

Question 1 (30 points):

You are working in a team that is writing a functional simulator for the MIPS architecture. One of the functions that needs to be written is called **BranchTarget**. It computes the target of a branch when the branch is taken.

Below are the specifications for the format of the **beq** and the **bne** instructions for the MIPS architecture. The operation of the **bne** instruction is described as follows:

$PC \leftarrow PC + 4$

if $rs \neq rt$ then $PC \leftarrow PC + \text{sign-extend}(\text{offset} \ll 2)$

Write the code for the **BranchTarget** subroutine that receives in **\$a0** the address in which an instruction is fetched, and in **\$a1** the 32-bit binary representation for the instruction. **BranchTarget** returns 0 if the fetched instruction is not a **bne** or a **beq** instruction. It returns the branch target, *i.e.* the value of the PC after the execution of the branch when the instruction is either a **bne** or a **beq** and the branch is taken. The code from **BranchTarget** must follow all the MIPS calling conventions.

