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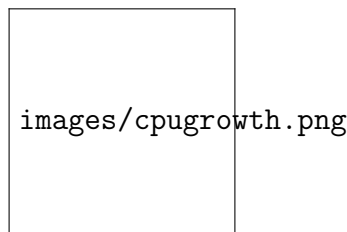
1 Introduction Computer Design

1.1 Computer Evolution

The first general-purpose computer was created in the late 40s. What now we can buy for 500\$ is equivalent (performance) to what could be bought for about \$1M in 85'.

During the years the performance growth was not linear, as you can see in figure , during the first 10 years the annual increase was around 25-30%/year, from the late 80s to the 2000 the growth is increased around 50%/year and, in the last few years it decrease to the 22%. Why this change during the increase?

The manufacturers have found a lot of physical problem related to the creation



of new products, this problem are mainly related to:

- Power-Issue.
- Lower instruction-level parallelism.
- Unchanged memory latency.

in fact, since 2004, the major industry have changed the conceptual ways to desing processors, switching from single to multi-core architectures. We can say that, in anytime, this growth is incredible an is due to improvements in technology, microprocessor architecture and software development.