

4. In this section, you will be given a task and two code snippets in MIPS assembly language. You will have to decide which of the code snippets can be used for the task. For all the questions assume the following initial values:

Registers:

Register	Value
\$s0	0x0000 00FF
\$s1	0x0000 0004
\$s2	0x0000 0008
\$s3	0x0000 000C

Memory:

Address	Value
0x0000 00000	0x0000 FF00
0x0000 00004	0x0000 00FF
0x0000 00008	0xFFFF FFF7
0x0000 0000C	0x1234 5678

- (a) (2 points) Set the content of the register \$t1 to 0x0000 1234:

(A)

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lw  $t1, 0xC($0)
srl $t1, $t1, 4
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(B)

```
xor $t1, $t1, $t1
addi $t1, $0, 0x1234
```

☐ none☐ A☒ B☐ Both A and B

A is wrong since it is shifting the value by 4 bits. It should shift the value by 16 bits instead.

- (b) (2 points) Starting from the address 0x0000 4000 write all zeroes to 1024 consecutive memory locations (until 0x0000 5000):

(A)

```
addi $s0, $s0, 0x1000
LOOP: sw  $0, 0x4000($s0)
addi $s0, $s0, -1
bne  $s0, $0, LOOP
```

(B)

```
addi $s0, $s0, 0x4000
addi $s1, $s0, 0x1000
addi $s2, $0, 1
LOOP: sw  $0, $s1
sub  $s1, $s1, $s2
bne  $s0, $s1, LOOP
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☐ none☐ A☐ B☒ Both A and B

- (c) (2 points) Add all the numbers from 0 to 255:

(A)

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lw    $s1, $s0
xor   $s0, $s0, $s0
LOOP: add $s0, $s0, $s1
      addi $s1, $s1, -1
      bne  $s1, $0, LOOP

```

(B)

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addi $s1, $0, 255
lw   $s0, $0
LOOP: addi $s0, $0, $s1
      addi $s1, $s1, -1
      beq  $s1, $0, DONE
      j    LOOP
DONE:

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☒ none ☐ A ☐ B ☐ Both A and B

A is wrong since the lw command loads the memory pointed by the register s0, not the value stored in s0. B is wrong since addi takes an immediate number as the third argument, not a register.

- (d) (2 points) Jump to subroutine STOP if only the 4th bit from the right (representing
- 2^3
-) of the byte written at address 0x0000 0020 is 1 while other bits are all 0. Otherwise continue with the program at CONT:

(A)

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lw    $s0, 0x20($0)
srl   $s0, $s0, 3
addi  $s1, $0, 1
beq   $s0, $s1, CONT
j     STOP
CONT: ...
STOP: ...

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(B)

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addi $s0, $0, 0x20
lw   $s1, $s0
lw   $s2, 0x8($0)
and  $s3, $s1, $s2
beq  $s3, $0, CONT
jal  STOP
CONT: ...
STOP: ...

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☒ none ☐ A ☐ B ☐ Both A and B

A looks ok, but it would also work if other bits (higher than 4) are one as well, the jump is not to a subroutine, and the condition is inverse. B would be okay if it were bne instead of beq.

- (e) (2 points) Save the two registers \$s0 and \$s1 to the stack:

(A)

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sw    $sp, $s0
addi  $sp, $sp, -4
sw    $sp, $s1

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(B)

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addi $sp, $sp, -8
sw   $s0, 8($sp)
sw   $s1, 4($sp)

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☐ none ☐ A ☒ B ☐ Both A and B

A is incorrect since the stack pointer itself is overwritten instead of the actual memory pointed by the stack pointer.