Chapter 3 – Instruction-Level Parallelism and its Exploitation (Part 3)

ILP vs. Parallel Computers
Dynamic Scheduling (Section 3.4, 3.5)
Dynamic Branch Prediction (Section 3.3, 3.9, and Appendix C)
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Limitations of ILP
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Putting it Together (Mini-projects)
Limits on Pipelining

- Latch overheads & signal skew
- Unpipelined instruction issue logic (Flynn limit: CPI \( \geq 1 \))

Two techniques for parallelism in instruction issue

- Superscalar or multiple issue
  - Hardware determines which of next \( n \) instructions can issue in parallel
  - Maybe statically or dynamically scheduled

VLIW – Very Long Instruction Word
  - Compiler packs multiple independent operations into an instruction
Simple 5-Stage Superscalar Pipeline

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Superscalar, cont.

IF  Parallel access to I-cache
    Require alignment?

ID   Replicate logic
    Fixed-length instructions?
    HANDLE INTRA-CYCLE HAZARDS

EX   Parallel/pipelined (as before)

MEM  > 1 per cycle?
    If so, hazards & multi-ported D-cache

WB   Different register files?
    Multi-ported register files?

Progression:  Integer + floating-point
    Any two instructions
    Any four instructions
    Any n instructions?
Assume two instructions per cycle

One integer, load/store, or branch
One floating point

Could require 64-bit alignment and ordering of instruction pair.

| IF | IF | F I |
| IF | F I | F I |
| OK | NOT | NOT |
| OK | OK | OK |

Best case

CPI = 0.5

But ....
Superscalar (Cont.)

Hazards are a big problem

Loads
  Latency is 1 cycle
  Was 1 instruction
  NOW 3 instructions

Branches
  NOW 3 instructions

Floating point loads and stores
  May cause structural hazards
  Additional ports?
  Additional stalls?

Parallelism required =
VLIW = Very Long Instruction Word Processors

Static multiple issue

Compiler packs multiple independent operations into an instruction
Like horizontal microcode

Versus Superscalar
Limitations of Multi-Issue Machines

Inherent limitations of ILP

Difficulties in building hardware
  Increase ports to registers
  Increase ports to memory
  Duplicate FUs
  Decoding in superscalar and impact on clock rate

Limitations specific to VLIW
  Code size, binary compatibility
Many compiler techniques exist

Several used for multiprocessors as well

Our focus on techniques specifically for ILP
Add scalar to vector

Loop: L.D F0, 0(R1)
    stall
    ADD.D F4, F0, F2
    stall
    stall
    S.D 0(R1), F4
    DSUBUI R1, R1, #8
    stall
    BNEZ R1, Loop
    stall

With scheduling

Loop: L.D F0, 0(R1)
    DSUBUI R1, R1, #8
    ADD.D F4, F0, F2
    stall
    BNEZ R1, Loop ; Assume delayed branch
    S.D 8(R1), F4
Loop Unrolling

Unrolling the loop

Loop:  L.D F0, 0(R1)
       ADD.D F4, F0, F2
       S.D 0(R1), F4
       L.D F6, -8(R1)
       ADD.D F8, F6, F2
       S.D -8(R1), F8
       L.D F10, -16(R1)
       ADD.D F12, F10, F2
       S.D -16(R1), F12
       L.D F14, -24(R1)
       ADD.D F16, F14, F2
       S.D -24(R1), F16
       DSUBUI R1, R1, #32
       BNEZ R1, Loop;  Assume delayed branch

Rename registers

Remove some branch overhead (calculate intermediate values)
Loop Unrolling

Scheduling the loop for simple pipeline

Loop:  
L.D  F0,  0(R1)  
L.D  F6,  -8(R1)  
L.D  F10, -16(R1)  
L.D  F14, -24(R1)  
ADD.D F4, F0,  F2  
ADD.D F8, F6,  F2  
ADD.D F12, F10, F2  
ADD.D F16, F14, F2  
S.D  0(R1),  F4  
S.D  -8(R1), F8  
S.D  -16(R1), F12  
DSUBUI R1, R1,  #32  
BNEZ R1, Loop ; Assume delayed branch  
S.D  8(R1), F16  

How to schedule for multiple issue?
Software Pipelining (Section H.3)

Pipeline loops in software

Pipelined loop iteration

  Executes instructions from multiple iterations of original loop
  Separates dependent instructions

Less code than unrolling
Software Pipelining – Example

sum = 0.0;
for (i=1; i<=N; i++) {
    load a[i]; Ai
    load b[i]; Bi
    mult ab[i]; *i
    add sum[i]; +i
}

sum = 0.0;
START-UP-BLOCK
for (i=3; i<=N; i++) {
    load a[i]; Ai
    load b[i]; Bi
    mult ab[i-1]; *i-1
    add sum[i-2]; +i-2
}
FINISH-UP-BLOCK

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Global Scheduling

Loop unrolling and software pipelining work well for straightline code.

What if code has branches?

Global scheduling techniques
   Trace scheduling
Trace Scheduling

Compiler predicts most frequently executed execution path (trace)
Schedules this path and inserts repair code for mispredictions
Trace Scheduling - Example

b[i] = `old'
a[i] =
if (a[i] == 0) then
  b[i] = `new'; common case
else
  X
endif
c[i] =

Until done
  Select most common path - a trace
  Schedule trace across basic blocks
  Repair other paths

trace to be scheduled:
b[i] = `old'
a[i] =
b[i] = `new'
c[i] =
if (a[i] != 0) goto A
B:

repair code:
A: restore old b[i]
  X
  maybe recalculate c[i]
  goto B
Hardware Support to Expose Compile-Time ILP

Compiler scheduling limited by knowledge of branch behavior

Hardware support to help compiler

  Predicated (or guarded or conditional) instructions

  Hardware support for compiler speculation
Predicated Instructions (Section H.4)

Used to convert control dependence to data dependence

Instruction executed based on a predicate (or guard or condition)

If condition is false, then no result write or exceptions
Predicated Instructions (Cont.)

Example

if (condition) then {
    A = B;
}
...

Convert to:

\[ R1 \leftarrow \text{result of condition evaluation} \]
\[ A = B \text{ predicated on } R1 \]
...

Hardware can schedule instructions across the branch

Alpha, MIPS, PowerPC, SPARC V9, x86 (Pentium) have conditional moves

IA-64 has general predication - 64 1-bit predicate bits

Limitations

    Takes a clock even if annulled
Successful compiler scheduling requires

- Preservation of exception behavior on speculation
- Mechanism to speculatively reorder memory operations
Hardware for Preserving Exception Behavior

What if there is an exception on a speculative instruction?

Distinguish between two classes of exceptions

(1) Indicate program error and require termination (e.g., protection violation)

(2) Can be handled and program resumed (e.g., page fault)

Type (2) can be handled immediately even for speculative instructions

Type (1) requires more support

Poison bits
Poison Bits

Hardware support

A poison bit for each register
A speculation bit for each instruction

If a speculative instruction sees an exception
it sets poison bit of destination

If a speculative instruction sees poison bit set for source
it propagates poison bit to its destination

If normal instruction sees poison bit for source, takes exception
Normal instruction resets poison bit of destination register
Hardware for Memory Speculation

How to reorder memory ops if compiler is not sure of addresses?
Consider moving a load
   Insert a special check instruction at original location of load
When load is executed, hardware saves its address
If there is a store to L’s address before the check instruction
   Redo load
   Branch to fix up code if other instructions already used load’s value