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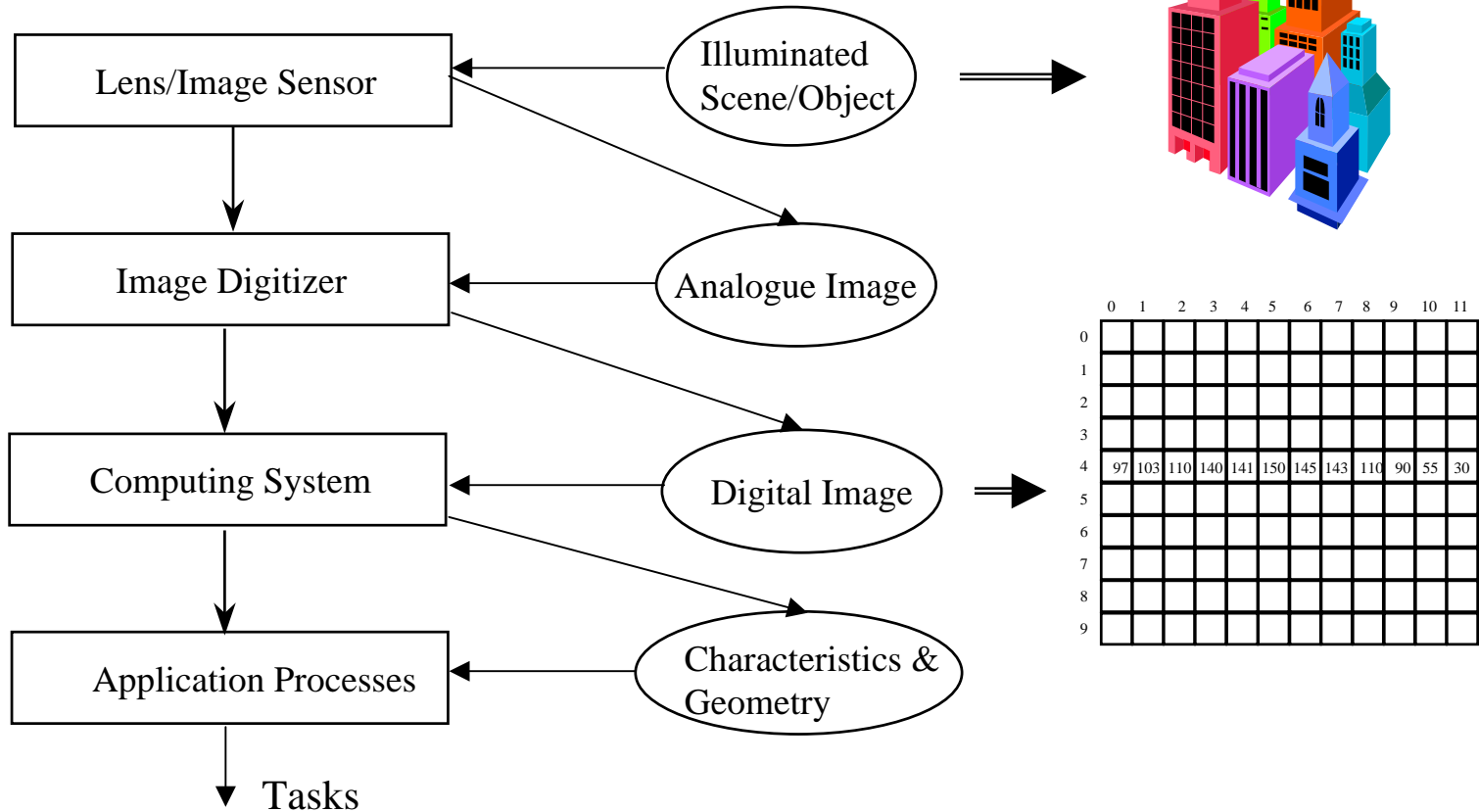
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What is a machine vision system ? (A Review)

ANSWER:

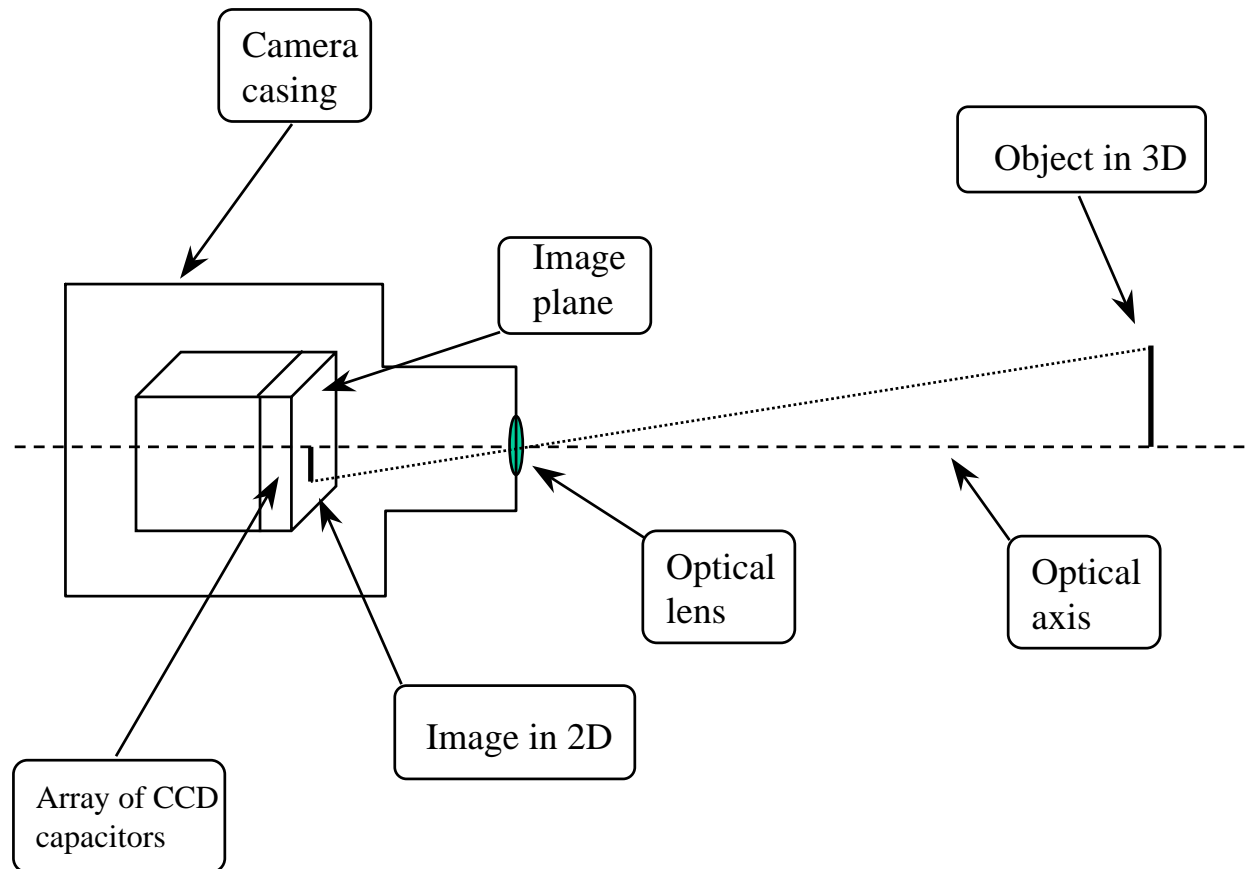


Questions:

What is the geometric relationship between an object and its image ? And, what are common computing platforms for image processing ?



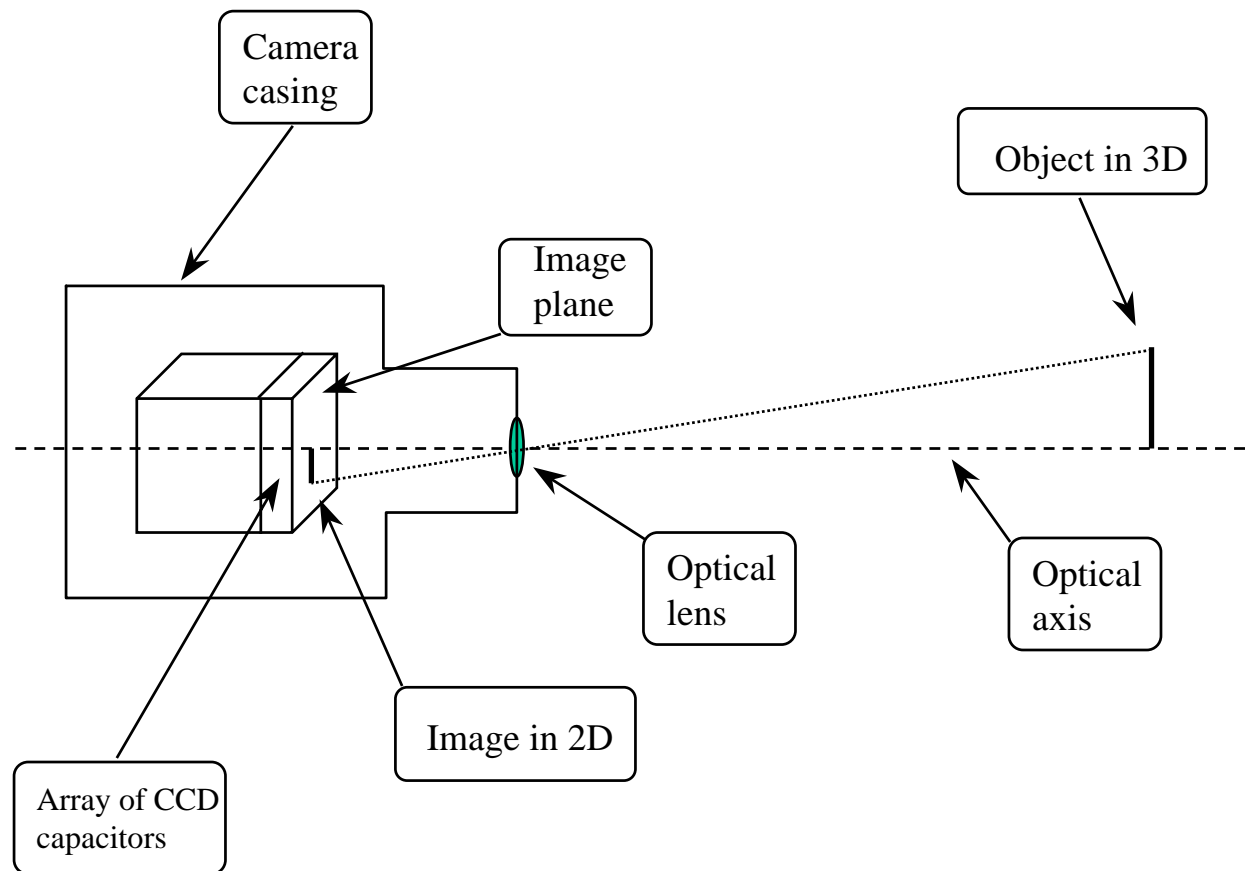
We know how analogue and digital images are created. The next question will be what is the mathematical modeling of image formation ?



Geometric Relationship Between An Object and Its Analogue Image

Step 1: Input: Object in 3D space.

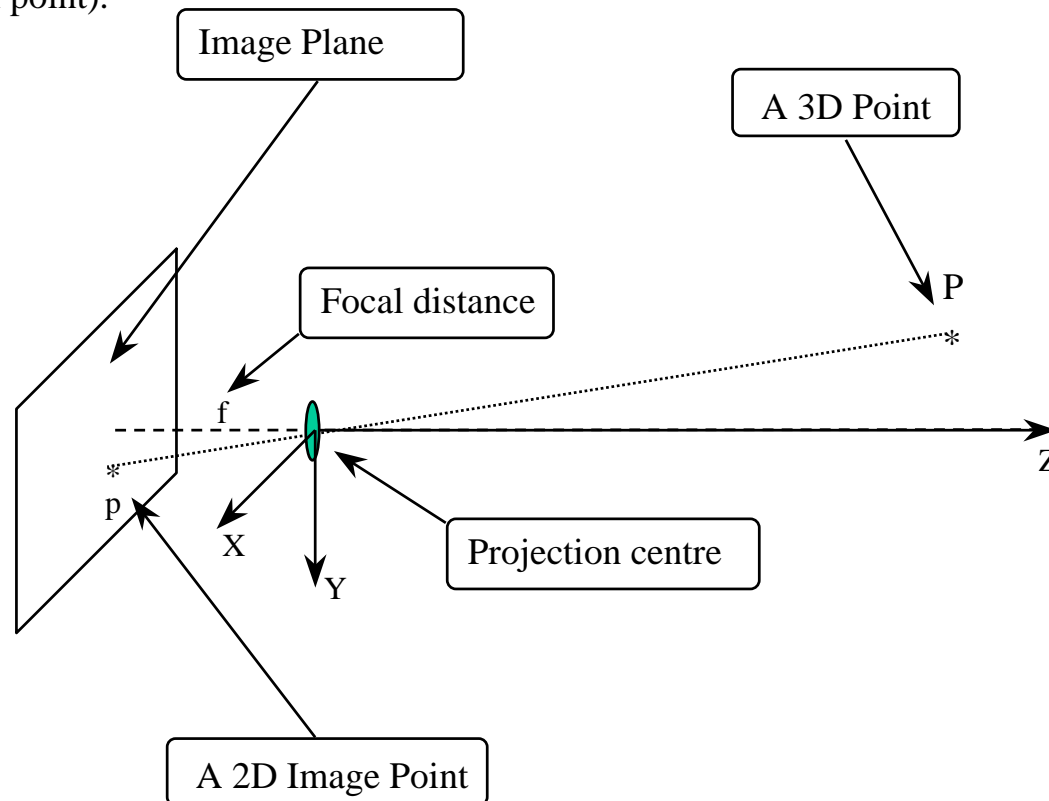
Step 2: Output: Analogue image in 2D space (“image plane”).



Geometric Relationship Between An Object and Its Analogue Image

Step 3: Perspective projection:

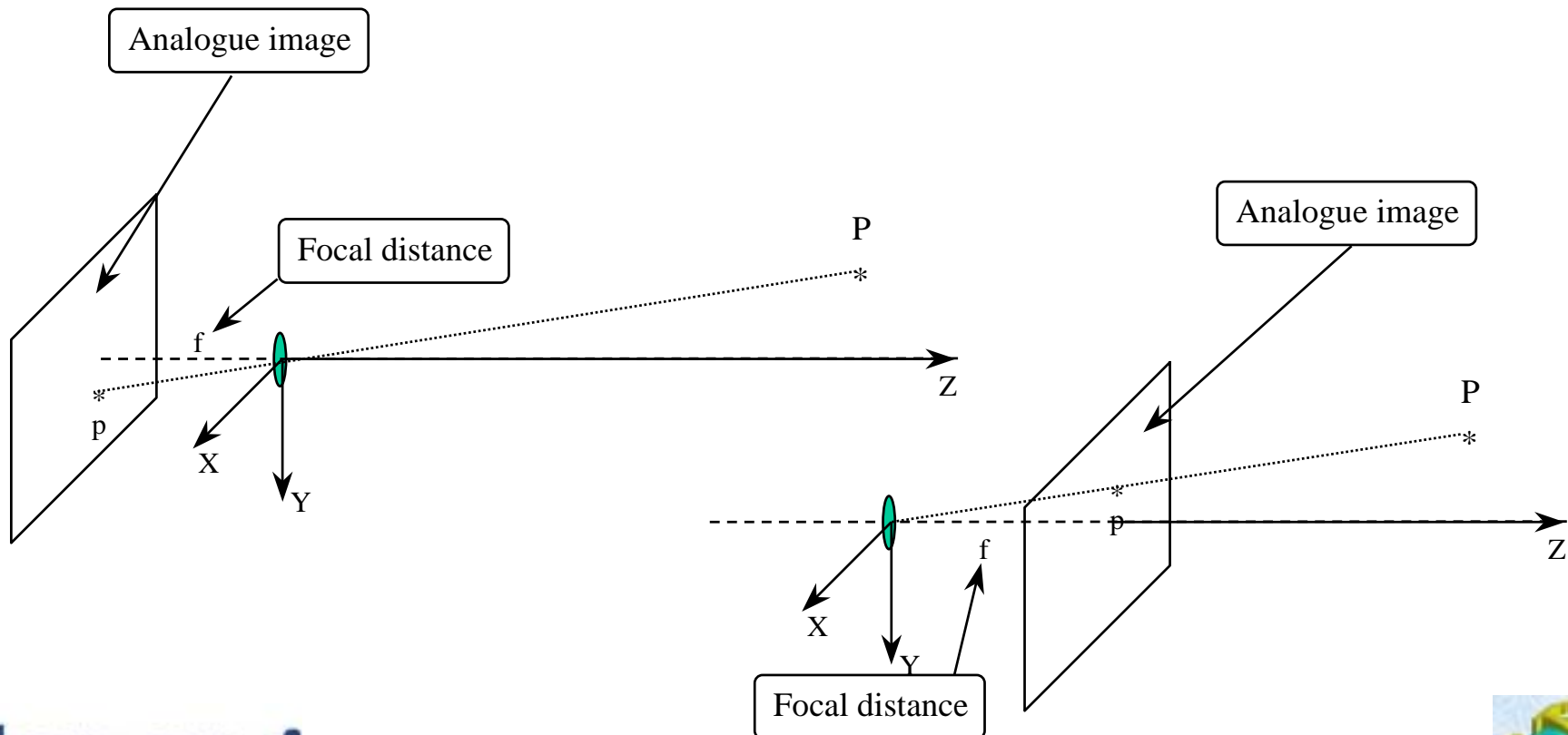
Because the lens is small compared to an object in 3D space, a lens can be considered as a “tiny hole” (called “pin-hole” model). Therefore, image formation is a perspective projection (it is a projection along a line and passing through a common point).



Geometric Relationship Between An Object and Its Analogue Image

Step 4: Geometric equivalence:

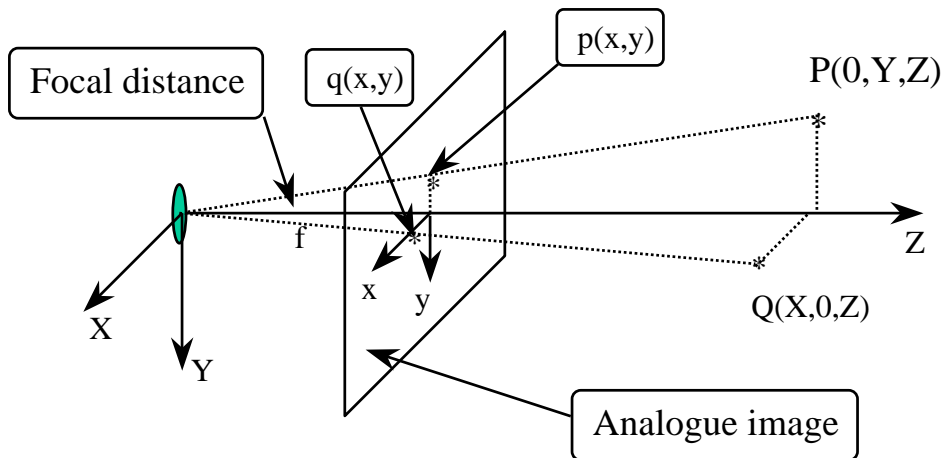
For the convenience of analysis, we can consider that the image plane is at the position $(0, 0, f)$ instead of the position $(0, 0, -f)$. This will not change the geometric relations of content inside an image.



Geometric Relationship Between An Object and Its Analogue Image

Step 5: Geometric model:

From the similitude of triangles, we can find out the relationships between the 3D coordinates (X,Y,Z) and image coordinates (x,y).



For x and X coordinates:

$$\frac{x}{X} = \frac{f}{Z}$$

$$x = f \cdot \frac{X}{Z}$$

For y and Y coordinates:

$$\frac{y}{Y} = \frac{f}{Z}$$

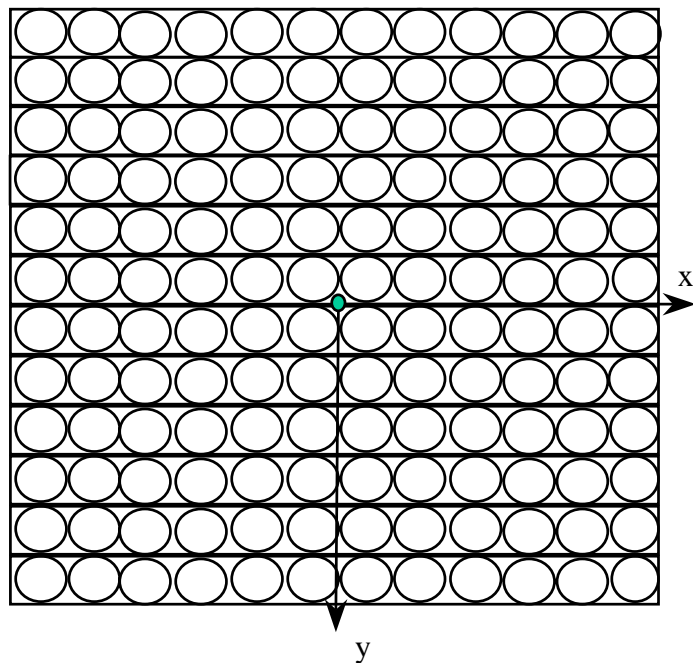
$$y = f \cdot \frac{Y}{Z}$$



Geometric Modeling of Digital Image

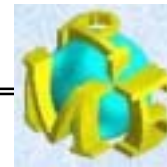
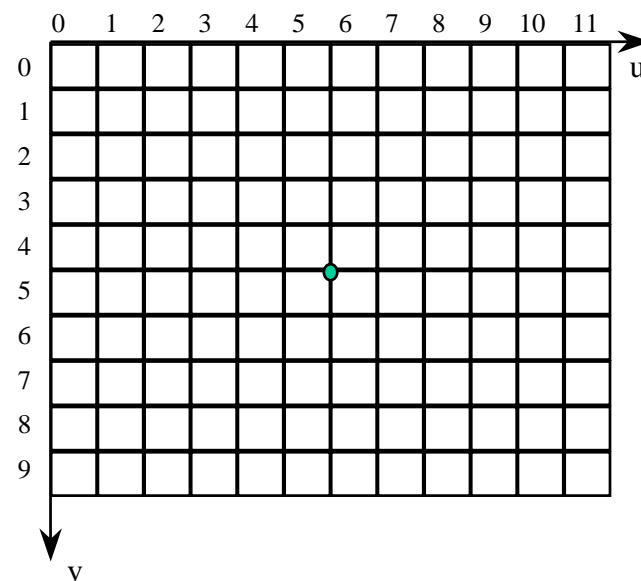
Step 1: Input:

Analogue image (with oxy coordinate system).



Step 2: Output:

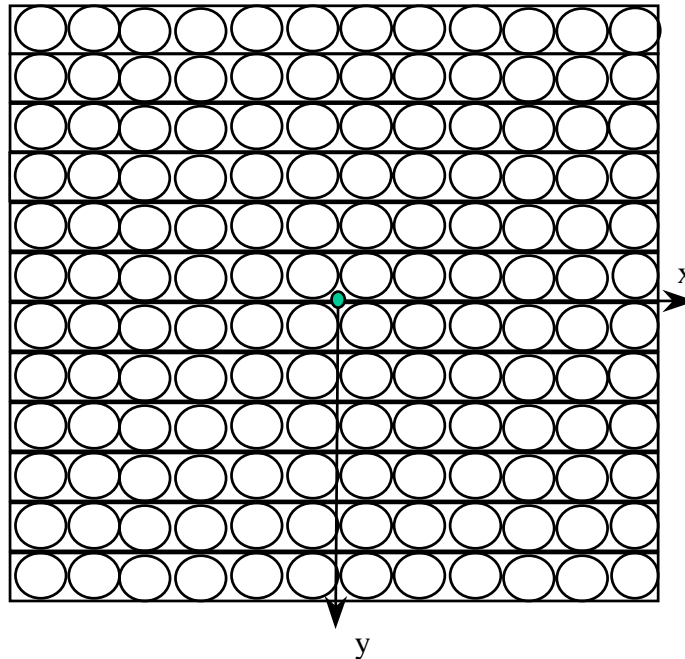
Digital image (with uv coordinate system).

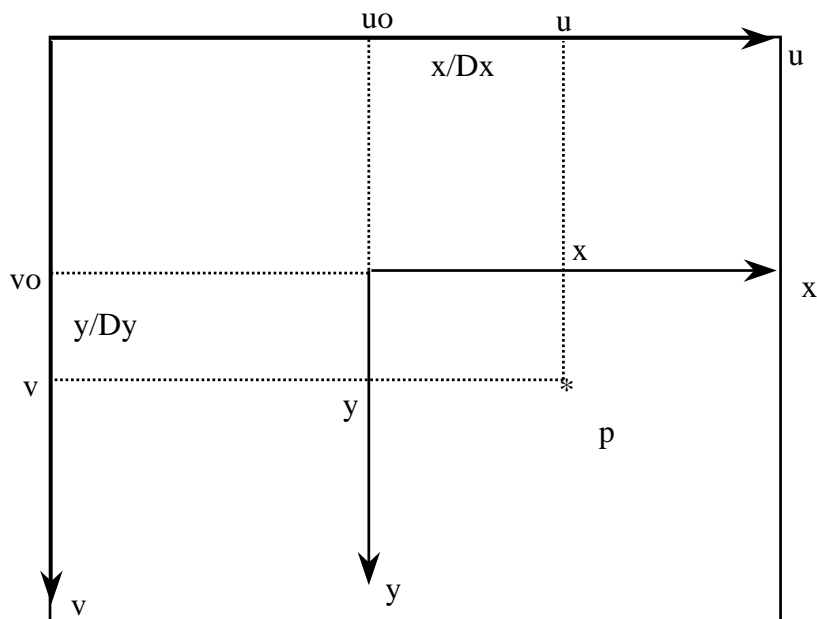


Geometric Modeling of Digital Image

Step 3: Digitization parameters:

- spacing between rows is : D_y (mm)
- spacing between columns is : D_x (mm)



Geometric Modeling of Digital ImageStep 4: Geometric model:

$$u = u_0 + \frac{x}{D_x}$$

$$v = v_0 + \frac{y}{D_y}$$

(x, y) are called the real coordinates of an image point in the analogue image.

(u, v) are called the index coordinates of an image point in the digital image.

Example: $D_x = 0.01\text{mm/pixel}$

$x = 1\text{ mm}$

$u_0 = 128$

$u = ?$



We now know:

1. How is an digital image created ?
2. How to relate a 3D object coordinate to its corresponding 2D image coordinate ?

Question:

How to process digital images in order to know:

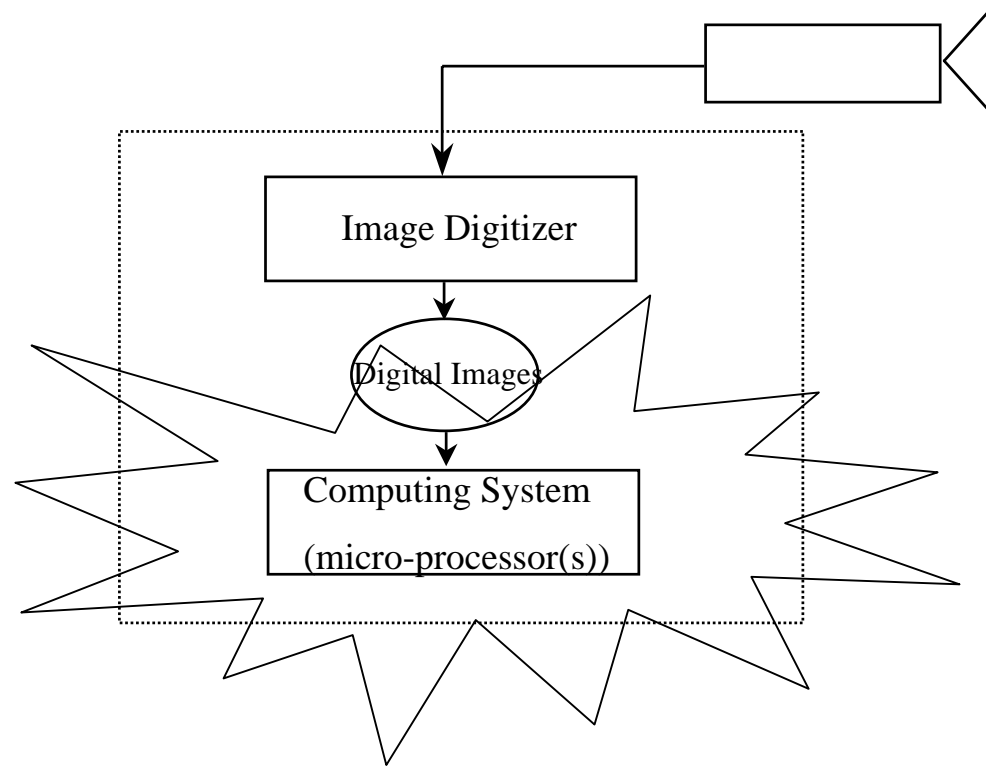
1. Where is an object inside an image plane ?
2. What is an object inside an image plane ?



What to use for image processing ?

ANSWER:

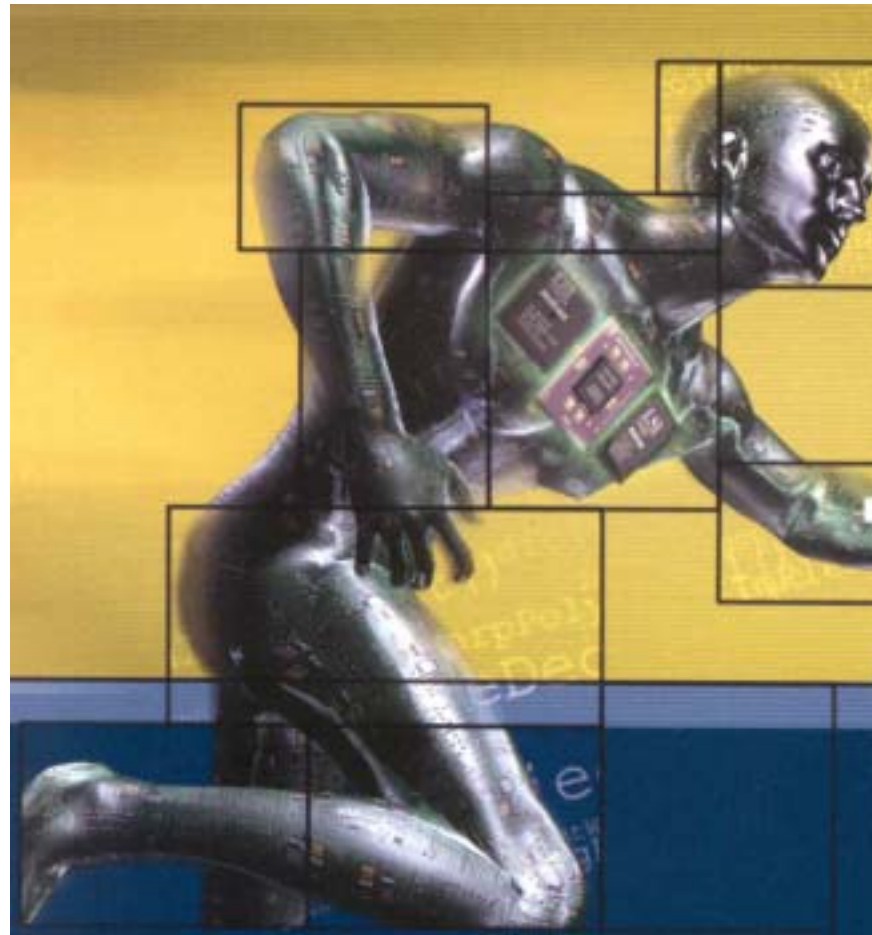
To use Computing System !



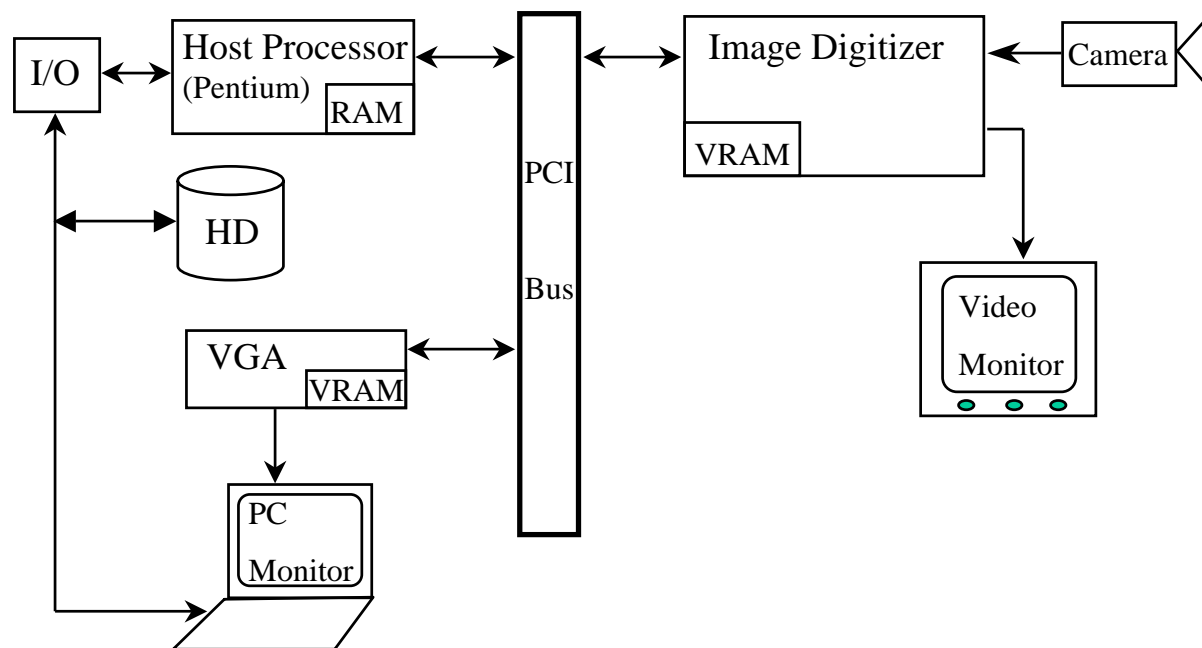
What are the common computing systems for machine vision ?

ANSWER:

- 1) Host processor system
- 2) pipeline system
- 3) DSP system
- 4) MIMD parallel system



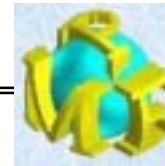
1. Host Processor System

Configuration:Components:

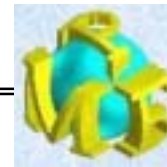
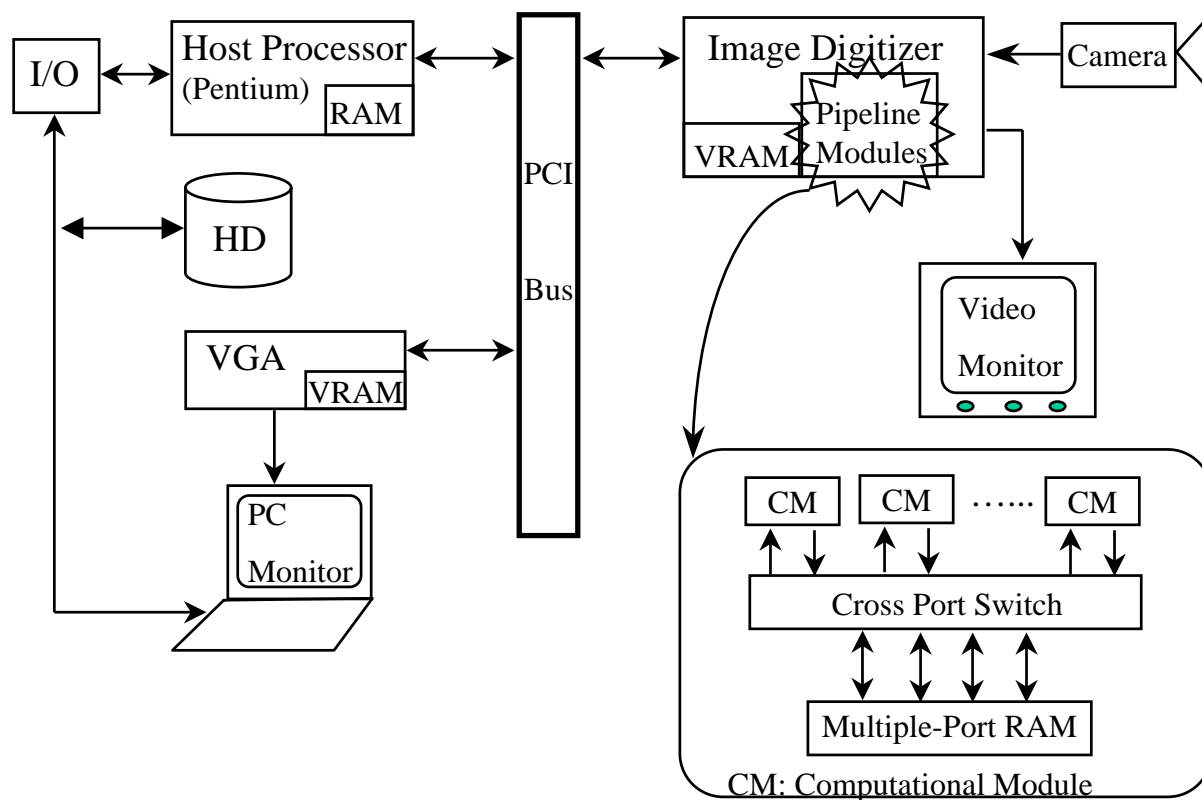
- Image digitizer;
- Host processor (eg, Pentium);
- PCI bus;
- VGA + PC Monitor;

Development Software:

- Win95, Win NT or UNIX.
- C/C++ programming language.
- image and graphics libraries.



2. Pipeline System

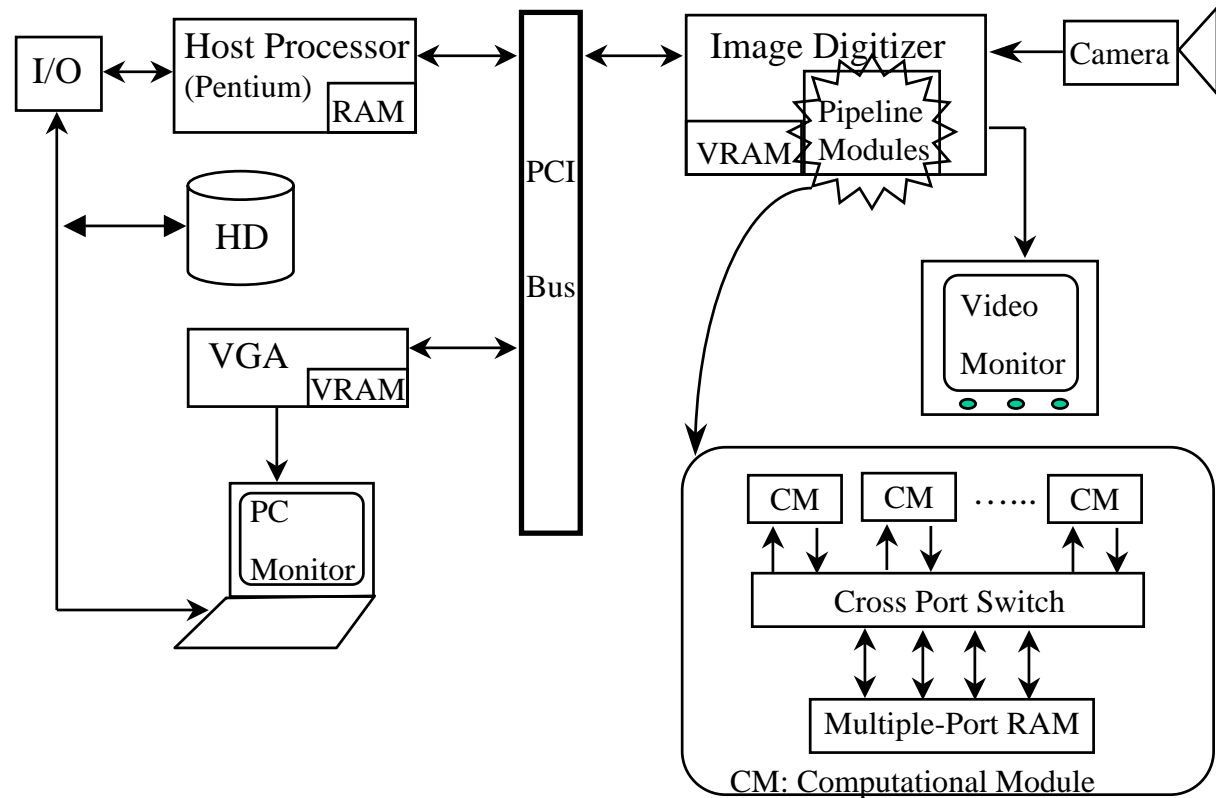
Configuration:

Components:

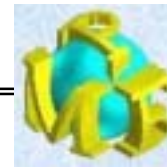
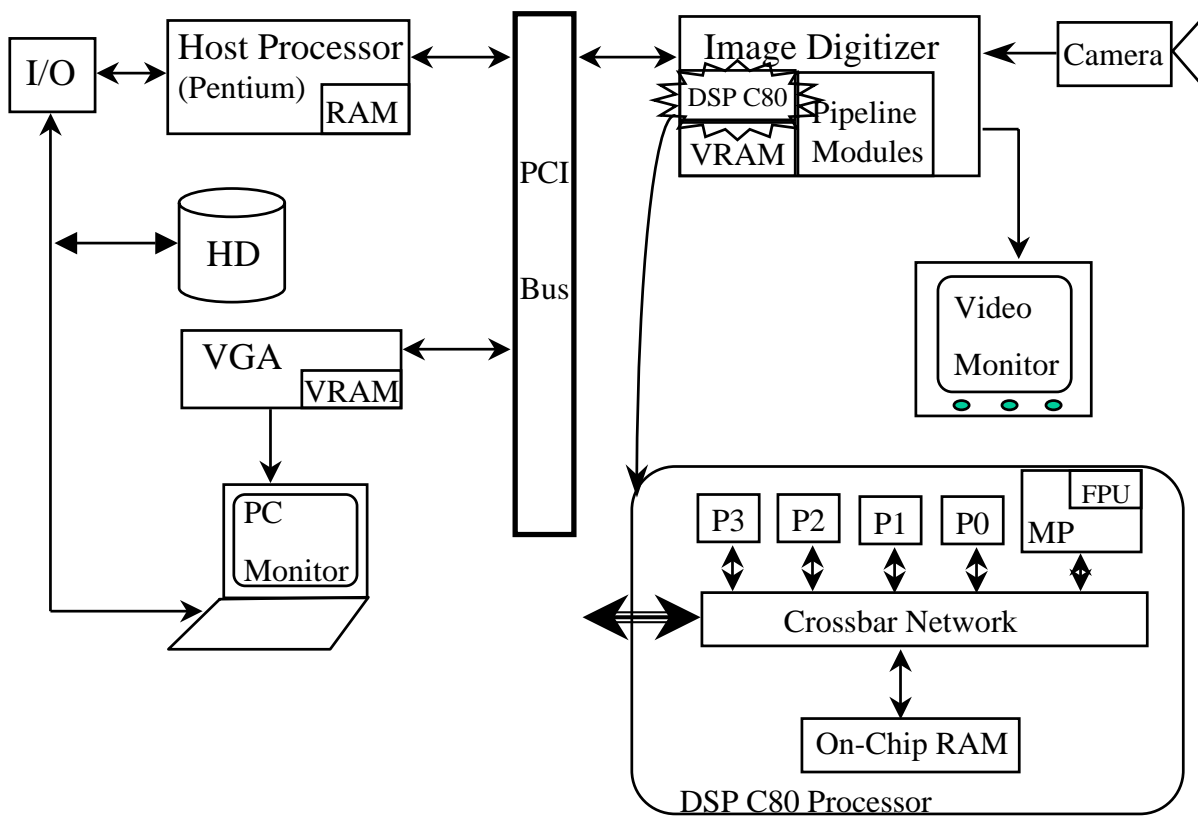
- Image digitizer;
- Cross port switch;
- Multiple port memory;
- Multiple computational modules;

Development Software:

- Win95, Win NT or UNIX.
- C/C++ programming language.
- image and graphics libraries.



3. DSP System

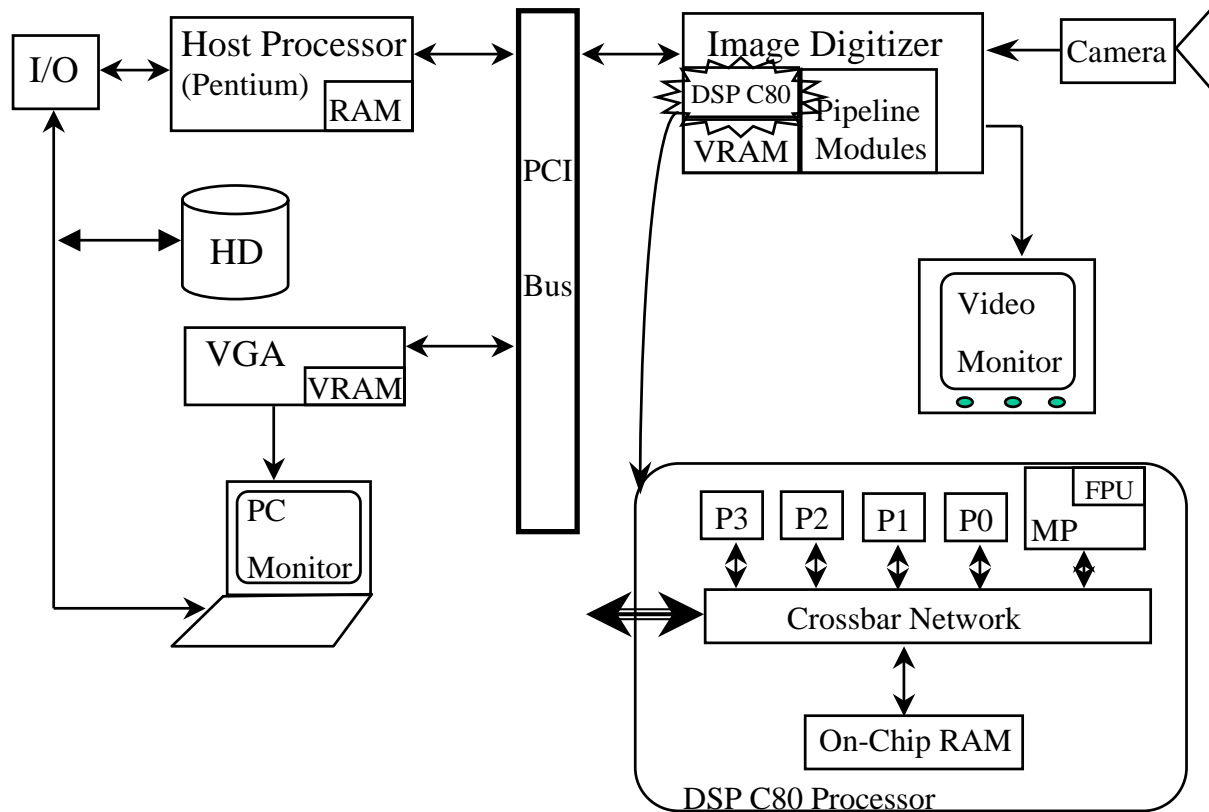
Configuration:

Components:

- Image digitizer;
- MP: Master Processor;
- FPU: Floating point unit;
- P0-3: Parallel processors;

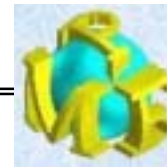
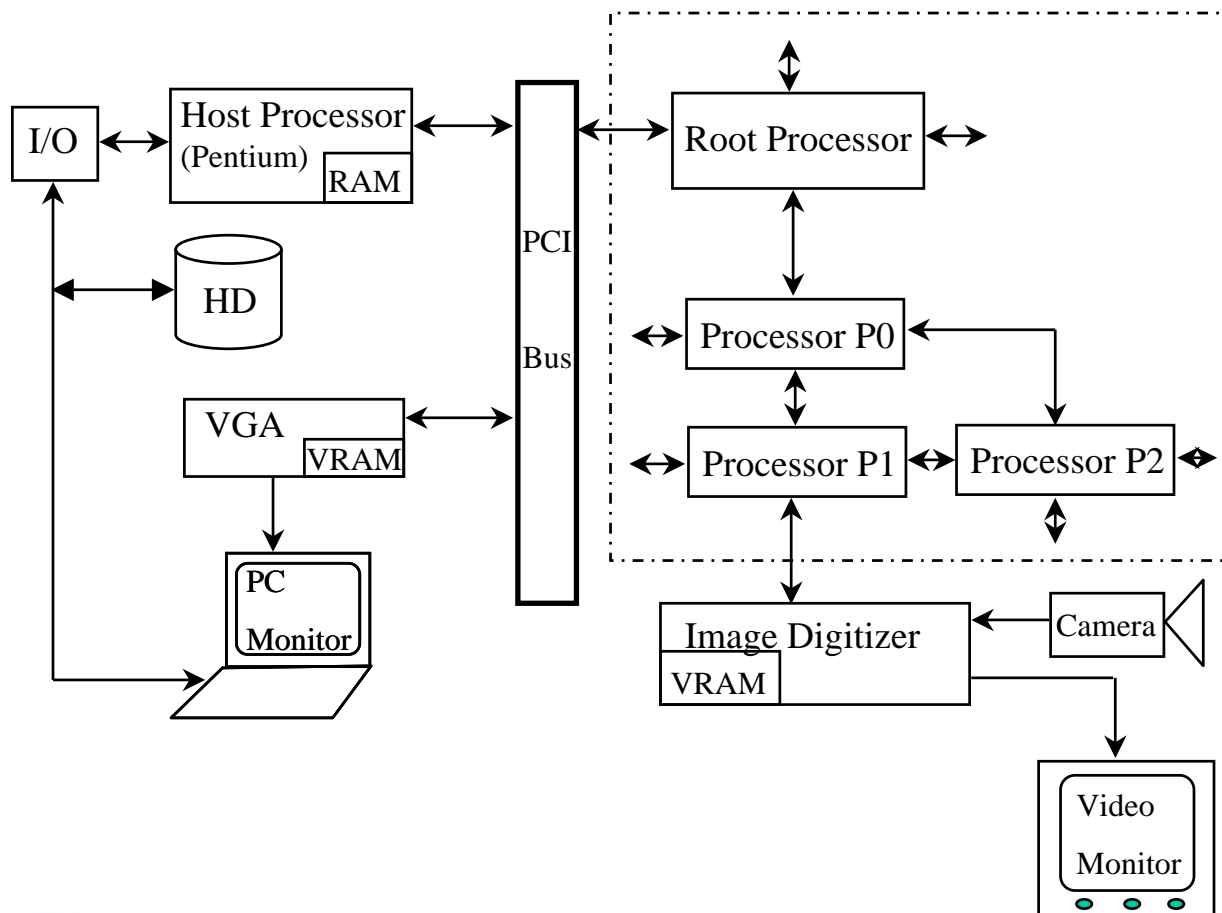
Development Software:

- Win95, Win NT or UNIX.
- TI (Texas Instrument) C programming language.
- image and graphics libraries.



4. MIMD Parallel System

(MIMD: Multiple Instructions and Multiple Data)

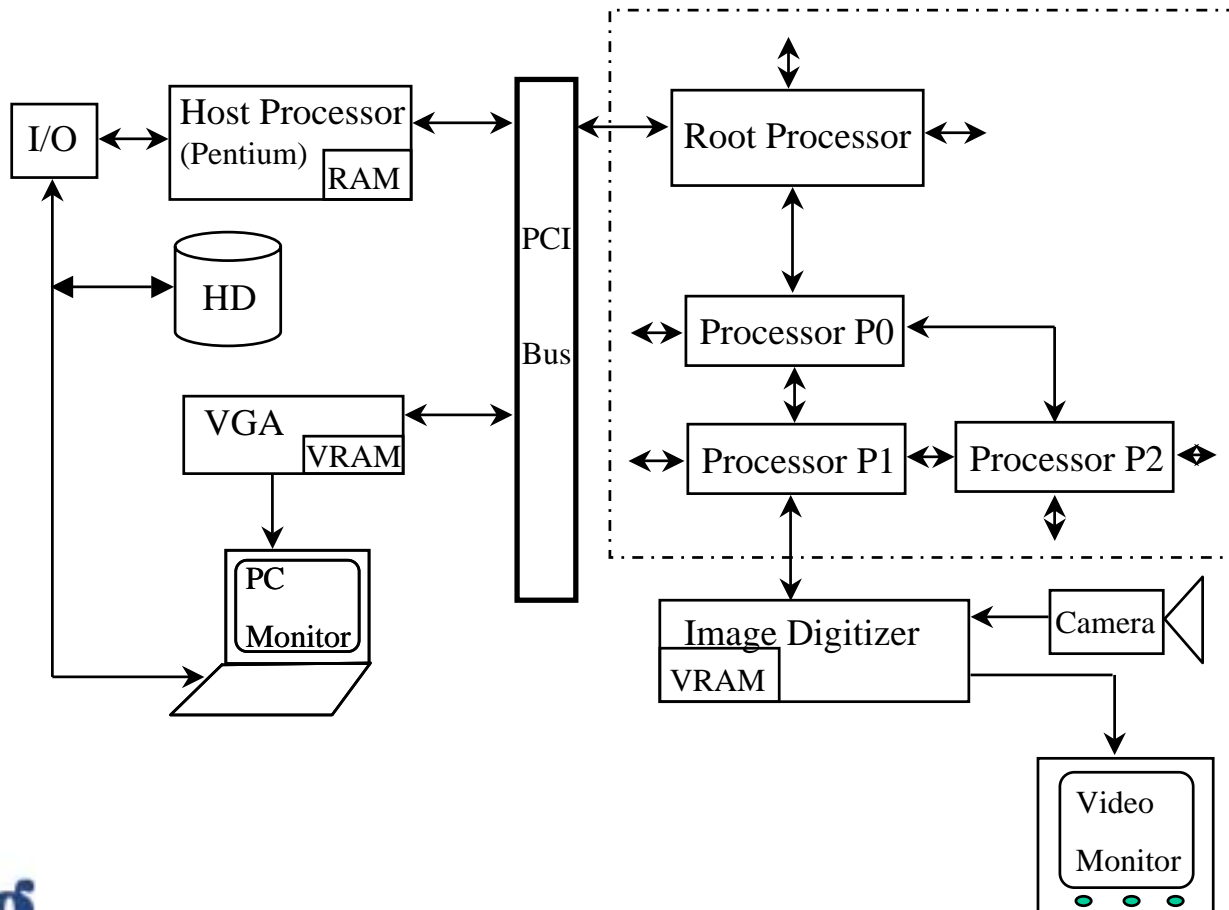
Configuration:

Components:

- Image digitizer;
- Parallel processors: Root, P0-2;
- Data links between parallel processors;

Development Software:

- Win95, Win NT or UNIX
- Parallel C
- Image and graphics libraries.



SUMMARY

1. The relationship between a 3D object coordinate and its 2D image coordinate is :

$$x = f \cdot \frac{X}{Z} \qquad y = f \cdot \frac{Y}{Z}$$

2. The relationship between the real coordinates of an image point and its index coordinates is:

$$u = u_0 + \frac{x}{D_x} \qquad v = v_0 + \frac{y}{D_y}$$

3. To process digital images, one has to use computing system.

4. There are four types of computing systems for machine vision:

- Host processor system
- Pipeline system
- DSP system
- MIMD parallel system

