

Pipeline Questions:

Assume the five-stage pipeline as we've discussed in class with the following times:

Fetch	Decode	Execute	Memory	Write Back
305 ps	275 ps	280 ps	305 ps	250 ps

a) Given the times for the datapath stages listed above, what would the clock period be for the entire datapath?

b) What is the clock rate?

c) In a pipelined datapath, assuming no hazards or stalls, how many seconds will it take to execute 1 instruction?

d) Assuming that N instructions are executed, and all N instructions are add instructions, what is the speedup of a pipelined implementation when compared to a multi-cycle implementation?

Your answer should be an expression that is a function of N .