

CS/ECE 252: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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Midterm Examination 3

In Class (50 minutes)

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Weight: 17.5%

CLOSED BOOK, NOTE, CALCULATOR, PHONE, & COMPUTER.

The exam has **five** two-sided pages. **Circle your final answers.**

The **last** page has the **LC-3 Instruction Set**. It is **detachable**.

Plan your time carefully, since some problems are longer than others.

NAME: _____

SECTION: _____

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Problem Number	Maximum Points	Actual Points
1	5	
2	4	
3	8	
4	5	
5	5	
6	3	
Total	30	

Problem 1 (5 points)

The PC contains x3010. The following memory locations contain values as shown:

Memory Location	Contents
x3015	x712A
x712A	x712F
x712B	x0112
x712C	x824C

- a. (3 points) The following LC-3 instructions are then executed, causing a value to be loaded into R6. What is that value?

Memory Location	Contents
x3010	1110 1000 0000 0100
x3011	0110 1011 0000 0000
x3012	0110 1101 0100 0000

LEA R4, x3015; R4 \leftarrow x3015

LDR R5, R4, x0000; R5 \leftarrow Mem[x3015] = x712A

LDR R6, R5, x0000; R6 \leftarrow Mem[x712A] = **x712F**

- b. (2 points) We could replace the three-instruction sequence (in part a) with a single instruction (at memory location x3010). What is it? (Show the 16 bits of the instruction)

We could do this using an LDI instruction.

1010 110 000000100

Problem 2 (4 points)

The following table shows a part of LC-3 memory:

Memory Location	Contents
x3101	0001 010 000 000 001
x3102	1001 010 010 111111
x3103	0000 010 111111101

State what is known about R1 and R0 (before the execution of the program) if the conditional branch in x3103 redirects control of the program to location x3101.

$R2 \leftarrow R0 + R1$

$R2 \leftarrow \text{not } R2$

The branch is taken implies that the the result of the second instruction was zero. We then just work backwards in an attempt to the find the relationship between R1 and R0. So R2 was x0000 at the end of execution of instruction 2. So R2 was xFFFF at the end of execution of instruction 1. This implies that $R0 + R1 = \text{xFFFF}$ at the beginning of the program. i.e., R0 and R1 are NOTs of each other. **$R0 = \text{NOT } (R1)$** .

Problem 3 (8 points)

We are about to execute the following program:

Memory Location	Contents
x3000	0111 001 010 000101
x3001	1011 010 000000010
x3002	0110 100 001 000001
x3003	1010 011 000000000

The state of the machine before the program executes is given below:

Register R1: x6000

Register R2: x7000

Memory Location	Contents
x3004	x6000
x3005	x6001
x4000	x123A
x4001	x123B
x6000	x801F
x6001	x800F

- a. (2 points) The instruction in location x3000 updates a certain memory location X with a certain value Y. What are the values of X and Y?

$$\mathbf{X = R2 + 5 = x7005; Y = R1 = x6000}$$

- b. (2 points) The instruction in location x3001 updates a certain memory location X with a certain value Y. What are the values of X and Y?

$$\mathbf{X = Mem[x3002 + x0002] = Mem[x3004] = x6000; Y = R2 = x7000}$$

- c. (2 points) The instruction in location x3002 updates a certain register X with a certain value Y. What are the values of X and Y?

X = R4; Y = Mem[R1 + x0001] = Mem[x6001] = x800F

- d. (2 points) The instruction in location x3003 updates a certain register X with a certain value Y. What are the values of X and Y?

X = R3; Y = Mem[Mem[x3004]] = x7000

Problem 4 (5 points)

- a. (2 points) Write an LC-3 instruction that copies the contents of R2 into R1.

0001 001 010 1 00000; ADD R1, R2, x0000

- b. (3 points) The following program increments R0 by 1, if $R1 \leq R2$. Fill in the missing instruction.

Memory Location	Contents
x3000	1001 010 010 111111
x3001	0001 010 010 1 00001
x3002	0001 010 001 000 010
x3003	_____
x3004	0001 000 000 1 00001
x3005	1111 0000 0010 0101 ; HALT

0000 001 000000001

Problem 5 (5 points)

- a. (2 points) What is the largest magnitude negative number that we can represent as an immediate value within an LC-3 ADD instruction?

$$-2^4 = -16 \text{ decimal}$$

- b. (3 points) Assume that a BRANCH (opcode 0000) instruction is present in memory location x7000. What is the range of the memory addresses that this instruction can branch to?

$$\text{Lowest memory location it can branch to} = x7001 - x0100 = \mathbf{x6F01}$$

$$\text{Highest memory location it can branch to} = x7001 + x00FF = \mathbf{x7100}$$

Problem 6 (3 points)

Many Instruction Set Architectures (ISAs) have an instruction called NOP (No Operation). A NOP instruction just increments the PC, while leaving the current state of the system unchanged (registers, memory, and condition codes are not modified). Provide a single LC-3 instruction which is functionally equivalent to a NOP. You must provide the 16 bit machine code for your instruction and not just the name of the instruction.

We can use the unconditional branch instruction for this purpose:

Binary 0000 111 000000000

Scratch Page (in case you need additional space for some of your answers)

