

Move literal values to registers

You can assign a constant value to a register using `ldiq` instruction. For example,

`"ldiq $T0, 0x123"` sets the value of `$T0` to `0x00000000000000123`.

`Ldiq` is also used to pass the value of a label into a register.

`ldiq $T1, a;`

Move address to registers

`lda` is used to pass memory address in a register rather than the contents of the memory at the address. It is doing something like:

```
(Quadword) address = displacement + intReg[ regB ];
intReg[ regA ] = address;
```

For example, assume the value stored in `T0` is `0x10...00`. Then, the execution of the following instruction will set the values in the `T` registers as below:

```
lda $T2, 3($T0)
```

```
T2  0x10000000000000003
```

The load address instruction can be seen as an *add* instruction with a constant, except that the constant is a 16 bit signed value, rather than an 8 bit unsigned value. It is often used when passing reference parameters to functions.

Store data to memory

`stX` instructions are used to move data from registers to the memory. X indicates the type of data to be moved. X is either b (byte) or w (word) or l (longword) or q (quadword).

`stX` has two operands.

The first operand must be a register, which holds the value to store in memory. The second operand must be either a memory label or an expression holding the virtual address where data should be stored in memory.

`stX Ra, Disp(Rb)`

$Va = (Rb)_{\text{value}} + (Disp)_{\text{sign extended}}$

For example:

```
stb $T1, 2($T0);
```

Stores the least significant byte of \$T1 at the effective address computed as the sum of the contents of \$T0 and the 64-bit sign extended offset (here 0x2).

```
stw $T1, 0x32($T0);
```

Stores the 2 least significant bytes of \$T1 at the effective address computed as the sum of the contents of \$T0 and the 64-bit sign extended offset (here 0x32).

Assume the following directives have been used to reserve locations in the memory.

```
data {
a:  byte 0;
b:  word 0;
c:  long 0;
d:  quad 0;
}
```

label	address	contents	label	address	contents
a	0x10...00	00	d	0x10...08	00
	0x10...01	00		0x10...09	00
b	0x10...02	00		0x10...0a	00
	0x10...03	00		0x10...0b	00
c	0x10...04	00		0x10...0c	00
	0x10...05	00		0x10...0d	00
	0x10...06	00		0x10...0e	00
	0x10...07	00		0x10...0f	00

Assume the values in the T registers are as below:

```
T0  0x1000000000000000
T1  0x1234567890123456
T2  0x9876543210987654
T3  0xabcdef0123456789
T4  0x123456789abcdef0
```

After the execution of the following instructions, the contents of the memory becomes:

```
stb $T1, 0($T0);
stw $T2, 2($T0);
stl $T3, 4($T0);
stq $T4, 8($T0);
```

label	address	contents	label	address	contents
a	0x10...00	56	d	0x10...08	f0
	0x10...01	00		0x10...09	de
b	0x10...02	54		0x10...0a	bc
	0x10...03	76		0x10...0b	9a
c	0x10...04	89		0x10...0c	78
	0x10...05	67		0x10...0d	56
	0x10...06	45		0x10...0e	34
	0x10...07	23		0x10...0f	12

- `stX` instructions also require the starting address where data should be stored to respect the alignment requirement specified by the instruction.

“`stl $T3, 2($T0)`” and “`stq $T4, 2($T0)`” cannot be executed, since the effective address is neither longword nor quadword aligned.