CSCI 210: Computer Architecture
Lecture 29: More Pipelining

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Announcements

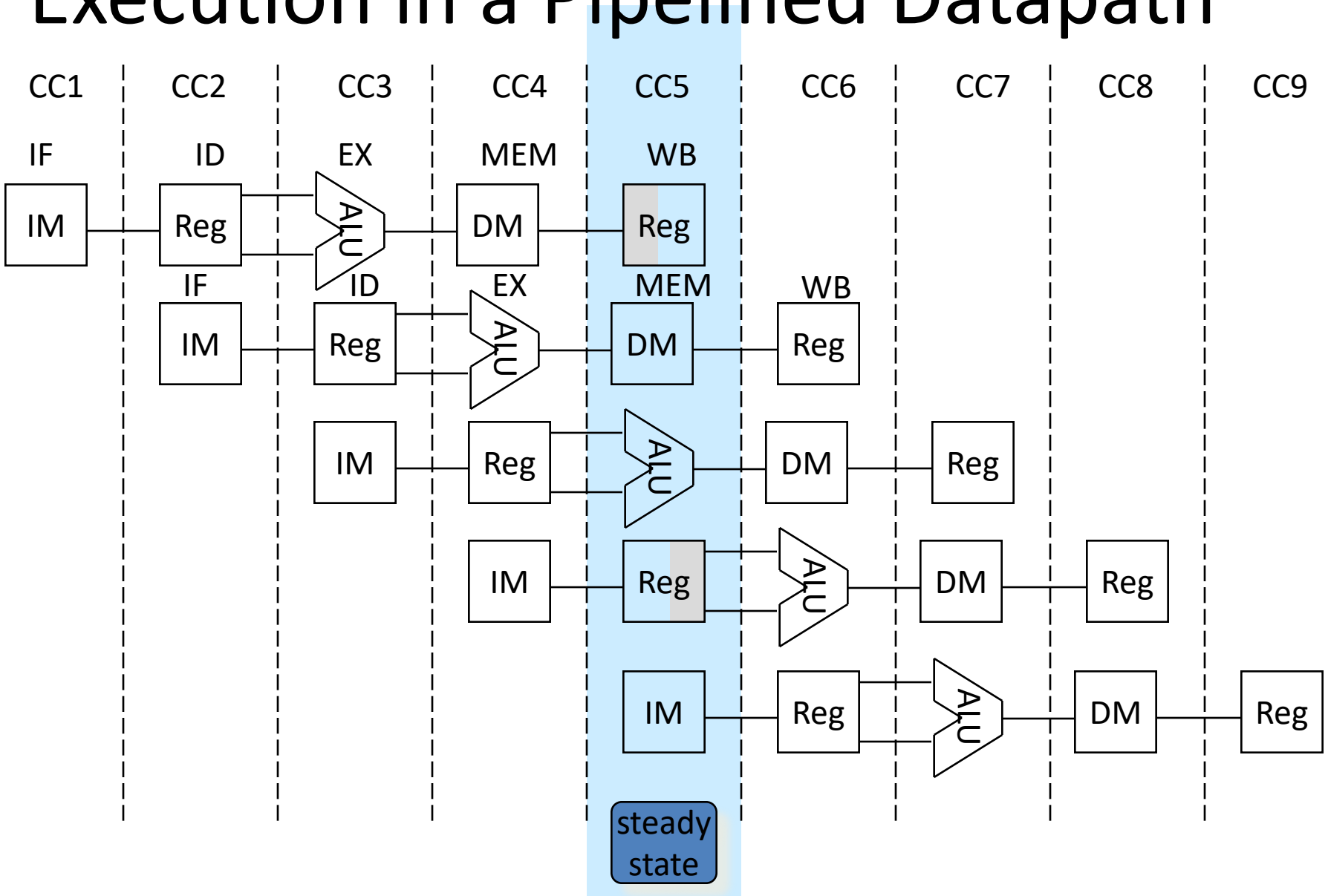
- Problem Set 9 due Friday
- Lab 8 due Sunday
- Office hours Friday 13:30–14:30

MIPS Pipeline

Five stages, one step per stage, one clock cycle per stage

1. IF: Instruction fetch from memory
2. ID: Instruction decode & register read
3. EX: Execute operation or calculate address
4. MEM: Access memory operand
5. WB: Write result back to register

Execution in a Pipelined Datapath



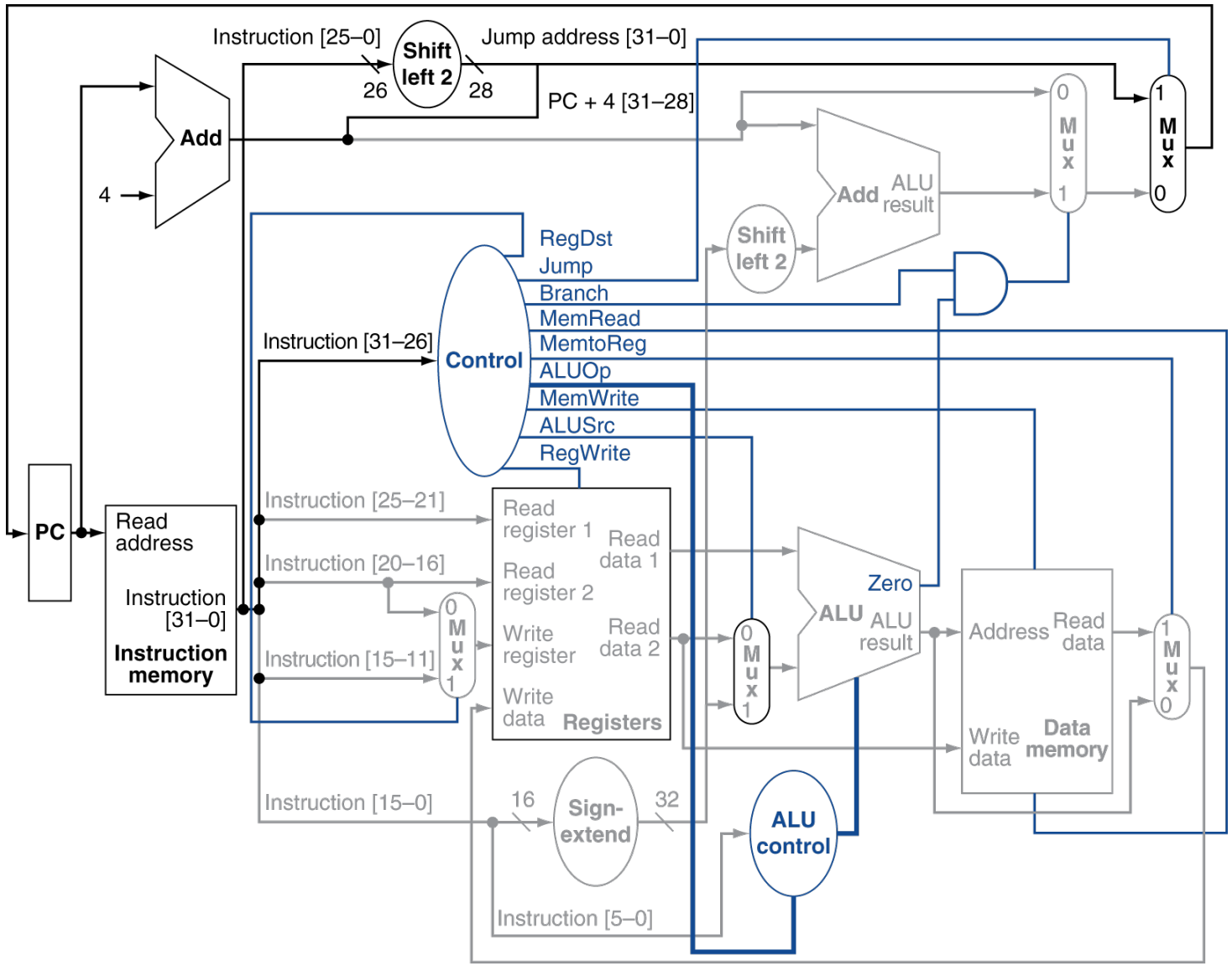
We can perform a register read and a register write in the same cycle. Which should we do first?

A. Read

B. Write

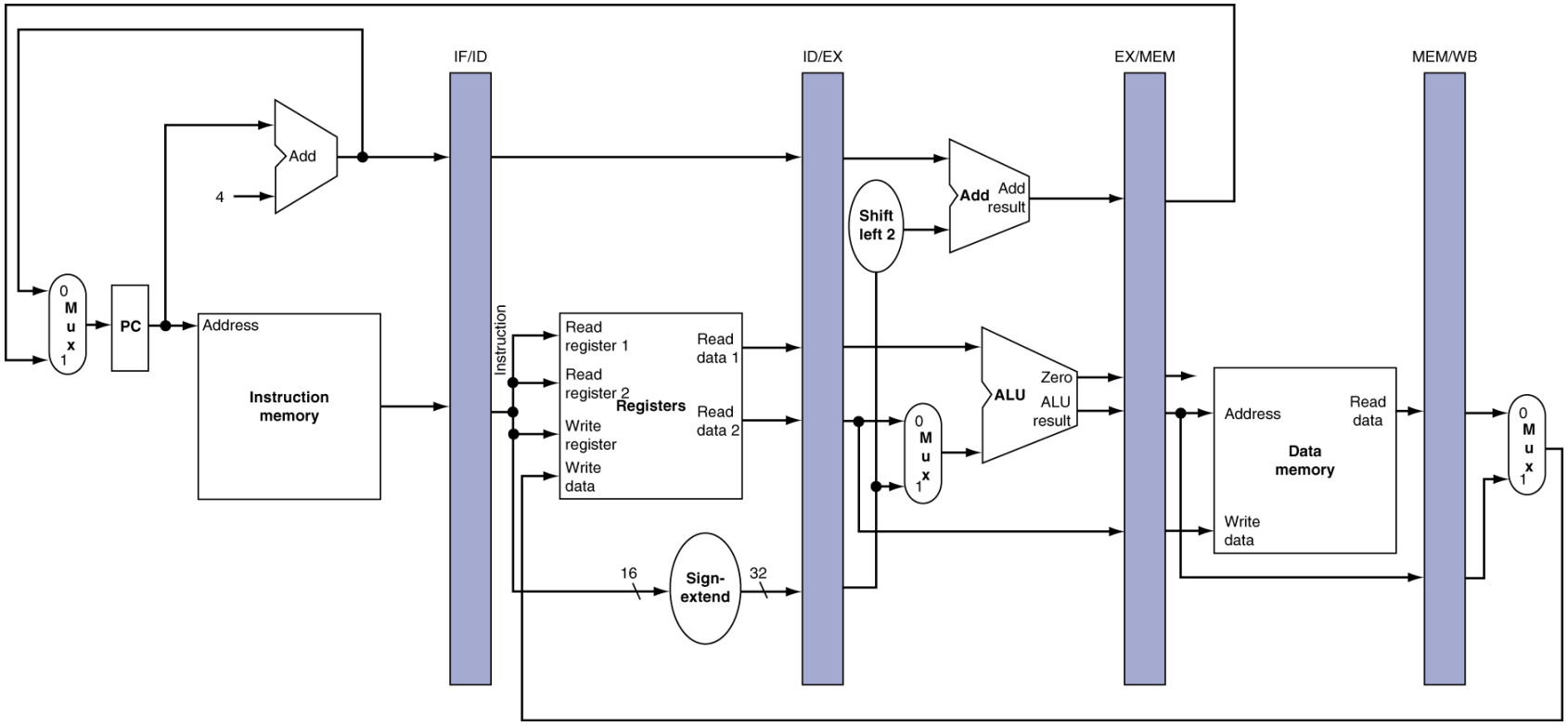
C. It doesn’t matter

Single Cycle Datapath

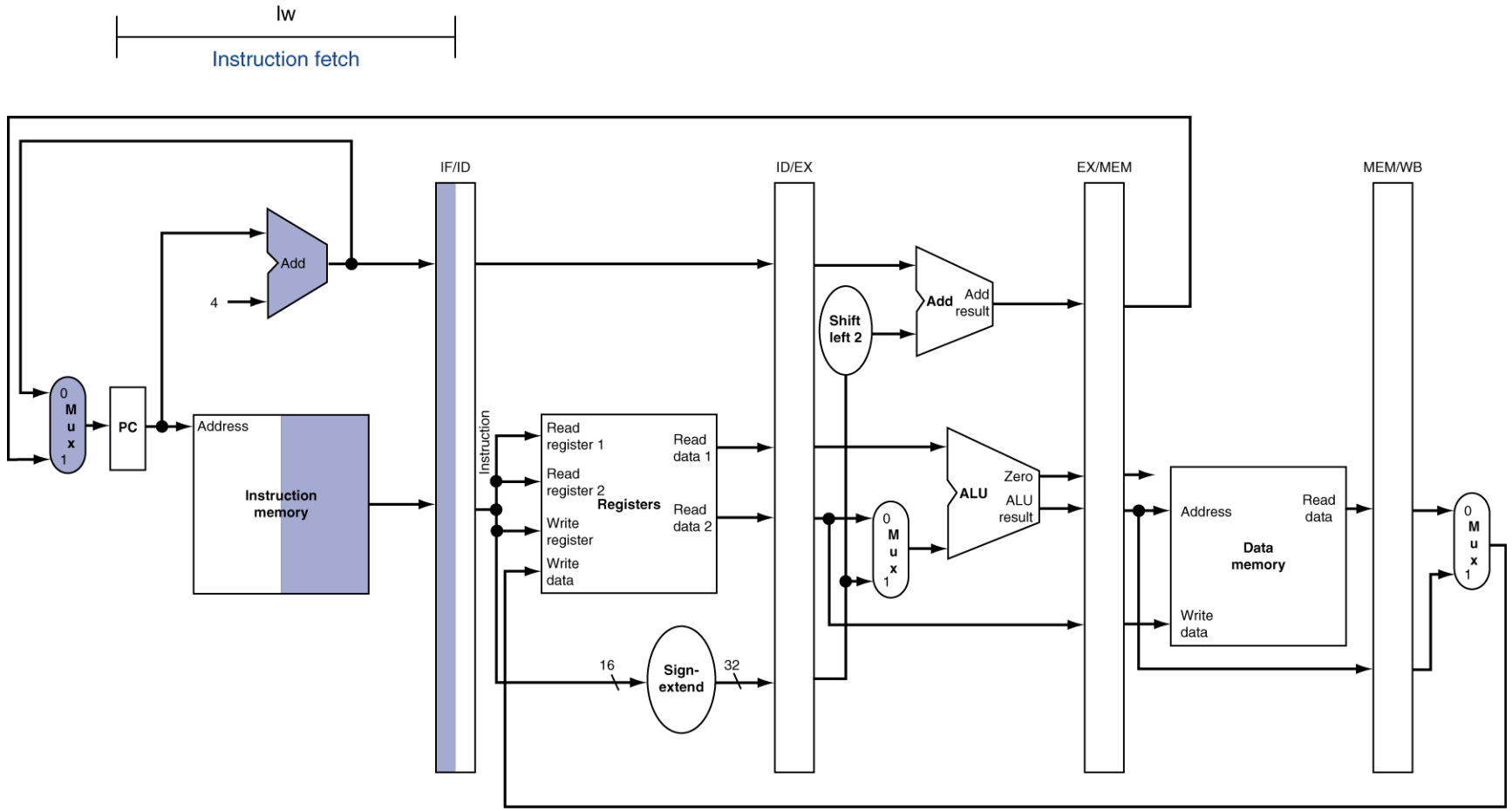


Pipeline registers

- Need registers between stages
  - To hold information produced in previous cycle



IF for Load, Store, …



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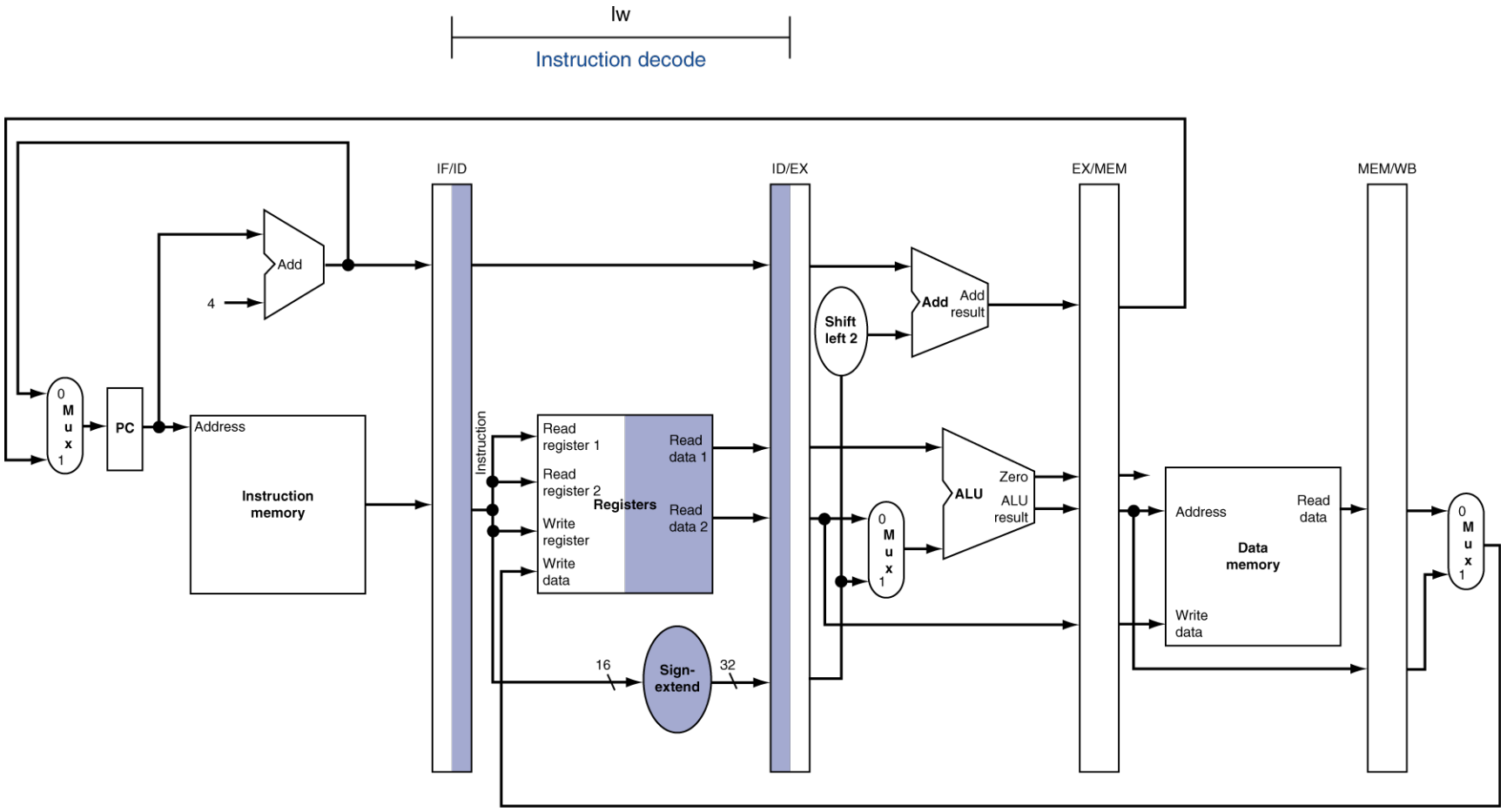


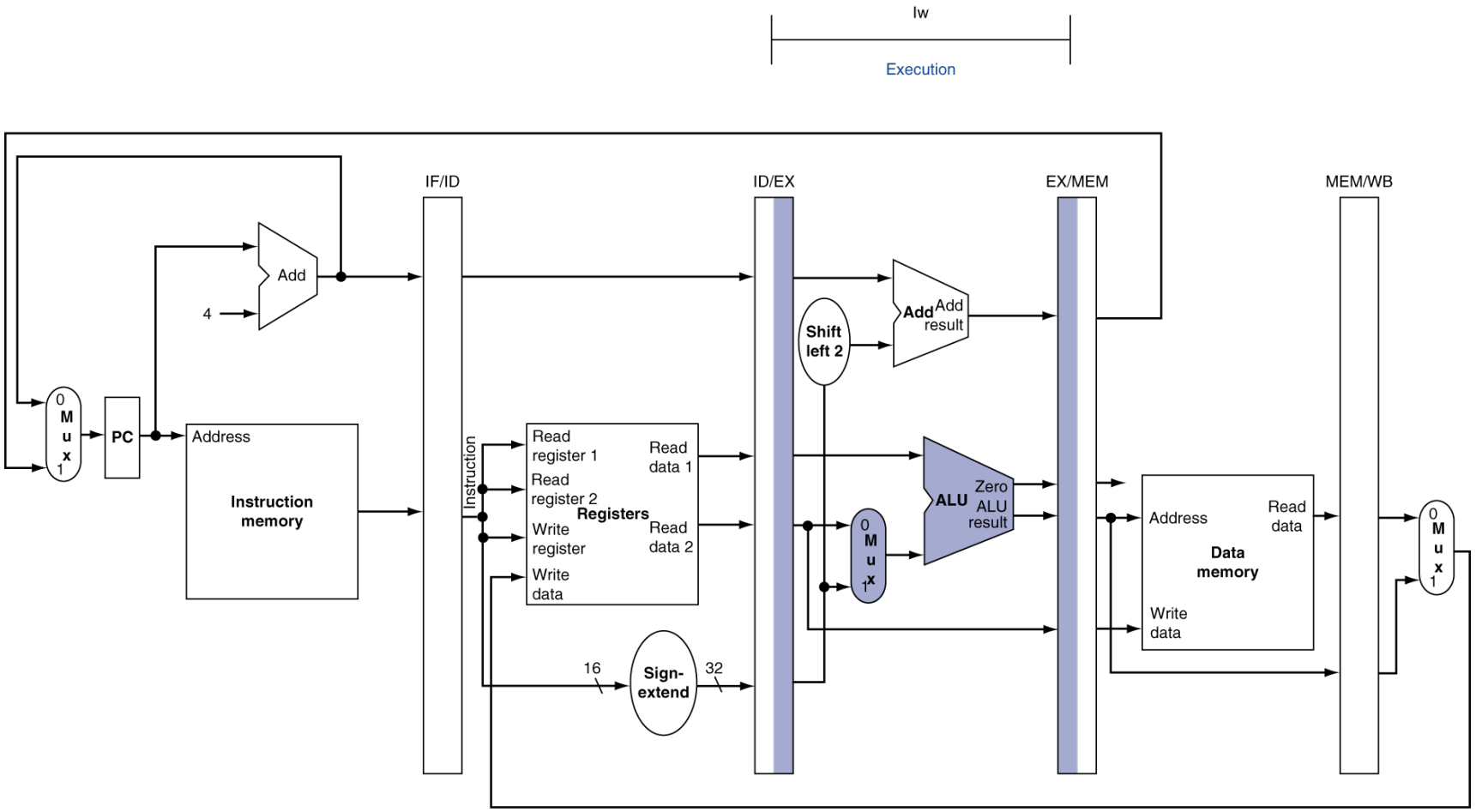
The register file will output data from both read registers, but load will only use one of them. We should

A. Save both of them in ID/EX

B. Only save the one we will use in ID/EX

C. Do something else

EX for Load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ID/EX
EX/MEM
MEM/WB
Add
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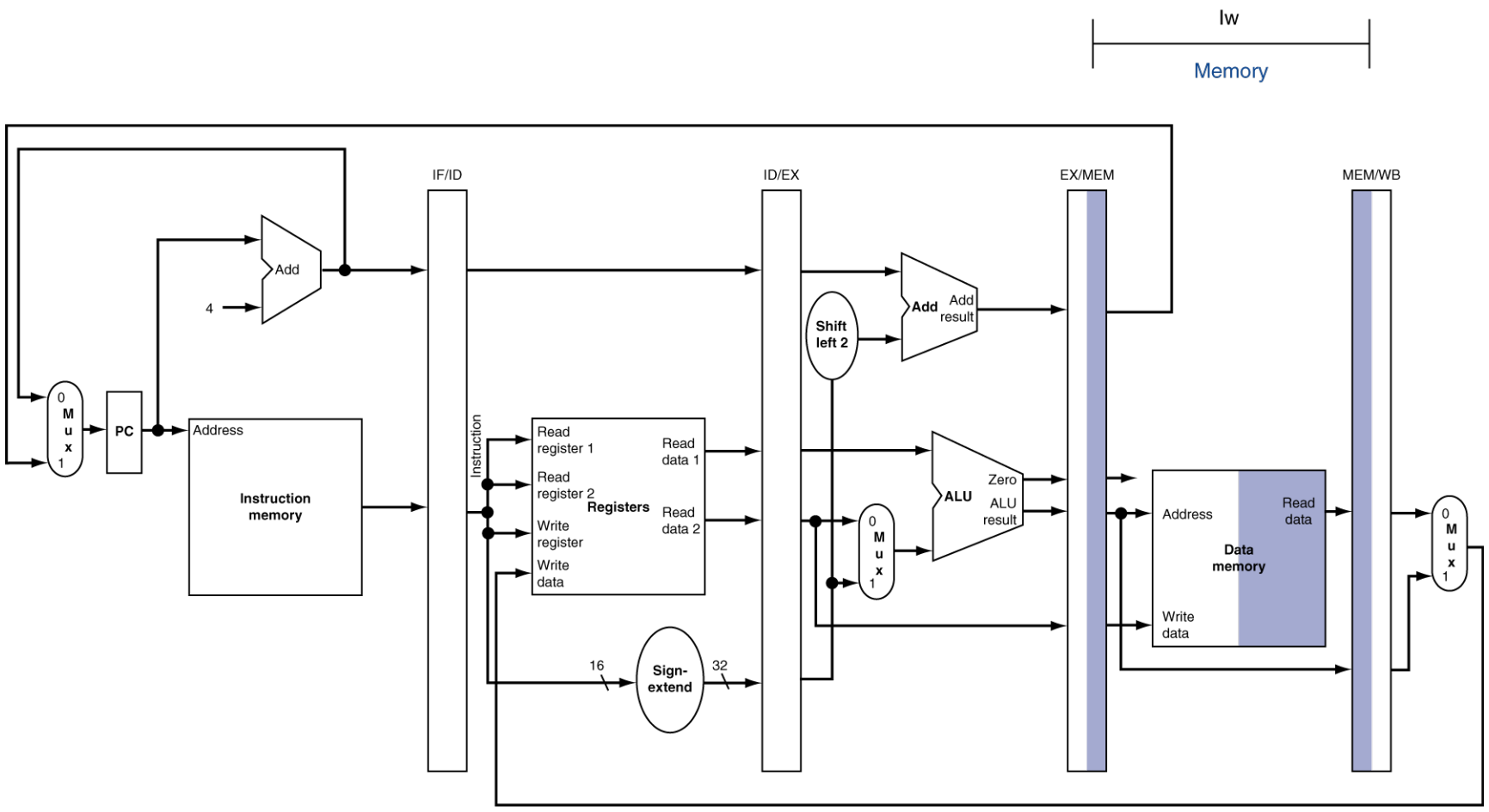
PC
Address
Instruction memory
Instruction
Read register 1
Read register 2
Registers
Write register
Write data
Read data 1
Read data 2
16
Sign-extend
32
Shift left 2
Add
Add result
ALU
Zero
ALU result
Address
Read data
Data memory
Write data

MEM for Load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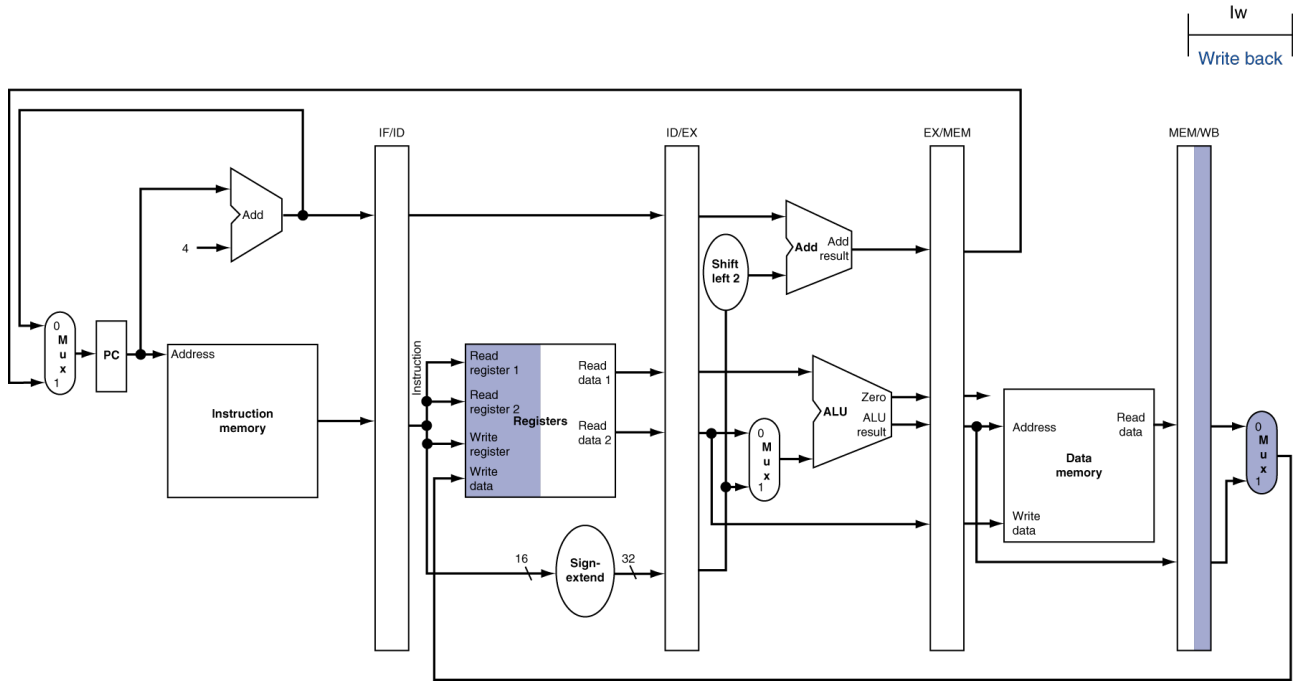
When we do WB for load

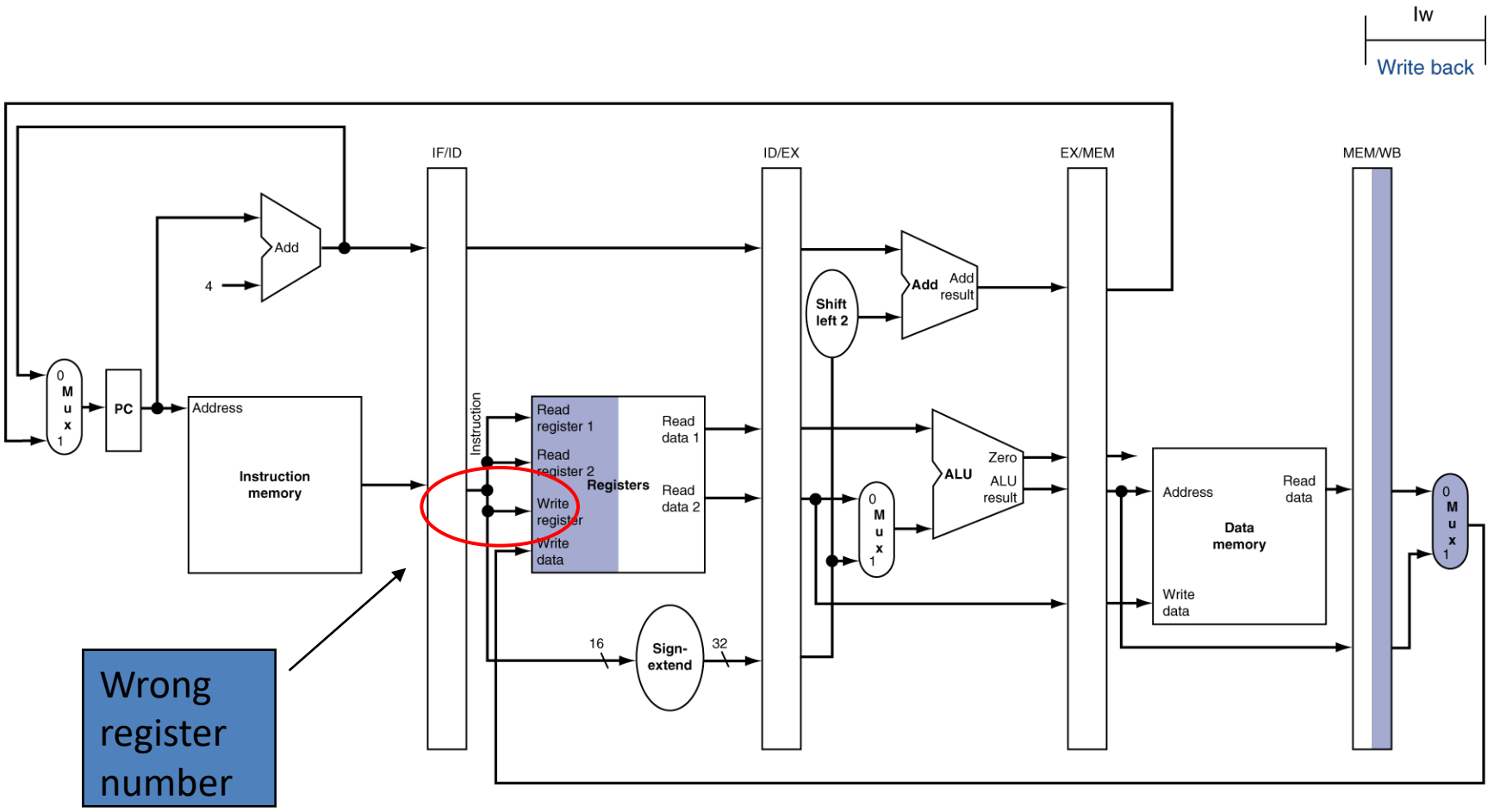
A. Everything will be fine

B. The data to write to the register will be wrong

C. The register number to write to will be wrong



WB for Load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Write back
IF/ID
ID/EX
EX/MEM
MEM/WB
Add
4
M u x
0
1
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Instruction memory
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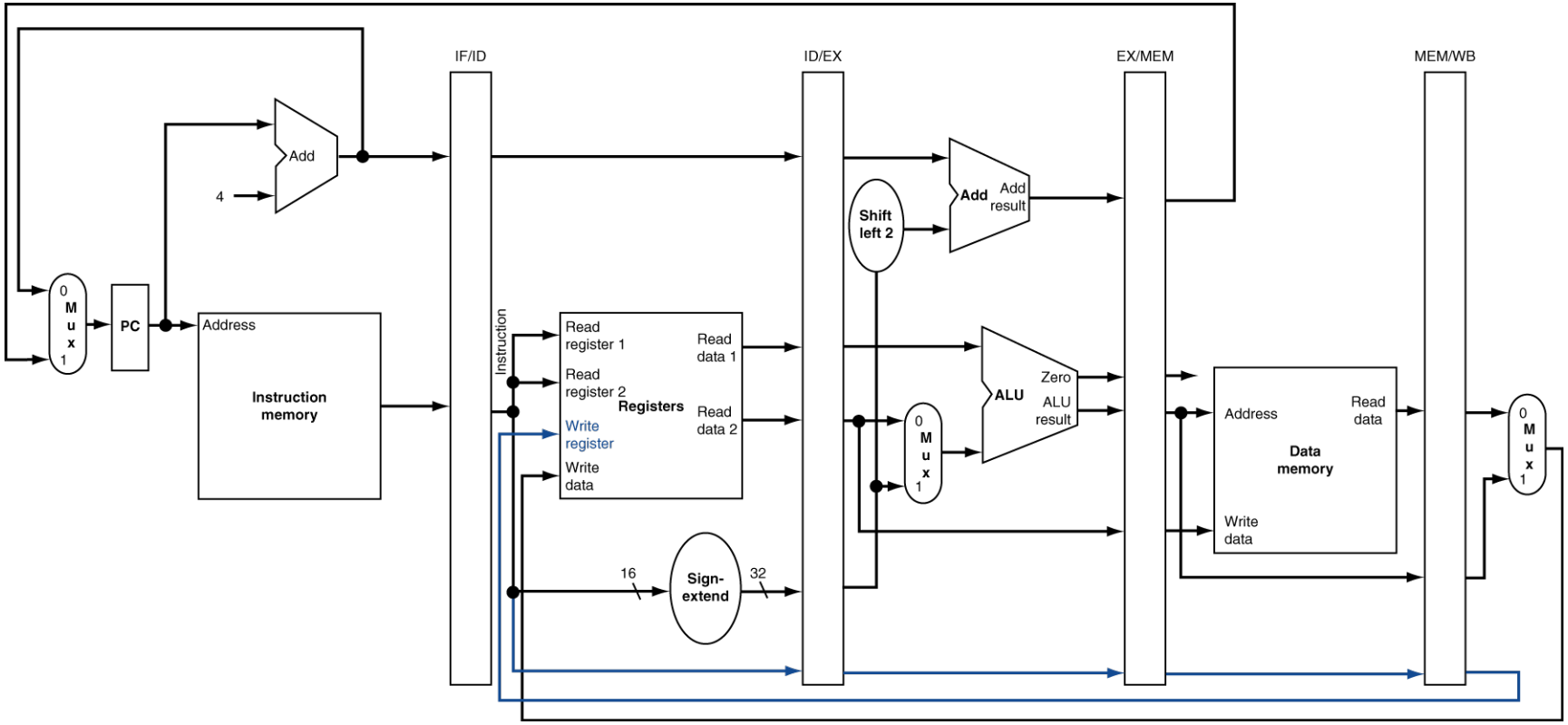
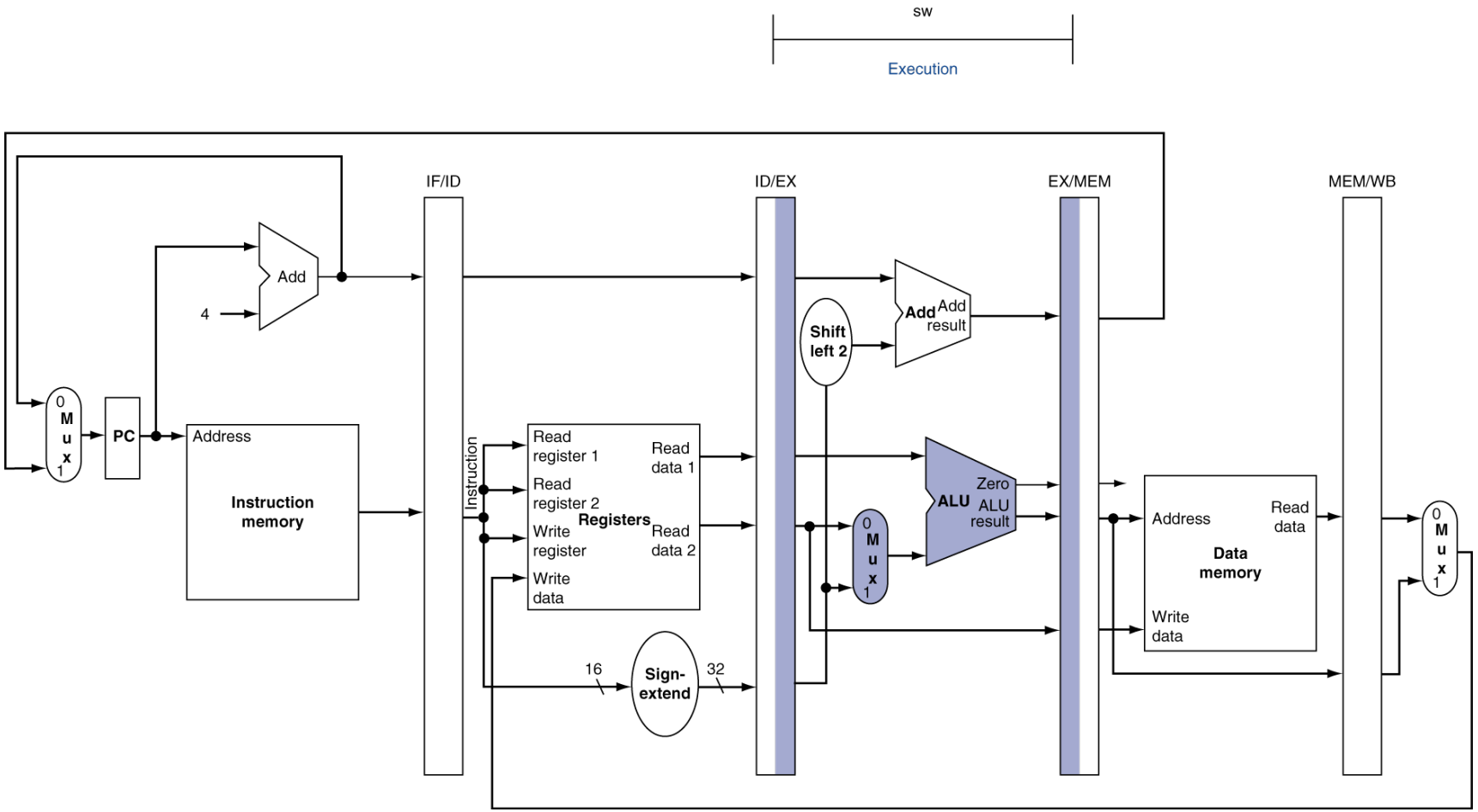
Data memory
Write data
Wrong register number

Corrected Datapath for Load



EX for Store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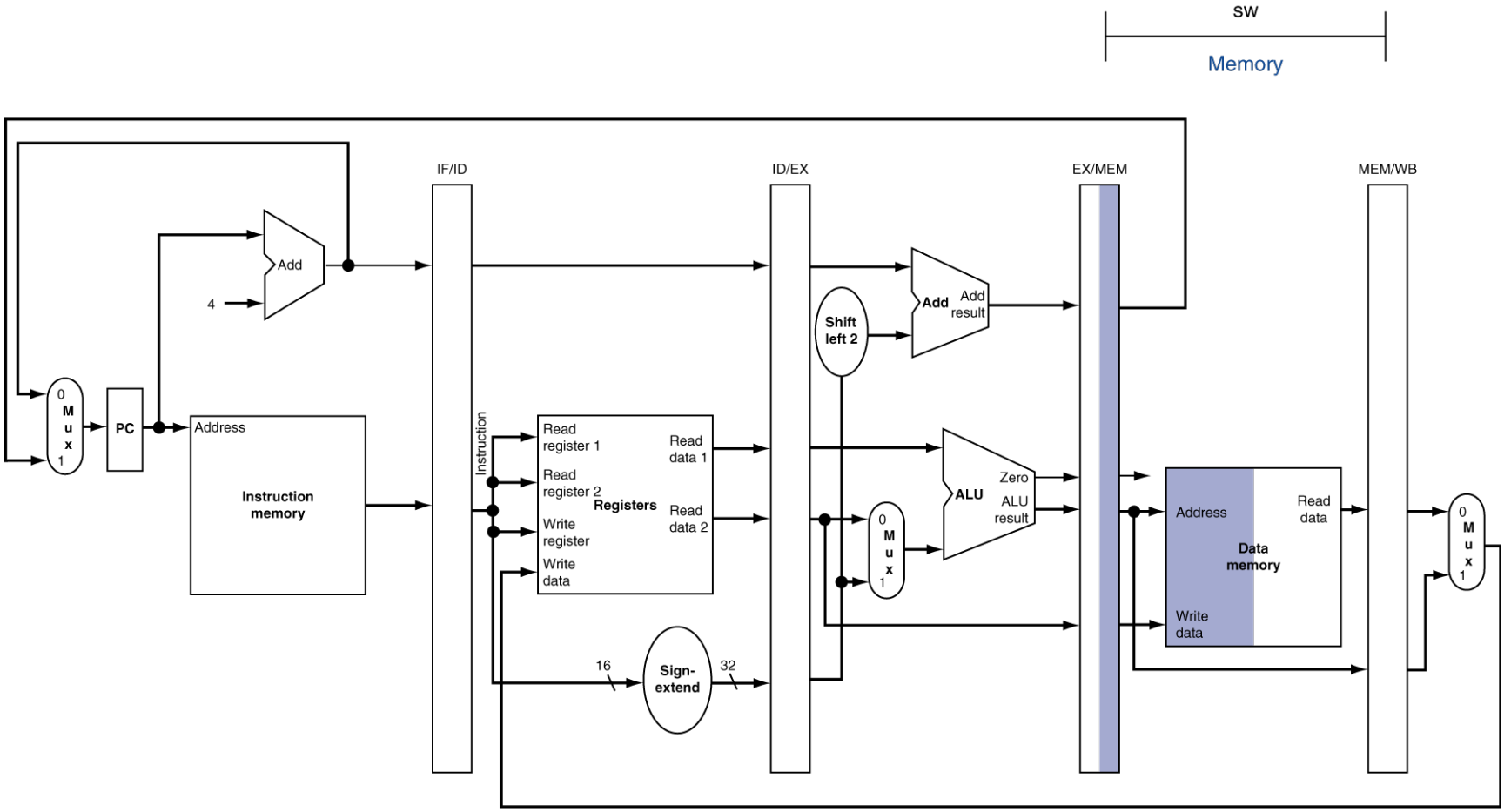
MEM for Store



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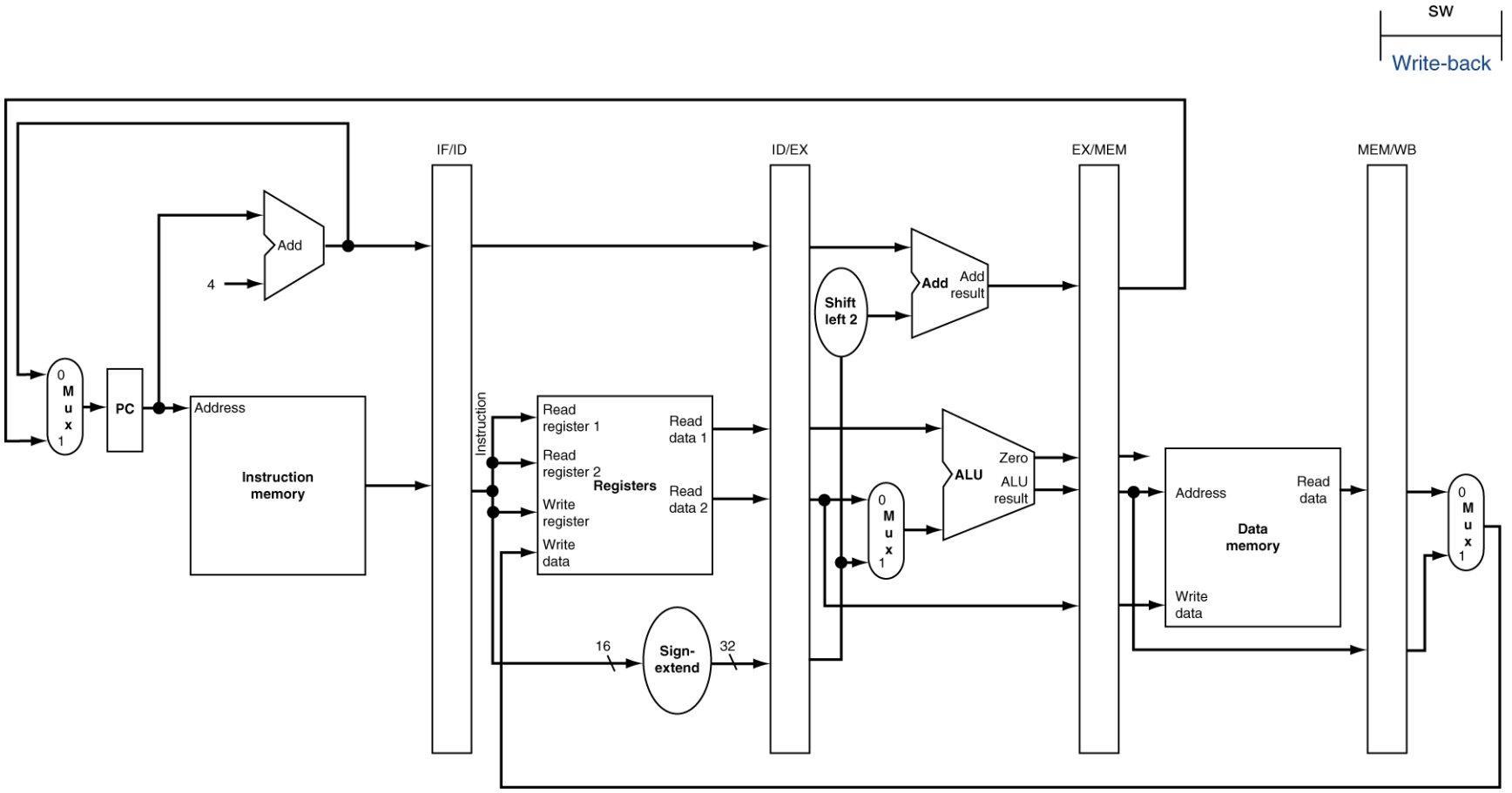
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Reading

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  - Section 5.7

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