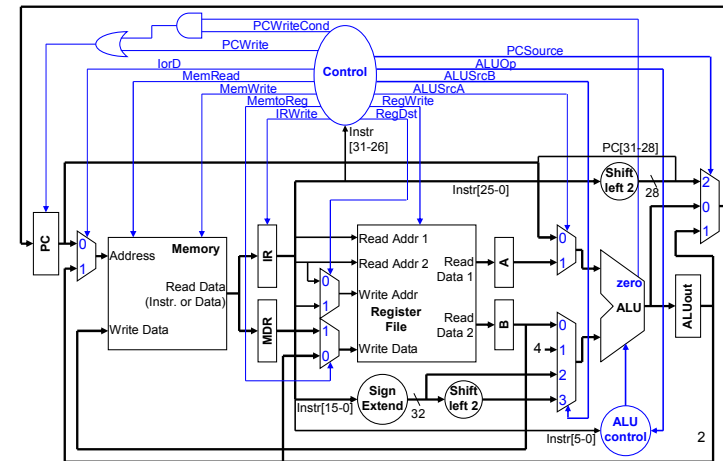


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Multi-Cycle MIPS

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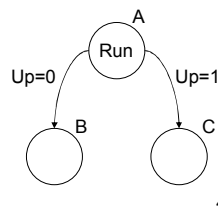
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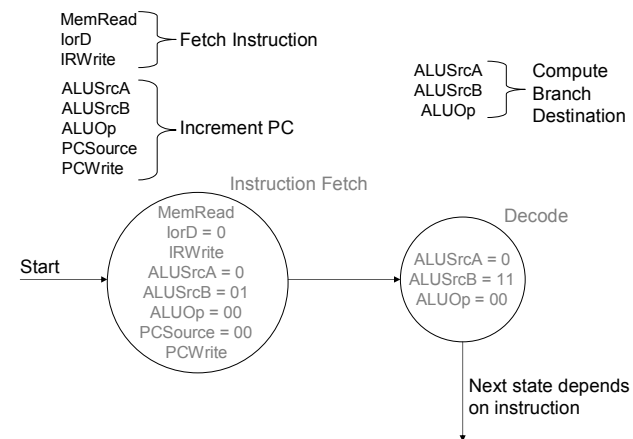
Defining the CPU Control

- Use a finite state machine model to design the control
 - Control now has state or memory
 - Action depends on input and current cycle
- Signal names in each state are asserted
 - Asserted signals are set or enabled
 - Unlisted signals are deasserted
- Arcs between states list conditions for transition

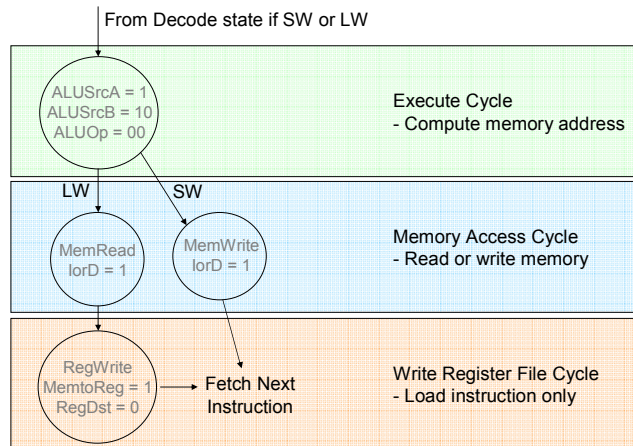
- Example State A
 - Signal Run is asserted
 - Goes to State B when input Up = 0
 - Goes to State C when input Up = 1



Instruction Fetch and Decode Cycles

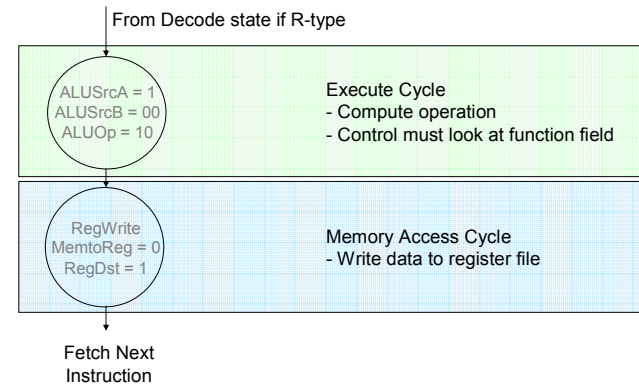


Memory Access Instructions



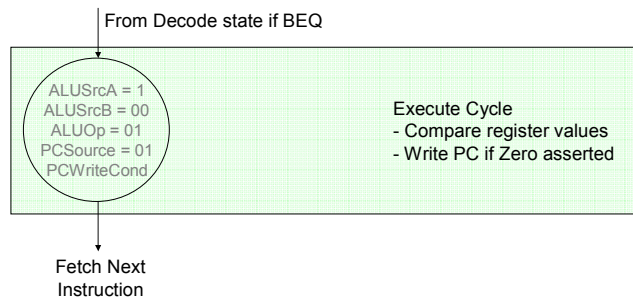
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R-type Instructions



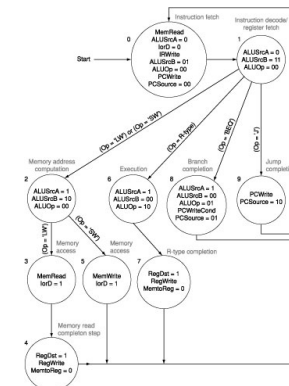
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Branch on Equal Instruction



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Final State Diagram



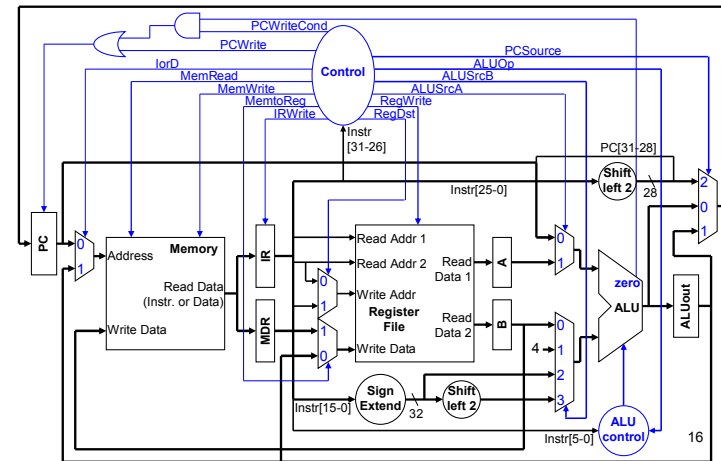
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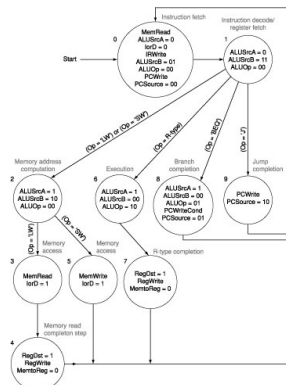
- **Jump and link (jal)**
 - J-Type
 - PC+4 \rightarrow \$31
 - Jump destination \rightarrow PC
- **What modifications are required?**
 - 2 Cycle
 - Const 31 write destination
 - Expand PCSource mux with ALUOut as PC+4
 - 3 Cycle
 - Const 31 write destination
 - PC connected to write data

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Exceptions and Interrupts

- Unexpected events that change the control flow
 - Exceptions: events that occur within the CPU
 - Arithmetic overflow
 - Invalid instruction
 - Interrupts: events caused by external sources
 - I/O device communication mechanism
 - Watchdog timer
- CPU must provide OS with
 - An indication what type of event occurred
 - An indication where the event occurred

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Handling Exceptions

- CPU provides the address of the instruction **where** the event occurred
 - The Exception Program Counter (EPC)
 - CPU might undo addition of 4 from fetch cycle
- Two ways to indicate the **type** of event
 - Cause Register: CPU provides the OS with a value in a register that indicates what caused the event
 - Vectored: CPU starts executing at an address that depends on the event type

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Handling Exceptions – Cause Register

- The EPC contains the address of the instruction
- The Cause register contains a value that indicates what type of event occurred
 - For example:
 - Invalid Instruction: Cause = 0x0000000A
 - Arithmetic Overflow: Cause = 0x0000000C
- When an exception or interrupt occurs:
 - The CPU sets the EPC and Cause registers
 - Starts executing at a defined address
 - 0x80000180 in MIPS
 - The OS determines how to handle the event
- MIPS handles exceptions and interrupts this way

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Handling Exceptions – Vectored

- EPC contains instruction address
- No Cause register
- CPU goes to an address based on the event type
 - Looks at the interrupt vector (or description) table
 - For example:
 - Arithmetic Overflow: PC = 0xC0000000
 - Undefined Instruction: PC = 0xC0000020
- When an exception or interrupt occurs:
 - The CPU sets the EPC and looks up interrupt handler address
 - Starts executing the interrupt handler
 - The handler returns to the program when done

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Interrupt Classification

- Internal or external
 - Internal interrupts caused by instruction
 - Overflow
 - Invalid instruction
 - External interrupts caused by sources outside CPU
 - Device request
 - Bus error
- Precision
 - Precise interrupts
 - Instructions before interrupt completed
 - Instruction that caused the interrupt and those after have not changed the CPU state
 - Imprecise interrupts cannot guarantee these conditions

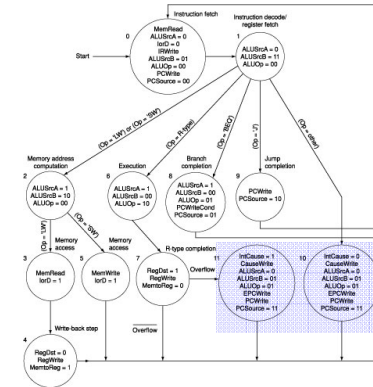
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Control Unit Adaptation

- Control Unit of CPU must be modified to detect and handle exceptions and interrupts
 - Logic necessary to detect exceptions
 - Check for invalid opcode/function field values
 - ALU modified to detect overflow
 - Exception handling address input to PC multiplexer
 - Control signals for Cause and EPC registers
 - Use ALU to compute PC of current instruction
 - PC updated to PC+4 during fetch cycle
 - Compute PC+4-4=PC during exception cycle

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State Diagram with Exceptions



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