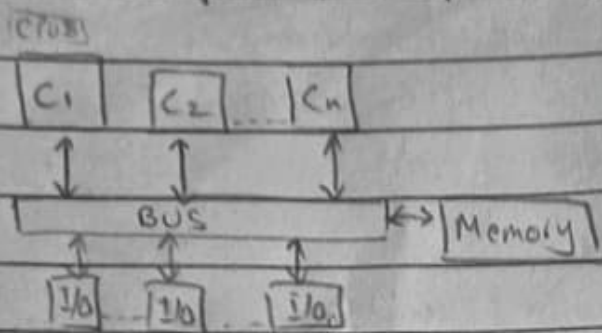


Parallel Computing

Parallel Architecture:-

→ Parallel Computer: A computer system with multiple processors.



A network of computers can be categorized as a parallel computer, however the communication will be slow because the computers were designed as independent machines. An example where this type of architecture could work is called "Special Parallel Machine".

→ Multiple processors allows n times for the instructions to be executed in a given amount of time. Performance \uparrow , Execution Time \downarrow . Performance $\propto \frac{1}{\text{Execution Time}}$

→ If 1 processor fails, other processes can work
→ For e.g Banks

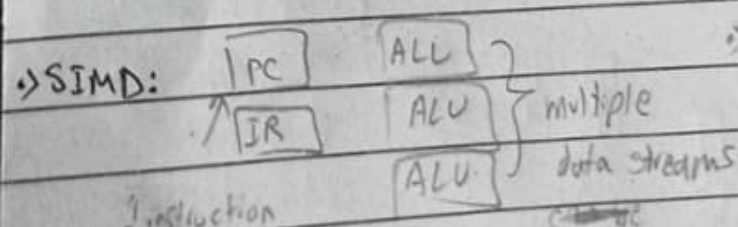
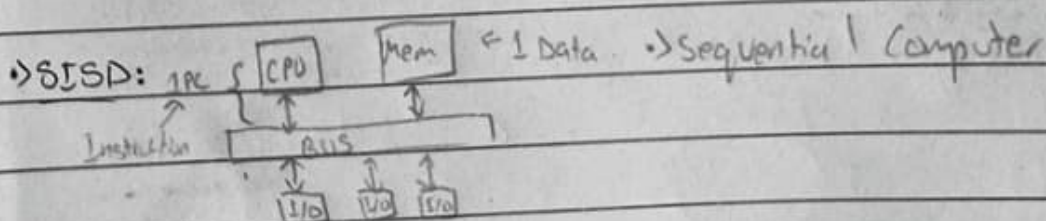
* Instruction: Path to instruction memory i.e PC

* Data: Path to data memory i.e

SISD, SIMD, MIMD

Classification of Parallel Computers

Flynn's classification: Classified by ^{not} Instruction Stream & Data Stream



→ For Vectors, Vector Computers,

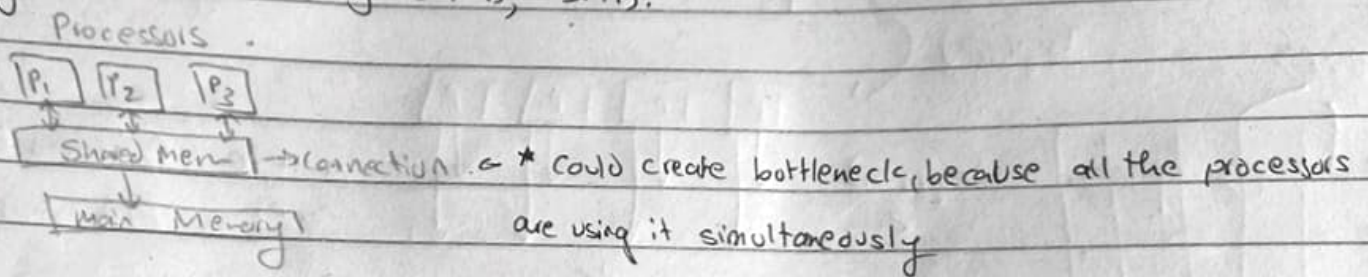
→ Graphics

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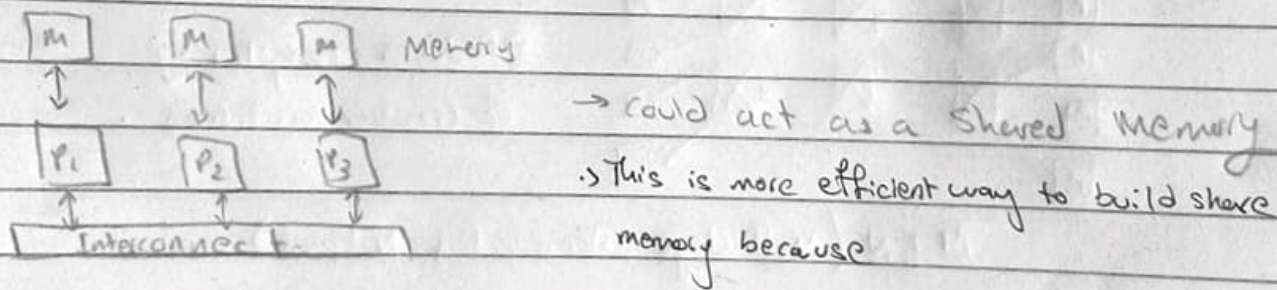
MIMD: Having A computer that can run multiple processes or threads ~~concurrently~~ but not towards a common object but not concurrently. They can also run independent programs at the same time (because of multiple processors).

Shared Memory Vs Message Passing

Shared Memory Machine: N processors share the same physical address space i.e (Memory), could be done by SIMD, MIMD.



→ Alternate to shared memory machine is called Message Passing Machine or Distributed Memory Machine.



Interconnections: Processors

- Indirect: Processors are not directly connected to each other but through a medium (shared bus, crossbar, multiple bus, crossbar)
- Direct: Processors are directly connected to each other, e.g. ring, star, mesh, torus)
- ↳ Routing Technique: how the route is taken for the message to be delivered from source to the destination.