

# UC Berkeley : CS61C (Garcia & Lustig) : Midterm Part 2 : 2014-10-17

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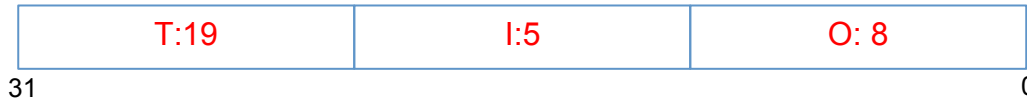
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## Question 1: Hit or Miss, it's AMAT-er of Performance (24 min, 19 pts)

You are given a single 8 KiB direct-mapped cache with 256 B blocks and a write-back policy. Assume a 32-bit address space and byte-addressed memory. *Show your work.*

a) **Label** the fields below as Tag, Index, and Offset, and *give the # of bits for each.* (e.g. Tag:5) (3 pt)



b) Assume that `A[0]` is at the beginning of a cache block and that the cache is empty to begin with. Answer the questions below based on the following code.

```
char A[32768]; // 32768 is 2^15

for (int i = 0; i < 32768; i+=64) A[i] = '\0'; // 1st LOOP
for (int i = 0; i < 32768; i+=64) A[i & 1] = '\0'; // 2nd LOOP
```

i. What is the exact hit rate for the *1<sup>st</sup> LOOP*? Leave your answer as a fraction. (3 pt)

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ii. Which **of the following** types of misses occur in part (i)? (circle **only one**) (2 pt)

Compulsory      Conflict      Neither      →Both←

iii. What is the exact hit rate on the *2<sup>nd</sup> LOOP*? Leave your answer as a fraction. (3 pt)

$(2^9 - 1)/(2^9) = 511/512$

c) Suppose we run some code and our L1 cache hits in 2 cycles and has a local hit rate of 80%. Main memory always hits in 50 cycles. What is the AMAT of this system? (3 pt)

$2 + 0.2 * 50 = 12 \text{ cycles}$

d) Match each term with **all** letters on the right that apply (you may have multiple per blank). (5 pt)

Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ **F**  
 Compiler \_\_\_\_\_ **A**  
 Assembler \_\_\_\_\_ **C, E**  
 Linker \_\_\_\_\_ **D**  
 Loader \_\_\_\_\_ **B**

A) Converts C code into Assembly  
 B) Copies program binary to memory to prepare for execution  
 C) Converts from MAL to TAL  
 D) Computes the jump address for a jal instruction  
 E) Computes the offset for a beq instruction  
 F) Directly executes a program written in source code

**Question 2: What's that funky smell?! Oh yeah, it's potpourri...** (26 min, 20 pts)

a) We examine a word in memory and find that it holds the value `0x20707c00`.

- i. If it were a TAL MIPS instruction, what would it be? (Leave immediates and jump addresses in hexadecimal form.) *Show your work.* (2 pt)

`addi $s0, $v1, 0x7C00`

- ii. If the word held two half-precision floating point numbers (1 sign bit, 5 exponent bits, 10 significand bits, bias = 15), what would they be? Leave your answer as an expression involving powers of twos. *Show your work.* (4 pt)

`0x2070`

$(1 + 2^{-4} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-6}) * 2^{-7}$

`0x7C00`

positive infinity

b) Consider the following valid MAL MIPS code. (Note that line 6 is commented out.)

```
1 mystery: ### Below, assume $t0 is either 0x0 or between 0x61 and 0x7a inclusive
2 loop:    lbu  $t0, 0($a0)
3          beq  $t0, $0, done
4          addiu $t0, $t0, -32
5          sb   $t0, 0($a0)
6          ### jal anotherFunction
7          addiu $a0, $a0, 1
8          j   loop
9 done:   jr  $ra
```

- i. In English, describe what effect this code has. Do NOT tell us line by line what it does! (3 pt)

Converts a lowercase string to uppercase in memory

- ii. Suppose we uncomment line 6. What changes are needed for `mystery` to follow calling conventions? Assume you're telling another 61C student over the phone. For each addition or deletion or modification, describe it and its location in the code. (4 pt)

Before 6: `addi $sp, $sp, -8`, store `$a0`, `$ra` on the stack. After 6: restore `$a0`, `$ra` and put `$sp` back

- iii. Write a single **logical** TAL instruction that performs the same effect as line 4 (remember, `$t0` will be between `0x61` and `0x7a`). (3 pt)

`andi $t0, $t0, 0xDF`

c) Fill in the blanks to indicate when overflow occurs in 2's complement numbers: In the blanks place one of: "greater than 0", "less than 0", "greater than or equal to 0" or "less than or equal to 0" (2 pt)

Positive Number + Positive Number, overflows if result is \_\_\_\_\_ <0

Negative Number + Negative Number, overflows if result is \_\_\_\_\_ ≥0

d) What is the decimal value of the `int16_t` number `0x8000`? How does it relate to the advantages of two's complement over one's complement? (2 pt)

The decimal value is  $-2^{15}$ . Two's complement has only one zero, which means that one additional negative integer can be represented.

