

1 Review: RISC-V Memory Access

Using the given instructions and the sample memory array, what will happen when the RISC-V code is executed? For load instructions (**lw**, **lb**, **lh**), write out what each register will store. For store instructions (**sw**, **sh**, **sb**), update the memory array accordingly. Recall that RISC-V is little-endian and byte addressable. For any unknown instructions, use the [CS 61C reference card!](#)

1.1

```
1 li t0 0x00FF0000
2 lw t1 0(t0)
3 addi t0 t0 4
4 lh t2 2(t0)
5 lw s0 0(t1)
6 lb s1 3(t2)
```

0xFFFFFFFF	
	...
0x00FF0004	0x000C561C
0x00FF0000	36
	...
0x00000036	0xFDFDFDFD
	...
0x00000024	0xDEADB33F
	...
0x0000000C	0xC5161C00
	...
0x00000000	

What value does each register hold after the code is executed?

t0:

t1:

t2:

s0:

s1:

- 1.2 Update the memory array with its new values after the code is executed. Assume each byte in the memory array is initialized to zero.

```

1 li t0 0xABADCAF8
2 li t1 0xF9120504
3 li t2 0xBEEFDAB0
4 sw t0 0(t1)
5 addi t0 t0 4
6 sh t1 2(t0)
7 sh t2 0(t0)
8 lw t3 0(t1)
9 sb t1 1(t3)
10 sb t2 3(t3)

```

0xFFFFFFFF	0x00000000
	...
0xF9120504	
	...
0xABADCAFC	
0xABADCAF8	
	...
0x00000000	0x00000000

2 RISC-V Calling Convention

2.1 Consider the following blocks of code:

```

1  main:                                1  foo:
2  # Prologue                          2  # Prologue
3  # Saves ra                          3  # Saves s0
4                                          4
5  # Code omitted                      5  # Code Omitted
6  addi s0 x0 5                        6  addi s0 x0 4
7  # Breakpoint 1                      7  # Breakpoint 2
8  jal ra foo                          8
9  # Breakpoint 3                      9  # Epilogue
10 mul a0 a0 s0                        10 # Restores s0
11 # Code omitted                      11 jr ra
12
13 # Epilogue
14 # Restores ra
15 j exit

```

- a) Does `main` always behave as expected, as long as `foo` follows calling convention?

- b) What does `s0` store at breakpoint 1? Breakpoint 2? Breakpoint 3?

- c) Now suppose that `foo` didn't have a prologue or epilogue. What would `s0` store at each of the breakpoints? Would this cause errors in our code?

In part (c) above, we see one way how not following calling convention could make our code misbehave. Other things to watch out for are: assuming that `a` or `t` registers will be the same after calling a function, and forgetting to save `ra` before calling a function.

3 Recursive Calling Convention

Write a function `sum_squares` in RISC-V that, when given an integer `n` and a constant `m`, returns the summation below. If `n` is not positive, then the function returns 0.

$$m + n^2 + (n - 1)^2 + (n - 2)^2 + \dots + 1^2$$

To implement this, we will use a tail-recursive algorithm that uses the `a1` register to help with recursion.

sum_squares_recursive: Return the value $m + n^2 + (n - 1)^2 + \dots + 1^2$		
Arguments	a0	A 32-bit number n . You may assume $n \leq 10000$.
	a1	A 32-bit number m .
Return value	a0	$m + n^2 + (n - 1)^2 + (n - 2)^2 + \dots + 1^2$. If $n \leq 0$, return m

For this problem, you are given a RISC-V function called `square` that takes in a single integer and returns its square.

square: Squares a number		
Arguments	a0	n
Return value	a0	n^2

3.1 Since this a recursive function, let's implement the base case of our recursion:

```
sum_squares:
    ----- zero_case

    # To be implemented in the next question

zero_case:
    -----
    jr ra
```

3.2 Next, implement the recursive logic. *Hint: if you let $m' = m + n^2$, then*

$$m + n^2 + (n - 1)^2 + \dots + 1^2 = m' + (n - 1)^2 + \dots + 1^2$$

```
sum_squares:
    # Handle zero case (previous question)
    ----- zero_case

    mv t0 a0
    jal ra -----

    add a1 a0 a1
```

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```
addi a0 t0 -1
```

```
jal ra -----
```

```
jr ra
```

```
zero_case:
```

```
# Handle zero case (previous question)
```

```
jr ra
```

3.3 Now, think about calling convention from the caller perspective. After the call to `square`, what is in `a0` and `a1`? Which one of the registers will cause a calling convention violation?

3.4 What about the recursive call? What will be in `a0` and `a1` after the call to `sum_squares`?

- 3.5 Now, go back and fix the calling convention issues you identified. Note that not all blank lines may be used. There may also be another caller saved register that you need to save as well!

```

sum_squares:
    # Handle zero case (previous question)
    mv t0 a0

    -----
    -----
    -----
    -----

    # (previous question)
    jal ra -----
    -----
    -----
    -----

    add a1 a0 a1
    addi a0 t0 -1

    -----
    -----
    -----

    # (previous question)
    jal ra -----
    -----
    -----

    jr ra
zero_case:
    # Handle zero case (previous question)
    jr ra

```

- 3.6 Now, from a callee perspective, do we have to save any registers in the prologue and epilogue? If yes, what registers do we have to save, and where do we place the prologue and epilogue? If no, briefly explain why.