

CHAPTER #5

COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

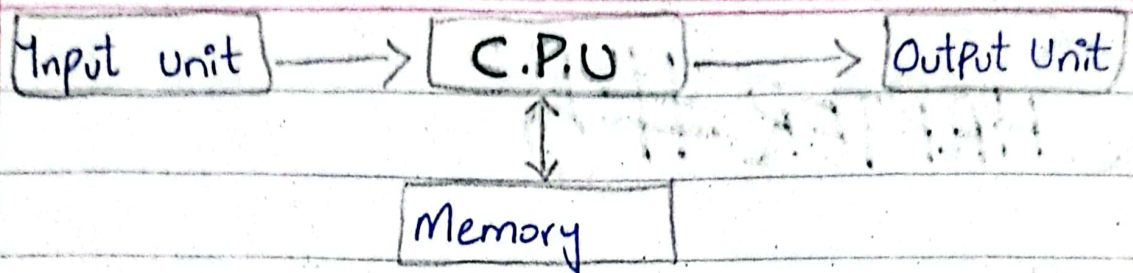
Q. Define Computer Architecture.

Computer Architecture: Computer Architecture is concerned with the structure and behaviour of computer. It includes information formats, the instruction set & techniques for Addressing memory.

Q. List main units of Computer. Describe the function of each units.

Ans Digital Computers are classified as a collection of few basic units.

- 1) Input Unit
- 2) Output Unit
- 3) Central processing unit
- 4) Memory



Basic unit of digital Computer

1) Input Unit,

The input provides an interface between user & machine for inputting data and instruction etc. Data can be input in many forms; audio, visual, graphical, etc.

2) Output Unit:

The Output unit provides an interface b/w user & machine. it receives data from C.P.U in the form of binary bits.

3) Central Processing Unit:

The C.P.U is the brain of computer system. It contains Arithmetic logic units, control unit, register & buses.

4) Memory Unit:

It is also known as main memory that is used to hold data and information.

Q3. Define register, what is the function of register? Name some important Registers of C.P.U.

Register:-

A register is a temporary storage device which holds data or instruction as long as it is being manipulated.

1. GENERAL PURPOSE REGISTER:

They may be used for temporary storing. They are also known as programmable register. As they are programmed by user with the help of instruction.

a) ACCUMULATOR (AC):-

It is used to store data for arithmetic and logic operation.

b) STATUS REGISTER:-

It is also called flag register as it holds one bit flag to indicate certain

conditions that arise during arithmetic and logic operations.

2. SPECIAL PURPOSE REGISTER:

They are designed for specific function within the C.P.U.

a) MEMORY BUFFER REGISTER (MBR):

It is also known as memory data register. It is used to hold a word that is being stored in the memory location.

b) MEMORY ADDRESS REGISTER (MAR):

It holds the address of memory location.

c) INSTRUCTION REGISTER (IR):

It holds the actual instructions being executed currently by the computer.

d) PROGRAM COUNTER (PC):

It deals with the order of execution of instruction. It acts as a pointer which indicates the subsequent memory location when instruction is stopped.

e) STACK POINTER (SP):

Stack is defined as a set of memory location, and stack pointer is defined as indicator to these memory location.

Q4 Define Buses and its types

Buses:- In a micro computer, the input/output devices and memories are connected to microprocessor by means of wire called Buses. There are 3 types of Buses:

i) Address Bus

ii) Data Bus

iii) Control Bus

a) ADDRESS BUS:

The address bus is used by microprocessor to transmit the address of the memory

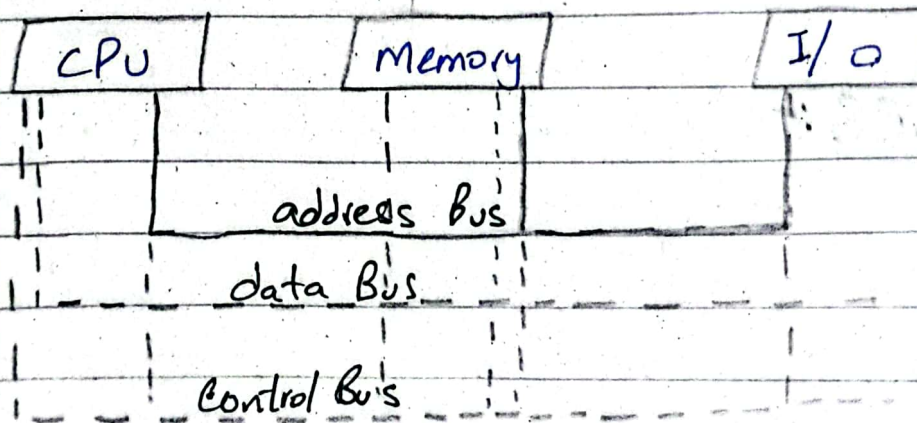
location which it wants to access for reading or writing purposes.

b) DATA BUS:

The data bus is used to transmit data from the memory to microprocessor and vice versa.

c) CONTROL BUS:

Control bus supervises the reading or writing of data. It transmits signals to all the devices at proper time.



Qs Describe instruction format & its types.

INSTRUCTION FORMAT

- Three Address Instruction
- Two Address Instruction
- One Address Instruction
- Zero Address Instruction

⇒ Instruction Format: An instruction format defines layout of bits of an instruction in terms of its constituent parts

1) THREE ADDRESS INSTRUCTION:

It contains operation code, address of two operands and destination address.

OP code	Address 1	Address 2	Address of destination
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Example:-

ADD A,B,C
 $C = A + B$

2) TWO ADDRESS INSTRUCTION:

It contains operation code, address of one operand and address of storage location.

OP code	Address 1	Address 2
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Example:

Move A, B

3) ONE ADDRESS INSTRUCTION:

It contain operation code & address

OP code	Address 1
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Example:

Close 'x'

4) ZERO ADDRESS INSTRUCTION:

They are called stack instruction & consists of operation code only

OP code

Example: CLR

Q What is stack ?

STACK:- A stack is a storage method in which items are stored in consecutive memory location.

Q How push & pop functions are performed in stack?

1. "Push" is the term used for inserting an element into a stack.
2. "Pop" is the term used for removing an element from a stack.

PREFIX NOTATION:- / (FORWARD POLISH)

eg:-

$$A + B = +AB$$

$$C / D = /CD$$

$$x * y = *xy$$

POST FIX NOTATION:- / (REVERSE POLISH)

eg:-

$$A + B = AB+$$

$$C / D = CD/$$

$$x * y = xy*$$

Q Convert the following expressions into reverse polish notation.

1) $A * B + C * D + E * F$
 $AB * CD * EF * + +$

2) $A * B + A * (B * D + C * E)$
 $BD * CE * + A * AB * +$

Q Describe instruction cycle with its steps in detail.

ANS **INSTRUCTION CYCLE**:- The processing required for a single instruction is called a instruction cycle. There are 3 steps involved in it.

- Fetch
- Decode
- Execute

1. **FETCH**: The fetch cycle is the duration of time in which an instruction stored in the memory is brought to an appropriate register.

2. **DECODE**:- The C.P.U decodes the fetched instruction to determine what operation needs to be performed.

3. **EXECUTE**: The process of execution of an instruction by the C.P.U in a specified interval of time is called execute cycle.

