

- Number of cycles =**

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2. Same as above but with FORWARDING .

Number of cycles =

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3. Assume the following instruction frequencies:

R-type	BEQ	JMP	LW	SW
40%	25%	5%	25%	5%

You are evaluating three branch prediction strategies: (1) predict always taken, (2) predict always not taken and (3) use the 2-bit branch predictor. Experimentally, your measurements show that 60% of all branches are taken. The 2-bit predictor has an accuracy of 85%.

Assuming that the penalty of a misprediction is 3 cycles (because the branch outcome is known in the EX stage) and 0 cycles for a correct prediction, compute the average stall cycles of the strategies.

prediction strategy	stall cycles if branch is actually
always taken	
always not taken	
2-bit predictor	

- | | | stall cycle if branch is actually | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | | taken | not taken |
| branch prediction | predict not taken | | |
| | predict taken | | |

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