

# Comp4611 Tutorial 1

## Computer Processor History Die Cost Calculation Performance Measuring & Evaluation

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## Advances Come from Design



**4004 (1971)**  
• Intel's first microprocessor



**8008 (1972)**  
• twice as powerful as the 4004



**8080 (1974)**  
• brains of the first personal computer  
• ~US\$ 400



**8086 - 8088 (1978)**  
• brains of IBM's new hit product -- the IBM PC  
• The 8088's success propelled Intel into the ranks of the Fortune 500, and Fortune magazine named the company one of the "Business Triumphs of the Seventies."

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## Advances Come from Design



**80286 (1982)**  
• first Intel processor that could run all the software written for its predecessor  
• Within 6 years of its release, an estimated 15 million 286-based personal computers were installed around the world.



**80386 (1985)**  
• 275,000 transistors--more than 100times as many as the original 4004  
• 32-bit chip  
• "multi tasking"



**80486 (1989)**  
• 32 bit chip  
• built-in math coprocessor  
• packaged together with cache memory chip  
• command-level computer → point-and-click computing  
• color computer

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## Advances Come from Design



**Pentium (1993)**  
• incorporate "real world" data such as speech, sound, handwriting and photographic images



**Pentium Pro (1995)**  
• 5.5 million transistors  
• packaged together with a second speed-enhancing cache memory chip,  
• pipelining  
• enabling fast computer-aided design, mechanical engineering and scientific computation



**Pentium II (1997)**  
• 7.5 million-transistor  
• MMX technology, designed specifically to process video, audio and graphics data efficiently  
• high-speed cache memory chip



**Celeron (1999)**  
• excellent performance in gaming

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**Pentium III (1999)**  
• 9.5 million transistors, 0.25-micron technology  
• 70 new SSE (Streaming SIMD Extension) instructions  
• dramatically enhance the performance of advanced imaging, 3-D, streaming audio, video and speech recognition applications, Internet experiences



**Pentium 4 (2000)**  
• 42 million transistors and circuit lines of 0.18 microns  
• 1.5 gigahertz (4004 ran at 108 kilohertz)  
• SSE2 instructions, more pipeline stages, higher successful prediction rate  
• can create professional-quality movies; deliver TV-like video via the Internet; communicate with real-time video and voice; render 3D graphics in real time; quickly encode music for MP3 players; and simultaneously run several multimedia applications while connected to the Internet.

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## Advances Come from Design



**Pentium D**  
• Dual-core processing technology  
→ high-end entertainment: multimedia entertainment, digital photo editing, multiple users and multitasking



**Pentium Dual-Core**  
• High-value performance for multitasking (CPU executes more instructions in less time)  
• Smart Cache: smarter, more efficient cache and bus design  
→ enhanced performance, responsiveness and power savings



**Core 2 Duo**  
• A dual-core CPU  
• A new microarchitecture to replace Netburst  
• Memory Hierarchy System  
• Low power consumption



**Core™2 Quad**  
• Four execution cores  
• More intensive entertainment and more media multitasking<sup>6</sup>

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## Advances Come from Technology



Processor	Intel® Pentium® D Processor	Intel® Pentium® Dual-Core Processor	Intel® Core™2 Duo Processor	Intel® Core™2 Quad Processor
Process Technology	65 nm - 90 nm	65 nm	65 nm	65 nm
L2 Cache	1MB - 2MB for each core	1MB	2M - 4M	8M
Clock Speed	2.80 - 3.60 GHz	1.6 - 2 GHz	1.86 - 3.0 GHz	2.4 - 2.66 GHz
Chipset	Intel® 945P, 945G, 955X, 975X chipsets	N/A	Intel® Q965, Q963, 6965, P965, 975X	Intel® P965, 975X

Increase in processor performance due to the growth in CPU Transistor Count

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## Cost Formula Summary

$$IC\ Cost = \frac{Die\ Cost + Testing\ Cost + Packaging\ Cost}{Final\ Test\ Yield}$$

$$Die\ Cost = \frac{Wafer\ Cost}{(Dies/Wafer) \times Die\ Yield}$$

$$Dies\ per\ Wafer = \frac{\pi(Wafer\ diameter/2)^2}{Die\ Area} - \frac{\pi(Wafer\ diameter)}{(2 \times Die\ Area)^{1/2}}$$

$$Dies\ Yield = Wafer\ Yield \times \left(1 + \frac{Defects\ per\ unit\ area \times Die\ Area}{\alpha}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a parameter inversely proportional to the number of mask Levels, which is a measure of the manufacturing complexity. For today's CMOS process, good estimate is  $\alpha = 3.0 - 4.0$

**Yield** the percentage of manufactured devices that survives the testing procedure



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## Example: Die Cost

Given:

wafer 30cm, die 1cm, defect density 0.6 per  $cm^2$ ,  $\alpha=4.0$   
30-cm-diameter wafer with 3-4 metal layers : \$3500  
wafer yield is 100%

Calculate:

die cost

Step 1: dies per wafer

$$Dies\ per\ Wafer = \frac{\pi(Wafer\ diameter/2)^2}{Die\ Area} - \frac{\pi(Wafer\ diameter)}{(2 \times Die\ Area)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi(30/2)^2}{1 \times 1} - \frac{\pi \times 30}{\sqrt{2} \times 1 \times 1} = 640$$

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Calculate:

die cost

Step 2: die yield

$$Dies\ Yield = Wafer\ Yield \times \left(1 + \frac{Defects\ per\ unit\ area \times Die\ Area}{\alpha}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

$$= 1 \times \left(1 + \frac{0.6 \times 1}{4.0}\right)^{-4} = 0.57$$

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30-cm-diameter wafer with 3-4 metal layers : \$3500  
wafer yield is 100%

Calculate:

die cost

Step 3: die cost

$$Die\ Cost = \frac{Wafer\ Cost}{(Dies/Wafer) \times Die\ Yield}$$

$$= \frac{3500}{640 \times 0.57} = 9.59$$

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## How to Measure Performance ?

### • Performance Rating

- CPU Time
- Benchmark programs
  - Integer programs and floating point programs
    - Compression
    - Compiler
    - Artificial Intelligence
    - Physics / Quantum Computing
    - Video Compression
    - Path-finding Algorithms

### - Amdahl's Law

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## Measuring Performance

- Performance = 1 / Execution Time

$$\text{CPU time} = \frac{\text{Seconds}}{\text{Program}} = \frac{\text{Instructions}}{\text{Program}} \times \frac{\text{Cycles}}{\text{Instruction}} \times \frac{\text{Seconds}}{\text{Cycle}}$$

Instruction count
CPI
Clock cycle = 1 / Clock rate

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## Measuring Performance

$$\text{CPU time} = \text{Instruction count} \times \text{CPI} \times (1/\text{clock rate})$$

### Example 1:

A SPEC CPU2006 integer benchmark (464.h264ref, a video compression program written in C) is run on a Pentium D processor:

Total instruction count: 3731 billion  
 Average CPI for the program: 2.5 cycles/instruction.  
 CPU clock rate: 2.1 GHz

$$\text{CPU time} = 3731 \times 10^9 \times 2.5 / (2.1 \times 10^9) = 4442 \text{ seconds}$$

Source: [Analysis of Redundancy and Application Balance in the SPEC CPU2006 Benchmark Suite](#)

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## Measuring Performance

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{\text{Old Execution Time}}{\text{New Execution Time}} = \frac{I_{\text{old}} \times \text{CPI}_{\text{old}} \times \text{Clock cycle}_{\text{old}}}{I_{\text{new}} \times \text{CPI}_{\text{new}} \times \text{Clock Cycle}_{\text{new}}}$$

### Example 2:

Suppose SPEC CPU2006 integer benchmark (464.h264ref) is run on a faster processor, with a new compiler:

New total instruction count: 2000 billion  
 New average CPI for the program: 4 cycles/instruction.  
 New CPU clock rate: 3.6 GHz

$$\text{New CPU time} = 2000 \times 10^9 \times 4 / (3.6 \times 10^9) = 2222 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{\text{Old CPU time}}{\text{New CPU time}} = \frac{4442}{2222} = 1.999$$

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## Measuring Performance

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{\text{Old Execution Time}}{\text{New Execution Time}} = \frac{I_{\text{old}} \times \text{CPI}_{\text{old}} \times \text{Clock cycle}_{\text{old}}}{I_{\text{new}} \times \text{CPI}_{\text{new}} \times \text{Clock Cycle}_{\text{new}}}$$

### Example 3:

Should this be implemented?

Instruction Class	Frequency	Old CPI	New CPI
ALU	40%	3	2
Load	20%	1	2
Store	20%	1	2
Branch	20%	2	3

$$\text{Old CPI} = 0.40 \times 3 + 0.2 \times 1 + 0.2 \times 1 + 0.2 \times 2 = 2$$

$$\text{New CPI} = 0.4 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 3 = 2.2$$

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{I_{\text{old}} \times 2 \times \text{Clock cycle}_{\text{old}}}{I_{\text{new}} \times 2.2 \times \text{Clock cycle}_{\text{new}}} = 0.91$$

Shouldn't be implemented

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## Metrics for Performance

CPU time: most accurate and fair measure

$$\text{CPU Time} = \frac{\text{Instruction Count}}{\text{CPI}} \times \text{Clock Cycle Time}$$

$$\text{CPU clock cycles} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{CPI}_i \times \text{IC}_i)$$

$$\text{CPI} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{CPI}_i \times F_i)$$

a priori frequency of the instruction set

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## Example 4: Performance

- Suppose we have made the following measurements:
  - Frequency of FP operations (other than FPSQR) = 23%
  - Average CPI of FP operations (other than FPSQR) = 4.0
  - Frequency of FPSQR = 2%, CPI of FPSQR = 20
  - Average CPI of other instructions = 1.33
- Assume that the two design alternatives
  - decrease the CPI of FPSQR to 3
  - decrease the average CPI of FP operations (other than FPSQR) to 2.
- Compare these two design alternatives using the CPU performance equation.

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## Solution

Step 1: Original CPI without enhancement:

$$CPI_{original} = 4 \times 23\% + 20 \times 2\% + 1.33 \times 75\% = 2.3175$$

Step 2: compute the CPI for the enhanced FPSQR by subtracting the cycles saved from the original CPI:

$$CPI_{with\ new\ FPSQR} = CPI_{original} - 2\% \times (CPI_{old\ FPSQR} - CPI_{new\ FPSQR\ only}) \\ = 2.3175 - 0.02 \times (20 - 3) = 1.9775$$

Step 3: compute the CPI for the enhancement of all FP instructions:

$$CPI_{with\ new\ FP} = CPI_{original} - 23\% \times (CPI_{old\ FP} - CPI_{new\ FP}) \\ = 2.3175 - 0.23 \times (4 - 2) = 1.8575$$

Step 4: the speedup for the FP enhancement over FPSQR enhancement is:

$$Speedup = CPU\ time\ with\ new\ FPSQR / CPU\ time\ with\ new\ FP \\ = I \times CPI_{with\ new\ FPSQR} \times C / I \times CPI_{with\ new\ FP} \times C \\ = 1.9775 / 1.8575 = 1.065$$

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## Comparing Performance

- Total execution time

	Machine A	Machine B
Program 1	1	10
Program 2	1000	100
Total	1001	110

How much faster is Machine B than Machine A?

9.1 times?

Machine A is faster in running Program 1.  
Machine B is faster in running Program 2.

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## Comparing Performance

Arithmetic Mean:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Execution Time}_i$

	Machine A	Machine B
Program 1	1	10
Program 2	1000	100
Total	1001	110
AM	500.5	55

	Machine A	Machine B
Program 1	200	400
Program 2	250	400
Program 3	450	100
AM	300	300

Can be misleading

Valid only if programs run equally

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## Comparing Performance

Weighted Arithmetic Mean:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Weight}_i \times \text{Execution Time}_i$

	Machine A	Machine B	W (1)
Program 1	200	400	0.4
Program 2	250	500	0.4
Program 3	550	100	0.2
AM	300	300	
WAM (1)	$200 \times 0.4 + 250 \times 0.4 + 550 \times 0.2 = 290$	$400 \times 0.4 + 500 \times 0.4 + 100 \times 0.2 = 380$	

Machine A is better

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## Comparing Performance

Weighted Arithmetic Mean:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Weight}_i \times \text{Execution Time}_i$

	Machine A	Machine B	W (2)
Program 1	200	400	0.2
Program 2	250	500	0.2
Program 3	550	100	0.6
AM	300	300	
WAM (2)	$200 \times 0.2 + 250 \times 0.2 + 550 \times 0.6 = 420$	$400 \times 0.2 + 500 \times 0.2 + 100 \times 0.6 = 240$	

Machine B is better

Depend very much on how to weigh each testing item

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## Comparing Performance

Geometric Mean:  $\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \text{Execution time ratio}_i}$

	Machine A	Machine B
Program 1	1	10
Program 2	1000	100
Total	1001	110

Normalized Execution Time to a reference machine

	Normalized to A	Machine B
Program 1	1	10
Program 2	1	0.1
GM	1	1

Same GM  
≠  
same execution time or  
same performance

$$\text{GeometricMean}_A = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \text{SPECRatio}_i^A} = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\text{ExecutionTime}_i^B}{\text{ExecutionTime}_i^A}} = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\text{Performance}_i^A}{\text{Performance}_i^B}}$$

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## Amdahl's Law

- Amdahl's Law - law of diminishing returns
- In general case, assume several enhancements has been taken for the system, the speedup for whole system is,

$$\text{Speedup}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\text{Execution Time Without Enhancement}}{\text{Execution Time With Enhancement}} = \frac{1}{(1 - F_1 - F_2 \dots) + \frac{F_1}{S_1} + \frac{F_2}{S_2} + \dots}$$

where  $F_i$  is the fraction of enhancement  $i$  and  $S_i$  is the speedup of the corresponding enhancement

- The new execution time is

$$\text{Execution time}_{\text{new}} = \text{Execution time}_{\text{old}} \times \left( (1 - \sum_i \text{Fraction}_{i, \text{enhanced}}) + \sum_i \frac{\text{Fraction}_{i, \text{enhanced}}}{\text{Speedup}_{i, \text{enhanced}}} \right)$$

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## Example on Amdahl's Law

- Float instruction:
  - Fraction: 50%
  - Speedup: 2.0x
- Integer instruction:
  - Fraction: 30%
  - Speedup: 3.0x
- Others keep the same.

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{1}{\left( (1 - \sum_i \text{Fraction}_{i, \text{enhanced}}) + \sum_i \frac{\text{Fraction}_{i, \text{enhanced}}}{\text{Speedup}_{i, \text{enhanced}}} \right)}$$

$$= 1 / ((1 - 0.5 - 0.3) + (0.5/2 + 0.3/3)) = 1.818$$

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## Intuition - make the common case fast

- I have two processors, which can help accelerate one of the below parts by parallel processing. Two parts occupy the total time percentage of 95% and 5%.

- Fraction<sub>enhanced</sub> = 95%, Speedup<sub>enhanced</sub> = 2.0x  
Speedup<sub>overall</sub> =  $1 / ((1 - 0.95) + 0.95/2) = 1.905$

- Fraction<sub>enhanced</sub> = 5%, Speedup<sub>enhanced</sub> = 2.0x  
Speedup<sub>overall</sub> =  $1 / ((1 - 0.05) + 0.05/2) = 1.026$



1.905 vs. 1.026  
Make the common case faster!!

- Fraction<sub>enhanced</sub> = 5%, Speedup<sub>enhanced</sub> → infinity  
Speedup<sub>overall</sub> =  $1 / (1 - 0.05) = 1.052$

1.052 is still much smaller than 1.905.

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## A Common Confusion: CPI vs. Amdahl's Law

- Assume a program consists of three classes of instructions A, B and C, as shown below.
- An enhancement is made by doubling the speed of instruction class A
- Assume instruction count for the program and CPU clock cycle is not influenced
- What is the overall speedup achieved for the program

Instruction Class	Frequency	Old CPI	New CPI
A	20%	2	1
B	20%	3	3
C	60%	4	4

### Method 1: CPI

$$CPI_{\text{old}} = 0.2 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 3 + 0.6 \times 4 = 3.4$$

$$CPI_{\text{new}} = 0.2 \times 1 + 0.2 \times 3 + 0.6 \times 4 = 3.2$$

$$\text{Speedup}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\text{Execution time}_{\text{old}}}{\text{Execution time}_{\text{new}}}$$

$$= \frac{CPI_{\text{old}} \times IC \times \text{Clock Cycle}}{CPI_{\text{new}} \times IC \times \text{Clock Cycle}}$$

$$= 1.0625$$

### Method 2: Amdahl's Law

$$\text{Speedup}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{1}{(1 - 20\%) + \frac{20\%}{2}} = 1.111$$

The fraction in Amdahl's law is **time fraction**

### Method 2: Amdahl's Law

$$\text{Time fraction of A} = \frac{2 \times 20\%}{2 \times 20\% + 3 \times 20\% + 4 \times 60\%} = 0.11764$$

$$\text{Speedup}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{1}{(1 - 0.11764) + \frac{0.11764}{2}} = 1.0625$$

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