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Chapter # 1: INTRODUCTION.

* Computer Architecture:

refer to those attributes of a system visible to a programmer, or, those attributes that have a direct impact on the logical execution of a program. eg. instruction set, I/O mechanism, addressing memory.

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* Computer Organisation:

refers to operational units and their inter-connection that realise the architectural specification eg; those hardware details transparent to programmer, such as control signals, memory technology used.

→ Mostly computers are manufactured with same architecture but may be different organization.

→ In microcomputers the relationship between architecture and organization is very close.

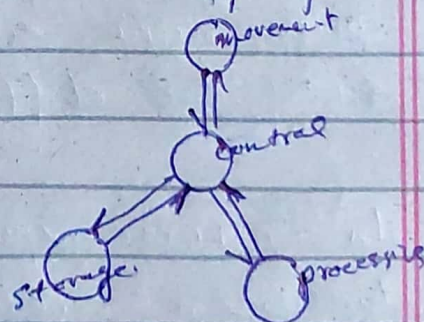
- RISC: reduced instruction set computers.
- Computer organisation must be designed to implement a particular instruction/architecture so a thorough treatment of one require detail examination of other as well.

1.2 Structure & Function:

- Structure is the way in which the component are interrelated
- Function is the operation of each individual component as part of the structure.

→ The general basic functions that a computer can perform.

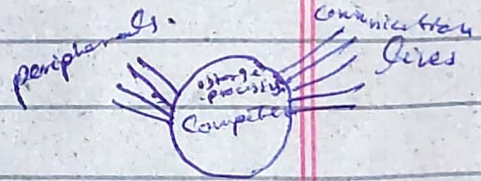
- Data processing
- Data Storage
- Data movement
- Data Control.



→ When data is received or delivered to a device that is directly connected to the computer is called I/O and device is referred to as a peripheral.

→ When data are moved over longer distances the process is known as data communication.

→ Computer interacts with its environment. Linkage to external devices can be classified as peripheral devices or communication lines.



→ The general basic structures that a computer possesses are:

- CPU: performs data processing.
- Main Memory: Stores data.
- I/O: Moves the data to computer & environment.
- System Interconnection: communication of these structures with each other.

→ There may be one or more aforementioned components.

→ The most interesting and most complex component is the CPU.

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→ Major structural components of CPU are:

- Control Unit: controls the operation of CPU and hence computer
- ALU: perform data processing.
- Registers: provides internal storage.
- CPU interconnection: mechanism that provides for communication among these components.