ALU should output, from A + B, A & B, A, PASS A. The first three are used for the arithmetic instruction (ADD, AND, NOT), and the PASS A operation directly outputs SR1 to the bus. This last option is used whenever the value of a general purpose register needs to be written somewhere else (Like store instructions.)
  - 00 : A PLUS B
  - 01 : A AND B
  - 10 : NOT A
  - 11 : PASS A

4. **Memory Signals** There are two signals that are used for memory access, MEM.EN and R.W. These control the behavior of the memory for read and write operations.

   - **MEM.EN** The MEM.EN signal will be high whenever the memory is accessed in any way, whether it is for reading or writing.
   - **R.W** R.W, or Read.Write is used to distinguish between memory operations that *read from* the memory and memory operations that *write to* the memory. Clearly, operations that are writing to memory (store instructions) should have R.W set to Write (1), while memory operations that read data already in memory should have R.W set to Read (0).

9.1 MUX Values

We'll take a second to clarify which selection codes correspond to which inputs in the 8 MUXes we've implemented on the LC-3 that you need to worry about.

- **MARMUX** - Memory Address Register Mux
  0. ZEXT (Zero-extend) input.
  1. ADDR (address adder) input.
- **PCMUX** - Program Counter Mux
  00. PC+1 input.
  01. ADDR (address adder) input.
  10. BUS input.
- **DRMUX** - Destination Register Mux (values given for you)
  0. IR[11:9] input.
  1. Constant 0b111 input.
- **SR1MUX** - Source Register 1 Mux (values given for you)
  0. IR[11:9] input.
  1. IR[8:6] input.
- **SR2MUX** - Source Register 2 Mux (determined by IR[5]) - don't worry about this
  0. SR2 input.
  1. SEXT[4:0] (sign extend) input.
- **ADDR1MUX** - Address Adder Input 1 MUX
  0. PC input.
  1. SR1 input.
- **ADDR2MUX** - Address Adder Input 2 MUX
  00. Constant 0x0000 input.
  01. SEXT[5:0] input.
  10. SEXT[8:0] input.
  11. SEXT[10:0] input.
- **MDRMUX** - MDR Input MUX - don't worry about this
  The selector bit for this mux should be the MIO.EN / MEM.EN signal
  0. Bus.
  1. Memory data output.

9.2 LC-3 Reference Sheet

NOTE: You can also access the reference sheet on Canvas.

CS2110 Reference Sheet

ADD+

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0001				DR			SR1			0	00		SR2		
0001				DR			SR1			1	imm5				

AND+

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0101				DR			SR1			0	00		SR2		
0101				DR			SR1			1	imm5				

NOT+

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1001				DR			SR			111111					

BR

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0000				N	Z	P	PCoffset9								

JMP / JSR / JSRR

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1100				000			BaseR			000000					
0100				1	PCoffset11										
0100				0	00		BaseR			000000					

LD+ / LDI+ / LDR+ / LEA

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0010				DR			PCoffset9								
1010				DR			PCoffset9								
0110				DR			BaseR			offset6					
1110				DR			PCoffset9								

ST / STI / STR

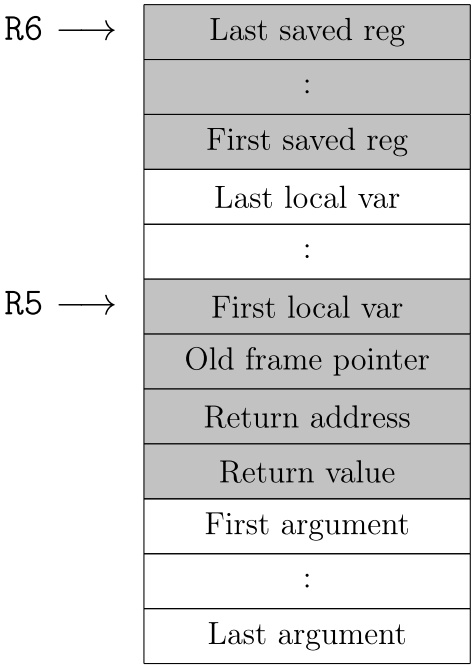
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0011				SR			PCoffset9								
1011				SR			PCoffset9								
0111				SR			BaseR			offset6					

TRAP

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1111				0000			trapvect8								

Trap Vector	Assembler Name
x20	**GETC**
x21	**OUT**
x22	**PUTS**
x23	**IN**
x25	**HALT**

Device Register	Addr
Keybd Status Reg	xFE00
Keybd Data Reg	xFE02
Display Status Reg	xFE04
Display Data Reg	xFE06



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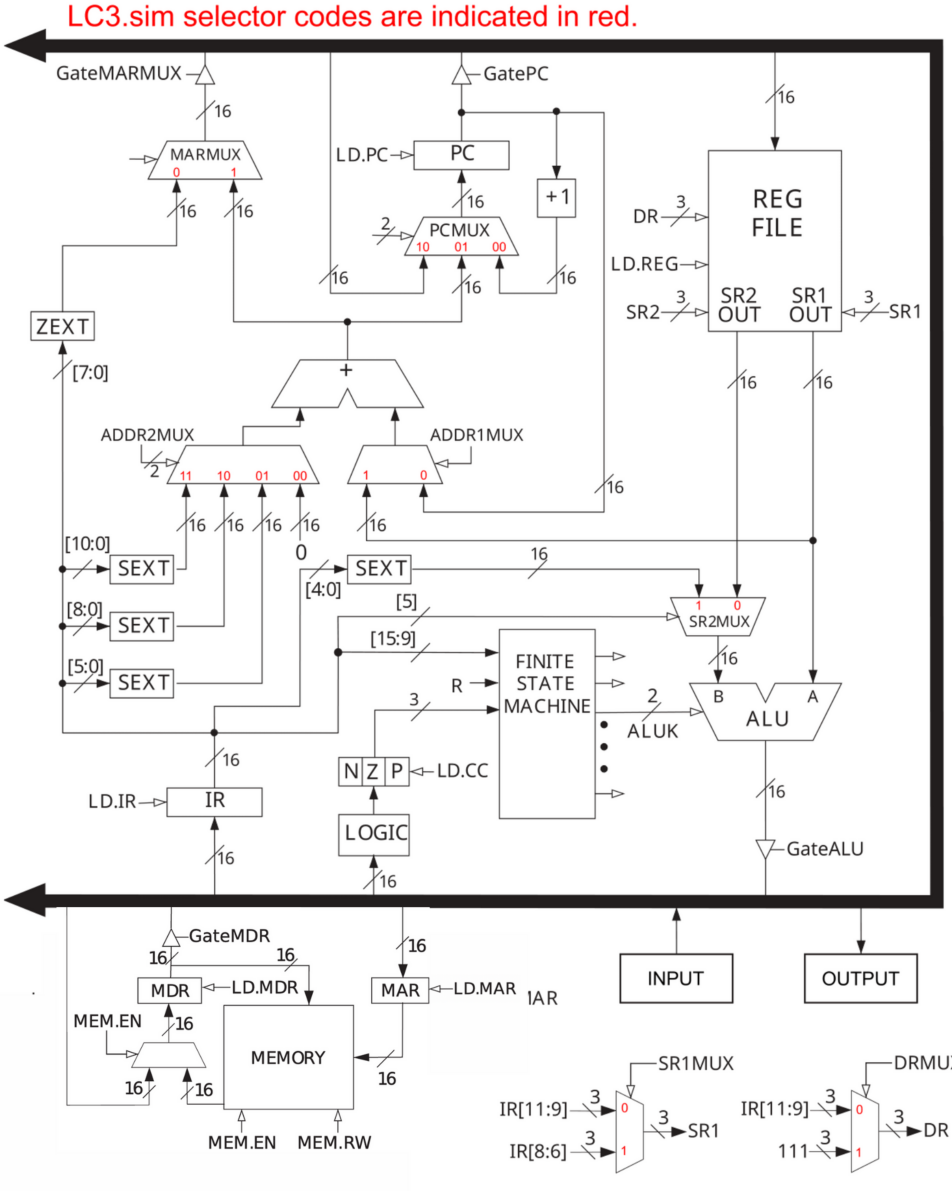
LC3.sim selector codes are indicated in red.



Boolean Signals	
LD.MAR	GateMARMUX
LD.MDR	GateMDR
LD.REG	GatePC
LD.CC	GateALU
LD.PC	LD.IR
MEM.EN	

Signal Name	Possible Values
ALUK	ADD AND NOT PASSA
ADDR1MUX	PC BaseR
ADDR2MUX	ZERO offset6 PCoffset9 PCoffset11
PCMUX	PC+1 ADDER BUS
MARMUX	ZEXT ADDER
SR2MUX	SR2 SEXT
R.W	R (0) W (1)
SR1MUX	IR[11:9] IR[8:6]
DRMUX	IR[11:9] 111