

Q. A disk has **8 sectors** per track and spins at **600 rpm**. It takes the controller **10 ms** from the end of one I/O operation before it can issue a subsequent one. How long does it take to read all 8 sectors using the following interleaving systems?

- (a) No interleaving
- (b) Single interleaving
- (c) Double interleaving

Ans:

► Interleaving is when sectors are arranged in alternate order.

- (a) When there is **no interleaving** then sectors would be like this

$S1 \rightarrow S2 \rightarrow S3 \rightarrow S4 \rightarrow S5 \rightarrow S6 \rightarrow S7 \rightarrow S8$

► We know,

In 60 sec disk revolves 600 rotations. [600 RPM]

In 1 sec disk revolves $600/60 = 10$ rotation.

For 10 rotations it requires 1000 ms [1 sec = 1000 ms]

For 1 rotation it requires $1000/10 = 100$ ms

Total time spend on each sector = $100/8 = 12.5$ ms [$1/8^{\text{th}}$ of the track = $100/8$]

The time it takes to load another request is 10ms that is less than 12.5ms

In first request it read sector **S1** then while the disk is spinning the controller went to fetch another request. And **10msec** are waste out of **12.5msec** that means more than half of the **S2** had already passed therefore the heads to rotate again to fetch **S2**. So will be the case of all **8 sectors** meaning it will take **8 revolutions** while each revolution takes **100 msec** and that would be **800 msec**.

- (b) When there is **Single Interleaving** then the sectors would be arranged in the order

$S1 \rightarrow S5 \rightarrow S2 \rightarrow S6 \rightarrow S3 \rightarrow S7 \rightarrow S4 \rightarrow S8$

therefore in 1 revolution 4 sectors will be read and

in 2 revolutions $4 \times 2 = 8$ sectors will be read

for 1 rotation it takes 100msec

therefore for 2 rotations it takes $100 \times 2 = 200$ msec.

- (c) When there is **Double Interleaving** then the sectors would be arranged in

$S1 \rightarrow S4 \rightarrow S7 \rightarrow S2 \rightarrow S5 \rightarrow S8 \rightarrow S3 \rightarrow S6$

therefore only 3 sectors will be read in 1 revolution.

for 1 rotations it takes 100msec

for 3 rotations it takes $100 \times 3 = 300$ msec.

but $360/8$ is 45 degrees, i.e. only $3/4$ of the disk rev is required in the 3rd revolution

so we need to multiply $100 \times 3/4$ to get the actual time needed to read the last sector **S8**. Since it comprises only $3/4$.

Upto 2nd rotations it takes 200msec.

For 3rd rotation it takes $3/4 \times 100 = 75$ msec

So total time = $200 + 75 = 275$ msec

