

# More Performance

# Changelog

Changes made in this version not seen in first lecture:

7 November 2017: reassociation:  $a \times (b \times (c \times d)) \rightarrow ((a \times b) \times c) \times d$   
to be more consistent with assembly

7 November 2017: reassociation: correct `+s` to  `$\times$ s`.

7 November 2017: general advice [on perf assignment]: note not for  
when we give specific advice

7 November 2017: vector instructions: include term SIMD

7 November 2017: vector intrinsics: SIMD  $\rightarrow$  vector

## exam graded

median 80%; 25th percentile: 73%; 75th percentile: 87%

please submit regrades soon

# loop unrolling (ASM)

loop:

```
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    jle     endOfLoop
    addq    (%rdi,%rdx,8), %rax
    incq    %rdx
    jmp
```

endOfLoop:

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    // plus handle leftover?
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    // plus handle leftover?
```

endOfLoop:

# loop unrolling (C)

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
    sum += A[i];
```

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```
int i;
for (i = 0; i + 1 < N; i += 2) {
    sum += A[i];
    sum += A[i+1];
}
// handle leftover, if needed
if (i < N)
    sum += A[i];
```

## more loop unrolling (C)

```
int i;
for (i = 0; i + 4 <= N; i += 4) {
    sum += A[i];
    sum += A[i+1];
    sum += A[i+2];
    sum += A[i+3];
}
// handle leftover, if needed
for (; i < N; i += 1)
    sum += A[i];
```

# loop unrolling performance

on my laptop with 992 elements (fits in L1 cache)

times unrolled	cycles/element	instructions/element
1	1.33	4.02
2	1.03	2.52
4	1.02	1.77
8	1.01	1.39
16	1.01	1.21
32	1.01	1.15

instruction cache/etc. overhead

1.01 cycles/element — **latency bound**

# performance labs

this week — loop optimizations

next week — vector instructions (AKA SIMD)

both new this semester

# performance HWs

partners or individual (your choice)

two parts:

- rotate an image

- smooth (blur) an image

# image representation

```
typedef struct { unsigned char red, green, blue, alpha; } pixel;
pixel *image = malloc(dim * dim * sizeof(pixel));

image[0]           // at (x=0, y=0)
image[4 * dim + 5] // at (x=5, y=4)
...
```

# rotate assignment

```
void rotate(pixel *src, pixel *dst, int dim) {  
    int i, j;  
    for (i = 0; i < dim; i++)  
        for (j = 0; j < dim; j++)  
            dst[RIDX(dim - 1 - j, i, dim)] =  
                src[RIDX(i, j, dim)];  
}
```



# preprocessor macros

```
#define DOUBLE(x) x*2
```

```
int y = DOUBLE(100);
```

*// expands to:*

```
int y = 100*2;
```

# macros are text substitution (1)

```
#define BAD_DOUBLE(x) x*2  
  
int y = BAD_DOUBLE(3 + 3);  
// expands to:  
int y = 3+3*2;  
// y == 9, not 12
```

## macros are text substitution (2)

```
#define FIXED_DOUBLE(x) (x)*2
```

```
int y = DOUBLE(3 + 3);
```

*// expands to:*

```
int y = (3+3)*2;
```

*// y == 9, not 12*

# RIDX?

```
#define RIDX(x, y, n) ((x) * (n) + (y))  
  
dst[RIDX(dim - 1 - j, 1, dim)]  
// becomes *at compile-time*:  
dst[((dim - 1 - j) * (dim) + (1))]
```

# performance grading

you can submit multiple variants in one file

grade: best performance

don't delete stuff that works!

we will measure speedup on **my machine**

web viewer for results (with some delay — has to run)

grade: achieving certain speedup on my machine

thresholds based on results with certain optimizations

# general advice

(for when we don't give specific advice)

try techniques from book/lecture that seem applicable

vary numbers (e.g. cache block size)

often — too big/small is worse

some techniques combine well

## interlude: real CPUs

modern CPUs:

execute **multiple instructions at once**

execute instructions **out of order** — whenever **values available**

# beyond pipelining: out-of-order

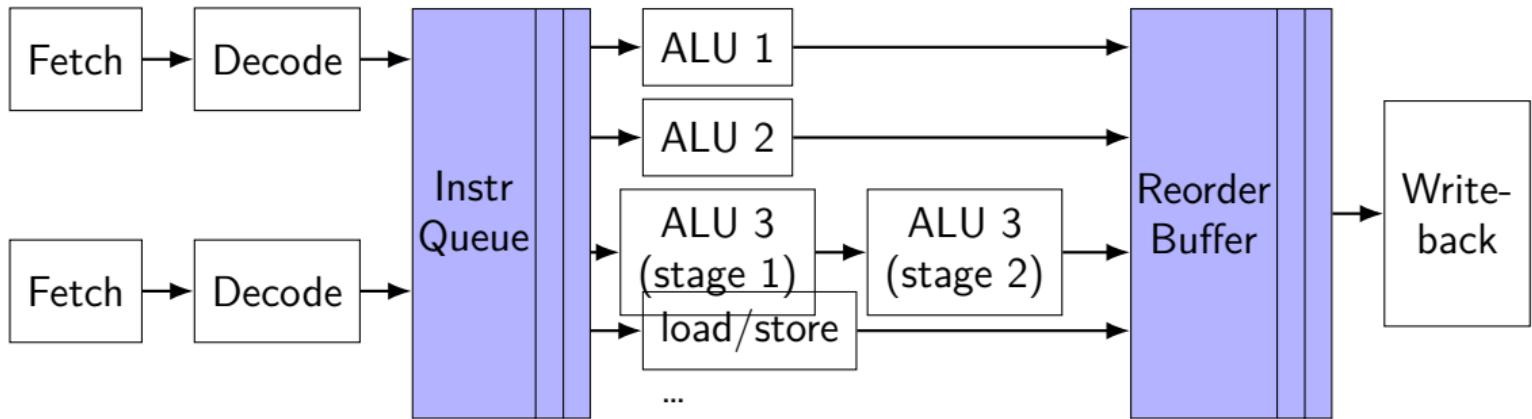
find later instructions to do instead of stalling

lists of available instructions in pipeline registers  
take any instruction with available values

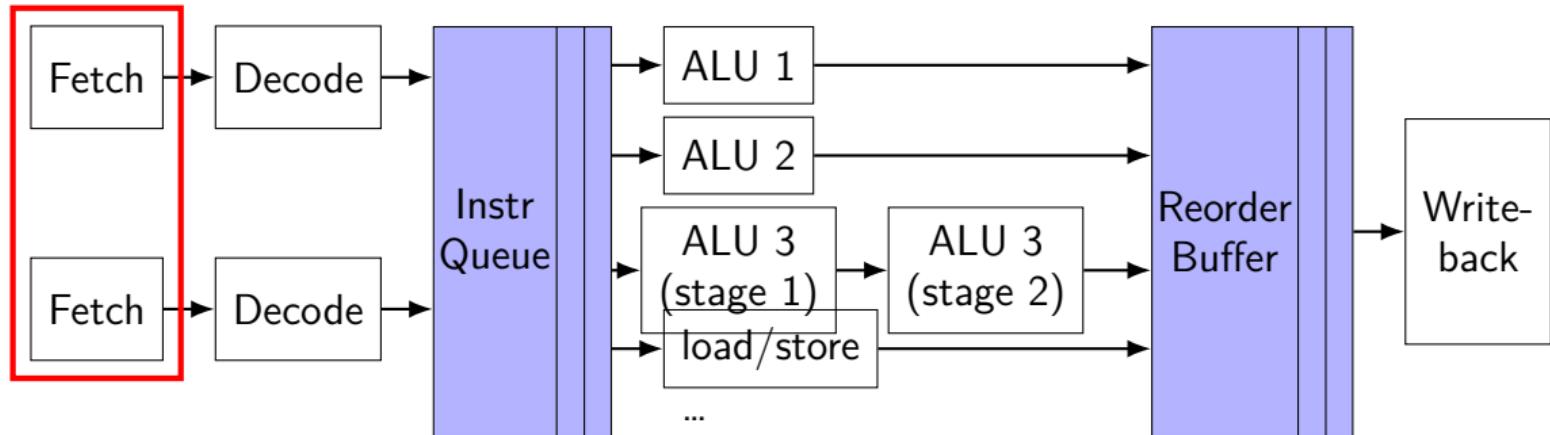
provide illusion that work is still done in order  
much more complicated hazard handling logic

	cycle #	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
mrmovq 0(%rbx), %r8		F	D	E	M	M	M	W		
subq %r8, %r9			F					D	E	W
addq %r10, %r11				F	D	E				W
xorq %r12, %r13					F	D	E			W
...										

# modern CPU design (instruction flow)

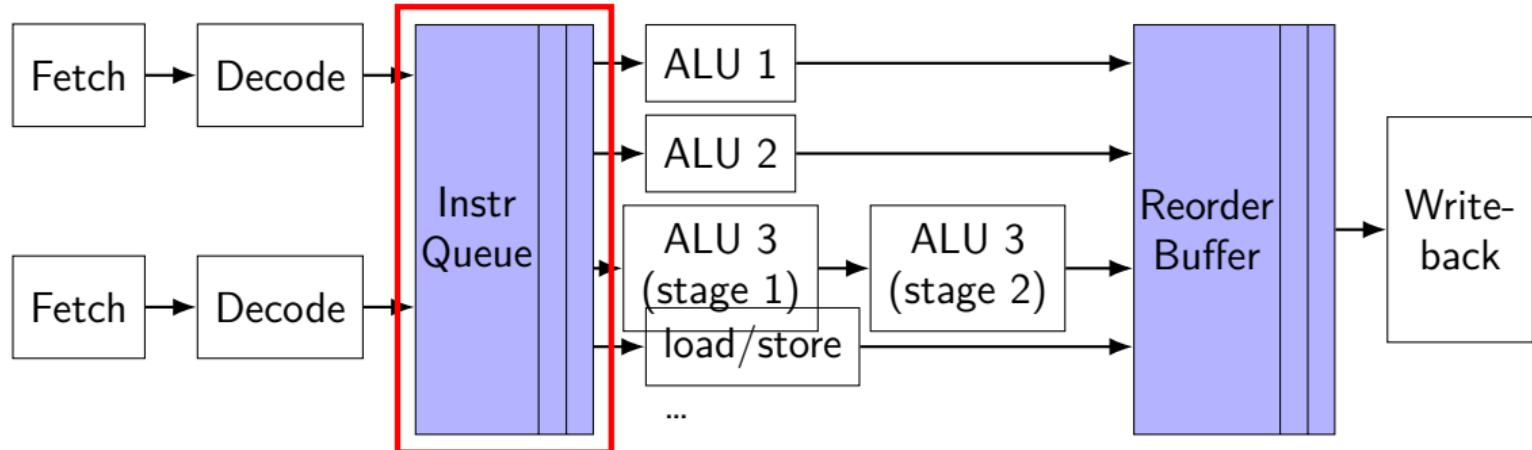


# modern CPU design (instruction flow)



fetch multiple instructions/cycle

# modern CPU design (instruction flow)

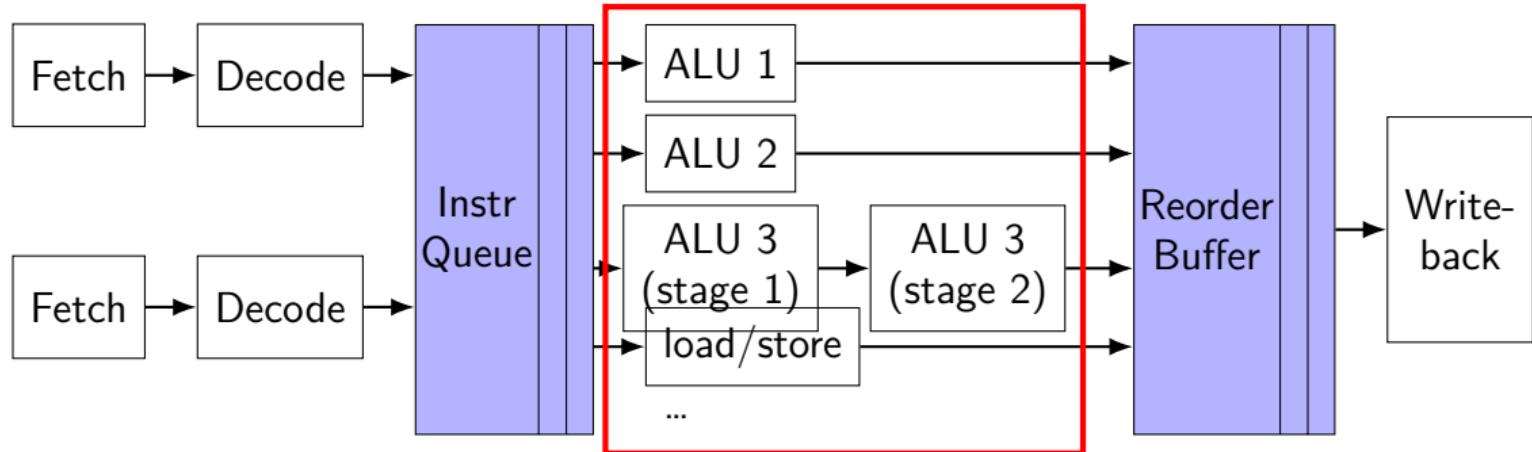


keep list of **pending instructions**

run instructions from list **when operands available**

forwarding handled here

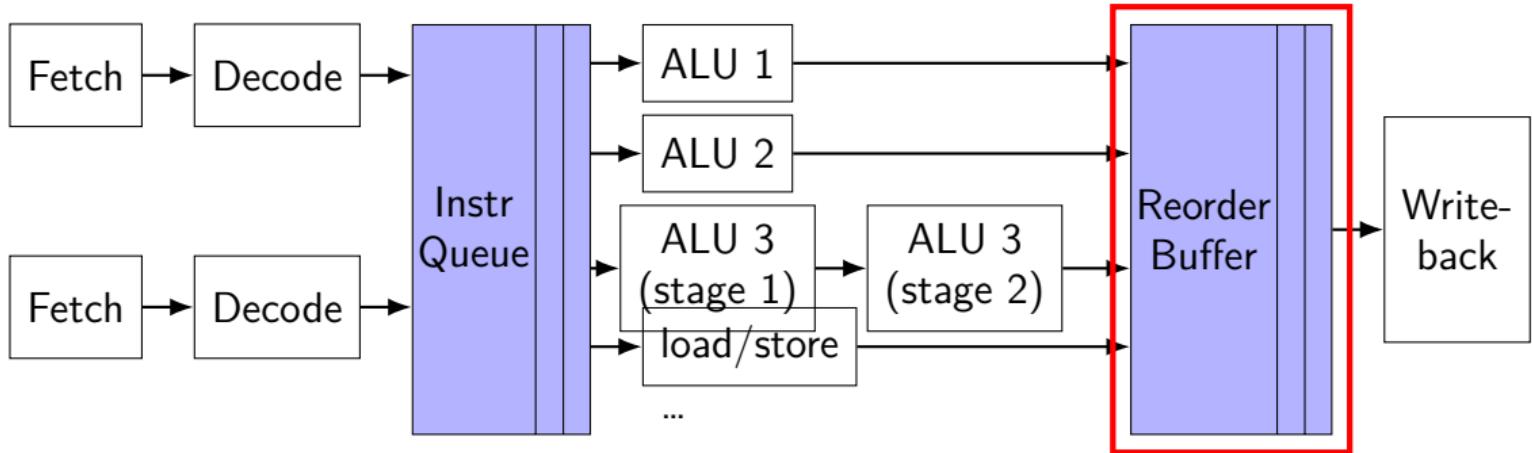
# modern CPU design (instruction flow)



multiple “execution units” to run instructions  
e.g. possibly many ALUs

sometimes pipelined, sometimes not

# modern CPU design (instruction flow)



collect results of finished instructions

helps with forwarding, squashing

# instruction queue operation

#	<i>instruction</i>	<i>status</i>
1	<b>addq %rax, %rdx</b>	ready
2	<b>addq %rbx, %rdx</b>	waiting for 1
3	<b>addq %rcx, %rdx</b>	waiting for 2
4	<b>cmpq %r8, %rdx</b>	waiting for 3
5	<b>jne ...</b>	waiting for 4
6	<b>addq %rax, %rdx</b>	waiting for 3
7	<b>addq %rbx, %rdx</b>	waiting for 6
8	<b>addq %rcx, %rdx</b>	waiting for 7
9	<b>cmpq %r8, %rdx</b>	waiting for 8

...

...

<i>execution unit</i>
ALU 1
ALU 2

...

# instruction queue operation

#	<i>instruction</i>	<i>status</i>
1	addq %rax, %rdx	<i>running</i>
2	addq %rbx, %rdx	waiting for 1
3	addq %rcx, %rdx	waiting for 2
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...

...

<i>execution unit</i>	<i>cycle# 1</i>	...
ALU 1	1	
ALU 2	—	

# instruction queue operation

#	<i>instruction</i>	<i>status</i>
1	addq %rax, %rdx	done
2	addq %rbx, %rdx	ready
3	addq %rcx, %rdx	waiting for 2
4	cmpq %r8, %rdx	waiting for 3
5	jne ...	waiting for 4
6	addq %rax, %rdx	waiting for 3
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...

...

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ALU 2		—	

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...

...

<i>execution unit</i>	<i>cycle#</i>	1	2	...
ALU 1		1	2	
ALU 2		—	—	

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...

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<i>execution unit</i>	<i>cycle#</i>	1	2	3	4	5	...
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ALU 2		—	—	—	6	7	

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ALU 1		1	2	3	4	5	8	
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...

...

<i>execution unit</i>	<i>cycle#</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
ALU 1		1	2	3	4	5	8	9	
ALU 2		—	—	—	6	7	—	...	

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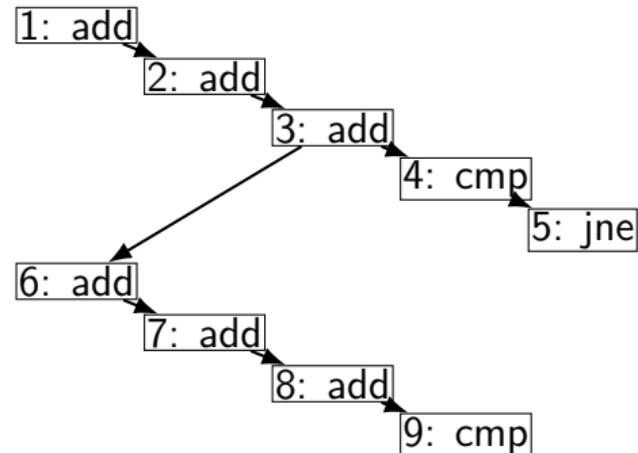
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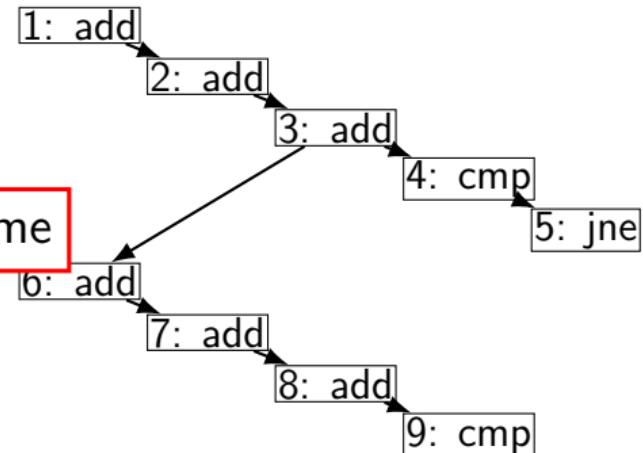
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5	jne rule: arrows must go forward in time	
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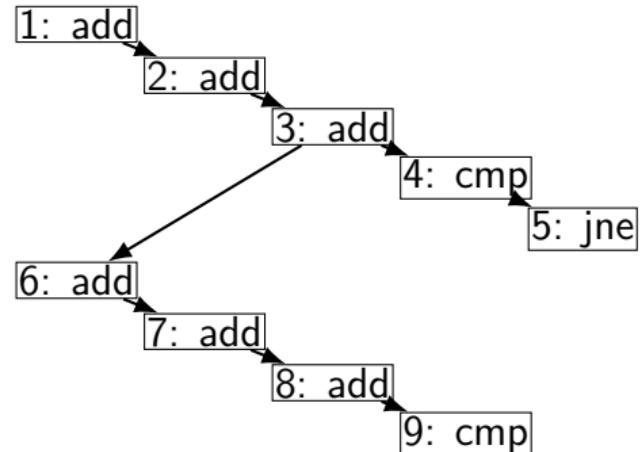
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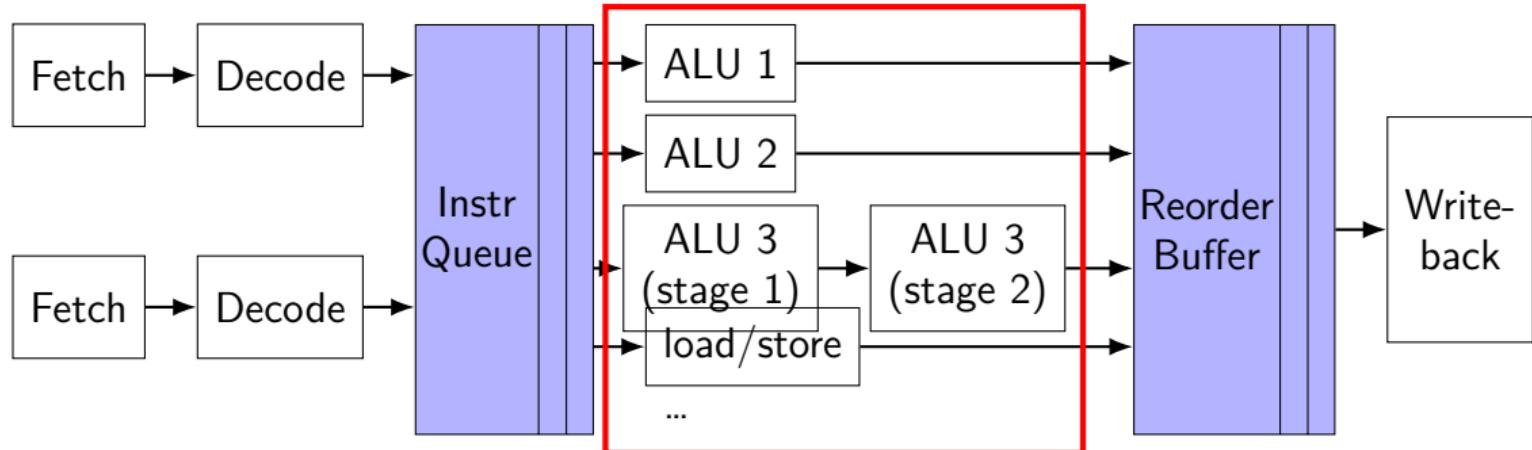
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5	jne ...	done
6	ad	longest path determines speed
7	addq %rdx, %rax	done
8	addq %rcx, %rdx	done
9	cmpq %r8, %rdx	done

... ...



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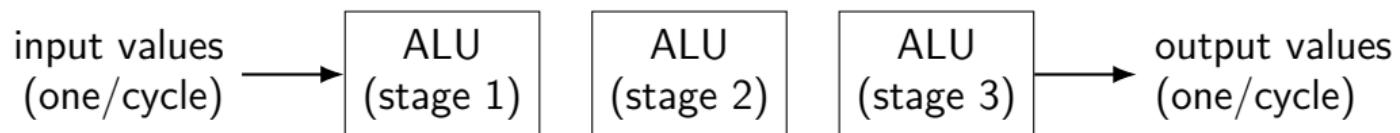
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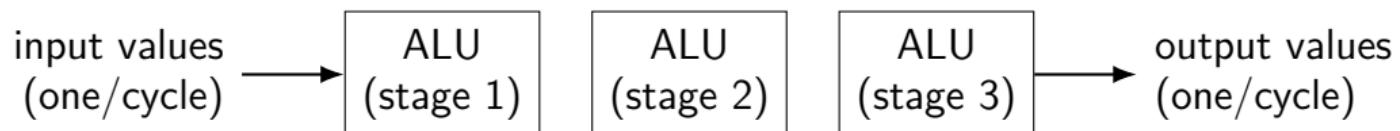
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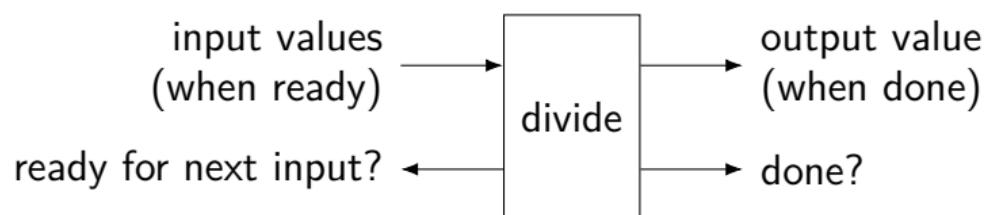
exercise: how long to compute  $A \times (B \times (C \times D))$ ?

## execution units AKA functional units (2)

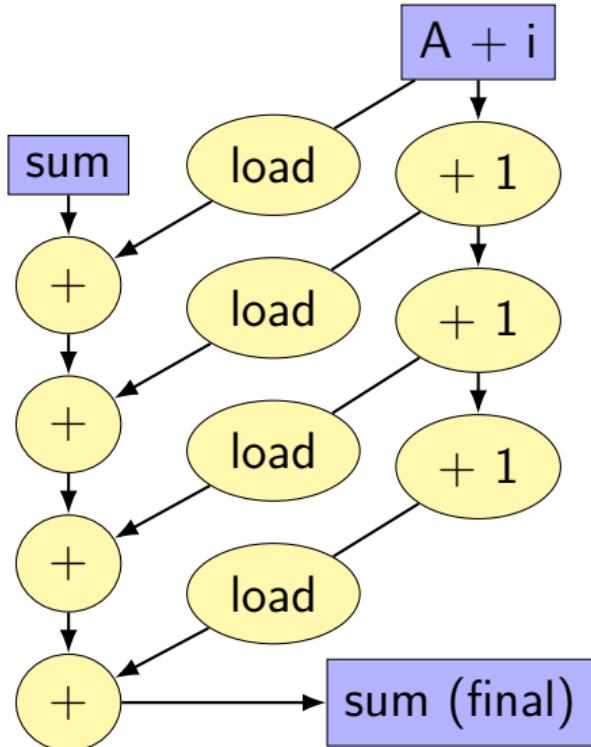
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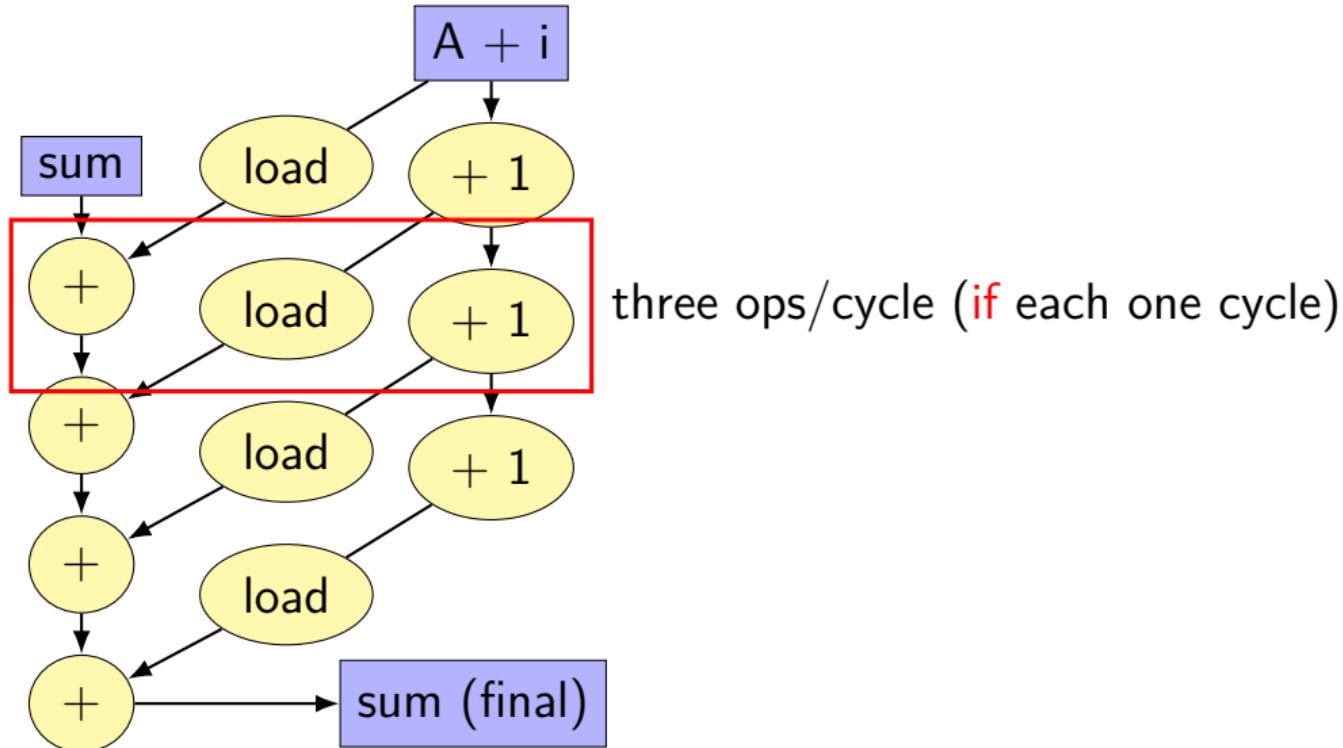


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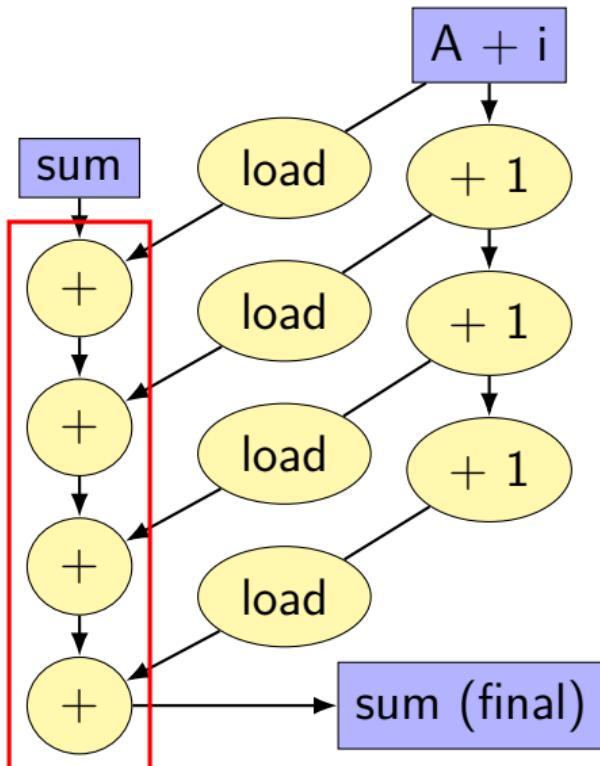


```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i += K) {  
    sum += A[i];  
    sum += A[i+1];  
    ...  
}
```

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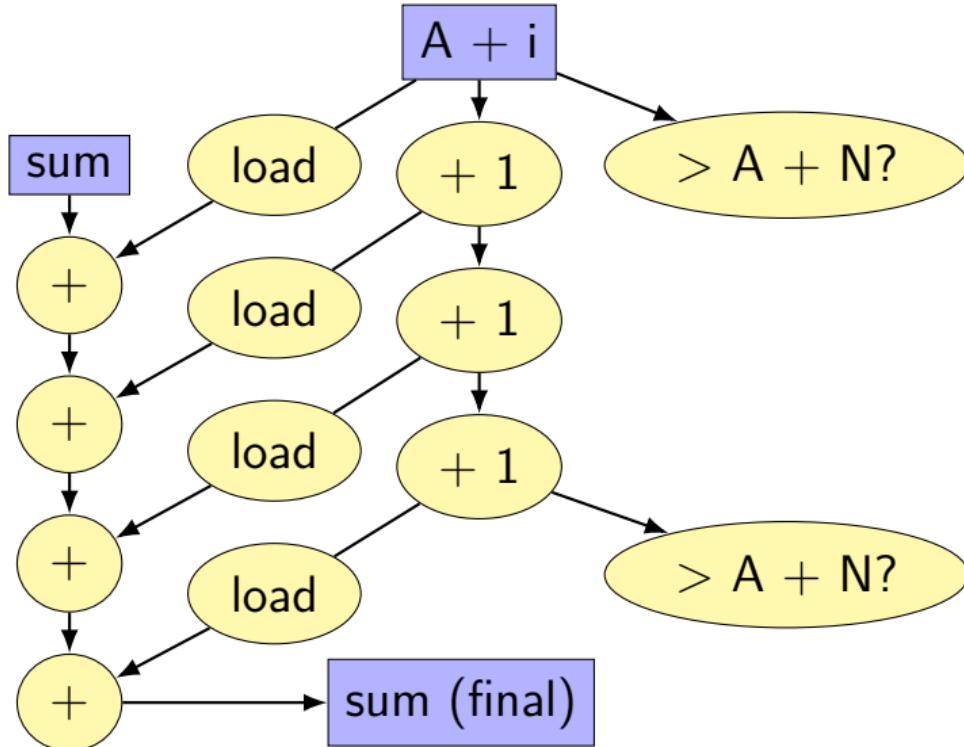


# data flow model and limits



need to do additions  
one-at-a-time  
book's name: critical path  
time needed: sum of latencies

# data flow model and limits



# reassociation

assume a single pipelined, 5-cycle latency multiplier

exercise: how long does each take? assume instant forwarding. (hint: think about data-flow graph)

$$((a \times b) \times c) \times d$$

$$(a \times b) \times (c \times d)$$

```
imulq %rbx, %rax  
imulq %rcx, %rax  
imulq %rdx, %rax
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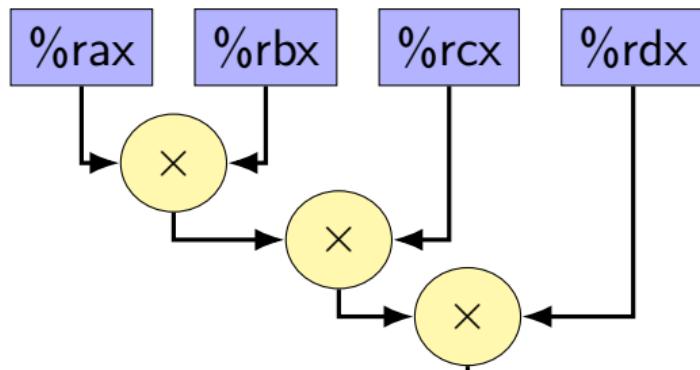
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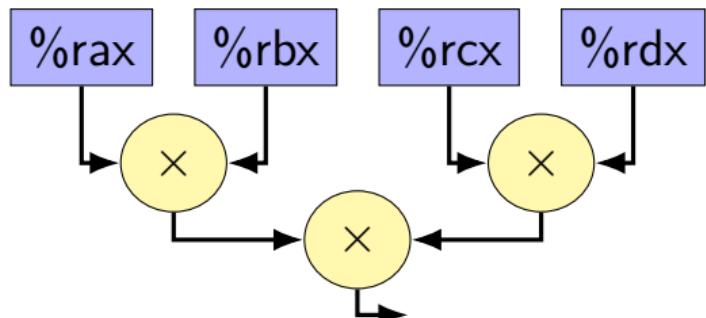
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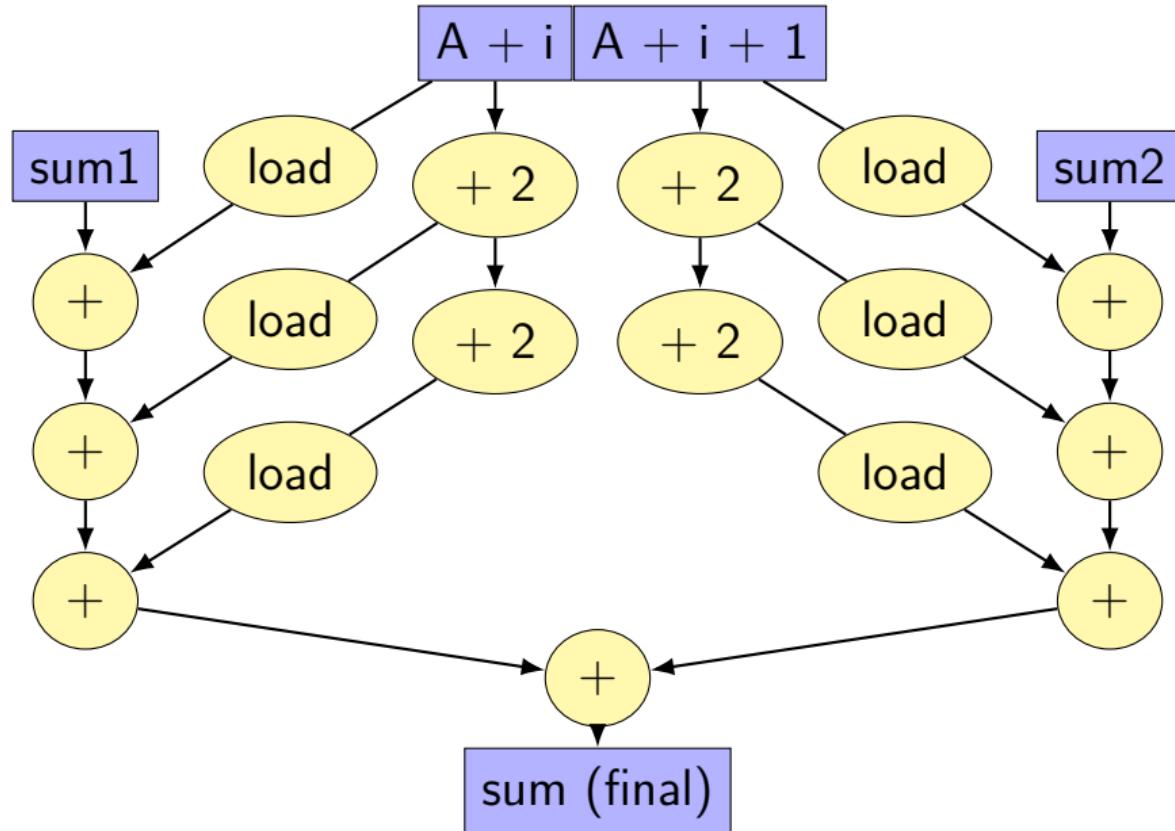


$$(a \times b) \times (c \times d)$$

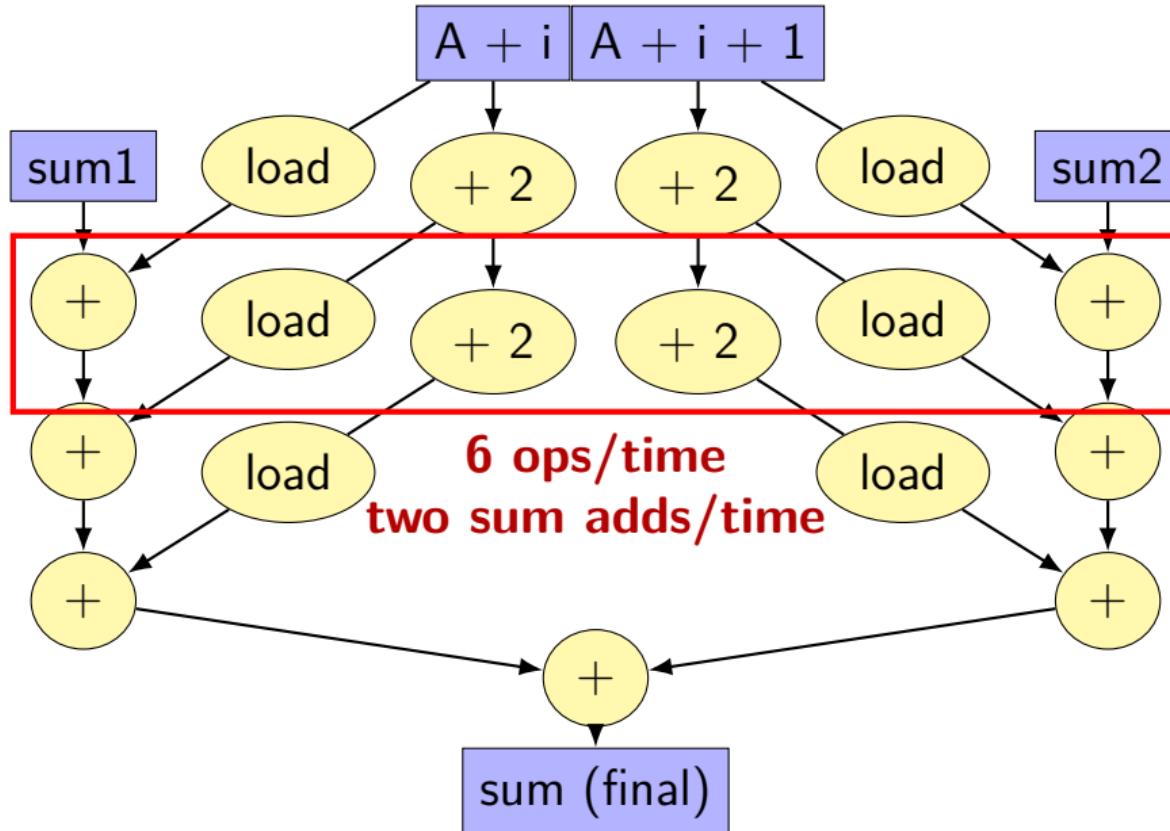
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imulq %rdx, %rax
```



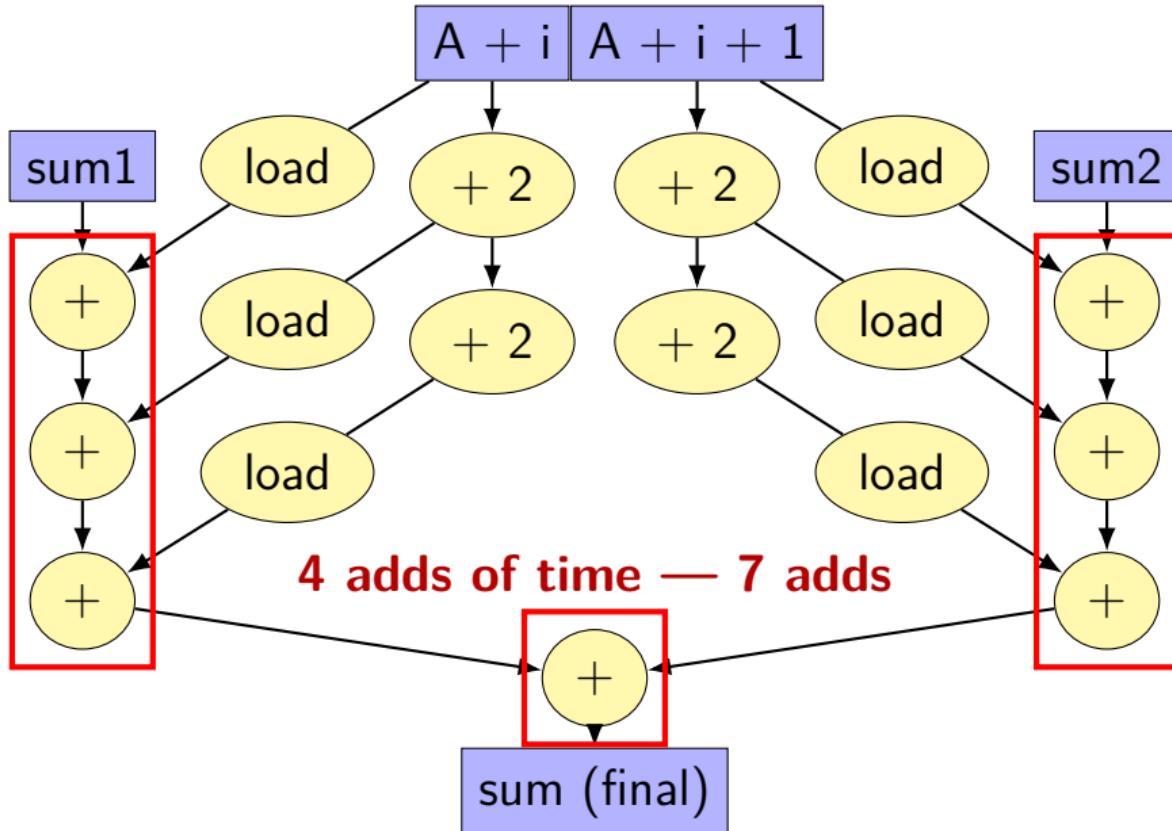
# better data-flow



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# multiple accumulators

```
int i;
long sum1 = 0, sum2 = 0;
for (i = 0; i + 1 < N; i += 2) {
    sum1 += A[i];
    sum2 += A[i+1];
}
// handle leftover, if needed
if (i < N)
    sum1 += A[i];
sum = sum1 + sum2;
```

# multiple accumulators performance

on my laptop with 992 elements (fits in L1 cache)

16x unrolling, variable number of accumulators

accumulators	cycles/element	instructions/element
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## 8 accumulator assembly

```
sum1 += A[i + 0];  
sum2 += A[i + 1];  
...  
...
```

---

```
addq    (%rdx), %rcx      // sum1 +=  
addq    8(%rdx), %rcx     // sum2 +=  
subq    $-128, %rdx        // i +=  
addq    -112(%rdx), %rbx   // sum3 +=  
addq    -104(%rdx), %r11   // sum4 +=  
...  
....  
cmpq    %r14, %rdx
```

register for each of the sum1, sum2, ...variables:

# 16 accumulator assembly

compiler runs out of registers

starts to use the stack instead:

```
movq    32(%rdx), %rax // get A[i+13]
addq    %rax, -48(%rsp) // add to sum13 on stack
```

code does **extra cache accesses**

also — already using all the adders available all the time

so performance increase not possible

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# maximum performance

2 additions per element:

- one to add to sum
- one to compute address

3/16 add/sub/cmp + 1/16 branch per element:

**loop overhead**

compiler not as efficient as it could have been

my machine: 4 add/etc. or branches/cycle

4 copies of ALU (effectively)

$$(2 + \frac{2}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16}) \div 4 \approx 0.57 \text{ cycles/element}$$

# vector instructions

modern processors have registers that hold “vector” of values

example: X86-64 has 128-bit registers

4 ints or 4 floats or 2 doubles or ...

128-bit registers named %xmm0 through %xmm15

instructions that act on **all values in register**

vector instructions or SIMD (single instruction, multiple data)  
instructions

extra copies of ALUs only accessed by vector instructions

## example vector instruction

padd %xmm0, %xmm1 (packed add dword (32-bit))

Suppose registers contain (interpreted as 4 ints)

%xmm0: [1, 2, 3, 4]  
%xmm1: [5, 6, 7, 8]

Result will be:

%xmm1: [6, 8, 10, 12]

# vector instructions

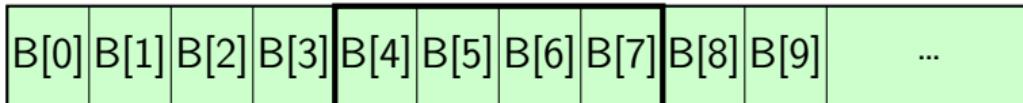
```
void add(int * restrict a, int * restrict b) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; ++i)  
        a[i] += b[i];  
}
```

---

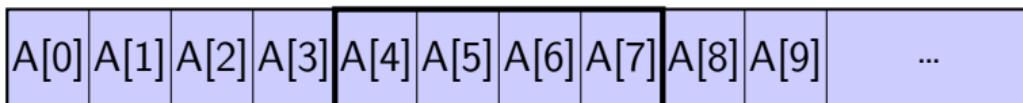
add:

xorl	%eax, %eax	// init. loop counter
the_loop:		
movdqu	(%rdi,%rax), %xmm0	// load 4 from A
movdqu	(%rsi,%rax), %xmm1	// load 4 from B
paddd	%xmm1, %xmm0	// add 4 elements!
movups	%xmm0, (%rdi,%rax)	// store 4 in A
addq	\$16, %rax	// +4 ints = +16
cmpq	\$512, %rax	// 512 = 4 * 128
jne	the_loop	
rep ret		

# vector add picture



`movdqu` → %xmm1



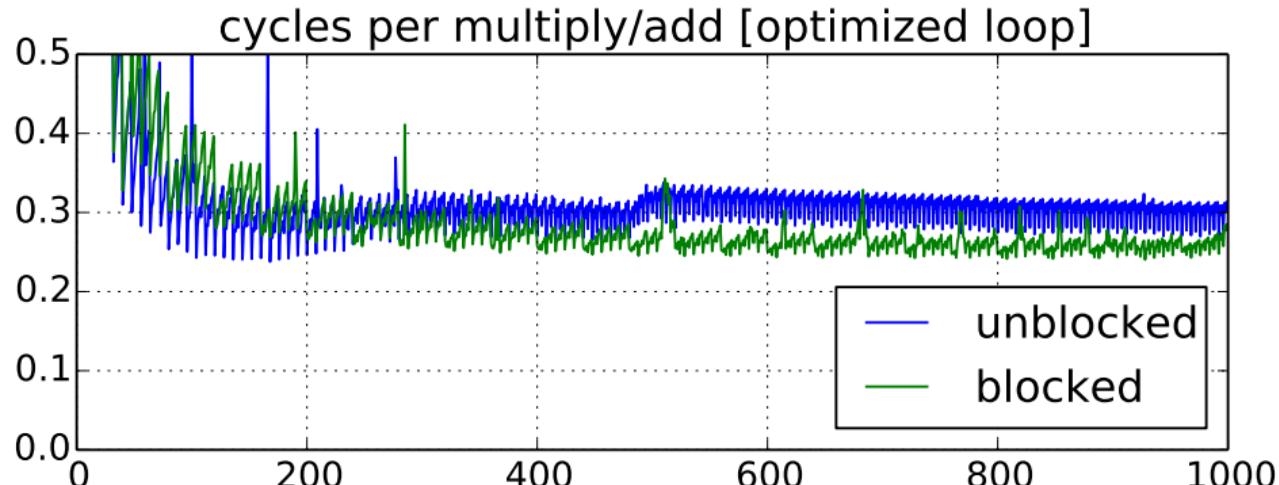
`movdqu` → %xmm0 → `padd`

Diagram illustrating the addition operation. It shows four pairs of elements from vectors A and B being added together. The top row contains A[4], A[5], A[6], and A[7]. The bottom row contains B[4], B[5], B[6], and B[7]. Between the two rows, there are four addition operators (+) positioned above the corresponding columns of A and B.

A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
+	+	+	+
B[4]	B[5]	B[6]	B[7]

%xmm0 ←

# wiggles on prior graphs



variance from this optimization

8 elements in vector, so multiples of 8 easier

# one view of vector functional units



# why vector instructions?

lots of logic not dedicated to computation

- instruction queue

- reorder buffer

- instruction fetch

- branch prediction

...

adding vector instructions — little extra control logic

...but a lot more computational capacity

# vector instructions and compilers

compilers can sometimes figure out how to use vector instructions  
(and have gotten much, much better at it over the past decade)

but easily messsed up:

- by aliasing
- by conditionals
- by some operation with no vector instruction

...

# fickle compiler vectorization (1)

GCC 7.2 and Clang 5.0 generate vector instructions for this:

```
#define N 1024
void foo(unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {
    for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)
        for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
            for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
                B[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j];
}
```

but not:

```
#define N 1024
void foo(unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
            for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)
                B[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * A[j * N + k];
}
```

## fickle compiler vectorization (2)

Clang 5.0.0 generates vector instructions for this:

```
void foo(int N, unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {  
    for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
        for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
            for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
                B[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j];  
}
```

but not: (probably bug?)

```
void foo(long N, unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {  
    for (long k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
        for (long i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
            for (long j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
                B[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j];  
}
```

# vector intrinsics

if compiler doesn't work...

could write vector instruction assembly by hand

second option: “intrinsic functions”

C functions that compile to particular instructions

# vector intrinsics: add example

```
void vectorized_add(int *a, int *b) {
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; i += 4) {
        // "si128" --> 128 bit integer
        // a_values = {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]}
        __m128i a_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i]);
        // b_values = {b[i], b[i+1], b[i+2], b[i+3]}
        __m128i b_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &b[i]);

        // add four 32-bit integers
        // sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1], ...}
        __m128i sums = _mm_add_epi32(a_values, b_values);

        // {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]} = sums
        _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);
    }
}
```

## vector intrinsics: add example

```
special type __m128i — “128 bits of integers”
other types: __m128 (floats), __m128d (doubles)

void vec {
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; i += 4) {
        // "si128" --> 128 bit integer
        // a_values = {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]}
        __m128i a_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i]);
        // b_values = {b[i], b[i+1], b[i+2], b[i+3]}
        __m128i b_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &b[i]);

        // add four 32-bit integers
        // sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1], ...}
        __m128i sums = _mm_add_epi32(a_values, b_values);

        // {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]} = sums
        _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);
    }
}
```

## vector intrinsics: add example

functions to store/load

v si128 means “128-bit integer value”

u for “unaligned” (otherwise, pointer address must be multiple of 16)

```
// "si128" --> 128 bit integer
// a_values = {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]}
__m128i a_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i]);
// b_values = {b[i], b[i+1], b[i+2], b[i+3]}
__m128i b_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &b[i]);

// add four 32-bit integers
// sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1], ...}
__m128i sums = _mm_add_epi32(a_values, b_values);

// {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]} = sums
_mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);
}
```

# vector intrinsics: add example

```
void vectorized_add(int *a, int *b) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; i += 4) {  
        // "si128" function to add  
        // a_values epi32 means "4 32-bit integers" +3]  
        __m128i a_v _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i]);  
        // b_values = {b[i], b[i+1], b[i+2], b[i+3]}  
        __m128i b_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &b[i]);  
  
        // add four 32-bit integers  
        // sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1], ....}  
        __m128i sums = _mm_add_epi32(a_values, b_values);  
  
        // {a[i], a[i+1], a[i+2], a[i+3]} = sums  
        _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);  
    }  
}
```

# vector intrinsics: different size

```
void vectorized_add_64bit(long *a, long *b) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; i += 2) {  
        // a_values = {a[i], a[i+1]} (2 x 64 bits)  
        __m128i a_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i]);  
        // b_values = {b[i], b[i+1]} (2 x 64 bits)  
        __m128i b_values = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &b[i]);  
        // add two 64-bit integers: paddq %xmm0, %xmm1  
        // sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1]}  
        __m128i sums = _mm_add_epi64(a_values, b_values);  
        // {a[i], a[i+1]} = sums  
        _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);  
    }  
}
```

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        // add two 64-bit integers: paddq %xmm0, %xmm1  
        // sums = {a[i] + b[i], a[i+1] + b[i+1]}  
        __m128i sums = _mm_add_epi64(a_values, b_values);  
        // {a[i], a[i+1]} = sums  
        _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &a[i], sums);  
    }  
}
```

## recall: square

```
void square(unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {  
    for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
        for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
            for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
                B[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * A[k *  
}]
```

# square unrolled

```
void square(unsigned int *A, unsigned int *B) {  
    for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) {  
        for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
            for (int j = 0; j < N; j += 4) {  
                /* goal: vectorize this */  
                B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];  
                B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];  
                B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];  
                B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];  
            }  
    }  
}
```

## handy intrinsic functions for square

`_mm_set1_epi32` — load four copies of a 32-bit value into a 128-bit value

instructions generated vary; one example: `movq + pshufd`

`_mm_mullo_epi32` — multiply four pairs of 32-bit values, give lowest 32-bits of results

generates `pmulld`

# vectorizing square

*/\* goal: vectorize this \*/*

```
B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];  
B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];  
B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];  
B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];
```

---

# vectorizing square

```
/* goal: vectorize this */
B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];
B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];
B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];
B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];
```

---

```
// load four elements from B
Bij = _mm_loadu_si128(&B[i * N + j + 0]);
... // manipulate vector here
// store four elements into B
_mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &B[i * N + j + 0], Bij);
```

# vectorizing square

```
/* goal: vectorize this */
B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];
B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];
B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];
B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];
```

---

```
// load four elements from A
Akj = _mm_loadu_si128(&A[k * N + j + 0]);
... // multiply each by A[i * N + k] here
```

# vectorizing square

```
/* goal: vectorize this */
B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];
B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];
B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];
B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];
```

---

```
// load four elements starting with A[k * n + j]
Akj = _mm_loadu_si128(&A[k * N + j + 0]);
// load four copies of A[i * N + k]
Aik = _mm_set1_epi32(A[i * N + k]);
// multiply each pair
multiply_results = _mm_mullo_epi32(Aik, Akj);
```

# vectorizing square

```
/* goal: vectorize this */
B[i * N + j + 0] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 0];
B[i * N + j + 1] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 1];
B[i * N + j + 2] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 2];
B[i * N + j + 3] += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j + 3];
```

---

```
Bij = _mm_add_epi32(Bij, multiply_results);
// store back results
_mm_storeu_si128(..., Bij);
```

# square vectorized

```
__m128i Bij, Akj, Aik, Aik_times_Akj;  
  
// Bij = {Bi,j, Bi,j+1, Bi,j+2, Bi,j+3}  
Bij = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &B[i * N + j]);  
// Akj = {Ak,j, Ak,j+1, Ak,j+2, Ak,j+3}  
Akj = _mm_loadu_si128((__m128i*) &A[k * N + j]);  
  
// Aik = {Ai,k, Ai,k, Ai,k, Ai,k}  
Aik = _mm_set1_epi32(A[i * N + k]);  
  
// Aik_times_Akj = {Ai,k × Ak,j, Ai,k × Ak,j+1, Ai,k × Ak,j+2, Ai,k × Ak,j+3}  
Aik_times_Akj = _mm_mullo_epi32(Aij, Akj);  
  
// Bij= {Bi,j + Ai,k × Ak,j, Bi,j+1 + Ai,k × Ak,j+1, ...}  
Bij = _mm_add_epi32(Bij, Aik_times_Akj);  
  
// store Bij into B  
_mm_storeu_si128((__m128i*) &B[i * N + j], Bij);
```

# other vector instructions

multiple extensions to the X86 instruction set for vector instructions

this class: SSE, SSE2, SSE3, SSSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2

supported on lab machines

128-bit vectors

latest X86 processors: AVX, AVX2, AVX-512

256-bit and 512-bit vectors

# other vector instructions features

AVX2/AVX/SSE pretty limiting

other vector instruction sets often more featureful:  
(and require more sophisticated HW support)

better conditional handling

better variable-length vectors

ability to load/store non-contiguous values

# optimizing real programs

spend effort where **it matters**

e.g. 90% of program time spent reading files, but optimize computation?

e.g. 90% of program time spent in routine A, but optimize B?

# profilers

first step — tool to determine where you spend time

tools exist to do this for programs

example on Linux: perf

# perf usage

*sampling* profiler

stops periodically, takes a look at what's running

`perf record OPTIONS program`

example OPTIONS:

`-F 200` — record 200/second

`--call-graph=dwarf` — record stack traces

`perf report` or `perf annotate`

# children/self

“children” — samples in function or things it called

“self” — samples in function alone

# demo

# other profiling techniques

count number of times each function is called

not sampling — exact counts, but higher overhead

might give less insight into amount of time

# tuning optimizations

biggest factor: how fast is it actually

setup a benchmark

make sure it's realistic (right size? uses answer? etc.)

compare the alternatives



# constant multiplies/divides (1)

```
unsigned int fiveEights(unsigned int x) {  
    return x * 5 / 8;  
}
```

---

```
fiveEights:  
    leal    (%rdi,%rdi,4), %eax  
    shr    $3, %eax  
    ret
```

## constant multiplies/divides (2)

```
int oneHundredth(int x) { return x / 100; }
```

---

oneHundredth:

```
    movl    %edi, %eax
    movl    $1374389535, %edx
    sarl    $31, %edi
    imull   %edx
    sarl    $5, %edx
    movl    %edx, %eax
    subl    %edi, %eax
    ret
```

$$\frac{1374389535}{2^{37}} \approx \frac{1}{100}$$

# **constant multiplies/divides**

compiler is very good at handling

...but need to actually use constants

# addressing efficiency

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
        float Bij = B[i * N + j];  
        for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k) {  
            Bij += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j];  
        }  
        B[i * N + j] = Bij;  
    }  
}
```

tons of multiplies by N??

isn't that slow?

# addressing transformation

```
for (int kk = 0; k < N; kk += 2 )  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            float Bij = B[i * N + j];  
            float *Akj_pointer = &A[kk * N + j];  
            for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k) {  
                // Bij += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j~];  
                Bij += A[i * N + k] * Akj_pointer;  
                Akj_pointer += N;  
            }  
            B[i * N + j] = Bij;  
        }  
    }
```

transforms loop to iterate with pointer

compiler will usually do this!

increment/decrement by N ( $\times \text{sizeof(float)}$ )

# addressing transformation

```
for (int kk = 0; k < N; kk += 2 )  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            float Bij = B[i * N + j];  
            float *Akj_pointer = &A[kk * N + j];  
            for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k) {  
                // Bij += A[i * N + k] * A[k * N + j~];  
                Bij += A[i * N + k] * Akj_pointer;  
                Akj_pointer += N;  
            }  
            B[i * N + j] = Bij;  
        }  
    }
```

transforms loop to iterate with pointer

compiler will usually do this!

increment/decrement by N ( $\times \text{sizeof}(\text{float})$ )

# addressing efficiency

compiler will **usually** eliminate slow multiplies

doing transformation yourself often slower if so

```
i * N; ++i into i_times_N; i_times_N += N
```

way to check: see if assembly uses lots multiplies in loop

if it doesn't — do it yourself

