

EEL 4712
Midterm 3 – Spring 2010
VERSION 1

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IMPORTANT:

- Please be neat and write (or draw) carefully. If we cannot read it with a reasonable effort, it is assumed wrong.
- As always, the best answer gets the most points.

COVER SHEET:

Problem#:	Points
1 (5 points)	
2 (5 points)	
3 (6 points)	
4 (10 points)	
5 (12 points)	
6 (5 points)	
7 (5 points)	
8 (6 points)	
9 (15 points)	
10 (27 points)	
11 (4 free points)	4

Total:

Regrade Info:

```
ENTITY __entity_name IS
PORT(__input_name, __input_name : IN STD_LOGIC;
__input_vector_name : IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(__high downto __low);
__bidir_name, __bidir_name : INOUT STD_LOGIC;
__output_name, __output_name : OUT STD_LOGIC);
END __entity_name;
```

```
ARCHITECTURE a OF __entity_name IS
SIGNAL __signal_name : STD_LOGIC;
BEGIN
-- Process Statement
-- Concurrent Signal Assignment
-- Conditional Signal Assignment
-- Selected Signal Assignment
-- Component Instantiation Statement
END a;
```

```
__instance_name: __component_name PORT MAP (__component_port => __connect_port,
__component_port => __connect_port);
```

```
WITH __expression SELECT
__signal <= __expression WHEN __constant_value,
__expression WHEN __constant_value,
__expression WHEN __constant_value,
__expression WHEN __constant_value;
```

```
__signal <= __expression WHEN __boolean_expression ELSE
__expression WHEN __boolean_expression ELSE
__expression;
```

```
IF __expression THEN
__statement;
__statement;
ELSIF __expression THEN
__statement;
__statement;
ELSE
__statement;
__statement;
END IF;
```

```
CASE __expression IS
WHEN __constant_value =>
__statement;
__statement;
WHEN __constant_value =>
__statement;
__statement;
WHEN OTHERS =>
__statement;
__statement;
END CASE;
```

```
<generate_label>: FOR <loop_id> IN <range> GENERATE
-- Concurrent Statement(s)
END GENERATE;
```

- 1) (5 points) What is the difference between the carry and overflow status flag in the small8 microprocessor? Note: you *do not* have to specify how to implement the overflow flag.

carry assumes unsigned

overflow represents signed arithmetic overflow

- 2) (5 points) To guarantee that the subtract with borrow instruction does not perform a borrow, what instruction must precede the subtract instruction in the assembly code?

setc

- 3) (6 points) Describe the functionality of the instructions required for calling and returning from a function in the Small8 microprocessor. Include a discussion of how the stack pointer is used. For example, how are these instructions different from a normal branch?

call:	SP--	ret:	PC _H = mem[SP]
	mem[SP] = PC _L		SP++
	SP--		PC _L = mem[SP]
	mem[SP] = PC _H		SP++

- 4) (10 points) Write the assembly code to implement the following code, using the labels shown below. Assume n is stored at address 0x0200. Make sure to load n from memory before execution and store it back to memory after execution. You only need to show the actual instructions, not the entire assembly program (e.g. lab test cases).

```
if (n < 128) {
    IF_BODY: n = n + 1;
}
AFTER_IF:
```

```
LDAA 128
STAR
LDAA n
SETC
SBCR // n-128
BPLA AFTER_IF
IF_BODY: LDAA n
STAR
LDAA 1
CLRC
ADCR
AFTER_IF → STAA n
```

- 5) a. (6 points) Create a structural architecture for the bus structure shown below using the provided tri-state components (output enable signals not shown).



```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity bus_tristate is
  port (
    input1, input2 : in  std_logic_vector(31 downto 0);
    output_enable  : in  std_logic_vector(1 downto 0);
    output         : out std_logic_vector(31 downto 0));
end bus_tristate;

architecture STR of bus_tristate is

  component tristate
  port (
    input   : in  std_logic_vector(31 downto 0);
    enable  : in  std_logic;
    output  : out std_logic_vector(31 downto 0));
  end component;

begin

  U_TRISTATE1 : tristate port map (
    input  => input1
    enable => output_enable(0)
    output => output
  );

  U_TRISTATE2 : tristate port map (
    input  => input2
    enable => output_enable(1)
    output => output
  );

end STR;
```

- b. (6 points) Create a ^{behavioral} structural architecture for the bus structure in part a, using a *when-else* or similar construct (i.e., model the bus as a mux).

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity bus_mux is

    port (
        input1, input2 : in  std_logic_vector(31 downto 0);
        output_enable  : in  std_logic_vector(1 downto 0);
        output          : out std_logic_vector(31 downto 0));
end bus_mux;

architecture BHV of bus_mux is
begin
    with output_enable select
        output <= input1 when "01",
               input2  when "10",
               (others => '1') when others;

end BHV;
```

- 6) (5 points) Why do FPGA synthesis tools (e.g. Quartus, ISE) convert all tri-state buffers to muxes?

there are no tristates in the FPGA.

- 7) (5 points) Describe the purpose of the index addressing instructions. You do not need to explain each instruction. Instead, describe an appropriate usage scenario for the instructions.

stepping through an array

- 8) (6 points) Describe the basic functionality of an opcode fetch, using notation similar to the "description" column in the instruction set table.

put PC on address bus
read from RAM onto ext bus
read from ext bus onto int bus
store data into IR
PC++

9) (15 points) Create a memory initialization file for the following assembly code. Add a comment at the beginning of each instruction. You will likely need to break your answer up into two columns to fit on the page.

```
INPORT0 EQU $FFFE
INPORT1 EQU $FFFF
OUTPORT0 EQU $FFFE
```

BEGIN:

```
LDAA INPORT0
STAR D
LDAA INPORT1
ADCR D
STAR D
LDAA VALUE1
ADCR D
STAA OUTPORT0
```

INFINITE_LOOP:

```
CLRC
BCCA INFINITE_LOOP
```

* Data Area

```
VALUE1: dc.b $55
```

```
END BEGIN
```

Depth = 256;

Width = 8;

Address_radix = hex;

Data_radix = hex;

% Program RAM Data %

Content

Begin

```
0000: 88 //LDAA
0001: FE
0002: FF
0003: F1 //STAR
0004: 88 //LDAA
0005: FF
0006: FF
0007: 01 //ADCR
0008: F1 //STAR
0009: 88 //LDAA
000A: 14 //value1 addr
000B: 00
000C: 01 //ADCR
000D: F6 //STAA
000E: FE
000F: FF
```

```
0010: F9 //CLRC
0011: B0 //BCCA
0012: 01
0013: 00
0014: 55 //value1
```

```
[ ..00FF] : 00;
End;
```

- 10) a. (5 points) For the following pseudo-code and schedule for the body of the loop (i.e., a set of states in the controller), what is the *minimum* number of adders and multipliers required by the datapath to execute this schedule, assuming each state corresponds to a different cycle? Do not change the schedule (it is purposely suboptimal).

```
for (i=0; i < 100000; i++) {  
    a[i] = b[i]*82 + b[i+1]*41 + b[i+2]*55 + b[i+3]*12;  
}
```

1. Load b[i]
2. Load b[i+1]
3. Load b[i+2], Multiply1 (b[i]*82), Multiply2 (b[i+1]*41)
4. Load b[i+3], Add1 (Multiply1 + Multiply2)
5. Multiply3 (b[i+2] *55), Multiply4 (b[i+3]*12)
6. Add2 (Multiply3 + Multiply4),
7. Add3 (Add1+Add2)
8. Store a[i]

2 multipliers

1 adder

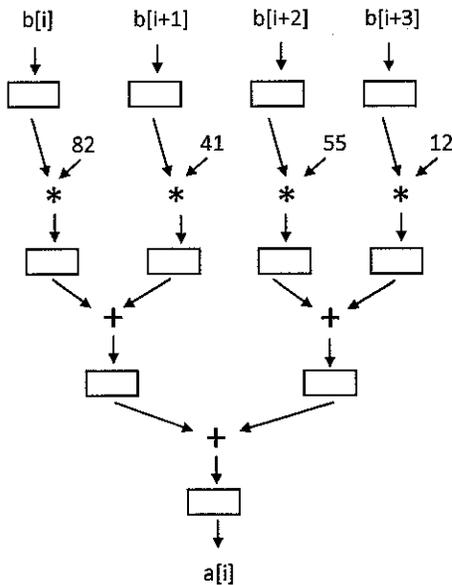
- b. (5 points) For the schedule in part a, what is the approximate execution time of the loop in terms of number of cycles? You can ignore initialization states.

$8 \times 100000 = 800000$ cycles, assuming the shown schedule

a better estimate includes the loop condition, $i=0$, and $i++$.
 $i < 100000$ can be scheduled with load b[i] in cycle 1
 $i++$ can be scheduled in cycle 8, so the loop body still takes 8 cycles
 $i=0$ can be scheduled in cycle 0

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 8(100000) = 800001 \text{ cycles}$$

c. (6 points) For the following pipelined datapath, what is the approximate performance of the loop in terms of number of cycles? Ignore initialization states. Assume memory bandwidth is sufficient to handle all datapath inputs/outputs.



1st output ≈ 4 cycles
 other outputs = 1 per cycles

$$\text{total cycles} = 4 + 99999 = \boxed{100003}$$

d. (5 points) For a microprocessor with a 10x faster clock and a CPI (cycles per instruction) of 1.5, what is the approximate speedup of the pipelined circuit from part c? Assume the microprocessor requires 15 instructions for the body of the loop.

$$\text{sw cycles} = 15 \times 1.5 \times 100000 = 2,250,000 \text{ cycles}$$

$$\text{hw cycles} = 100003$$

$$\text{speedup} \approx \frac{2,250,000}{100,003} \times \frac{1}{10} = \boxed{2.25 \times}$$

e. (6 points) Given an input memory that can deliver 128 bits per cycle, how many iterations of the loop can be done in parallel before a replicated pipeline will stall? Assume each element of $b[]$ is 16 bits.

1st iteration needs $4 \times 16 = 64$ bits

every unrolled iteration only needs 16 bits (3 overlapping inputs)

$$\text{unrolling} = \frac{128 - 64}{16} = 4, \quad \boxed{5 \text{ total parallel iterations}}$$