

# **CSC 252: Computer Organization**

## **Spring 2021: Lecture 6**

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# Announcement

- Programming Assignment 2 is out
  - Details: <https://www.cs.rochester.edu/courses/252/spring2021/labs/assignment2.html>
  - Due on **March 3**, 11:59 PM
  - You (may still) have 3 slip days

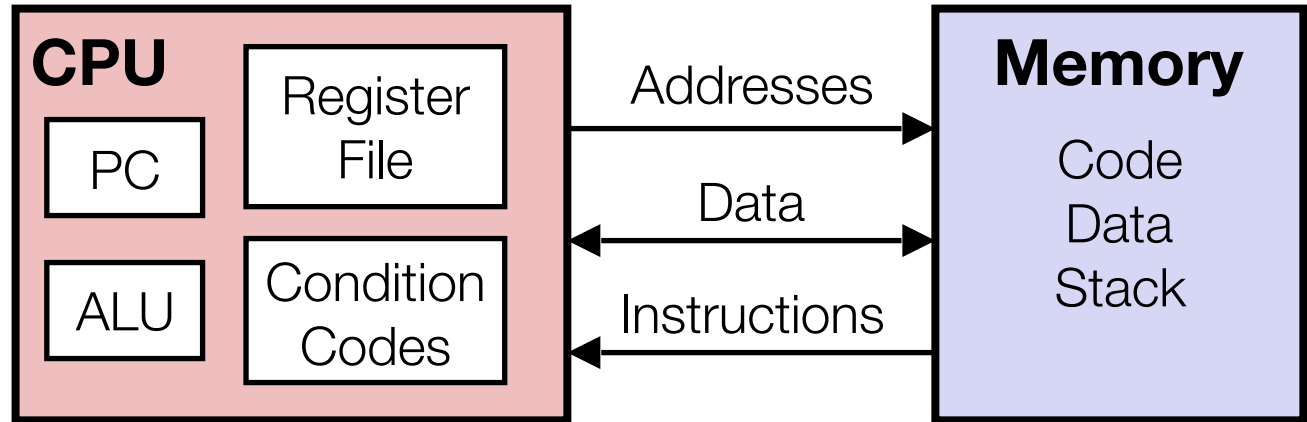
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- Programming assignment 2 is in x86 assembly language.
- Read the instructions before getting started!!!
  - You get 1/4 point off for every wrong answer
  - Maxed out at 10
- TAs are best positioned to answer your questions about programming assignments!!!
- Programming assignments do NOT repeat the lecture materials. They ask you to synthesize what you have learned from the lectures and work out something new.
- Problem set on arithmetics: <https://www.cs.rochester.edu/courses/252/spring2021/handouts.html>.
  - Not to be turned in.

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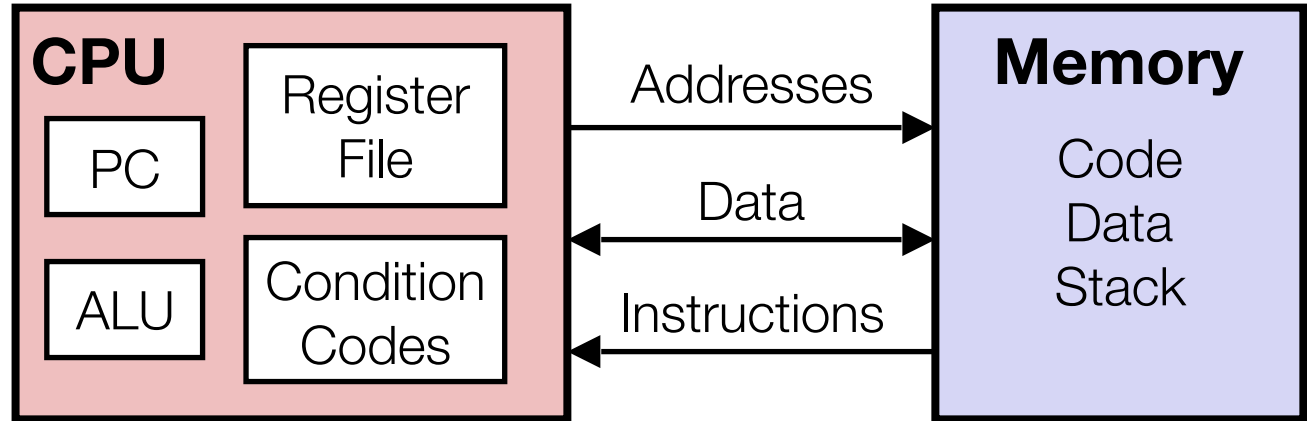
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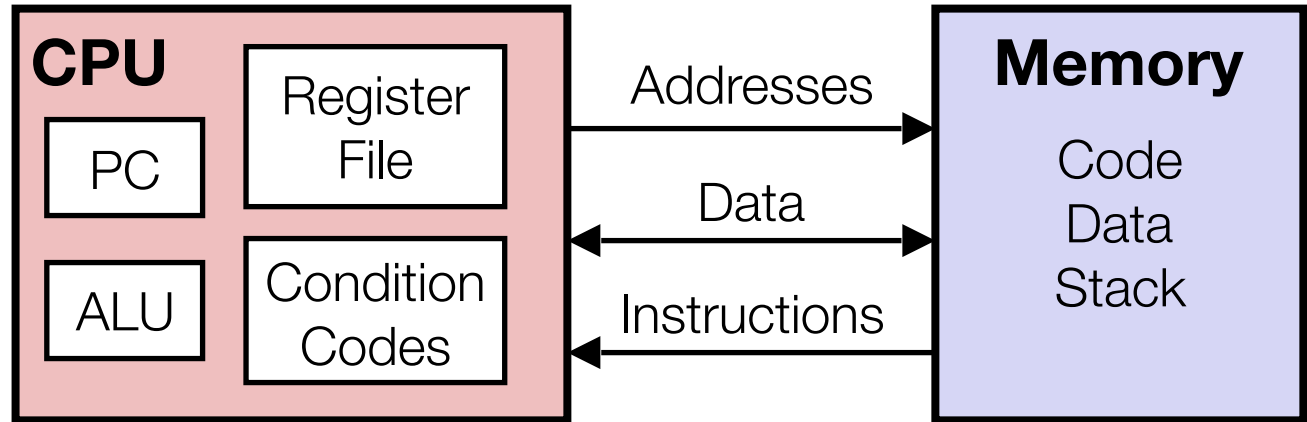


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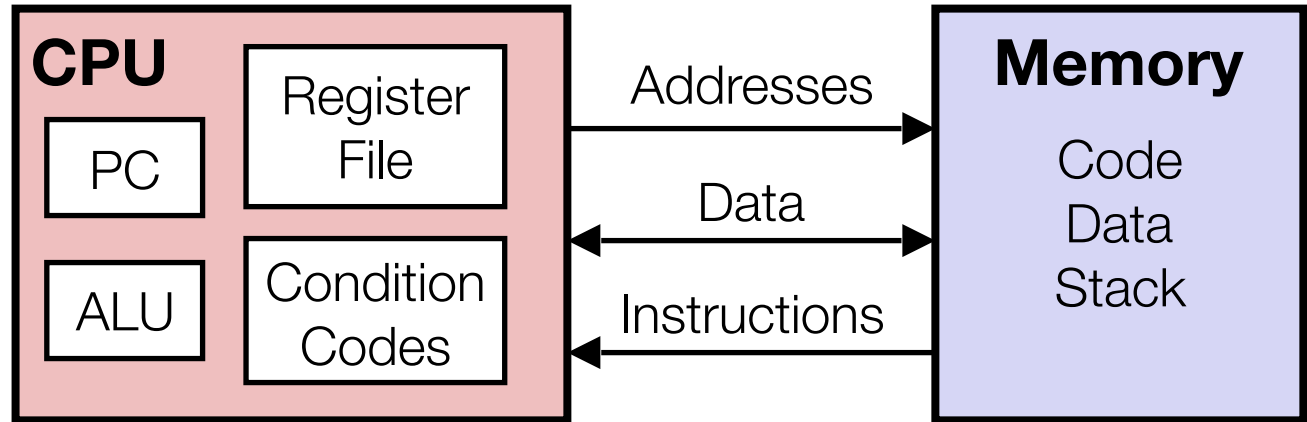


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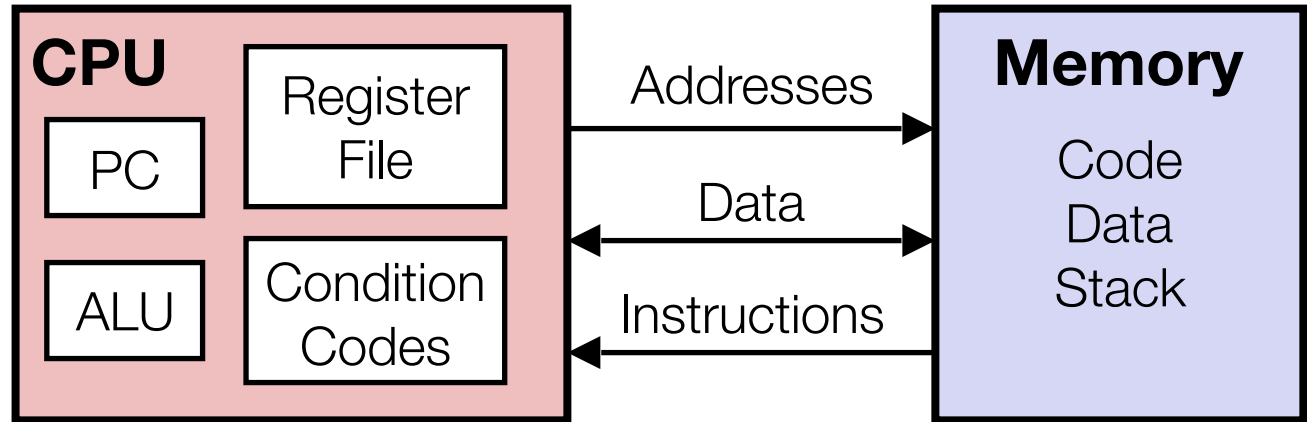
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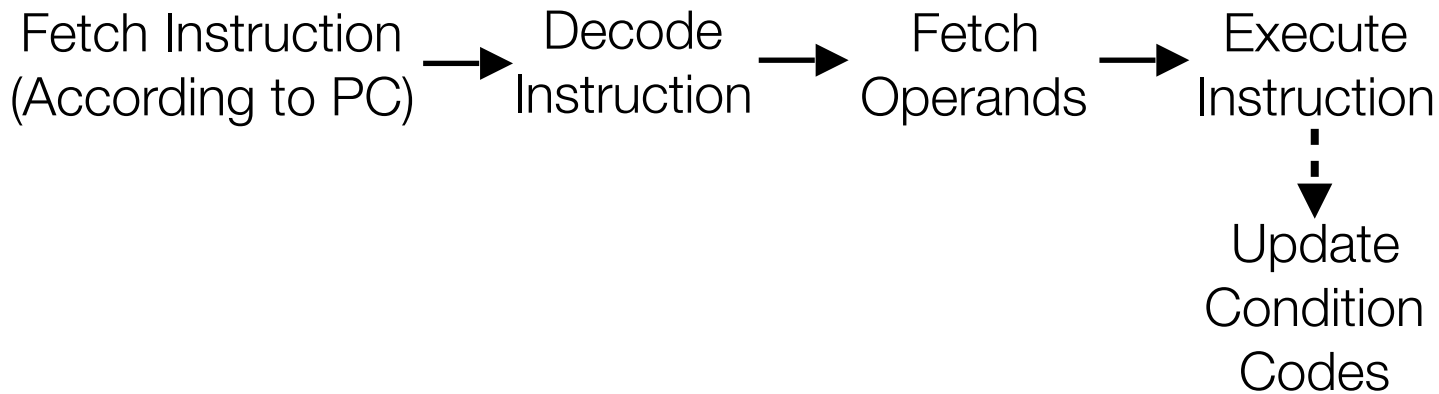
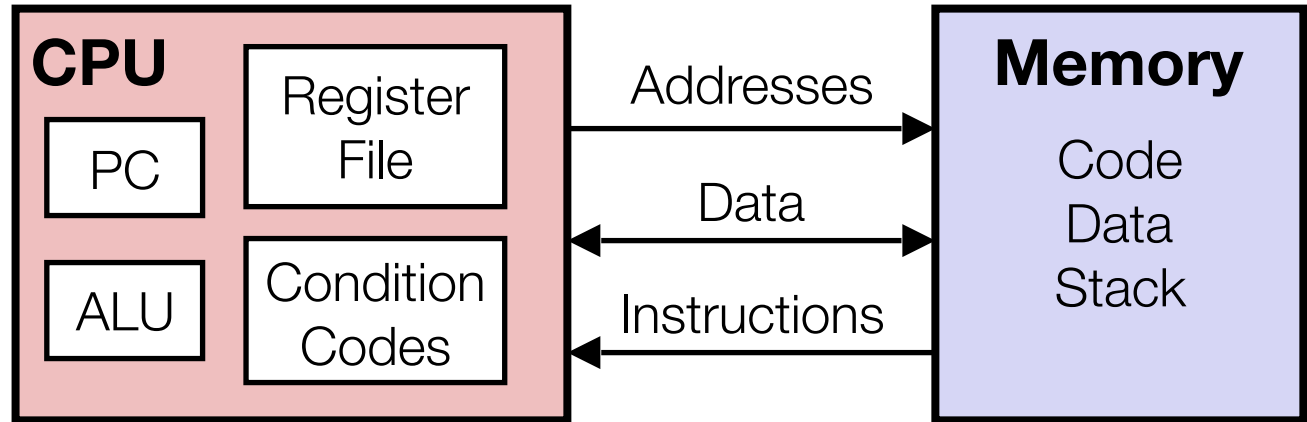


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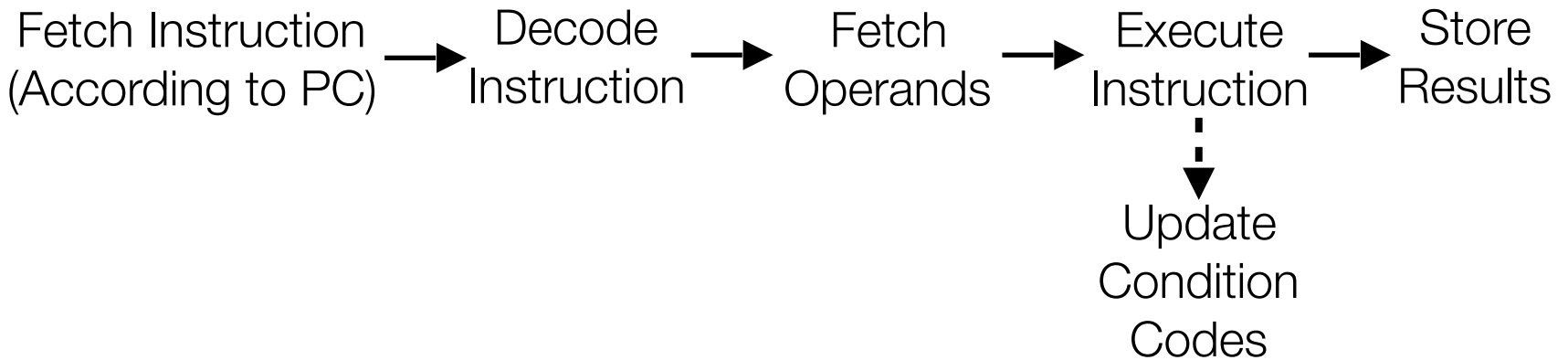
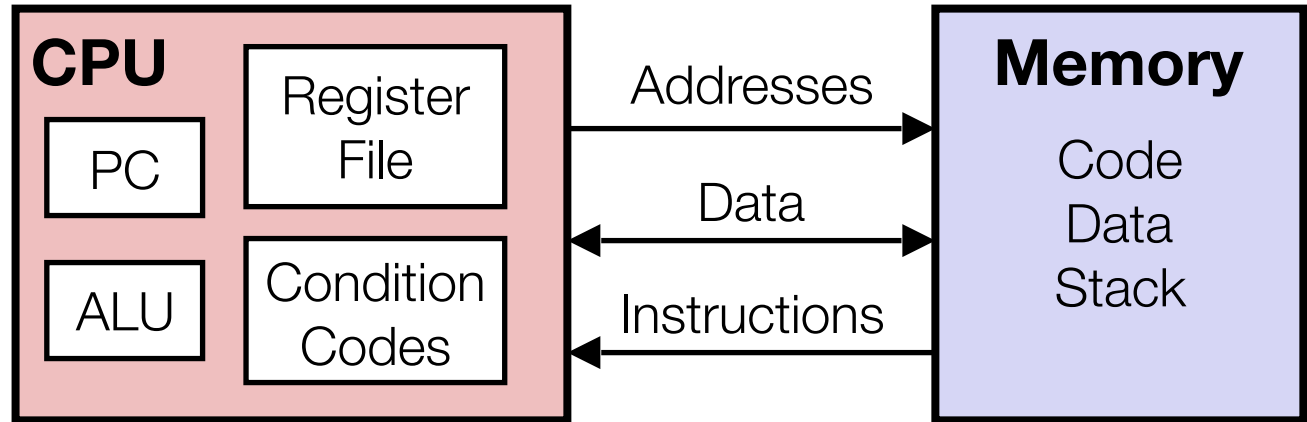
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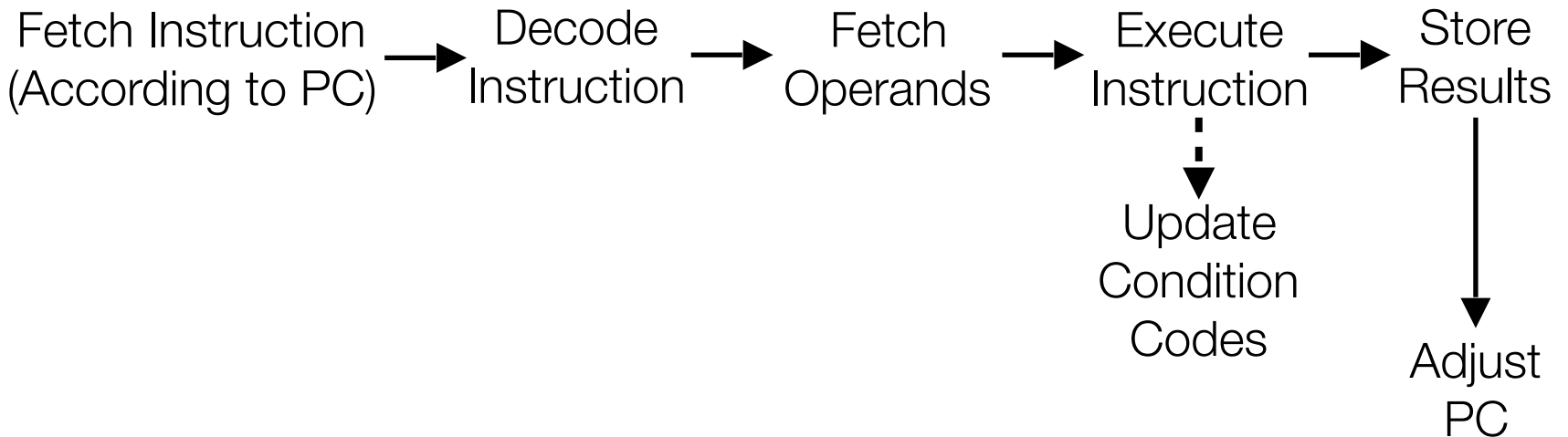
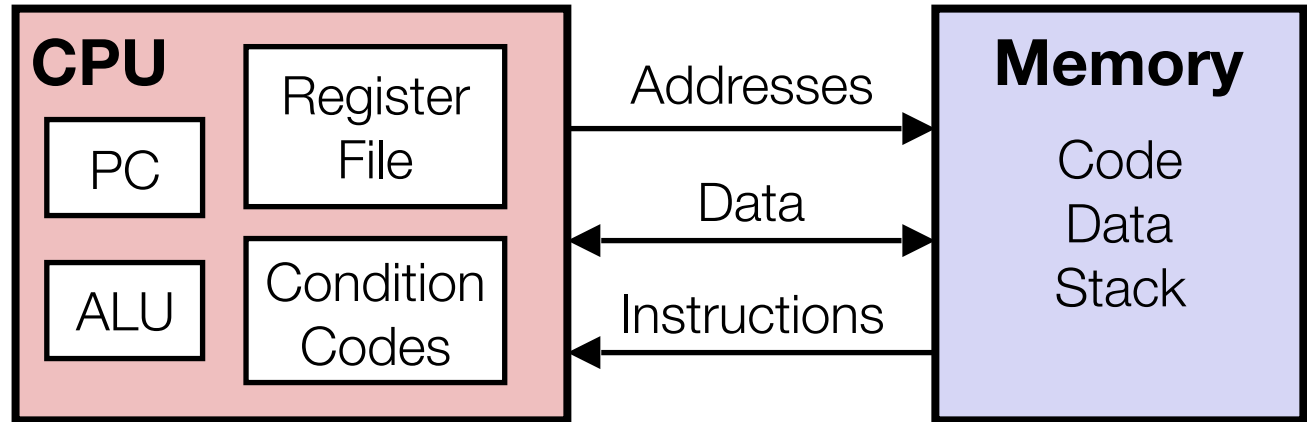
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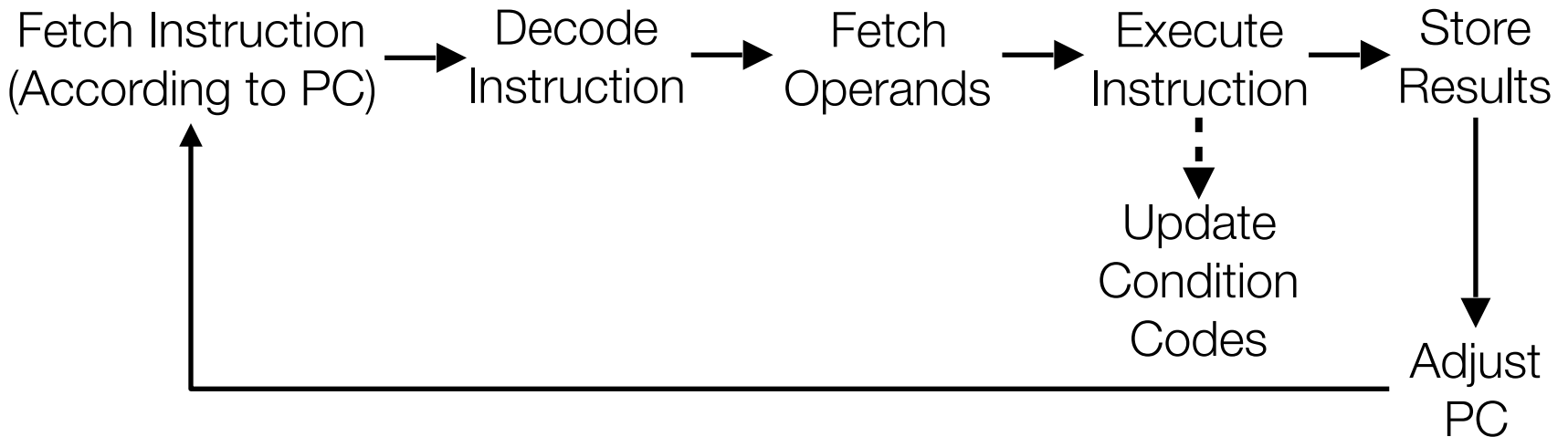
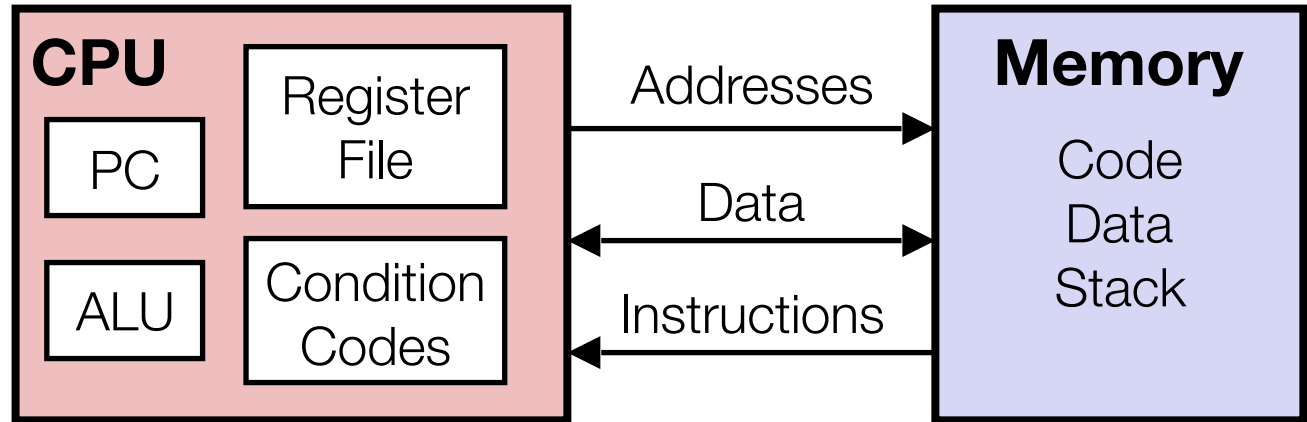
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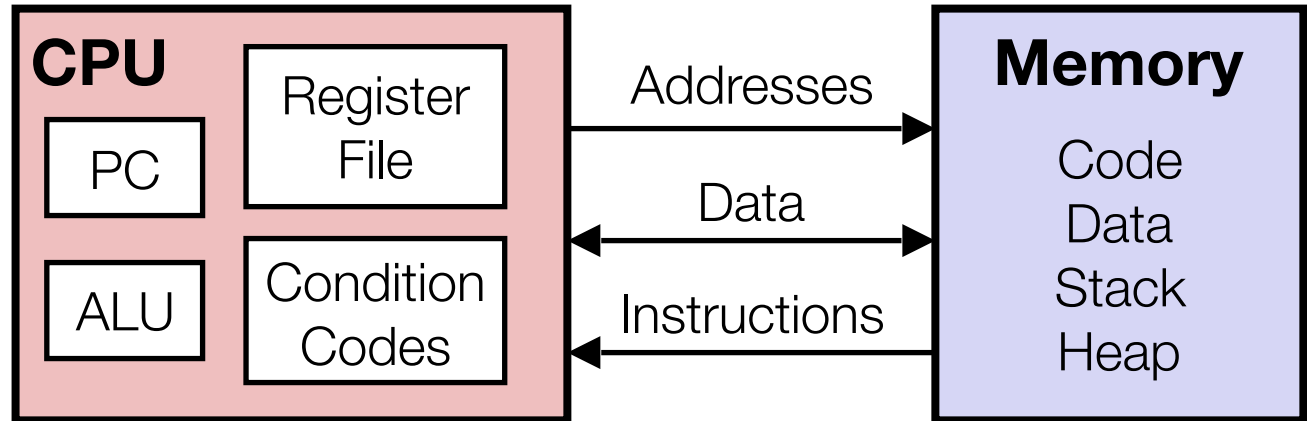
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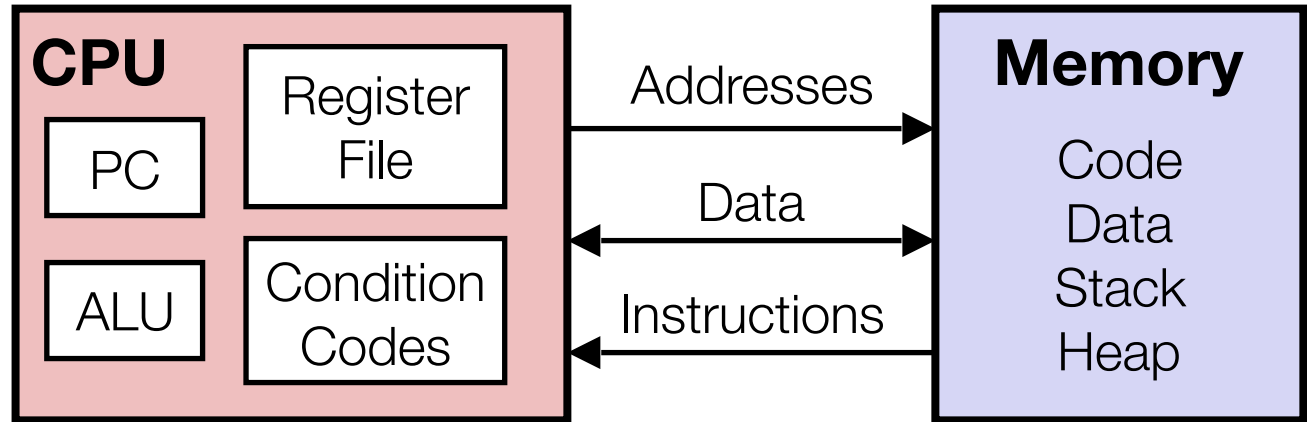
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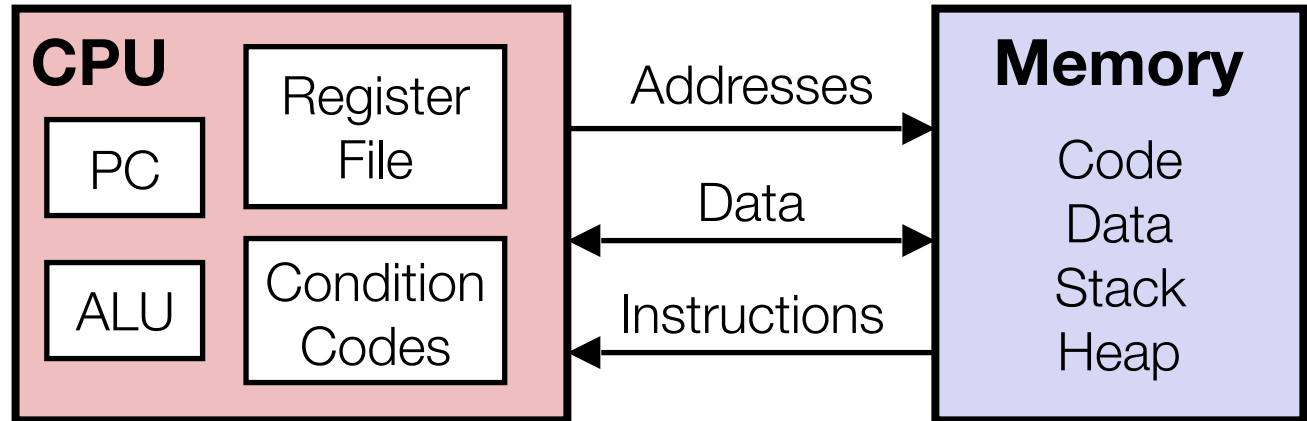
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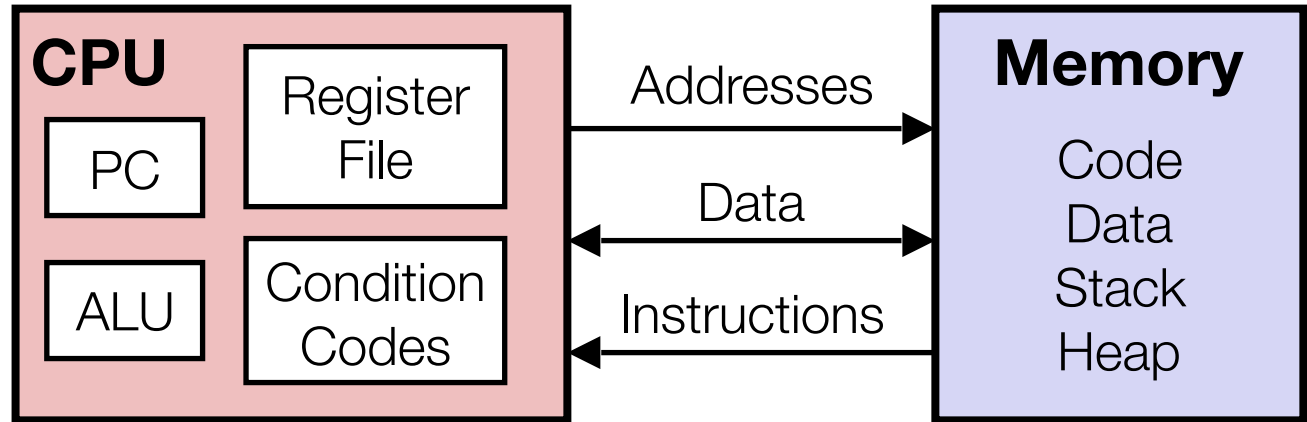
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  - `jmp`, `call`
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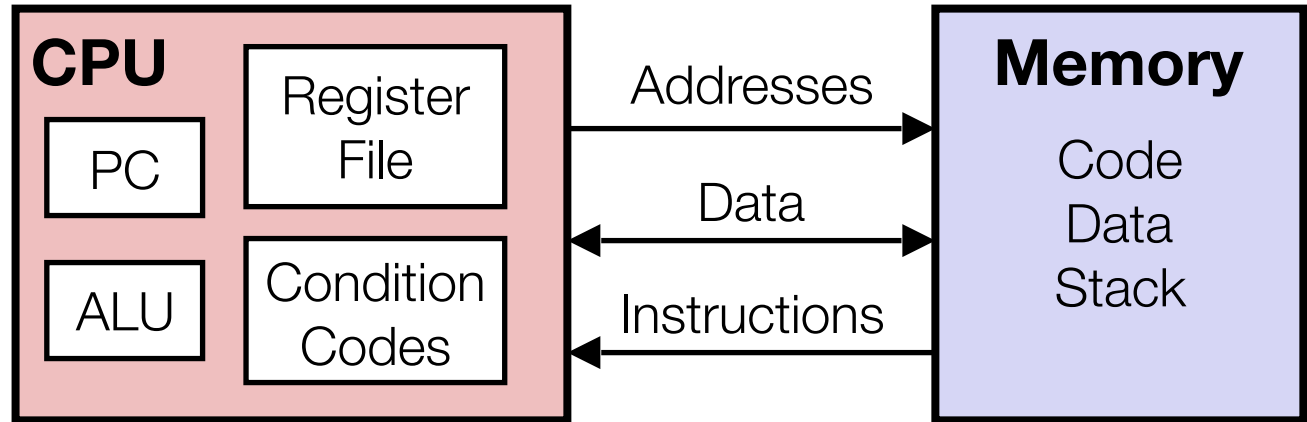


# Today: Compute and Control Instructions

- Move operations (and addressing modes)
- Arithmetic & logical operations
- Control: Conditional branches (`if... else...`)
- Control: Loops (`for, while`)
- Control: Switch Statements (`case... switch...`)

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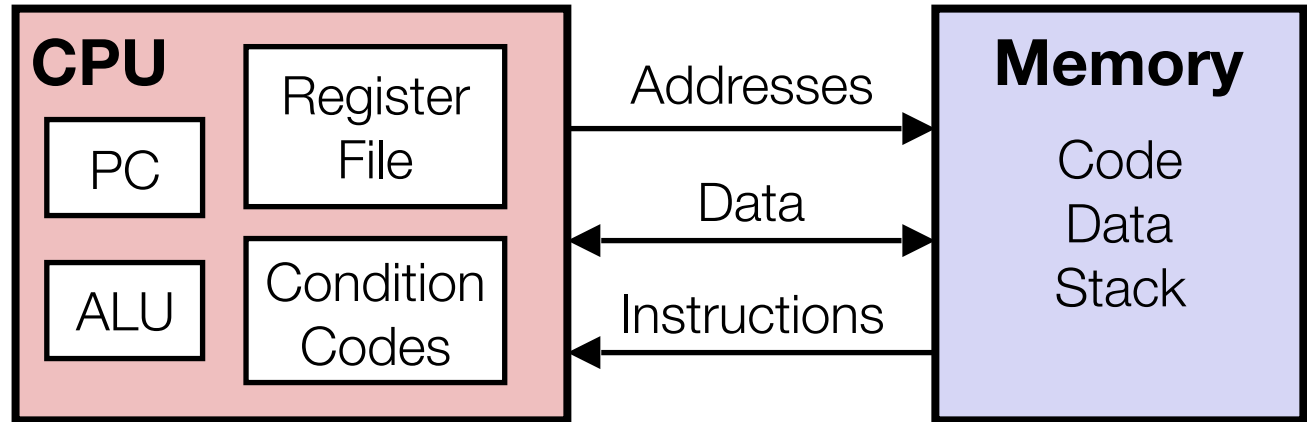
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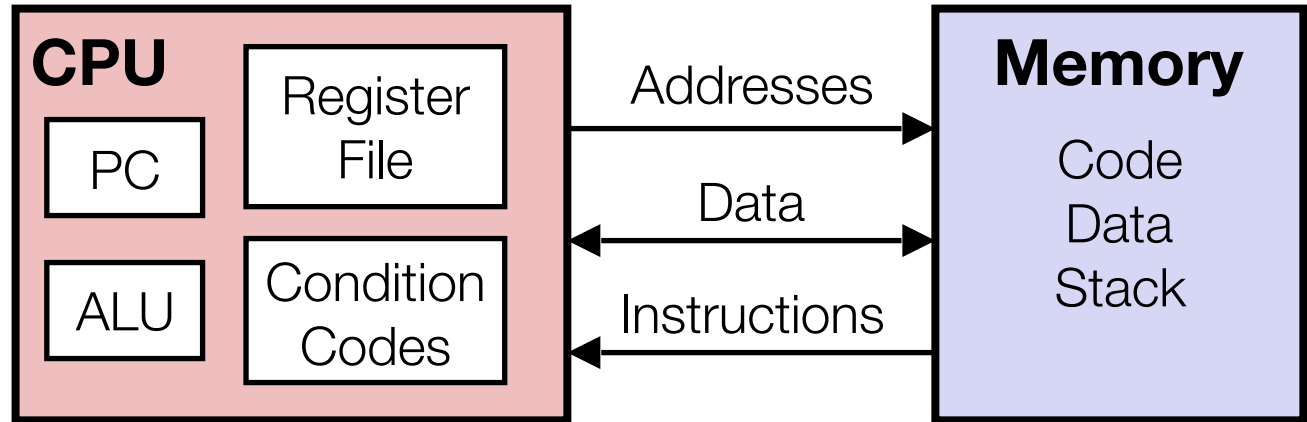
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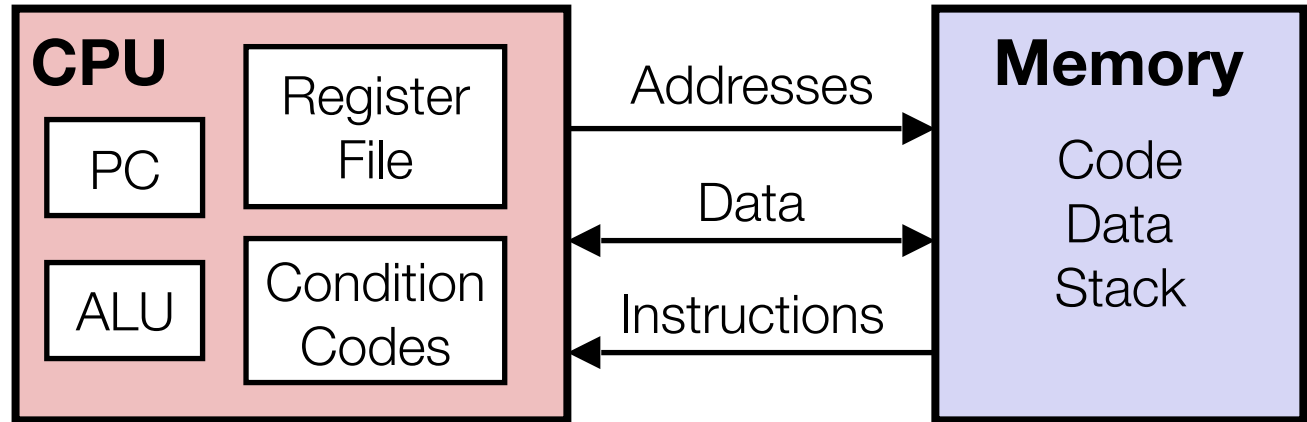
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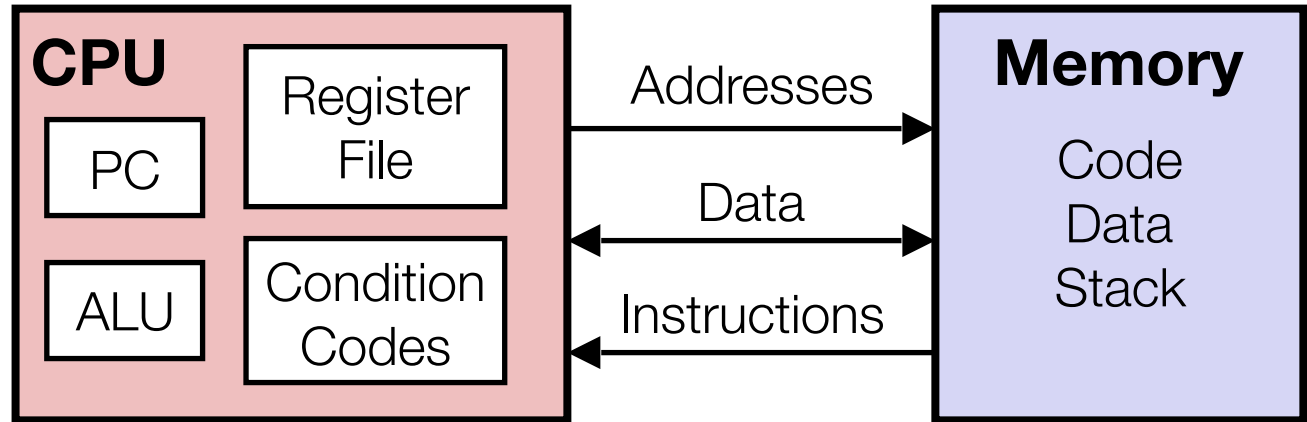
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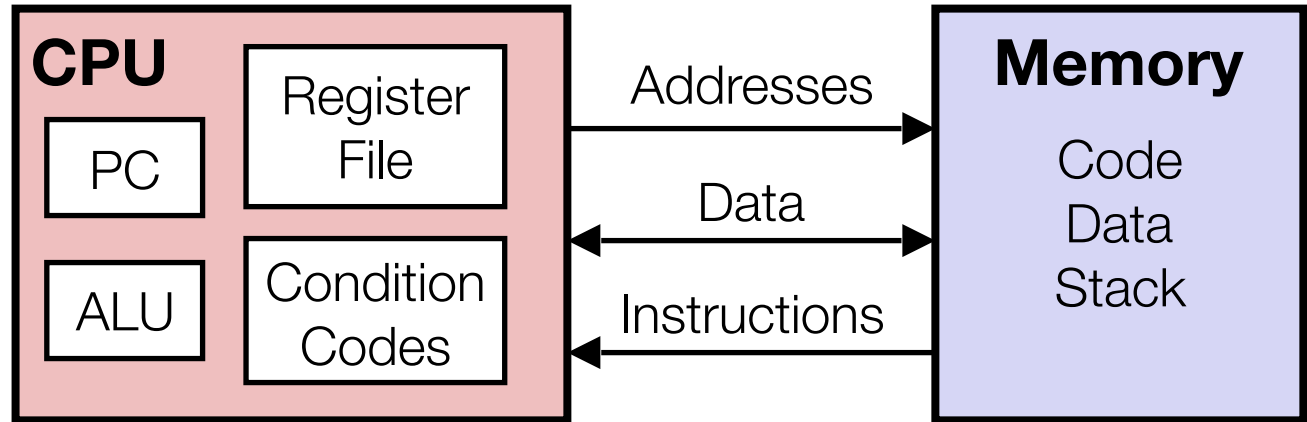
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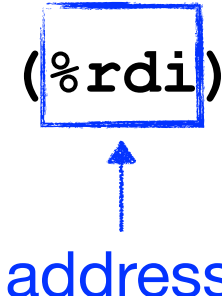
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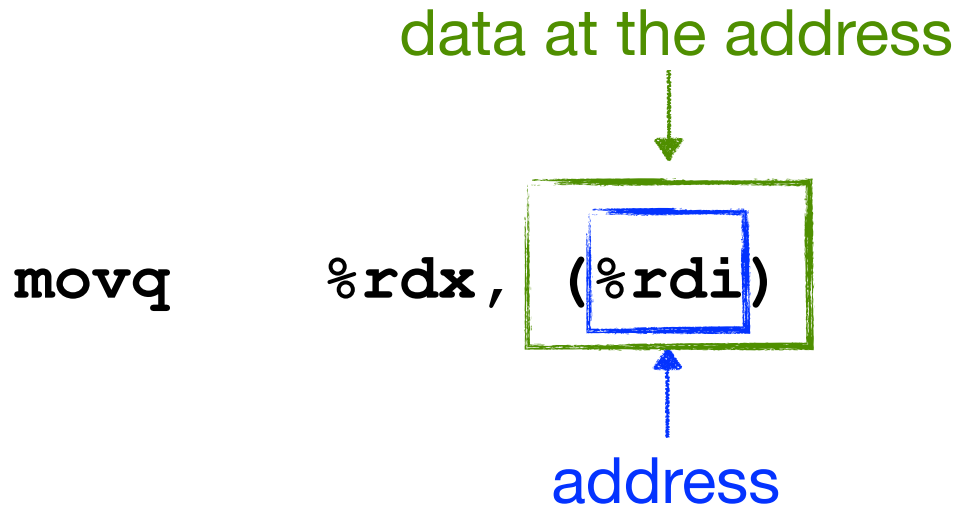
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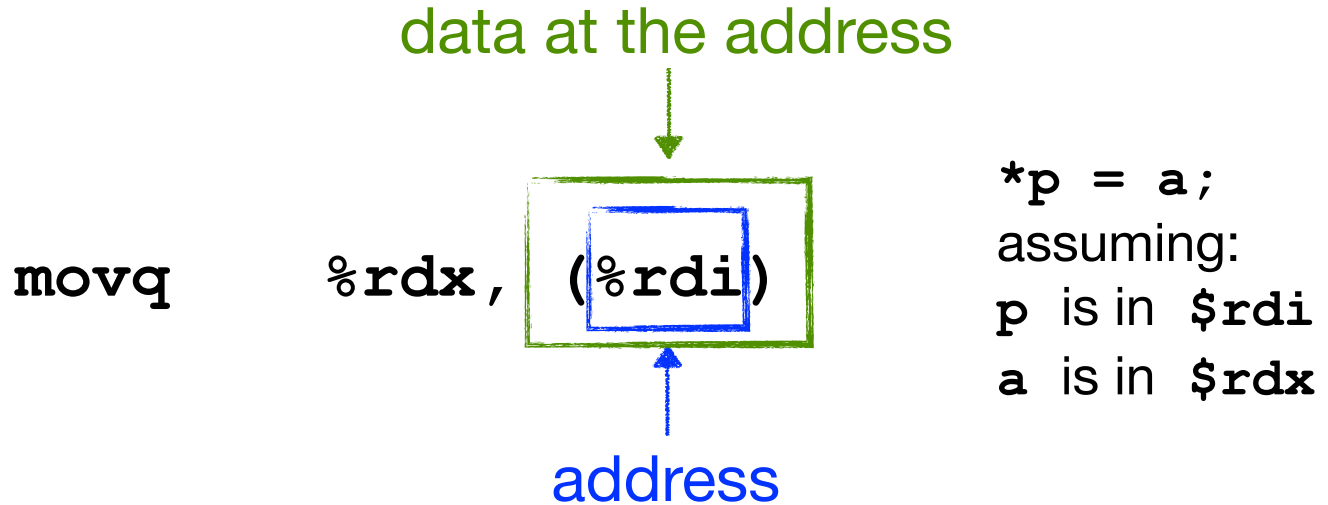
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- **Displacement:** D(R)
  - Memory address: **Reg[R]+D**
  - Register R specifies start of memory region
  - Constant displacement D specifies offset

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movq 8(%rbp), %rdx; // address = %rbp + 8
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  - Example: `$0x400, $-533`; like C constant, but prefixed with ‘\$’
  - Encoded with 1, 2, or 4 bytes; can only be source

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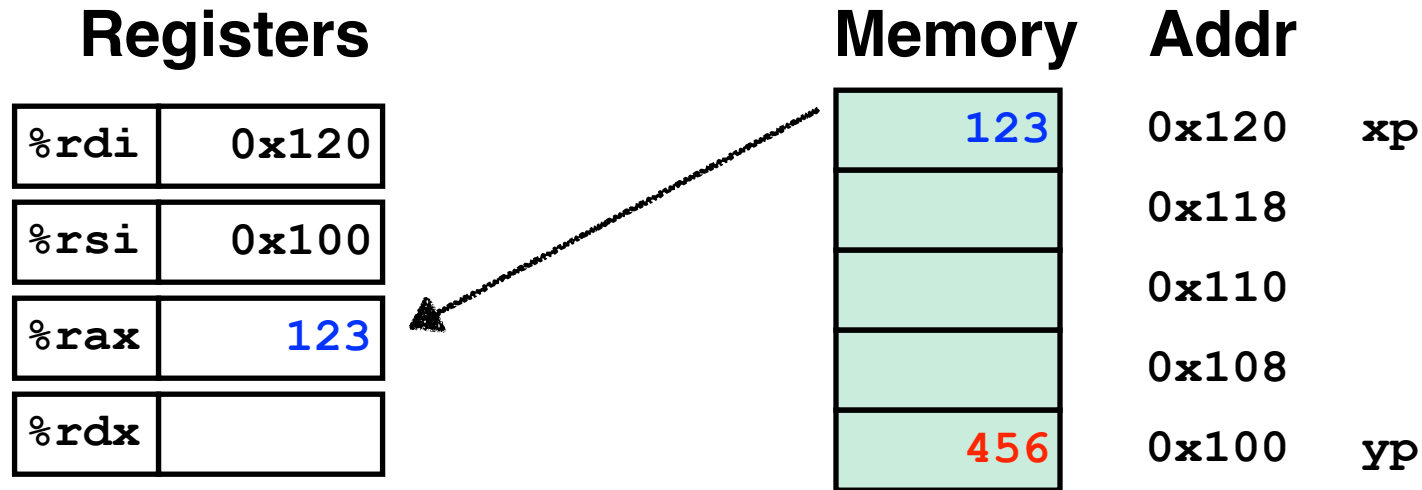
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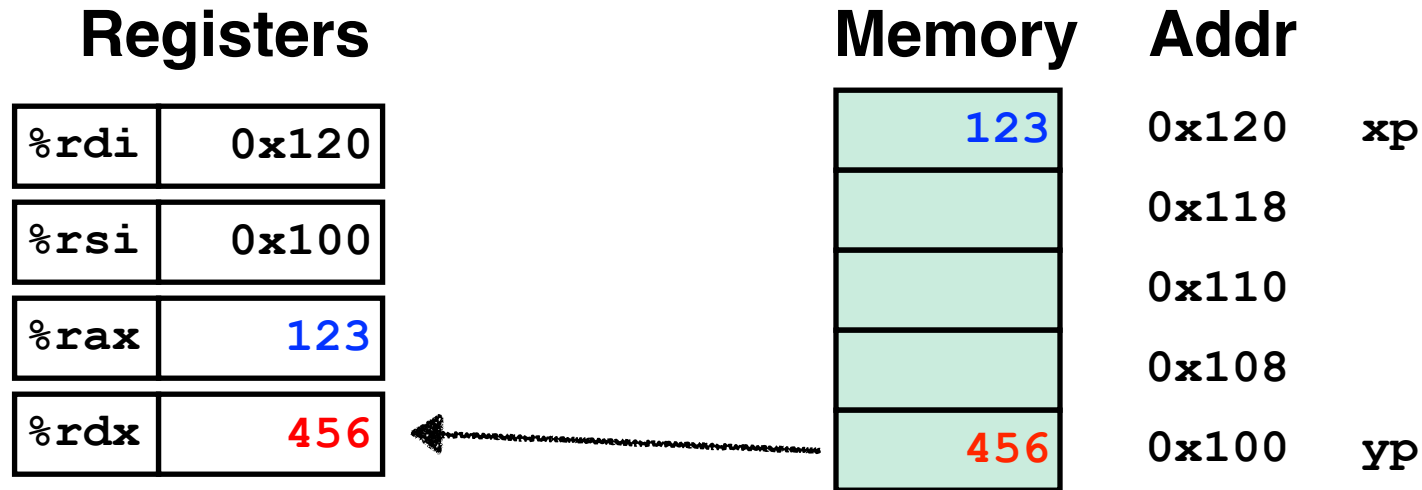
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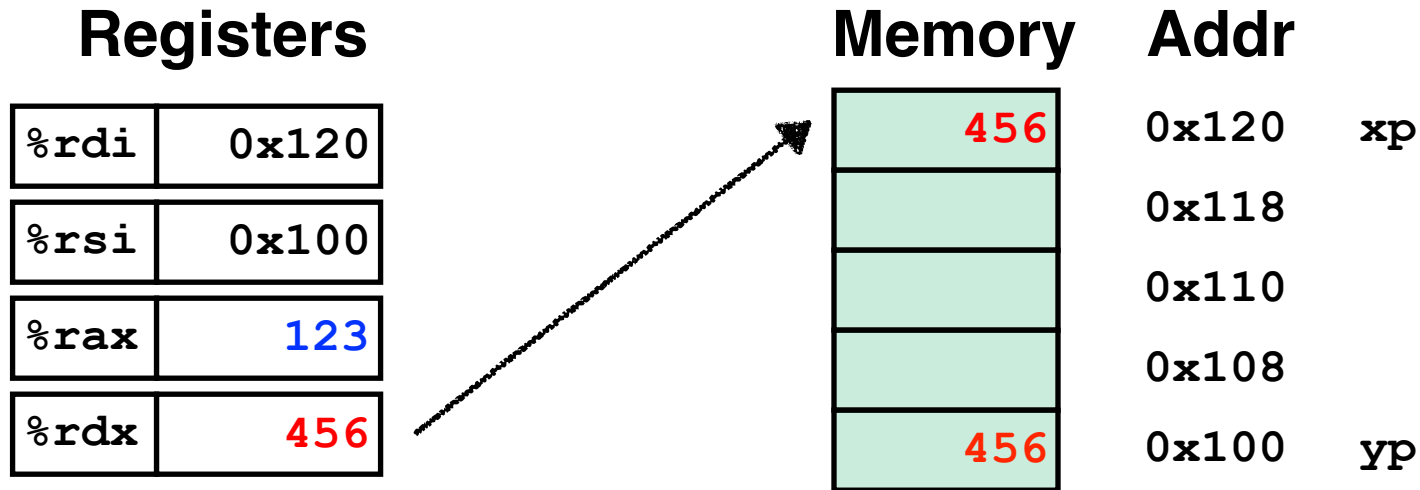
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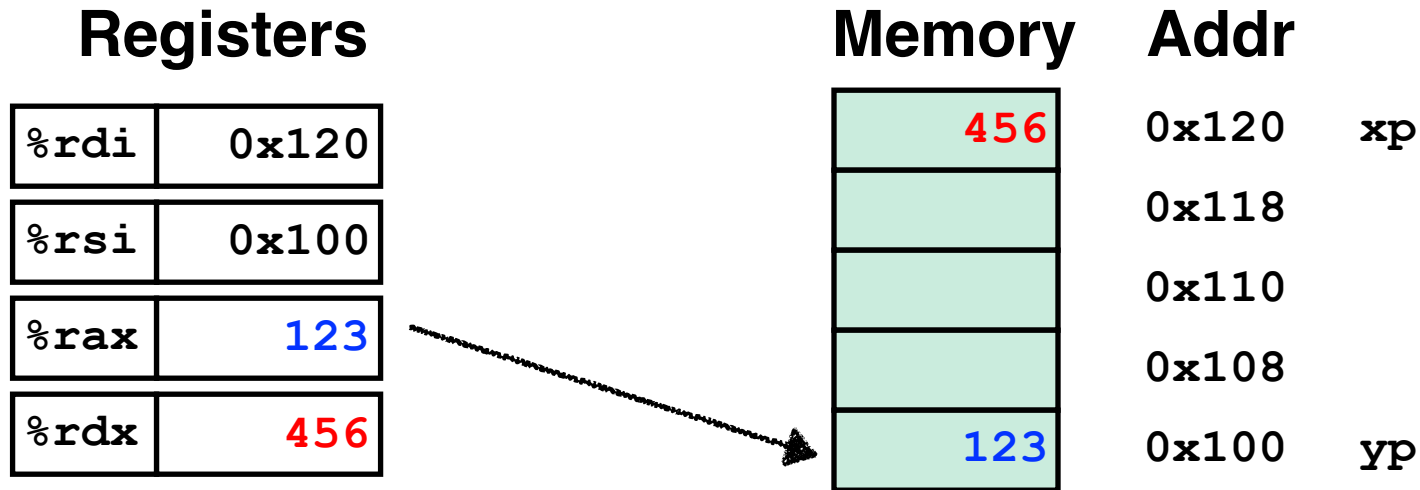
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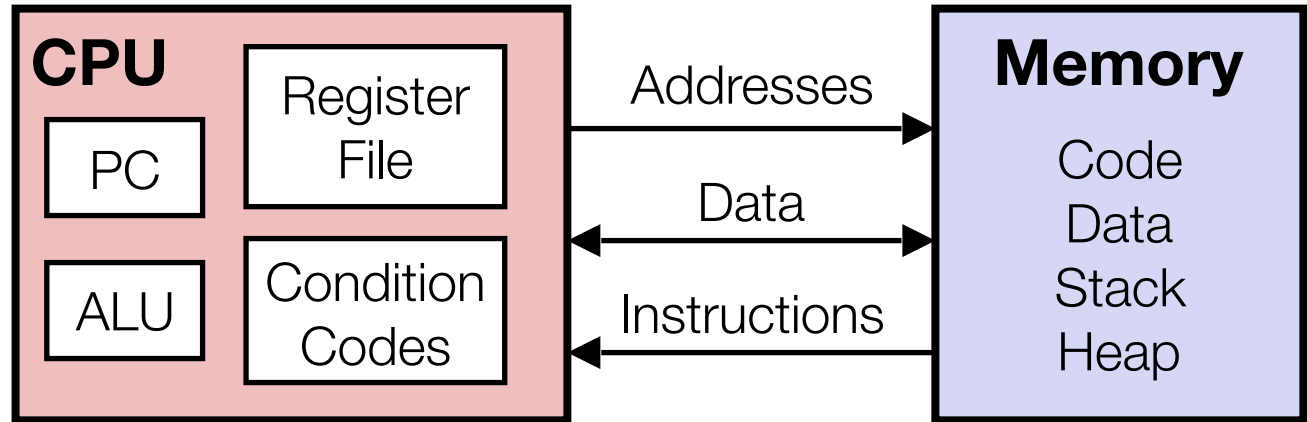
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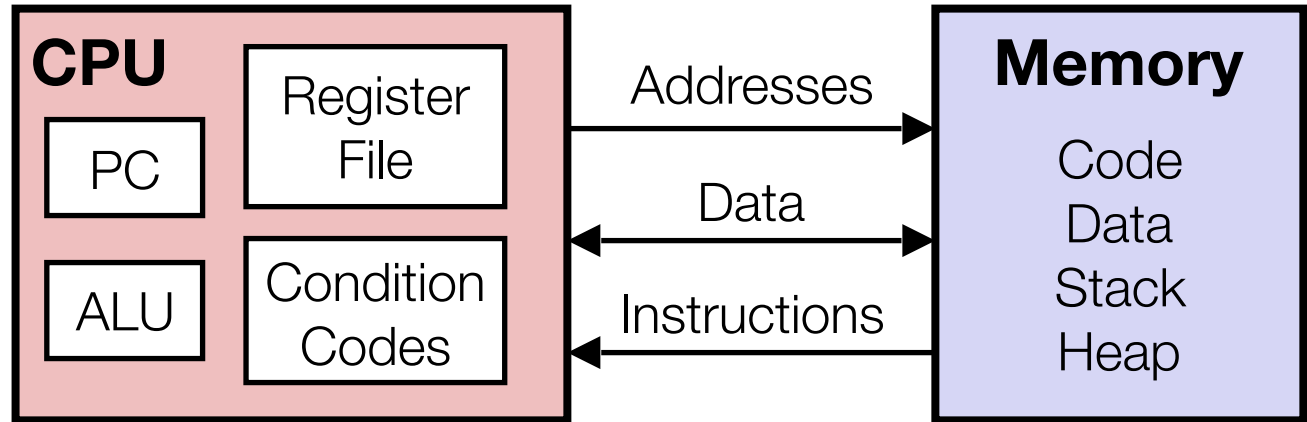
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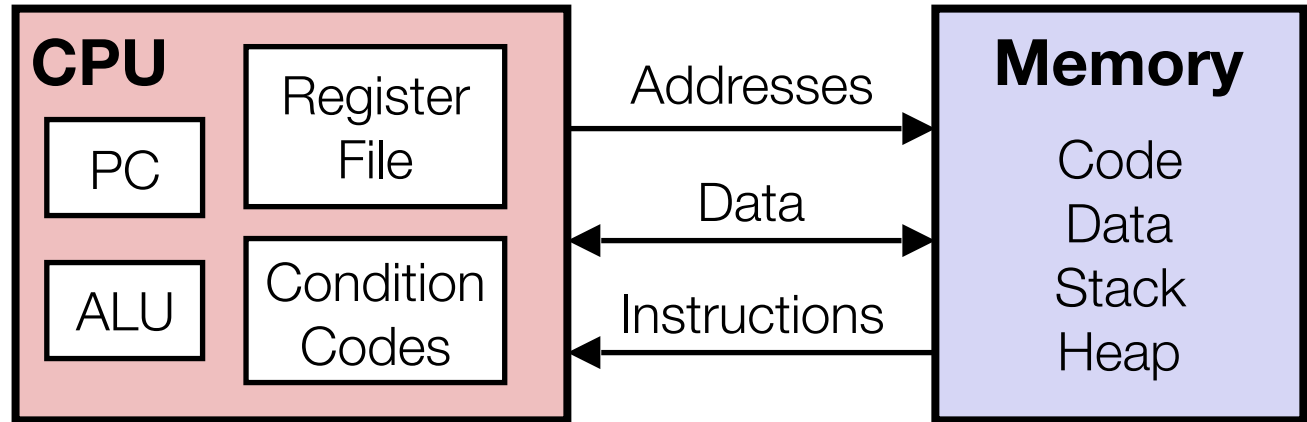


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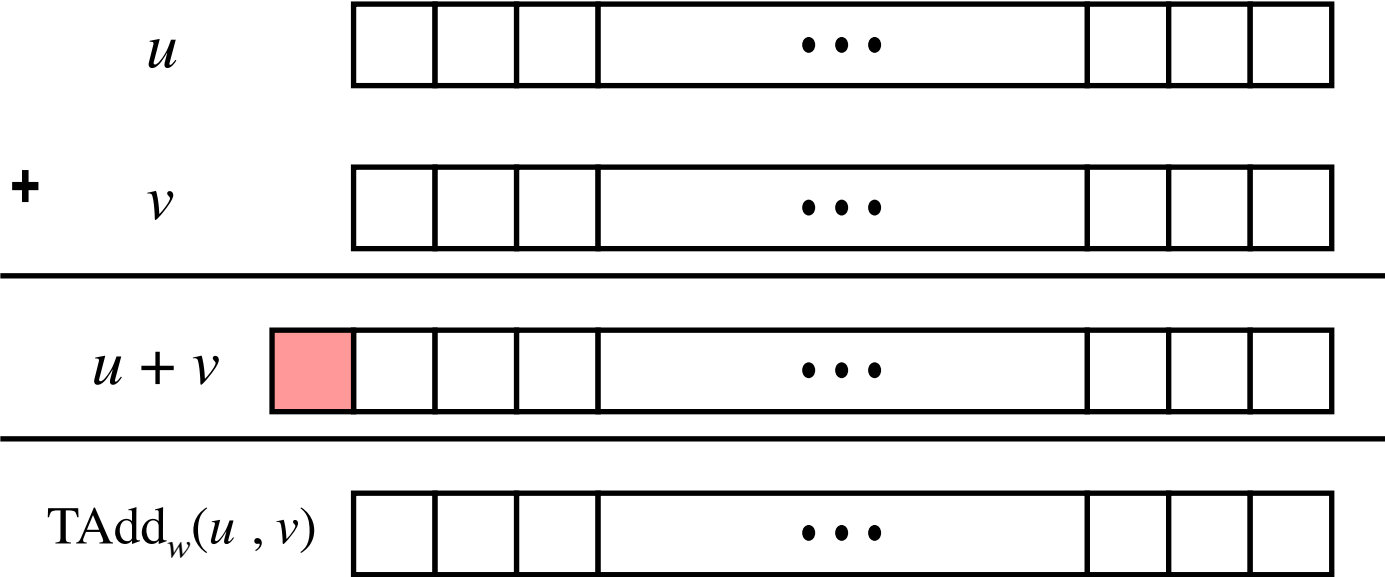
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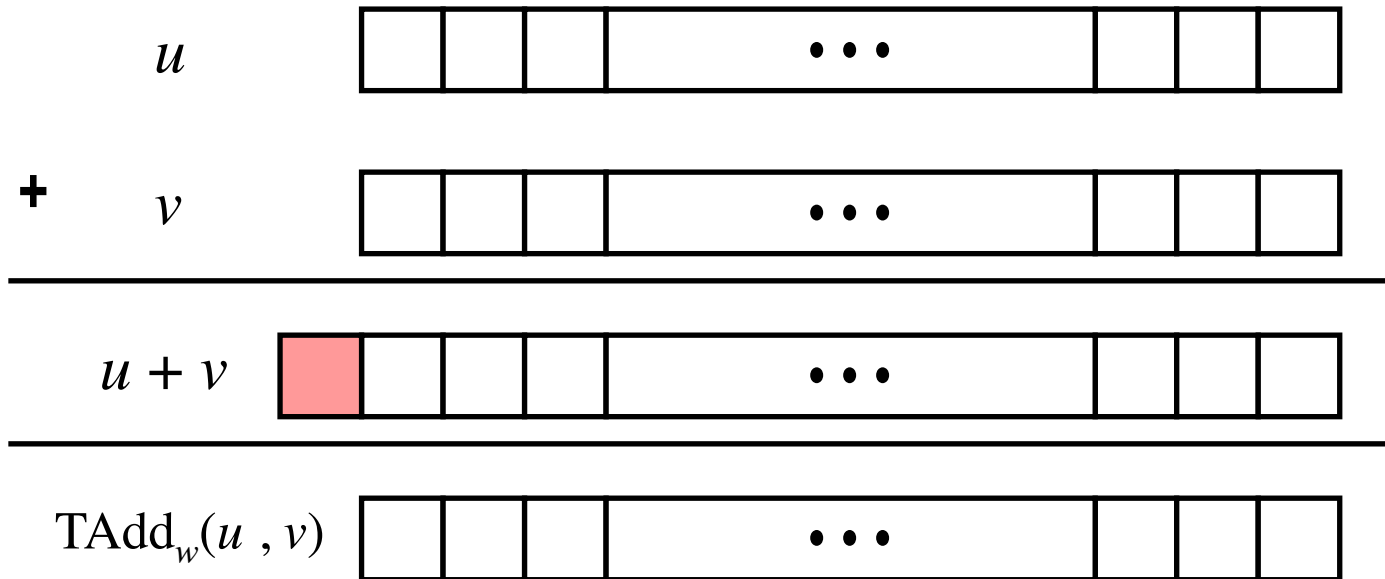
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- Unary Instructions (one operand)

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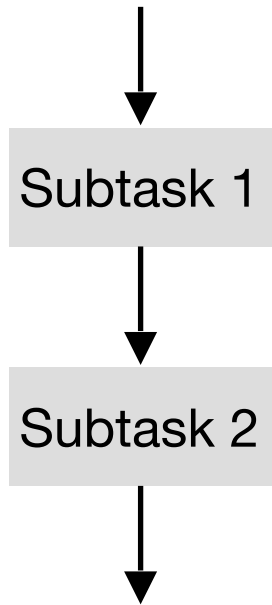
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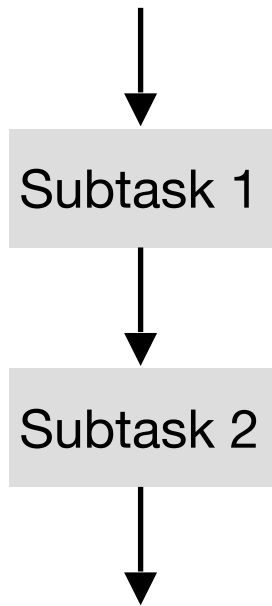
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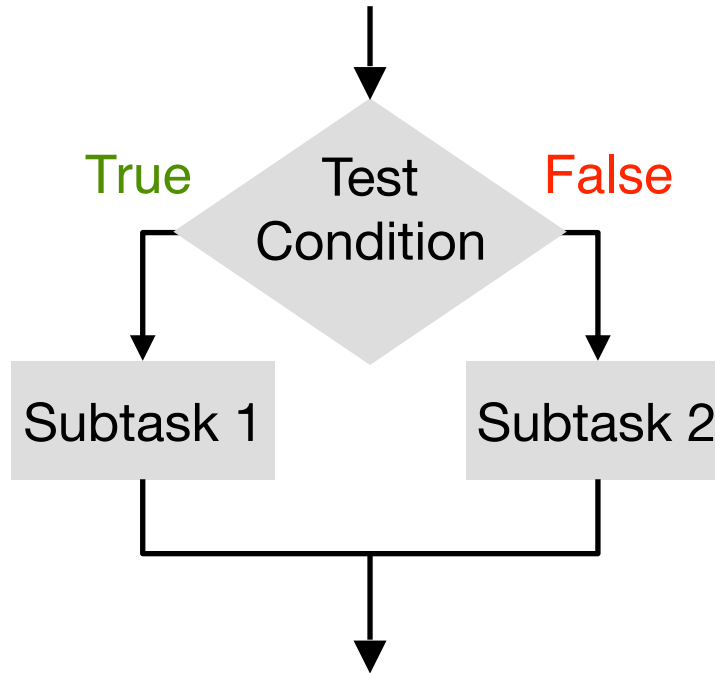
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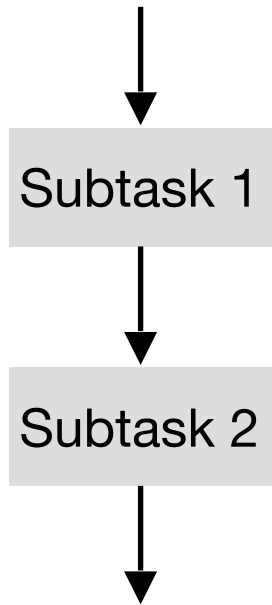
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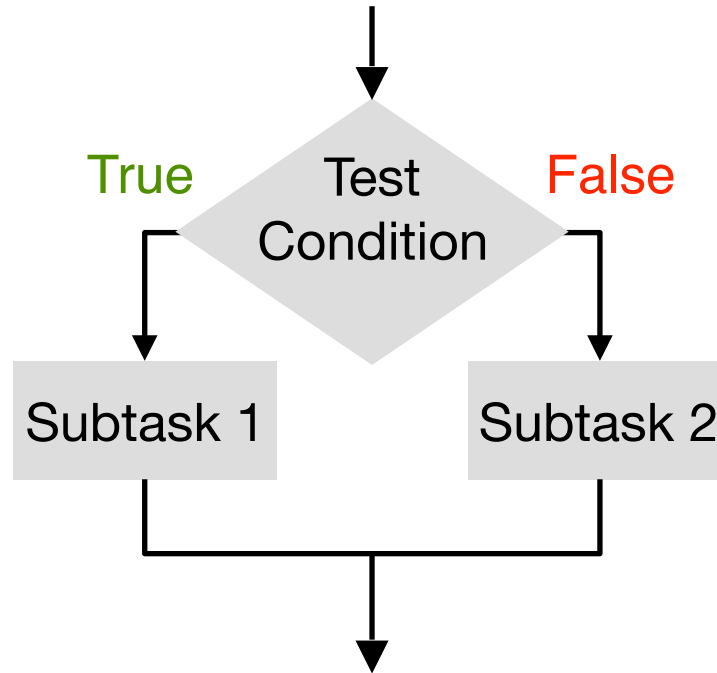
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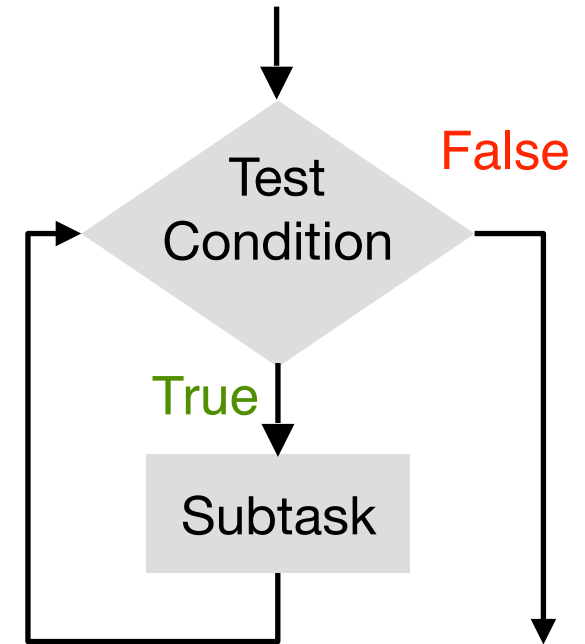
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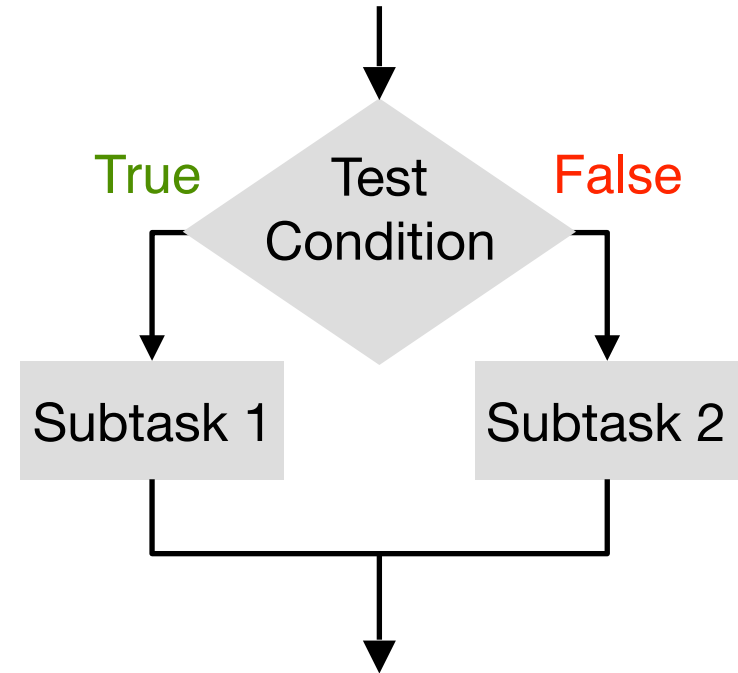
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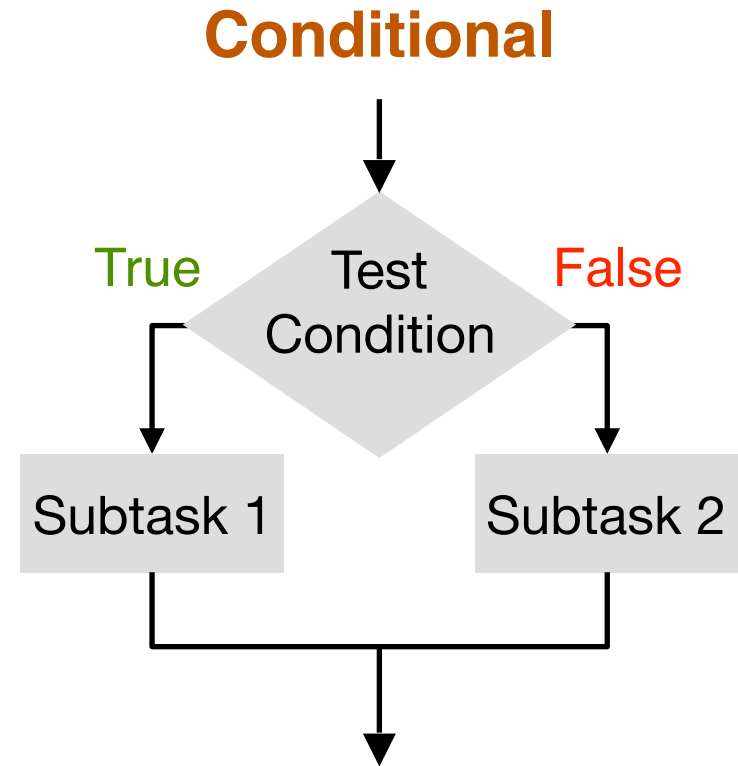
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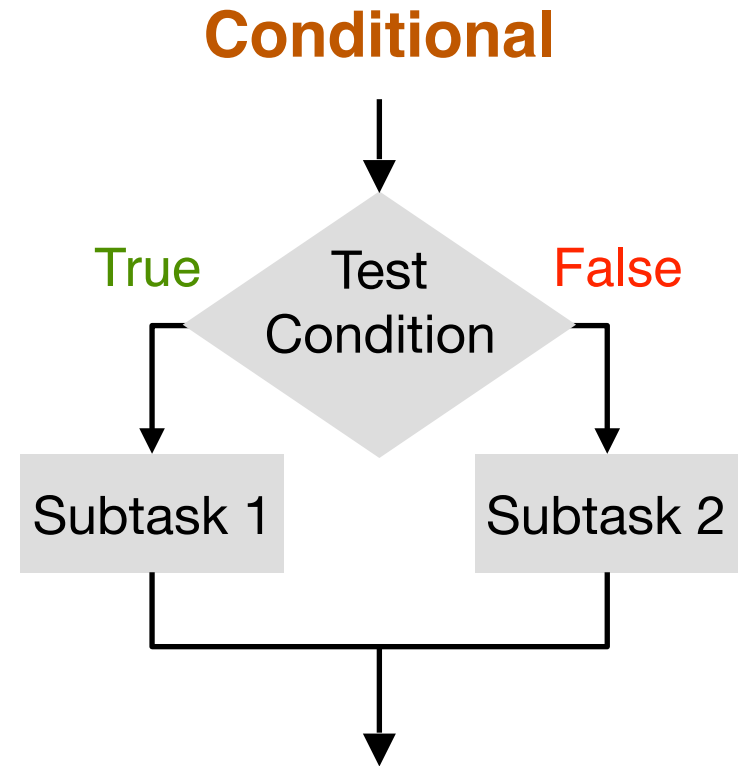
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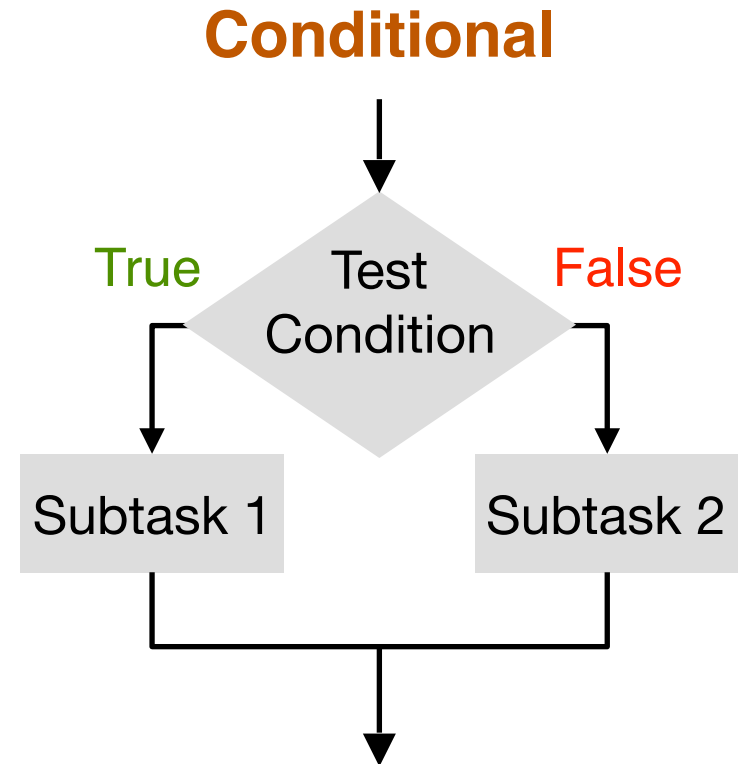
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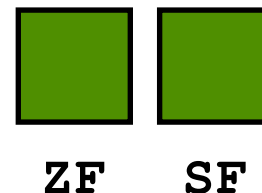
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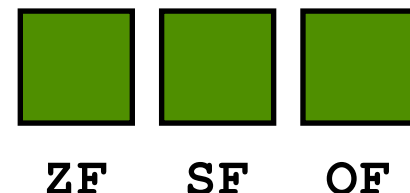
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- or simply: **ZF | (SF ^ OF)**

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