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1) (POINTS 35/40) Consider a **triple-dispatch (1 instruction per cycle)** processor using Tomasulo's algorithm to perform the dynamic scheduling of instructions on the pipeline shown in the following figure. This pipeline is executing the following program, which performs a search within a vector (initially, R1=0).

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etic: LW   R2, 0(R1)     ; read Xi
      MULI R2, R2, 3     ; multiplies Xi by 3
      SW   R2, 0(R1)     ; write Xi
      ADDI R1, R1, 4     ; update  R1
      BNE  R2, R0, etic  ; continue to loop if
false
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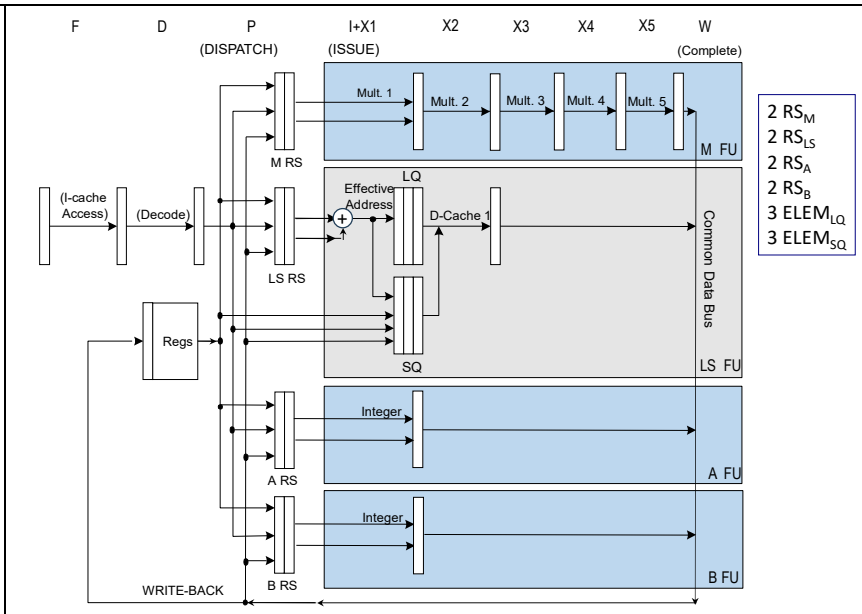

Working hypothesis:

- the loop executes speculatively in terms of direction (always taken) and regarding the branch condition; high-performance fetch breaks after fetching a branch
- the issue stage (I) calculates the address of the actual read/write and push it into load/store queues; only 1 instruction is issued per cycle
- **reads require 5 clock cycles**; writes take 1 cycles (they are written in a write-buffer + split-cache)
- when accessing memory (M), **reads** have precedence over writes and must be executed in-order
- **there is a single CDB**
- dispatch stage (P) and complete stage (W) require 1 clock cycle
- **ASSUME** that the reservation stations could be freed right before the start of issue phase (therefore extending the duration of P stage)
- only 1 instruction is committed (C stage) per cycle
- there are separated integer units: one for the calculation of the actual address, one for arithmetic and logical operations, one of the integer multiplication and one for the evaluation of the branch condition, as illustrated in this table:

Type of Functional Unit	No. of Functional Units	Cycles for stage I+X	No. of reservation stations
LS: Integer (effective addr.)	1	1	2
A: Integer (op. A-L)	1	1	**1**
B: Integer (branch calc.)	1	1	2
M: Integer Multiplication	1	**5**	2

- the functional units TAKE advantage of pipelining techniques internally
- the load queue has 3 slots; the store queue has 3 slots (writes wait for the operand in the store queue, i.e., in the execution stage)

Complete the following chart until the end of the FOURTH iteration of the above code fragment in the case of dynamic scheduling with speculation. Also add the instruction that occupies a certain reservation station (one of the 8) as indicated:

Instr. No..	Instruction name	ALU RS1	ALU RS2	LS RS1	LS RS2	BU RS1	BU RS2	MU RS1	MU RS2	P: disPatch (clock)	I+X:Issue+Exec (start-stop)	M: MEM.ACCESS (start-stop)	W: CDB-write (clock)	C: Commit (clock)	Comments
I01	**LW R2,0(R1)**			I01 1-1						1	2-2	3-7	8	9	
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1) (POINTS 5/30) On a Linux system, write the SINGLE command line to perform at the BASH shell prompt the following operation (please note that no intermediate files should be used):
   - Find all lines containing "ly" in files having a name starting with "fi", followed by a single numeric digit and extension ".txt"
   - The list of lines should be sorted alphabetically
   - Then the sorted list should be written in the file "precious.txt"