HIGH	PERFORMANCE	COMPUTER	ARCHITECTURE	midterm	exam	29-10-	-2021
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1) (POINTS 26/30) Consider the following snippet of code running on 4-ways out-of-order superscalar processor. Initially, R1=0x1000, R3=0x3000, R7=0x0003 and the other registers contain zero.

lab1: LW R2,0(R1)
MUL R4,R2,R2
SW R4,0(R1)
ADDI R1,R1,4
BNE R2,R0,lab1

Working hypothesis:

- the fetch, decode and commit stages are 4 instructions wide
- the instruction window has 10 slots
- we have 10 physical registers in the free pool (excluding P0 which is hardwired to 0)
- the reorder buffer has 10 entries
- the integer multiplier has 4 stages
- the load/store queues have 3 slots each and a common effective-address calculation unit
- there is 1 ALUs for arithmetic and logic operations and 1 ALU for branching
- an ALU/BRANCH performs its operation in the same cycle when the operation is issued
- reads require 1 clock cycle (after the addressing phase)
- the register file has 4 input- and 4 output-ports
- there are 8 logical registers (excluding R0 which is hardwired to 0)
- the store operation leaves the issue stage as it is inserted in the store queue
- when the X stage finds a free slot in the LQ/SQ, also a slot in the I stage is reserved
- branches are predicted taken

Calculate the total cycles, needed to execute 3 iterations of the above loop on such machine, complete the following chart until the end of the third iteration of the code fragment above, including the renamed stream the precise evolution of the free pool of the physical registers (the register map), the Instruction Window, the Reorder Buffer (ROB) and the Load Queue (LQ) and Store Queue (SQ). Note: Ci, Cj, Ck, Cl indicate the cycle when the corresponding physical registers are available in IW.

Iter.	Instruct	tion	F Fetch (clock)	D Decode (clock)	P disPatch (clock)	I Issue (clock)	X eXecute (clock)	C Commit (clock)	Renamed Stream	Instruction Window Pi Pj Pk I/Pl Ci Cj Ck Cl		Load Queue PC Pi Ci	
1	LW	R2,0(R1)	0						P2,0(P1)	P2 P1 - 0 0 0 0 -	R2		
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2) (POINTS 4/30) Write a single command pipe for Linux to find all files whose name that starts with 'result' followed by two numeric digits and store them in the file 'mio'.