

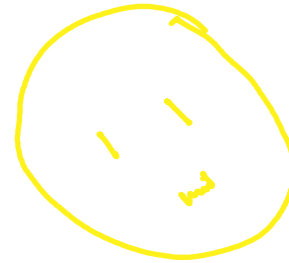


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block Diagram → for different inputs

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## Lecture – 14



# **The Processor: Datapath and Control**



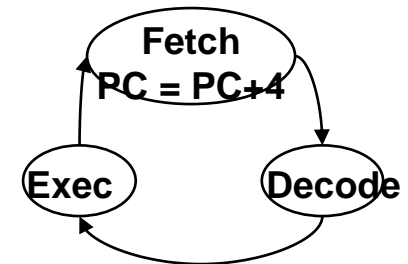
# Instruction Execution

For every instruction the first two steps are:

- Send the program counter (PC) to the memory that contains the code and fetch the instruction from that memory.
- Read one or two registers, using the fields of the instruction to select the registers to read.

# The Processor: Datapath & Control

- Our implementation of the MIPS is simplified
  - memory-reference instructions: `lw`, `sw`
  - arithmetic-logical instructions: `add`, `sub`, `and`, `or`, `slt`
  - control flow / branch instructions: `beq`, `j`
- Generic implementation
  - use the program counter (PC) to supply the instruction address and fetch the instruction from memory (and update the PC)
  - decode the instruction (and read registers)
  - execute the instruction
- All instructions (except `j`) use the ALU after reading the registers



How? memory-reference? arithmetic? control flow?



# Instruction Execution

- All instruction classes, except jump, use the ALU after reading the registers.
- The memory-reference instructions use the ALU for an address calculation.
- The arithmetic-logical instructions use the ALU for operation execution.
- Branch instructions use the ALU for comparison.

# Instruction Execution

After using the ALU, the actions required to complete various instruction classes differ.

- A memory reference instruction will need to access the memory either to write data for a store or read data for a load.
- Arithmetic-logical instruction must write the data from the ALU back into a register.
- A branch instruction may change the next instruction address based on the comparison, otherwise the PC should be incremented by 4 to get the address of the next instruction.

# MIPS Instruction Format

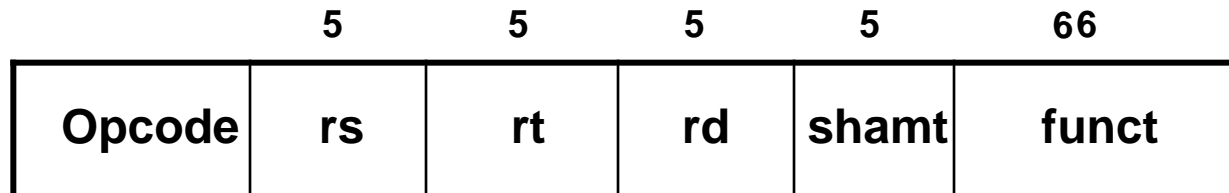
- All instructions are 32 bits with a 6-bit primary opcode.

## I-type instruction (Transfer, branch, imm. format)



Example: ADDI Rs, Rt,  
IMM

## R-type instruction (Arithmetic instruction format)



Example: ADD Rd, Rs, Rt  
SLL Rd, Rt,  
Shamt

# MIPS Instruction Format

## J-type instruction (Jump instruction format)

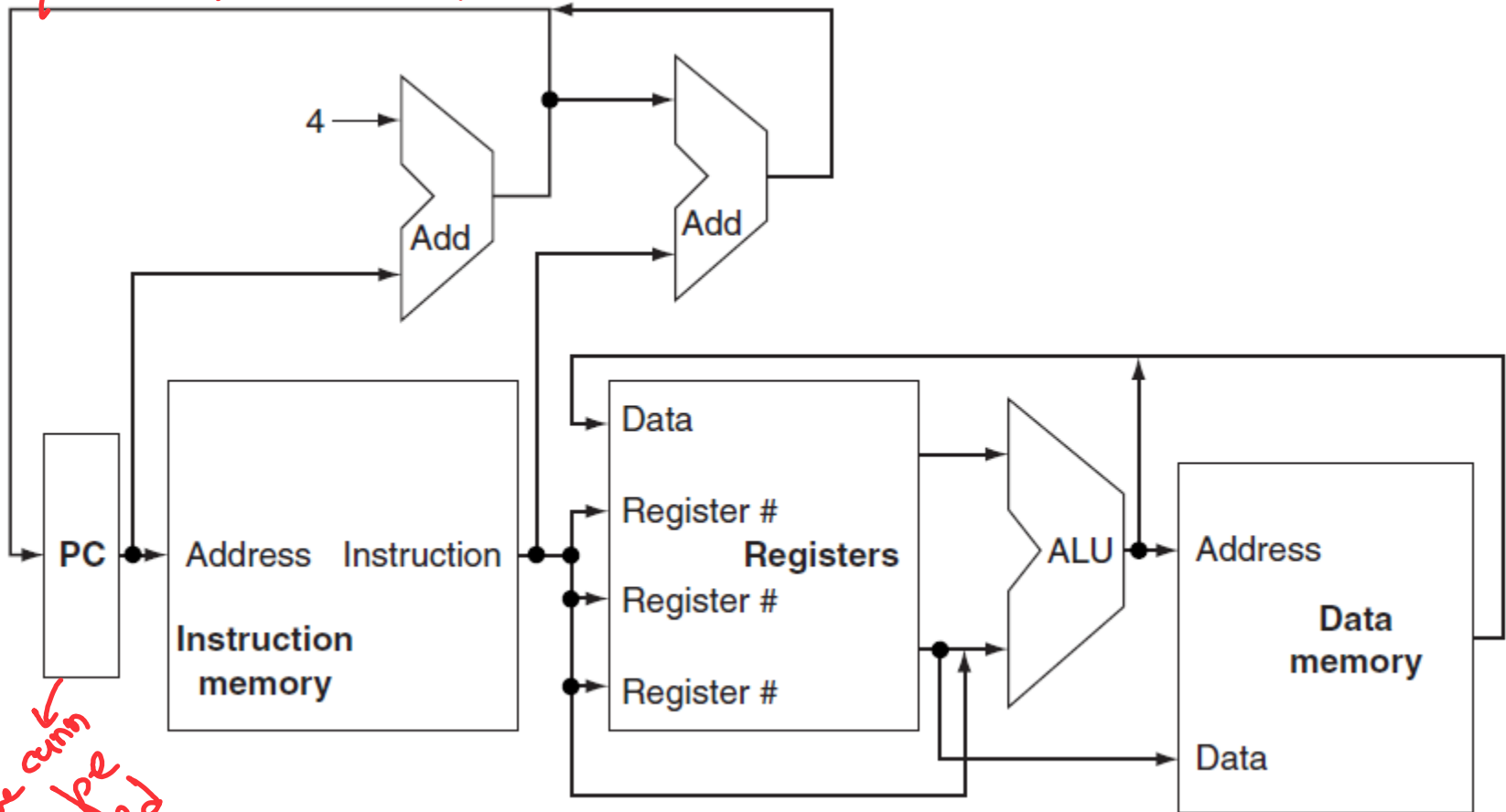


Example: J ADR

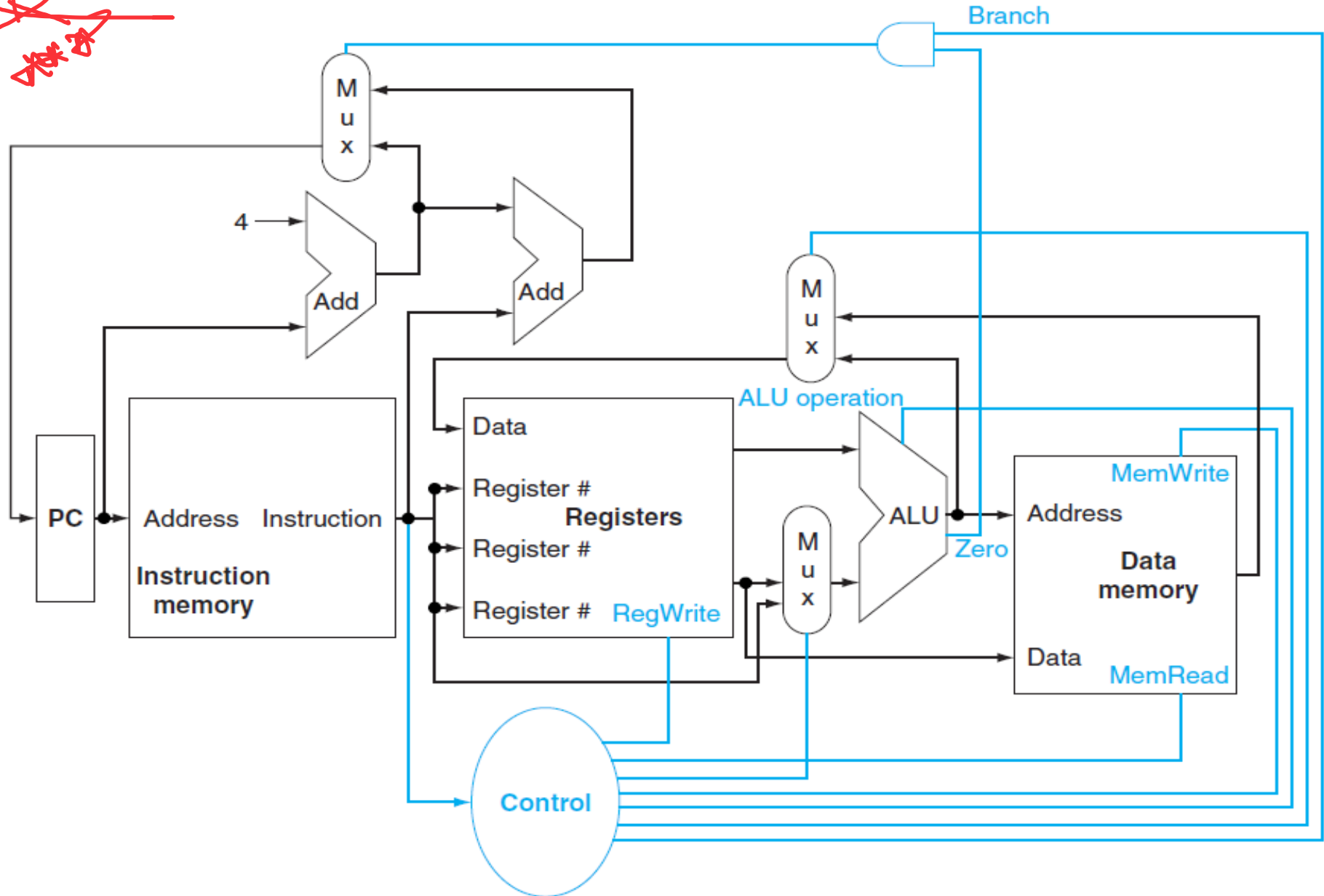


# An abstract view of the implementation of the MIPS subset

\* Update PC register at the end of the cycle to fetch the next inst



# The basic implementation of the MIPS subset



# The Single Cycle Datapath

- Takes a single long clock cycle for every instruction.
- Every instruction begins execution on one clock edge and completes execution on the next clock edge.

## Reasons for separate Memory and Data Unit:

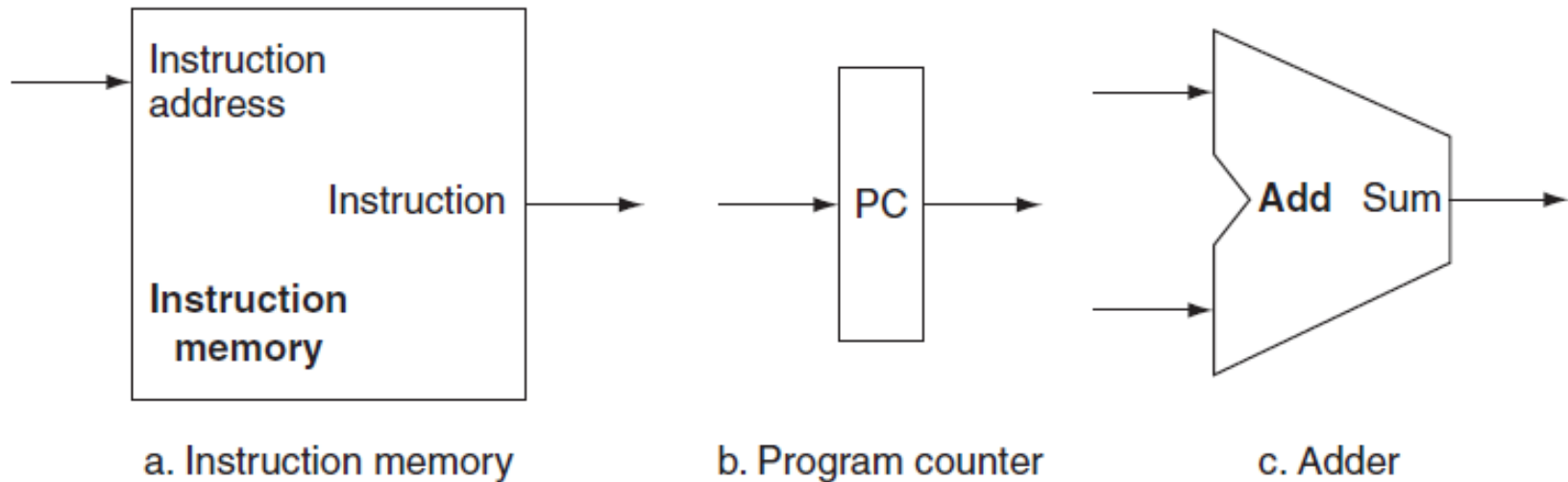
- The format of data and instruction is different in MIPS.
- Less Expensive.
- The processor operates in one clock cycle and cannot use a single-ported memory for two different accesses within that cycle.



# Logic Design Conventions

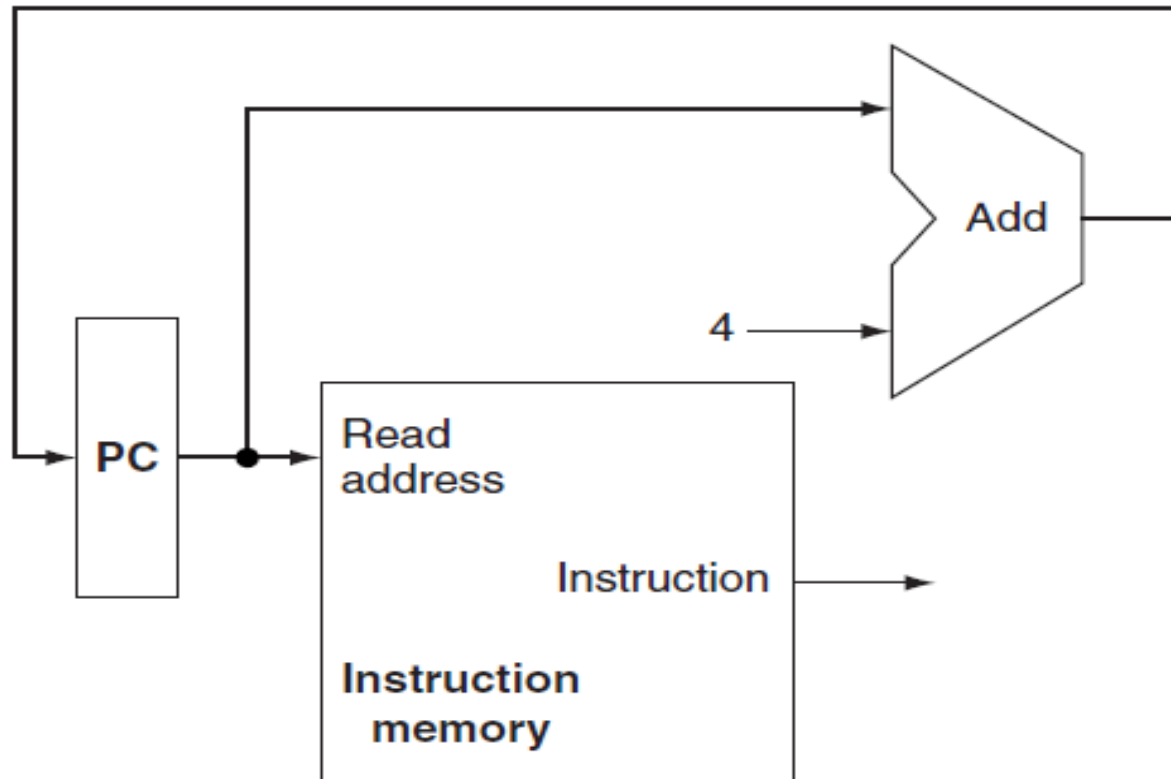
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# Building a Datapath



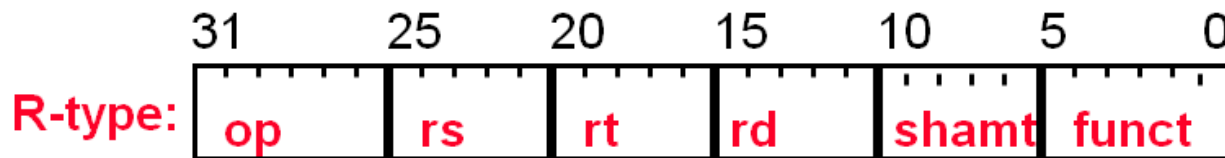
- Two state elements (instruction memory and program counter) are needed to store and access instructions.
- An adder is needed to compute the next instruction address.

# Building a Datapath

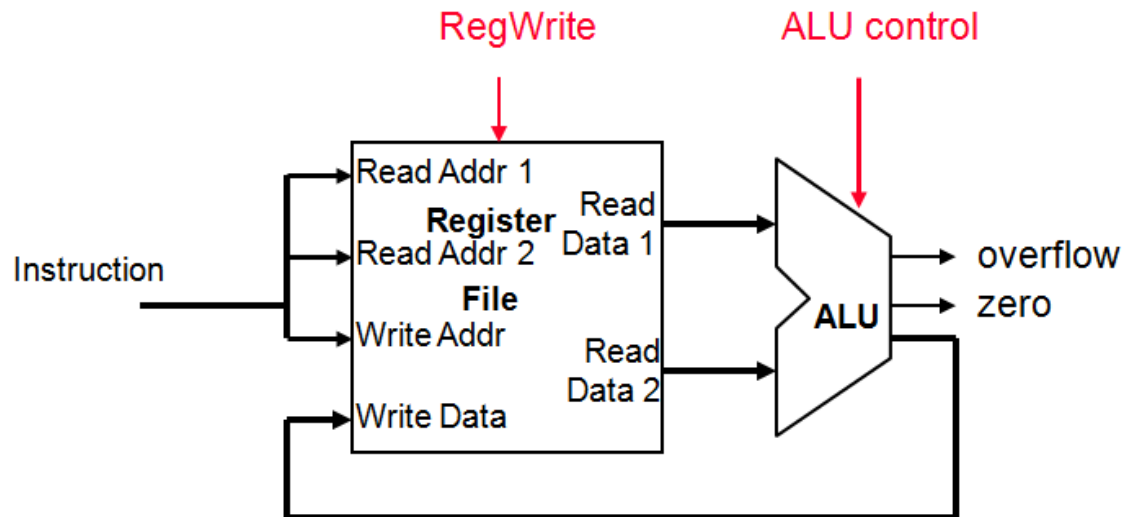


- It fetches instructions and increments the PC to obtain the address of the next sequential instruction.

## ❑ R format operations (**add**, **sub**, **slt**, **and**, **or**)

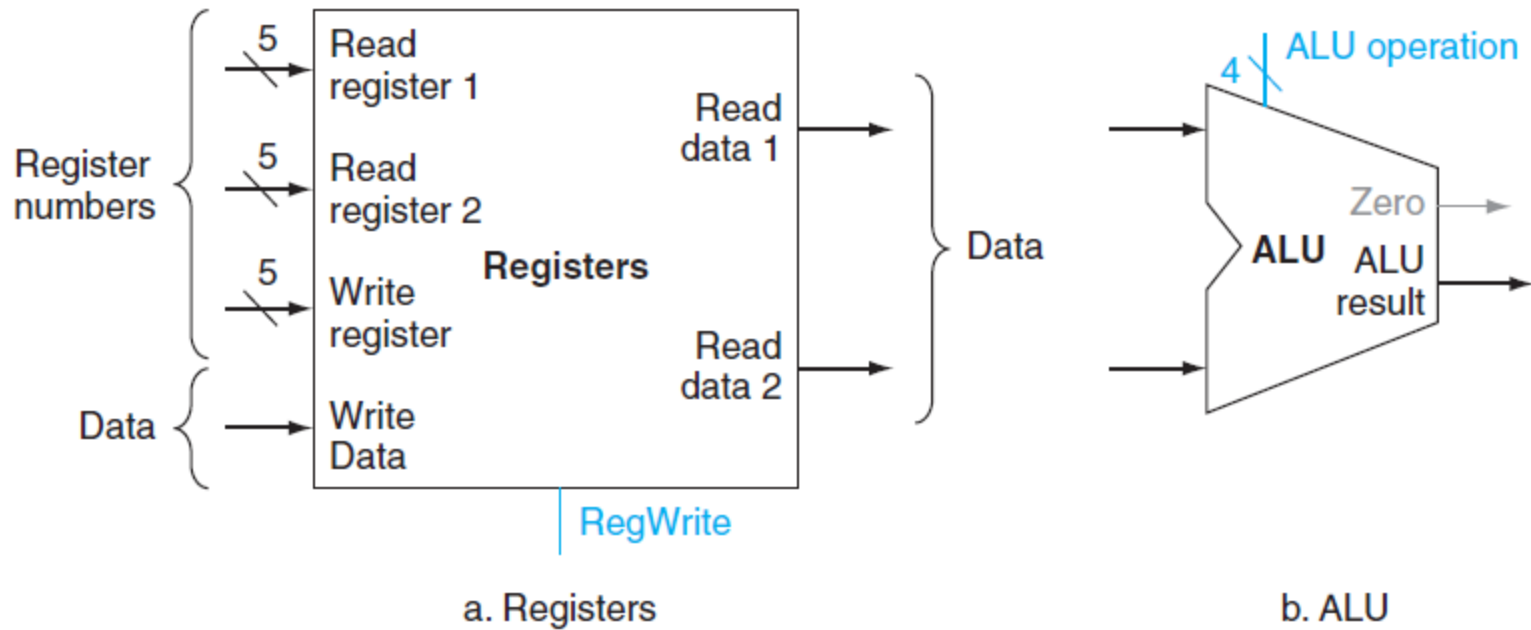


- perform the (**op** and **funct**) operation on values in **rs** and **rt**
- store the result back into the Register File (into location **rd**)



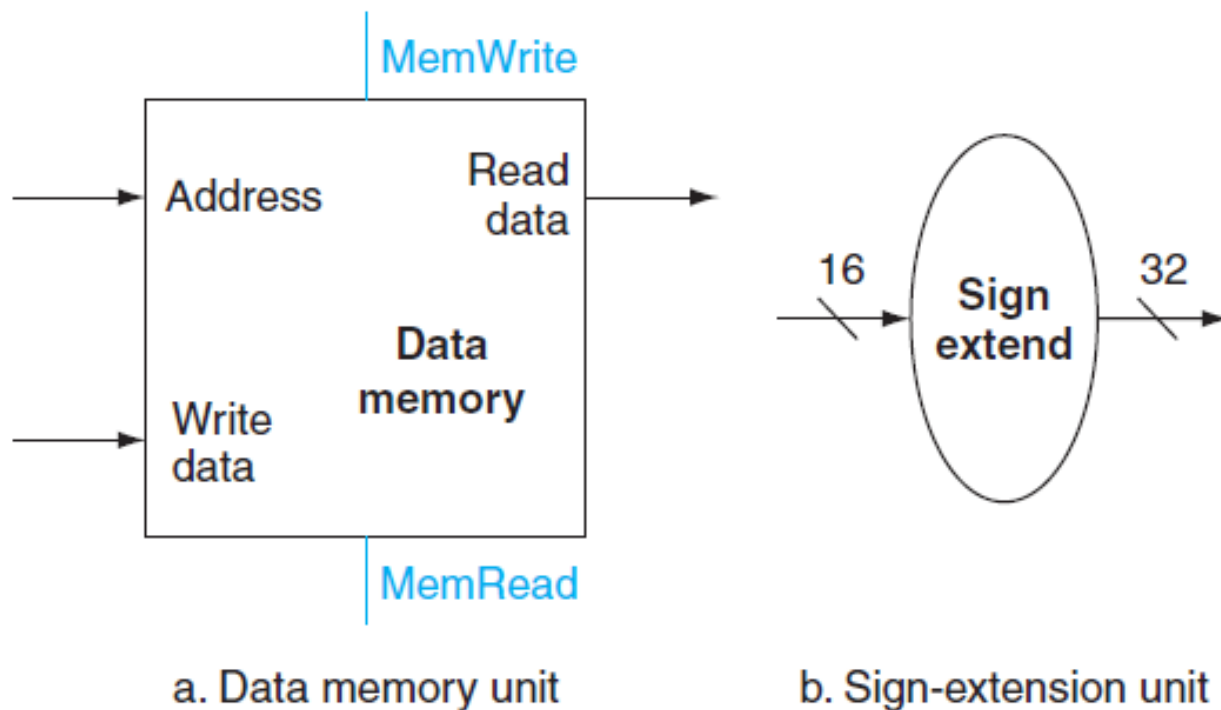
- The Register File is not written every cycle (e.g. **sw**), so we need an explicit write control signal for the Register File

# Data elements needed to implement R-type instructions





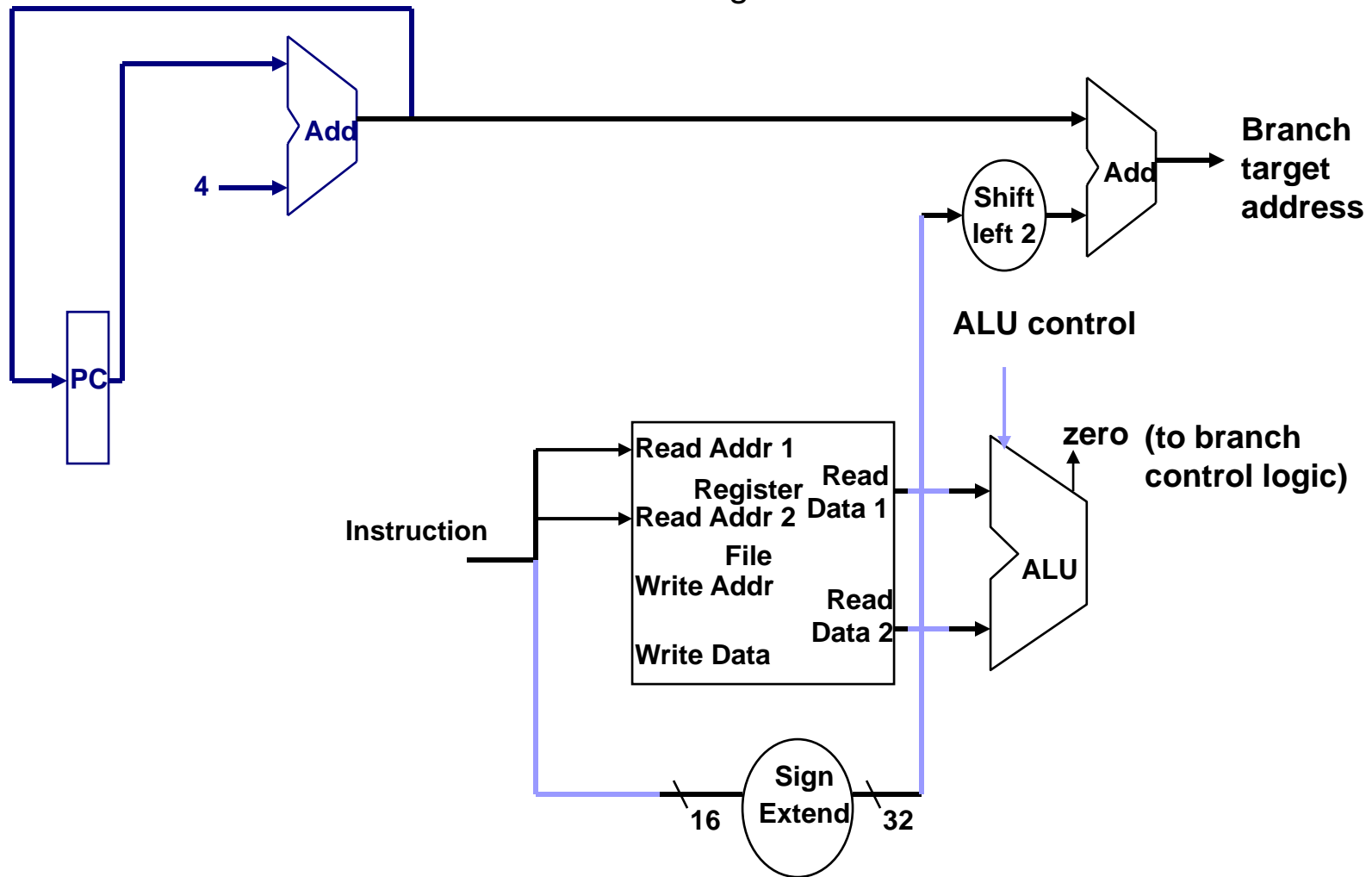
# Data elements needed to implement Load and Store



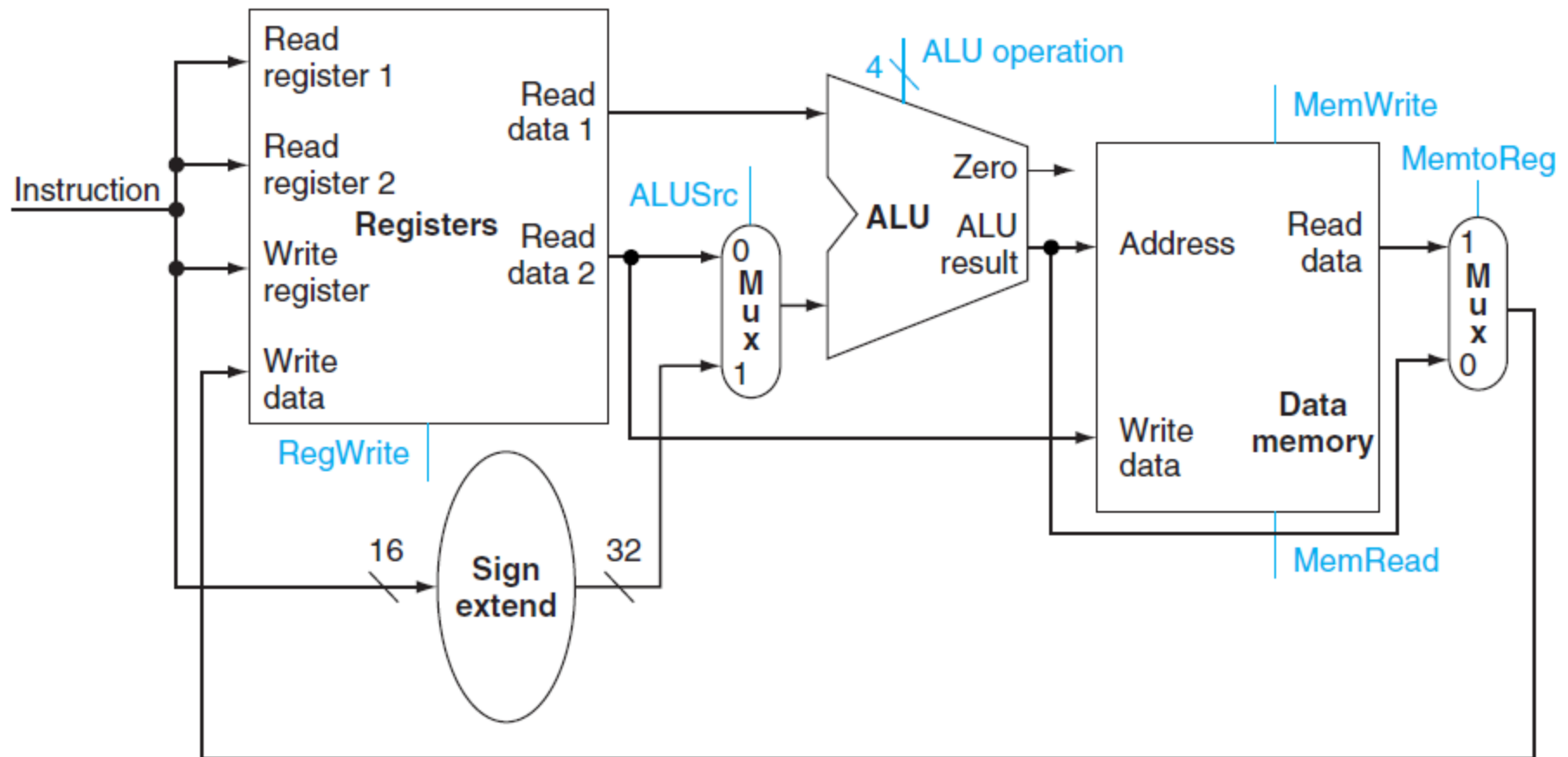
# Executing Branch Operations

- Branch operations involves

- compare the operands read from the Register File during decode for equality (**zero** ALU output)
- compute the branch target address by adding the updated PC to the 16-bit signed-extended offset field in the instr



# Datapath for the Memory Instruction and R-type instruction



# A Simple Datapath for the MIPS Architecture

