COE 205, Term 991

Computer Organization & Assembly Programming

HW# 1

Due date: Wednesday, Sep. 22

- Q.1. What is the ISA (instruction set architecture) of a computer?
- **Q.2.** Briefly describe the main functionality of the program counter register (PC), the instruction register (IR), and the fetch-execute process in a computer.
- **Q.3.** Describe two advantages for programming in assembly and two advantages for programming in a high-level language.
- **Q.4.** Represent the following numbers in binary, octal, and hexadecimal. Use as many bits as needed, and approximate the fraction upto 5 digits:
 - (i) 123.22
 - (ii) 555.75
- **Q.5.** Express the following numbers in both sign-magnitude and 2^s complement notations, assuming 16-bit representation:
 - (**i**) -1111
 - (ii) -321
- **Q.6.** Perform the following operations twice, once for a sign-magnitude notation and once for 2's complement notation. Indicate in your answer when an overflow occurs:
 - (i) 010101 + 001011
 - (ii) 110111 111001
- Q.7. A microcontroller uses 8-bit registers. Give the following in both binary and decimal:
 - (i) The maximum unsigned number that can be stored.
 - (ii) The smallest (negative) number and the largest (positive) number that can be stored using the sign-magnitude notation.
 - (iii) The smallest (negative) number and the largest (positive) number that can be stored using the 2's complement notation.
- **Q.8.** If you type the phrase COE-205 on your keyboard, what is the binary sequence sent to the computer using 8-bit ASCII with the 8th bit being an even parity bit.