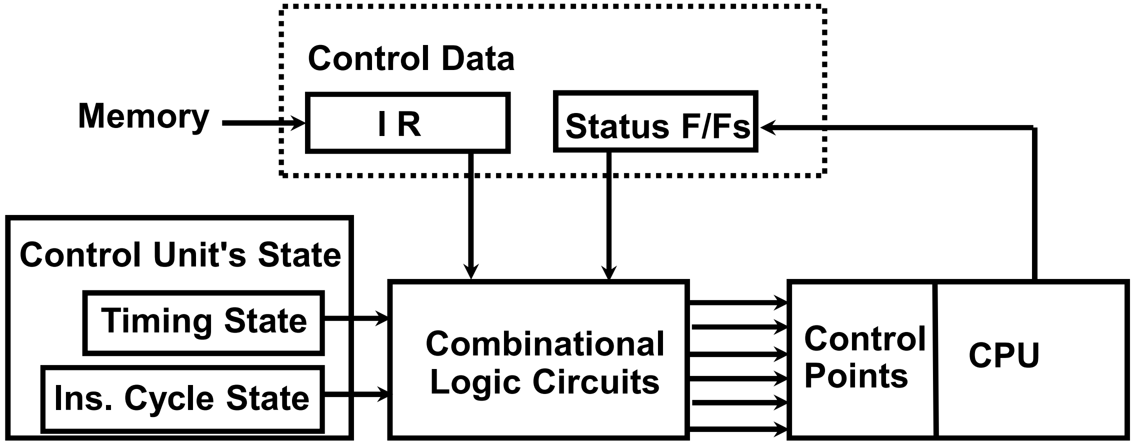
MICROPROGRAMMED CONTROL

- Control Memory
- Sequencing Microinstructions
- Microprogram Example
- Design of Control Unit
- Microinstruction Format
- Nanostorage and Nanoprogram

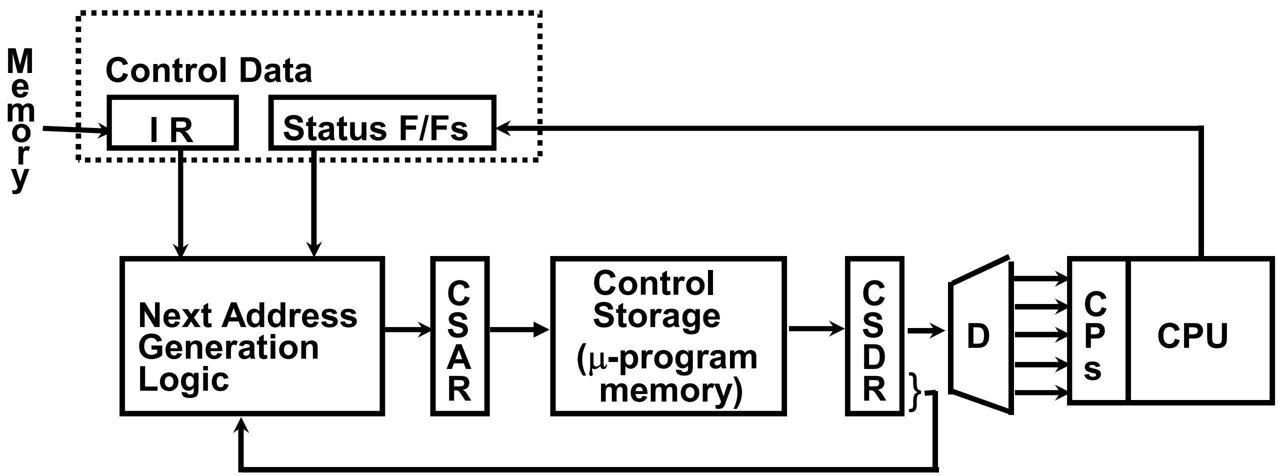
COMPARISON OF CONTROL UNIT IMPLEMENTATIONS

Control Unit Implementation

Combinational Logic Circuits (Hard-wired)



Microprogram



TERMINOLOGY

Microprogram

- Program stored in memory that generates all the control signals required to execute the instruction set correctly
- Consists of microinstructions

Microinstruction

- Contains a control word and a sequencing word
  - Control Word - All the control information required for one clock cycle
  - Sequencing Word - Information needed to decide the next microinstruction address
- Vocabulary to write a microprogram

Control Memory(Control Storage: CS)

- Storage in the microprogrammed control unit to store the microprogram

Writeable Control Memory(Writeable Control Storage:WCS)

- CS whose contents can be modified
  - -> Allows the microprogram can be changed
  - -> Instruction set can be changed or modified

Dynamic Microprogramming

- Computer system whose control unit is implemented with a microprogram in WCS
- Microprogram can be changed by a systems programmer or a user

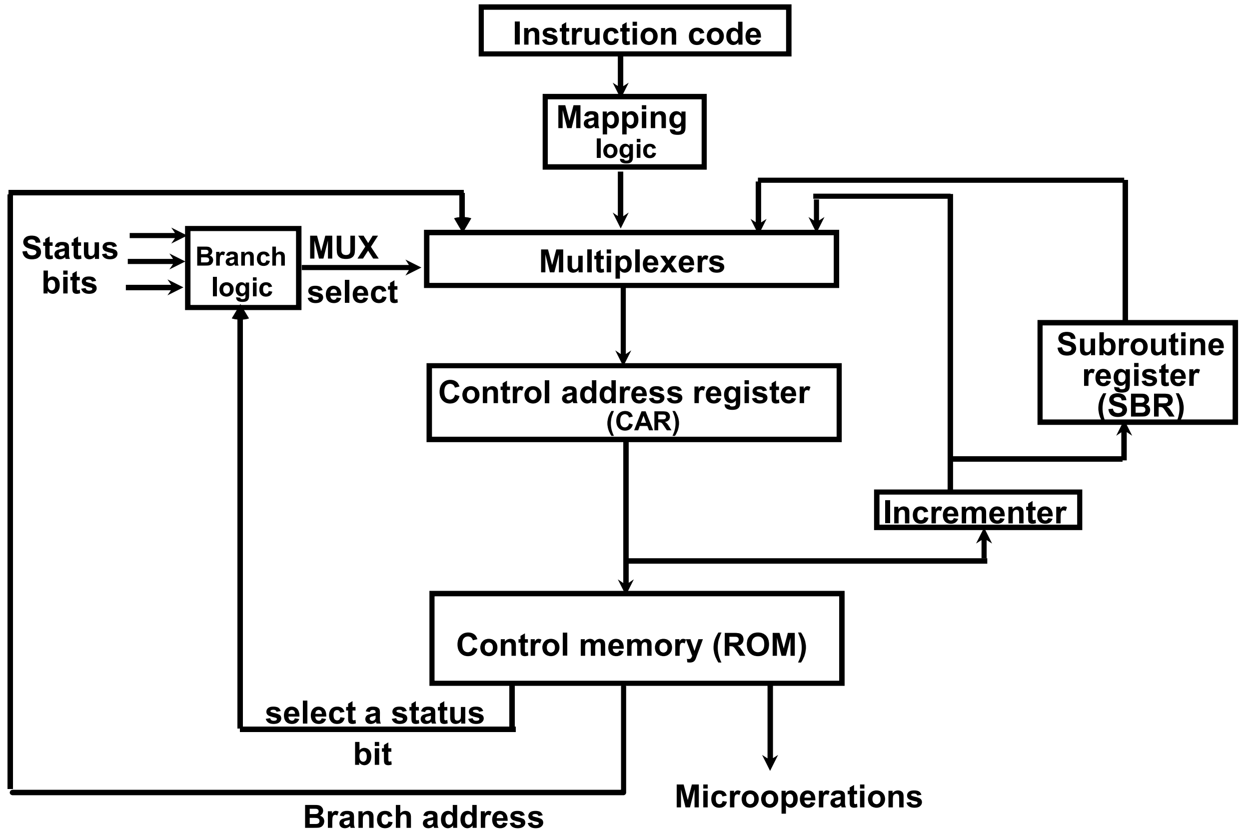
TERMINOLOGY

Sequencer (Microprogram Sequencer)

A Microprogram Control Unit that determines the Microinstruction Address to be executed in the next clock cycle

- **In-line Sequencing**
- **Branch**
- **Conditional Branch**
- **Subroutine**
- **Loop**
- **Instruction OP-code mapping**

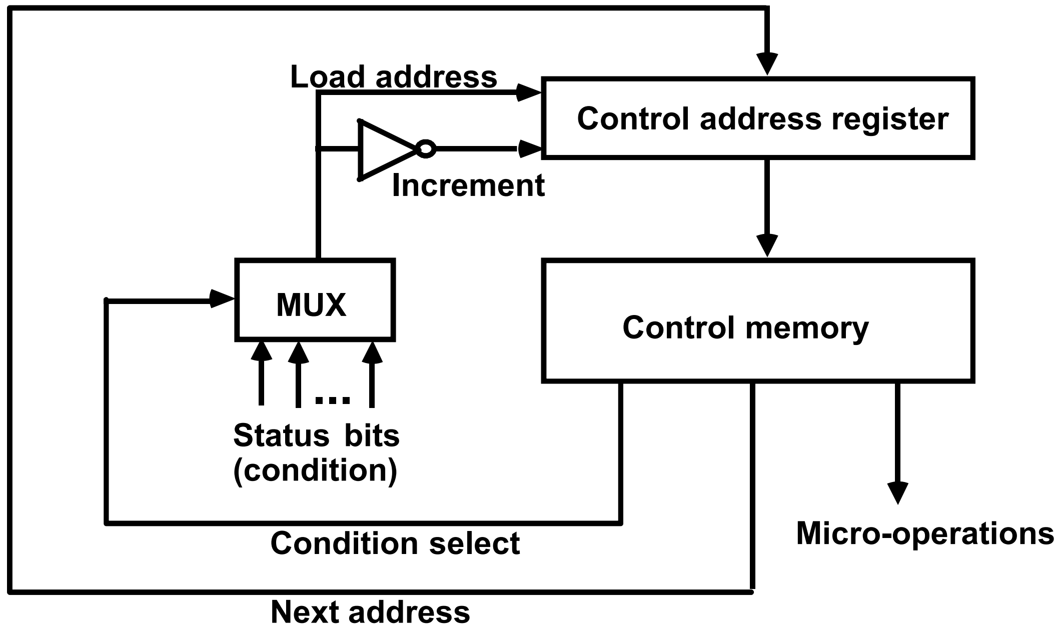
MICROINSTRUCTION SEQUENCING



Sequencing Capabilities Required in a Control Storage

- Incrementing of the control address register
- Unconditional and conditional branches
- A mapping process from the bits of the machine instruction to an address for control memory
- A facility for subroutine call and return

CONDITIONAL BRANCH



Conditional Branch

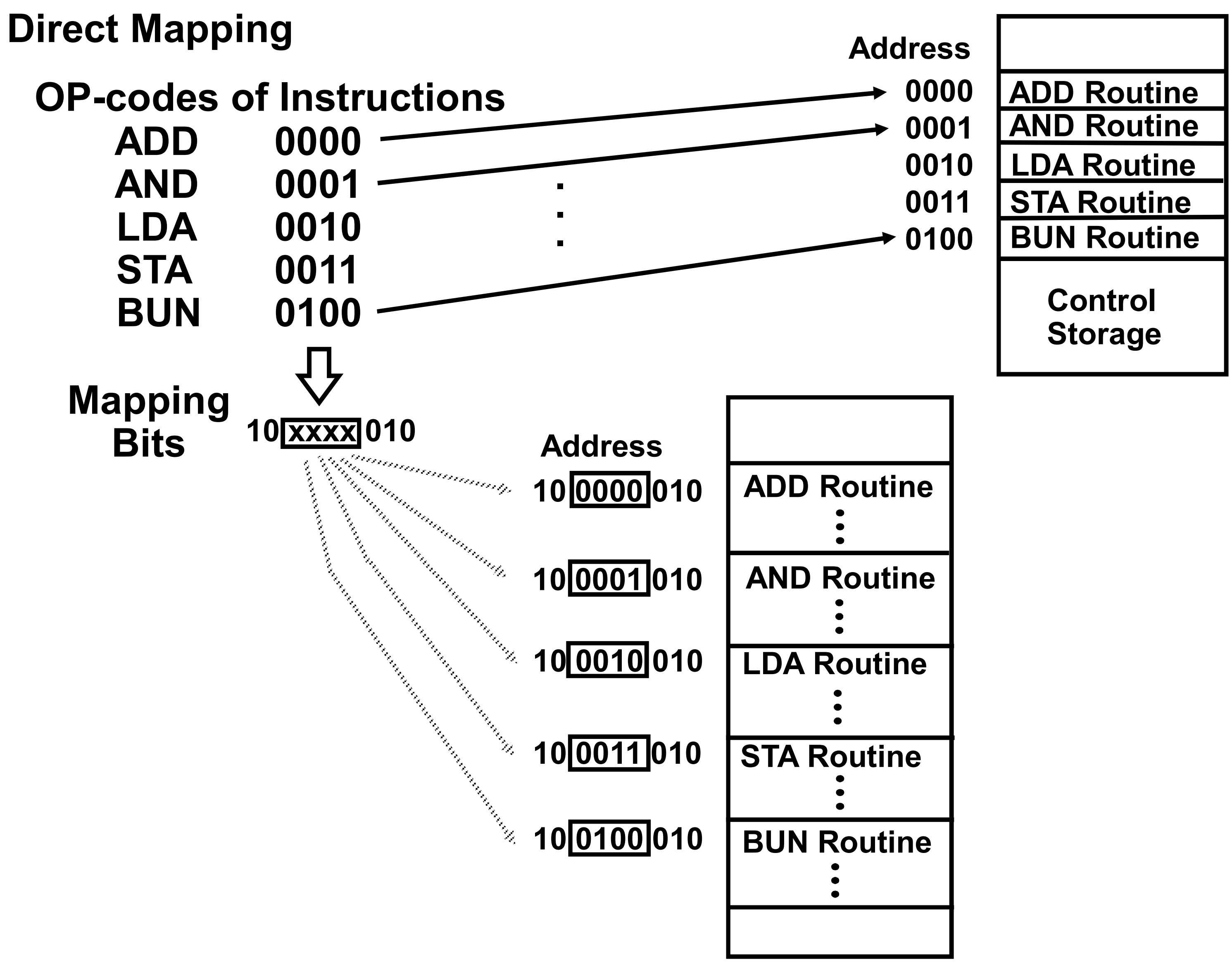
If *Condition* is true, then *Branch* (address from
the next address field of the current microinstruction)
else *Fall Through*

Conditions to Test: O(overflow), N(negative),
Z(zero), C(carry), etc.

Unconditional Branch

Fixing the value of one status bit at the input of the multiplexer to 1

MAPPING OF INSTRUCTIONS



MAPPING OF INSTRUCTIONS TO MICROROUTINES

Mapping from the OP-code of an instruction to the address of the Microinstruction which is the starting microinstruction of its execution microprogram

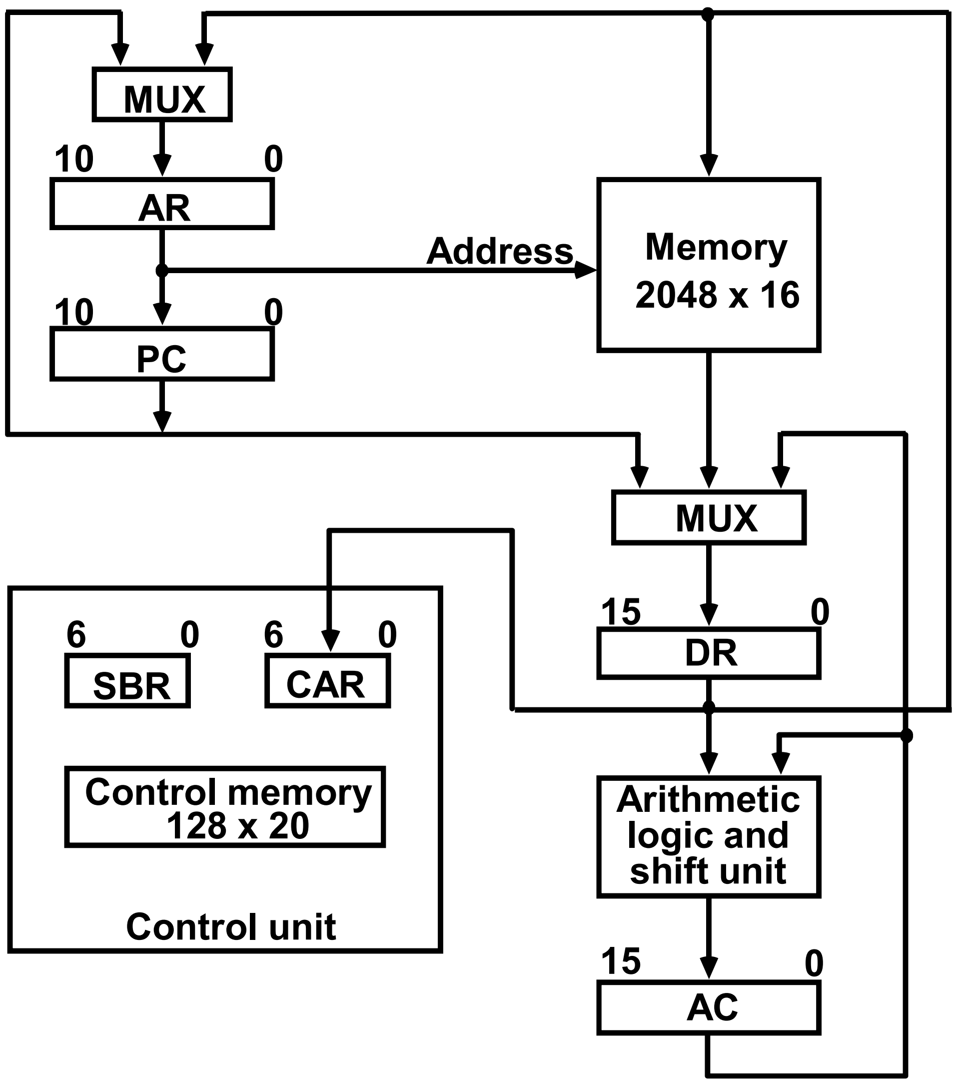
Machine Instruction		OP-code: 1	0	1	1	Address		
Mapping bits	0	x	x	x	x	0	0	
Microinstruction address	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	

Mapping function implemented by ROM or PLA

OP-code
↓
Mapping memory (ROM or PLA)
↓
Control address register
↓
Control Memory

MICROPROGRAM EXAMPLE

Computer Configuration



MACHINE INSTRUCTION FORMAT

Machine instruction format

15	14 11	10 0
I	Opcode	Address

Sample machine instructions

Symbol	OP-code	Description
ADD	0000	$AC \leftarrow AC + M[EA]$
BRANCH	0001	if $(AC < 0)$ then $(PC \leftarrow EA)$
STORE	0010	$M[EA] \leftarrow AC$
EXCHANGE	0011	$AC \leftarrow M[EA], M[EA] \leftarrow AC$

EA is the effective address

Microinstruction Format

3	3	3	2	2	7
F1	F2	F3	CD	BR	AD

F1, F2, F3: Microoperation fields
CD: Condition for branching
BR: Branch field
AD: Address field

MICROINSTRUCTION FIELD DESCRIPTIONS - F1,F2,F3

F1	Microoperation	Symbol
000	None	NOP
001	AC ← AC + DR	ADD
010	AC ← 0	CLRAC
011	AC ← AC + 1	INCAC
100	AC ← DR	DRTAC
101	AR ← DR(0-10)	DRTAR
110	AR ← PC	PCTAR
111	M[AR] ← DR	WRITE

F2	Microoperation	Symbol
000	None	NOP
001	AC ← AC - DR	SUB
010	AC ← AC ∨ DR	OR
011	AC ← AC ∧ DR	AND
100	DR ← M[AR]	READ
101	DR ← AC	ACTDR
110	DR ← DR + 1	INCDR
111	DR(0-10) ← PC	PCTDR

F3	Microoperation	Symbol
000	None	NOP
001	AC ← AC ⊕ DR	XOR
010	AC ← AC’	COM
011	AC ← shl AC	SHL
100	AC ← shr AC	SHR
101	PC ← PC + 1	INCPC
110	PC ← AR	ARTPC
111	Reserved	

MICROINSTRUCTION FIELD DESCRIPTIONS - CD, BR

CD	Condition	Symbol	Comments
00	Always = 1	U	Unconditional branch
01	DR(15)	I	Indirect address bit
10	AC(15)	S	Sign bit of AC
11	AC = 0	Z	Zero value in AC

BR	Symbol	Function
00	JMP	CAR ← AD if condition = 1
		CAR ← CAR + 1 if condition = 0
01	CALL	CAR ← AD, SBR ← CAR + 1 if condition = 1
		CAR ← CAR + 1 if condition = 0
10	RET	CAR ← SBR (Return from subroutine)
11	MAP	CAR(2-5) ← DR(11-14), CAR(0,1,6) ← 0

SYMBOLIC MICROINSTRUCTIONS

- Symbols are used in microinstructions as in assembly language
- A symbolic microprogram can be translated into its binary equivalent by a microprogram assembler.

Sample Format

five fields: label; micro-ops; CD; BR; AD

Label: may be empty or may specify a symbolic address terminated with a colon

Micro-ops: consists of one, two, or three symbols separated by commas

CD: one of {U, I, S, Z}, where
- U: Unconditional Branch
- I: Indirect address bit
- S: Sign of AC
- Z: Zero value in AC

BR: one of {JMP, CALL, RET, MAP}

AD: one of {Symbolic address, NEXT, empty}

SYMBOLIC MICROPROGRAM - FETCH ROUTINE

During FETCH, Read an instruction from memory and decode the instruction and update PC

Sequence of microoperations in the fetch cycle:

$AR \leftarrow PC$
$DR \leftarrow M[AR], PC \leftarrow PC + 1$
$AR \leftarrow DR(0\text{-}10), CAR(2\text{-}5) \leftarrow DR(11\text{-}14), CAR(0,1,6) \leftarrow 0$

Symbolic microprogram for the fetch cycle:

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            ORG 64
FETCH:      PCTAR            U   JMP   NEXT
            READ, INCPC      U   JMP   NEXT
            DRTAR            U   MAP
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Binary equivalents translated by an assembler

Binary address	F1	F2	F3	CD	BR	AD
1000000	110	000	000	00	00	1000001
1000001	000	100	101	00	00	1000010
1000010	101	000	000	00	11	0000000

SYMBOLIC MICROPROGRAM

- Control Storage: 128 20-bit words
- The first 64 words: Routines for the 16 machine instructions
- The last 64 words: Used for other purpose (e.g., fetch routine and other subroutines)
- Mapping: OP-code XXXX into 0XXXX00, the first address for the 16 routines are 0(0 0000 00), 4(0 0001 00), 8, 12, 16, 20, ..., 60

Partial Symbolic Microprogram

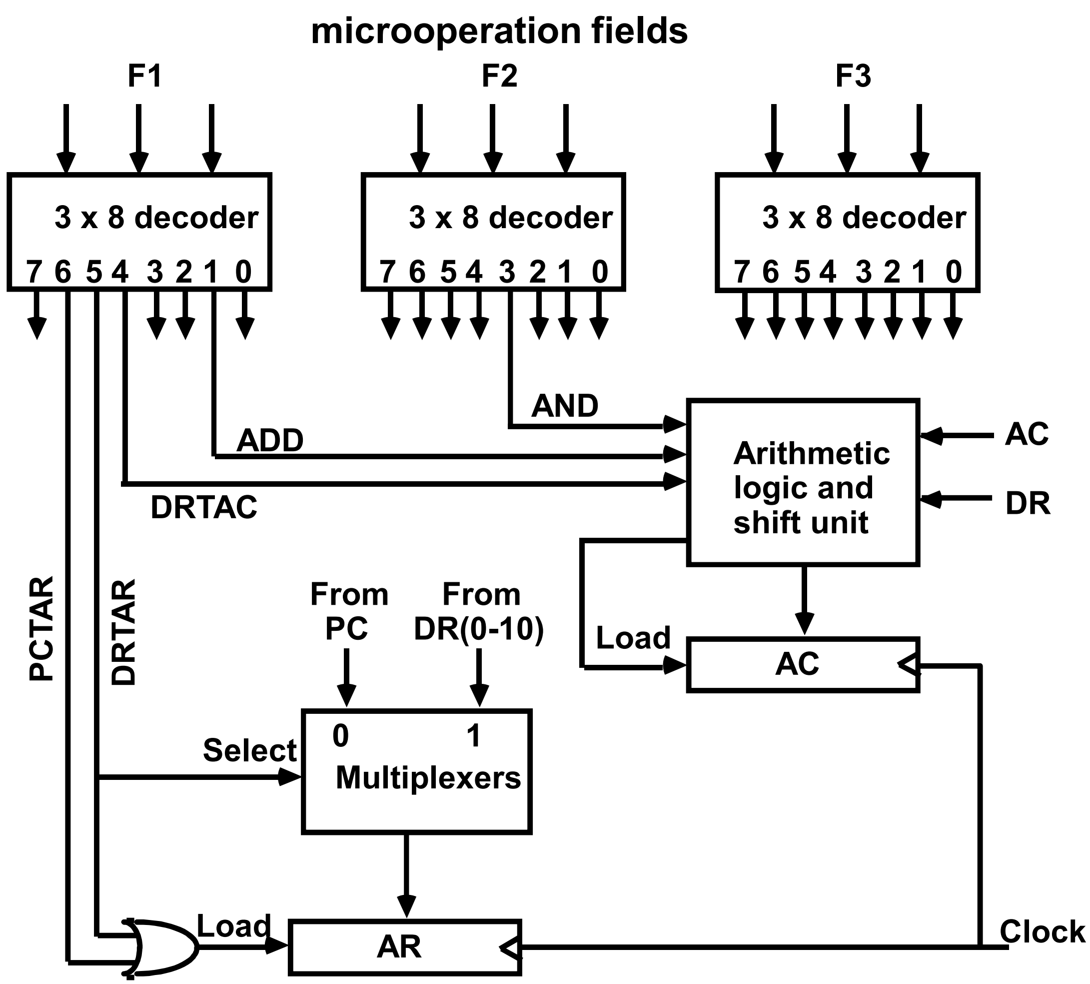
Label	Microops	CD	BR	AD
	ORG 0			
ADD:	NOP	I	CALL	INDRCT
	READ	U	JMP	NEXT
	ADD	U	JMP	FETCH
	ORG 4			
BRANCH:	NOP	S	JMP	OVER
	NOP	U	JMP	FETCH
OVER:	NOP	I	CALL	INDRCT
	ARTPC	U	JMP	FETCH
	ORG 8			
STORE:	NOP	I	CALL	INDRCT
	ACTDR	U	JMP	NEXT
	WRITE	U	JMP	FETCH
	ORG 12			
EXCHANGE:	NOP	I	CALL	INDRCT
	READ	U	JMP	NEXT
	ACTDR, DRTAC	U	JMP	NEXT
	WRITE	U	JMP	FETCH
	ORG 64			
FETCH:	PCTAR	U	JMP	NEXT
	READ, INCPC	U	JMP	NEXT
	DRTAR	U	MAP	
INDRCT:	READ	U	JMP	NEXT
	DRTAR	U	RET	

BINARY MICROPROGRAM

	Address		Binary Microinstruction					
Micro Routine	Decimal	Binary	F1	F2	F3	CD	BR	AD
ADD	0	0000000	000	000	000	01	01	1000011
	1	0000001	000	100	000	00	00	0000010
	2	0000010	001	000	000	00	00	1000000
	3	0000011	000	000	000	00	00	1000000
BRANCH	4	0000100	000	000	000	10	00	0000110
	5	0000101	000	000	000	00	00	1000000
	6	0000110	000	000	000	01	01	1000011
	7	0000111	000	000	110	00	00	1000000
STORE	8	0001000	000	000	000	01	01	1000011
	9	0001001	000	101	000	00	00	0001010
	10	0001010	111	000	000	00	00	1000000
	11	0001011	000	000	000	00	00	1000000
EXCHANGE	12	0001100	000	000	000	01	01	1000011
	13	0001101	001	000	000	00	00	0001110
	14	0001110	100	101	000	00	00	0001111
	15	0001111	111	000	000	00	00	1000000
FETCH	64	1000000	110	000	000	00	00	1000001
	65	1000001	000	100	101	00	00	1000010
	66	1000010	101	000	000	00	11	0000000
INDRCT	67	1000011	000	100	000	00	00	1000100
	68	1000100	101	000	000	00	10	0000000

This microprogram can be implemented using ROM

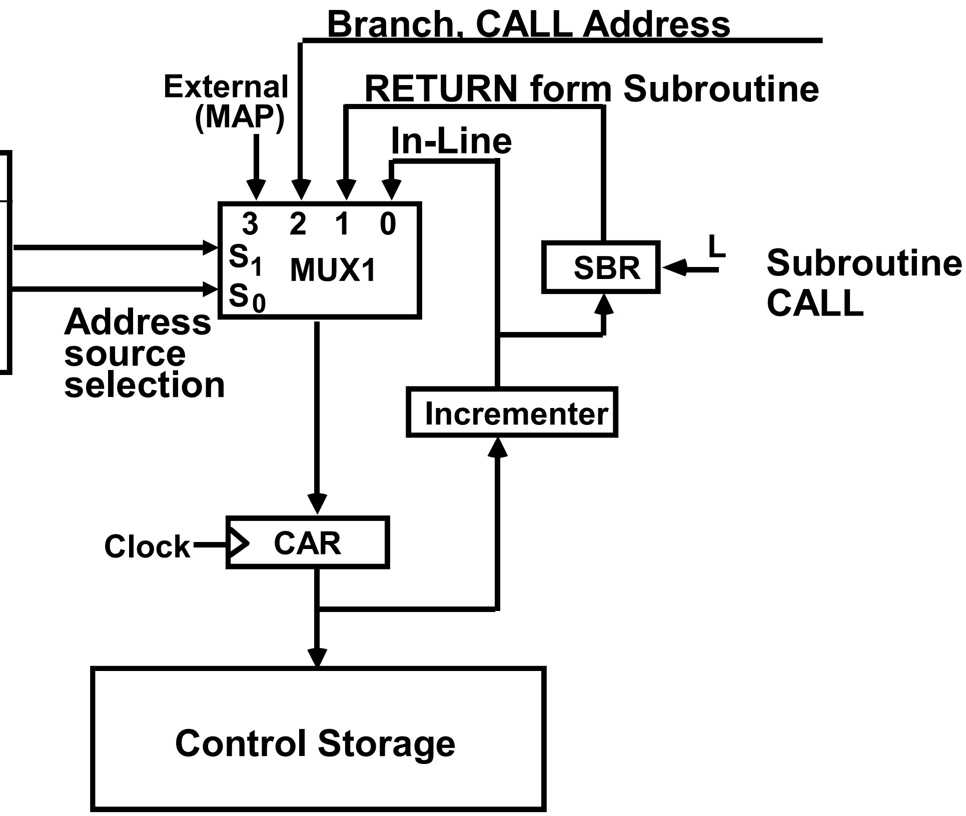
DESIGN OF CONTROL UNIT
- DECODING ALU CONTROL INFORMATION -



Decoding of Microoperation Fields

MICROPROGRAM SEQUENCER
- NEXT MICROINSTRUCTION ADDRESS LOGIC -

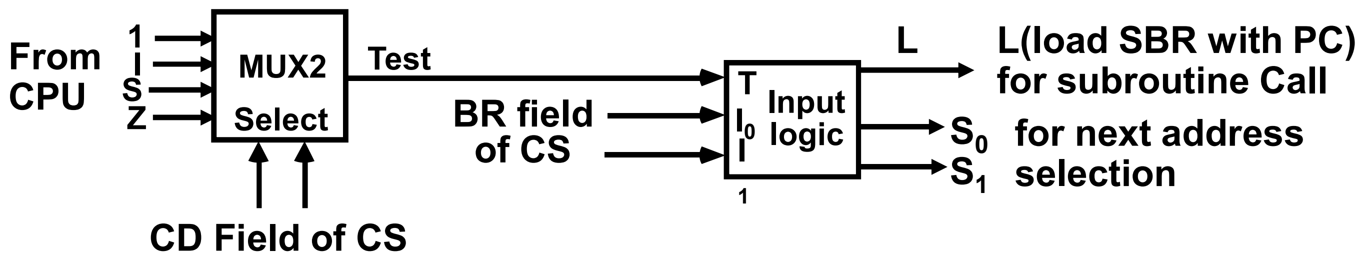
S_1S_0	Address Source
00	CAR + 1, In-Line
01	SBR RETURN
10	CS(AD), Branch or CALL
11	MAP



MUX-1 selects an address from one of four sources and routes it into a CAR

- In-Line Sequencing → CAR + 1
- Branch, Subroutine Call → CS(AD)
- Return from Subroutine → Output of SBR
- New Machine instruction → MAP

MICROPROGRAM SEQUENCER
- CONDITION AND BRANCH CONTROL -



Input Logic

I_1I_0T	Meaning	Source of Address	S_1S_0	L
000	In-Line	CAR+1	00	0
001	JMP	CS(AD)	01	0
010	In-Line	CAR+1	00	0
011	CALL	CS(AD) and SBR <- CAR+1	01	1
10x	RET	SBR	10	0
11x	MAP	DR(11-14)	11	0

$$S_1 = I_1$$
$$S_0 = I_1I_0 + I_1'T$$
$$L = I_1'I_0T$$

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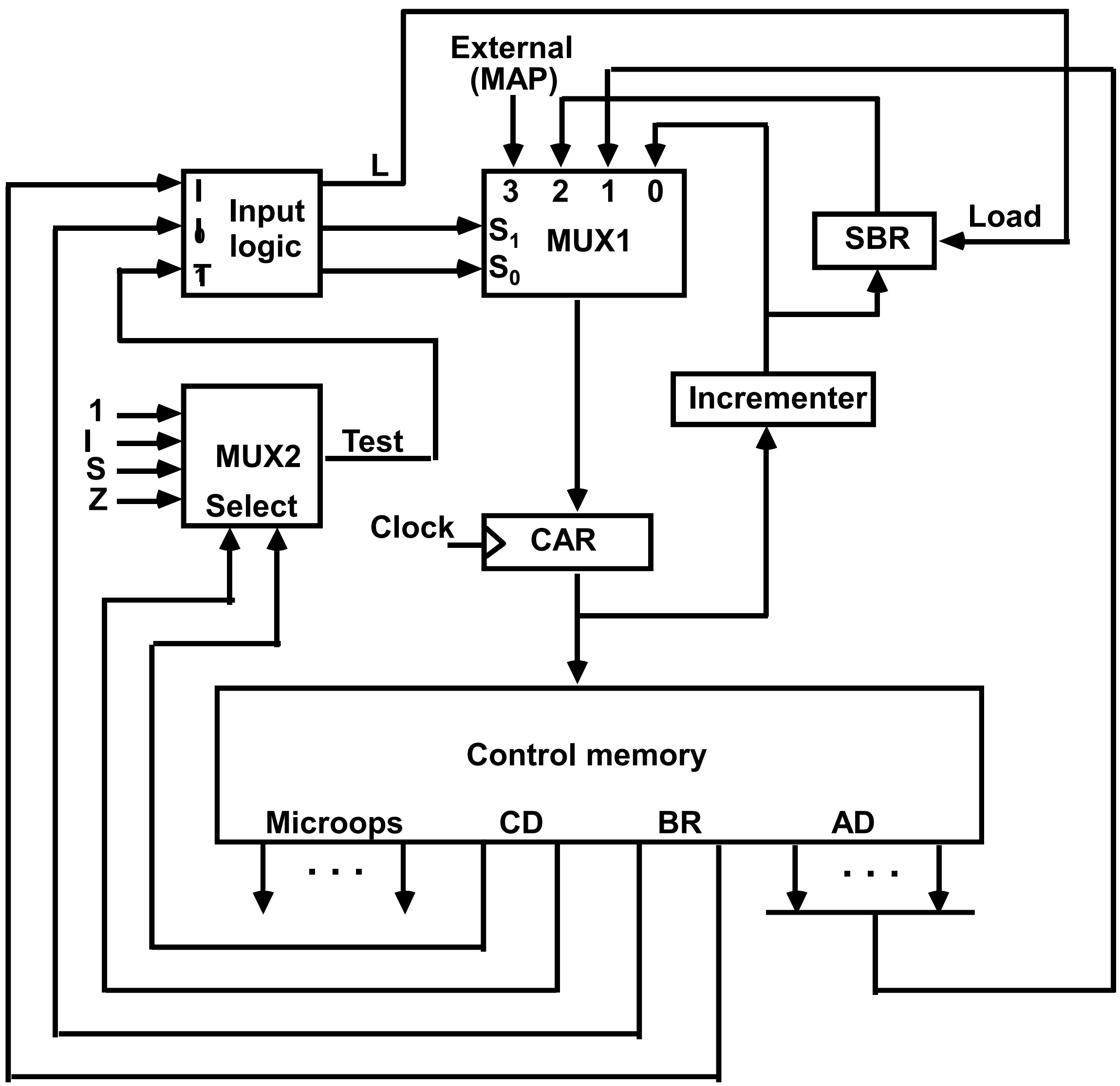


MICROINSTRUCTION FORMAT

Information in a Microinstruction

- Control Information
- Sequencing Information
- Constant

  Information which is useful when feeding into the system

These information needs to be organized in some way for

- Efficient use of the microinstruction bits
- Fast decoding

Field Encoding

- Encoding the microinstruction bits
- Encoding slows down the execution speed due to the decoding delay
- Encoding also reduces the flexibility due to the decoding hardware

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL MICROINSTRUCTION FORMAT

Horizontal Microinstructions

Each bit directly controls each micro-operation or each control point

Horizontal implies a long microinstruction word

Advantages: Can control a variety of components operating in parallel.

--> Advantage of efficient hardware utilization

Disadvantages: Control word bits are not fully utilized

--> CS becomes large --> Costly

Vertical Microinstructions

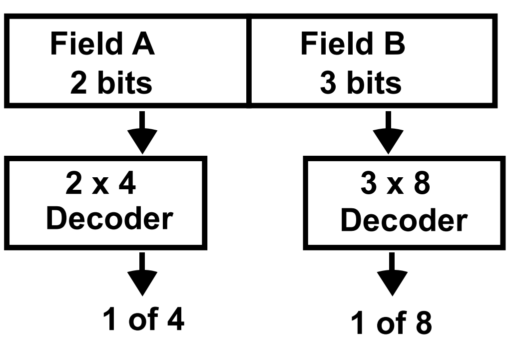
A microinstruction format that is not horizontal

Vertical implies a short microinstruction word

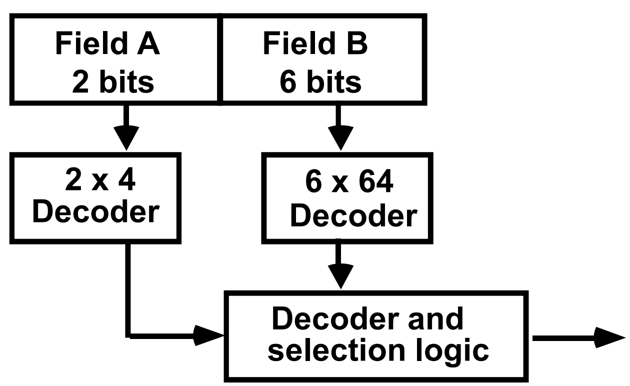
Encoded Microinstruction fields

--> Needs decoding circuits for one or two levels of decoding

One-level decoding



Two-level decoding



NANOSTORAGE AND NANOINSTRUCTION

The decoder circuits in a vertical microprogram storage organization can be replaced by a ROM

=> Two levels of control storage

First level - *Control Storage*

Second level - *Nano Storage*

Two-level microprogram

First level

-*Vertical* format Microprogram

Second level

-*Horizontal* format Nanoprogram

- Interprets the microinstruction fields, thus converts a vertical microinstruction format into a horizontal nanoinstruction format.

Usually, the microprogram consists of a large number of short microinstructions, while the nanoprogram contains fewer words with longer nanoinstructions.

TWO-LEVEL MICROPROGRAMMING - EXAMPLE

* Microprogram: 2048 microinstructions of 200 bits each
* With 1-Level Control Storage: 2048 x 200 = 409,600 bits
* Assumption:
  256 distinct microinstructions among 2048
* With 2-Level Control Storage:
  Nano Storage: 256 x 200 bits to store 256 distinct nanoinstructions
  Control storage: 2048 x 8 bits
  To address 256 nano storage locations 8 bits are needed
* Total 1-Level control storage: 409,600 bits
  Total 2-Level control storage: 67,584 bits (256 x 200 + 2048 x 8)