

5. In this question we will calculate how fast our program from question 4 will run.
- (a) (3 points) How many instructions will be necessary to calculate the dimming operation on the *whole* image in Question 4c? If you have not answered Question 4a or 4b, assume that you need 10 instructions for one **dim_pixel** subroutine. If you make further assumptions please state them clearly. (*Note: you can use approximations to simplify calculations.*)

Solution:

The inner loop in question 4c has 6 instructions. One of these instructions calls the subroutine that has 14 further instructions (including the `jr`). Thus per pixel we will need 20 instructions. For the entire image this loop will be executed $1'024 \text{ times } 1'024 == 1'048'576$ (approximately 1 million). The initial instructions can be ignored.

In total we will need slightly more than 20 million instructions ($20'971'520$). The answer will depend on your answer to question 4 (or your assumption).

- (b) (3 points) For a real-time video application, you realize that you can afford at most 10 ms of time until this operation is completed. Assuming that you are using an *ideal single cycle MIPS architecture*, what is the minimum *clock frequency* that your processor has to run at, so that your program finishes within 10 ms?

Solution:

$$T = N \cdot CPI \cdot \frac{1}{f}$$

Where T is the time to finish the operation, in this case 10 ms, N was calculated in the previous exercise to be 20 million, CPI for an ideal single cycle processor is 1. From here we can calculate the clock frequency (f) to be 2 GHz.

Hint:

$$1 \text{ s} = 1000 \text{ ms} = 1'000'000 \mu\text{s} = 1'000'000'000 \text{ ns} = 1'000'000'000'000 \text{ ps}$$

$$1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \frac{1}{\text{s}}; \quad 1 \text{ kHz} = 1'000 \frac{1}{\text{s}}; \quad 1 \text{ MHz} = 1'000'000 \frac{1}{\text{s}}; \quad 1 \text{ GHz} = 1'000'000'000 \frac{1}{\text{s}};$$