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Lab 1-3: RISC-V Assembly Language Programming III

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Recap

Example 1 – Array Definition I

Example

```
.data  
    array1: .word 1 2 3 4 5
```

- How do we access the 4th element (the integer 4)?

Example 2 – If-ElseIf-Else Statement I

```
main:
    andi t0, t0, 0           # clear register t0
    andi t1, t1, 0           # clear register t1
    andi t2, t2, 0           # clear register t2
    andi t3, t3, 0           # clear register t3
    andi t4, t4, 0           # clear register t4
    andi t5, t5, 0           # clear register t5
    li t0, 2                 # t0 = 2
    li t3, -2                # t3 = -2
    slt t1, t0, zero         # t1 = t0 < 0 ? 1 : 0
    beq t1, zero, ElseIf    # go to ElseIf if t1 = 0
    j EndIf                  # end If statement
ElseIf:
    sgt t4, t3, zero         # t4 = t3 > 0 ? 1 : 0
    beq t4, zero, Else      # go to Else if t4 = 0
    j EndIf                  # end Else statement
Else:
    seqz t5, t4              # t5 = t4 == 0 ? 1 : 0
EndIf:                       # end If-ElseIf-Else statement
```

Example 3 – While Loop I

```
main:
    andi t0, t0, 0      # clear register t0
    andi t1, t1, 0      # clear register t1
    andi t2, t2, 0      # clear register t2
    li t1, 100          # t1 = 100
loop:
    add t2, t2, t0       # t2 = t2 + t0
    addi t0, t0, 1       # ++t0
    blt t0, t1, loop     # iterate if t0 < t1
end:                    # end of While loop
```

Example 4 – For Loop I

```
main:
    andi t0, t0, 0      # clear register t0
    andi t1, t1, 0      # clear register t1
loop:
    andi t2, t2, 0      # clear t2 before starting the loop
    add t1, t1, t0       # t1 = t1 + t0
    addi t0, t0, 1       # ++t0
    slti t2, t0, 100     # t2 = t0 < 100 ? 1 : 0
    bne t2, zero, loop   # go to loop if t2 != 0
end:                     # end of For loop
```

Recursive Program in RISC-V Assembly

How to Call Nested Functions?

```
1 .globl _start
2 .text
3 _start: li a0, 20
4         li a1, 23
5         jal ra, func # we call a function: func
6                     # func implements (a0 x 2 + a1)
7                     # and put the result in t1
8         addi t1, a2, 0 # a2 = func(a0, a1)
9     j end
10 func:   addi sp, sp, -12
11         sw ra, 8(sp)
12         sw a0, 4(sp)
13         sw a1, 0(sp)
14         slli a0, a0, 1
15         jal ra, add_two_numbers # add_two_numbers implements (a0 + a1)
16         lw ra, 8(sp)
17         lw a0, 4(sp)
18         lw a1, 0(sp)
19         addi sp, sp, 12
20         jalr zero, 0(ra)
21 add_two_numbers: addi sp, sp, -8 # we assign 8x4 bytes in the stack
22                                     # stack: top (high address) -> bottom (low address)
23         sw a0, 4(sp) # we save arguments in the stack
24         sw a1, 0(sp)
25         add a2, a0, a1 # the a0 and a1 can be used directly since the
26                       # original values of a0 and a1 are saved in the stack
27         lw a0, 4(sp) # we restore arguments
28         lw a1, 0(sp)
29         addi sp, sp, 8 # NOTICE: we need to free the stack we have allocated!
30         jalr zero, 0(ra)
31 end:
32     # we add t1 again
33     addi t1, t1, 1
```

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RARS example: compiling a recursive procedure

- What is the final value of t1?
- t1 = 0x40

A procedure for calculating factorial

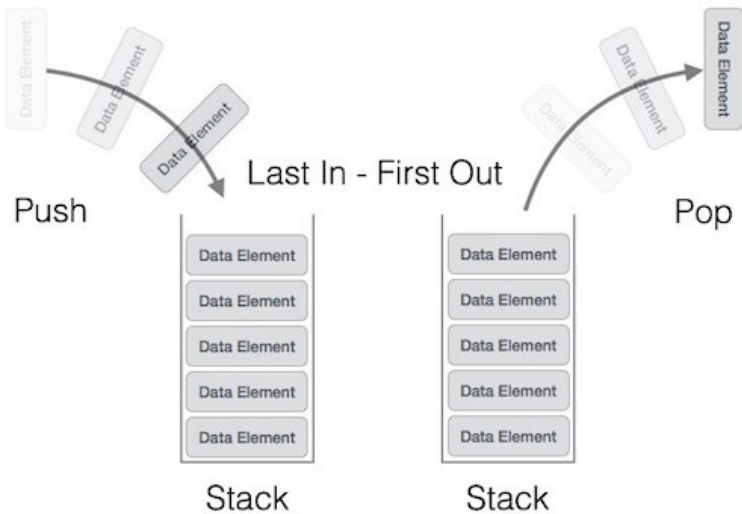
```
int fact (int n)
{
    if (n < 1) return 1;
    else return (n * fact (n-1));
}
```

- A recursive procedure (one that calls itself!)

```
fact (0) = 1
fact (1) = 1 * 1 = 1
fact (2) = 2 * 1 * 1 = 2
fact (3) = 3 * 2 * 1 * 1 = 6
fact (4) = 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * 1 = 24
. . .
```

- Assume n is passed in $a0$; result returned in ra

Stack



Example of a Recursive Program

```
.globl _start
.text
_start: li a0, 5          # recursive implementation of factorial
        jal ra, fact      # compute 5!
        mv a0, a1         # call 'fact' (arg n in a0, return n! in a1)
        li a7, 1          # copy the result in a1 to a0
        ecall             # print a0
        li a7, 10         # exit
        ecall

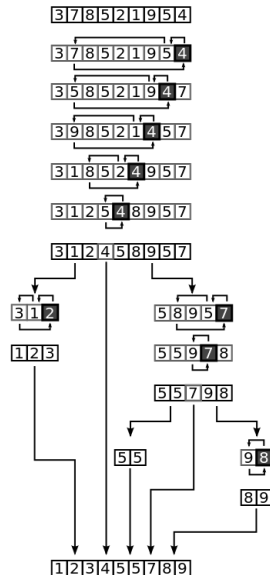
fact:   addi sp, sp, -8    # reserve our stack area
        sw ra, 0(sp)      # save the return address
        li t0, 2          # t0 = 2
        blt a0, t0, ret_one # go to ret_one if a0 < t0
        sw a0, 4(sp)      # save our n
        addi a0, a0, -1
        jal ra, fact      # call fact (n-1), a1 <- fact(n-1)
        lw t0, 4(sp)      # t0 <- n
        mul a1, t0, a1    # a1 <- n * fact(n-1)
        j done

ret_one: li a1, 1
done:   lw ra, 0(sp)      # restore return address from stack
        addi sp, sp, 8    # free our stack frame
        jr ra            # and return
```

Quicksort

Overview of Quicksort

Quicksort is a **divide and conquer** algorithm. Quicksort first divides a large array into two smaller sub-arrays: the low elements and the high elements. Quicksort can then recursively sort the sub-arrays.

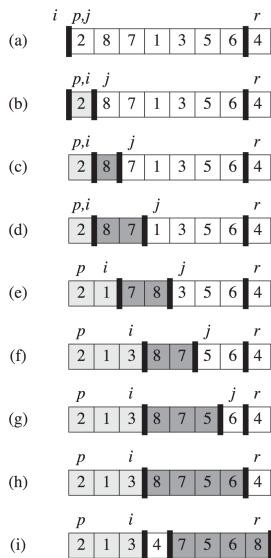


Preliminary: Array Partitioning (Lab 1-2)

- Pick an element called a pivot from the array.
- Reorder the array so that all elements with values less than the pivot come before the pivot, while all elements with values greater than the pivot come after it (equal values can go either way).

```
1: function PARTITION(A, lo, hi)
2:   pivot  $\leftarrow$  A[hi]
3:   i  $\leftarrow$  lo-1;
4:   for j = lo; j  $\leq$  hi-1; j  $\leftarrow$  j+1 do
5:     if A[j]  $\leq$  pivot then
6:       i  $\leftarrow$  i+1;
7:       swap A[i] with A[j];
8:     end if
9:   end for
10:  swap A[i+1] with A[hi];
11:  return i+1;
12: end function
```

Example of Array Partition



- Recursively apply the array partition to the sub-array of elements with smaller values and separately to elements with greater values.

```
1: function QUICKSORT(A, lo, hi)
2:   if lo < hi then
3:     p  $\leftarrow$  partition(A, lo, hi);
4:     quicksort(A, lo, p - 1);
5:     quicksort(A, p + 1, hi);
6:   end if
7: end function
```

Lab 1-3 Assignment

Lab Assignment

An array `array1` contains the sequence `-5 24 -8 45 -15 24 11 7 0 125`, each element of which is **.word** type.

Use **Quicksort** to sort this array in **ascending order**, and print the result (i.e. the reordered array) to the terminal.

Initial Array

```
-5 24 -8 45 -15 24 11 7 0 125
```

Output Should be:

```
-15 -8 -5 0 7 11 24 24 45 125
```

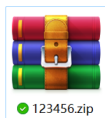
Submission Method of Lab1:

Submit one zip file (name format: `YourStudentID.zip`) into **Blackboard**, including:

- Three source codes. (name format: `lab1-1.asm`, `lab1-2.asm`, `lab1-3.asm`)
- One report. (name format: `report.pdf`) The report summarizes your implementations and all screenshots of lab results.
- Report template: <https://www.cse.cuhk.edu.hk/~byu/CENG3420/2025Spring/doc/lab1-report-template.pdf>
- Do not put the .asm files and report in a folder. Directly select them and zip.
- Refer to the next page for illustration.

Deadline: `23:59, 18 Feb (Tue), 2025`

Lab Assignment



Zip file example for a student whose SID is 123456

The grading will be done by an automatic grading machine.

The hierarchy of the zip file and the name of codes must follow the specifications above.