

CMPUT 229 - Computer Organization And Architecture I

Quiz #2 — Winter 2014

CMPUT 229 Honor Code *Solution*

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Question 1 (10 points):

The table below shows the amount of time (in seconds) spent in different classes of instructions when a given program executes in a machine. A change to the compiler leads to a program that executes fewer integer (INT) instructions and does not affect the time of any of the other classes of instructions. This compiler improvement leads to a 12% improvement in the total execution time of this program.

What is the reduction, expressed as a percentage, in the time spent in INT instructions?

FP Instructions	INT Instructions	Load/Store Instructions	Branch Instructions
60s	90s	70s	30s

$$\text{Original Total Time} = 60s + 90s + 70s + 30s = 250s$$

$$\text{Improved Total Time} = (1 - 0.12) \times 250s = 220s$$

$$\text{Time Improvement} = 250s - 220s = 30s$$

$$\text{Improved INT time} = 90s - 30s = 60s$$

$$\% \text{ Improvement} = \frac{90s - 60s}{90s} = \boxed{33\%}$$

By how much should the time spent in INT instruction be reduced to achieve a total time reduction of 40%?

$$250s \times 40\% = 100s$$

Since INT instructions only make up 90s, this is impossible.