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 (34/40) Consider the following fragment of code which is executing on a VLIW processor. Initially R1=600, R2=0x1000, R3=0x3000:

Working hypothesis:

- Fetch and decode stage have a 6-instruction width
- There are three functional units for the Arithmetic-Logic operations and Branches (ALBUs)
- Branches have 1 delay slot
- There are two Load/Store Units with three stages (effective address calculation, addressing, eventual read); the eventual read requires 1 clock cycle
- Write-backs can be overlapped to the decode stage
- There is one Multiplication Unit (MU) with four stages
- The register file has 24 registers R0-R23 (R0 is hardwired to the value 'zero')
- The register file has 6 independent input ports and 6 independent output ports
- The compiler unrolls the iterations in order to use all available registers (the number of iterations is known by the compiler initially written in R1)

By compiling the following tables, calculate:

- i) the CIT (Cycles per Iteration) of the optimally unrolled loop so that the CIT is minimized;
- ii) the IPC (Instructions Per Cycle) at the end of the iterations
- iii) the Utilization factor U=available_slots/total_slots

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1				LW	R4,0(R2)	LW	R5,0(R3)	NOP	
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- 2) (6/40) 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:
 - The file 'data1.txt' contains an unsorted list of numerical values to be used as input
 - The file 'data2.txt' should contain a sorted list of the values contained in data1.txt
 - The sorted list should also be parsed to extract the lines which contain a "1"
 - The extracted list should be directed to the printer