CMPUT 229 (Winter 2021) - Assignment #1

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Question 1: (20 points)

You are participating in the Computing Science Industrial Internship Program, and your placement is with *Tiny Inc.*, a company that produces *TinyProc*— a new processor developed for the automobile industry. All instructions in *TinyProc* have 16 bits. *TinyProc* also works with 16-bit addresses. The format of a branch instruction in *TinyProc* is as shown below:

15	13	12	10	9		7	6		0
Opcode		rs		rt				address	

Where rs and rt specify the source and target registers for the branch instruction, respectively. The address of the target of a branch instruction is computed using the same mechanism used in the MIPS processor, but the increment of the PC and the shift left have to be adjusted for a 16-bit address machine: first the Program Counter (PC) is incremented by two, then the bitfield address of the branch instruction is shifted left by one, sign-extended to sixteen bits, and added to the incremented PC. Based on this information, answer the following questions.

- **a.** (5 points) What is the binary representation of the address field of a branch instruction that results in the largest jump backward and on the largest jump forward in *TinyProc*?
- **b.** (5 points) The *range* of a branch instruction is the address distance between the target of a branch instruction and the branch instruction itself. For example if a branch instruction is at the address 0×0010 and the target is at address is at 0×0020 , then the range of this branch instruction is $0 \times 0010 = 16_{10}$. What is the maximum range of a branch instruction, expressed as a decimal number in *TinyProc*?
- c. (5 points) How many registers does TinyProc have?
- d. (5 points) The instruction beq \$0, \$1, SKIP branches to the instruction at the label SKIP if the value in register \$0 and in register \$1 are the same. In *TinyProc*, the Opcode for a beq instruction is 010. Assume that this instruction is at address OxFCOO, and that the label SKIP is at address OxFB82. What is the binary representation of this instruction expressed in Hexadecimal?