

Week 4: Single cycle and pipelined CPUs

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Quiz Instructions

This quiz covers single cycle CPU design and performance and pipelining.

See [https://jlpteaching.github.io/comparch/modules/processor architecture/single-cycle/](https://jlpteaching.github.io/comparch/modules/processor%20architecture/single-cycle/) 
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Question 1

1 pts

The PC is used to access memory

- ☐ memory
- ☐ writeback
- ☐ fetch
- ☐ decode
- ☐ execute

Question 2

1 pts

Bits from the instruction are used to determine the size of the access to memory

- ☐ memory
- ☐ decode
- ☐ writeback

- ☐ fetch
- ☐ execute

Question 3**1 pts**

The instruction is read from memory

- ☐ memory
- ☐ decode
- ☐ execute
- ☐ fetch
- ☐ writeback

Question 4**1 pts**

The data is read from the register file

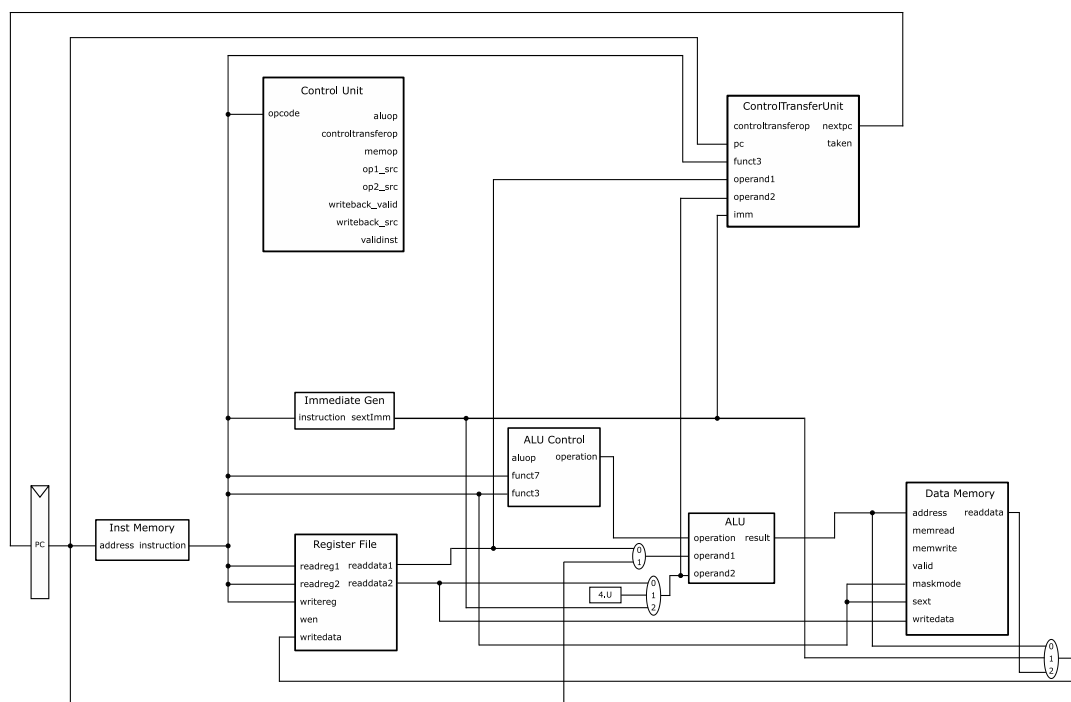
- ☐ writeback
- ☐ execute
- ☐ memory
- ☐ decode
- ☐ fetch

Question 5**1 pts**

The ALU performs an operation as specified by the instruction

- ☐ decode
- ☐ memory
- ☐ execute
- ☐ writeback
- ☐ fetch

Use the following image for the next questions.



Single cycle DINO CPU

Mux numbers are from left to right.

Question 6

1 pts

For the following instruction, choose the correct value for each mux as shown in the figure above. If it doesn't matter, default to 0.

Mux numbers are from left to right.

jal x3, x8

Mux 1: [Select] Mux 2: [Select] Mux
3: [Select]

Question 7

1 pts

For the following instruction, choose the correct value for each mux as shown in the figure above. If it doesn't matter, default to 0.

Mux numbers are from left to right.

sll x5, x12, x2

Mux 1: [Select] Mux 2: [Select] Mux
3: [Select]

Question 8

1 pts

For the following instruction, choose the correct value for each mux as shown in the figure above. If it doesn't matter, default to 0.

Mux numbers are from left to right.

add x3, x7, x12

Mux 1: [Select] Mux 2: [Select] Mux
3: [Select]

Question 9**1 pts**

[Select]



is shared by all instructions.

[Select]



selects subsets of components to use for each instruction

Question 10**1 pts**

"A state element that contains a set of locations that can be read/written by supplying a location number and that is usually accessed multiple time for each instruction" describes which of the following data path elements?

☐ Muxes☐ PC☐ ALU☐ data memory☐ Immediate generator☐ Register file☐ control unit☐ Instruction memory**Question 11****2 pts**

There is a processor design that combines some steps. It has three stages: fetch & decode, execute, and memory & writeback. Use the following information to

answer the question. Note: This may be different from other questions.

Fetch & Decode Execute Memory & Writeback

150ps 210ps 230ps

If this is a single-cycle processor design, what is the cycle time of this processor in ps?

Question 12

2 pts

There is a processor design that combines some steps. It has three stages: fetch & decode, execute, and memory & writeback. Use the following information to answer the question. Note: This may be different from other questions.

Fetch & Decode Execute Memory & Writeback

150ps 150ps 280ps

What is the CPI for this processor?

CPI single - cycle = 1
Pipeline CPU:

Instruction latency: 5 cycles

→ CPI ~ 1 (ideal) , > 1 other case

IPC ~ 1 (ideal)

< 1 (other)

Question 13

2 pts

There is a processor design that combines some steps. It has three stages: fetch & decode, execute, and memory & writeback. Use the following information to answer the question. Note: This may be different from other questions.

Fetch & Decode Execute Memory & Writeback

180ps 240ps 300ps

How long does it take to execute an application with 6 billion instructions on this single cycle processor (in seconds)?

Question 14**1 pts**

How long does it take to complete a single load of laundry (in minutes)?

Pre-wash Washing Drying Folding/hanging

60 min 50 min 50 min 60 min

Question 15**1 pts**

What is the limiting "stage" for this laundry system? (Can have multiple answers)?

Pre-wash Washing Drying Folding/hanging

50 min 50 min 50 min 60 min

☐ Washing

☐ Pre-wash

☐ Drying

☐ Hanging/folding

Question 16**1 pts**

What is the cycle time for the pipelined laundry (in minutes)? I.e., how frequently will a load be finished?

Pre-wash Washing Drying Folding/hanging

40 min 40 min 60 min 60 min

Question 17**1 pts**

What is the throughput for the pipelined laundry? I.e., how many loads can you complete **per hour**?

Pre-wash Washing Drying Folding/hanging

40 min 50 min 50 min 50 min

Question 18**1 pts**

What is the speedup pipelining compared to not pipelining? Assume you only care about the steady state (i.e., no need to consider warmup/cooldown time).

Pre-wash Washing Drying Folding/hanging

50 min 50 min 50 min 60 min

Question 19**1 pts**

How long does it take to execute a single instruction? (in ps)

Fetch Decode Execute Memory Writeback

400 ps 400 ps 200 ps 500 ps 300 ps

Question 20**1 pts**

What is the limiting stage for this pipeline? (Can have multiple answers)?

Fetch Decode Execute Memory Writeback

500 ps 300 ps 300 ps 400 ps 200 ps

☐ Memory

☐ Decode

☐ Writeback

☐ Fetch

☐ Execute

Question 21**1 pts**

What is the cycle time for the pipelined processor?

Fetch Decode Execute Memory Writeback

400 ps 400 ps 200 ps 600 ps 200 ps

Question 22**1 pts**

What is the throughput for the pipeline? I.e., how many instructions can you complete **per second**?

Fetch Decode Execute Memory Writeback

400 ps 500 ps 200 ps 400 ps 300 ps

Question 23

1 pts

What is the speedup pipelining compared to not pipelining? Assume you only care about the steady state (i.e., no need to consider warmup/cooldown time).

Fetch Decode Execute Memory Writeback

500 ps 300 ps 300 ps 500 ps 300 ps

Question 24

2 pts

For the following program mark the data dependencies. Put a check when the register listed after the : depends on one of previous (older) instructions

`t2, 787`

`sub s2, t3, t4`

`sra s6, s2, s1`

`ori s4, s6, 38`

RAW
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WAR

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inst+1

rd s2

rs t2

inst+2

rd s2

rs t3, t4

inst+3

rd s6

rs s2, s1

☒ sra s6, s2, s1: s2

☐ sra s6, s2, s1: s1

☐ xori s2, t2, 787: s2

☐ sub s2, t3, t4: t3

☐ sub s2, t3, t4: s2

☐ ori s4, s6, 38: s4

☐ sra s6, s2, s1: s6

☐ xori s2, t2, 787: t2

☒ ori s4, s6, 38: s6

☐ sub s2, t3, t4: t4

Question 25**2 pts**

For the following program mark the data dependencies. Put a check when the register listed after the : depends on one of previous (older) instructions

`ori s2, s9, -807``xor s2, s1, s4``add s8, s2, a5``ori a7, s8, -893`☐ xor s2, s1, s4: s4☐ add s8, s2, a5: a5☐ add s8, s2, a5: s8☐ xor s2, s1, s4: s2☐ ori a7, s8, -893: a7☐ ori s2, s9, -807: s2☐ ori a7, s8, -893: s8☐ add s8, s2, a5: s2☐ ori s2, s9, -807: s9☐ xor s2, s1, s4: s1**Question 26****1 pts**

For the following program mark the data dependencies. Put a check when the register listed after the : depends on a previous (older) instruction.

`sub a7, s0, a0``lw s8, (-944)a7``lw t2, (112)s8`

☐ lw s8, (-944)a7: s8☐ lw t2, (112)s8: t2☐ sub a7, s0, a0: a7☐ sub a7, s0, a0: a0☐ lw t2, (112)s8: s8☐ sub a7, s0, a0: s0☐ lw s8, (-944)a7: a7**Question 27****1 pts**

For the following program mark the data dependencies. Put a check when the register listed after the : depends on a previous (older) instruction.

sub t1, t3, a5

sw a7, (-1188)t1

sw t1, (1768)a7

☐ sub t1, t3, a5: t1☐ sw t1, (1768)a7: a7☐ sw a7, (-1188)t1: a7☐ sw t1, (1768)a7: t1☐ sub t1, t3, a5: a5☐ sw a7, (-1188)t1: t1☐ sub t1, t3, a5: t3**Question 28****2 pts**

Which of the following instructions will cause later instructions to stall assuming there's no branch predictor?

☐ beq a7, a1, -1676☐ jal a6, 120☐ ori s0, a6, -1263☐ bne s5, s2, 1618☐ sub t5, t6, t5☐ sra a1, t3, t2☐ auipc a7, 470☒ bne s5, s2, 1618☒ jal a6, 120☐ auipc a7, 470☐ sub t5, t6, t5☐ ori s0, a6, -1263☐ sra a1, t3, t2☒ beq a7, a1, -1676

Question 29

2 pts

Which of the following instructions will cause later instructions to stall assuming there's no branch predictor?

☐ ori s6, s2, 1808☐ blt s10, t0, -1708☐ ori a0, t5, -767☐ sw t3, -896(a0)☐ sra t4, a5, s4☐ bge t1, a0, 633☐ addi t3, a4, 1226☐ blt s10, t0, -1708

☐ `bge t1, a0, 633`☐ `sw t3, -896(a0)`☐ `ori s6, s2, 1808`☐ `sra t4, a5, s4`☐ `addi t3, a4, 1226`☐ `ori a0, t5, -767`

Question 30

1 pts

In which stage do you *know* you need to stall for a control hazard?

☐ Execute☐ Memory☐ Decode☐ Writeback☐ Fetch

Question 31

1 pts

When predicting a branch, you need to predict which two things:

☐ which stage it is in☐ if it is an exception☐ number of cycles to stall☐ the target address☐ forward or backward☐ taken or not taken