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## [Final] Past Exams - 2020 #1311

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Z **Zipeng Lin** 2mth #1311de ✓ Resolved

Su-20-Final-Q4: [https://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs61c/sp21/pdfs/exams/Su20\\_Final\\_Solutions.pdf](https://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs61c/sp21/pdfs/exams/Su20_Final_Solutions.pdf)

For question (a), why isn't reg 0 -> AND -> REg 1 a legit CL path? that gives  $\text{clk} + \text{AND} = 4 + 9 = 13\text{ns}$   
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Z **Zipeng Lin** 2mth #1311df  
Follow up:

how is the longest CL 9 here? Shouldn't that be and + not + or ?  
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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311ea  
That's input-->input, not output-->input.  
...

**Anonymous Aardvark** 2mth #1311dd ✓ Resolved

I was confused about this explanation of the minimum case. How can we let thread 1 read a and stop, let thread 2 do the work, and thread 1 will just finish? I wonder won't they both need to do all the works?

However, I also think that the minimum value is 5. My reason is that thread1 and thread2 are just going to do the same work at the same time. They can do so because in the n-stage pipeline, both of them can read before they write back. Thus, the work is just like done by one thread. Is my reasoning correct?  
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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311ed  
"Finishing" does mean doing all the thread's work.  
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**Anonymous Aardvark** 2mth #1311dc ✓ Resolved

### **FA20-Final-Qgeneral**

What does "active page table", "inactive page table", and "PTBR" mean? Are they in scope?  
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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311eb  
Active page table = at least one of the entries is valid, invalid page table = all the entries are invalid, PTBR not in scope.  
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**Anonymous Aardvark** 2mth #1311db ✓ Resolved

### **FA20-Final-Q4 PartB**

I was wondering about this problem. What if the opcode is wrong? why can't we get an exception error in the first Instruction Fetch phase?  
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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311ec  
It sounds like you want the value from the ALU (the next PC being jumped/branched to) rather than the the values read from the regfile.  
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S **Shaurya Jain** 2mth #1311ca ✓ Resolved

FA2020-Final-Part3QA

I'm not sure about how #2, #3, #4, and #5 are found out. Why would 0 and 4 have fast small reads but not 2, 3, 5? Why would 1 and 5 have fast small reads but not 2, 3, 4?

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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311cd

Older answer from Justin:

For RAID 1, we can write to all disks simultaneously, and so can finish in one step. I would note that I dispute the answer to this question, though, and would have answered 0,1,2 (we always write bytes, so we don't need to read, then write to parity like with 3/4/5)

For 2, I think the question is ambiguous between memory overhead and time overhead. I'm not really sure why 2 and 3 are considered low overhead, but 0 is low overhead because there is basically no memory or runtime overhead, because we have no redundancy.

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**Anonymous Hornet** 2mth #1311bf ✓ Resolved

**FA20-Final-4A**

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What is \xd7 in the solution?

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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311cb

It's × in ASCII (rendering doc was weird).

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**Anonymous Kouprey** 2mth #1311bb ✓ Resolved

SU20-Final-Q5(a)i

Why do we need the output from regfile for lui instruction? I thought for lui instruction we would simply set bsel to select the output from immgen and set the ALU output to be B. After that we would write the ALU output to rd. I don't see where output from regfile is used in this process.

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P **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311bc

You need to use the regfile to write the result.

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**Anonymous Salmon** 2mth #1311ac ✓ Resolved

**SU20-Final-Q2**

Why is this sometimes incorrect?

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[Anonymous Gerbil](#) 2mth #1311ae

I was also confused on this after you exit the for loop will `dot_product` be the one set equal to zero or a private one? Since we effectively finish our forking after the

```
#pragma omp parallel for
```

```
{code}
```

I think that the `dot_product` after the for loop is zero since we're not doing TLP anymore. And we never combine each private `dot_product`. Is this reasoning correct?

...

[Anonymous Hornet](#) 2mth #1311af

Yeah, I think the issue is with not combining the private values. Put another way, each thread makes its own copy of `dot_product`. Like a function receiving a *copy* of a variable, it doesn't modify the original variable. Not 100% sure on this though.

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**P** [Peyrin Kao](#) STAFF 2mth #1311bd

Every thread has its own copy of `dot_product`. The only way to get the correct result is if one thread performs all the calculation.

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[Anonymous Salmon](#) 2mth #1311cc

So without the private keyword, this would be correct?

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**P** [Peyrin Kao](#) STAFF 2mth #1311ce

↩ Replying to Anonymous Salmon

I think so.

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[Anonymous Salmon](#) 2mth #1311cf

↩ Replying to Peyrin Kao

What is the difference between private and reduction?

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**P** [Peyrin Kao](#) STAFF 2mth #1311da

↩ Replying to Anonymous Salmon

Private = each thread has its own copy of the variable

Reduction = each thread has its own copy, and all the copies get combined into one final result at the end

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[Anonymous Squid](#) 2mth #1311ab ✓ Resolved


su20-Final-1b: How do you find the number of each level's PT? I know how to find PTE, but now sure how to find PT. Thanks!

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**Anonymous Salmon** 2mth #1311ad

Same, wondering how we got the # L2 PTs.


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**Anonymous Hornet** 2mth #1311ba  **ENDORSED**

The VPN originally consisted of 12 bits, but we've now formed a two level page table scheme. The problem specifies the bits are evenly split between both levels (i.e., the first and second level page tables each have 6 VPN bits). So how many values can be represented with 6 bits?  $2^6 = 64$ . This is the number of PTEs for each page table.

As there is only one L1 page table, the first answer is 64. If you know that the L1 page table has 64 PTEs, and that each of these PTEs is pointing to a page table of the same size, there must be a total of  $64 \times 64 = 4096$  PTEs at the second level.

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**Anonymous Gerbil** 2mth #1311aa 

### SU20-Final-7d

I wanted to ask what are the differences between a section and a segment? Also for this problem I assume we are using the memory model code -> data -> heap -> stack

I'm also assuming that the addresses are supposed to give away that sean should be in code, but what about jenny where would 0x1620 be?

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**Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311be

Sections and segments are the same I believe.

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**Anonymous Hornet** 2mth #1311c 

### SU22-Final-Q2.B

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Why is the code for Q2.B considered slower? We aren't given information about the cache beyond the size of its cache lines (blocks). I'm having trouble seeing how we can conclude its slower.

Also, is it true that the `reduction` clause makes the `#pragma omp critical` directive redundant (i.e., `reduction` handles it for us)? Thanks!

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**Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311d

It's very likely that there's false sharing, since each iteration of the loop is accessing adjacent elements.

`reduction` handles the critical section for you.

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 **Anonymous Hornet** 2mth #1311e

Thank you for the fast reply! Does that mean the directive `#pragma omp parallel` for results in something like the following for each thread (interleaving)?

```
for (int i = thread_id; i < n; i += thread_count) {  
    // some operation with the array at index i  
}  
...
```

**P** **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311f

 Replying to Anonymous Hornet

OpenMP makes no promises about interleaving vs. chunking, but either way it's possible that some false sharing occurs.

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**Anonymous Squid** 2mth #1311a ✓ Resolved

For Su20-MT2-2cii, why we choose C instead of A? I thought the control signal of RegWEn is determined by RegWEN. Thanks!

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 **P** **Peyrin Kao** STAFF 2mth #1311b

We want to write to register x17 whenever a store instruction happens. Usually, RegWEn is 0 during a store instruction, so we have to force RegWEn to be 1 whenever we're writing to memory (i.e. when MemRW is 1).

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