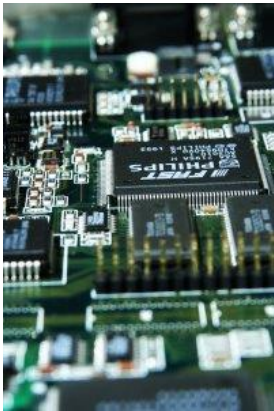


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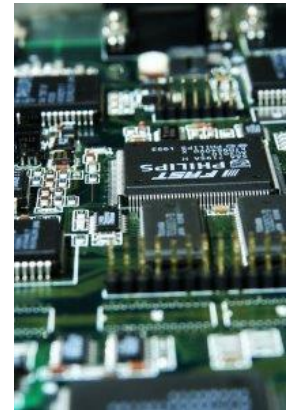
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Course Info

- Course website:
 - <http://hshehata.github.io/courses/zu/cse321a/>
- Textbook:
 - “Computer Organization and Architecture: Designing for Performance”, William Stallings, 9th Edition, 2013, www.williamstallings.com/ComputerOrganization

Course Info (Cont.)

- Grading:

| Course work | Grade distribution | |
|---------------|--------------------|----|
| Participation | 3pt | 30 |
| Assignments | 12pt | |
| Midterm Exam | 15pt | |
| Final Exam | 70pt | |
| Total Points | 100 | |

Course Overview

- Ch. 1: Introduction
- Ch. 2: Computer Evolution and Performance
- Ch. 3: A Top-Level View of Computer Function and Interconnection
- Ch. 4: Cache Memory
- Ch. 12: Instruction Sets: Characteristics and Functions
- Ch. 13: Instruction Sets: Addressing Modes and Formats
- Ch. 14 or 19: Processor Structure and Function or Control Unit Operation

Ch. 1: Introduction

Organization vs. Architecture (1)

- **Architecture**: attributes **visible** to the programmer.
 - Instruction set, number of bits used for data representation, I/O mechanisms, addressing techniques.
 - Ex.: Is there a multiply instruction?
- **Organization**: how features are implemented. Such details may be **hidden** from programmer.
 - Control signals, interfaces, memory technology, number of cores.
 - Ex.: Is there a hardware multiply unit or is it done by repeated addition?

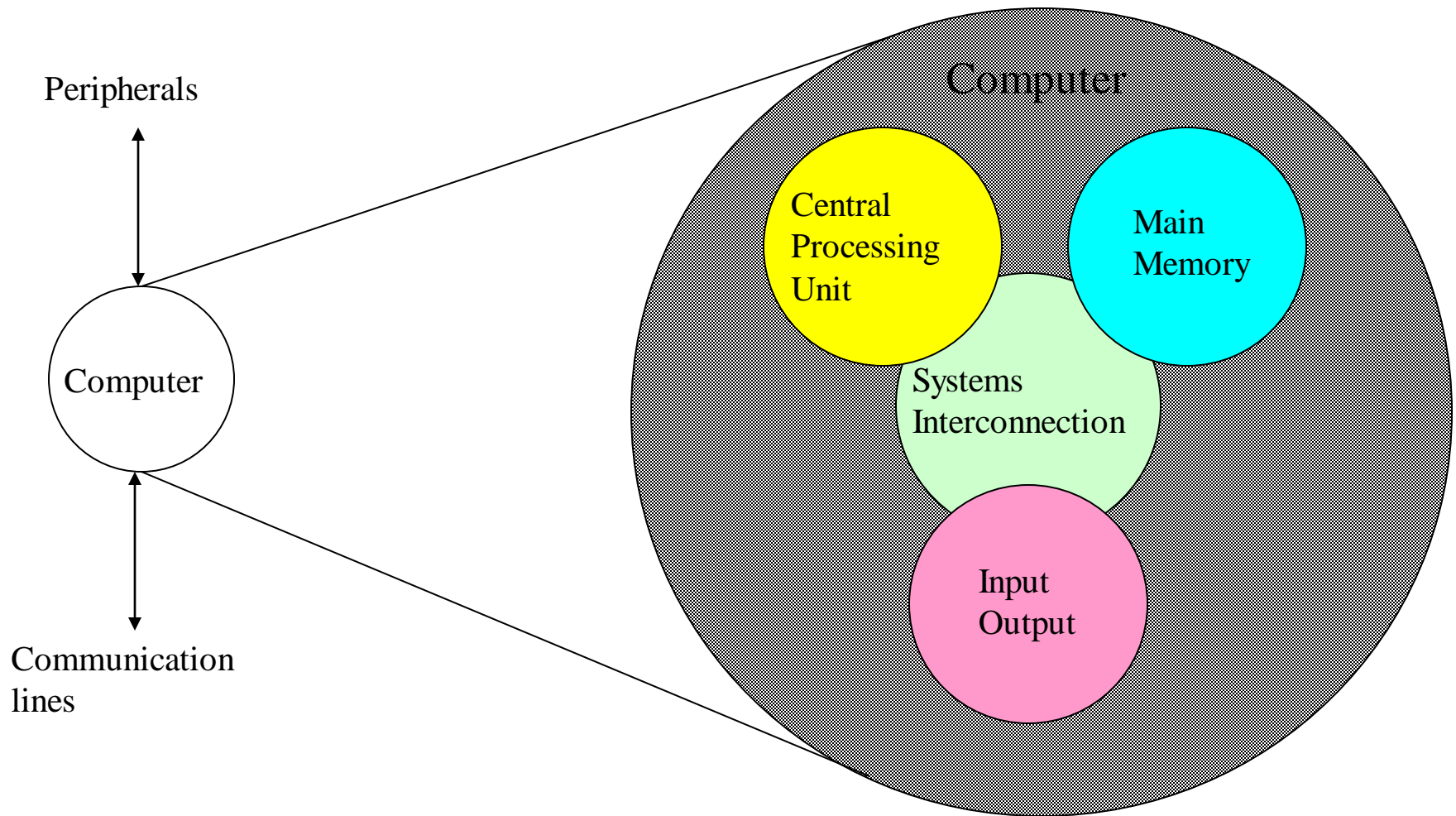
Organization vs. Architecture (2)

- All Intel x86 family share the same basic **architecture**.
- This gives code compatibility, at least backwards.
- **Organization** differs between different versions (e.g., Core i3/i5/i7, Xeon, Atom, ... *etc.*)

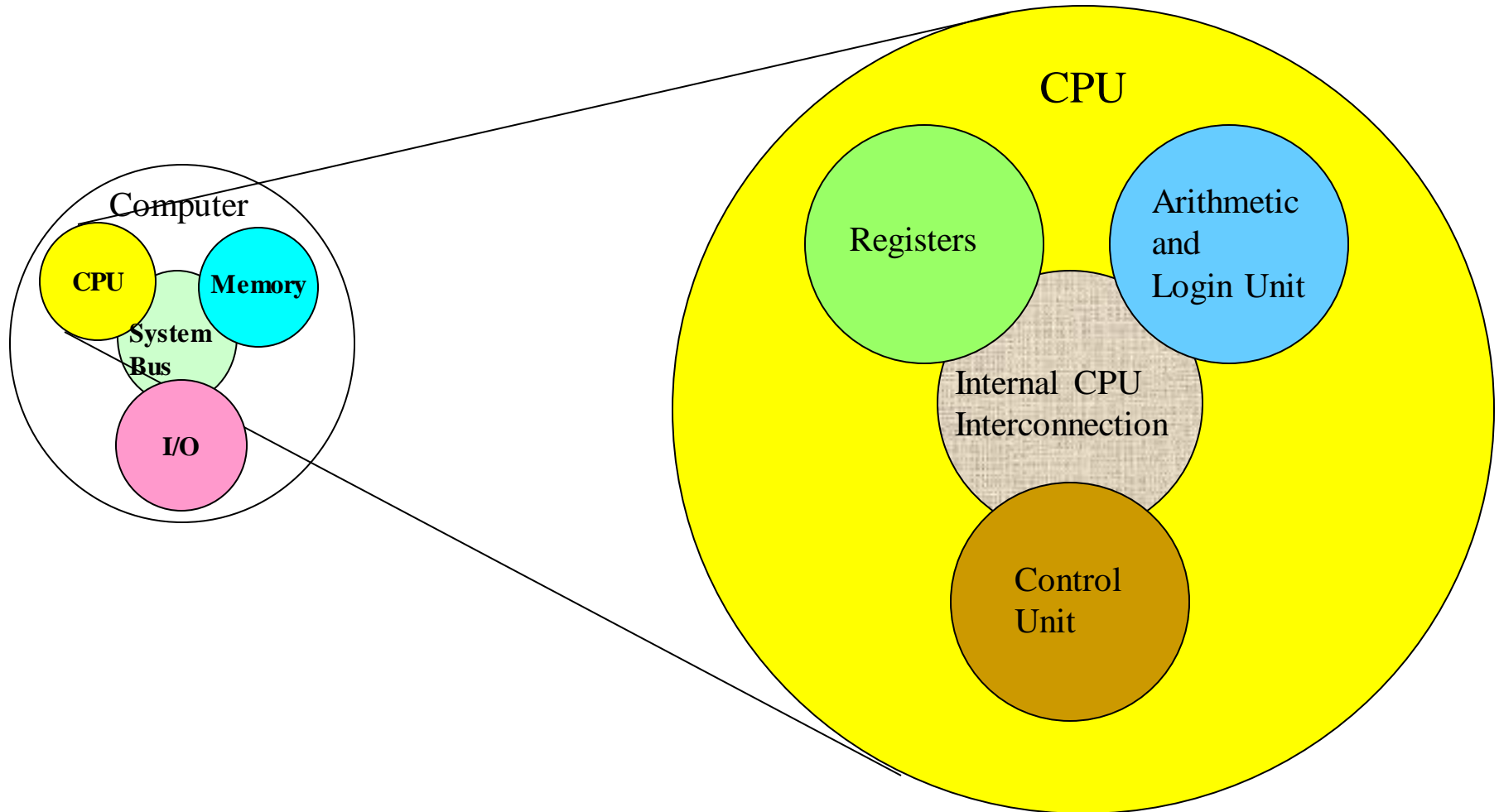
Hardware Structure vs. Function

- **Structure**: the way in which components relate to each other.
- **Function**: the operation of individual components as part of the structure

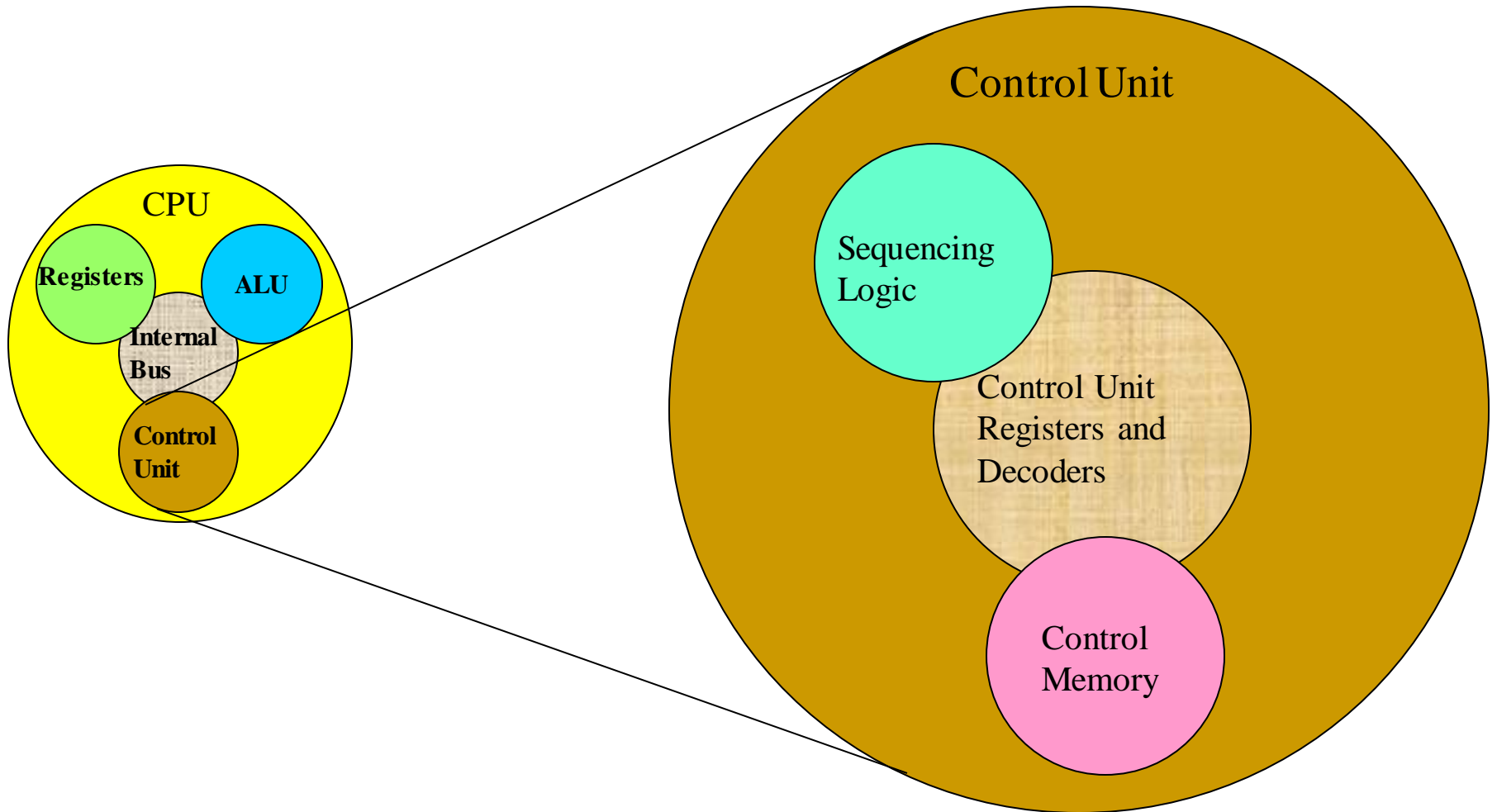
Structure - Top level



Structure - CPU



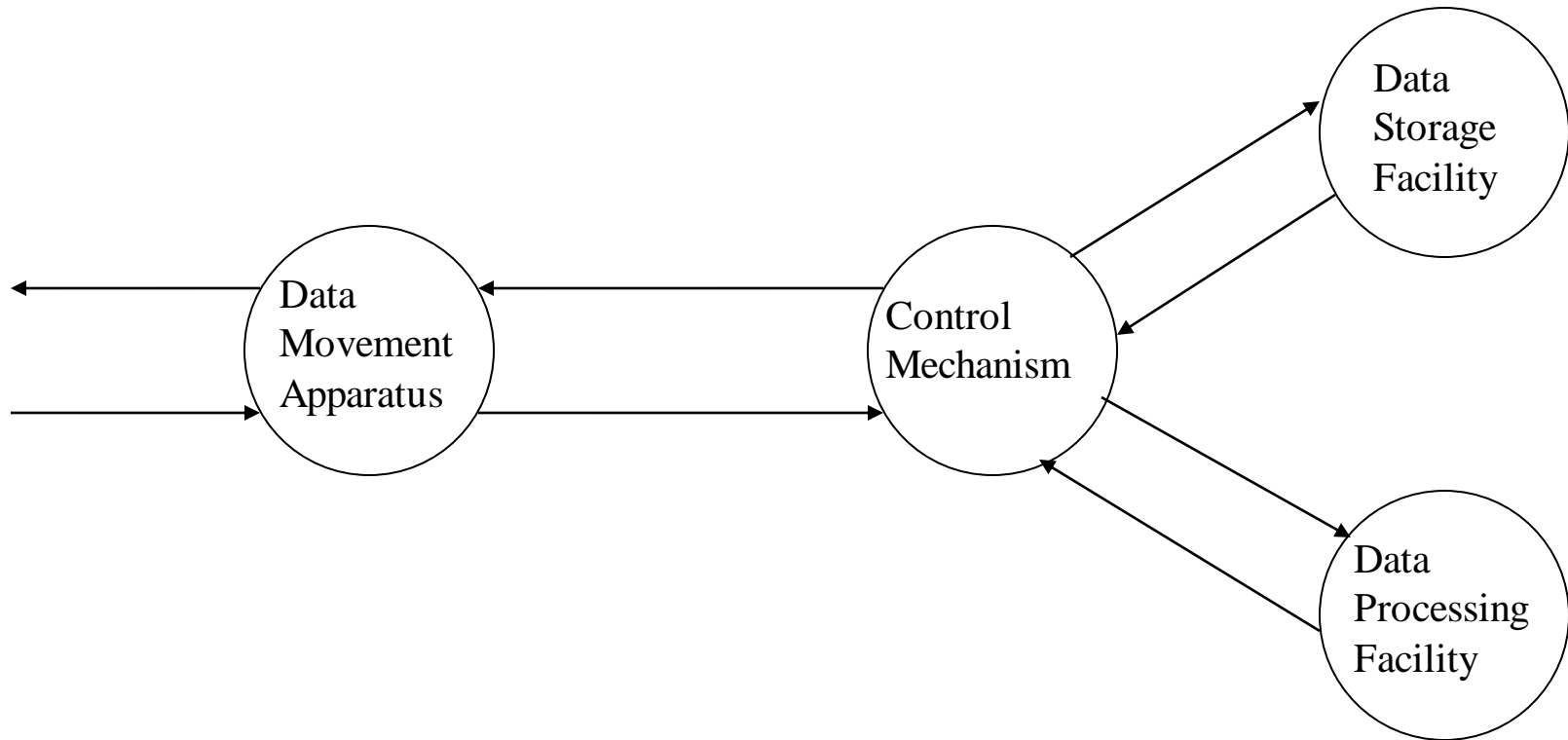
Structure – Control Unit



Function

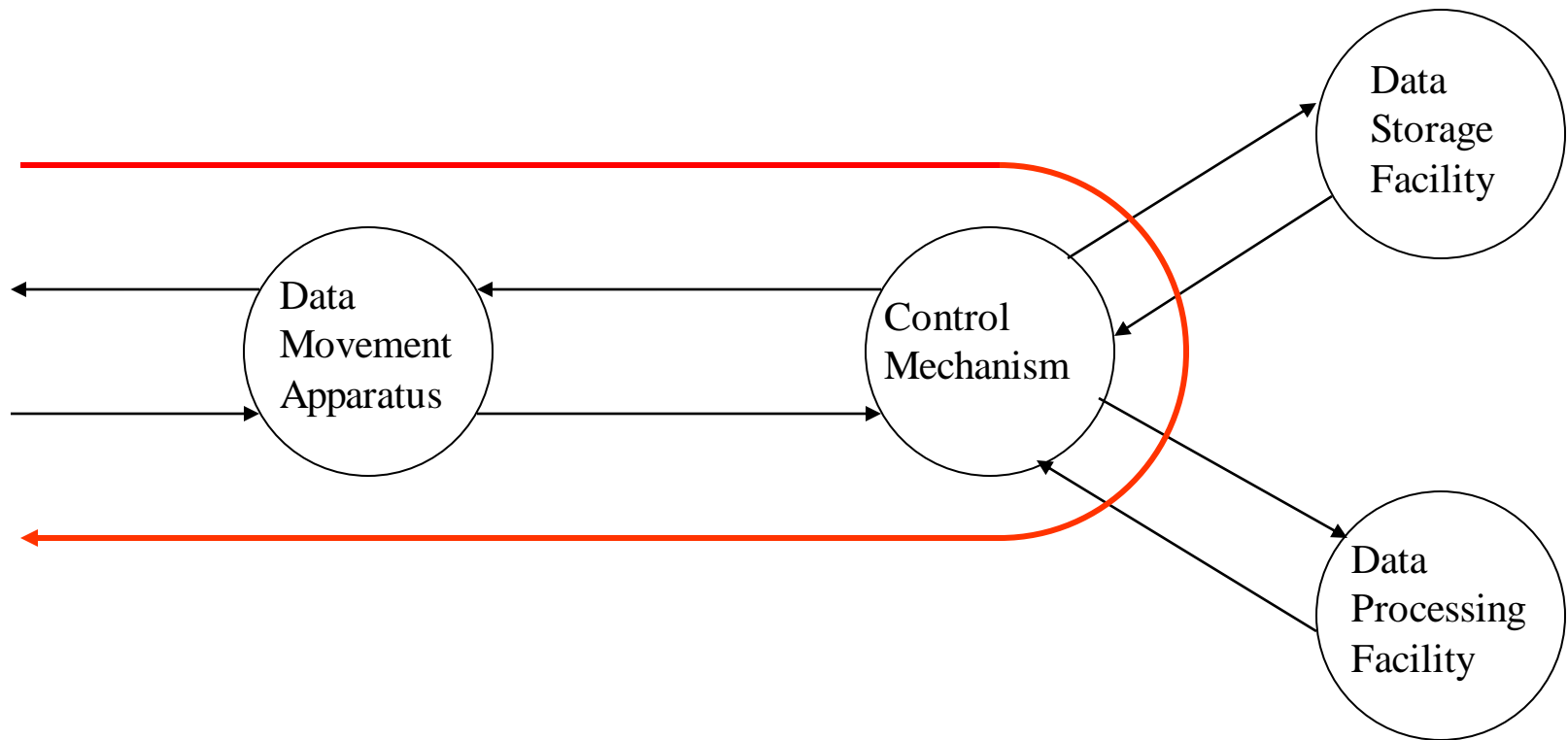
- All computers have the following functions:
 - Data storage
 - Data processing
 - Data movement
 - Control

Functional View of a Computer



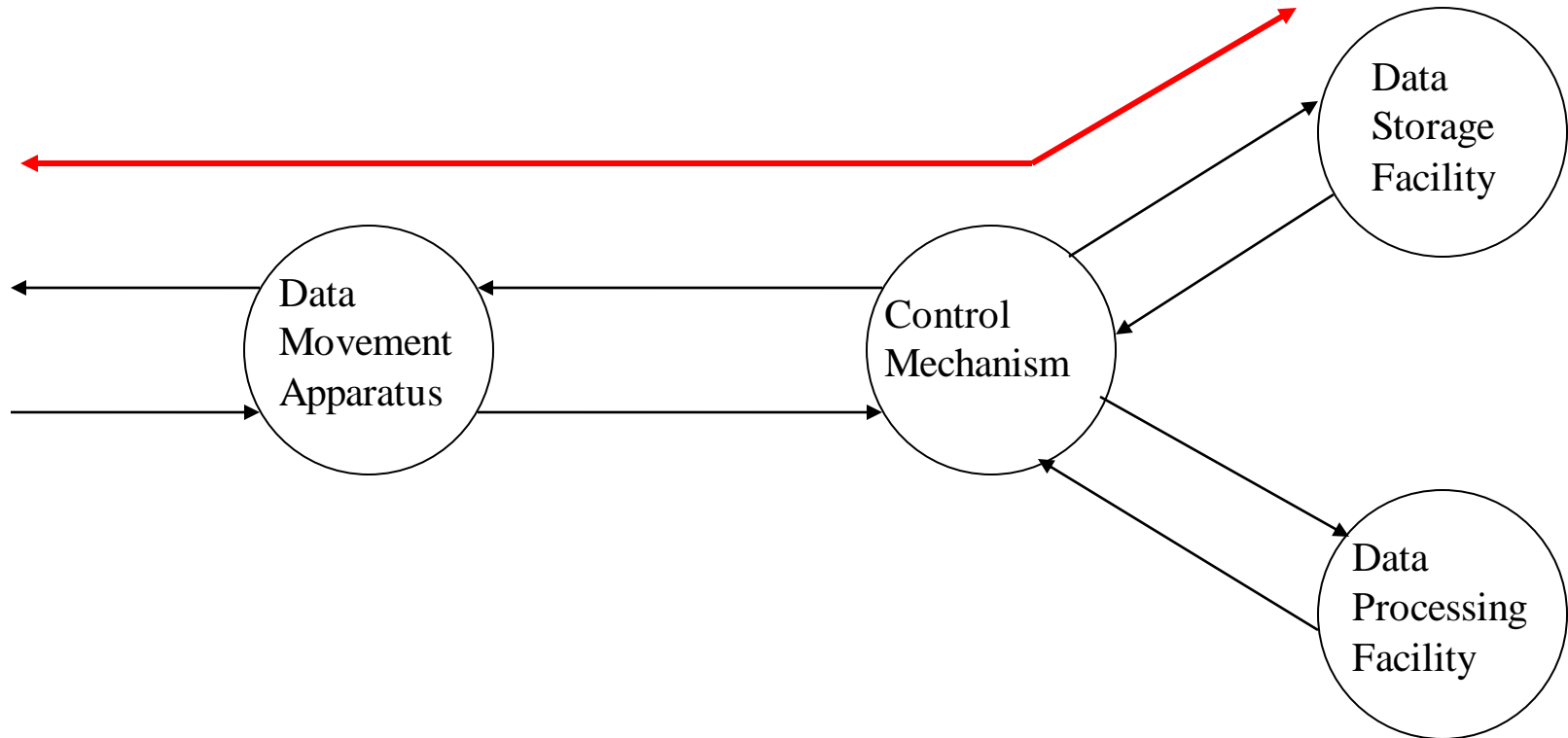
Data Movement

- e.g., keyboard to screen.



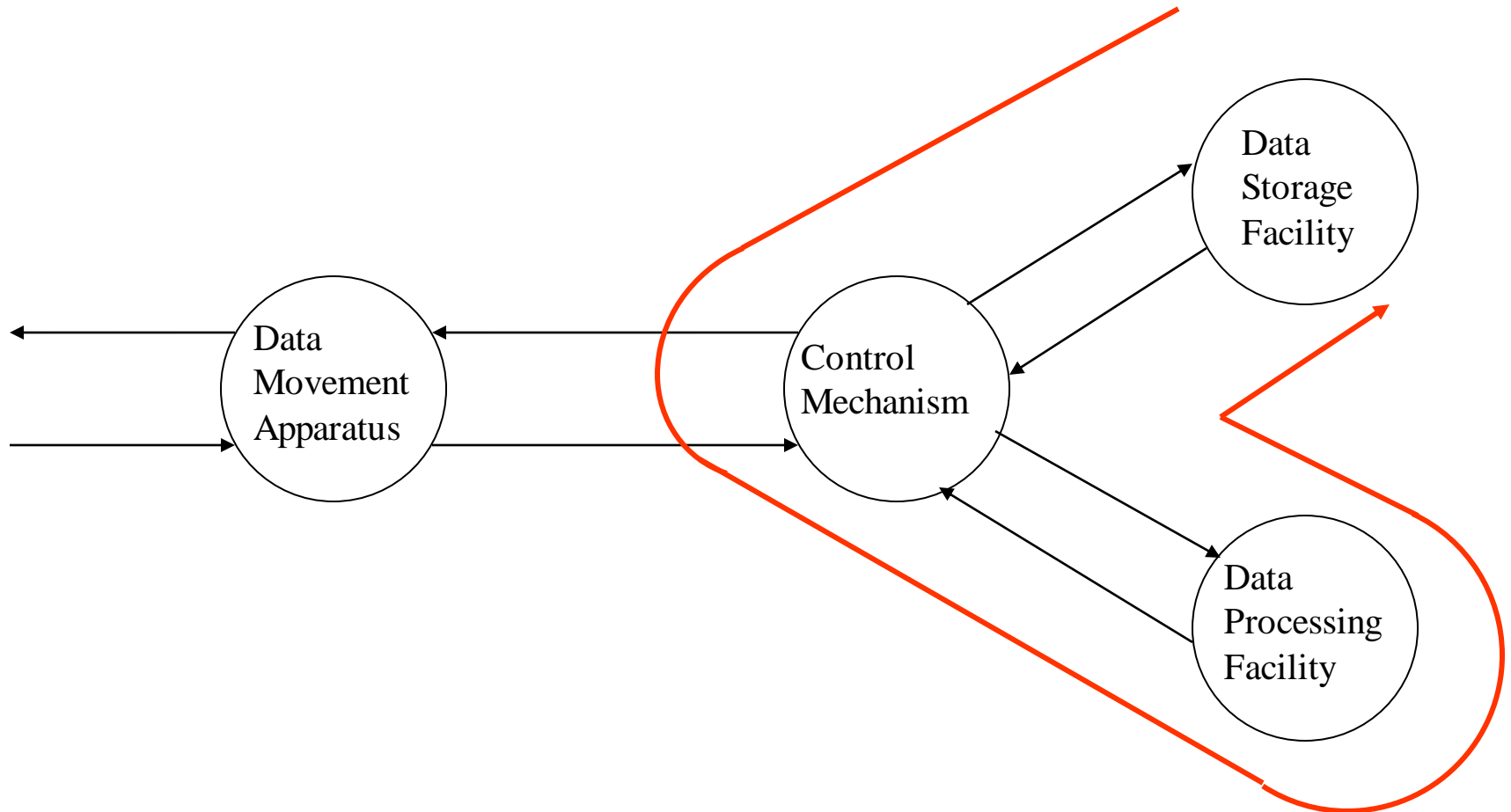
Storage

- e.g., Internet download to a disk.



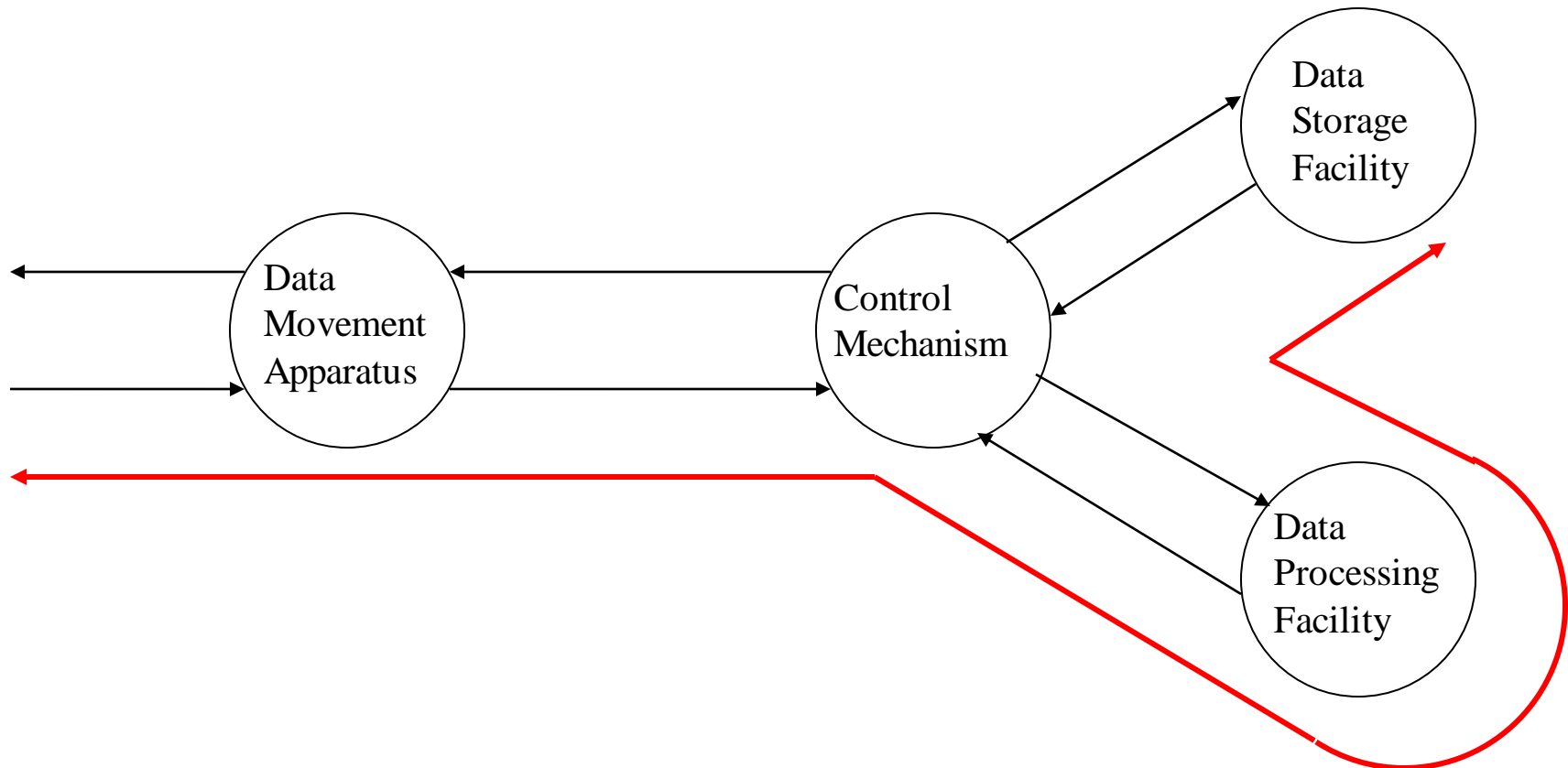
Data Processing to/from Storage

- e.g., updating a bank statement.



Data Processing from Storage to I/O

- e.g., printing a bank statement.



Chapter 2: Computer Evolution and Performance

Performance Assessment

- Factors considered in evaluating processors:
 - Cost, size, power consumption, ..., and **performance**.
- **Performance**: amount of **work** done over **time**.

$$Performance = \frac{Work}{Time}$$

- **Time** measurement is straightforward!
 - seconds, minutes, hours, ... etc.
- **Work** measurement is system-specific!
 - # of tasks performed, # of products completed, # of things done ... etc.
- Ex.: Car assembly line:
 - Performance = number of cars assembled every hour.

Processor Performance

- Processor performance is reflected by:
 - Instructions-per-second (IPS) rate (R_i): number of instructions executed each second. When instructions are count in millions, this becomes MIPS rate (R_m).
 - Programs-per-second (PPS) rate (R_p): number of programs executed each second.
- Processor performance parameters:
 1. Clock speed (f) (in cycles/second or Hz)
 - Processor goes through multiple steps to execute each instruction.
 - Each step takes one clock cycle to be performed.
 - Duration of each clock cycle (cycle time τ) = $1/f$

Processor Performance Parameters

- Processor performance parameters (Continued):

- 2. Instruction count (I_c) (in instructions)

- Number of machine instructions executed for a given program to run from start until completion.

- 3. Cycles per instruction (CPI) (in cycles/instruction)

- Number of clock cycles taken to execute an instruction.
 - Different types of instructions have different CPI values!
 - Average CPI for a program with n different types of instructions:

$$CPI = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^n CPI_x \times I_x}{I_c}$$

I_c : instruction count for the program.

I_x : number of instructions of type x .

CPI_x : CPI for instructions of type x .

Performance Metrics

- Av. time to **execute instruction**: $T_i = CPI \times \tau = \frac{CPI}{f}$
- **IPS** rate: $R_i = \frac{1}{T_i} = \frac{f}{CPI}$
- **MIPS** rate: $R_m = \frac{R_i}{10^6} = \frac{f}{CPI \times 10^6}$
- Av. time to **execute program**: $T_p = I_c \times T_i = \frac{I_c \times CPI}{f}$
- **PPS** rate: $R_p = \frac{1}{T_p} = \frac{f}{I_c \times CPI}$

Performance Calculation Example

- A 2-million instruction program is executed by 400-MHz processor.
- Program has 4 types of instructions:

| Instruction Type | CPI | Instruction Mix (%) |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Arithmetic and logic | 1 | 60 |
| Load/store (Cache hit) | 2 | 18 |
| Branch | 4 | 12 |
| Load/store (Cache miss) | 8 | 10 |

- $CPI = (1 * 0.60) + (2 * 0.18) + (4 * 0.12) + (8 * 0.10) = 2.24$
- $R_m = (400 * 10^6) / (2.24 * 10^6) \approx 178$
- $R_p = (400 * 10^6) / (2.24 * 2 * 10^6) \approx 89$

Benchmarking

- R_i and R_m can't be used to compare performance of processors with different instruction sets!
 - Ex.: CISC vs. RISC
- Alternative: Compare how fast processors execute a standard set of **benchmark programs**.
- **Characteristics** of a benchmark program:
 - Written in high-level language (i.e., machine independent).
 - Representing different programming styles and applications.
 - Measured easily.
 - Widely distributed.

SPEC benchmarks

- Best known collection of benchmark suites is introduced by the [System Performance Evaluation Corporation \(SPEC\)](#).
- Examples of SPEC benchmark suites:
 - SPECcpu2006: 3-million lines of code of processor-intensive applications
 - SPECint2006: 12 integer programs (C and C++)
 - SPECfp2006: 19 floating-point programs (C, C++ & Fortran).
 - SPECjvm2008: java virtual machine
 - SPECsfs2014: file server
 - SPECweb2009: web server – no longer maintained!
 - SPECmail2009: mail server – no longer maintained!
 - ...

SPEC Speed Metric (r_g)

- SPEC defines a base runtime (T_{ref_x}) for each benchmark program x using a **reference** machine.
- Runtime of **system-under-test** (T_{sut_x}) is measured.
- Result of running benchmark program x on system-under-test is reported as a **ratio** (r_x):

$$r_x = \frac{T_{ref_x}}{T_{sut_x}}$$

- Overall result of running n -program benchmark suite is the **geometric mean** (r_g) of all ratios:

$$r_g = \left(\prod_{x=1}^n r_x \right)^{1/n}$$

Ex.: SPECint2006 on Sun Blade 6250

- Sun Blade 6250: 8 processors (2 chips * 4 cores)
- Benchmark program 464.h264ref (Video encoding):
 - $T_{ref}_x = 22135s$, $T_{sut}_x = 934s \rightarrow r_x = 22135/924 = 23.7$
- Ratios of all SPECint2006 benchmark programs:

| Benchmark | Ratio | Benchmark | Ratio |
|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 400.perlbench | 17.5 | 458.sjeng | 17.0 |
| 401.bzip2 | 14.0 | 462.libquantum | 31.3 |
| 403.gcc | 13.7 | 464.h264ref | 23.7 |
| 429.mcf | 17.6 | 471.omnetpp | 9.23 |
| 445.gobmk | 14.7 | 473.astar | 10.9 |
| 456.hmmer | 18.6 | 483.xalancbmk | 14.7 |

- Speed metric (r_g):
 - $r_g = (17.5 * 14 * 13.7 * \dots * 14.7)^{1/12} = 18.5$

Amdahl's Law

- Proposed by Gene Amdahl in 1967.
- Deals with potential **speedup** of a program execution by multiple processors.
- **Speedup**: ratio between program execution time on single processor to that on N processors.
- **Amdahl's law**: if a program takes time T to be executed by a single processor, and only a fraction f of that program can be executed in parallel using N processors, Then:

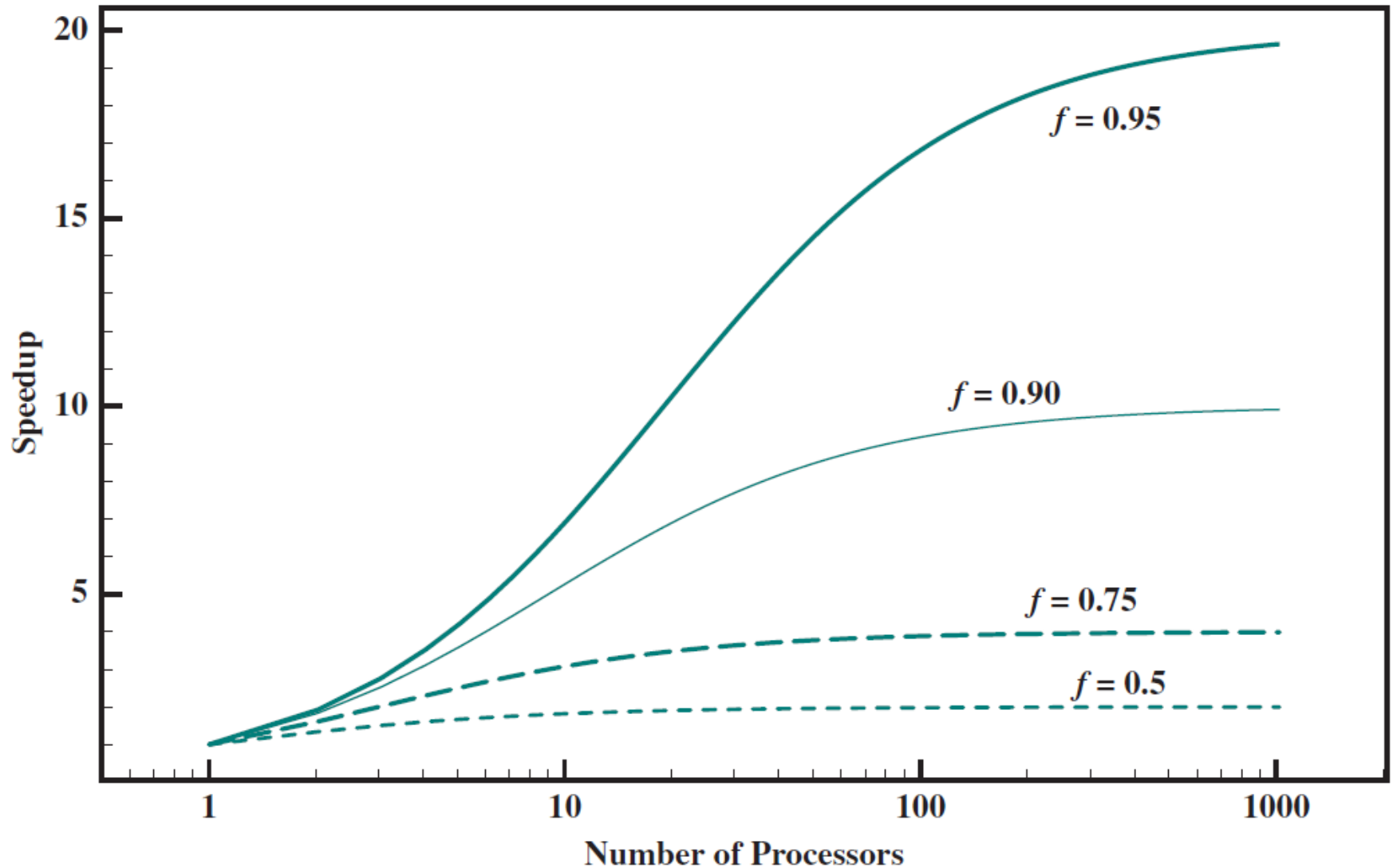
$$Speedup = \frac{T * (1 - f) + \frac{T * f}{N}}{T * (1 - f) + \frac{T * f}{N}} = \frac{1}{(1 - f) + \frac{f}{N}}$$

Conclusions of Amdahl's Law

- Amdahl's law has two important **conclusions**:
 1. Parallel processors has little effect when f is small!
 - When f goes to 0, speedup goes to 1.
 2. Speedup is bound by $1/(1-f)$ regardless of N !
 - When N goes to ∞ , speedup goes to $1/(1-f)$.
- Amdahl's law can be **generalized** to deal with any system enhancements.
- **Generalized Amdahl's law**: if an enhancement speeds up execution of a program fraction f by a factor k , then:

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{\text{Execution time before enhancement}}{\text{Execution time after enhancement}} = \frac{1}{(1-f) + \frac{f}{k}}$$

Amdahl's Law for Multiprocessors



Reading Material

- Stallings, Chapter 1:
 - Pages 7 – 13
- Stallings, Chapter 2:
 - Pages 49 – 57