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5. Memory Consistency [40 points]

There are 2 threads with 4 instructions. The two threads are executed concurrently on a dual-core processor. Assume that registers in both cores are initialized with the values shown in the table below. The instructions of each thread are also shown below.

R1	1
R2	2
R3	3
R4	4

Thread A	Thread B
ST R1, 0x1000	ST R3, 0x1000
LD R5, 0x1000	LD R5, 0x1000
ADD R5, R5, R2	ADD R5, R5, R4
ST R5, 0x1000	ST R5, 0x1000

- (a) Assume the dual-core processor implements sequential consistency. List **all** the possible values that can be stored in address 0x1000, assuming both threads run to completion.

3, 5, 7, 9

- (b) How many different memory instruction interleavings of the 2 threads **will guarantee** a value of 0x9 in address 0x1000, assuming both threads run to completion? Show your work.

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- (c) Assume now that the dual-core processor does **not** support sequential consistency. List **all the possible values** that can be stored in address 0x1000, assuming both threads run to completion. Explain your answer briefly.

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Thread B might never see the sequential updates of Thread A, but the result will be equivalent to that of a sequentially consistent model.