MIPS Control Flow

1.) Translate the following abstract branch conditions to minimal MIPS instruction sequences.

- Branch to exit if $s0 < s1$
- Branch to next if $s0 < 1$

- Branch to done if $s0 <= s1$
- Branch to finish if $s0 >= 0$

2.) Translate the following `strcpy` implementation to MIPS. Assume $s1$ holds the address of the first byte of the array `s1` and $s2$ holds the contents of the pointer variable `s2`.

```c
// strcpy:
// char s1[] = Hello!;
// char *s2 = malloc(sizeof(char)*7);
int i=0;
do {
    s2[i] = s1[i];
    i++;
} while (s1[i] != '\0');
s2[i] = '\0';
```

3.) Translate the following algorithm that finds the $N^{th}$ Fibonacci number to MIPS assembly. Assume $s0$ holds $N$, $s1$ holds $fib$, $t0$ holds $i$, and $t1$ holds $j$.

```c
int fib = 1, i = 1, j = 1;

if (N==0) return 0;
else if (N==1) return 1;
N -= 2;

while (N != 0) {
    fib = i + j;
    j = i;
    i = fib;
    N--;
}

return fib;
```
4.) Assuming $a0$ and $a1$ hold integer pointers, swap the values they point via the stack and return control.

```c
void swap(int *a, int *b) {
    int tmp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = tmp;
}
```

**MIPS Pseudoinstructions**

MIPS assemblers recognize several *pseudoinstructions* – assembly code statements that are not actually part of the MIPS ISA – that get converted to short sequences of instructions. For each of the following pseudoinstructions, give the shortest possible instruction sequence you can find. Note that the register $at$ (“assembler temporary”) is reserved for use as a temporary variable by the assembler.

- not $dst$, $src$
- abs $dst$, $src$
- bgt $src0$, $src1$, label
- li $dst$, imm32 # (32b immediate move)

**MIPS Machine Code**

Instructions are represented as bits, same as everything else! All instructions fit in a word (32 bits). In order to cover all the different instructions, there are 3 different instruction types:

- **R-Format**
  - opcode(6) | rs(5) | rt(5) | rd(5) | shamt(5) | funct(6)

- **I-Format**
  - opcode(6) | rs(5) | rt(5) | immediate(16)

- **J-Format**
  - opcode(6) | target address(26)

Here the instruction formats are written out by field name and width in bits in parentheses. The first bit of the opcode is the MSB and the other end is the LSB. The fields are used as follows:

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<td>opcode</td>
<td>indicates operation, or arithmetic family of operations (for opcode 0, which is R-type)</td>
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<td>funct</td>
<td>indicates specific operation within arithmetic family of operations</td>
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<td>rs, rt, rd</td>
<td>for R-type, rs and rt are sources with rd as destination – rules vary for other formats!</td>
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<td>shamt</td>
<td>shift amount for instructions that perform shifts</td>
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**Practice problem:** Decode the instructions

a.) 0x02114824  b.) 0x03E00008  c.) 0x292A0020