

Solutions to EECS 373 Midterm Exam
Winter 2017

1)

$$f(a, b, c) = a'b'c + a'bc + abc + abc'$$

		bc		
		00	01	11
a	0	0	1	1
	1	0	0	1

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \bar{a}c + ab \\ f &= \overline{\bar{a}c + ab} \\ f &= \overline{\overline{\bar{a}c} \overline{ab}} \end{aligned}$$

*Notes: I didn't specify "hardware-free".
I did specify "minimal".*

2)

- i. Considering all pairwise interactions, how do the number of interactions between components in an embedded system increase as a function of the number of components (n)? $n(n-1)/2$
- ii. In general, how does debugging time change as a function of the number of interactions that may introduce bugs? Circle the correct answer.
 - a) Sublinearly
 - b) Linearly
 - c) Superlinearly
- iii. Using two phrases, each of which has six or fewer words, point out two primary approaches to debugging that are synergistic when used together.
 - 1) Testing to gather data.
 - 2) Analysis/reasoning to design better tests.

3) For each description, fill in the blank with the letter associated with the correct tool.

- A. objdump
- B. as
- C. objcopy
- D. ld
- E. make
- F. gcc
- G. nm

D Combines object files and libraries into a single file, resolving symbols in the process.

B Converts human-readable assembly language code into machine-readable object files.

F Converts human-readable C language code into machine-readable object files.

A Displays instructions and data in object files in human-readable form.

G Displays symbol table in object or executable, including symbol resolution status.

C Translates object files from one format to another, potentially stripping debugging information and symbols in the process.

E Builds a presence and modification time based dependency graph transitively connecting build sources and build targets and executes build rules to traverse the graph, thus producing build targets.

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4)
module blinky(
input PCLK, input PRESRN,
input PSEL, input PENABLE,
input [7:0] PADDR, output PREADY,
output PSLVERR, input PWRITE,
input [31:0] PWDATA, output [31:0] PRDATA
output light );
reg [31:0] count, width, period;
reg light, on;

assign PREADY=1'b1;
assign PSLVERR=1'b0;

always@(posedge PCLK) begin

    if(PSEL && PENABLE && PWRITE && (PADDR==8'd0))
        on <= PWDATA;
    if(PSEL && PENABLE && PWRITE && (PADDR==8'd4))
        period<= PWDATA;
        width <= period / 2;

    if(PSEL && PENABLE && ~PWRITE)
        PRDATA <= period;

    If (~PRESRN)
        on <= 32'd0;

    if(~PRESRN || (count>period) )
        count<=32'd0;
    else
        count <=count+32'd1;

    if (count<width && on)
        light <=1'b0;
    else
        light <= 1'b1;
end
endmodule

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5)

- i. Arguments that are passed into subroutines are placed in registers r0-r3. If there is not enough room there, the extra arguments are placed on the stack.
- ii. The result of a function is placed into r0 or registers r0 and r1 before returning.
Note: “r0-r3 and stack” was accepted as an answer for the second and third blanks because there are very specific cases in which they are used.
- iii. When a subroutine is called, the return address is placed in the link register.
- iv. The PC holds the address of the next instruction to be executed.
- v. For this course, we are using ARM in little endian mode.
- vi. Registers r4-r8, r10, r11, sp need to be saved by a subroutine before being used, while registers r0-r3 need to be saved by a function before calling a subroutine.
Note: for vi. an answer which included r9 was accepted because it is required for certain systems, however it is not typical.
- vii. To return from a subroutine, the instruction bx lr must be used.

6)

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uint32_t goblue(uint32_t x[], uint32_t y[], int n) {  
    int i;  
    int sumx = 0;  
    int sumy = 0;  
    for(i=0; i<n; i++){  
        if(x[i] > y[i])  
            sumx = conv(x[i])+sumx;  
        else  
            sumy = conv(y[i])+sumy;  
    }  
    return (sumy - sumx);  
}
```

goblue:

```
push {r4,r5,r6,r7,r8,lr}  
mov r4,r0 @x  
mov r5,r1 @y  
mov r6,r2 @i=n  
mov r7,#0 @sumx  
mov r8,#0 @sumy  
ldr r0,[r4],#0 @get x  
ldr r1,[r5],#0 @get y
```

for:

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cmp r0,r1 @x[i] > y[i]  
bgt xgt  
mov r0,r1 @ x < y
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bl conv @conv value
add r8,r8,r0 @ sumy
b cont

xgty:
    bl conv @conv value
    add r7,r7,r0 @sumx
cont:
    ldr r0,[r4],#4 @get x and post increment to next value
    ldr r1,[r5],#4 @get y and post increment to next value
    add r6,-1 @i--
    cmp r6,0
    bgt for @i == 0?

    sub r0,r8,r7 @
    pop {r4,r5,r6,r7,r8,lr}
    bx lr

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7)

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void Timer_ISR(void) {
    uint32_t * GPIO1 = (uint32_t *) 0x12345678;
    uint32_t * compare = (uint32_t *) 0x876543210;
    uint32_t * overflow = (uint32_t *) 0x876543214;
    uint32_t * status = (uint32_t *) 0x876543218;
    volatile uint32_t * duty_cycle = (uint32_t *) 0x45671234;

    // set overflow
    *overflow = 10000000/100; // aka 100,000

    // set output
    if(*status & 0x1) {
        *GPIO1 = 0x0;
    }
    else if (*status & 0x2) {
        *GPIO1 = 0x1;
        *compare = duty_cycle / 100.0 * 10000000/10;
    }
}

```

8)

Part 1:

```
int initGPIO(int gpioNum, int IO_mode) {  
  
    volatile uint32_t *BASE_ADDR = (volatile uint32_t *)GPIO_x_CFG;  
  
    if (IO_mode == INPUT_MODE) {  
        if(*(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) & 0x2) return 0;  
        *(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) |= 0x2;  
        *(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) &= 0xFFFFFFFF;  
    } else if (IO_mode == OUTPUT_MODE) {  
        if(*(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) & 0x1) return 0;  
        *(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) |= 0x1;  
        *(BASE_ADDR + gpioNum) &= 0xFFFFFFF0;  
    }  
    return 1;  
}
```

Part 2:

```
__attribute__ ((interrupt)) void Fabric_IRQHandler( void ) {  
    initGPIO(0, INPUT_MODE);  
    wait_1ms();  
    volatile uint32_t *IN_BASE = (volatile uint32_t *) GPIO_IN;  
    int result = *(IN_BASE) & (0x1);  
    initGPIO(1, OUTPUT_MODE);  
    if (result) {  
        setGPIO(1, 0);  
    } else {  
        setGPIO(1, 1);  
    }  
}
```