

- 9-1. In certain scientific computations it is necessary to perform the arithmetic operation $(A_i + B_i)(C_i + D_i)$ with a stream of numbers. Specify a pipeline configuration to carry out this task. List the contents of all registers in the pipeline for $i = 1$ through 6.
- 9-2. Draw a space-time diagram for a six-segment pipeline showing the time it takes to process eight tasks.
- 9-3. Determine the number of clock cycles that it takes to process 200 tasks in a six-segment pipeline.
- 9-4. A nonpipeline system takes 50 ns to process a task. The same task can be processed in a six-segment pipeline with a clock cycle of 10 ns. Determine the speedup ratio of the pipeline for 100 tasks. What is the maximum speedup that can be achieved?
- 9-5. The pipeline of Fig. 9-2 has the following propagation times: 40 ns for the operands to be read from memory into registers R1 and R2, 45 ns for the signal to propagate through the multiplier, 5 ns for the transfer into R3, and 15 ns to add the two numbers into R5.
 - a. What is the minimum clock cycle time that can be used?
 - b. A nonpipeline system can perform the same operation by removing R3 and R4. How long will it take to multiply and add the operands without using the pipeline?
 - c. Calculate the speedup of the pipeline for 10 tasks and again for 100 tasks.
 - d. What is the maximum speedup that can be achieved?
- 9-6. It is necessary to design a pipeline for a fixed-point multiplier that multiplies two 8-bit binary integers. Each segment consists of a number of AND gates and a binary adder similar to an array multiplier as shown in Fig. 10-10.
 - a. How many AND gates are there in each segment, and what size of adder is needed?
 - b. How many segments are there in the pipeline?
 - c. If the propagation delay in each segment is 30 ns, what is the average time that it takes to multiply two fixed-point numbers in the pipeline?
- 9-7. The time delay of the four segments in the pipeline of Fig. 9-6 are as follows: $t_1 = 50$ ns, $t_2 = 30$ ns, $t_3 = 95$ ns, and $t_4 = 45$ ns. The interface registers delay time $t_r = 5$ ns.
 - a. How long would it take to add 100 pairs of numbers in the pipeline?
 - b. How can we reduce the total time to about one-half of the time calculated in part (a)?
- 9-8. How would you use the floating-point pipeline adder of Fig. 9-6 to add 100 floating-point numbers $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_{100}$?
- 9-9. Formulate a six-segment instruction pipeline for a computer. Specify the operations to be performed in each segment.
- 9-10. Explain four possible hardware schemes that can be used in an instruction pipeline in order to minimize the performance degradation caused by instruction branching.