ZJU-UIUC Institute
First Midterm Exam, ECE 220

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- **Be sure that your exam booklet has TEN pages.**
- **Write your name and Student ID on the first page.**
- **Do not tear the exam apart other than to remove the reference sheet.**
- **This is a closed book exam. You may <u>not</u> use a calculator.**
- **Challenge problems are marked with ***.**
- **You are allowed one handwritten A4 sheet of notes (both sides).**
- **The last page of the exam gives RTL for LC-3 instructions (except JSRR). Copies of Patt & Patel's Appendix A are also available during the exam.**
- **Absolutely no interaction between students is allowed.**
- **Show all work, and clearly indicate any assumptions that you make.**
- **Don't panic, and good luck!**

Problem 1	20 points	______________
Problem 2	16 points	______________
Problem 3	24 points	______________
Problem 4	20 points	______________
Problem 5	20 points	______________
Total	100 points	______________

Problem 1 (20 points): Short Answer Questions

1. **(12 points)** While working as an intern at a company developing self-driving vehicles, you are tasked with writing code for the anti-lock braking system (ABS) for 18-wheel trucks. Each truck has six brakes (four brakes control four wheels each, and two brakes control one wheel each).

The ABS code must check whether the human is pressing the brake pedal and whether the tires are spinning more slowly than the truck is moving (all of these values are provided to your code). If both conditions hold, the code must turn off all six brakes, pause for 100 milliseconds, and then turn on all six brakes again.

Using **NO MORE THAN 10 WORDS**, describe each of the following. Answering with code will earn no credit.

a. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use a sequential decomposition.

b. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use a conditional decomposition.

c. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use an iterative decomposition.

2. (4 points) A friend wants to add a 640×480-pixel monochrome (two-color) graphics adapter to his LC-3-based computer. Using **NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS**, including any necessary calculations, explain how to accomplish this goal, or why the goal is impossible.

3. **(4 points)** A friend writes an LC-3 subroutine to calculate $\lfloor \text{sqrt}(\mathbf{R7}) \rfloor$, the largest integer that is not greater than the square root of `R7`.

Using **NO MORE THAN 15 WORDS**, explain why your friend's subroutine cannot work correctly.

Problem 2 (16 points): Understanding LC-3 Code

The LC-3 subroutine **MYSTERY** appears below. Read it, then answer the questions below.

```
MYSTERY LD      R1,VALUE
        AND     R4,R4,R1
        AND     R3,R3,#0
LOOP1   ADD     R4,R4,#-16
        BRn     FINISH1
        ADD     R3,R3,#1
        BRnzp   LOOP1
FINISH1 LEA     R2,DATA
        ADD     R2,R2,R3
        LDR     R0,R2,#0
        AND     R6,R6,#0
        ADD     R6,R6,#1
LOOP2   ADD     R4,R4,#1
        BRzp    FINISH2
        ADD     R6,R6,R6
        BRnzp   LOOP2
FINISH2 AND     R5,R0,R6
        RET
VALUE   .FILL   x007F
DATA    .FILL   x0000
        .FILL   x0000
        .FILL   x0000
        .FILL   x0000
        .FILL   x7FFF
        .FILL   xFFE0
        .FILL   x7FFF
        .FILL   xFFE0
```

1. Assuming that **R1=x00F2, R2 contains bits, and R4=x0040** at the start of the **MYSTERY** subroutine, fill in the blanks below with final register values after the **RET** instruction executes. For any register for which you cannot know the value, write "bits."

R0: ______________ R3: ______________ R6: ______________ R7: ______________

2. Assuming that **R1 contains bits, R2=xABCD, and R4=xCFDE** at the start of the **MYSTERY** subroutine, fill in the blanks below with final register values after the **RET** instruction executes. For any register for which you cannot know the value, write "bits."

R0: ______________ R3: ______________ R6: ______________ R7: ______________

3. Assuming that **R1=x7301, R2=x1234, and R4 contains bits** at the start of the **MYSTERY** subroutine, fill in the blanks below with final register values after the **RET** instruction executes. For any register for which you cannot know the value, write "bits."

R0: ______________ R3: ______________ R6: ______________ R7: ______________

4. *** Using NO MORE THAN 30 WORDS, explain what MYSTERY does.

Problem 3 (24 points): Using a String as a Stack

1. **(10 points)** Given in **`R4`** a pointer to a NUL-terminated ASCII string consisting of hexadecimal digits (0-9 and A-F), write a sequence of LC-3 instructions to do the following:

- point **`R6`** to the start of the given string,
- change the NUL at the end of the string to an ASCII '0' (x0030), and
- point **`R2`** to the memory location after the NUL.

You **may use all of the LC-3 registers**.

The **string may be empty**—in other words, the string may contain no hexadecimal digits.

The **string will not contain any ASCII characters other than 0 (x0030) through 9 (x0039) and A (x0041) through F (x0046)**.

Use **NO MORE THAN TEN MEMORY LOCATIONS**, including storage for any data needed.
**** Using more memory than TEN LOCATIONS will earn NO CREDIT. ****

Here's an example. Notice that, after the code executes, the string looks like a stack! You will use that fact in the next problem.

at start of code	address	contents	after code executes
R4 points here →	**x4123**	**x0032 '2'**	**← R6 points here**
	x4124	**x0041 'A'**	
	x4125	**x0000 NUL**	**← NUL replaced with x0030 '0'**
	x4126	**bits**	**← R2 points here**

(Include comments for more partial credit.)

Write your code here…

Write any data that you need here…

Problem 3, continued:

2. **(14 points)** Now you must write a subroutine to make use of the "stack" produced by **part (1)**. Your subroutine, SUM_HEX, must use the CONVERT subroutine described below to convert the hex digits into 2's complement, and must use the STACK_ADD subroutine described below to add pairs of 2's complement values until only one remains on the stack. The subroutine should then return, leaving the 2's complement sum of the digits on the top of the stack (pointed to by **R6**). See the description below for more details on your subroutine.

These subroutines are provided to you:

```
CONVERT – convert a hexadecimal digit from ASCII to 2's complement
Input: R0 – ASCII character representing a hexadecimal digit
Output: R3 – value of R0 in 2's complement
All registers other than R3 and R7 are callee-saved.

STACK_ADD – add two 2's complement values on top of a stack (pops two values,
            adds them, and pushes the sum back onto the stack)
Input: R6 – pointer to top of stack
Output: R6 – pointer to top of stack after operation
All registers other than R6 and R7 are callee-saved.  R6 changes as described.
```

You must write the following subroutine:

```
SUM_HEX – convert and sum a stack of hexadecimal ASCII digits into a
          2's complement sum
Inputs: R2 – base of stack
        R6 – top of stack
Output: R6 – top of stack (must be one address less than original base), which
             points to the sum of the digits
All registers are caller-saved.
```

***** WRITE YOUR CODE ON THE NEXT PAGE *****

Your subroutine **may use all LC-3 registers** (all registers are caller-saved).

Use **NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR MEMORY LOCATIONS**, including storage for any data needed. **** Using more memory than TWENTY-FOUR LOCATIONS will earn NO CREDIT. ****

(Include comments for more partial credit.)

Problem 3, continued: **(subroutine specifications duplicated for your convenience)**

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Input: R6 – pointer to top of stack
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Problem 4 (20 points): Basics of C Programming

1. **(8 points)** The two C programs shown below are identical except for the line marked by the comments, "DIFFERS!" Write the output of each program on the blank line below the corresponding code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int32_t x = 0;
    int32_t i = 3;
    for (i = 0; 9 > i; i++) {
        if (5 <= ++i) {
            continue; // DIFFERS!
        }
        x++;
    }
    printf ("x: %d, i: %d\n",
            x, i);
    return 0;
}
```

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    for (i = 0; 9 > i; i++) {
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        }
        x++;
    }
    printf ("x: %d, i: %d\n",
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    return 0;
}
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2. Read the C function below, then answer the questions.

```
void foo (int32_t x)
{
    switch ((x < 4) - ((x < 5) ? 0 : 1)) {
        case -1:
            printf ("A");
            break;
        case 0:
            printf ("B");
        case 1:
            printf ("C");
            break;
        default:
            printf ("D");
            break;
    }
    return;
}
```

a. (4 points) What is the function's output when parameter **`x`** is equal to 4? _______________

b. (3 points) For what values(s) of parameter **`x`**, if any, does the function output **`D`**? _______________

Problem 4, continued:

3. **(5 points)** Read the program below, then write the program's output on the blank line below the code.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int32_t
bar (int32_t x, int32_t y)
{
    if (y <= x) {
        x = x + y;
    }
    return x;
}

int
main ()
{
    int32_t y = 3;
    int32_t c = 6;

    {
        int32_t x = 2;

        c = bar (y, x);
        printf ("x: %d, y: %d, c: %d\n", x, y, c);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Output: ____

Problem 5 (20 points): Understanding Compiled C Code

The LC-3 code below corresponds to the output of a compiler for the C function **`foo`**.

```
FOO     ADD     R6,R6,#-5
        STR     R5,R6,#2
        ADD     R5,R6,#1
        STR     R7,R5,#2
        LDR     R0,R5,#4
        LDR     R1,R5,#5
        AND     R0,R0,R1
        LDR     R1,R5,#6
        AND     R0,R0,R1
        STR     R0,R5,#-1
        LDR     R0,R5,#-1
        BRz     LABEL
        LDR     R0,R5,#4
        LDR     R1,R5,#5
        NOT     R1,R1
        ADD     R1,R1,#1
        ADD     R0,R0,R1
        ADD     R6,R6,#-1
        STR     R0,R6,#0
        LDR     R0,R5,#-1
        ADD     R6,R6,#-1
        STR     R0,R6,#0
        JSR     FUNC_ONE        ; call this subroutine "func_one" in C
        LDR     R0,R6,#0
        ADD     R6,R6,#3
        STR     R0,R5,#0
        BRnzp   DONE
LABEL   LDR     R0,R5,#4
        ADD     R6,R6,#-1
        STR     R0,R6,#0
        LDR     R0,R5,#6
        ADD     R6,R6,#-1
        STR     R0,R6,#0
        JSR     FUNC_TWO
        LDR     R0,R6,#0        ; call this subroutine "func_two" in C
        ADD     R6,R6,#3
        STR     R0,R5,#0
DONE    LDR     R0,R5,#0
        STR     R0,R5,#3
        LDR     R7,R5,#2
        LDR     R5,R5,#1
        ADD     R6,R6,#4
        RET
```

Write C code for the function **`foo`** from which a non-optimizing compiler might have produced the LC-3 code above. For parameters, choose names from X, Y, and Z. For local variables, choose names from A, B, and C. (There are no more than three of either type.) All types are **`int`** (16-bit 2's complement).