CPS-360 Assignment #10, 10 points

Goal: To explore 4-way associative cache memory.

Constraint:
- all modules must have parameters (exceptions as below)
- do not prompt the user for input

Statement:

Properly documented, modular C-program (and Makefile) on the lines given below.

Goal is to model:
- L1, 4-way associative cache with 4096 cache-lines
- data-block is 64 bytes (16 32-bit words)
- address size 32 bits
- explore two policies for choosing a victim for replacement (used only when all entries in the set-in-question are in use):
  1. choose a victim at random using random number generator (random number: in range 0..3 for 4-way)
  2. replacement policy is first-in-first-out (FIFO) algorithm:
     . on a miss oldest entry in the set is the victim for replacement, (any time there is a replacement on a miss, set the cache entry age to 0 and increment the age of all other entries in the set)
     . on a hit do nothing!

Note: Be aware if index of a set is sindex, then next-set is 4 entries away, use sindex<<2 to find the correct address of set in cache!!!

Globals:

Struct for a cache line:

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#define SETS 1024
#define LINES 4
struct cacheline{
        char valid;             /* for valid/invalid entry */
        unsigned char age;      /* for age of entry */
        int tag;
};
typedef struct cacheline cache;
cache   l1[SETS * LINES];
int   reference, miss;          /* keep track of cache misses */
```

Sample input:
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0x00000000
0x11100030
0x10000020
0x11000010
0x00000000
0x11100030
0x00000000
0xfff00030
0x00000000
0x10000020
0x12100042
0x12a00050
0x12300059
0x1240005a
0x12100059
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0x1210005f
0x11100030
0x10000020
0x11000010

Sample output:

Fifo:   19 references, 8 misses
Random: 19 references, 12 misses

The program will be invoked as:

    ./nwaycache algo  < inputfile
        (eg., ./nwaycache fifo < datfile )

where inputfile is redirected to stdin (use scanf() to read address from stdin).

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Some insight using FIFO (example: not to be confused with sample output):


->> 4-way associative: tag 16 bits, setindex 10 bits, offset-in-block 6-bits.

address         tag     set     line    hit      cache action?
0x00000000      0       0       0       no      0 goes in set0-line0 (age0 0)
0x11100030      4368    0       1       no      4368  goes in set0-line1 (age0 1, age1 0)
0x10000020      4096    0       2       no      4096 goes in set0-line2 (age0 2, age1 1, age2
0)
0x11000010      4352    0       3       no      4352 goes in set0-line3 (age0 3, age1 2, age2
1, age3 0)
0x00000000      0       0               yes
0x11100030      4368    0               yes
0x00000000      0       0               yes
0xfff00030      65520   0       0       no      replaces 0 (age0 0, age1 3, age2 2, age3 1)
0x00000000      0       0       1       no      replaces 4368 (age0 1, age1 0, age2 3, age3 2)
0x10000020      4096    0               yes
0x12100042      4624    1       0       no      4624 goes in set1-line0 (age0)
0x12a00050      4768    1       1       no      4768 goes in set1-line1 (age0 1, age1 0)
0x12300059      4656    1       2       no      4656 goes in set1-line2 (age0 2, age1 1, age2
0)
0x1240005a      4672    1       3       no      4672 goes in set1-line3 (age0 3, age1 2, age2
1, age3 0)
0x12100059      4624    1               yes
0x1210005f      4624    1               yes
0x11100030      4368    0       2       no      replaces 4096 (age0 2, age1 1, age2 0, age3 3)
0x10000020      4096    0       3       no      replaces 4352 (age0 3, age1 2, age2 1, age3 0)
0x11000010      5352    0       1       no      replaces 65520 (age0 1, age1 3, age2 2, age3 1
)

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Try small/meaningful modules like:

    int main(void)
    int checkargs()
    void usage()
    int isahit(?)
    int isamiss(?)
    void initcache(void)
    void printrslts(?)
    void procesaref(?)
    void getnextref(?)
    void randomalgo(?)
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    void fifoalgo(?)
    etc.


Turn-in: Submit via BB tape archive file globalid-a10.tar containing files:
a10/Makefile and a10/a10.c

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Top level algorithm is simple:
    set-up and initialize structures and variables

    while more references to go:
       get next reference
       process next reference
       ...
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To read using scanf() till end-of-file:

   int nextref;

   while(scnaf("%x", &nextref) != EOF)
        {
                /* process nextref */
        }
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