

- A.** On average, how many instructions are executed in the inner loops of the two programs?
- The inner loop of the code using the conditional jump has 9 instructions, all of which are executed when the array element is zero or negative, and 8 of which are executed when the array element is positive. The average is 8.5. The inner loop of the code using the conditional move has 8 instructions, all of which are executed every time.
- B.** On average, how many bubbles would be injected into the inner loops of the two programs?
- The loop-closing jump will be predicted correctly, except when the loop terminates. For a very long array, this one misprediction will have a negligible effect on the performance. The only other source of bubbles for the jump-based code is the conditional jump, depending on whether or not the array element is positive. This will cause two bubbles, but it only 50% of the time, so the average is 1.0. There are no bubbles in the conditional move code.
- C.** What is the average number of clock cycles required per array element for the two programs?
- Our conditional jump code requires an average of  $8.5 + 1.0 = 9.5$  cycles per array element (9 cycles in the best case and 10 cycles in the worst), while our conditional move code requires 8.0 cycles in all cases.