

Quiz 2: Storage Systems (10 points), 10 minutes (afternoon)

Consider a hard disk with maximum seek time of 12ms, patters rotating at 7200RPM, (maximum) transmission bandwidth of 100MB/sec. Assume 4KB per block.

1. [7 points] Compute the completion time and actual bandwidth for **random** access of 100MB of data. Show your work (i.e., how you derive the answer).

$$\# \text{ of blocks} = \frac{100 \text{ MB}}{4 \text{ KB/block}} = 25,600 \text{ blocks}$$

$$T_{\text{seek}} = \text{Average seek time} = \frac{1}{3} \times \text{maximum seek time} = \frac{1}{3} \times 12\text{ms} = 4\text{ms}$$

$$\text{Since time for a full rotation} = \frac{60000 \text{ ms}}{7200 \text{ rotations}} = 8.33 \text{ ms},$$

$$T_{\text{rotation}} = \text{Average rotation latency} = \frac{1}{2} \times 8.33 \text{ ms} = 4.17\text{ms}$$

$$T_{\text{transfer}} = \text{Transfer time per block} = \frac{4\text{KB}}{100 \text{ MB/sec}} \times 1000\text{ms} = 0.04\text{ms}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \# \text{ of blocks} \times (T_{\text{seek}} + T_{\text{rotation}} + T_{\text{transfer}}) = 25,600 \times (4\text{ms} + 4.17\text{ms} + 0.04\text{ms}) \\ &= 210,176\text{ms} = 210.176\text{sec} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Actual bandwidth} = \frac{100\text{MB}}{210.176 \text{ sec}} = 0.476\text{MB/sec} = 487.2107\text{KB/sec}$$

2. [3 points] Which of the time: latency or transmission time, dominates the completion time? What if the workload is changed to “**sequential** access of 100MB of data”? Explain your answer.

1. Latency time dominates when we access the data randomly since $8.17\text{ms} > 0.04\text{ms}$ for each block.

2. Transmission time will dominate the completion time when it is changed to sequential access, because it doesn't need to seek and rotate for every block of data.