

CSc 252: Computer Organization

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Test 4 - SOLUTIONS: Mar. 27, 2025

Time: 30 min

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- To give all students the same amount of time to do the exam, please **DO NOT OPEN THIS EXAM UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO**.
- You are not allowed to use any external resources such as cellphones, notes, headphones, watch, neighbors, calculator, etc. If you have not done so yet, turn your cellphone off and place it in your backpack.
- The cellphone cannot be on you during the exam. If your cellphone is in your pocket, it will be considered cheating even if you are not looking at it (same for headphones and watches). We will collect your exam and ask you to leave.
- Place your final answers in the given boxes. You can show your work on any blank spaces.
- We recommend skimming the entire exam before completing any problems.
- Read carefully every question before answering and raise your hand if the question is unclear.
- **DO NOT SPEAK TO ANYONE AT YOUR TABLE.**

****** Good Luck! ☐ ******

Allowable MIPS Instructions

When writing MIPS assembly, the only instructions that you are allowed to use (so far) are:

- `and, andi, or, ori, nor, nori, xor, xori`
- `add, addi, sub, addu, addiu`
- `beq, bne, j, jal, jr`
- `mult, div, mfhi, mflo`
- `slt, slti, sll, srl, sra`
- `lw, lh, lb, sw, sh, sb`
- `lui, la`
- `syscall`

Write your name and student ID on all the exam pages for one extra credit point.

1. (2 points) How many bits are available for the “immediate” field (that is, the constant) in an I-format instruction?

Place your final answers here.

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Mark your responses by **completely darkening the circle** with the correct answer. e.g., ●

2. (2 points) Which register(s) points to the top of the stack to manage the function call frame?

<input type="radio"/> \$at	<input type="radio"/> \$t2	<input type="radio"/> fun1
<input type="radio"/> \$v0	<input type="radio"/> \$t3	<input type="radio"/> jal
<input type="radio"/> \$v1	<input type="radio"/> \$t4	<input type="radio"/> \$k0
<input type="radio"/> \$a0	<input type="radio"/> \$s0	<input type="radio"/> \$k1
<input type="radio"/> \$a1	<input type="radio"/> \$s1	<input type="radio"/> \$gp
<input type="radio"/> \$a2	<input type="radio"/> \$s2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$sp
<input type="radio"/> \$a3	<input type="radio"/> \$s3	<input type="radio"/> \$fp
<input type="radio"/> \$a4	<input type="radio"/> \$s4	<input type="radio"/> \$ra
<input type="radio"/> \$t0	<input type="radio"/> \$s5	<input type="radio"/> pc
<input type="radio"/> \$t1	<input type="radio"/> \$s6	<input type="radio"/> hi

3. (2 points) Which register(s) is(are) used to store the return value of a function?

<input type="radio"/> \$at	<input type="radio"/> \$t2	<input type="radio"/> fun1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$v0	<input type="radio"/> \$t3	<input type="radio"/> jal
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$v1	<input type="radio"/> \$t4	<input type="radio"/> \$k0
<input type="radio"/> \$a0	<input type="radio"/> \$s0	<input type="radio"/> \$k1
<input type="radio"/> \$a1	<input type="radio"/> \$s1	<input type="radio"/> \$gp
<input type="radio"/> \$a2	<input type="radio"/> \$s2	<input type="radio"/> \$sp
<input type="radio"/> \$a3	<input type="radio"/> \$s3	<input type="radio"/> \$fp
<input type="radio"/> \$a4	<input type="radio"/> \$s4	<input type="radio"/> \$ra
<input type="radio"/> \$t0	<input type="radio"/> \$s5	<input type="radio"/> pc
<input type="radio"/> \$t1	<input type="radio"/> \$s6	<input type="radio"/> hi

4. (2 points) Which register(s) hold(s) the argument(s) when a function is called?

<input type="radio"/> \$at	<input type="radio"/> \$t2	<input type="radio"/> fun1
<input type="radio"/> \$v0	<input type="radio"/> \$t3	<input type="radio"/> jal
<input type="radio"/> \$v1	<input type="radio"/> \$t4	<input type="radio"/> \$k0
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$a0	<input type="radio"/> \$s0	<input type="radio"/> \$k1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$a1	<input type="radio"/> \$s1	<input type="radio"/> \$gp
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$a2	<input type="radio"/> \$s2	<input type="radio"/> \$sp
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$a3	<input type="radio"/> \$s3	<input type="radio"/> \$fp
<input type="radio"/> \$a4	<input type="radio"/> \$s4	<input type="radio"/> \$ra
<input type="radio"/> \$t0	<input type="radio"/> \$s5	<input type="radio"/> pc
<input type="radio"/> \$t1	<input type="radio"/> \$s6	<input type="radio"/> hi

5. (2 points) Which register(s) store(s) the return address(es) of a function call?

<input type="radio"/>	\$at	<input type="radio"/>	\$t2	<input type="radio"/>	fun1
<input type="radio"/>	\$v0	<input type="radio"/>	\$t3	<input type="radio"/>	jal
<input type="radio"/>	\$v1	<input type="radio"/>	\$t4	<input type="radio"/>	\$k0
<input type="radio"/>	\$a0	<input type="radio"/>	\$s0	<input type="radio"/>	\$k1
<input type="radio"/>	\$a1	<input type="radio"/>	\$s1	<input type="radio"/>	\$gp
<input type="radio"/>	\$a2	<input type="radio"/>	\$s2	<input type="radio"/>	\$sp
<input type="radio"/>	\$a3	<input type="radio"/>	\$s3	<input type="radio"/>	\$fp
<input type="radio"/>	\$a4	<input type="radio"/>	\$s4	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	\$ra
<input type="radio"/>	\$t0	<input type="radio"/>	\$s5	<input type="radio"/>	pc
<input type="radio"/>	\$t1	<input type="radio"/>	\$s6	<input type="radio"/>	hi

6. (2 points) When decoding a machine instruction, which field(s) determines the type of instruction format (that is, R-format, I-format, or J-format)?

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	opcode	<input type="radio"/>	address	<input type="radio"/>	shiftVal
<input type="radio"/>	rs	<input type="radio"/>	baseReg	<input type="radio"/>	shiftBits
<input type="radio"/>	rt	<input type="radio"/>	targetReg	<input type="radio"/>	funcCode
<input type="radio"/>	rd	<input type="radio"/>	destReg	<input type="radio"/>	aluFunc
<input type="radio"/>	shamt	<input type="radio"/>	resultReg	<input type="radio"/>	immVal
<input type="radio"/>	funct	<input type="radio"/>	writeReg	<input type="radio"/>	offset
<input type="radio"/>	immediate	<input type="radio"/>	shiftAmt	<input type="radio"/>	constant

7. (2 points) Select the format type for each machine instruction.

Machine instruction in binary			
0000 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 0000	<input type="radio"/> R-format	<input type="radio"/> I-format	<input checked="" type="radio"/> J-format
0000 0001 0010 1010 0100 0000 0010 0000	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R-format	<input type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format
0010 0001 0010 1000 0000 0000 0000 0101	<input type="radio"/> R-format	<input checked="" type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format
0000 0010 0011 0010 1000 0000 0010 0010	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R-format	<input type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format
0000 1000 0000 0000 0000 0001 0000 0000	<input type="radio"/> R-format	<input type="radio"/> I-format	<input checked="" type="radio"/> J-format
1000 1101 0010 1000 0000 0000 0000 0100	<input type="radio"/> R-format	<input checked="" type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format
0001 0010 0001 0001 0000 0000 0001 0000	<input type="radio"/> R-format	<input checked="" type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format
0000 0000 1010 0110 0010 0000 0010 0100	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R-format	<input type="radio"/> I-format	<input type="radio"/> J-format

8. (10 points) Use the tables found in the formula sheet to decode the following instruction. Fill out the corresponding fields in decimal and write the decoded instruction in MIPS.

0x012A4020

1. Hexa to binary:

0000 0001 0010 1010 0100 0000 0010 0000

2. Type of instruction?

Opcode = 0000 00 = 0 therefore R-format

R-type	op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
	Arithmetic/logic instructions					

Field size	6 bits	5bits	5bits	5bits	5bits	6 bits
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3. Rs = 01 001 = 9 in decimal

4. Rt = 0 1010 = 10 in decimal

5. Rd = 0100 0 = 8 in decimal

6. Shamt = 000 00 = 0 in decimal

7. Funct = 10 0000 = 32 in decimal

	Value in Decimal
opcode	0
rs	9
rt	10
rd	8
shamt	0
funct	32
immediate	-----
address	-----

Place your final MIPS instruction here.

add \$t0, \$t1, \$t2

9. (10 points) Use the tables found in the formula sheet to encode the first MIPS instruction (`beq`) from the following code snippet. The other instructions are there just to compute the immediate field of the `beq` instruction. Fill out the corresponding fields in decimal and write the encoded instruction in hexadecimal.

```
beq $s0, $s1, next
li $v0, 4
la $a0, message
syscall
```

```
next:
li $v0, 10
syscall
```

1. `Beq` is an i-format
2. Opcode from the table = 4 = 000100 in binary
3. `Rs` = `$s0` from the table = 16 = 10000 in binary
4. `Rt` = `$s1` from the table = 17 = 10001 in binary
5. Offset calculation

Using the formula: $NEWPC = PC + 4 + offset * 4$

$PC = 0$ (or any value)

$NEWPC = 16$ (or any value +16 or $PC + 16$)

Plug in these values in the formula:

$$16 = 0 + 4 + offset * 4$$

$$Offset = (16 - 4) / 4 = 3 = 0000000000000011$$

6. All the binary together and convert to hexadecimal

00010010000100010000000000000011

	Value in Decimal
opcode	4
rs	16
rt	17
rd	-----
shamt	-----
funct	-----
immediate	3
address	-----

Place the final instruction in hexadecimal here.
One nibble on each box

0x

1	2	1	1	0	0	0	3
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10. (10 points) Fill in the table below; write each instruction's proper CPU control bits. Refer to the CPU design, which has been included on the formula sheet. Some of the instructions might not be possible, given our standard design. If this is the case, write "impossible" in the row.

- For "do not care" values, you may write **X** or **0**, but **1** will not be accepted.
- For the aluOp, you may use the operation names (such as ADD) or the encodings (such as 2).

Instruction	ALUsrc	aluOp	bNegate	Branch	Jump	MemWrite	MemRead	MemToReg	RegDst	RegWrite
ADD	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SLT	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
AND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
J	X	X	X	X	1	0	0	X	X	0
JR	Not possible									
BEQ	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	X	X	0
LB	Not possible									
LW	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
SRA	Not possible									
ADDI	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

11. (6 points) Implement the following as an MIPS function. Use comments to show what register is associated with each variable name clearly and which part of the Java code.

```
int fun1(int a, int b) {
    if (a == 0 || b == 0)
        return 0;
    if (a < b)
        return b;
    else
        return a;
}
```

Place your final answer here.

```
# int fun1(int a, int b) {
# a0 = a
# a1 = b
FUN1:
    #prologue
    addiu $sp, $sp, -24
    sw    $fp, 0($sp)
    sw    $ra, 4($sp)
    addiu $fp, $sp, 20

    # if (a == 0 || b == 0)
    beq   $a0, $zero, ZERO    # if a == 0, return 0
    beq   $a1, $zero, ZERO    # if b == 0, return 0

    # if (a < b)
    slt   $t0, $a0, $a1      # $t0 = 1 if (a < b)
    bne   $t0, $zero, RETURN_B # if $t0 == 1, return b

    # else return a;
    add   $v0, $zero, $a0
    j    END

RETURN_B:
    add   $v0, $zero, $a1
    j    END

ZERO:
    add   $v0, $zero, $zero

END:
    #epilogue
    lw    $ra, 4($sp)
    lw    $fp, 0($sp)
    addiu $sp, $sp, 24
    jr    $ra
```