

Complex pipelining (L08, L09, L11)

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Dependence vs. hazard

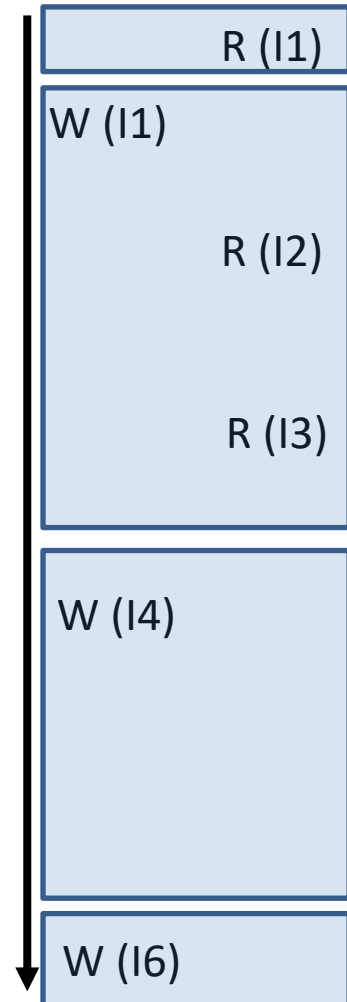
- Dependence is a property of programs
- Whether a dependence results in a hazard is a property of pipeline organizations

Data hazard types

- RAW
- WAR
- WAW
 - Why?

I1: ADDI f0, f0, 0
I2: ADDI f3, f0, 3
I3: ADDI f4, f0, 4
I4: ADDI f0, f5, 1
I5: XOR f6, f6, f6
I6: ADDI f0, f7, 1

Reads/Writes to f0

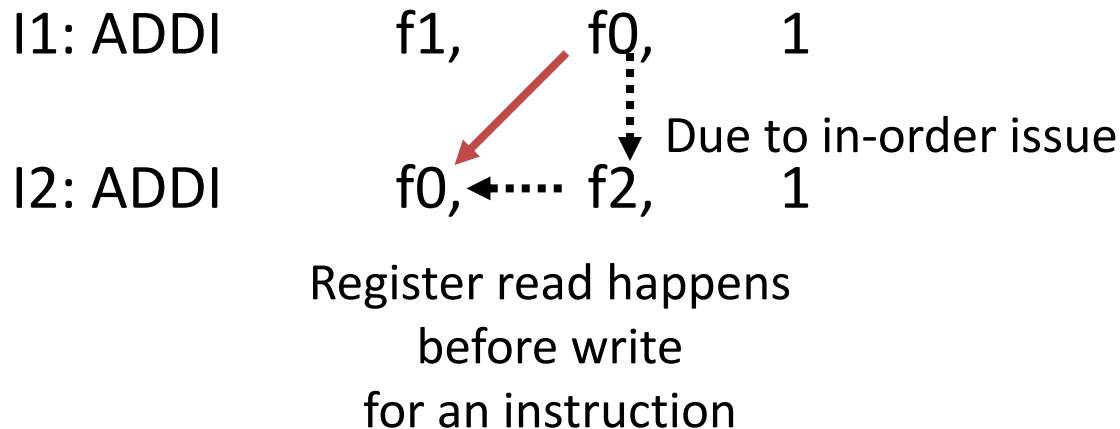


Scoreboard

- A data structure that detects hazards dynamically
- Applicable to both in-order and out-of-order issue
- Why do we need this?
 - Many execution units
 - Variable execution latency
 - Dynamic instruction scheduling

Scoreboard

- Can have many implementations!
- Example: In-order issue
 - WAR cannot happen



- Can be simplified as Busy[FU#] and WP[reg#]
(if WAW resolved conservatively)

Scoreboard

- What strategy does it use to resolve RAW?
 - Stall
- How about bypass?
 - Less beneficial since the register write can happen right after execution finishes
 - Can still be incorporated to allow register read and write to happen in the same cycle

Static vs. dynamic scheduling

- Reorder instructions to avoid hazards
- Static scheduling: programmer/compiler
- Dynamic scheduling: architectures
 - No need to re-compile!
 - Can handle unknown dependences and execution latencies

Out-of-order execution

- Register renaming: an approach to resolve WAR and WAW hazards (caused by name dependences)
- Design tradeoffs
 - Data-in-ROB vs. unified-register-file
 - Centralized vs. distributed
 - ROB vs. issue queue + commit queue

- Practice!
- Ask questions on Piazza
- Stay tuned for future updates on syllabus

Wish you all the best!