⊛ Instructions for making decisions:

difference between a computer & a simple calculator is it's ability to take decisions.

decision based on → input data
decision based on → computed value

Decision in high level programming languages → if-else statement
Decision in high level programming languages → goto statement

In assembly MIPS language,

branch to a labeled instruction,

- unconditionally, jump

```
j L1
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- conditionally, (if a condition is true) [otherwise, continue sequentially],

~ `beq reg1, reg2, L1`
if reg1 == reg2: j L1

~ `bne reg1, reg2, L1`
if reg1 != reg2: j L1

branch if equal

branch if not equal

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```
if (i==j)
        f = g + h;
else
        f = g - h;
```

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f ↔ $s0
g ↔ $s1
⋮
j ↔ $s4

f = g + h ; ↔ add $s0, $s1, $s2

f = g - h ; ↔ sub $s0, $s1, $s2

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if (i==j)  ↔  beq $s3, $s4, L1
else       ↔  sub $s0, $s1, $s2
              j L2
L1: add $s0, $s1, $s2
L2:
```

Loop

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```
while (save[i] == k)
        i += 1;
```

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i ↔ $t0, k ↔ $s0, save ↔ $s1

(*) Finding save[i],

$t0*4($s1) → only immediate value

lw reg1, □ (reg2)

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0($s1 + $t0*4)

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L1: sll $t1, $t0, 2      → $t1 = $t0 * 4
    add $t1, $t1, $s1    → $t1 = $s1 + $t0*4
    lw  $t2, 0($t1)      → basic block
    bne $t2, $s0, L2
    addi $t0, $t0, 1
    j L1
L2:
```

ore Conditional Operations

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- `slt regd, regs, regt`

```
if (regs < regt)
    regd = 1;
else
    regd = 0;
```

- `slti reg1, reg2, constant`

```
if (reg2 < constant)
    reg1 = 1;
else
    reg1 = 0;
```

- slt u, slti u, unsigned version

→ No, blt, bge, (like, jl, jle, jg, jge, in x86)

↓ they require more work per instruction, extra clock cycle per instruction or stretched clock cycle

↳ smaller is faster

Then, how to implement them,

blt ⟷ slt + beq

Example, if ($t0 < $t1) branch to L

```
slt $t2, $t0, $t1
bne $t2, $zero, L
```

⟷ beq $t2, (1), L

(1) immediate

so, we used bne,