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Question 1

From the information given in Zargham fig.

1.9 compute:

- Instruction throughput
- Maximum memory access time
- Utilisation of the floating-point unit
- Maximum rate of floating-point instructions (MFLOPS)

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Question 1 - Answer - [Zargham, Figure 1.9]

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Question 1 - Answer - 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

- Instruction throughput

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average instruction throughput} &= 1/32.4 \times 10^9 \text{ IPS} \\ &= 30.8 \times 10^6 \text{ IPS} \\ &= 30.8 \times \text{MIP} \end{aligned}$$

- Maximum memory access time

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Load requires 1.5 cycles therefore} \\ \text{the max memory access time} &= 1.5 \times 10 \text{ ns} = 15 \text{ ns} \end{aligned}$$

- Utilisation of the floating-point unit

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text{F.P. Cycles}}{\text{Av. Instruction Cycles}} \\ &= \frac{0.665 + 0.975}{3.242} = 0.51 \end{aligned}$$

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Question 1 - Answer - 1.4

- Maximum rate of floating-point instructions (MFLOPS)
The fastest floating-point instruction is the add/sub. requiring 7 cycles or 70 ns:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max floating-point rate} &= 1/70 \times 10^9 \text{ FLOPS} \\ &= 14.3 \times 10^6 \\ &= 14.3 \times \text{MFLOPS} \end{aligned}$$

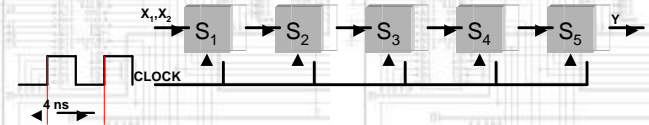
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Question 2

- ⊕ A MISD of five stages and with a clock period of 4ns is processing an input vector x .
- ⊕ What is its response time, i.e. time to complete processing the first element of x ?
- ⊕ Compute the throughput and utilisation for vectors of length $n = 1, 10, 100$

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Question 2 - Answer - Five stage MISD

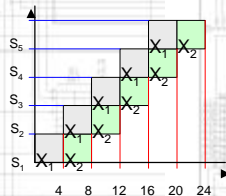


- ⊕ Each datum will spend 4 ns in each stage, so X will arrive at Y after $5 \times 4 = 20$ ns = Response time

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Question 2 - Answer - Throughput and Utilisation

- ⊕ We can show the progress of X_i through the MISD as follows:



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Question 2 - Answer - Throughput and Utilisation - N=1

- ⊕ $N=1$

1 task in 20 ns so

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{1}{20 \times 10^{-9}} = 50 \text{ MTASKS}$$

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{Working Time}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{5 \times 1 \times 4}{5 \times 5 \times 4} = 0.2$$

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Question 2 - Answer - Throughput and Utilisation - N=10

⊕ N=10

$$10 \text{ task in } 20 + 9 \times 4 = 56 \text{ ns}$$

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{10}{56 \times 10^{-9}} = 178.6 \text{ MTASKS}$$

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{Working Time}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{5 \times 10 \times 4}{5 \times 14 \times 4} = 0.7$$

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Question 2 - Answer - Throughput and Utilisation - N=100

⊕ N=100

$$10 \text{ task in } 20 + 99 \times 4 = 416 \text{ ns}$$

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{100}{416 \times 10^{-9}} = 240.4 \text{ MTASKS}$$

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{Working Time}}{\text{Total Time}} = \frac{5 \times 100 \times 4}{5 \times 104 \times 4} = 0.96$$

⊕ Conclusions

⊕ As $n \rightarrow \infty$

Throughput $\rightarrow 250$ Mtasks

Utilisation $\rightarrow 1.0$

⊕ To work at 50% utilisation MISD need $n=\text{length}$

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Question 3

⊕ A memory is organised as 4M words each of 8 bytes, i.e. 32 Mbytes in all, and to access one word takes 25ns, whereas to sequentially access 1Kwords requires 665 ns. Compute the:

⊕ Memory access time

⊕ Memory bandwidth

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Question 3 - Answer - Memory Access Time and Bandwidth

⊕ Access time to memory involves two components

t_L Latency time to decode address and read/write one word

t_D Delivery time per word

$$25 \text{ ns} = t_L + 1 \times t_D$$

$$665 \text{ ns} = t_L + 2^{10} \times t_D$$

$$\therefore 640 \text{ ns} = (2^{10} - 1) \times t_D$$

$$\therefore t_D = 0.63 \text{ ns/word}$$

$$t_L = 25 - 0.63 = 24.37 \text{ ns}$$

$$1$$

$$B_{\text{peak}} = \frac{1}{0.63 \times 10^{-9}} = 1.56 \text{ GWORDS/sec}$$

$$1$$

$$B_{\text{wbw}} = \frac{1}{25 \times 10^{-9}} = 40 \text{ MWORDS/sec}$$

Each processor element (PE) of a SIMD with 2^{16} PEs can complete a floating point addition in 125 ns.

What is its maximum throughput in terms of MFLOPS?

One PE does a floating point add in 125ns

$$\therefore \text{One PE has throughput} = \frac{1}{125 \times 10^{-9}} = 8\text{MFLOPS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2^{16} \text{ PEs have Maximum Throughput} \\ \text{MT} &= 2^{16} \times 8 = 2^{19} \\ &= 5.2 \times 10^5 \text{ MFLOP} \\ &= 520 \text{ GFLOP} \end{aligned}$$

The SIMD of question 4 executes the following code on vectors x, y, z of length n :

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FOR i=1 to n
  IF (yi ≥ 0) THEN zi ← xi + yi
  ELSE zi ← xi - yi
END
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If each PE takes 15 ns to complete the sign test on y_i

How long will this loop body take to execute?

What will be the average throughput and utilisation if $n = 2^{16}, 2^{15}, 2^{17}$.

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For each participating PE we have the schedule

Action	Time [ns]	#PEs
IF	15	n
THEN ADD	125	k pass test
ELSE SUB	+125	n-k fail test
LOOP TIME	265	for one f.p

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{BUSY TIME}}{\text{TOTAL TIME}} = \frac{125\text{ns} + 15\text{ns}}{265\text{ns}} = 0.53$$

$$\text{f.p. throughput} = 1 / (265 \times 10^{-9}) = 3.8 \text{ MFLOPS}$$

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Question 5 - Answer -

What will be the average throughput and utilisation if $n = 2^{16}, 2^{15}, 2^{17}$ $n = 2^{16} \therefore$ every PE participatesThroughput = $2^{16} \times 3.8 = 249037$ MFLOPS

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{BUSY TIME}}{\text{TOTAL TIME}} = \frac{2^{16} \times (125\text{ns} + 15\text{ns})}{2^{16} \times 265\text{ns}} = 0.53$$

 $n = 2^{15} \therefore$ 50% PEs idleThroughput = $2^{15} \times 3.8 = 124518$ MFLOPS

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{BUSY TIME}}{\text{TOTAL TIME}} = \frac{2^{15} \times (125\text{ns} + 15\text{ns})}{2^{16} \times 265\text{ns}} = 0.26$$

 $n = 2^{17} \therefore$ Each PE has to perform two executions of the loop body.Throughput = $2^{16} \times 3.8$ MFLOPS

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Question 6

- ✦ A MIMD multicomputer is constructed from SISD processors with the instructions characteristics given in Zargham fig. 1.9.
- ✦ The task of finding all roots to $f(x)=0$ is distributed over four PEs and to locate a root requires on average 500 instruction cycles.
- ✦ If the actual distribution of roots in $f(x)$ is such that one PE finds seven, one four, one three and one none, compute:
 - ✦ How long the MIMD took to locate the fourteen roots?
 - ✦ The utilisation of the four PEs
 - ✦ How long the task would have taken on one PE?
 - ✦ The average throughput
 - ✦ The peak throughput

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Question 6 - Answer - [Zargham, Figure 1.9]

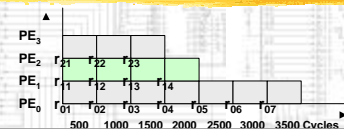
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Question 6 - Answer - Graphically



Time to locate 14 roots = $7 \times 500 = 3500$ cycles

$$\text{Utilisation} = \frac{\text{BUSY TIME}}{\text{TOTAL TIME}} = \frac{14 \times 500}{4 \times 7 \times 500} = 0.5$$

Time on one PE = $14 \times 500 = 7000$ cycles

Average troughput = $14 \text{ roots} / 3500 \text{ cycles} = 1 \text{ root} / 250 \text{ cycles}$

Peak troughput = $3 \text{ roots} / 500 \text{ cycles} = 1 \text{ root} / 167 \text{ cycles}$

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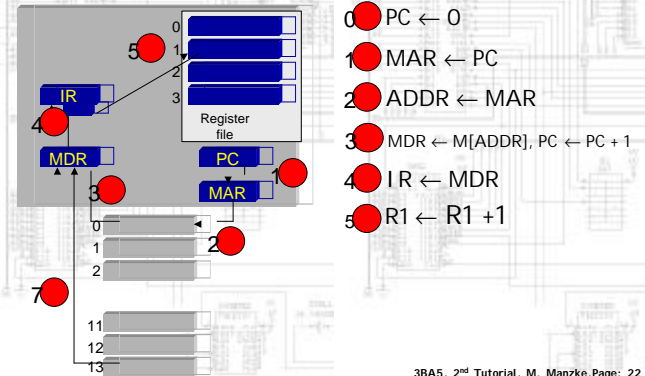
Question 7

✦ Show the flow of instructions and data on fig. 2.7 for:

- ✦ An INCR instruction ($Rd \leftarrow Rd + 1$)
- ✦ A BRZ Mem_Addr. I instruction ($Z:PC \leftarrow Mem_addr$)

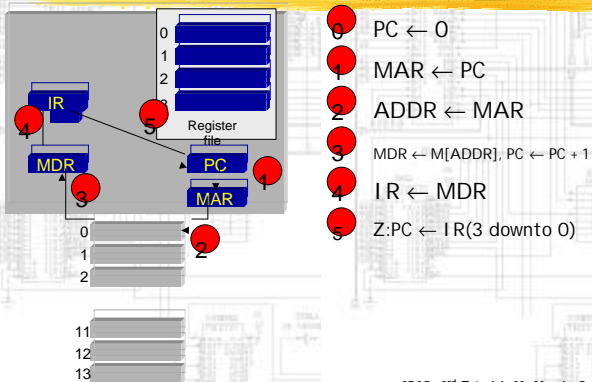
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Question 7 - Answer

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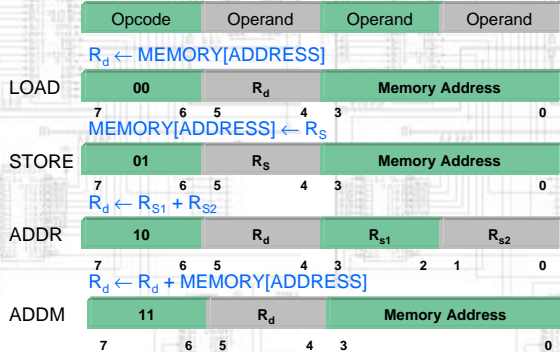
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Question 8

✦ State which of the four instructions given in fig. 2.6 you think will be the fastest and which the slowest to execute, and why.

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Question 8 - Answer - [Zargham, Figure 2.6]



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Question 8 - Answer

✦ The fastest will be **ADDR** since it involves no memory access.

✦ The slowest will be **ADDM** since it involves a memory access followed by an addition operation.

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Question 9

✦ Convert the following microcode, where **A, B, ..., H** are control signals, **NA** is the Next Address, and **LOC** is the location in the CROM at which these words are stored, into efficient vertical microcode:

LOC	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	NA
0000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0001
0001	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0010
0010	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0101
0011	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0011
0100	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0000
0101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0110
0110	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0000
0111	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1000
1000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1001
1001	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0000

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Question 9 - Answer

✦ We observe that, except for 6 the other control signals are one-out-of-seven:

✦ **A=1, B=2, D=3, E=4, F=5, G=6, H=7**

✦ And generate the 3-bit SEL address for a 3-to-8 decoder, as well as **C** and **NA**

