

## **Chapter 1 - Introduction**

- a. What is Microprogramming?
- b. What is the function of the control unit?
- c. Basic IAS Structure, MAR/MBR
- d. Wafers/Chips
- e. Moore's Law
- f. What is an embedded system?
- g. What is cloud computing?
- h. What is Internet of Things?

## **Chapter 2 - Performance Issues**

- a. Performance Balance
- b. Wider vs Deeper memories
- c. I/O Data Rates
- d. Power and RC Delays
- e. Amdahl's Law
- f. (Ignore Little's Law)
- g. AM, GM, HM
  - Impact of performance evaluation
- h. Benchmarks and their roles

## **Chapter 3 - Buses**

- a. Memory Read/Write cycles
- b. Figure 3.5 (10<sup>th</sup> edition)- Example Program Execution
- c. Classes of Interrupts
  - Soft, hard, timer, I/O
- d. When is a check for an interrupt made?
- e. How are multiple Interrupts handled?
- f. Data Bus, Address Bus, Control Bus
- g. Hierarchical Bus Configuration and elements of bus design
- h. Arbitration - centralized and distributed
- i. Synchronous and Asynchronous Buses
- j. Multi-core QPI configuration (concepts here, not details)
- k. PCI and PCI Express (concepts only, not details)

## **Chapter 4 - Cache**

- Access/Cycle/Transfer time
- Sequential/Direct/Random Access
- Direct Mapping, Associative Mapping, Set Mapping
  - Be able to do problems about these
- Set-Associative
- Write Thru/Back
- Unified and Split Cache Decision
- Replacement Algorithms
  - LRU
  - FIFO
  - LFU
  - Random
- Victim Cache
- Hit Ratios
- Cost Analysis for Cache and Memory