

Question 4 (20 points):

<pre>1 vecAdd1: add a0, zero, zero 2 li t1, 0x00008000 3 li t2, 0x00009000 4 next: lw t3, 0(t1) 5 add a0, a0, t3 6 addi t1, t1, 4 7 bne t1, t2, next 8 jalr zero, ra, 0</pre>	<pre>10 vecAdd2: add a0, zero, zero 11 li t1, 0x00008000 12 li t2, 0x0000C000 13 next: lw t3, 0(t1) 14 add a0, a0, t3 15 addi t1, t1, 16 16 bne t1, t2, next 17 jalr zero, ra, 0</pre>
(a) Code for <code>vecAdd1</code>	(b) Code for <code>vecAdd2</code>

Figure 1: Two versions of a function that sum elements of a vector.

Figure 1 shows two versions of a RISC-V code that returns the sum of some elements of a vector. Both versions of this code are executed in a processor with a 16KB L1 Data Cache with 16-byte cache blocks.

1. (5 points) Assume that this is a 32-bit address machine. How many elements of the vector are accessed by `vecAdd1` and how many elements of the vector are accessed by `vecAdd2`?

`VecAdd1`: $(0x9000-0x8000)/4 = 2^{12-2} = 2^{10} = 1024$

`VecAdd1`: $(0xC000-0x8000)/16 = 2^{14-4} = 2^{10} = 1024$

2. (5 points) If the L1 Data Cache is directly mapped, what is the hit ratio for the L1 Data Cache for `vecAdd1` and for `vecAdd2`?

There is no temporal data reuse in either program. Thus, all the hits are because of the size of the cache block.

For `vecAdd1` every fourth data access will be a miss. Therefore the hit ratio is 75%.

`vecAdd2` access every fourth element of the array and thus, its hit ratio is 0%.

3. (5 points) What is the effect in the hit ratios if the L1 Data Cache retains the same total data storage of 16KB but is made two-way set associative?

The hit ratio does not change because there are no conflict misses in the direct mapped cache. Higher associativity has no effect on cold misses.

4. (5 points) This machine has a 32-bit address bus and a two-way set associative L1 Data Cache. How many bits are used for each of the following components of a data-cache access?

- Offset: 4 bits
- Index: $\frac{16KB}{16 \times 2} = 512 \text{ sets} \Rightarrow 9 \text{ bits}$
- Tag: $32-9-4 = 19 \text{ bits}$