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EC6009 ADVANCED COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

UNIT I FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER DESIGN 9

Review of Fundamentals of CPU, Memory and IO – Trends in technology, power, energy and cost, Dependability - Performance Evaluation

UNIT II INSTRUCTION LEVEL PARALLELISM 9

ILP concepts – Pipelining overview - Compiler Techniques for Exposing ILP – Dynamic Branch Prediction – Dynamic Scheduling – Multiple instruction Issue – Hardware Based Speculation – Static scheduling - Multi-threading - Limitations of ILP – Case Studies.

UNIT III DATA-LEVEL PARALLELISM 9

Vector architecture – SIMD extensions – Graphics Processing units – Loop level parallelism.

UNIT IV THREAD LEVEL PARALLELISM

Symmetric and Distributed Shared Memory Architectures – Performance Issues –Synchronization – Models of Memory Consistency – Case studies: Intel i7 Processor, SMT & CMP Processors

UNIT V MEMORY AND I/O 9

Cache Performance – Reducing Cache Miss Penalty and Miss Rate – Reducing Hit Time – Main Memory and Performance – Memory Technology. Types of Storage Devices – Buses – RAID – Reliability, Availability and Dependability – I/O Performance Measures.

TEXT BOOK:

1. John L Hennessey and David A Patterson, "Computer Architecture A Quantitative Approach", Morgan Kaufmann/ Elsevier, Fifth Edition, 2012.

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1. Kai Hwang and Faye Briggs, "Computer Architecture and Parallel Processing", Mc Graw-Hill International Edition, 2000.

2. Sima D, Fountain T and Kacsuk P,"Advanced Computer Architectures: A Design Space Approach", Addison Wesley, 2000