CS220 Quiz#3

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Q1. Write the branch instruction names of the MIPS ISA that will be generated by a reasonably optimized compiler from this C statement: if ((x != y) || (x < 0)). [1 point]

bne, bltz

Q2. Write the branch instruction names of the MIPS ISA that will be generated by a reasonably optimized compiler from this C statement: if ((x != y) && (x <= 0)). [1 point]

beq, bgtz

Q3. Consider a function f written using the C language. The function f calls another function g having ten arguments all of type integer. The function f can allocate all its local variables in registers without spilling. The structure of f is as follows: {... return g (a, b, c, d, e, ...);}. How much stack space in bytes should be allocated to f when compiling for 32-bit MIPS? [1 point]

f needs to save $ra on stack before calling g. It also needs to put six arguments of g on stack. Therefore, f needs 28 bytes of stack space.

Q4. Consider the following sequence of 32-bit MIPS instructions separated by semi-colons: [addi $t0, $0, 0xb2; sll $t0, $t0, 0x18; addi $t1, $0, 0x4; srav $t0, $t0, $t1]. What is the final hexadecimal value in $t0? [1 point]

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addi $t0, $0, 0xb2      // $t0 <-- 0xb2
sll   $t0, $t0, 0x18    // $t0 <-- 0xb2000000
addi $t1, $0, 0x4       // $t1 <-- 0x4
srav $t0, $t0, $t1      // $t0 <-- 0xfb200000
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Q5. Consider the following segment of C code: [for(i=0;i<18;i++) { if (i%2==0) { // Some non-branch statements } else if (i%3==0) { // Some non-branch statements } }]. This code is translated to 32-bit MIPS such that the translated code has the minimum number of branch/jump instructions. When the translated code is executed, calculate how many forward branches/jumps and how many backward branches/jumps are executed. [1+1 points]

Both if statements translate to forward branches. The branch for the for loop is a backward branch. The branch for if (i%2 == 0) is executed for all i, but the branch for if (i%3 == 0) is executed for only odd i. Thus, 27 forward branches and 18 backward branches are executed.

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