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Matrix Multiplication

A matrix multiplication algorithm for a 2x2 matrix was written in C and then translated to MIPS through several iterations to get the code running in assembly.

Step 1: C-code

```
C matrixmultiply.c > main()
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  void multiplyMatrices(int firstMatrix[2][2], int secondMatrix[2][2], int resultMatrix[2][2]) {
4      for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
5          for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
6              resultMatrix[i][j] = 0;
7              for (int k = 0; k < 2; k++) {
8                  resultMatrix[i][j] += firstMatrix[i][k] * secondMatrix[k][j];
9              }
10         }
11     }
12 }
13
14 int main() {
15     int firstMatrix[2][2] = {{1, 2}, {6, 4}};
16     int secondMatrix[2][2] = {{3, 2}, {1, 8}};
17     int resultMatrix[2][2];
18
19     multiplyMatrices(firstMatrix, secondMatrix, resultMatrix);
20
21     printf("Result of matrix multiplication:\n");
22     for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
23         for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
24             printf("%d ", resultMatrix[i][j]);
25         }
26         printf("\n");
27     }
28
29     return 0;
30 }
```

Figure 1: matrix multiplication in C

- The first two loops (i and j) iterate over the rows and columns of the result matrix. i is used as the row index of the first matrix, and j is used as to the column index of the second matrix. The inner loop (k) is used to compute the dot product between the corresponding row of the firstMatrix and column of the secondMatrix. Each element resultMatrix[i][j] is computed by summing the product of the corresponding elements in the i-th row of firstMatrix and the j-th column of secondMatrix.
- Formula : $resultMatrix[i][j] = \sum_{k=0}^1 (firstMatrix[i][k] \times secondMatrix[k][j])$

- In the main, the matrices are created and two loops go through all the elements of the resultMatrix to print it out.

Step 2: Changing For-loops to while Loops

```
C matrixmultiply2.c > main()
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  void multiplyMatrices(int firstMatrix[2][2], int secondMatrix[2][2], int resultMatrix[2][2]) {
4
5      int i = 0;
6      while (i<2)
7      {
8          int j=0;
9
10         while(j<2)
11         {
12             resultMatrix[i][j] = 0;
13
14             int k=0;
15
16             while(k<2)
17             {
18                 resultMatrix[i][j] += firstMatrix[i][k] * secondMatrix[k][j];
19                 k++;
20             }
21
22             j++;
23         }
24
25         i++;
26     }
27 }
```

Figure 2: Switching to while-loop

- This makes it easier to switch to goto and if-statements.

Step 3: Changing while Loops to goto and if-statements

```
C matrixmultiply3.c > multiplyMatrices(int [2][2], int [2][2], int [2][2])
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  void multiplyMatrices(int firstMatrix[2][2], int secondMatrix[2][2], int resultMatrix[2][2]) {
4
5      int i = 0;
6      loop1:
7      if (i >= 2) goto end1;
8
9      int j=0;
10     loop2:
11     if (j>=2) goto end2;
12     {
13         resultMatrix[i][j] = 0;
14         int k=0;
15
16         loop3:
17         if (k>=2) goto end3;
18         {
19             resultMatrix[i][j] += firstMatrix[i][k] * secondMatrix[k][j];
20             k++;
21             goto loop3;
22         }
23         end3;;
24         j++;
25         goto loop2;
26     }
27     end2;;
28     i++;
29     goto loop1;
30 }
31
32 end1;;
```

```
C matrixmultiply3.c > main()
3  void multiplyMatrices(int firstMatrix[2][2], int secondMatrix[2][2], int resultMatrix[2][2]) {
31     goto loop1;
32     end1;;
33     return;
34 }
35
36 int main() {
37     int firstMatrix[2][2] = {{1, 2}, {6, 4}};
38     int secondMatrix[2][2] = {{3, 2}, {1, 8}};
39     int resultMatrix[2][2];
40     multiplyMatrices(firstMatrix, secondMatrix, resultMatrix);
41     printf("Result of matrix multiplication:\n");
42     int i = 0;
43     loop4:
44     if (i>=2) goto end4;
45     {
46         int j = 0;
47         loop5:
48         if (j>=2) goto end5;
49         {
50             printf("%d ", resultMatrix[i][j]);
51             j++;
52             goto loop5;
53         }
54         end5;;
55         printf("\n");
56         i++;
57         goto loop4;
58     }
59     end4;;
60     return 0;
61 }
```

Figure 3: Switching to goto and if-statements

- The three loops of the multiplyMatrices function use a goto statement to loop until k, j then i and larger than 2, then they end by using a goto end. The same concept is used to print the result matrix.

Step 4: Writing in assembly

- The instructions are then written in assembly using the variable names as register names to make it easier to understand, then written again using real register names.

Results:

First Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

First Row, First Column:

$$(1 \times 3) + (2 \times 1) = 3 + 2 = 5$$

$$\text{resultMatrix}[0][0] = 5$$

First Row, Second Column:

$$(1 \times 2) + (2 \times 8) = 2 + 16 = 18$$

$$\text{resultMatrix}[0][1] = 18$$

Second Row, First Column:

$$(6 \times 3) + (4 \times 1) = 18 + 4 = 22$$

$$\text{resultMatrix}[1][0] = 22$$

Second Row, Second Column:

$$(6 \times 2) + (4 \times 8) = 12 + 32 = 44$$

$$\text{resultMatrix}[1][1] = 44$$

Result Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 18 \\ 22 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$$

MIPS Code:

```

== matrixMultiply
1 .data
2 firstMatrix: .word 1, 2, 0, 4
3 secondMatrix: .word 3, 2, 1, 0
4 resultMatrix: .space 16 # Allocate space for 2x2 matrix
5
6 newline: .asciiz "\n" # Newline character for printing
7 space: .asciiz " " # Space character for printing
8
9
10 .text
11 .globl main
12
13 main:
14     # Initialize base addresses of matrices
15     la $a0, firstMatrix # Load address of firstMatrix into $a0
16     la $a1, secondMatrix # Load address of secondMatrix into $a1
17     la $t0, resultMatrix # Load address of resultMatrix into $t0
18
19     addi $sp, $sp, -8 # Allocate space on the stack
20     sw $ra, 0($sp) # Save return address on the stack
21
22     li $t1, 0 # Initialize i to 0
23     li $t2, 2 # matrix size is 2
24
25 loop1:
26     bge $t1, $t2, end1 # if i == size, end loop1
27     li $t3, 0 # j = 0, initialize j to 0
28
29 loop2:
30     bge $t3, $t2, end2 # if j == size, end loop2
31
32     mul $t4, $t1, 2 # rowOffset = i * 2
33
34     mul $t4, $t1, 2 # rowOffset = i * 2
35     add $t5, $t4, $t3 # index = i * 2 + j
36     sll $t6, $t5, 2 # byteOffset = (i * 2 + j) * 4
37     add $t7, $t0, $t6 # elementAddr = &resultMatrix[i][j]
38     ori $t8, $zero, 0 # temp = 0
39     sw $t8, 0($t7) # resultMatrix[i][j] = 0
40
41     li $t9, 0 # initialize k to 0
42
43 loop3:
44     bge $t9, $t2, end3 # if k == size, exit loop3
45
46     # Load firstMatrix[i][k]
47     mul $t4, $t1, 2 # rowOffset = i * 2
48     add $t5, $t4, $t9 # index = i * 2 + k
49     sll $t6, $t5, 2 # byteOffset = (i * 2 + k) * 4
50     add $t7, $a0, $t6 # elementAddr = &firstMatrix[i][k]
51     lw $t0, 0($t7) # temp1 = firstMatrix[i][k]
52
53     # Load secondMatrix[k][j]
54     mul $t4, $t9, 2 # rowOffset = k * 2
55     add $t5, $t4, $t3 # index = k * 2 + j
56     sll $t6, $t5, 2 # byteOffset = (k * 2 + j) * 4
57     add $t7, $a1, $t6 # elementAddr = &secondMatrix[k][j]
58     lw $t1, 0($t7) # temp2 = secondMatrix[k][j]
59
60     # Multiply temp1 and temp2 and assign it to temp
61     mul $t8, $t0, $t1
62
63     # Load resultMatrix[i][j]
64     mul $t4, $t1, 2 # rowOffset = i * 2
65     add $t5, $t4, $t3 # index = i * 2 + j
66     sll $t6, $t5, 2 # byteOffset = (i * 2 + j) * 4
67     add $t7, $t0, $t6 # elementAddr = &resultMatrix[i][j]
68     lw $t2, 0($t7) # temp = resultMatrix[i][j]
69
70     add $t3, $t2, $t8 # $t3 = resultMatrix[i][j] + (firstMatrix[i][k] * secondMatrix[k][j])
71
72     sw $t3, 0($t7) # Store new resultMatrix[i][j] back to memory
73
74     addi $t9, $t9, 1 # k++
75     j loop3 # Jump back to loop3
76
77 end3:
78     addi $t3, $t3, 1 # j++
79     j loop2 # Jump back to loop2
80
81 end2:
82     addi $t1, $t1, 1 # i++
83     j loop1 # Jump back to loop1
84
85 end1:
86     # printing the result matrix
87     li $t1, 0 # Initialize i to 0
88
89 print_loop1:
90     bge $t1, $t2, end4 # if i == size, exit loop1
91     li $t3, 0 # Initialize j to 0
92
93 print_loop2:
94     bge $t3, $t2, newlineRow # if j == size, exit loop2
95
96     # Load resultMatrix[i][j]
97     mul $t4, $t1, 2 # rowOffset = i * 2
98     add $t5, $t4, $t3 # index = i * 2 + j
99     sll $t6, $t5, 2 # byteOffset = (i * 2 + j) * 4
100     add $t7, $t0, $t6 # elementAddr = &resultMatrix[i][j]
101     lw $t8, 0($t7) # Load the value into $t8
102
103     # Print the value in $t8
104     li $v0, 1 # Print integer syscall
105     move $a0, $t8 # Move the value to $a0 for printing
106     syscall
107
108     # Print a space after each number
109     li $v0, 4 # Print string syscall
110     la $a0, space
111     syscall
112
113     addi $t3, $t3, 1 # j++
114     j print_loop2 # Jump back to print_loop2
115
116 newlineRow:
117     # Print newline after each row
118     li $v0, 4 # Print string syscall
119     la $a0, newline # Load newline address
120     syscall
121
122     addi $t1, $t1, 1 # i++
123     j print_loop1 # Jump back to print_loop1
124
125 end4:
126     lw $ra, 0($sp) # Restore return address
127     addi $sp, $sp, 8 # Clean up the stack
128
129     # Exit program
130     li $v0, 10
131     syscall

```

Terminal:

```
(base) nyuad@ADUAED06217LPLX:~/Downloads/lab2coa$ spim
SPIM Version 8.0 of January 8, 2010
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Loaded: /usr/lib/spim/exceptions.s
(spim) load "matrixMultiply.s"
(spim) run
5 18
22 44
(spim) █
```

Powers Of Three

C-code:

```
C powersOf3.c > main()
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  // Recursive function to calculate 3^n
4  int powerOfThree(int n) {
5      if (n == 0) {
6          return 1; // Base case: 3^0 = 1
7      }
8      return 3 * powerOfThree(n - 1); // Recursive step: 3^n = 3 * 3^(n-1)
9  }
10
11 int main() {
12     int n;
13     printf("Enter a non-negative integer: ");
14     scanf("%d", &n);
15
16     printf("3^%d = %d\n", n, powerOfThree(n));
17
18     return 0;
19 }
```

Figure 4: PowerOfThree C-code

- The function `powerOfThree` takes the integer `n` to calculate 3^n by calling itself recursively.
- *Base Case:* If `n` equals 0, the function returns 1 and the recursion ends.
- *Recursive Case:* The function returns $3 * \text{powerOfThree}(n-1)$, so for any `n > 0`, it calls itself with `n-1` until it reaches the base case.
- The `main` prompts the user input, calls the function and prints the result.

MIPS Code:

```
== powersOfThree.s
1  .data
2  promptInt: .asciiz "input an integer: "
3  newline:   .asciiz "\n"
4
5  .text
6
7  main:
8      # prompt user to input integer
9      la $a0, promptInt # Load address of prompt string into $a0
10     li $v0, 4          # System call for printing a string
11     syscall            # Print the prompt
12
13     # Get integer input from user
14     li $v0, 5          # System call for reading an integer
15     syscall
16     move $a0, $v0      # Move input n to register $a0
17
18     # Call the powerOfThree function
19     jal powerOfThree    # Jump and link to powerOfThree function
20
21     # Print the result (stored in $v0)
22     move $a0, $v0      # Move result to $a0 for printing
23     li $v0, 1          # System call for printing an integer
24     syscall            # Print the result
25
26     # Print a newline after the result
27     la $a0, newline    # Load address of newline string
28     li $v0, 4          # System call for printing a string
29     syscall            # Print the newline
30
31     # Exit program
32     li $v0, 10         # System call for exit
33
== powersOfThree.s
5  main:
6      # Recursive function to calculate 3^n
7      powerOfThree:
8          # Save registers $ra and $a0 on stack
9          addi $sp, $sp, -8 # Make space on stack
10         sw $ra, 4($sp)    # Save return address
11         sw $a0, 0($sp)    # Save argument $a0
12
13         # Base case: if n == 0, return 1
14         beq $a0, $zero, baseCase
15
16         # Recursion
17         addi $a0, $a0, -1 # Decrement n by 1
18         jal powerOfThree # Recursive call
19
20         # Multiply result by 3
21         li $t0, 3         # Load 3 into $t0
22         mul $v0, $v0, $t0 # Multiply $v0 by 3 ($v0 contains the result of powerOfThree(n-1))
23
24         # Restore registers and return
25         lw $ra, 4($sp)    # Restore return address
26         lw $a0, 0($sp)    # Restore argument $a0
27         addi $sp, $sp, 8  # Clean up stack
28         jr $ra           # Return to caller
29
30 baseCase:
31     li $v0, 1            # If n == 0, return 1
32     lw $ra, 4($sp)       # Restore return address
33     lw $a0, 0($sp)       # Restore argument $a0
34     addi $sp, $sp, 8     # Clean up stack
35     jr $ra              # Return to caller
```

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Loaded: /usr/lib/spim/exceptions.s
(spim) load "powersOfThree.s"
(spim) run
input an integer: 11
177147
(spim)
```

Sources:

- Lab manual (lab2)
- Extras.doc (google doc)
- SPIM_instruction_set.pdf