John von Neumann in front of the IAS machine (1952)

Lecture #03 – Computers

BBN 10

Introduction to

Programming

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Last time... Introduction to Algorithms

• An *algorithm* is a recipe for solving a problem.



Problem Specification Input: Some stuff! OUTPUT: Information about the stuff!

Sorting Problem

- Input:
 - a collection of orderable objects
- Output:
 - a collection where each item is in order



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Building a Computer

- Numbers
- Letters and Strings
- Structured Information
- Memory
- von Neumann Architecture

- At the most fundamental level, a computer manipulates electricity according to specific rules
- To make those rules produce something useful, we need to associate the electrical signals with the numbers and symbols that we, as humans, like to use
- To represent integers, computers use combinations of numbers that are powers of 2, called the base 2 or **binary representation**
 - bit = 0 or 1
 - False or True
 - Off or On
 - Low voltage or High voltage



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- With four consecutive powers 2⁰, 2¹, 2², 2³, we can make all of the integers from 0 to 15 using 0 or 1 of each of the four powers
- For example, $13_{10} = 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 1101_2$; in other words, 1101 in base 2 means $1101_2 = 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 13_{10}$
- Analogously, 603 in base 10 means $603_{10} = 6 \cdot 10^2 + 0 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0$ and 207 in base 8 means $207_8 = 2 \cdot 8^2 + 0 \cdot 8^1 + 7 \cdot 8^0 = 135_{10}$
- In general, if we choose some base b ≥ 2, every positive integer between 0 and b^d – 1 can be uniquely represented using d digits, with coefficients having values 0 through b-1
- A modern 64-bit computer can represent integers up to 2⁶⁴ 1

- Arithmetic in any base is analogous to arithmetic in base 10
- Examples of addition in base 10 and base 2



- To represent a negative integer, a computer typically uses a system called two's complement, which involves flipping the bits of the positive number and then adding 1
- For example, on an 8-bit computer, 3 = 00000011, so
 -3 = 11111101

- If we are using base 10 and only have eight digits to represent our numbers, we might use the first six digits for the **fractional part** of a number and last two for the **exponent**
- For example, 31415901 would represent 0.314159 × 10¹ = 3.14159
- Computers use a similar idea to represent fractional numbers



- In order to represent letters numerically, we need a convention on the encoding
- The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has established such a convention, called **ASCII** (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
- **ASCII** defines encodings for the upperand lower-case letters, numbers, and a selected set of special characters
- ASCII, being an 8-bit code, can only represent 256 different symbols, and does not provide for characters used in many languages

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	0	1	0	1	5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	U
	0	1	1	0	6	ACK	SYN	8	6	F	V	f	v
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USASCII code chart



Hexadecimal to ASCII conversion table

- The International Standards Organization's (ISO) 16-bit Unicode system can represent every character in every Data Compression language, with room for more
- Unicode being somewhat wasteful of space for English 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F ACKBEL BS HT LF VT FF CR 50 SI JTF), the most popular being UTF-8

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	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
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	V	W	Х	Y	Ζ]	\setminus]	٨	_
	f	g	h	i	j	k	1	m	n	0
	v	W	x	у	z	{		}	~	DEL

Aa U+00E1 U+1D50A U + 0041U+2202

Unicode characters

to ASCII conversion table

en physical devices ghts a few that you e null character, LF

• Emojis are just like characters, and they have a standard, too

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face	e-posi	<u>tive</u>													
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2	U+1F601	e			Ê	0	0	0	0		8	÷	-	۲	beaming face with smiling eyes
3	U+1F602		8	2	e	8	e	e	6	6	۲	÷	-	0	face with tears of joy
4	U+1F923	1	B	$\langle \rangle$	Ì	-70	~2	-	Ø	Ø	-	-	-		rolling on the floor laughing
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6	U+1F604	e	<u></u>		8	8	0	C	6	\odot		1	_	-	grinning face with smiling eyes
7	U+1F605			2	8	8	<u></u>	Ç	٢	3	8	—	20	-	grinning face with sweat
8	U+1F606	8	2	2	25	2	25	4	2	8		-	÷€	-	grinning squinting face
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 Full Emoji List, v5.0 <u>https://unicode.org/emoji/charts/full-emoji-list.html</u>

- A string is represented as a sequence of numbers, with a "length field" at the very beginning that specifies the length of the string
- For example, in ASCII the sequence 99, 104, 111, 99, 111, 108, 97, 116, 101 translates to the string "chocolate", with the length field set to 9

Binary +	Oct ÷	Dec ÷	Hex	
110 0001	141	97	61	a
110 0010	142	98	62	b
110 0011	143	99	63	С
110 0100	144	100	64	d
110 0101	145	101	65	е
110 0110	146	102	66	f
110 0111	147	103	67	g
110 1000	150	104	68	h
110 1001	151	105	69	i
110 1010	152	106	6A	j
110 1011	153	107	6B	k
110 1100	154	108	6C	I
110 1101	155	109	6D	m
110 1110	156	110	6E	n
110 1111	157	111	6F	0
111 0000	160	112	70	р
111 0001	161	113	71	q
111 0010	162	114	72	r
111 0011	163	115	73	S
111 0100	164	116	74	t

Structured Information

- We can represent any information as a sequence of numbers
- Examples
 - A picture can be represented as a sequence of pixels, each represented as three numbers giving the amount of red, green, and blue at that pixel
 - A sound can be represented as a temporal sequence of "sound pressure levels" in the air
 - A movie can be represented as a temporal sequence of individual pictures, usually 24 or 30 per second, along with a matching sound sequence

Recall: Stored Program Concept

- Stored-program concept is the fundamental principle of the ENIAC's successor, the EDVAC (Electronic Discrete Variable Automatic Computer)
- Instructions were stored in memory sequentially with their data
- Instructions were executed sequentially except where a conditional instruction would cause a jump to an instruction some place other than the next instruction

- John von Neumann publishes a draft report that describes the concept and earns the recognition as the inventor of the concept
 - "von Neumann architecture"
 - A First Draft of a Report of the EDVAC published in 1945
- Mauchly and Eckert are generally credited with the idea of the stored-program



von Neumann, Member of the Navy Bureau of Ordinance 1941-1955

Memory Hierarchy



https://diveintosystems.org/book/C11-MemHierarchy/mem_hierarchy.html

• "Fetch-Decode-Execute" cycle



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von Neumann Architecture

- Let's assume an 8-bit computer with only four instructions:
 - add, subtract, multiply, and divide
- Each of the instructions will need a number,
 which is called an operation code (or opcode), to represent it
- Next, let's assume that our computer has four registers, numbered 0 through 3, and 256 8-bit memory cells
- An instruction will be encoded as: the first two bits represent the instruction, the next two bits encode the "destination register", the next four bits encode the registers containing two operands
- For example, the instruction add 3 0 2 (meaning add the contents of register 2 and register 0 and store the result in register 3) will be encoded as 00110010



The Fetch-Execute Cycle



Algorithm for Program Execution

- PC (program counter) is set to the address where the first program instruction is stored in memory.
- Repeat until HALT instruction or fatal error
 - Fetch instruction
 - Decode instruction
 - Execute instruction

End of loop

Levels of Program Code

High-level language

- Level of abstraction closer to problem domain
- Provides for productivity and portability

Assembly language

 Textual representation of instructions

Hardware representation

- Binary digits (bits)
- Encoded instructions and data



Assembly Language

- A low-level programming language for computers
- More readable, Englishlike abbreviations for instructions
- Architecture-specific
- Example:

MOV	AL,	61h
MOV	AX,	BX
ADD	EAX,	10
XOR	EAX,	EAX

For example, the instruction below tells an x86/IA-32 processor to move an immediate 8-bit value into a register. The binary code for this instruction is 10110 followed by a 3-bit identifier for which register to use. The identifier for the *AL* register is 000, so the following machine code loads the *AL* register with the data 01100001.^[17]

10110000 01100001

This binary computer code can be made more human-readable by expressing it in hexadecimal as follows.

B0 61

Here, **B0** means 'Move a copy of the following value into *AL*, and **61** is a hexadecimal representation of the value 01100001, which is 97 in decimal. Assembly language for the 8086 family provides the mnemonic MOV (an abbreviation of *move*) for instructions such as this, so the machine code above can be written as follows in assembly language, complete with an explanatory comment if required, after the semicolon. This is much easier to read and to remember.

MOV AL, 61h ; Load AL with 97 decimal (61 hex)

Continuum of Programming Languages



Summary: Components of a Computer

- Sequential execution of machine instructions
 - The sequence of instructions are stored in the memory.
 - One instruction at a time is fetched from the memory to the control unit.
 - They are read in and treated just like data.



- PC (program counter) is responsible from the flow of control.
- PC points at a memory location containing the instruction being executed at the current time.
- Early programmers (coders) used to write programs via machine instructions.

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- A Simple HMMM Program
- Looping
- Functions
- HMMM Instruction Set

The Harvey Mudd Miniature Machine (HMMM)

- Hmmm (Harvey Mudd Miniature Machine) is a 16-bit, 23-instruction simulated assembly language with 2⁸=256 16-bit words of memory.
- In addition to the **program counter** and **instruction register**, there are **16 registers named** r0 through r15.

1	Hmmm asse	mbly co	de	Correspo	onding	instruc	tions i	n machin	e language
0	read	r1			0000	0001	0000	0001	
1	read	r2			0000	0010	0000	0001	
2	mul	r1 r	1 r2	N	1000	0001	0001	0010	
3	setn	r2 2			0001	0010	0000	0010	
4	div	r1 r	1 r2		1001	0001	0001	0010	
5	write	r1			0000	0001	0000	0010	
6	halt				0000	0000	0000	0000	

HMMM

- A real computer must be able to
 - Move information between registers and memory
 - Get data from the outside world
 - Print results
 - Make decisions
- The Harvey Mudd Miniature Machine (HMMM) is organized as follows
 - Both instructions and data are 16 bit wide
 - In addition to the program counter and instruction register, there are 16 registers named r0 through r15
 - There are 256 memory locations
- Instead of programming in binary (0's and 1's), we'll use assembly language, a programming language where each instruction has a symbolic representation
- For example, to compute r3 = r1+r2, we will write add r3 r1 r2
- We will use a program to convert the assembly language into 0's and 1's the machine language that the computer can execute

A Simple HMMM Program

triangle1.hmmm: Calculate the approximate area of a triangle.

0	read	r1			#	Get base b
1	read	r2			#	Get height h
2	mul	r1	r1	r2	#	b times h into r1
3	setn	r2	2			
4	div	r1	r1	r2	#	Divide by 2
5	write	r1				
6	halt					

Assemble! ->

T	AS	SSEMBL	Y SUC	CCESSE	UL						
0	:	0000	0001	0000	0001	0	read	r1		#	Get base b
1	:	0000	0010	0000	0001	1	read	r2		#	Get height h
2	:	1000	0001	0001	0010	2	mul	r1	r1 r	2 #	b times h into r1
3	:	0001	0010	0000	0010	3	setn	r2	2		
4	:	1001	0001	0001	0010	4	div	r1	r1 r	2 #	Divide by 2
5	:	0000	0001	0000	0010	5	write	r1			
6	:	0000	0000	0000	0000	6	halt				

Simulate! ->

Looping

• Unconditional jump (jumpn N): set program counter to address N

triangle2.hmmm: Calculate the approximate areas of many triangles.

0	read	r1		#	Get base b
1	read	r2		#	Get height h
2	mul	r1 r	1 r2	#	b times h into r1
3	setn	r2 2			
4	div	r1 r	1 r2	#	Divide by 2
5	write	r1			
6	jumpn	0			

Simulate! ->

End of input, halting program execution...

Looping

• Conditional jump (jeqzn rX N): if rX == 0, then jump to line N

triangle3.hmmm: Calculate the approximate areas of many triangles. Stop when a base or height of zero is given.

0	read	r1	#	Get base b
1	jeqzn	r1 9	#	Jump to halt if base is zero
2	read	r2	#	Get height h
3	jeqzn	r2 9	#	Jump to halt if height is zero
4	mul	r1 r1	r2 #	b times h into r1
5	setn	r2 2		
6	div	r1 r1	r2 #	Divide by 2
7	write	r1		
8	jumpn	0		
9	halt			

Simulate! ->

4			
5			
10			
5			
5			
12			
0			

Looping

is_it_a_prime_number.hmmm: Calculate whether a given positive number is prime or not

0	read	r1 # read the number. Please enter positive integers.
1	setn	r2 2 # use this register for arithmetic operations with 2.
2	setn	r9 1 # use this register for arithmetic operations with 1.
3	sub	r15 r1 r9
4	jeqzn	r15 17 # check if the number is 1
5	div	r3 r1 r2 # Divide to 2. The biggest divider (denominator) should (may) be this number.
6	nop	# there is no reason. Deleted a line, but too lazy to change all the line numbers.
	# the	number is 2 or 3. So it is prime.
7	sub	r15 r3 r9
8	jeqz	r15 15
	# The	number is not 1, 2 or 3. The main loop starts here
9	mod	r15 r1 r3 # mod to check if the number is aliquot.
10	jeqzn	r15 17 # it is not a prime number. Jump to line 17.
11	sub	r3 r3 r9 # subtract one from the divider
12	sub	r5 r3 r9 # subtract one, but on a different register to check the divider is 1 or not.
13	jeqz	r5 15 # we successfully reduced the divider to 1. This is a prime number. Jump to line 15.
14	jumpn	9 # jump to the start of the main loop.
	#	Write 1 for prime numbers.
15	write	r9 # r9 is already 1.
16	halt	
	#	Write 0 for non-prime numbers.
17	setn	r8 0
18	write	r8
19	halt	

Simulate! →

Functions

- Call a function (calln rX N): copy the next address (aka return address) into rX and then jump to address N
- Return from a function (jumpr rX): set program counter to the return address in rX
- By convention, we use register r14 to store the return address

square.hmmm: Calculate the square of a number N.

```
read
                   # Get N
0
             r1
1
    calln
             r14 5 # Calculate N^2
2
    write
             r2
                   # Write answer
3
    halt
4
    nop
                   # Waste some space
 Square function. N is in r1. Result (N^2) is in r2. Return address is in r14.
#
             r2 r1 r1 # Calculate and store N^2 in r2
5
     mul
6
     jumpr
             r14
                      # Done; return to caller
```

Simulate! ->

Functions

combinations.hmmm: Calculate C(N, K) (aka N choose K) defined as C(N, K) = N!/(K!(N - K)!), where N! (N factorial) is defined as $N! = N \times (N - 1) \times (N - 2) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1$, with 0! = 1.

0	read	r3	#	Get N
1	read	r4	#	Get K
2	сору	r1 r3	#	Calculate N!
3	calln	r14 15	#	
4	сору	r5 r2	#	Save N! as C(N, K)
5	copy	r1 r4	#	Calculate K!
6	calln	r14 15	#	
7	div	r5 r5 r2	#	N!/K!
8	sub	r1 r3 r4	#	Calculate (N - K)!
9	calln	r14 15	#	
10	div	r5 r5 r2	#	C(N, K)
11	write	r5	#	Write answer
12	halt			
13	nop		#	Waste some space
14	nop			
# Fac	ctorial :	function.	Ν	is in r1. Result is r2. Return address is in r14.
15	setn	r2 1	#	Initial product
16	jeqzn	r1 20	#	Quit if N has reached zero
17	mul	r2 r1 r2	2 #	Update product
18	addn	r1 -1	#	Decrement N
19	jumpn	16	#	Back for more
20	jumpr	r14	#	Done; return to caller

Simulate! ->

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Functions

Trace of the factorial function (N=4)

	instruc	tior	r1	r2		
					4	
15	setn	r2	1		4	1
16	jeqzn	r1	20		4	1
17	mul	r2	r1	r2	4	4
18	addn	r1	-1		3	4
19	jumpn	16			3	4
16	jeqzn	r1	20		3	4
17	mul	r2	r1	r2	3	12
18	addn	r1	-1		2	12
19	jumpn	16			2	12
16	jeqzn	r1	20		2	12
17	mul	r2	r1	r2	2	24
18	addn	r1	-1		1	24
19	jumpn	16			1	24
16	jeqzn	r1	20		1	24
17	mul	r2	r1	r2	1	24
18	addn	r1	-1		0	24
19	jumpn	16			0	24
16	jeqzn	r1	20		0	24
20	jumpr	r14	1		0	24

Trace of the program (N=5, K=2)

instruction	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r14
0 read r3			5			
1 read r4			5	2		
2 copy r1 r3	5		5	2		
3 calln r14 15	5	120	5	2		4
4 copy r5 r2	5	120	5	2	120	4
5 copy r1 r4	2	120	5	2	120	4
6 calln r14 15	2	2	5	2	120	7
7 div r5 r5 r2	2	2	5	2	60	7
8 sub r1 r3 r4	3	2	5	2	60	7
9 calln r14 15	3	6	5	2	60	10
10 div r5 r5 r2	3	6	5	2	10	10
11 write r5	3	6	5	2	10	10
12 halt	3	6	5	2	10	10

HMMM Instruction Set

• System instructions

haltstopread rXplace user input in register rXwrite rXprint contents of register rXnopdo nothing

• Setting register data

setn	rХ	Ν	set register rx equal to the integer N (-128 to 127)
addn	rX	Ν	add integer N (-128 to 127) to register rX
сору	rX	rY	set rX=rY

• Arithmetic

add	rХ	rY	rZ	set rX=rY+rZ
sub	rХ	rY	rZ	set rX=rY-rZ
neg	rX	rY		set rX=-rY
mul	rХ	rY	rZ	set rX=rY*rZ
div	rХ	rY	rZ	<pre>set rX=rY/rZ (integer division; no remainder)</pre>
mod	rX	rY	rZ	set rX=rY%rZ (returns the remainder of integer division)

HMMM Instruction Set

• Jumps

- jumpn N set program counter to address N
- jumpr rX set program counter to address in rX
- jeqzn rX N if rX==0, then jump to line N
- jnezn rX N if rX!=0, then jump to line N
- jgtzn rX N if rX>0, then jump to line N
- jltzn rX N if rX<0, then jump to line N
- calln rX N copy the next address into rX and then jump to address N

Interacting with memory

- loadn rX N load register rX with the contents of address N
- storen rX N store contents of register rX into address N
- loadr rX rY load register rX with data from the address location held in register rY
- storer rX rY store contents of register rX into address held in register rY