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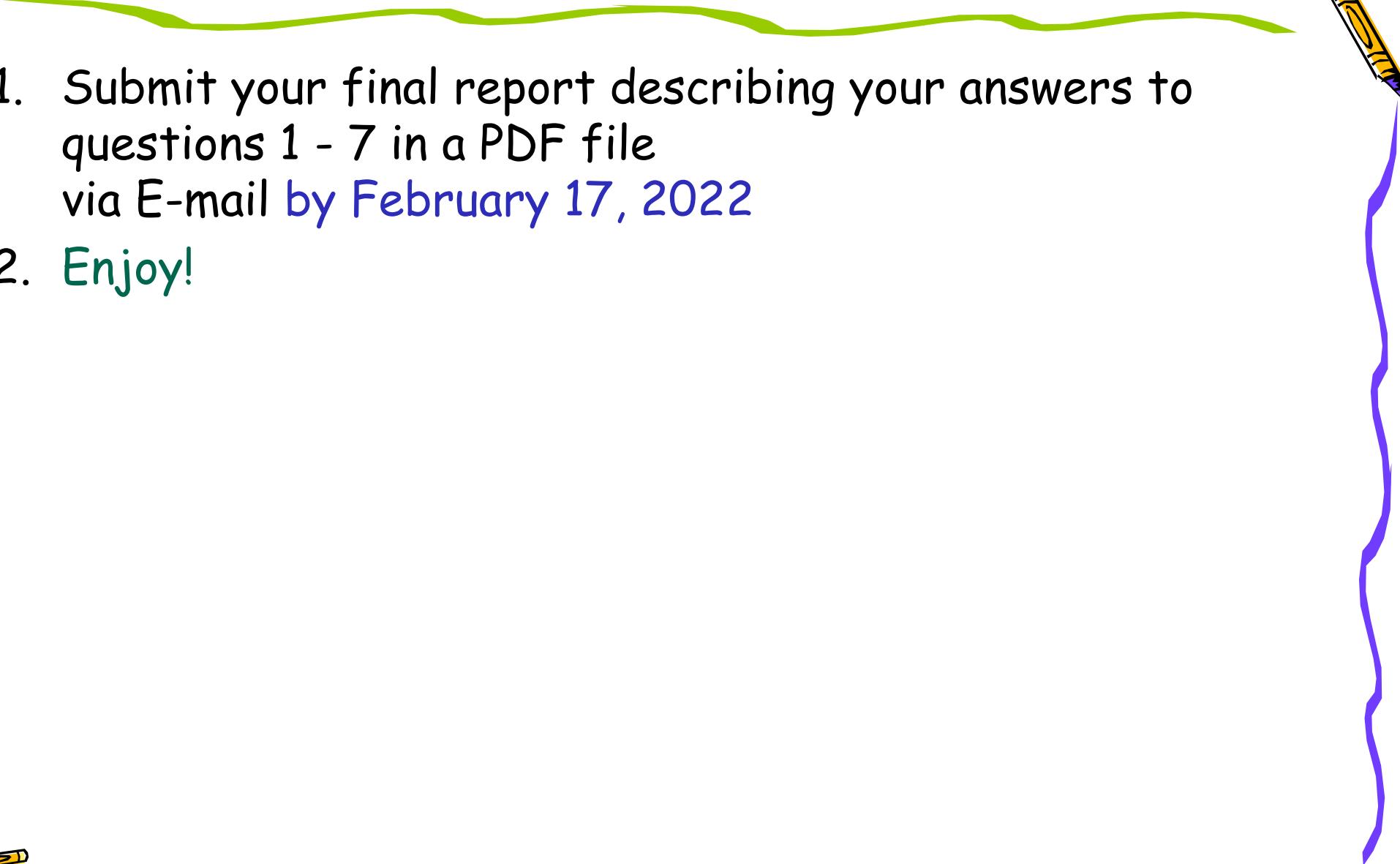
14. Final report

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Final report



1. Submit your final report describing your answers to questions 1 - 7 in a PDF file via E-mail by February 17, 2022
2. Enjoy!

1. Academic paper reading



- Select an academic paper from **the list** below and
 - **In your own word**, describe the problem that the authors try to solve,
 - Describe the key idea of the proposal,
 - Describe **your opinion** why the authors could solve the problem although there may be many researchers try to solve similar problems.
- **List**
 - Prophet/critic hybrid branch prediction, ISCA'04, 2004
 - The V-Way Cache: Demand Based Associativity via Global Replacement, ISCA'05, 2005
 - Emulating Optimal Replacement with a Shepherd Cache, MICRO-40, 2008
 - A new case for the TAGE branch predictor, MICRO-44, 2011
 - Skewed Compressed Caches, MICRO-47, 2014
 - Focused Value Prediction, ISCA, 2020

2. MIPS assembly programming

- Write MIPS assembly code `asm1.s` for `code1.c` in C.

```
int sum = 0;
int i, j;
for (i=0; i=<100; i++)
    for (j=0; j=<100; j++) sum += (j+i);
```

code1.c

- Write MIPS assembly code `asm2.s` for `code2.c` in C.

```
int A[200];
int sum = 0;
int i;
for (i=0; i<200; i++) A[i] = i;          /* initialize the array */
for (i=1; i<200; i++) A[i] = A[i-1] + A[i]; /* compute */
for (i=0; i<200; i++) sum += A[i];        /* obtain the sum */
```

code2.c



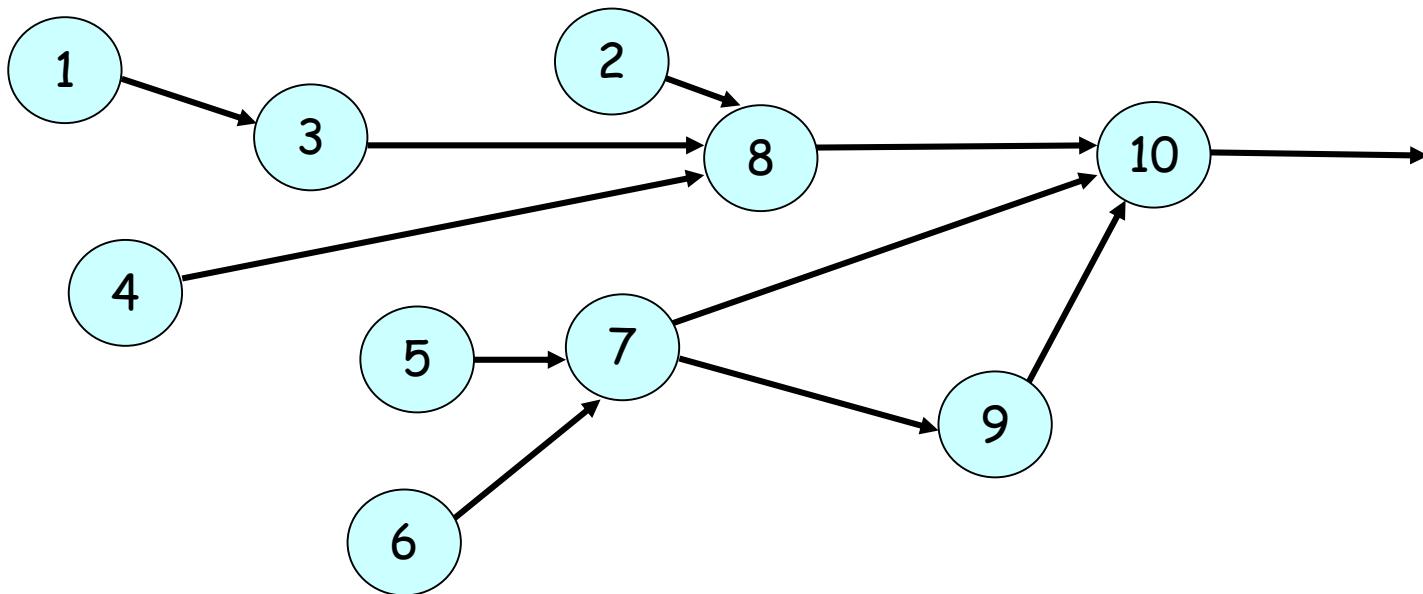
3. Pipelined processor

- Design a five stage pipelined scalar processor supporting MIPS `add`, `addi`, `lw`, `sw`, and `bne` instructions in Verilog HDL. Please download `proc08.v` from the support page and refer it.
Note that you do not need to implement data forwarding.
- Verify the behavior of designed processor using `asm1.s` and `asm2.s`.
You may insert NOP instructions if necessary.
- The report should include a block diagram, a source code in Verilog HDL, **the description of the changes of the code**, and obtained waveforms of your design.

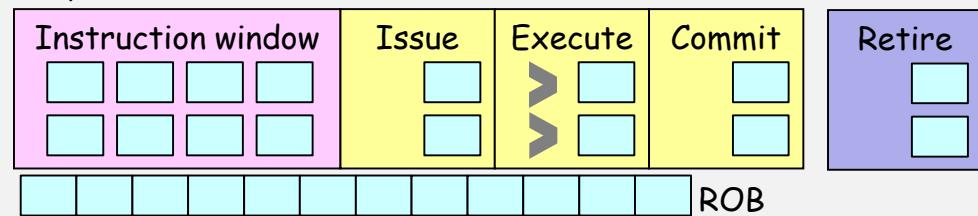


4. OoO execution and dynamic scheduling

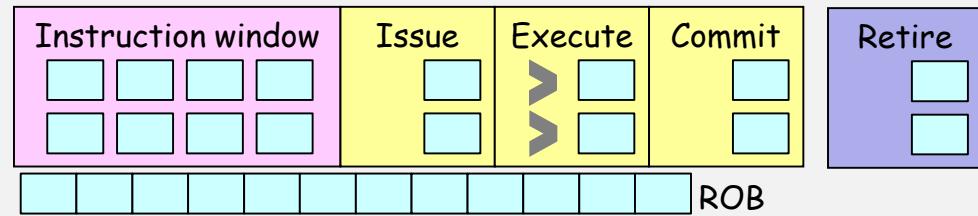
- Draw the cycle by cycle processing behavior of these 10 instructions
- Modify this dataflow graph and draw another cycle by cycle processing behavior of the graph having 10 instructions



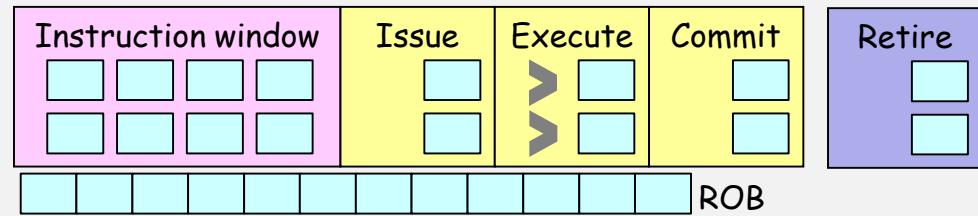
Cycle 1



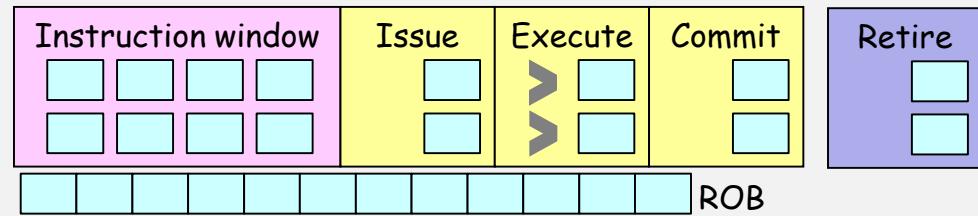
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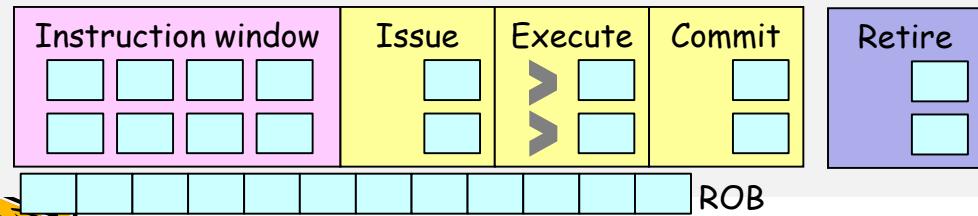
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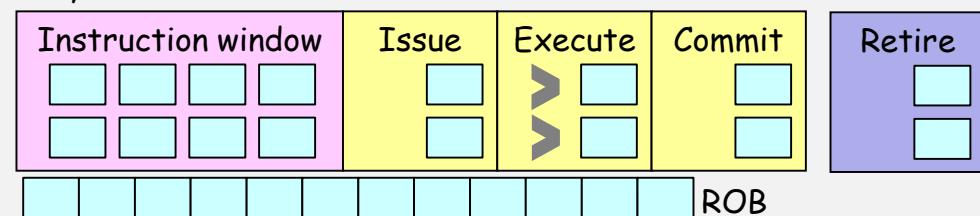
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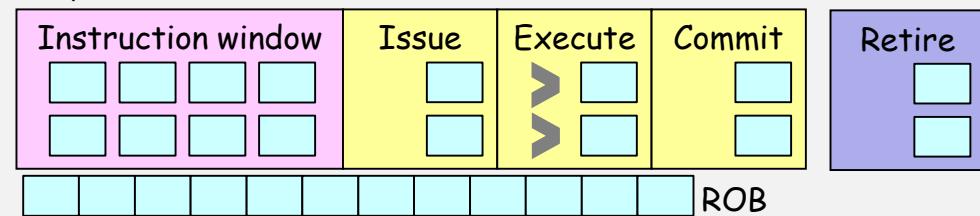
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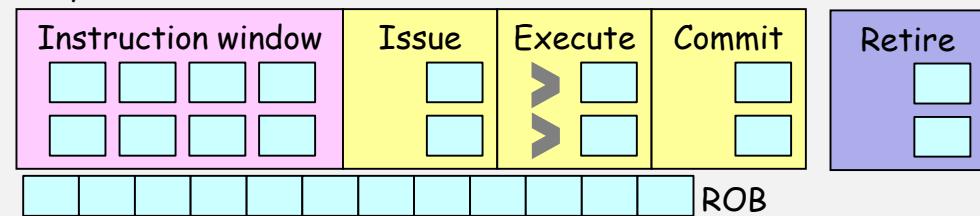
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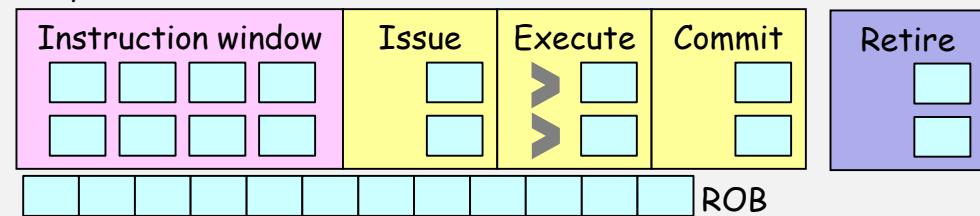
Cycle 7



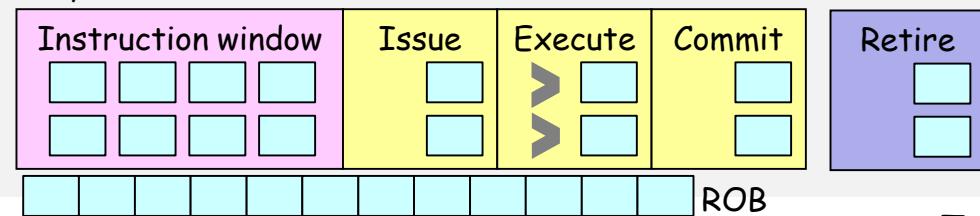
Cycle 8



Cycle 9



Cycle 10



5. Parallel programming (The free lunch is over)

- Describe an efficient parallel program for the following sequential program using `LOCK()`, `UNLOCK()` and `BARRIER()` assuming a shared memory architecture
- Explain why your code runs correctly and why your code is efficient.

main02.c

```
#define N 8      /* the number of grids */
#define TOL 15.0 /* tolerance parameter */
float A[N+2], B[N+2];

void solve () {
    int i, done = 0;
    while (!done) {
        float diff = 0;
        for (i=1; i<=N; i++) { /* use A as input */
            B[i] = 0.333 * (A[i-1] + A[i] + A[i+1]);
        }
        for (i=1; i<=N; i++) { /* use B as input */
            A[i] = 0.333 * (B[i-1] + B[i] + B[i+1]);
            diff = diff + fabsf(B[i] - A[i]);
        }
        if (diff < TOL) done = 1;
        for (i=0; i<=N+1; i++) printf("%6.2f ", B[i]);
        printf(" | diff=%6.2f\n", diff); /* for debug */
    }
}

int main() {
    int i;
    for (i=1; i<N-1; i++) A[i] = B[i] = 100+i*i;
    solve();
}
```

6. Building blocks for synchronization

- **Fetch-and-increment** reads an original value from memory and increments (adds one to) it in memory atomically
- Implement fetch-and-increment (FAI) using the load-linked/store-conditional instruction pair
 - Refer the discussion of implementing an atomic exchange EXCH
- Implement BARRIER() using FAI



7. Cache coherence protocols

- Select your favorite commercial multi-core processor
 - Describe the memory organization including caches and main memory
 - cache line size, write policy, write allocate/no-allocate, direct-mapped/set-associative, the number of caches (L1, L2, and L3?)
 - Describe the cache coherence protocol used there

