


Assembly and Machine Language - Fall 96 Final Exam	Instructor: B. Nasihatkon	
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1- What does the following piece of code do? Explain your answer. **(10 points)**

```

segment .data
array1:      dd  1,3,6,10,16,22,28
array2:      dd  0,0,0,0,0,0

segment .text
    mov esi, array1
    mov edi, array2
    mov ecx, 6
    cld

    lodsd
    mov ebx, eax
loop1:
    lodsd
    sub eax, ebx
    stosd

    add ebx, eax

    loop loop1

```

2- We want to write the above as an assembly function `arrfunc` to be **called from C**. Below is a sample C code calling `arrfunc`. Complete the assembly code in the next page to fully implement the function. Observe all required conventions. **(12 points)**

```

#include <stdio.h>
extern void arrfunc(int array1[],
                   int array2[], int n);
int main() {
    int array1[7] = {1,3,6,10,16,22,28};
    int array2[6];

    arrfunc(array1, array2, 7);

    for (int i = 0; i < 6; i++)
        printf("%d, ", array2[i]);
    putchar('\n');
    return 0;
}

```

Only write inside designated boxes:

```
segment .text  
  
arrfunc:  
    push ebp  
    mov  ebp, esp  
  
    cld  
    lodsd  
    mov  ebx, eax  
loop1:  
    lodsd  
    sub  eax, ebx  
    stosd  
    add  ebx, eax  
    loop loop1
```

3- The distance between two 2D points $\mathbf{u} = [u_1 \ u_2]$ and $\mathbf{v} = [v_1 \ v_2]$ is given by $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \text{sqrt}((u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2)$. We represent \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} by arrays of size two with single precision floating point elements:

```
segment .data  
u:      dd  1.0, 7.0  
v:      dd  4.0, 3.0
```

Write a piece of assembly code to compute the distance between vectors **u** and **v**. The distance must be stored in ST0 when your program finishes. Notice that the values above (1.0, 7.0, 4.0, 3.0) are just for illustration. You just have access to labels **u** and **v**. Do not make any assumption about the values stored in data segment. (13 points)

command	arguments	command	arguments

4- What does the function **myfunc** do? Explain your response. The program uses **print_char** from the book printing the character whose ascii code is in **a1**. (10 points)

```
myfunc:
    mov al, [ecx]
    cmp al, 0
    je endfunc

    push eax
    push ecx

    inc ecx
    call myfunc

    pop ecx
    pop eax

    call print_char
endfunc:
    ret
```

5- Assume that the state of coprocessor stack is as follows. Write an assembly program that computes $(a-d) * (b-d) / \text{sqrt}(c-d)$ and stores it in ST0. You can only use coprocessor stack registers, and are not allowed to use memory. **You need to write the state of stack after each command. Notice that the maximum stack size is 8. (15 points)**

command	arguments	stack (initially: a,b,c,d)

ST0	a
ST1	b
ST2	c
ST3	d
:	:

6- We want to write a function **median** computing the median of an array of integers by sorting the array and then returning the middle entry. Here is how **median** is used:

```
int main() {
  int a[] = {1,18,2,3,4,5,7,7,4,19,18,12,130};
  int n = sizeof(a) / sizeof(a[0]);

  printf("median=%d\n", median(a,n) );

  return 0;
}
```