

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:

- (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*?

address of branch for largest jump backward: 100 0000

address of branch for largest jump forward: 011 1111

- (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 0x0010 and the target is at address is at 0x0020, then the range of this branch instruction is $0x0010 = 16_{10}$. What is the maximum range of a branch instruction, expressed as a decimal number in *TinyProc*?

$$\begin{aligned}
 range &= |PC - FarthestTarget| \\
 FarthestTargetBack &= PC + 2 + 0xFF80 \\
 rangeBack &= |PC - (PC + 0xFF82)| \\
 rangeBack &= 0xFF82 = 1111\ 1111\ 1000\ 0010 \\
 rangeBack &= 0000\ 0000\ 0111\ 1110 = 2^7 - 2^1 = 128 - 2 = 126 \\
 FarthestTargetForward &= PC + 2 + 0x007E \\
 rangeForward &= |PC - (PC + 0x0080)| = 0x0080 = 2^7 = 128\ instructions
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the maximum range for a branch instruction is **128 instructions**.

- (5 points) How many registers does *TinyProc* have? Each register field has three bits, therefore there are eight possible combinations for this field: 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110 and 111. Thus *TinyProc* has **8** registers.

4. (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 0xFC00 and that the label SKIP is at address 0xFB82. What is the binary representation of this instruction expressed in hexadecimal?

$$\begin{aligned}
 (PC + 2) + dist &= target \\
 dist &= target - (PC + 2) \\
 dist &= target + (-(PC + 2))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (PC+2): 0xFC02 &= & 1111 & 1100 & 0000 & 0010 \\
 /(PC+2) &= & 0000 & 0011 & 1111 & 1101 \\
 -(PC+2) &= & 0000 & 0011 & 1111 & 1110 \\
 target: 0xFB82 &= & 1111 & 1011 & 1000 & 0010 \\
 dist = target + (-(PC+2)) &= & 1111 & 1111 & 1000 & 0000 \\
 dist >> 1 &= & 1111 & 1111 & 1100 & 0000
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the **address** field for the instruction is 100 0000

The rest of the instruction format is:

15	13	12	10	9	7	6	0
010	000	001	100	0000			

$$010\ 000\ 001\ 100\ 0000 = 0100\ 0000\ 1100\ 0000 = \mathbf{0x40C0}$$