

CPU → instruction set = primitive operations the CPU can perform.

Machine language = encoding of instructions as binary strings.

- Pro: binary string = input to a circuit
- Con: hard for humans to read.

Assembly language = encoding of instructions as symbols.

- easier for humans
- has to be translated by an assembler.

1-1 Correspondence Assembly ↔ Machine lang.

What can a CPU do?

- Load values RAM → CPU registers.
- Store values register → other registers or RAM.
- Math + logic (ALU)
- Jump. (esp. conditional jumps).

↳ condition based on zr, ng from ALU.

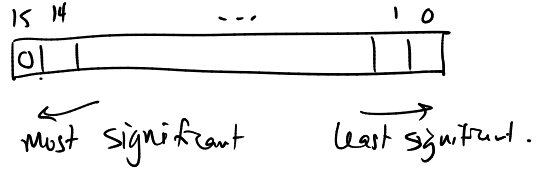
eg. to check $x > y$, compute $y - x$ and check if result is negative.

Machine language for the Hack Computer.

- 3 registers: A, D, PC
 - ↳ storing data
 - ↳ storing addresses or data.

- Instructions are 16 bits. 2 types: A-instructions, C-instructions.

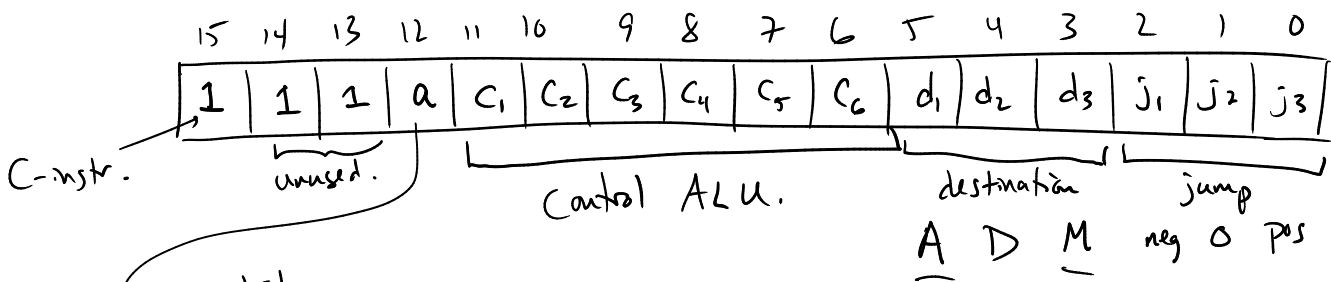
A-instructions: bit 15 is 0.
rest of the 15 bits get loaded into A register.



"Computation"

C-instruction: specifies what the CPU should do in 1 cycle.

- D register and A register value from memory → ALU.
- ALU does some operation.
- (optionally) store the result of ALU (D, A, memory).
- (optionally) jump.



- a bit
- 0: 2nd ALU input = A reg.
- 1: 2nd ALU input = RAM[A]
ie. look up value in RAM @ address given by A register.

Assembly language for Hack computer.

A-instr: @value. e.g. @24.
(OR @variable)
@label

C-instr: dest = op; jump → JGT, JNE, JMP, etc.

optional, A = or DM =

Some op the ALU can do, using A, D, or M.
eg. D+1, M-D, D&A, ~~D+A~~