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What is Verilog?

- It is a Hardware Description Language (HDL).
- Two major HDL languages:
 - Verilog
 - VHDL
- Verilog is easier to learn and use (It is like the C language).

Cont.

- Introduced in 1985 by (Gateway Design Systems)
Now, part of (Cadence Design Systems).
- 1990: OVI (Open Verilog International).
- 1995: IEEE Standard.
- **Simulator:**
Verilogger Pro, from Synapticad INC.

Why Use Verilog?

- Digital systems are highly complex.
→ Schematic is useless (just connectivity)
- Behavioral Constructs:
 - Hide implementation details.
 - Arch. Alternatives through simulations.
 - Detect design bottlenecks.

(BEFORE DETAILED DESIGN BEGINS)
- *Automated Tools* compile behavioral models to actual circuits.

Lexical Conventions

- Close to C / C++.

- Comments:

```
// Single line comment
/* multiple
   lines
   comments */
```

- Case Sensitive

- Keywords:

- Reserved.

- lower case.

- Examples: **module, case, initial, always.**

- Numbers:

<size>'<base format><number>

- **Size:** No. of bits (optional).
- **Base format:**
 - b: binary
 - d : decimal
 - o : octal
 - h : hexadecimal

(DEFAULT IS DECIMAL)

Examples:

```
549          // decimal number
'h 8FF        // hex number
'o765        // octal number
4'b11        // 4-bit binary number 0011
3'b10x       // 3-bit binary number with least significant bit unknown
5'd3          // 5-bit decimal number
-4'b11       // 4-bit two's complement of 0011 or 1101
```

- **Identifiers:**

- Start with letter or (_).
- A combination of letters, digits, (\$), and(_).
- Up to 1024 characters.

Program Structure

- Verilog describes a system as a set of **modules**.
- Each module has an interface to other modules.
- **Usually:**
 - Each module is put in a separate file.
 - One top level module that contains:
 - ➔ Instances of hardware modules.
 - ➔ Test data.
- **Modules can be specified:**
 - Behaviorally.
 - Structurally.
- Modules are different from subroutines in other languages (never called).

Physical Data Types

- Registers (reg):

- Store values

```
reg x;           // 1-bit register
reg [7:0] A;    // 8-bit register
```

- Wires (wire):

- Do not store a value.
 - Represent physical connections between entities.

```
wire x;
wire [7:0] A;
```

- reg and wire data objects may have a value of:
 - **0** : logical zero
 - **1** : logical one
 - **X** : unknown
 - **Z** : high impedance
- Registers are initialized to **X** at the start of simulation.
- Any wire not connected to something has the value **X**.
- **How to declare a memory in verilog?**
reg [7:0] A [1023:0]; // A is 1K words each 8-bits

Operators

Binary Arithmetic Operators:

| Operator | Name | Comments |
|----------|----------------|---|
| + | Addition | |
| - | Subtraction | |
| * | Multiplication | |
| / | Division | Divide by zero produces an x, i. e., unknown. |
| % | Modulus | |

Relational Operators:

| Operator | Name | Comments |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| > | Greater than | |
| \geq | Greater than or equal | |
| < | Less than | |
| \leq | Less than or equal | |
| \equiv | Logical equality | |
| \neq | Logical inequality | |

Logical Operators:

Operator

!

&&

||

Name

Logical negation

Logical AND

Logical OR

Bitwise Operators:

| Operator | Name | Comments |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| \sim | Bitwise negation | |
| $\&$ | Bitwise AND | |
| $ $ | Bitwise OR | |
| \wedge | Bitwise XOR | |
| $\sim\&$ | Bitwise NAND | |
| $\sim $ | Bitwise NOR | |
| $\sim\wedge$ or $\wedge\sim$ | Equivalence | Bitwise NOT XOR |

Other operators:

Concatenation:

```
{A[0], B[7:1]}
```

Shift Left:

```
A = A << 2 ;           // right    >>
```

Conditional:

```
A = C > D ? B + 3 : B - 2 ;
```

IF Statement

- Similar to C/C++.
- Instead of { }, use **begin** and **end**.

```
if (A == 4)
begin
    B = 2;
end
else
begin
    B = 4;
end
```

Case Statement

- Similar to C/ C++
- No **break** statements are needed.

```
case ( A )  
1'bz: $display("A is high impedance");  
1'bx: $display("A is unknown");  
default: $display("A = %b", A);  
endcase
```

Repetition **for**, **while** and **repeat** Statements

- The **for** statement is very close to C's **for** statement except that the `++` and `--` operators do not exist in Verilog. Therefore, we need to use `i = i + 1`.

```
for(i = 0; i < 10; i = i + 1)  
  $display("i= %0d", i);
```

- The **while** statement acts in the normal fashion.

```
i = 0;  
while(i < 10)  
  begin  
    $display("i= %0d", i);  
    i = i + 1;  
  end
```

Example: NAND Gate

```
module    NAND  (out,  in2,  in1);
  input    in1,  in2;
  output   out;
  assign  #2  out = ~ (in1  &  in2); // Continuous
                                // Assignment
endmodule
```

AND Gate

```
module AND (out, in2,in1);  
  input in1, in2;  
  output out;  
  wire w1;  
  NAND n1(w1, in2, in1);  
  NAND n2(out, w1, w1) ;  
endmodule
```

Test

```
module TestAND;
reg in1,in2;
wire out;

AND a1(out, in2, in1);

initial begin :init
    in2=0; in1=0;
#10 in2=0; in1=1;
#10 in2=1; in1=0;
#10 in2=1; in1=1;
#10;
end

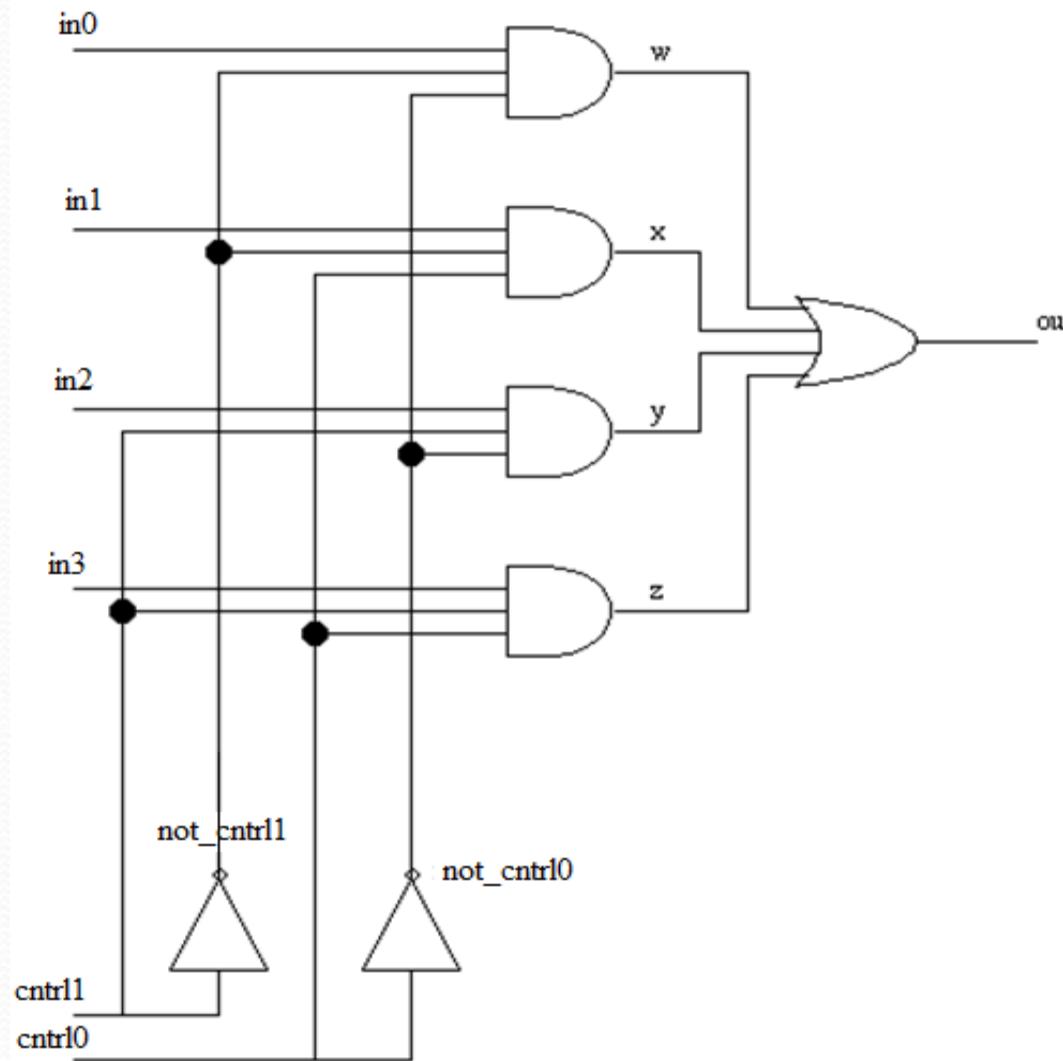
initial begin
$display("Time      in2      in1      out");
$monitor("%0d      %b      %b      %b", $time, in2, in1, out);
end

endmodule
```

Output

| Time | in2 | in1 | out |
|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | x |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 34 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

4-to-1 Multiplexor



Structural Gate-level model

```
module MUX_4x1 (out ,in4 , in3 , in2, in1 , cntrl0, cntrl1);
  output out;
  input in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl0, cntrl1;
  wire not_cntrl0, not_cntrl1, w, x, y, z;

INV  n0 (not_cntrl0, cntrl0);
INV  n1 (not_cntrl1, cntrl1);

AND3 a0 (w, in0, not_cntrl1, not_cntrl0);
AND3 a1 (x, in1, not_cntrl1, cntrl0);
AND3 a2 (y, in2, cntrl1, not_cntrl0);
AND3 a3 (z, in3, cntrl1, cntrl0);

OR4  o1 (out, w, x, y, z);
endmodule
```

Behavioral Gate-Level Model (RTL)

```
module MUX_4x1 (out ,in3 , in2 , in1, in0 , cntrl0, cntrl1);
  output out;
  input in0, in1, in2, in3, cntrl1, cntrl0;

  assign #4 out =  (in0 & ~cntrl1 & ~cntrl0) |
                  (in1 & ~cntrl1 & cntrl0) |
                  (in2 & cntrl1 & ~cntrl0) |
                  (in3 & cntrl1 & cntrl0);
endmodule
```

Behavioral Model

```
module MUX_4x1 (out ,in3 , in2 , in1, in0 , cntrl0, cntrl1);
  output out;
  input in0, in1, in2, in3, cntrl1, cntrl0;
  reg out; ←

  always @ (in0 or in1 or in2 or in3 or cntrl1 or cntrl0)
    #4 case ({cntrl1, cntrl0})
      2'b00 : out = in0;
      2'b01 : out = in1;
      2'b10 : out = in2;
      2'b11 : out = in3;
    endcase
  endmodule
```

Behavioral code: output out must now be of type reg as it is assigned values in a procedural block.

Test Module

```
module test;
reg i0,i1,i2,i3,s1,s0;
wire out;

MUX_4x1 mux4_1(out,i3,i2,i1,i0,s0,s1);

initial begin: stop_at
  #650; $finish;
end

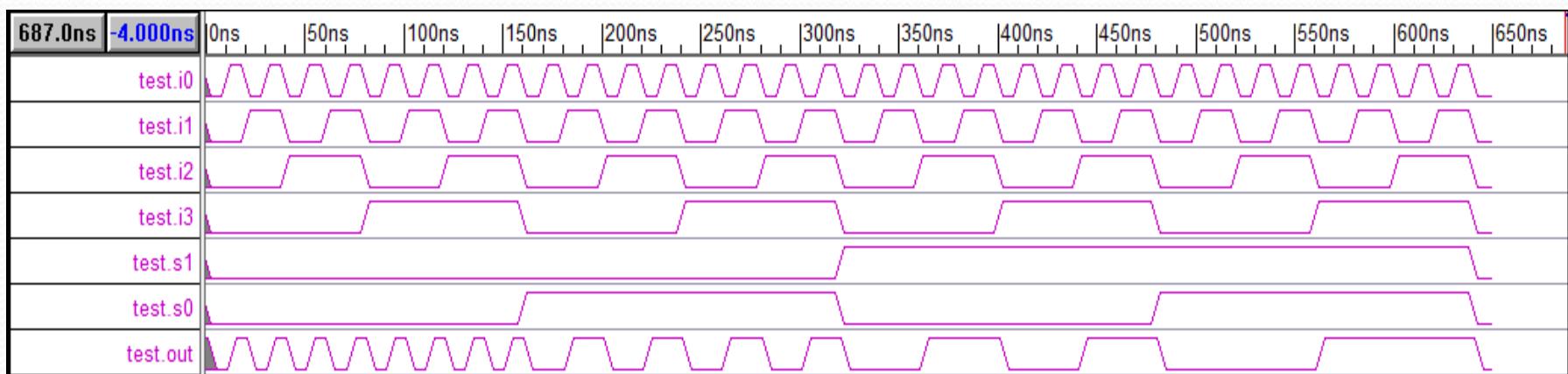
initial begin :init
i0=0; i1=0; i2=0; i3=0; s0=0; s1=0;

$display("*** Muliplexer 4 x 1 ***");
$display("Time      i3      i2      i1      i0      s1      s0      out  ");
$monitor("%d      %b      %b      %b      %b      %b      %b      %b  ", $time,i3,i2,i1,i0,s1,s0,out);
end

always #10 i0 = ~i0;
always #20 i1 = ~i1;
always #40 i2 = ~i2;
always #80 i3 = ~i3;
always #160 s0 = ~s0;
always #320 s1 = ~s1;

endmodule
```

The Output



T - Flip Flop

```
// Asynchronous T Flip-flop with reset (Negative-edge trigger)
module TFF (Q, T, clk, reset);
    input T, clk, reset;
    output Q;
    reg Q;
    always @ (negedge clk or posedge reset)
        begin
            #2;
            if (reset == 1)
                Q = 0;
            else if (T == 1)
                Q = ~Q;
        end
endmodule
```

2-bit Counter

```
module counter2bit (Q, clk, reset);  
output [1:0]Q;  
input clk, reset;  
  
//TFF (Q, T , clk , reset);  
TFF t0(Q[0], 1'b1, clk , reset);  
TFF t1(Q[1], 1'b1, Q[0], reset);  
endmodule
```

```
module project_test ;
reg reset, clk ;
wire [1:0] Q;

counter2bit f1(Q, clk, reset);

initial #200 $finish;

initial begin : init_block
    clk = 1'b0;
    #5 reset = 1'b1 ;
    #10 reset = 1'b0 ;
    $display ("Time          Q ");
    $monitor ("%0t          %0d ", $time, Q);
end
always #10 clk = ~clk;

endmodule
```

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Experiment 1: Introduction to Verilogger Pro

Objective:

The objective of this experiment is to introduce the student to the environment of the Verilog simulator, and write simple programs.

The VeriLogger Pro Environment:

When you start the VeriLogger Pro program, you will notice that there are four windows. The upper left is the **project window**; in this window you select the HDL source files to be simulated. The upper right window enables the programmer to add a free **parameter**. The lower left window is the place where you will see the **timing diagram** that shows the waveforms of the signals monitored throughout the simulation. The lower right window is the place where the contents of the **log file** can be seen, and the **errors of compilation** are displayed.

How to write a program that describes the operation of AND and NAND gates?
Perform the following steps:

1. **Open a new project** file by selecting “*New HDL Project*” from the **Project menu**. Name the project “**AND_project.hpj**”. The name is given when you select “*Save HDL Project As...*” from the **Project menu**.
2. **Open a new source file** by selecting “*New HDL File*” from the **Editor menu**. A new window should appear in which you should copy the following Verilog code.

```
// This module describes 2-input NAND gate behaviorally
module NAND (out, in1, in2);
    input in1, in2;
    output out;

    assign #2 out = ~ (in1 & in2);

endmodule
```

3. **Save this new HDL file** as “**NAND.v**” by selecting “*Save HDL File As...*” from the **Editor menu**.
4. **Add NAND.v to your HDL project** by selecting the project window, right click in the workspace of this window, and select “*Add HDL File(s)...*”.
5. Similar to Steps 2 through 4, **add to your project a new file named AND.v** that contains following code.

```
// This module describes 2-input AND gate structurally
module AND (out, in1, in2);
    input in1, in2;
    output out;
    wire w1;

    NAND N1 (w1, in1, in2);
    NAND N2 (out, w1, w1);

endmodule
```

6. Now you need to test your AND and NAND modules and verify that they operate properly. Similar to Steps 2 through 4, **add to your project a new file named **test.v**** that contains following code.

```

module test;
  reg in1,in2;           //declaring in1 and in2 as registers for inputs
  wire andout;           //declaring andout as wire for output

  AND  n1(andout,in1,in2); //Creating an instance of the module AND

  initial begin: stop_at      //This initial statement selects
    #100; $finish;           //an appropriate simulation period
  end                      //We choose it here to be 250 time units

  initial begin :init
    in1=0;
    in2=0; //Initially set in1 and in2 to zero

  /* The $display statement prints the sentence between quotations in the
   log file. It Operates in the same way the printf function does in the C
   language.*/
    $display("*** Table of changes ***");
    $display("Time      in1      in2      andout");

  /* The monitor statement prints the values of the different parameters
   whenever a change in the value of one of them or more occurs.*/
    $monitor("%0d      %b      %b      %b",$time,in1,in2, andout);
  end

  /* We use this always construct to continuously vary the values of
   the input registers in1 and in2, in order to have a simulation whose
   output continuously changes.*/
  always #10 in1 = ~in1;
  always #20 in2 = ~in2;

endmodule

```

7. After you have added the required files **start the program simulation** by clicking on the **green arrow**  in the center of the Tool bar. The results should appear in the log file and the waveforms should appear in the timing diagram.

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Experiment 2: 32-Bit ALU

Description

In this experiment, students have to design and test a 32-bit ALU with the block diagram shown in Figure 1 and the operations listed in Table I. The design should be done using Verilog structural programming by utilizing the modules available in the library *Library439.v* that is available online. It is advised that you follow the modular approach in your design, in which you start by designing small modules from which you build the larger modules.

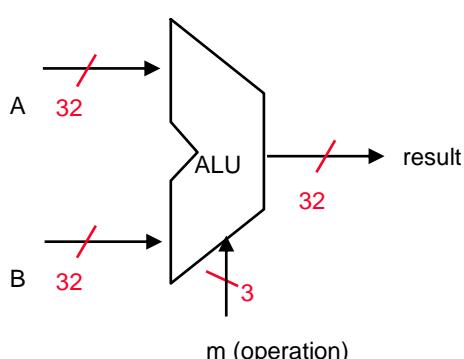


Figure 1. 32-bit ALU block diagram

| m (operation) | Function |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 000 | Or |
| 001 | And |
| 010 | Xor |
| 011 | Add |
| 100 | Nor |
| 101 | Nand |
| 110 | Slt (Set on less than) |
| 111 | Subtract |

Table I. Arithmetic and logic operations supported by the ALU

Procedure

- 1) Using modular design, you may start the design of the 32-bit ALU by considering the implementation of a 1-bit ALU shown in Figure 2. In order to build this circuit, most of the primitive and basic gates are available in the library *Library439.v*. However, you have to design the 1-bit full adder and the 8-to-1 multiplexer according the following specifications. Keep in your mind that your Verilog modules for these units should be structural.

a) **(Prelab.) 1-bit FA**

The block diagram and truth table for the full adder are shown in Figure 3. You should write a Verilog structural module to implement this logic circuit using the following template.

```
module FullAdder(Cout, sum, a, b, Cin);
    output sum, Cout;
    input Cin, a, b;

    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

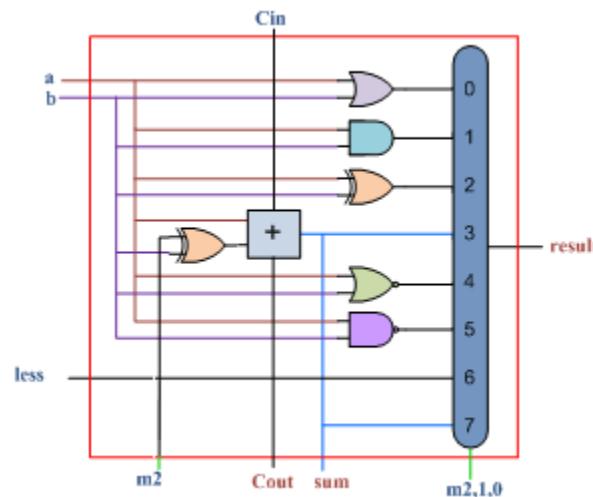


Figure 2. 1-bit ALU.

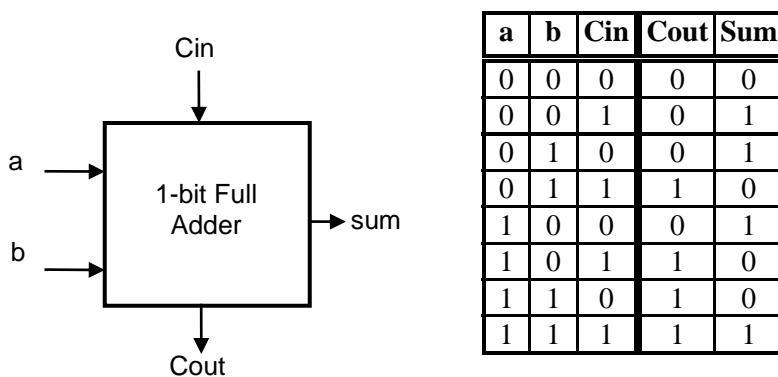


Figure 3. 1-bit FA block diagram and truth table.

b) **(Prelab.) 8-to-1 Multiplexor**

You should write a Verilog module that implements this multiplexor using structural modeling. Your module should use the following template.

```
module Mux_8_to_1(result, s, in);
    output result;
    input [2:0] s;
    input [7:0] in;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

2) Once you have built the full adder and the multiplexor, you can now move to the next level by writing the Verilog module that implements the 1-bit ALU using the following template.

```
module ALU_1(result, sum, Cout, Cin, a, b, less, m);
    output result, sum, Cout;
    input Cin, a, b, less;
    input [2:0] m;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

3) After you have designed the 1-bit ALU, you may choose to use 32 copies of this module to build the large 32-bit ALU. However, such approach is time consuming and requires a lot of effort in wiring-up these instances. Instead, consider building the 32-bit ALU using 8-bit ALUs. In this case you need to wire only 4 instances. So, consider writing a Verilog module for an 8-bit ALU using the 1-bit ALU designed in the previous step. Use the following template.

```
module ALU_8(result, sum, Cout, Cin, a, b, less, m);
    output [7:0]result, sum;
    output Cout;
    input Cin;
    input [7:0]a, b, less;
    input [2:0] m;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

4) Once you have built the 8-bit ALU, it is time to construct the 32-bit ALU. Use the following template for this purpose.

```
module ALU_32(result, a, b, m);
    output [31:0]result;
    input [31:0]a, b;
    input [2:0] m;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

Testing

Write a Verilog module to test your 32-bit ALU. The module should use the data given in Table II as a benchmark. Generate the timing diagram and estimate the maximum delay in your design.

| a | b | m |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 000 |
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 001 |
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 010 |
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 100 |
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 101 |
| 00000102 _h | 00000c0f _h | 110 |
| 000f0001 _h | 00000024 _h | 110 |
| 000f0001 _h | 00000024 _h | 011 |
| 000f0001 _h | 00000024 _h | 111 |

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Experiment 3: Register File

- **Description**

In this experiment, students have to design and test a register file with 32 32-bit registers to be used in the design of the MIPS like processor by the end of the semester. The register file to be designed is shown in Figure 1. It consists of 32 32-bit negative edge-triggered registers, one write port, and two read ports. The write port requires a decoding circuit in order to determine which register is enabled to receive the data available on the WriteData input based on the 5-bit address supplied on WriteReg port. This is done through the 5-to-32 decoder.

For the read ports, they are essentially built using 32-bit wide 32-to-1 multiplexors. The 5-bit read address ports, ReadReg1 and ReadReg2, are connected to the selection lines of the multiplexors to select the contents of the addressed registers.

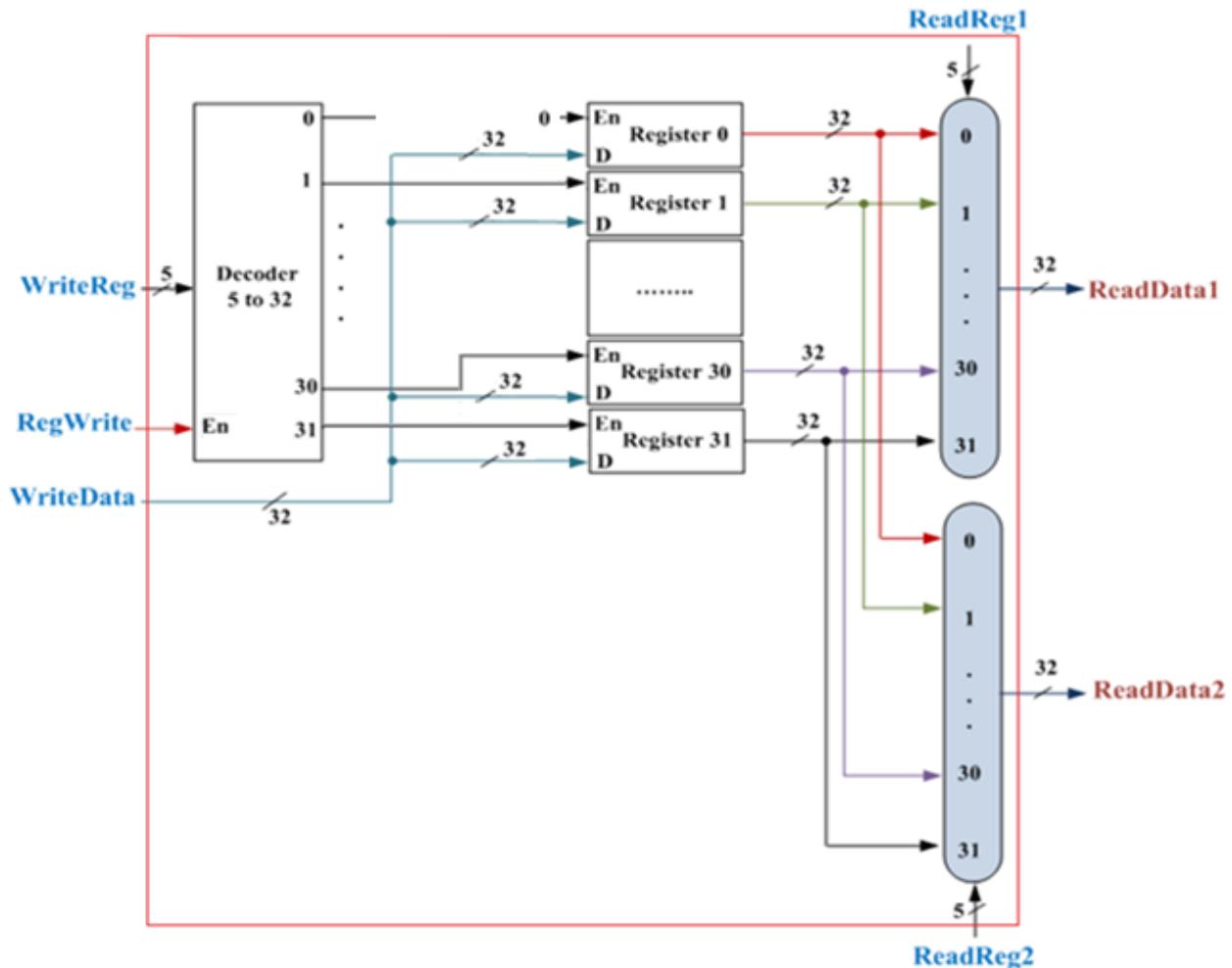


Figure 1. Layout of the register file.

- **Procedure**

The required register file is to be built using Verilog structural programming, unless otherwise stated, by utilizing the modules available in the library **Library439.v** that is available online. This has to be done in a modular fashion. We suggest that you follow the following steps in your design.

1) (Prelab.) 32-Bit Register

Instead of combining 32 negative edge-triggered flip-flops to build this unit, you may consider using 4 instances of the 8-bit register module **REG8negclk** that is available in the library. Your module should use the following template.

```
module REG32negclk (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);  
    input clk, reset, enable;  
    input [31:0] D;  
    output [31:0] Q;  
    // implementation details are left to the student...  
endmodule
```

2) (Prelab.) 32-Bit Multiplexor

Due to the complexity of designing and wiring-up a multiplexor of this size, we suggest building it using Verilog behavioral modeling. Your module should use the following template.

```
module Mux_32_to_1_32bit(out, s, in);  
    input [1023:0] in;  
    input [4:0] s;  
    output [31:0]out;  
    reg [31:0]out;  
  
    always @ (in or s)  
    #6 case (s)  
        5'd0 : out = in[31:0];  
        5'd1 : out = in[63:32];  
        // The student should complete all cases  
        5'd30 : out = in[991:960];  
        5'd31 : out = in[1023:992];  
    endcase  
endmodule
```

3) 5-to-32 Decoder

Building a decoder with this size could be cumbersome. Instead, consider building small decoders and then cascading them to obtain the 5-to32 decoder as follows:

a) 2-to-4 Decoder

You should write a Verilog module that implements this decoder using structural modeling. Your module should use the following template.

```
module Decoder2to4 (out, in, enable);  
    input enable; //active high enable  
    input [1:0]in;  
    output [3:0]out;  
    // implementation details are left to the student.....  
endmodule
```

b) 3-to-8 Decoder with enable

You should write a Verilog module that implements this decoder using structural modeling. Your module should use the following template.

```
module Decoder3to8 (out, in, enable);
  input enable; //active high enable
  input [2:0]in;
  output [7:0]out;
  // implementation details are left to the student.....
endmodule
```

c) 5-to-32 Decoder

You should write a Verilog module that implements this decoder using one instance of Decoder2to4 module and four instances of Decoder3to8 module only.

Your module should use the following template.

```
module Decoder5to32 (out, in, enable);
  input enable; //active high enable
  input [4:0]in;
  output [31:0]out;
  // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

4) The Register File

Once the previous modules have been implemented, it is time now to combine them into one block that implements the register file. Use the following template for this purpose.

```
module RegFile(readdatal ,readdata2, readreg1, readreg2,
               writedata, writereg, regwrite, clk, reset);
  input regwrite, clk, reset;
  input [4:0]readreg1, readreg2, writereg;
  input [31:0]writedata;
  output [31:0]readdatal, readdata2;
  // implementation details are left to the student.....
endmodule
```

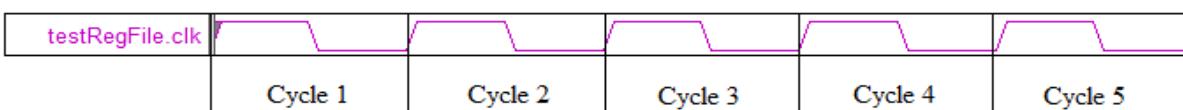
- **Testing**

Write a Verilog module to test your register file module. The test module should use the data given in Table I as a benchmark. Generate the timing diagram and estimate the maximum delay in your design.

Table I. Data to be used in design testing and verification.

| Cycle # | Clock | writedata | writereg | regwrite | readreg1 | readreg2 | reset |
|---------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000ff _h | 00011 _b | 0 | 00000 _b | 00011 _b | 1 |
| 2 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000150 _h | 00011 _b | 1 | 00011 _b | 00100 _b | 0 |
| 3 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000066 _h | 00100 _b | 1 | 00011 _b | 00100 _b | 0 |
| 4 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000008 _h | 00011 _b | 0 | 00011 _b | 01000 _b | 0 |
| 5 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000040 _h | 01000 _b | 0 | 00001 _b | 00101 _b | 0 |

The waveform for the clock signal should similar to the following one:



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Experiment 4: Instruction and Data Memories

- **Description**

In this experiment, students have to design and test the instruction memory in addition to the data memory in order to use them in the design of the MIPS like processor by the end of the semester. The block diagrams and specifications for these units are shown Figure 1.

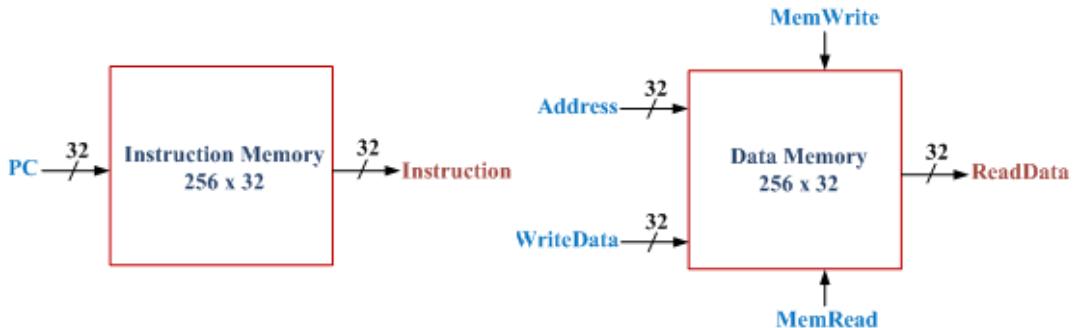


Figure 1. The Block Diagram for Instruction and Data Memories.

- **Procedure**

The required memories are to be built using Verilog behavioral programming.

1) ***Instruction Memory***

We just read from the instruction memory and we don't write it, and we read an instruction every cycle so we don't need an explicit read signal. Write a Verilog module to implement this memory and initialize it as given in the following module. You don't have to add further statements. *Pay attention that the memory is 32 bit wide, i.e. it is word-addressed, while the PC which contains the byte address. So, the contents of the program counter should be divided by 4.*

```

module Instruction_Memory(PC, instruction);
  input  [31:0] PC;
  output [31:0] instruction;
  reg    [31:0] instruction;
  reg    [31:0] IM [255:0];

  initial begin
    IM[0] = 32'h00000010;
    IM[1] = 32'h00000020;
    IM[2] = 32'h00000030;
    IM[3] = 32'h00000040;
    IM[4] = 32'h00000050;
  end

  //MIPS instruction is 4 Byte, Processor counts bytes not words
  always @ (PC )
    #15 instruction = IM[PC>>2]; //To get the correct
                                    //address, we divide by 4
endmodule
  
```

2) **Data Memory**

We write and read from the data memory, and we neither read nor write every cycle so we need explicit read and write signals. *Note that this data memory is also 32-bit wide, thus it is word-addressed. However, the memory address formed in LW and SW instructions is the byte address.* The data memory should be initialized such that each location has a number greater than the previous location by 1. For example, word 0 is initialized to 0x00000000, word 1 is 0x00000001, word 2 is 0x00000002 and so on. Use **for loop to do this initialization**. Based on this description, use the following template to implement this memory.

```
module Data_Memory(readdata, address, writedata, memwrite,
                    memread, clk);

    input [31:0] address , writedata ;
    input memwrite , memread , clk;
    output [31:0] readdata;

    // implementation details are left to the student.....
endmodule
```

- **Testing**

Write the Verilog modules to test your instruction and data memory modules. The test module for the instruction memory should use the data given in Table I as a benchmark, and the test module for the data memory should use the data given in Table II as a benchmark.

Table I. Test data for Instruction Memory

| PC |
|-----------------------|
| 00000000 _h |
| 00000004 _h |
| 00000008 _h |
| 0000000C _h |
| 00000010 _h |
| 00000014 _h |

Table II. Test data for Data Memory

| Cycle # | Clock | writedata | address | memread | memwrite |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 00000000 _h | 00000014 _h | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 000000e5 _h | 00000014 _h | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 00000f14 _h | 00000014 _h | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 0000000a _h | 00000018 _h | 0 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 0000009e _h | 00000014 _h | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 0000007f _h | 00000018 _h | 1 | 0 |

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Experiment 5: The Control Unit

- **Description**

In this experiment, students have to design and test the control unit to use it in the design of the RISC-V like processor. The control unit is responsible for generating all the signals required to control different elements of the processor datapath that will be designed in the next experiment. The values of control signals are determined based on the opcode and function fields of the RISC-V instructions. The block diagram and specifications for this unit is shown in Figure 1.

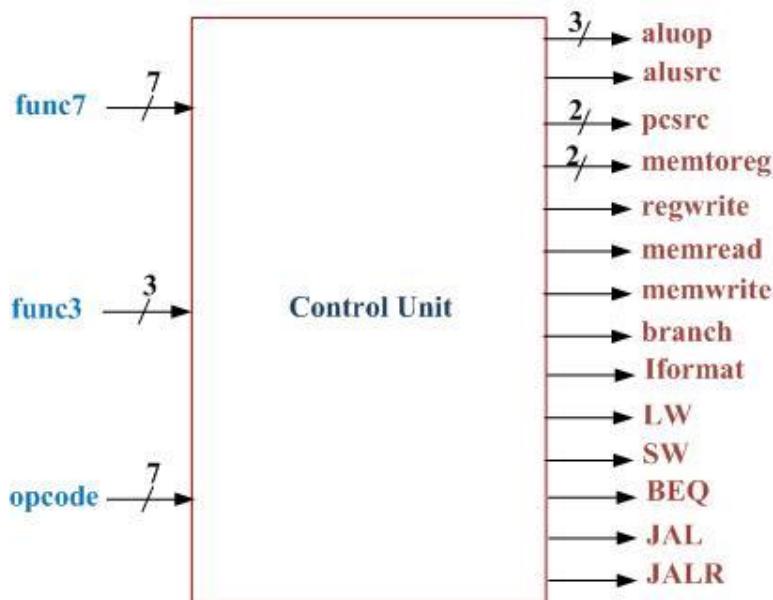


Figure 1. The Block Diagram for the Control Unit.

- **Procedure**

In order to build this control unit, you need to find the equations for the output signals which are shown on Table 1, then build these equations using **behavioral** modeling. Don't attempt to use logic minimization (e.g. K-maps) as the hardware has 17 inputs. Instead, use the following approach:

- 1) Derive equations for signals that identify instructions from their **opcodes**. For example, a signal **LW** which identifies a load instruction can have the following equation:

$$LW = \overline{op6} \cdot \overline{op5} \cdot \overline{op4}$$

This equation works because the load instruction is the only instruction type that has the most significant three bits of its opcode set to zero. Follow the same approach to write the equations for all instruction types. Notice that the first six instructions in the table share the same opcode; hence, only one equation is needed to identify them as R-format instructions. Similarly, the five I-format instructions share the same opcode and only one equation is needed to identify them.

Notice that six of these signals (i.e. Iformat, LW, SW, BEQ, JAL, JALR) will also be outputs of the control unit module because they will be needed in experiment 6.

2) Derive the equations for the output signals using the signals found in the first bullet. Most of the output signals (i.e. alusrc, pcsrc, memtoreg, regwrite, memread, memwrite, and branch) rely only on the opcode and are not affected by the function fields. For example, regwrite must be logic one for R-format, I-format, LW, JAL, and JALR instructions. Hence, the equation of regwrite can be derived as follows:

$$\text{regwrite} = R\text{format} + I\text{format} + LW + JAL + JALR$$

3) For aluop[2:0] output signals, the equations depend on the opcode as well as the function fields and can be derived by investigating the values given in Table 1. For example, the equation of aluop[2] can be as follows:

$$\text{aluop}[2] = R\text{format}.(\overline{\text{func3}[2]}\cdot\text{func3}[1] + \text{func7}[5]) + I\text{format}.(\overline{\text{func3}[2]}\cdot\text{func3}[1])$$

Your module should use the following template.

```
module ControlUnit(aluop, alusrc, pcsrc, memtoreg, regwrite,
                    memread, memwrite, branch, Iformat, LW, SW,
                    BEQ, JAL, JALR,
                    opcode, func3, func7);

    input [6:0] opcode, func7;
    input [2:0] func3;
    output [2:0] aluop;
    output [1:0] memtoreg, pcsrc;
    output alusrc, regwrite, memread, memwrite, branch, Iformat,
           LW, SW, BEQ, JAL, JALR;

    // implementation details are left to the student.....
```

endmodule

| instruction | opcode | func3 | func7 | aluop[2] | aluop[1] | aluop[0] | alusrc | pcsrc[1] | pcsrc[0] | memtoreg[1] | memtoreg[0] | regwrite | memread | memwrite | branch |
|-------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| OR | 0110011 | 110 | 0000000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AND | 0110011 | 111 | 0000000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| XOR | 0110011 | 100 | 0000000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ADD | 0110011 | 000 | 0000000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SLT | 0110011 | 010 | 0000000 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUB | 0110011 | 000 | 0100000 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ORI | 0010011 | 110 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ANDI | 0010011 | 111 | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| XORI | 0010011 | 100 | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ADDI | 0010011 | 000 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SLTI | 0010011 | 010 | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LW | 0000011 | 010 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SW | 0100011 | 010 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | x | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| BEQ | 1100011 | 000 | - | x | x | x | x | 0 | 0 | x | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| JAL | 1101111 | - | - | x | x | x | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x |
| JALR | 1100111 | 000 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x |

Table 1. Truth Table for the Control Unit

- **Testing**

(Prelab.) Write the Verilog modules to test your control unit module. The test module should use the data given in Table 2 as a benchmark. Generate the timing diagram for the control signals. *Estimate the maximum delay in your design.*

| opcode | func3 | func7 |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 0110011 _b | 110 _b | 0000000 _b |
| 0110011 _b | 111 _b | 0000000 _b |
| 0110011 _b | 100 _b | 0000000 _b |
| 0110011 _b | 000 _b | 0000000 _b |
| 0110011 _b | 010 _b | 0000000 _b |
| 0110011 _b | 000 _b | 0100000 _b |
| 0010011 _b | 110 _b | - |
| 0010011 _b | 111 _b | - |
| 0010011 _b | 100 _b | - |
| 0010011 _b | 000 _b | - |
| 0010011 _b | 010 _b | - |
| 0000011 _b | 010 _b | - |
| 0100011 _b | 010 _b | - |
| 1100011 _b | 000 _b | - |
| 1101111 _b | - | - |
| 1100111 _b | 000 _b | - |

Table 2. Test data for the Control Unit

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Experiment 6: Single Cycle Implementation

Description

In this experiment, students have to construct a Verilog module for a single cycle implementation of the RISC-V like processor that they have been working on since the beginning of the semester. This module should include the five modules that they have constructed in the previous experiments, namely: **ALU**, **RegFile**, **Instruction_Memory**, **Data_Memory**, and **ControlUnit** modules. Additionally, few small modules that required to support specific instructions are to be designed and implemented.

Procedure

The single cycle implementation to be designed is shown in Figure 2. In order to build this implementation, you need to design the following components and then connect them with the modules constructed in previous experiments. To simplify the design, these new modules are to be implemented using *behavioral modeling*.

- **Secondary modules**

- 1) **32-bit Adder**

Your module should use the following template: (**Adder delay = 50 ns**)

```
module Adder32bit (out, a, b);
    input [31:0] a, b;
    output [31:0]out;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

- 2) **Sign Extend Unit**

The Sign Extend unit should be able to handle the immediate extension regardless of the instruction's format. Figure 1 shows the different RISC-V instruction formats. Three instruction formats (i.e. I-type, S-type, and B-type) contain a 12-bit immediate and two instruction formats (i.e. U-type and J-type) contain a 20-bit immediate. For example, in case of the S-type, the Sign Extend unit needs to extract the 12-bit immediate from instruction bits [11:7] and [31:25] then extend it by replicating bit [31] of the instruction 20 times.

In order to extract immediate correctly, the Sign Extend unit needs to identify the instruction format. This can be done through the signals generated in the control unit which was designed in experiment 5. Notice that the I-type format is used by the immediate instructions (e.g. ADDI, ORI), the load instruction, and the jump-and-link-register instruction. The S-type is used by the store instruction, the B-type is used by the branch-if-equal instruction, and the J-type is used by the jump-and-link instruction. So and as an example, I-type input of the Sign Extend unit can be derived as follows:

$$I - type = Iformat + LW + JALR$$

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|--------|------------|----------|---------|--------|
| 31 | 30 | 25 24 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 15 14 | 12 11 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| | | funct7 | | rs2 | | rs1 | funct3 | | rd | | opcode |
| | | imm[11:0] | | | rs1 | funct3 | | rd | | opcode | I-type |
| | | imm[11:5] | | rs2 | | rs1 | funct3 | | imm[4:0] | | opcode |
| | | imm[12] | imm[10:5] | | rs2 | | rs1 | funct3 | imm[4:1] | imm[11] | opcode |
| | | | | | | | | | | | B-type |
| | | | | | imm[31:12] | | | | rd | | opcode |
| | | | | | | | | | rd | | opcode |
| | | | | | | | | | | | U-type |
| | | imm[20] | | imm[10:1] | | imm[11] | | imm[19:12] | | rd | opcode |
| | | | | | | | | | | | J-type |

Figure 1. RISC-V Instruction Formats

Your module should use the following template:

```
module SignExtend (SEout, in, Iformat, LW, SW, BEQ, JAL,
                   JALR);
  input [31:0]in;
  input Iformat, LW, SW, BEQ, JAL, JALR;
  output [31:0]SEout;

  // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

3) Comparator

Your module should use the following template. (**The delay = 10 ns**)

```
module Comparator32bit (equal, a, b);
  input [31:0]a, b;
  output equal;

  // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

4) 32-Bit Shift Left by 1 Unit

Your module should use the following template.

```
module ShiftLeft32_by1(out, in);
  input [31:0]in;
  output [31:0]out;

  // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

5) (*Prelab.*) 32 Bit 3-to-1 Multiplexor

Your module should use the following template. (**The delay = 6 ns**)

```
module Mux_3_to_1_32bit(out, s, i2, i1, i0);
  input [31:0] i2, i1, i0;
  input [1:0]s;
  output [31:0]out;

  // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

6) (Prelab.) 32 Bit 2-to-1 Multiplexor

Your module should use the following template. (The delay = 6 ns)

```
module Mux_2_to_1_32bit(out, s, i1, i0);
    input [31:0] i1, i0;
    input s;
    output [31:0]out;

    // implementation details are left to the student...
endmodule
```

7) The Program Counter

The program counter is a 32 bit register so we can use **REG32negclk** module which we have built in register file experiment.

● The Processor Module

Once you have implemented the previous modules, you can proceed and connect them to the modules you have built in earlier experiments. Your module should use the following template.

```
module Processor(clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    //REG32negclk ProgramCounter(Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    //Instruction_Memory(PC, instruction);
    //Adder32bit (out, a, b); for PC + 4
    //ControlUnit(aluop, ..., JALR, opcode, func3, func7);
    //SignExtend (SEout, in, Iformat, LW, SW, BEQ, JAL, JALR);
    //RegFile(readdatal, readdata2, ...., clk, reset);
    //Mux_2_to_1_32bit(out, s, i1, i0); for the input b of the ALU
    //ALU_32(result, a, b, m);
    //ShiftLeft32_by1(out, in);
    //Adder32bit (out, a, b); to calculate branch/jal target Address
    //Comparator32bit (equal, a, b);
    //AND (out, in1, in2);
    //Mux_2_to_1_32bit(out, s, i1, i0); branch/jal address or PC + 4
    //Mux_3_to_1_32bit(out, s, i2, i1, i0); select the final address
    //Data_Memory(readdata, address, ...., clk );
    //Mux_3_to_1_32bit(out, s, i2, i1, i0);
endmodule
```

Testing

- **(Prelab.)** It is required to test your design for the entire processor by filling the instruction memory module by the instructions sequence shown in the following table. You need to determine the machine code for these instructions based on Table 1 of the previous experiment.

Table 1: The Content of the Instruction Memory

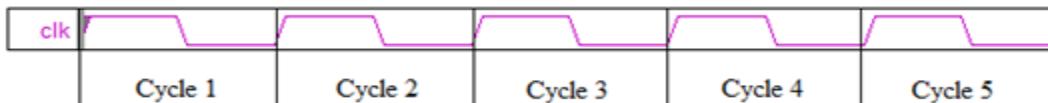
| Address | Instruction | Machine Code |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 00 | ORI $x_2, x_0, 5$ | 00506113 _h |
| 01 | LW $x_5, 4(x_0)$ | |
| 02 | SUB x_6, x_2, x_5 | |
| 03 | ADD x_6, x_6, x_6 | |
| 04 | JAL $x_1, 6$ | |
| 05 | SLTI $x_7, x_6, -4$ | |
| 06 | BEQ $x_7, x_0, 4$ | |
| 07 | JALR $x_0, 0(x_1)$ | |
| 08 | SW $x_6, 4(x_0)$ | |
| 09 | LW $x_8, 4(x_0)$ | |
| 10 | XORI $x_9, x_8, -1$ | |
| 11 | AND x_{10}, x_9, x_8 | |

- **(Prelab.)** Next, write a Verilog test module to test your processor module, your test module should run for 13 cycles.

Table 2: The Test Data for the Processor

| Cycle # | clk | enable | reset |
|---------|-------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |

The waveform for the clock signal should similar to the following one:



Your timing diagram should contain the following signals:

- Clock, reset, and enable.
- The output of the program counter (PC).
- The output of the instruction memory (Instruction).
- The output of the Sign Extend (SEout).
- The writedata, readreg1, readreg2, and writereg for the register file.
- The output for the registers $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9$, and x_{10} .
- The input and the output of the ALU (a, b, m, result).
- The output of the data memory.

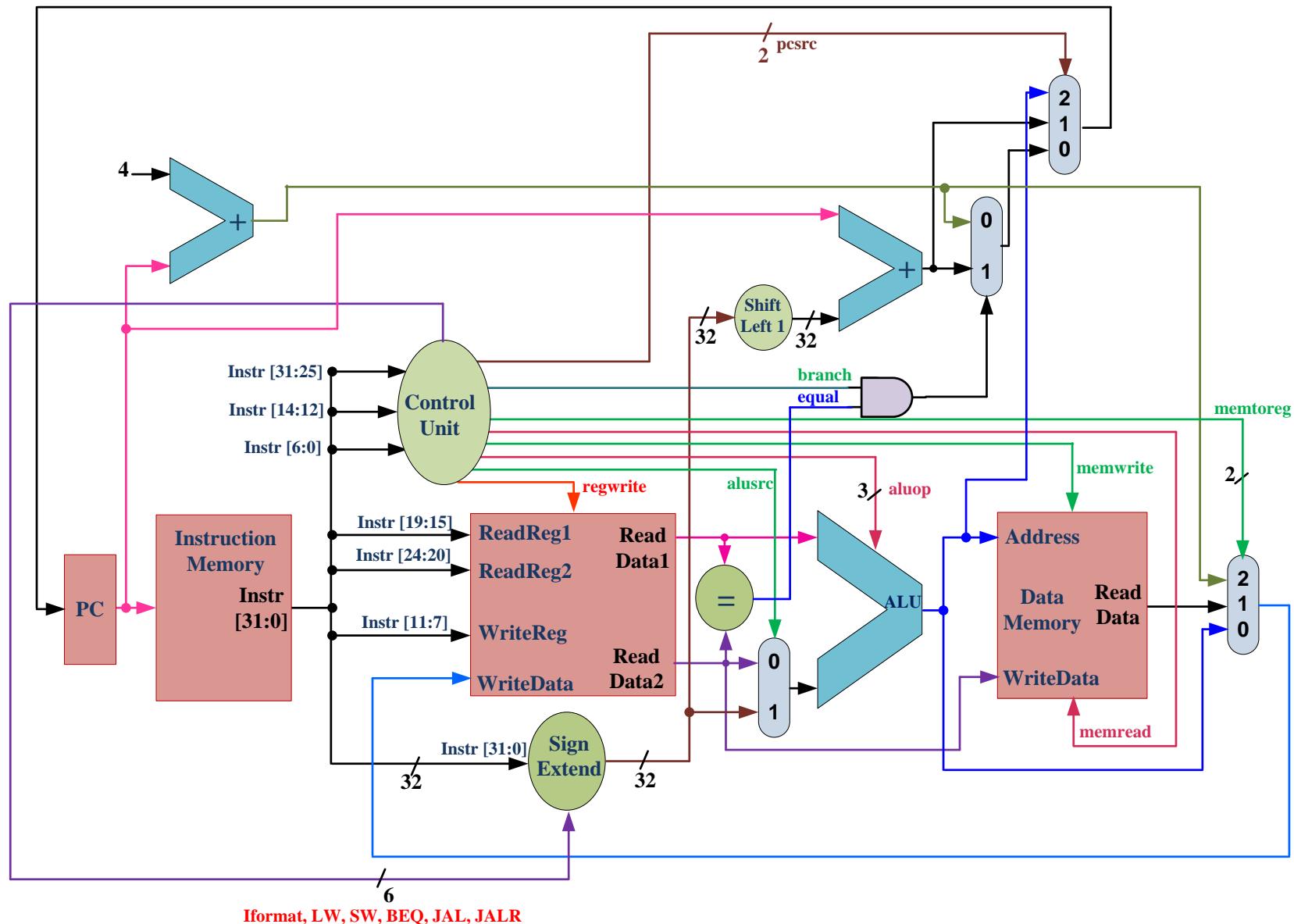


Figure 2. The Datapath of RISC-V Like Processor

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Experiment 7: Pipelined Implementation

Description

In this experiment, students have to construct a Verilog module for a 5-stage pipelined implementation of a RISC-V like processor. This module should include all modules that they have been used in the implementation of the single cycle processor in addition to few small modules that are required to the pipelined processor.

Procedure

The pipelined implementation to be designed is shown in Figure 1. In order to build this implementation, you need to design the following components structurally and then add them to the processor module which we built in the previous experiment.

- **Secondary modules**

- 1) **(Prelab.) The Program Counter**

We need to modify the program counter to make it a 32 bit register with *positive edge trigger* to enable us to make the pipelining, so you may consider using 4 instances of the 8-bit register module **REG8** that is available in the library **Library439.v**. Your module should use the following template.

```
module ProgramCounter (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    input [31:0] D;
    output [31:0] Q;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

- 2) **IF_ID Register**

We need to build the pipeline register between fetch and decode stages this register is a 96-bit register with positive edge trigger. Your module should use the following template.

```
module IFID (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    input [95:0] D;
    output [95:0] Q;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

3) ID_EX Register

We need to build the pipeline register between decode and execute stages this register is a 153-bit register with positive edge trigger. Your module should use the following template.

```
module IDEX (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    input [152:0] D;
    output [152:0] Q;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

4) EX_MEM Register

We need to build the pipeline register between execute and memory stages this register is a 106-bit register with positive edge trigger. Your module should use the following template.

```
module EXMEM (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    input [105:0] D;
    output [105:0] Q;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

5) MEM_WB Register

We need to build the pipeline register between memory and write back stages this register is a 104-bit register with positive edge trigger. Your module should use the following template.

```
module MEMWB (Q, D, clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    input [103:0] D;
    output [103:0] Q;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

● The Processor Module

Once you have implemented the previous modules, you can proceed and connect them to the modules you have built in earlier experiments. Your module should use the following template.

```
module PipelinedProcessor(clk, reset, enable);
    input clk, reset, enable;
    // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

Testing

- **(Prelab.)** It is required to test your design for the entire processor by filling the instruction memory by the instruction sequence shown in the following table. You need to determine the machine code for these instructions based on Table 1 in Experiment 5.

Table 1. The Content of the Instruction Memory

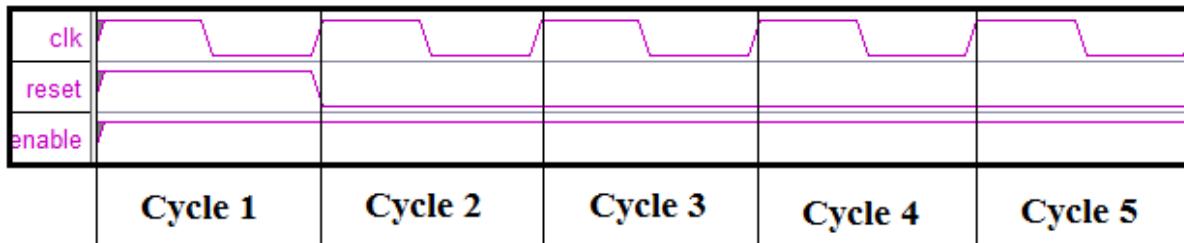
| Address | Instruction | Machine Code |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 00 | LW x1, 4(x0) | 00402083 _h |
| 01 | LW x2, 12(x0) | |
| 02 | LW x3, 20(x0) | |
| 03 | LW x4, 28(x0) | |
| 04 | AND x5, x1, x2 | |
| 05 | ORI x6, x3, 1023 | |
| 06 | SUB x7, x4, x2 | |
| 07 | XOR x8, x5, x4 | |
| 08 | ANDI x9, x6, 2047 | |
| 09 | SW x6, 8(x0) | |
| 10 | LW x10, 8(x0) | |
| 11 | OR x11, x7, x8 | |
| 12 | SLT x12, x1, x4 | |

- **(Prelab.)** Next, write a Verilog test module to test your processor module, your test module should run for **18** cycles.

Table 2. The Test Data for the Processor

| Cycle # | clk | enable | reset |
|---------|-------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 15 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 17 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | 1 to 0 to 1 | 1 | 0 |

The waveform for the clock, reset and enable signals should similar to the following one:



Your timing diagram should contain the following signals:

- a) *Clock, reset, and enable.*
- b) *PC (The output of the program counter).*
- c) *Instruction (The output of the instruction memory).*
- d) *The writedata, readreg1, readreg2, and writereg for the register file.*
- e) *The output for the registers x1, x5, x6, x7, x8, x9, x10, x11, x12.*
- f) *The input and the output of the ALU (a, b, m, result).*
- g) *The output of the data memory.*

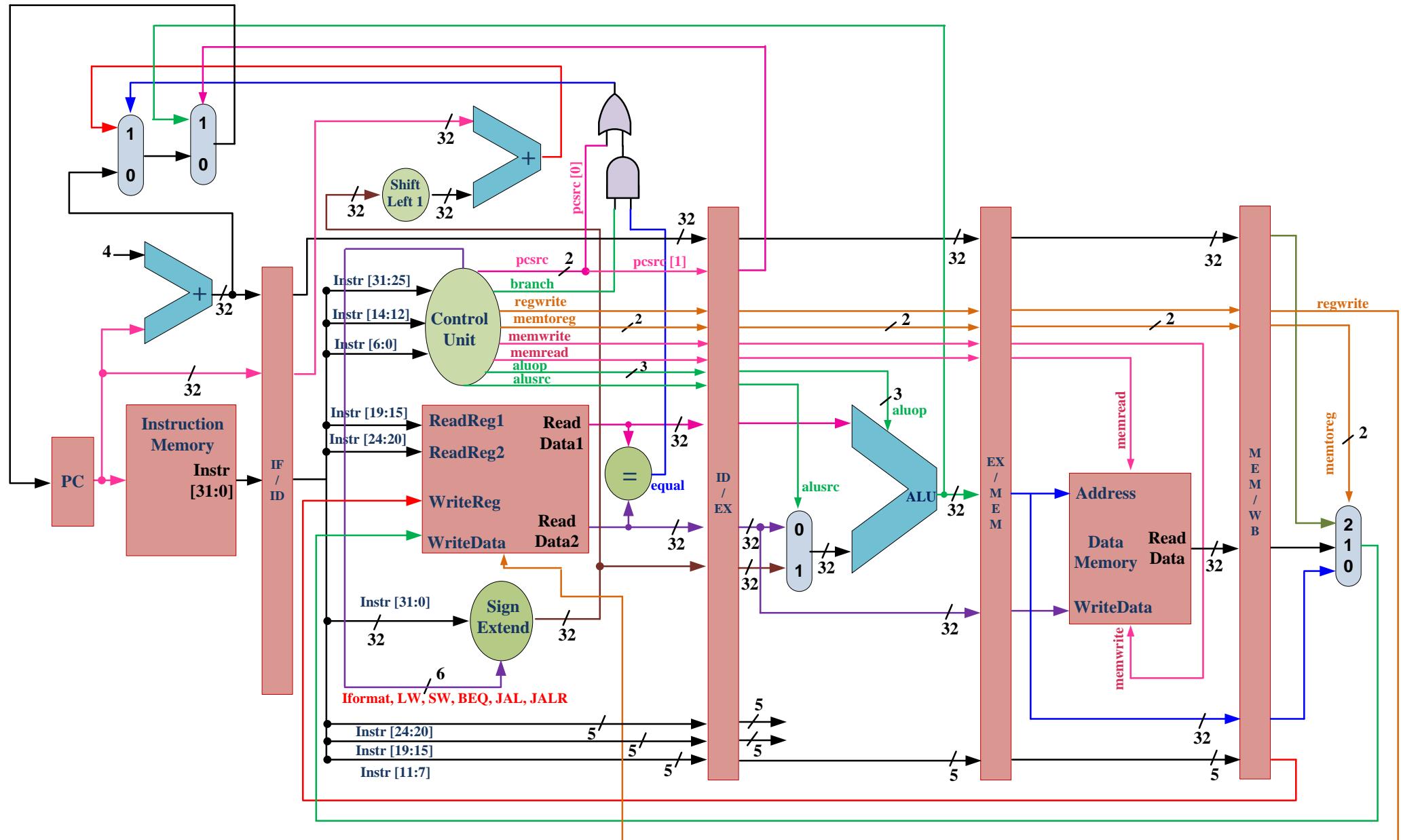


Figure 1: The Datapath of a 5-stage Pipeline RISC-V like Processor

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Experiment 8: Resolving Data Hazards using Forwarding

Description

In this experiment, students have to add a forwarding unit that is capable of resolving register-use data hazards for the pipelined processor that they implemented in experiment 7.

Register-use data hazards occur when there is dependence between consecutive instructions that are being executed in the pipeline. Specifically, when the registers read by a later instruction are effectively the destination for an earlier instruction, data hazards can occur. Consider for example:

```
add $1, $2, $3
sub $4, $1, $5
or $6, $1, $7
```

The last two instructions need to use the new value of \$1. However, the new value is written by the first instruction in the fifth cycle while it is needed in the second and third cycles for the second and third instructions, respectively, as shown in Figure 1 below:

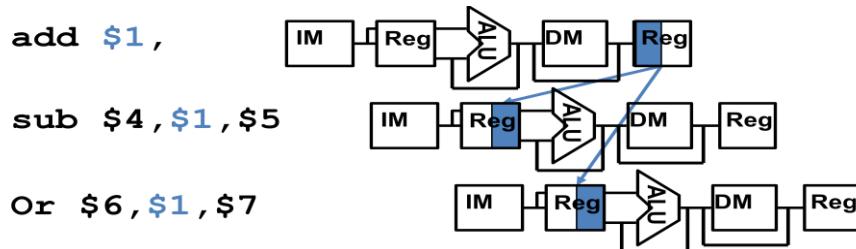


Figure 1. Illustration of data hazards.

In order to obtain correct operation, one solution would be to stall the pipeline for two cycles to wait until the value is written to the register file, as shown in Figure 2:

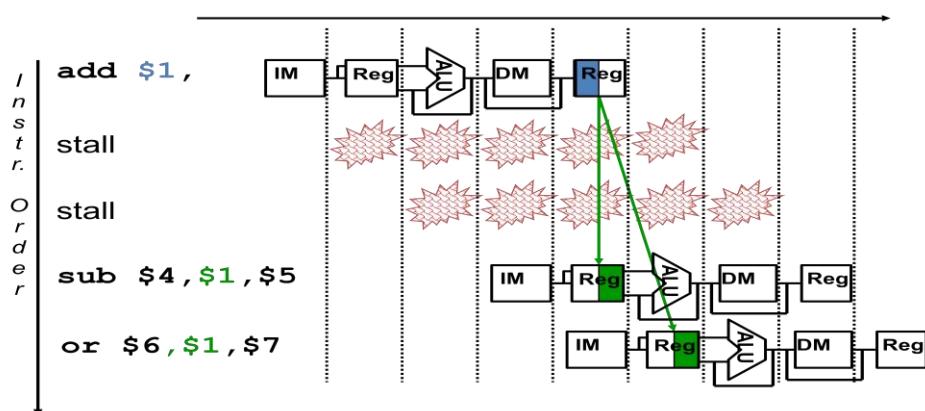


Figure 2. Solving data hazard by stalling the pipeline.

However, this solution affects the performance of the pipeline. Alternatively, we know that the new value for \$1 is computed and stored in the EX/MEM register by the end of the third cycle. So, we can use this value before it is written to the register file by forwarding to the ALU input and use it instead of the old value(s). Note how the value should be forwarded from the EX/MEM for the second instruction and from the MEM/WB register for the third instruction to the ALU inputs as shown in Figure 3. In other words, the inputs to the ALU are no longer the values read from the register file when the data hazard exists.

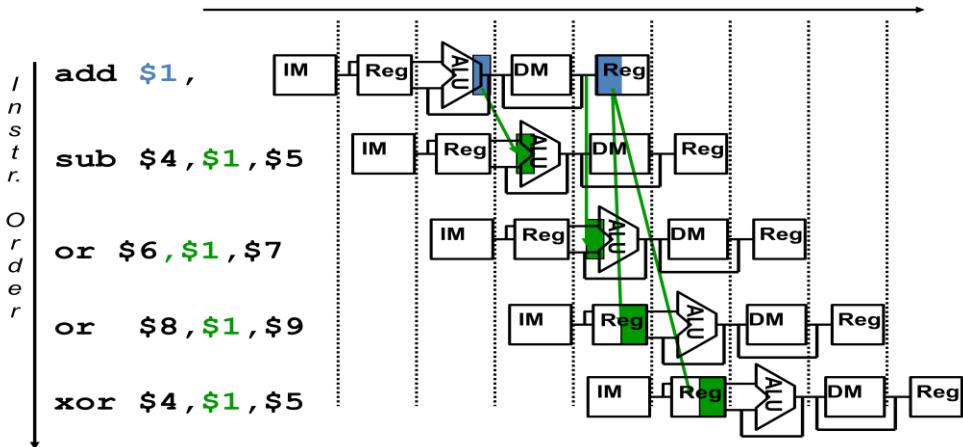


Figure 3. Solving data hazard by forwarding.

The forwarding hardware is essentially a logic circuit that consists of a set of comparators that compare the destination and source registers for consecutive instructions in addition to a set of multiplexers connected to the ALU inputs as shown in Figure 4.

If the source register(s) (rs1 and/or rs2) for some instruction that has been decoded (stored in the ID/EX register) matches the destination register for the instruction that has passed the execute stage (stored in the EX/MEM register), then the input to the ALU should be the ALU result found in the EX/MEM register instead of the values read for the conflicting instruction in the decode stage. The same argument holds for the case when the source register(s) for an instruction matches the destination register for an earlier instruction that has finished the memory stage (stored in the MEM/WB register).

Basically, the forwarding unit hardware should implement the following conditions

1) Forwarding from the memory stage:

- a. if (EX/MEM.RegWrite && (EX/MEM.RegRd == ID/EX.RegRs1) && (EX/MEM.RegRd != 0))

ForwardA[0] = 1;

- b. if (EX/MEM.RegWrite && (EX/MEM.RegRd == ID/EX.RegRs2) && (EX/MEM.RegRd != 0))

ForwardB[0] = 1;

2) Forwarding from the write-back stage:

- a. if (MEM/WB.RegWrite && (MEM/WB.RegRd == ID/EX.RegRs1) && (EX/MEM.RegRd != ID/EX.RegRs1) || (EX/MEM.RegWrite==0)) && (MEM/WB.RegRd != 0))

ForwardA[1] = 1;

- b. if (MEM/WB.RegWrite and (MEM/WB.RegRd == ID/EX.RegRs2) and (EX/MEM.RegRd != ID/EX.RegRs2) || (EX/MEM.RegWrite==0)) && (MEM/WB.RegRd != 0))

ForwardB[1] = 1;

The ForwardA and ForwardB signals are outputs from the forwarding unit and are used to select the proper input to the ALU.

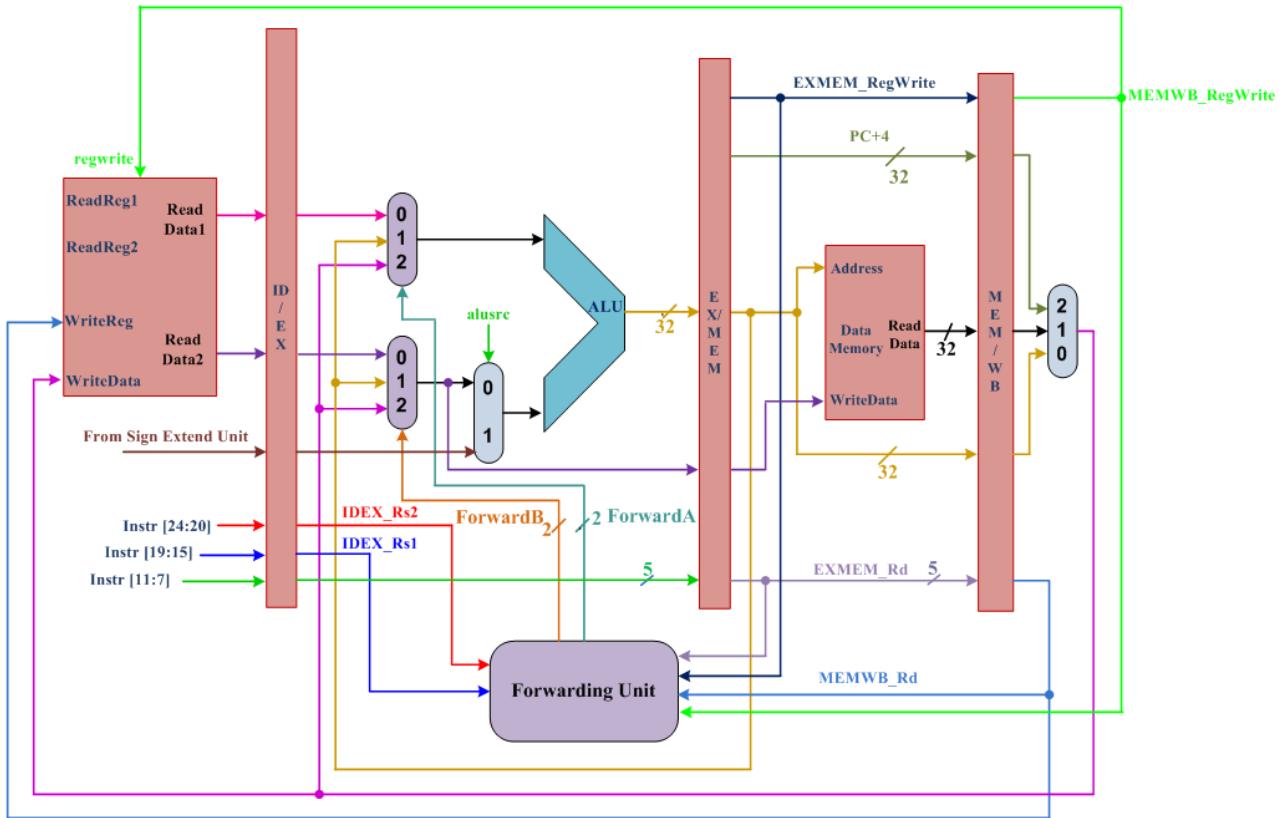


Figure 4. Incorporating Forwarding within the Pipeline.

Procedure

In order to incorporate the forwarding unit in your design, you need to implement the forwarding unit and use 32-bit 3-to-1 multiplexers at the ALU inputs. Then, you should wire these new modules with the pipelined implementation as shown in Figure 4.

1) (Prelab.) 5-Bit Comparator

You need to write a structural Verilog module for 5-bit comparator. Your module should use the following template:

```
module Comparator5bit (equal, a, b);
  input [4:0]a, b;
  output equal;
  // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

2) The Forwarding Unit

You need to build the forwarding unit structurally using 5-bit comparator and any necessary gates. Your module should use the following template:

```
module ForwardingUnit(ForwardA, ForwardB, EXMEM_Rd,
                      MEMWB_Rd, IDEX_Rs1, IDEX_Rs2,
                      EXMEM_RegWrite, MEMWB_RegWrite);

  input [4:0] EXMEM_Rd, MEMWB_Rd, IDEX_Rs1, IDEX_Rs2;
  input EXMEM_RegWrite, MEMWB_RegWrite;
  output [1:0]ForwardA, ForwardB;
  // implementation details are left to the student
endmodule
```

3) The processor module

You need to modify the pipelined processor module by adding the forwarding unit and ALU multiplexers and any needed modifications.

Testing

- **(Prelab.)** Write the Verilog module to test your forwarding unit. The test module for this unit should use the data given in Table 1 as a benchmark,

Table 1. Test data for Forwarding Unit

| EXMEM_Rd | MEMWB_Rd | IDEX_Rs1 | IDEX_Rs2 | EXMEM_RegWrite | MEMWB_RegWrite |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 0 | 0 |
| 5'b00001 | 5'b00011 | 5'b00001 | 5'b00000 | 1 | 0 |
| 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 5'b00001 | 0 | 1 |
| 5'b00011 | 5'b00010 | 5'b00101 | 5'b00010 | 1 | 1 |
| 5'b00101 | 5'b00101 | 5'b00101 | 5'b00110 | 1 | 1 |

- **(Prelab.)** Next, it is required to test your design for the pipelined processor by filling the instruction memory module by the instruction sequence shown in Table 2.

Table 2. The Content of the Instruction Memory

| Address | Instruction | Machine Code |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 00 | LW x1, 4 (x0) | 00402083 _h |
| 01 | LW x2, 12 (x0) | |
| 02 | LW x3, 20 (x0) | |
| 03 | LW x4, 28 (x0) | |
| 04 | ADD x5, x2, x1 | |
| 05 | AND x6, x5, x5 | |
| 06 | SLTI x6, x5, 3 | |
| 07 | OR x7, x2, x4 | |
| 08 | XOR x7, x2, x4 | |
| 09 | ADD x8, x7, x7 | |

- **(Prelab.)** Next, write a Verilog test module to test your processor module
 - Your Timing diagram should contain the following signals:
 - PC (The output of the program counter).
 - Instruction (The output of the instruction memory).
 - The writedata, readreg1, readreg2, and writereg for the register file.
 - The output for the registers x5, x6, x7, x8.
 - The input and the output of the ALU (a, b, m, result).
 - The output of forwarding unit (ForwardA, ForwardB).
 - Calculate number of cycles needed to execute the above code.

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Experiment 9: Resolving Control Hazards

Description

In the previous experiment, students worked on resolving one out of several cases where data dependencies between instructions may cause data hazards in pipelining. In this experiment, students have to modify their pipelining implementation to accommodate for a new type of pipelining hazards; namely, control hazards.

Control hazards arise when executing program flow control instructions such as beq, jal, and jalr. After these instructions are fetched (i.e. stored in the IF/ID register), the processor starts fetching the following instruction (i.e. instruction at PC+4). In case of beq instruction, fetching the instruction at PC+4 might not be correct if the condition evaluates to true (i.e. equal = 1) which is done by the comparator in the decode stage. Instead, the processor should have fetched the instruction pointed-to by the branch target address (i.e. $PC \text{ of branch } + \text{SignExtend(immediate)} \times 2$) which is computed by the adder in the decode stage.

In case of **unconditional** flow instructions (i.e. jal and jalr), fetching the instruction at PC+4 is always wrong since the processor is supposed to fetch the instruction pointed-to by the target address. Notice the target address of jal (i.e. $PC \text{ of jal } + \text{SignExtend(immediate)} \times 2$) is computed using the adder in the decode stage (i.e. same as beq instruction). On the other hand, the target address of jalr (i.e. $(rs1) + \text{SignExtend(immediate)}$) is computed by the ALU in the execute stage.

In order to resolve these hazards, all instructions that are fetched wrongly have to be removed (flushed) from the pipeline. Since beq and jal instructions are resolved in the decode stage (i.e. branch condition is evaluated and target address is computed), we only need to flush the instruction in the fetch stage. On the other hand, jalr instruction is resolved in the execute stage and the instructions in the fetch and decode stage must be flushed.

The flushing is implemented by resetting the stage register(s) when the control hazard is detected. For beq instruction, the control hazard is detected when the beq is in the decode stage (i.e. branch control signal = 1) and the comparator output (i.e. equal) is 1. For jal instruction, the control hazard is detected when the jal is in the decode stage (i.e. psrc[0] = 1). Hence, for beq and jal instructions we only need to reset the IF/ID register in order to flush the instruction in the fetch stage. The required hardware to handle control hazards of beq and jal instructions is shown in Figure 1.

For jalr instruction, the control hazard is detected when the jalr is in the execute stage (i.e. psrc[1] in execute stage = 1) and we need to reset the IF/ID and ID/EX registers in order to flush the instructions in the fetch and decode stages, respectively. The required hardware to handle control hazards of jalr instruction is also shown in Figure 1.

Notice that our hardware already selects one of three options when updating the PC value: $PC + 4$, target address of `beq/jal` computed in the decode stage, and target address of `jal` computed in the execute stage.

Procedure

1) The processor module

You need to modify the pipelined processor module by **adding the OR gates required to resolve the control hazards** and **make the needed modifications**.

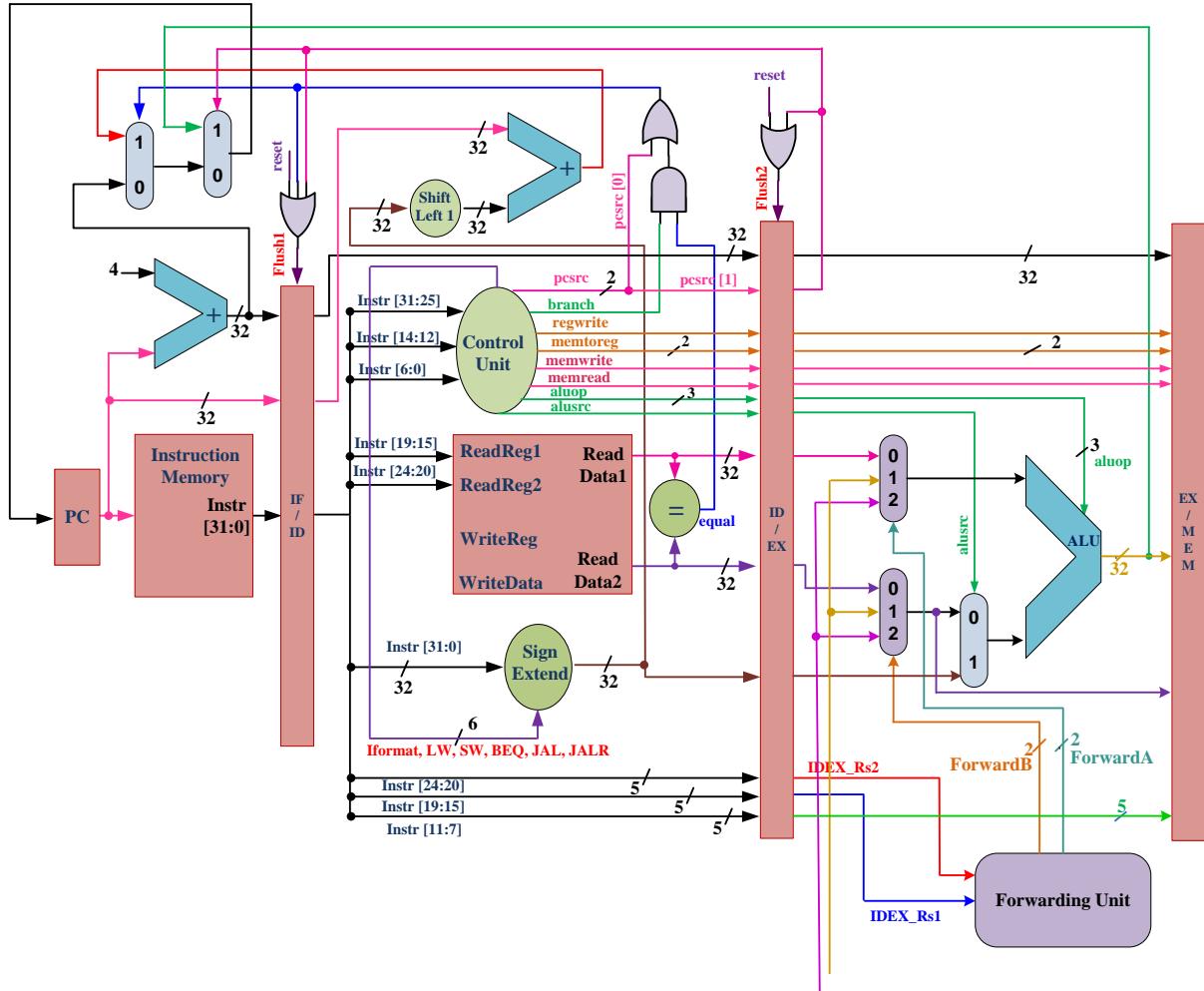


Figure 1: Resolving Control Hazards

Testing

- **(Prelab.)** Test your design for the pipelined processor by filling the instruction memory by the instruction sequence shown in Table 1.

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| 03 | LW x4, 28(x0) | |
| 04 | AND x5, x1, x3 | |
| 05 | ORI x6, x5, 1023 | |
| 06 | SUB x8, x4, x2 | |
| 07 | JAL x1, 8 | |
| 08 | XOR x7, x5, x6 | |
| 09 | SW x7, 8(x0) | |
| 10 | BEQ x8, x4, 10 | |
| 11 | ADDI x8, x8, 3 | |
| 12 | SW x5, 8(x0) | |
| 13 | SW x6, 24(x0) | |
| 14 | JALR x0, 0(x1) | |
| 15 | SUB x9, x8, x3 | |
| 16 | SLT x10, x9, x4 | |

- **(Prelab.)** Next, write a Verilog test module to test your processor module
 - *Your timing diagram should contain the following signals:*
 - The output of the program counter (PC)*
 - The output of IFID register and INDEX register.*
 - The output for the registers R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10.*
 - The output of forwarding unit (ForwardA, ForwardB).*
 - Flush1 and Flush2.*
 - The writedata and memwrite for the data memory.*
 - *Calculate number of cycles needed to execute the above code.*

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Basic MIPS Pipelining – Part II

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Pipelining the MIPS ISA

❑ What makes it easy

- all instructions are the **same length** (32 bits)
 - can fetch in the 1st stage and decode in the 2nd stage
- **few instruction formats** (three) with **symmetry** across formats
 - can begin reading register file in 2nd stage
- memory operations can occur only in loads and stores
 - can use the execute stage to calculate memory addresses
- each MIPS instruction writes at most one result (i.e., changes the machine state) and does so near the end of the pipeline (MEM and WB)

❑ What makes it hard

- **structural hazards**: what if we had only one memory?
- **control hazards**: what about branches?
- **data hazards**: what if an instruction's input operands depend on the output of a previous instruction?

Can Pipelining Get Us Into Trouble?

❑ Yes: Pipeline Hazards

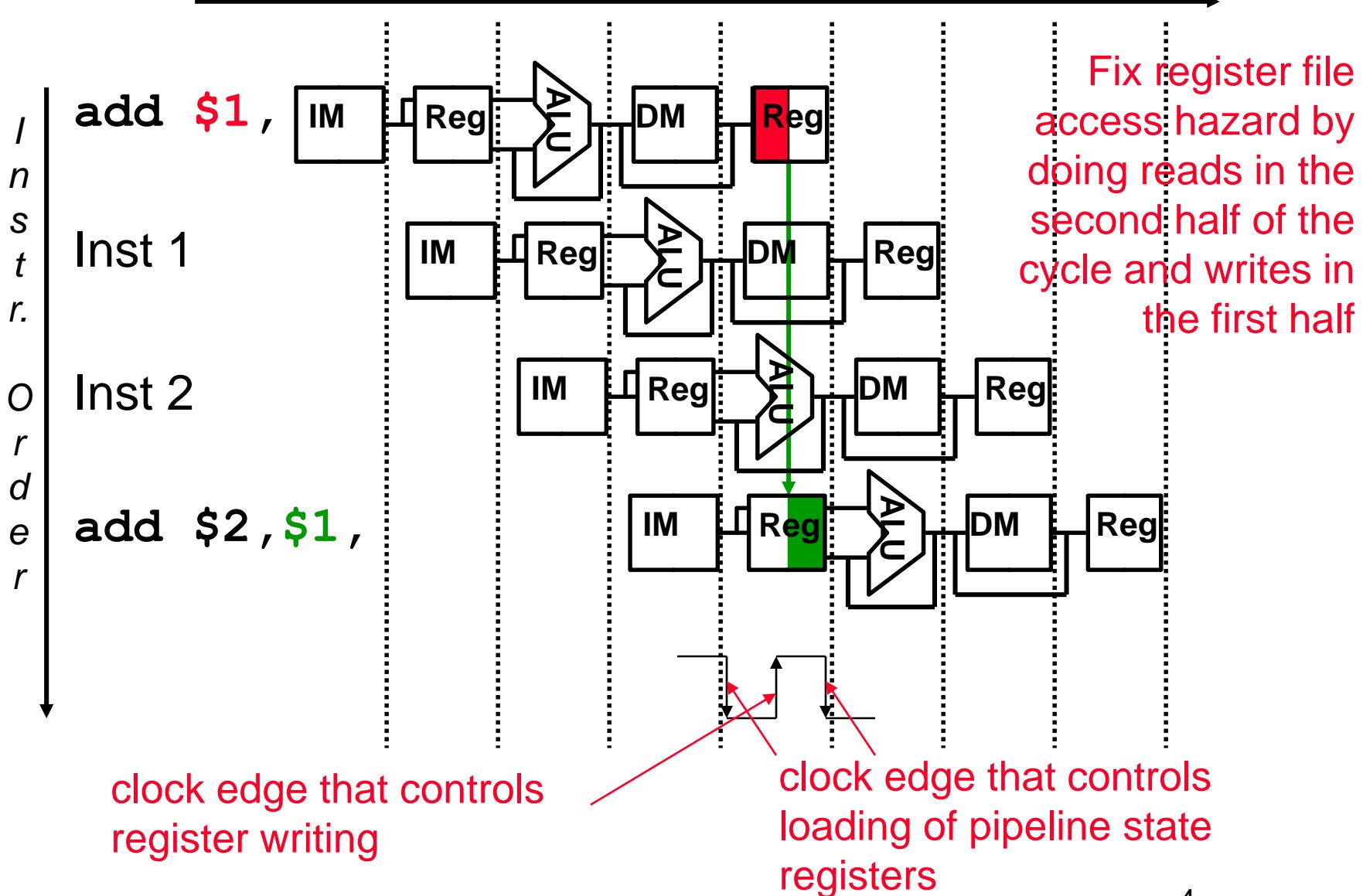
- **structural hazards**: attempt to use the same resource by two different instructions at the same time
- **data hazards**: attempt to use data before it is ready
 - An instruction's source operand(s) are produced by a prior instruction still in the pipeline
 - Note that data hazards can come from R-type instructions or lw instructions
- **control hazards**: attempt to make a decision about program control flow before the condition has been evaluated and the new PC target address calculated
 - branch instructions

❑ Can always resolve hazards by [waiting](#)

- pipeline control must detect the hazard
- and take action to resolve hazards

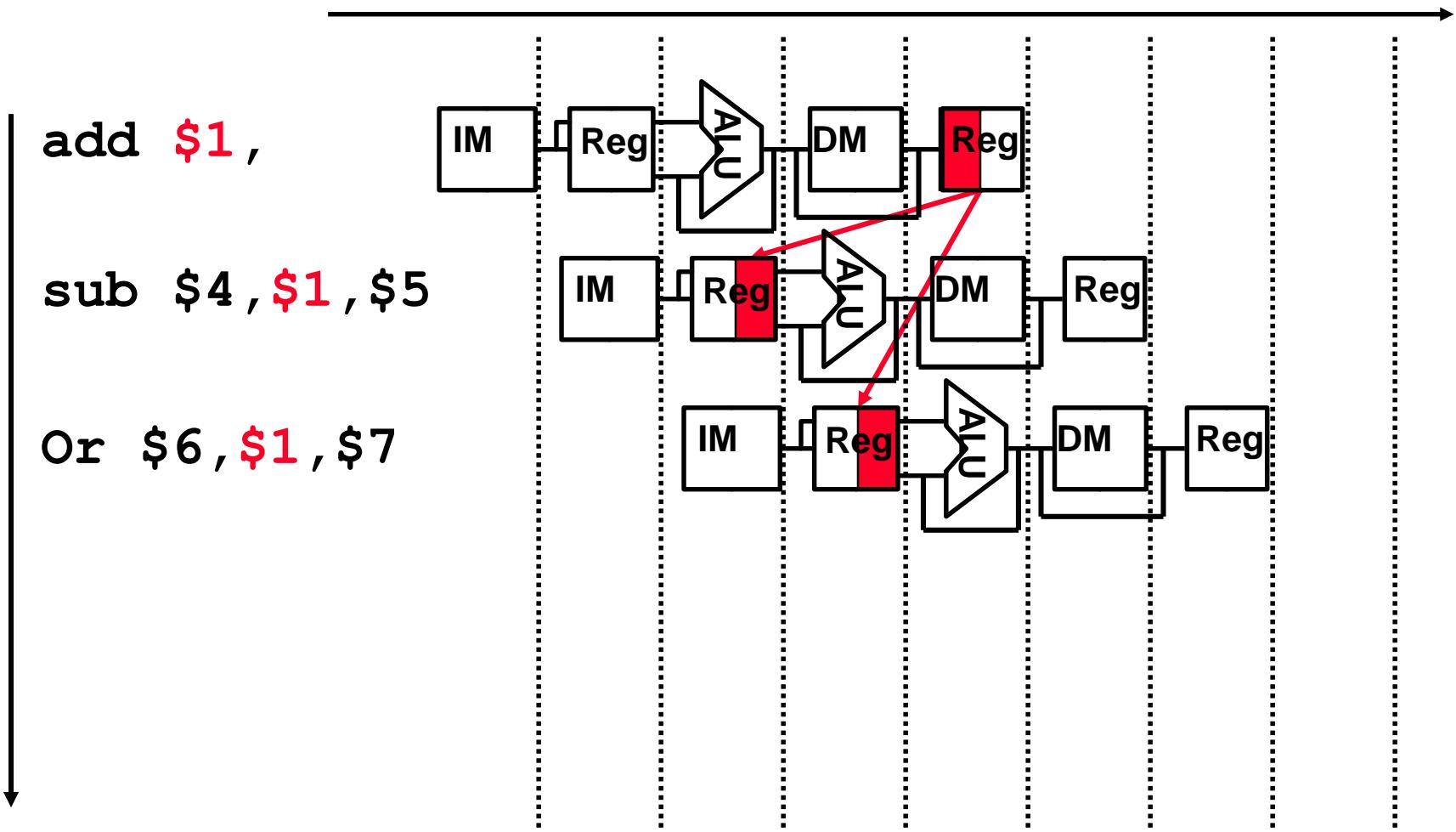
Structural Hazard – Register File

Time (clock cycles)



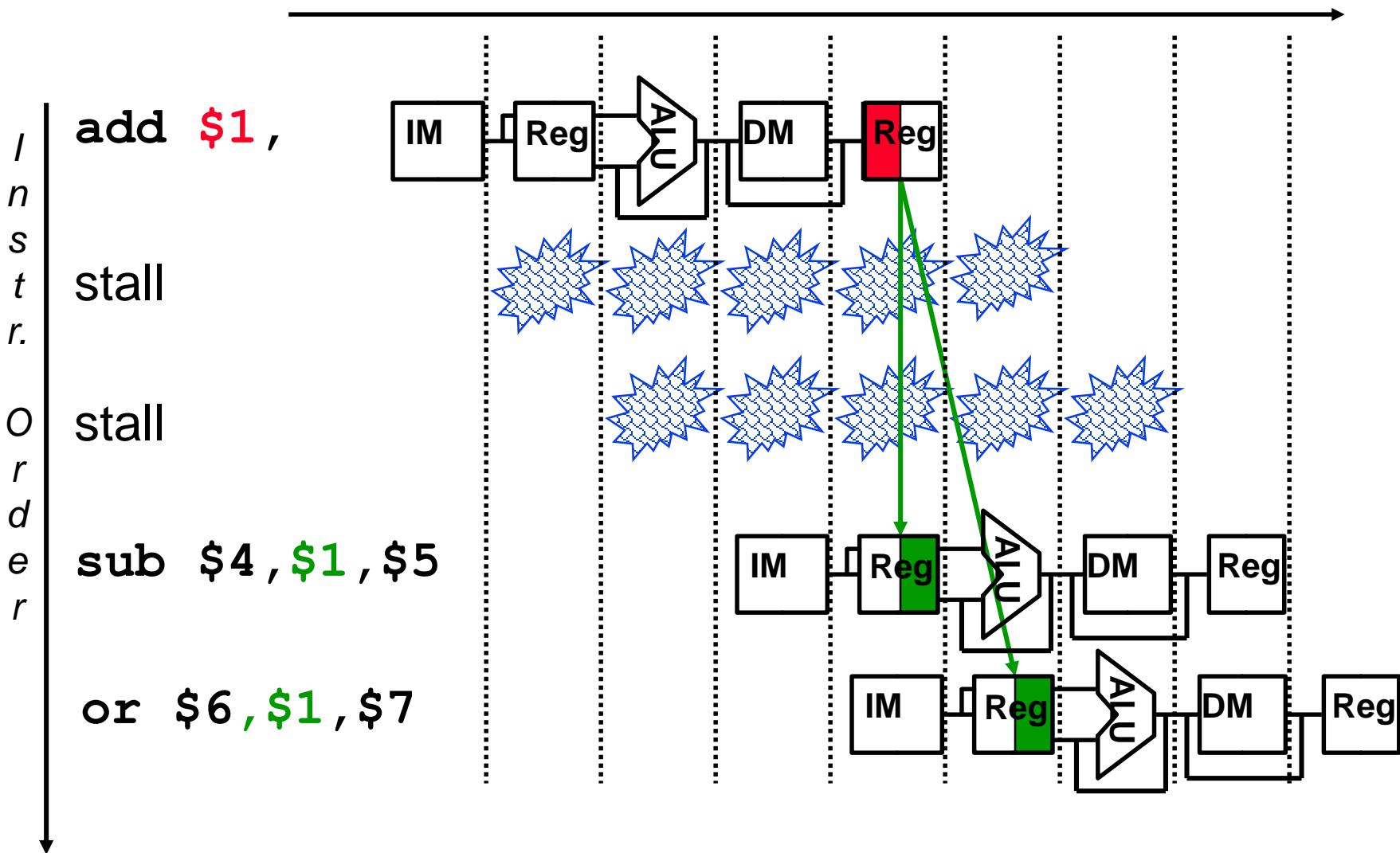
Data Hazards with Register Usage

- Dependencies backward in time cause **hazards**

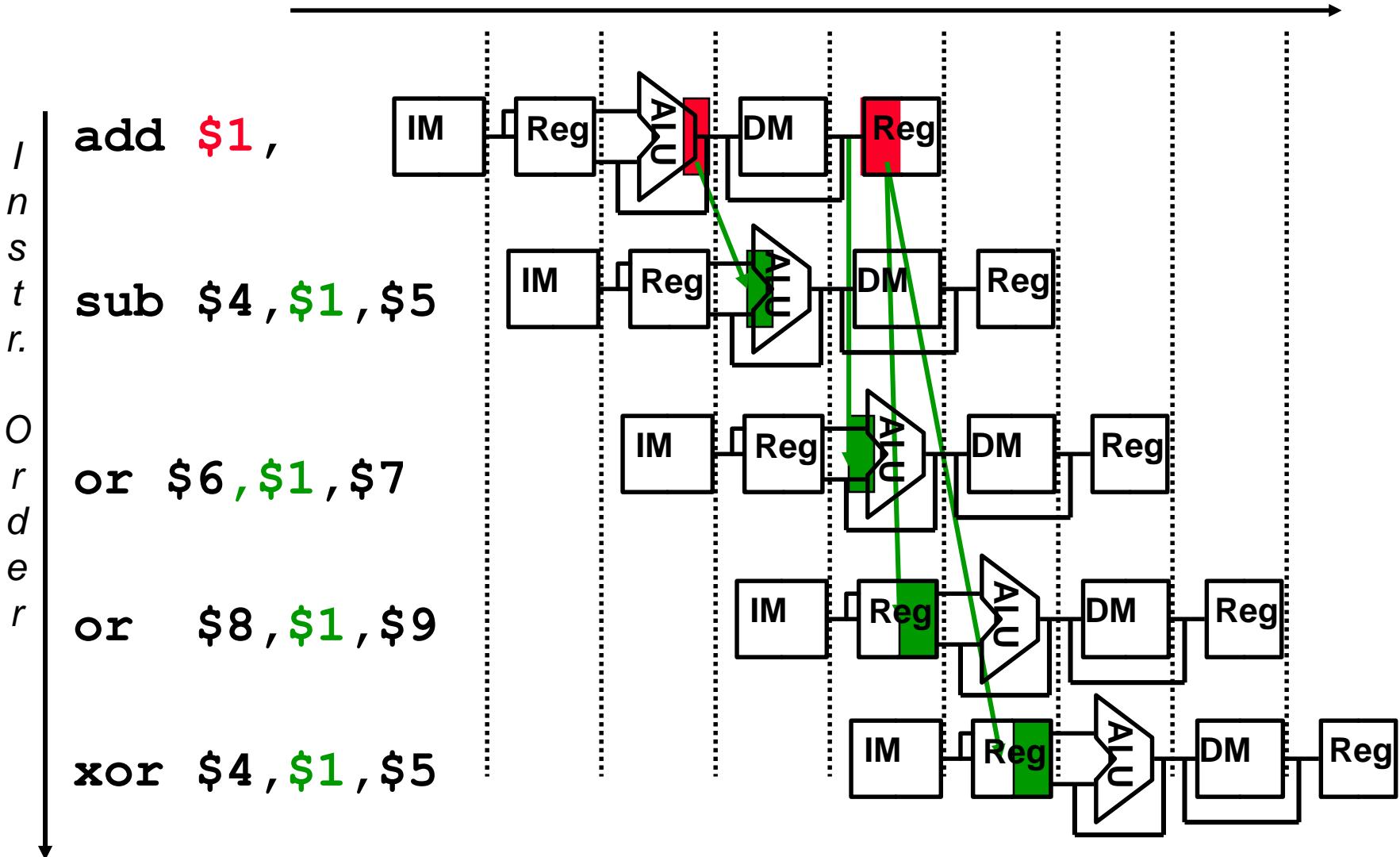


- Register-use data hazard

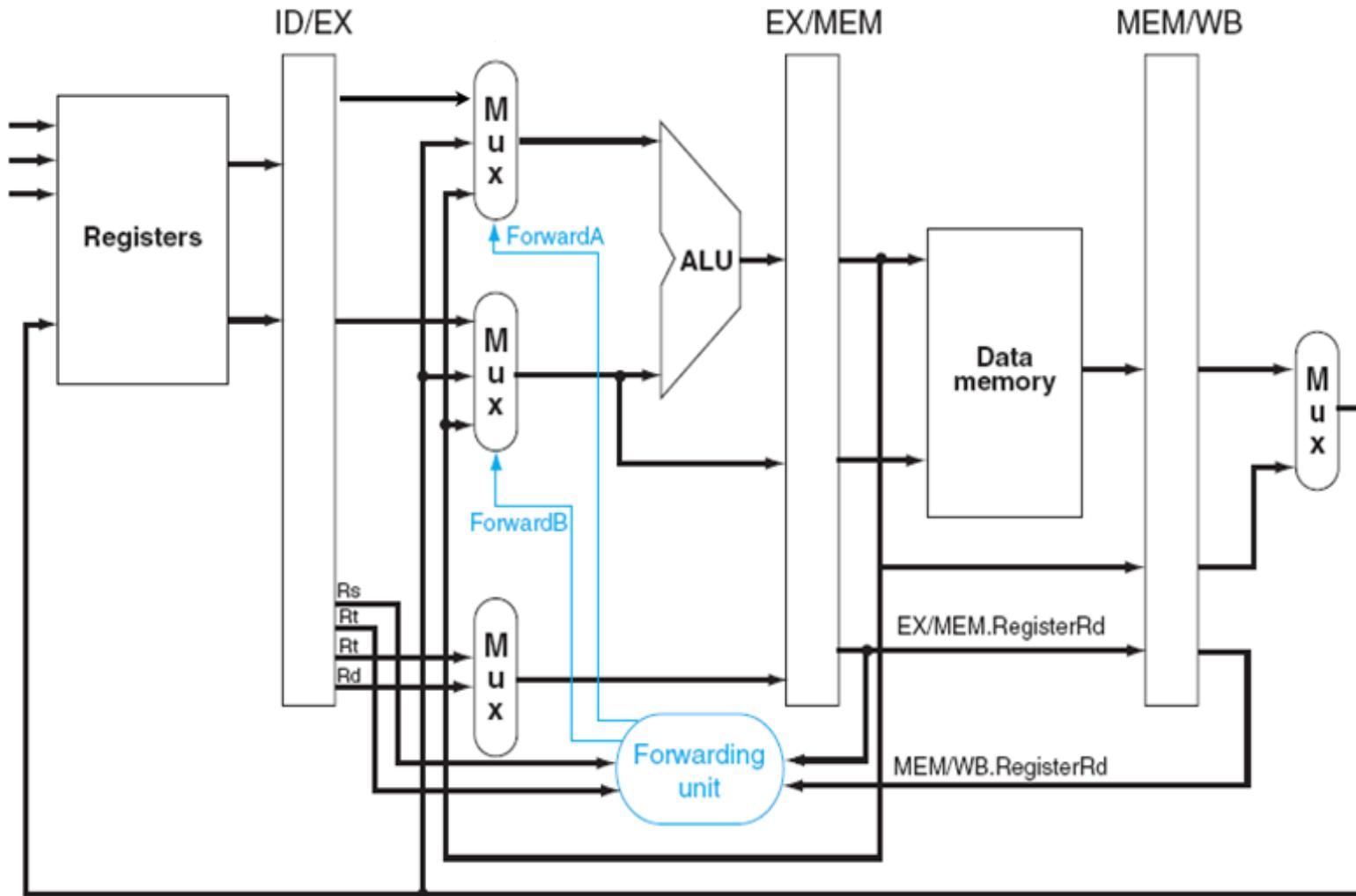
Fixing Register-use Data Hazards with Stalls



Fixing Data Hazards with Forwarding



Forwarding Implementation



Pipelining Hazard – Example 1

- ❑ Consider the following code segment in C

$$A = B + E$$

$$C = B + F$$

- (1) Generate the MIPS code assuming that variables A, B, C, E, and F are in memory and addressable with offsets 0, 4, 8, 12, and 16 from \$t0
- (2) Find all the data hazards and determine the number of cycles required to run the code .
- (3) Can you reorder the code to reduce the stalls ?
 - * Assume the forwarding discussed so far is implemented

Pipelining Hazard – Example 1

MIPS Code

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-------------|
| lw | \$t1, 4(\$t0) | # loads B |
| lw | \$t2, 12(\$t0) | # loads E |
| add | \$t3, \$t1, \$t2 | # A = B + E |
| sw | \$t3, 0(\$t0) | # stores A |
| lw | \$t4, 16(\$t0) | # loads F |
| add | \$t5, \$t1, \$t4 | # C = B + F |
| sw | \$t5, 8(\$t0) | # stores C |

we have two load-use hazards → add two cycles

Pipelining Hazard – Example 1

- ❑ Ideally, we need 11 (5 + 6) cycles to execute the code
- ❑ with the presence of 2 stalls, we need 13 cycles
- ❑ Reordered code

```
Iw    $t1, 4($t0)    # loads B
Iw    $t2, 12($t0)   # loads E
Iw    $t4, 16($t0)   # loads F
add   $t3, $t1, $t2   # A = B + E
sw    $t3, 0($t0)    # stores A
add   $t5, $t1, $t4   # C = B + F
sw    $t5, 8($t0)    # stores C
```

- ❑ Now we don't have load-use hazards; we need 11 cycles

Pipelining Hazard – Example 2

- ❑ Assume that the pipelined MIPS processor **without forwarding** is used to run a program with the following instruction mix: 20% loads, 20% store, and 60% ALU. Then compute the average CPI given that
 - 10% of the ALU instructions result in **load-use** hazards.
 - 15% of the ALU instructions result in **read-before-write** hazards.
- ❑ Ideally, the average CPI is 1 for each instruction
- ❑ With no forwarding
 - ❑ Load-use hazards add two cycles
 - ❑ Register-use hazards add two cycles
- ❑ Average CPI = $0.2 \times 1 + 0.2 \times 1 + 0.75 \times 0.60 \times 1 + 0.1 \times 0.60 \times 3 + 0.15 \times 0.60 \times 3 = 1.30$