BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI Lab Sheet - 6 Topic: Single Cycle Datapath Design

Learning Objectives:

- i) Modeling MIPS Single Cycle Datapath in Verilog
- ii) Designing modules for each hardware component and some support modules
- iii) Implementation of the modules in Verilog
- iv) Integrating these modules
- v) Writing test bench
- vi) Testing the circuit with R-format instruction.

Today we have to implement MIPS single cycle datapath design using Verilog. To accomplish this, first identify the hardware components from the datapath design and write separate modules for each component. Integrate these modules to realize the complete datapath design circuit. Test the correctness of the complete implementation by supplying MIPS r-format instruction as an input. Make use of modules such as ALU, Control Unit, Register File etc which you already made in previous labs.

I. Modeling Single Cycle Datapath in Verilog:



Fig.1 Single Cycle Datapath Design Circuit

In order to model datapath in verilog we have to first identify the hardware components in the datapath and implement them in separate verilog module. Following are the hardware components for which you have to implement verilog modules:

- 1. Instruction Memory
- 2. Register File
- 3. ALU
- 4. Control Unit and ALU Control
- 5. Data Memory
- 6. Sign Extender
- 7. Shifter
- 8. Adders (required for computing next PC)
- 9. Multiplexers

In addition to these modules write few modules to integrate all these hardware components. For example, modules for reading from instruction memory, reading from and writing to register file or data memory etc. Also write testbench module to test the complete implementation for r-format instruction.

II. How to integrate sub-modules for running r-format instruction?

Write a module SCDataPath() to integrate sub-modules to realize the complete single cycle datapath circuit for running r-format instruction. To accomplish this, follow the steps below:

- 1. Model Program Counter (PC) by instantiating module for 5-bit register. Populate PC with some address. Let us restrict size of instruction memory to 32 locations each of width 32-bit.
- 2. Write a module to initialize Instruction Memory with some r-format instructions and instantiate it in this module. Also write module to initialize data memory to zeros which is required for lw/sw instructions.
- 3. Instantiate a module for reading instruction word from instruction memory by passing PC as an argument.
- 4. Instantiate module for Control Unit by passing the instruction word obtained in above step. This will generate required control signals.
- 5. Instantiate register file module by passing required input arguments which will give two 32-bit values.
- 6. Then instantiate module for ALU Control, ALU etc appropriately.
- 7. In r-format instruction, data memory is not required. But it is required in lw/sw instructions.
- 8. For storing back the output of ALU to register in register file, instantiate module for writing result to register file.
- 9. You will also have to instantiate all other modules like Sign Extender, Shifter, module for computation of PC and multiplexers. Depending upon the instruction format, multiplexers along with appropriate control signals should choose correct values. For example, ALU's second source operand has two different values which are given to (2X1) mux. Control signal ALUSrc will decide whether

ReadData2 is the second source operand of ALU or Sign extended offset depending upon type of instruction.

Note: For running other instruction formats like lw/sw, beq etc., sequence of instantiation of sub-modules will change. You can easily figure out the sequence of instantiation for other instructions if you successfully do atleast one type of instruction. **End of Note**

III. TestBench module:

Here outline of test bench for running r-format instruction is provided below:

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module TestBench;
    wire [31:0] ALU output;
    reg [31:0] PC;
    reg reset,clk;
    SCDataPath SCDP(ALU output, PC, reset, clk);
    initial
    begin
          $monitor("at time %Od IPC = %d, Reset = %d , CLK = %d ,
           ALU Output = %d", $time, start pc, rst, clk, ALU output);
          #0 clk = 0; PC = 5;
          #120 rst = 1;
          #400 $stop;
    end
    always
    begin
        #20 \ clk = ~clk;
    end
endmodule
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