

Computer Architecture

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1. a PDF of examinable material used as lecture slides, and
2. a PDF of non-examinable, extra material:
 - ▶ the associated notes page may be pre-populated with extra, written explanation of material covered in lecture(s), plus
 - ▶ anything with a “grey’ed out” header/footer represents extra material which is useful and/or interesting but out of scope (and hence not covered).

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► Agenda:

1. introduce a theoretical computational model that is “*closely related to what happens in [practical] modern digital computers*” [7, Page 199], then
2. demonstrate how we implement said model in hardware.

Notes:

Part 1: in theory (1)

Definition

A **Register Machine (RM)** is specified by

- a finite number of registers, each of which can store an (infinite) natural number; $R_i \in \mathbb{N}$ denotes the i -th such register for $0 \leq i < r$, and
- a program, consisting of a finite list of instructions of the form

$$\text{label} : \text{body}$$

such that the i -th instruction has label L_i .

Definition

An RM **configuration** is a tuple

$$C = (l, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{r-1})$$

where

- l is the current label, and
- v_j is the current value stored in register R_j .

+ve : theoretically attractive: can be proved equivalent to a Turing machine

+ve : practically attractive: has clear analogies with, e.g., a calculator

−ve : some aspects (e.g., infinite sized registers) cannot be realised in practice

−ve : can be very inefficient

Notes:

- Keep in mind item #54 of Perlis’ Epigrams on Programming [9]: “*[b]eware of the Turing tar-pit in which everything is possible but nothing of interest is easy*”.

Part 1: in theory (2)

Definition

A (finite or infinite) computation by some RM is captured by

$$\langle C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots \rangle$$

i.e., a sequence of configurations such that

- ▶ for $i = 0$,

$$C_i = (0, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{r-1})$$

is the **initial configuration** where v_j is the initial value stored in register R_j ,

- ▶ for $i > 0$, C_i results from applying the instruction at label L_i to

$$C_{i-1} = (l, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{r-1}).$$

Definition

A finite computation by some RM is captured by

$$\langle C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{h-1} \rangle$$

such that in the **halting configuration**

$$C_{h-1} = (l, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{r-1})$$

the instruction labelled L_l either

- ▶ explicitly, or intentionally forces computation to halt, i.e., is a halt instruction, or
- ▶ implicitly, or unintentionally forces computation to halt, e.g., causes an error condition.

Notes:

Part 1: in theory (3)

- ▶ **Example:** roughly per [7, Chapter 11], consider a **counter machine** such that

1. $r = 4$, i.e., it has 4 registers,
2. each $R_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^4 - 1 = 15\}$, i.e., the registers store (finite) 4-bit values,
3. the set of valid instructions is

$L_i : R_{addr} \leftarrow R_{addr} + 1$ then goto L_{i+1}

$L_i : R_{addr} \leftarrow R_{addr} - 1$ then goto L_{i+1}

$L_i : \text{if } R_{addr} = 0 \text{ then goto } L_{target} \text{ else goto } L_{i+1}$

$L_i : \text{halt}$

Notes:

Part 1: in theory (4)

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1. a program e.g.,

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L0 : if R2 = 0 then goto L5 else goto L1
L1 : R2 ← R2 - 1 then goto L2
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L4 : if R0 = 0 then goto L0 else goto L5
L5 : if R1 = 0 then goto L9 else goto L6
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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation.

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} C_2 & = & (2, 0, 0, 1, 0) \\ L_2 & \rightsquigarrow & R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 1 \text{ then goto } L_3 \\ C_3 & = & (3, 0, 0, 1, 1) \end{array}$$

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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

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C3  =  (3, 0, 0, 1, 1)
L3  ~>  R1 ← R1 + 1 then goto L4
C4  =  (4, 0, 1, 1, 1)
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L0 : if R2 = 0 then goto L5 else goto L1
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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

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C4  =  (4, 0, 1, 1, 1)
L4  ~>  if R0 = 0 then goto L0 else goto L5
C5  =  (0, 0, 1, 1, 1)
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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_5 &= (0, 0, 1, 1, 1) \\ L_0 &\rightsquigarrow \text{if } R_2 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_5 \text{ else goto } L_1 \\ C_6 &= (1, 0, 1, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_6 &= (1, 0, 1, 1, 1) \\ L_1 &\rightsquigarrow R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 1 \text{ then goto } L_2 \\ C_7 &= (2, 0, 1, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

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L9 : halt
```

2. an initial configuration, e.g.,

$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_7 &= (2, 0, 1, 0, 1) \\ L_2 &\leadsto R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 1 \text{ then goto } L_3 \\ C_8 &= (3, 0, 1, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_8 &= (3, 0, 1, 0, 2) \\ L_3 &\leadsto R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 1 \text{ then goto } L_4 \\ C_9 &= (4, 0, 2, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} C_9 &= (4, 0, 2, 0, 2) \\ L_4 &\rightsquigarrow \text{if } R_0 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_0 \text{ else goto } L_5 \\ C_{10} &= (0, 0, 2, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{10} &= (0, 0, 2, 0, 2) \\ L_0 &\rightsquigarrow \text{if } R_2 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_5 \text{ else goto } L_1 \\ C_{11} &= (5, 0, 2, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= (5, 0, 2, 0, 2) \\ L_5 &\leadsto \text{if } R_1 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_9 \text{ else goto } L_6 \\ C_{12} &= (6, 0, 2, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{15} &= (5, 0, 1, 1, 2) \\ L_5 &\leadsto \text{if } R_1 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_9 \text{ else goto } L_6 \\ C_{16} &= (6, 0, 1, 1, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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2. an initial configuration, e.g.,

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we can produce a **trace** of computation:

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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{17} &= (7, 0, 0, 1, 2) \\ L_7 &\leadsto R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 1 \text{ then goto } L_8 \\ C_{18} &= (8, 0, 0, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{18} &= (8, 0, 0, 2, 2) \\ L_8 &\leadsto \text{if } R_0 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_5 \text{ else goto } L_9 \\ C_{19} &= (5, 0, 0, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{19} &= (5, 0, 0, 2, 2) \\ L_5 &\leadsto \text{if } R_1 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_9 \text{ else goto } L_6 \\ C_{20} &= (9, 0, 0, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

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L0 : if R2 = 0 then goto L5 else goto L1
L1 : R2 ← R2 - 1 then goto L2
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L3 : R1 ← R1 + 1 then goto L4
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$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{20} &= (9, 0, 0, 2, 2) \\ L_9 &\leadsto \text{halt} \\ C_{21} &= (9, 0, 0, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

Notes:

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L0 : if R2 = 0 then goto L5 else goto L1
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L3 : R1 ← R1 + 1 then goto L4
L4 : if R0 = 0 then goto L0 else goto L5
L5 : if R1 = 0 then goto L9 else goto L6
L6 : R1 ← R1 - 1 then goto L7
L7 : R2 ← R2 + 1 then goto L8
L8 : if R0 = 0 then goto L5 else goto L9
L9 : halt
```

2. an initial configuration, e.g.,

$$C_0 = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0)$$

we can produce a **trace** of computation:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{20} &= (9, 0, 0, 2, 2) \\ L_9 &\leadsto \text{halt} \\ C_{21} &= (9, 0, 0, 2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

which demonstrates that the program copies R_2 into R_3 .

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

► No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

1. different models, e.g.,

- counter machine,
- Random-Access Machine (RAM),
- Random-Access Stored-Program (RASP) machine,
- ...

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

- ▶ No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

2. different instruction set content, e.g., a counter machine with or without

$$L_i : R_{addr} \leftarrow 0$$

or “clear” instruction.

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

- ▶ No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

3. different instruction set format, e.g.,

- ▶ **register machine** \simeq 3-operand model:

- r registers,
- source and destination operands can be specified independently,
- (rough) example:

$$\begin{array}{llll} R_0 \leftarrow 10 & \rightsquigarrow & C_0 = (& 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0 \quad) \\ R_1 \leftarrow 20 & \rightsquigarrow & C_1 = (& 1, \quad 10, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0 \quad) \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_0 + R_1 & \rightsquigarrow & C_2 = (& 2, \quad 10, \quad 20, \quad 0, \quad 0 \quad) \\ & & C_3 = (& 3, \quad 10, \quad 20, \quad 30, \quad 0 \quad) \end{array}$$

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

- No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

3. different instruction set format, e.g.,

► **register machine** \simeq 2-operand model:

- r registers,
- operands may need to be reused as source *and* destination,
- (rough) example:

$$\begin{array}{lll} R_0 \leftarrow 10 & \rightsquigarrow & C_0 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 0, & 0, & 0, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \\ R_1 \leftarrow 20 & \rightsquigarrow & C_1 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 1, & 10, & 0, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \\ R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + R_1 & \rightsquigarrow & C_2 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 2, & 10, & 20, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \\ & & C_3 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 3, & 30, & 20, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \end{array}$$

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

- No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

3. different instruction set format, e.g.,

► **accumulator machine** \simeq 1-operand model:

- may have $r > 1$ register, but there is 1 special-purpose case termed the **accumulator**,
- operations implicitly use accumulator for source and/or destination operands,
- (rough) example:

$$\begin{array}{lll} A \leftarrow 10 & \rightsquigarrow & C_0 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 0, & 0, & 0, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \\ A \leftarrow A + 20 & \rightsquigarrow & C_1 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 1, & 10, & 0, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \\ & & C_2 = (\begin{array}{ccccc} 2, & 30, & 0, & 0, & 0 \end{array}) \end{array}$$

Notes:

Aside: is this the *only* viable example?

► No: (many) **alternatives** exist, stemming from

3. different instruction set format, e.g.,

► **stack machine** \simeq 0-operand model:

- may have $r > 1$ register, but managed per a **stack** (i.e., FILO-style) policy,
- operations implicitly use stack for source and/or destination operands,
- (rough) example:

	\rightsquigarrow	$C_0 = ($	0,	0,	0,	0,	0	$)$
push 20	\rightsquigarrow	$C_1 = ($	1,	20,	0,	0,	0	$)$
push 10	\rightsquigarrow	$C_2 = ($	2,	10,	20,	0,	0	$)$
add	\rightsquigarrow	$C_3 = ($	3,	30,	0,	0,	0	$)$
pop	\rightsquigarrow	$C_4 = ($	4,	0,	0,	0,	0	$)$

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (1)

Design

Definition

Consider a sequence

$$x = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$$

where, for each $0 \leq i < n$ we have $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$. The associated **Gödel encoding** (or **Gödel numbering**) is

$$\hat{x} = \prod_{i=0}^{i < n} p_i^{x_i} = p_0^{x_0} \cdot p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}}$$

where p_i is the i -th prime, i.e., $p_0 = 2, p_1 = 3, p_2 = 5$, and so on. Due to Euclid’s unique prime-factorisation theorem, factoring \hat{x} allows recovery of x .

\therefore we can represent *anything* using elements of \mathbb{N} , e.g., per [8, Section VII.A],

- let 6 represent “0”,
- let 5 represent “=”, then
- the logical statement “ $0 = 0$ ” can be represented as

$$2^6 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^6 = 243,000,000.$$

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (2)

Design

► Concept:

► One can view

(human-readable) instruction \simeq abstraction of (machine-readable) control information,

i.e.,

instruction	=	information	\mapsto	what to do
data	=	information	\mapsto	what to do it on/with

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (2)

Design

► Concept:

► Gödel encoding allows numerical representation of *either* form of information, e.g.,

1	\mapsto	“the integer one” if it represents some data
1	\mapsto	“compute an addition” if it represents an instruction

are different, valid interpretations of the same number.

Notes:

► Concept:

- These facts suggest a strategy: an RM is an FSM in disguise, in the sense that
 1. an RM configuration is an FSM state, and
 2. the RM program determines the FSM transition function,
 so we could therefore
 - use, e.g., Gödel encoding or variant thereof, to encode instructions into numerical **machine code**,
 - store the machine code in memory,
 - have our implementation decode machine code into appropriate control signals.

Notes:

► Design: specify an instruction encoding, e.g.,

$L_i : R_{addr} \leftarrow R_{addr} + 1 \text{ then goto } L_{i+1}$	\mapsto	<table><tr><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">000</td><td colspan="2">addr</td><td colspan="3">0000</td><td></td></tr></table>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	000			addr		0000			
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$L_i : R_{addr} \leftarrow R_{addr} - 1 \text{ then goto } L_{i+1}$	\mapsto	<table><tr><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">001</td><td colspan="2">addr</td><td colspan="3">0000</td><td></td></tr></table>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	001			addr		0000			
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$L_i : \text{if } R_{addr} = 0 \text{ then goto } L_{target} \text{ else goto } L_{i+1}$	\mapsto	<table><tr><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">010</td><td colspan="2">addr</td><td colspan="3">target</td><td></td></tr></table>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	010			addr		target			
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$L_i : \text{halt}$	\mapsto	<table><tr><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">011</td><td colspan="2">00</td><td colspan="3">0000</td><td></td></tr></table>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	011			00		0000			
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such that

$$L_i : \text{if } R_2 = 0 \text{ then goto } L_5 \text{ else goto } L_{i+1} \mapsto 010100101_{(2)} = 0A5_{(16)}.$$

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (4)

Design

- **Design:** encode our original program

L_0 : if $R_2 = 0$ then goto L_5 else goto L_1	\mapsto	010100101 ₍₂₎	=	0A5 ₍₁₆₎
L_1 : $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 1$ then goto L_2	\mapsto	001100000 ₍₂₎	=	060 ₍₁₆₎
L_2 : $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 1$ then goto L_3	\mapsto	000110000 ₍₂₎	=	030 ₍₁₆₎
L_3 : $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 1$ then goto L_4	\mapsto	000010000 ₍₂₎	=	010 ₍₁₆₎
L_4 : if $R_0 = 0$ then goto L_0 else goto L_5	\mapsto	010000000 ₍₂₎	=	080 ₍₁₆₎
L_5 : if $R_1 = 0$ then goto L_9 else goto L_6	\mapsto	010011001 ₍₂₎	=	099 ₍₁₆₎
L_6 : $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 1$ then goto L_7	\mapsto	001010000 ₍₂₎	=	050 ₍₁₆₎
L_7 : $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 1$ then goto L_8	\mapsto	000100000 ₍₂₎	=	020 ₍₁₆₎
L_8 : if $R_0 = 0$ then goto L_5 else goto L_9	\mapsto	010000101 ₍₂₎	=	085 ₍₁₆₎
L_9 : halt	\mapsto	011000000 ₍₂₎	=	0C0 ₍₁₆₎

such that

- we use

$$\text{MEM} = \langle 0A5_{(16)}, 030_{(16)}, \dots, 0C0_{(16)} \rangle,$$

a 10-element memory,

- each $\text{MEM}[i]$ is a 9-bit encoding of the instruction labelled L_i .

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (5)

Design

- **Translation:**

- we're encoding the instructions as 9-element sequence of bits,
- using a Gödel encoding is too inefficient, so we opt for

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} &= x_0 \parallel x_1 \parallel x_2 \\ &\equiv x_0 \cdot 2^0 + x_1 \cdot 2^4 + x_2 \cdot 2^6\end{aligned}$$

so decoding amounts to extraction of contiguous bits from \hat{x} , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= \hat{x}_{3..0} \equiv (\hat{x} \gg 0) \wedge F_{(16)} \\ x_1 &= \hat{x}_{5..4} \equiv (\hat{x} \gg 4) \wedge 3_{(16)} \\ x_2 &= \hat{x}_{8..6} \equiv (\hat{x} \gg 6) \wedge 7_{(16)}\end{aligned}$$

- where a field, e.g., *target*, is unused, we just use zero as a placeholder,
- this approach works, but clearly isn't the *only* one possible.

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (6)
Design

Definition

The **Program Counter (PC)** is a special-purpose register that holds the address of the next instruction to be executed.

Definition

The **Instruction Register (IR)** is a special-purpose register that holds the instruction currently being executed.

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (7)
Design

Definition

The **fetch-decode-execute cycle** (aka. **instruction cycle**) is a 3-stage process

1. fetch stage : $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{1.a.} & \text{load instruction into IR} \quad \mapsto \quad \text{IR} \leftarrow \text{MEM}[\text{PC}] \\ \text{1.b.} & \text{increment PC} \quad \mapsto \quad \text{PC} \leftarrow \text{PC} + 1 \end{array} \right.$
2. decode stage : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{decide what instruction in IR means, i.e.,} \\ \text{translate IR into control signals which reflect instruction semantics} \end{array} \right.$
3. execute stage : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do whatever instruction in IR means, i.e.,} \\ \text{apply instruction semantics} \end{array} \right.$

which describes execution of instructions; in some cases it makes sense to consider a 5-stage process by adding

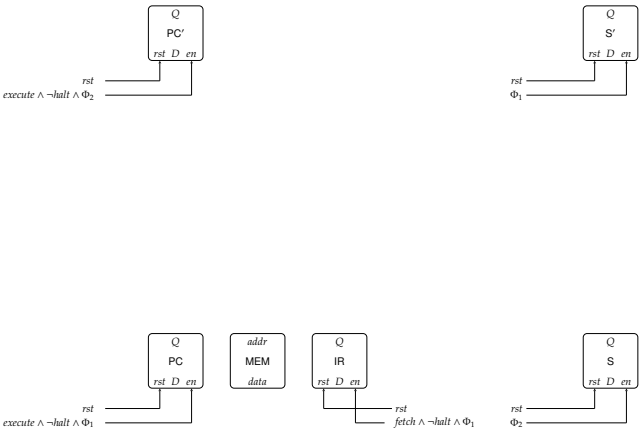
4. memory access stage : { perform any memory accesses (e.g., loads or stores) required
5. write-back (or commit) stage : { store result(s) stemming from instruction execution (e.g., computation)

i.e., expanding the execute stage to be more precise.

Notes:

Part 2: in practice (8)
Implementation: control-path

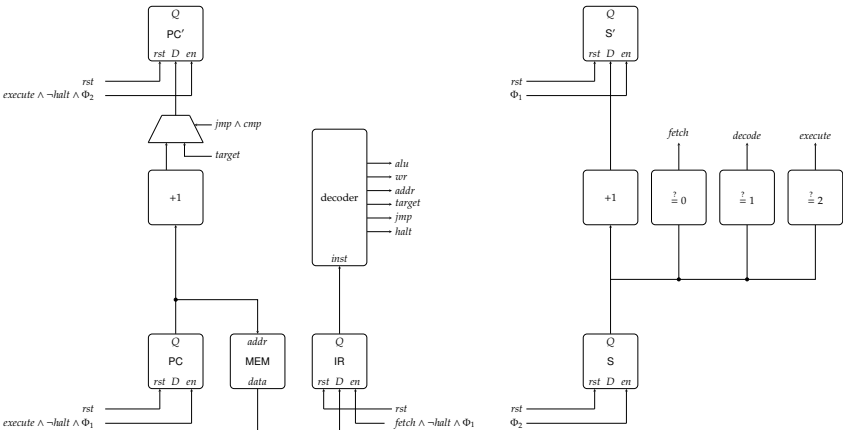
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Notes:

Part 2: in practice (8)
Implementation: control-path

Circuit

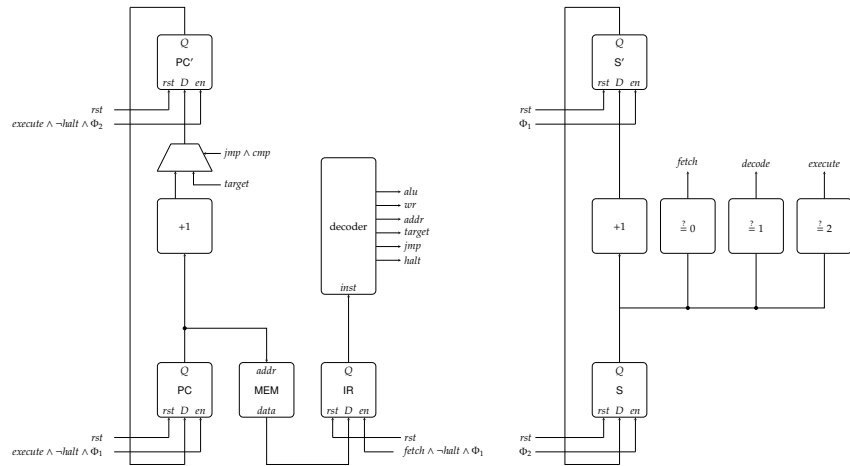


Notes:

Part 2: in practice (8)

Implementation: control-path

Circuit



Notes:

Part 2: in practice (9)

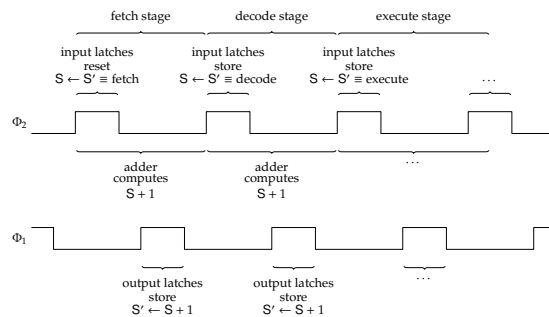
Implementation: control-path

► Caveat(s):

1. we're using latches (resp. flip-flops) with a dedicated *rst* input (in addition to *en*),
2. we're assuming a cyclic 2-bit counter, so the state *S* steps through values

$0, 1, 2, 3, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

3. we're not using $S = 3$, so in a sense this is an idle state,
4. we've reversed Φ_1 and Φ_2 for the sequencer, so we generate



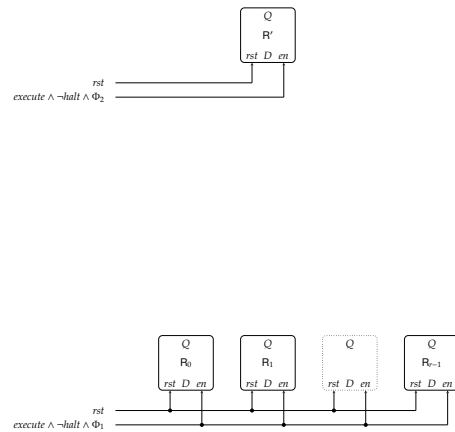
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5. to correctly drive update to registers the data- and control-path,
5. we've deviated slightly from the fetch-decode-execute cycle, updating *PC* in the execute (rather than fetch) stage.

Part 2: in practice (10)

Implementation: data-path

Circuit

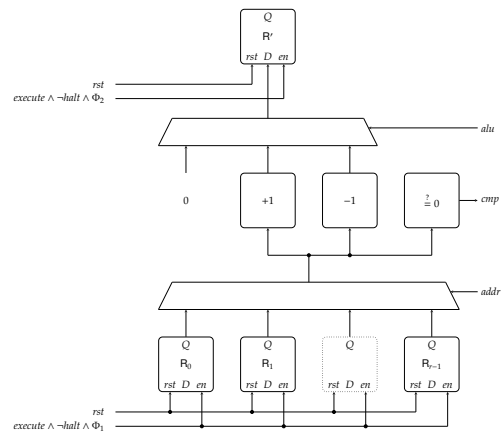


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Part 2: in practice (10)

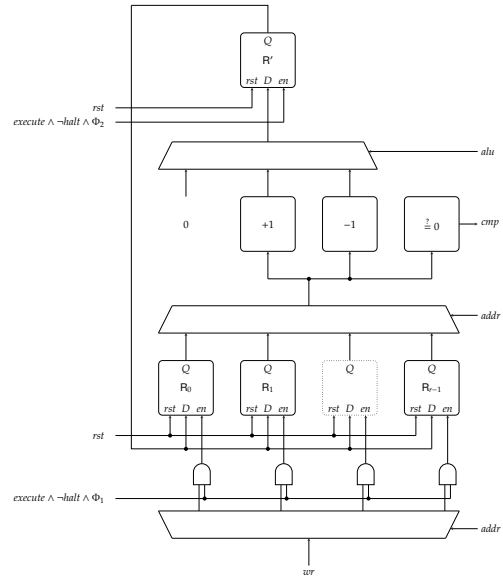
Implementation: data-path

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Notes:

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Notes:

Conclusions

► Take away points:

1. A central aim here is to demonstrate that, per

combinatorial logic	\leadsto	fixed function, not	stateful
sequential logic	\leadsto	fixed function,	stateful
FSM	\leadsto	fixed function,	stateful
RM	\leadsto	not fixed function,	stateful
	\vdots		
micro-processor	\leadsto	not fixed function,	stateful

and although our counter machine is *still* limited,

- ▶ it has started to exhibit the characteristics of a *real* micro-processor, *and*
- ▶ we can *still* reason end-to-end about the implementation.

2. In doing so we've encountered some fundamental concepts, e.g.,

- ▶ instruction encoding and decoding,
- ▶ the fetch-decode-execute cycle,
- ▶ the role of PC and IR in supporting it,
- ▶ ...

which we'll revisit and refine.

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