

1. How many cycles should the `SUB` instruction be stalled so that it executes correctly?

Answer: 3

2. Which instruction will require in its `MEM` stage, data produced by a previous instruction?

- (a) `reg-reg`
- (b) `lw`
- (c) `sw`
- (d) `beq`
- (e) None of the above

Answer: (c)

3. Without data forwarding, how many cycles of stall are required for `sw`, when register file isn't arranged so that write happens before read ?

Answer: 3

4. Without data forwarding, how many cycles of stall are required for `sw`, when register file is arranged so that write happens before read ?

Answer: 2

5. In the case, without any data forwarding, and assuming register file does not do read after write, how many cycles of stall are required for the `sw` instruction?

Answer: 2

6. In the case, without any data forwarding, and assuming register file does read after write, how many cycles of stall are required for the `sw` instruction?

Answer: 1

7. How can we avoid stalls for the `sw` instruction in this example?

- (a) Forward from the register file
- (b) Forward from the `EX/MEM` latch
- (c) Forward from the `MEM/WB` latch

(d) There's no latch shown from which we can forward the needed data

Answer: (d)

8. Is a data hazard possible in a memory location?

- (a) Yes, in all architectures
- (b) Yes, but not in MIPS
- (c) Not possible in any architecture

Answer: (b)

9. Which of the following is an example of structural hazard due to different number of cycles for different instructions? Select all that apply.

- (a) Any non-dependent instruction between LW and ADD will cause a structural hazard between LW and ADD
- (b) Any ADD instruction following the given ADD will cause a structural hazard with the original ADD
- (c) Any ADD instruction following the given ADD will cause a structural hazard with the original LW
- (d) A LW instruction following the given ADD will cause a structural hazard with the original LW

Answer: (b), (d)

10. What is the minimum number of cycles of stall required for the `add` instruction, assuming that we arrange for the necessary data forwarding?

Answer: 1

11. Which of the following data forwarding will come into play for the dependent `add`, following the `lw` ?

- (a) Forward from MEM/WB to EX stage
- (b) Forward from Post-WB to EX stage
- (c) Forward from EX/MEM to EX stage
- (d) Forward from MEM/WB to MEM stage

Answer: (a)