

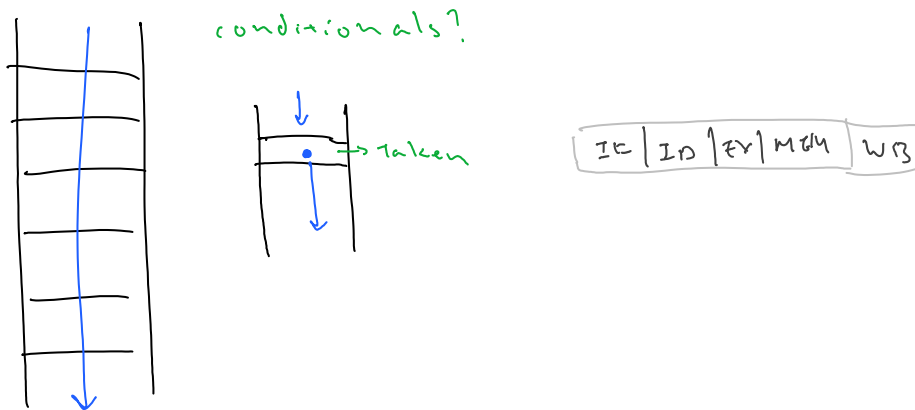
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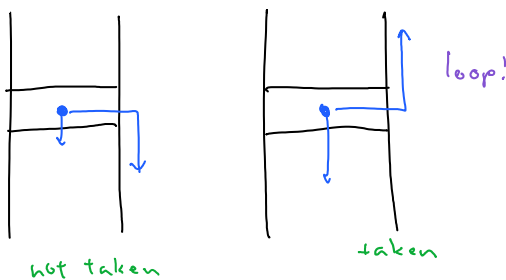
Hazards

- Structural
- Data
- Control

Without hazards, pipeline would be super happy and whiz to the finish



1. Wait 2 pipeline stages worth
2. Start executing something
 - a. if correct, yay
 - b. If not, "undo" the instruction



BRANCH PREDICTORS

- Static
 - Always taken
 - Always not taken
 - Prediction direction
- Dynamic

What if we start remembering what happened to this branch before

- 1 bit per branch, e.g. record 1 for taken, 0 otherwise
- E.g. 256 bit
 - Get to the branch, look it up
 - 0 not taken



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- 1 taken
- Update array
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