

MEDICAL INFORMATICS
(COMPUTERS IN MEDICINE)

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1. Introduction,

historical review of computers & their use
in medical field

Hospital information system - need for
computerization in hospitals - cost effective
ness - Help of computerization to physicians

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Digital computer

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he used a series of wheels, each having ten
positions to one wheel was completed. Numbers
0 through 9 were displayed in a window
for each wheel.

As a revolution of one wheel was completed, it advanced the adjacent wheel to left on notch, providing a mechanism for 'carry over'. Pascal and others like Gottfried Leibniz in 1670, modified this machine until it could perform other operations such as subtraction, multiplication and division. In 1679, Leibniz introduced binary arithmetic.

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Jacquard conceived of the idea of 'instructing' the loom as to which of the lengthwise (wrap) threads should be lifted, thereby varying the pattern as the shuttle traversed across the loom. The sequence in which the wrap threads were lifted or not lifted determined the pattern that was being woven; the instructions were imparted to the loom by a series of cards. The presence or absence of a hole in a particular location on the card. Thousands of cards could be used repeatedly to reproduce the pattern.

① Historical Review of the development of the computer.

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~~Acknowledgment~~

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Many computer designers credit Babbage with establishing the basic principles on which modern computers are built. Babbage had realized that he would need software for his analytical engine, so he hired a young woman named Ada Lovelace, daughter of the famous British poet Lord Byron, as a world's first programmer who invented the iterative loop, and if-then conditional branching. The programming language "Ada" is named after her.

In 1848, George Boole another British mathematician developed a system of binary logic in which all questions could be answered as "true" or "false", "yes" or "no". It was almost a hundred years before a computer was developed on binary numbers using Boolean logic or Boolean algebra. The binary system allows the use of electronic circuitry to perform complex logical calculations, using YES/NO, TRUE/FALSE, PRESENT/ABSENT, AND/OR/NOT or IF/THEN/ELSE.

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A manually punched card, the size of a ten rupee note (or a dollar bill), was placed on a pool of mercury. A series of single wires lowered onto the card would make contact with the mercury if a hole were present at that specific location. The result would register on dials and these would be used for calculation.

Hollerith's device tabulated the results of the 1890 US census in six weeks instead of the seven years it had taken to compile the earlier census by hand. Hollerith patented the invention and formed the Computer Tabulating Recording Company, which in 1924 changed its name to the International Business Machine (IBM) Corporation.

It is interesting to note that Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, said in 1943, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers"

VACUUM TUBES

The vacuum tube was first breakthrough leading to modern computer. Thomas Edison had discovered the diode vacuum tube and discarded it as worthless.

In 1904, John Ambrose Fleming created the first commercial diode vacuum tube, which could act as a switch, turning on and off thousands of times faster than mechanical contraptions like gears and switches.

Vacuum tubes were at the heart of the Mark 1 developed by IBM in 1944, which was the electronic realization of Babbage's analytical machine.

Mark-1 remained in operation at Harvard for the next 15 years.

In 1945, John von Neumann first proposed the idea of a general purpose digital computer with a stored program, which became the basis of most computers that followed.

ENIAC - 1943-45

MANCHESTER mark-1 1948 store a program electronically

making programmers set switches manually.

ENIAC - [Electronic Numeric Integrator and calculator]

1945. US army 5,000 additions/sec which was 1000 times faster than calculator

ENIAC, \$ 500,000 weight 30 tons
100 feet long - 8 feet high, 17,468 vacuum tubes
200 kW power

TRANSISTORS →

1936 - Konrad Zuse, a German
 Created Programmable digital computing
 m/c which used binary system and valves.

1947 - Bell Lab's William Shockley patented
 the modern solid-state, reliable transistor.

INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

IC, LSI, CPU, 1969 IBM

LSI - 10,000 to 20,000

Gordon Moore co-founder of Intel

VLSI 2000. 25 million transistors
 fabricated over a 0.18μ process.

↳ 2017 single chip 19 trillion transistors,
 20 times the number of neurons in the
 human brain. 0.13μ process.

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## PERSONAL COMPUTER (PC)

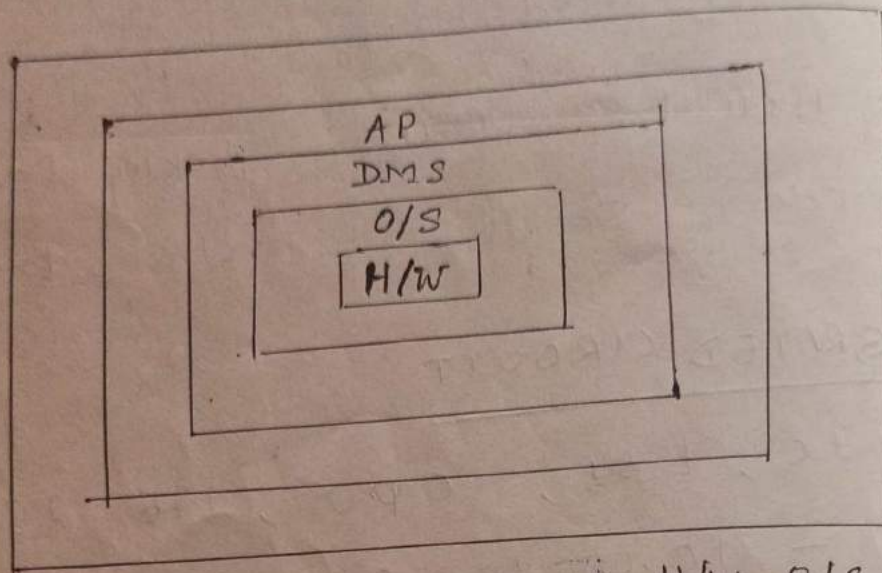


Fig: Relationship between H/W, O/S, DMS

AP

H/W → hardware

O/S → operating system

DMS → Data management system

AP → Application Program

Figure depicts the relationship between the computer hardware (H/W), O/S, DMS and AP.

CP/M, MS-DOS and other operating systems for early microcomputers all ~~are~~ relied on users typing in commands from the keyboard.

In 1960s, Doug Engelbart at Stanford Research Institute invented the graphical user interface (GUI) pronounced as 'govee'.

complete with windows, icons, menus and mouse.

Stephen Jobs  
Steve Wozniak 1976 - Computer Complete  
with a GUI display.

Built in keyboard and disk storage

They called it the APPLE - macintosh

Microsoft influenced by the success of  
macintosh.

Microsoft called GUI-based system  
WINDOWS-95.

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IBM - copyrighted BIOS-

- The crucial Basic Input-Output System -  
computer code residing in a single chip  
that defined how S/W was to interact  
~~code~~ with the PC's H/W.

### COMPUTERS IN DATA PROCESSING;

Computers themselves have evolved  
largely in response to the demand for the  
processing of data: large quantities of  
characters, such as numbers or letters,  
representing information of almost  
every conceivable kind.

Embedded micro electronics:  
tailored to its specific applications  
(VAs)

## CLASSES OF COMPUTERS:

- 1) Micro computer
- 2) Mini
- 3) Mainframe
- 4) Super

1) Traditionally defined as self-contained, single user desktop systems with single CPU and single task

The OS of PC's, MS-DOS, Windows

2) minicomputers are desktop m/c with a single CPU, with multiuser single task or multitasking

OS of PC's are RST 8/E, AUs/Js, PRIMOS, VMs  
N/W.

3) Single or multiple CPU, multi-user, multitasking m/c providing computer power for several terminals located both locally and at remote sites.  
Such a system allows multiple users

to run multiple applications simultaneously.  
Room sized m/c, & still found in major  
corporate data centres distinguish  
themselves from PCs in terms of their  
I/O capacity.

A mainframe with 1000 disks and thousands  
of gigabytes of data is not unusual.  
They are being used as high-end web servers

Servers for large-scale electronic commerce  
sites and servers for business-to-business  
transactions.

The OS for mainframes are processing  
many jobs at once.

They typically offer three kinds of service:  
batch, transaction and time sharing.

### Batch Processing:

This includes claims processing in an  
insurance company and sales reporting  
for a chain of stores, where there is no  
~~dialog~~ or online user interaction once the  
job is submitted.

### Transaction Processing:

This includes a large number of small requests such as airline reservations and cheque processing in banks.

Each unit of work is small but the system must handle hundreds or thousands per second. Each transaction has to be complete in itself and cannot be half done. The response time in this case is critical.

### Time Sharing:

This system allows multiple remote users to work on the computer at once, such as querying a big database.

Mainframes (now much smaller size). A single CPU unit has given place to distributed computing units (servers) spread out over a network.

### Supercomputers

Supercomputers use multiple CPU, multiuser, multitasking etc.

Earth (Climate Research) Simulator  
Yokohama, Japan by NEC.

World's fastest it does 35.86 trillion calc / sec.

Weapon design (2) NoC

Los Alamos National Lab

Lawrence Livermore National Lab

Srinidhi Varadharajan @ Virginia

\$ 3 million 2,200 IBM MP

7.41 Tera flops

BlueGene 1<sup>st</sup> petaflop IBM

BlueGene L 1/10<sup>th</sup> of Earth Stimulator size

130,000 Processor

Bioinformatics for analysing DNA and amino acid sequences and 3-D structures of proteins.

PERSONAL COMPUTER (PC) SPECIES:

Personal digital Assistant (PDA), Modem,

fax, internet, voice phones, video and

audio recording & playback (CD, VCD)

rewritable DVD, accelerated 3D graphics

Universal Serial bus, GPS devices.

COMPUTER REVOLUTION & MEDICINE:

• Data acquisition

• In Medical Practice

• Data acq. from patient and subsequent storage, retrieval and manipulation of data are enhanced by computer.

- In Medical decision-making
- Improve accuracy
- cost effective

X-ray, US, ECG, Loss of limb, Paralysis, Speech impediments, deafness and blindness

'Information explosion' (Internet)

Capacity for data storage & retrieval has become a boon.

Medical information 'online' @ anytime from any part of the globe.

It is therefore essential for medical Practitioners to become computer literate

Four fascinating

- 1) Artificial Intelligence in Medicine
- 2) Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)
- Robotics, ~~xxxxxx~~
- 3) Machine learning and
- 4) Machine translation.

① AI in Medicine; →

Not easy to characterize AI,

① Intelligence "an ability to ~~solve~~ ~~problems~~ use accrued knowledge to make correct decisions"

② an ability to solve problems, or to create products that are valued within one or more cultural settings



Howard Gardner, 1982.

He Proposed 7 relatively independent dimensions of intelligence:

3 Object-related dimensions

- ① Spatial
- ② Logical
- ③ Mathematical and  
bodily kinesthetic

2 Object-free dimensions

- ① Linguistic
- ② Musical

and 2 cultural dimensions

- ① Interpersonal
- ② Intrapersonal

① IQ - (Intelligence Quotient) tests usually measure spatial and logical-mathematical intelligence.

Eg (Emotional Quotient) is ~~a measure~~ an important measure of inter-personal relationships in human organizations.

Eg - is outside the scope of AI. Though attempts are being made to teach emotions to robots.

② Two-object-free intelligence

- ① Linguistic
- ② Musical

Computers have object-free intelligence

Deep Blue / Gary Kasparov

MLE cannot communicate beliefs, ideas, and emotions

can be simulated digital speech, music.

Cognitive continuum theory (CCT) provides a means of predicating when heuristics fails w.r.t to task environment.

According to CCT, a recurrent gradual movement along a continuum of intuition and analysis occurs in response to changes in task properties such as the dynamic clinical environment.

CCT provides a testable means of measuring and evaluating when heuristics will be successful.

These heuristic rules may be derived from interaction with experts in the concerned domain. Considerable AI interest is focused on problems of pattern recognition. While statistical pattern recognition may ~~be~~ not be regarded as AI, syntactic and semantic pattern recognition would be considerable as AI.

### ⑤ Neuro computing

### ⑥ Humanoïd Robots and M/c intelligence

### ⑦ A/D Computers

### ⑧ Man-computer symbiosis

① To let computers facilitate formulation thinking

② To enable men and computers to cooperate in making decisions.

## ① The computer as a communication Device:

### ② Telematics

Knowledge engineering is concerned with Problems of The representation and storage knowledge, its access when needed, and the integration of such ~~storage~~ stored knowledge, ~~its access when needed, and~~ with the data derived from specific Problems to effect their solution.

The knowledge to be represented in such a system includes both factual or descriptive knowledge and problem solving procedures or normative knowledge. The latter includes means for the management of 'soft' ~~normative knowledge~~ data.

The tools of Symbolic logic and fuzzy algebra Permit such data to be handled in a more formal way.

A major technique of knowledge representation is the semantic net, in which fact and their relationships are shown both

Quantitative and Qualitative  
 ↓ eg.                      ↓ eg.

A variety of specialized systems and languages have been devised to support the features important in the development of AI systems.

language  $\rightarrow$  for AI

① LISP

② PROLOG

Medical decision making has been a major focus of AI.

### The structure of Medical informatics:

Medical informatics comprises the theoretical and practical aspects of information processing and communication, based on knowledge and experience derived from processing and communication, based on the knowledge & experience derived from process in medicine and health care.

i/f of Med / Computer tech, 6 diff.

levels of complexity

#### Level 1. common and recording

Visualization of bio-sig on CRT, connected to a processor, e.g. during ICU, and a comm. n/w of terminal ~~to~~ in a hospital over which a reser ~~of~~ from a lab is sent to a nursing station or ward or in which ~~to~~ e-mail is fld. through the hospital.

Level 2: Storage and retrieval of data bases.

Apps. include a patient registry or billing dept. Reports, discharge letters.

Level 3: computation and automation

lab equipment centralized

NM - ECG, EEG, EMG, lung function analysis, etc are e.g. of dedicated computerized data processing and automation.

CT (X-ray tom, emission tomography, with single photon or positron, NMR). are the most spectacular examples.

Level 4: Recognition and diagnosis

diagnosis models, e.g. by using truth tables, decision tree, multivariate statistics (including Bayes' Theorem) and expert systems.

Recognition of Objects and Patterns in images and signals. as in X-ray, ECG interpretation and cell, chromosomes or cervical smear recognition.

Level 5: Therapy and control

Implantable microsystem to be carried by the patient subcutaneously, e.g. insulin pump for the diabetic.

Level 6. Research and Modelling  
CVS physiology in terms of mech (flow, pressures, volumes) and electrical (depolarization & repolarization)

↳ Epidemiology

↳ Semantic or Pragmatic aspects

↳ models and algorithms display a heuristic character most of the time

languages:  
FORTRAN  
COBOL - comm  
Business language  
ALGOL \*68

Hospital information system - need for computerization in hospitals

\*CONT. BASIC (Beginner's All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code)

PASCAL

C LANGUAGE

APL (A programming language)

MUMPS: Massachusetts General Hospital Utility Multi-Programming System. - 1967

LISP: List Programming Language (AI Program)

Prolog (Programmed Logic)

## Medicine and Internet:

### Introduction:

The internet (Interconnected Networks) is the name for the global network of computers and online services providing World Wide Communications, and linking together many diverse resources.

Telecommunication links (telephone, satellite, fibre optic cabling) have joined whole network together.

ARPANET (Advanced Research Project Agency) US developed and served test development of advanced n/w protocols.