ECE 552: Introduction to Computer Architecture

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Midterm Review Information

The midterm will cover all topics discussed in class through the end of Chapter 4, excluding integer multiplication and division and floating point arithmetic. Use the following table as a reference for readings and topics.

The exam will be closed book and notes. The focus of the exam will not be to test your ability to memorize details. Rather, details will be provided and you will be asked to think and solve problems given those details. You should prepare one 8.5"x11" handwritten cheat sheet.

You will be expected to do simple paper-based logic design similar to the homework problems (both combinational and sequential logic). You MUST USE FULLY SYNCHRONOUS DESIGN (FSD) in your solutions on the exam.

You will also be asked to perform simple quantitative comparisons to estimate performance based on CPI terms, as in the homework.

There will also be discussion questions on topics discussed in class and in the text.

Please answer exam questions using a pencil--scribbled-out mistakes in ink are unpleasant to grade, and make assigning partial credit difficult.

Week	Dates	Assignments	Topics	Readings
0	9/3		Introduction	Ch 1
1	9/8,9/10	HW1 out	Performance and Cost	Ch 1.4
2	9/13,9/15,9/17		Instruction Sets	Ch 2
3	9/20,9/22,9/24	HW1 due, HW2 out	Arithmetic I	Ch 3.1-3.2
4	9/25,9/29,10/1		Datapath design	Ch 4.1 - 4.3, App C
5	10/4,10/6,10/8	HW2 due, HW3 out	Control	Ch 4.4, App C
6	10/11,10/13,10/15	Project out	Pipelining	Ch 4.5-4.9
7	10/18,10/20,10/22	HW3 due	Intro to Superscalar	Ch 4.10
8	10/25,10/27,10/29		Review and Midterm 10/29	MIPS R10K paper
9	11/1,11/3,11/5	HW4 out	Memory Technology	Ch 5.1, Slides
10	11/8,11/10,11/12	HW4 due, HW5 out	Memory Hierarchies	Ch 5.2 - 5.5
11	11/15,11/17,11/19		Memory Hierarchies cont'd	Ch 5.2 - 5.5
12	11/22,11/24	HW5 due	Arithmetic II	Ch 3.3 - 3.5
13	11/29,12/1,12/3		I/O	Ch 6
14	12/6,12/8,12/10	Project report due 12/10 Project demoe 12/12	Parallel processing	Ch 5.7-5.9, Ch. 7
15	12/13,12/15		Review	--
16	12/20		Final Exam, 12:25pm Monday	--