

Algorithms and Datastructures

Cache Efficiency, Divide and Conquer

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def run(param):  
    """Processes the dataset."""  
  
    # unpack data  
    (order, data) = param  
  
    # init the sum value  
    s = 0  
  
    for index in order:  
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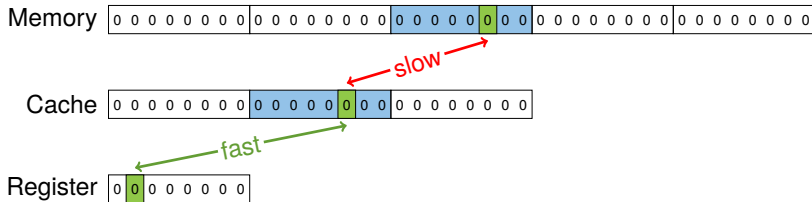
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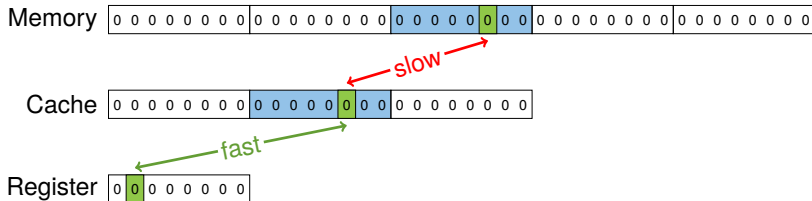


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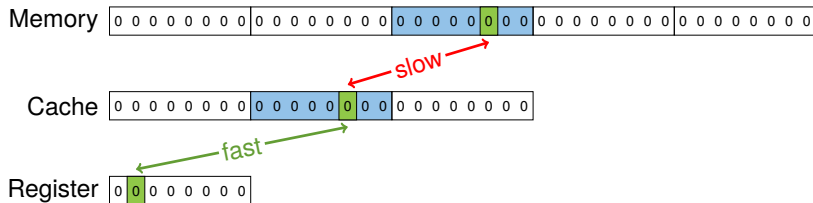


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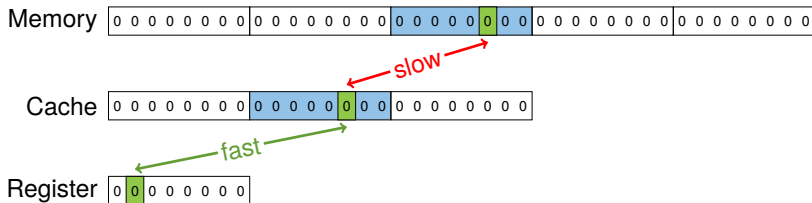
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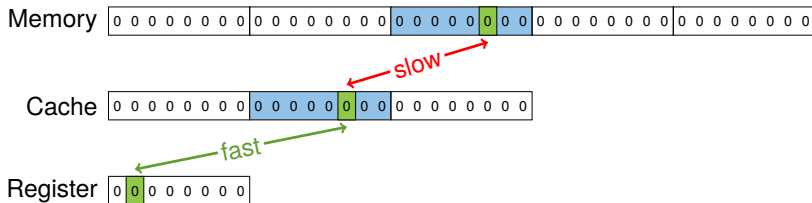


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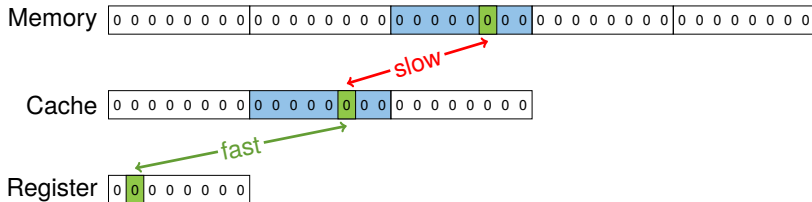


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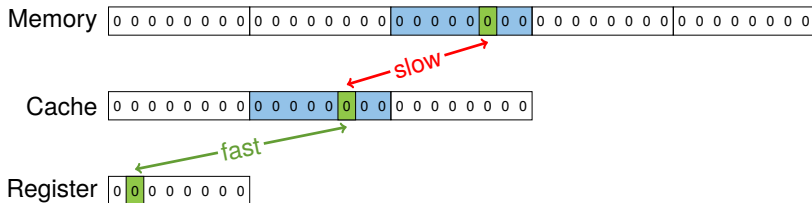
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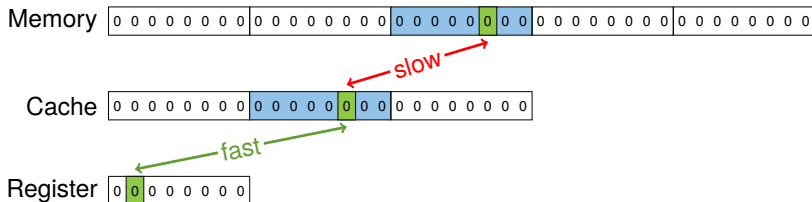
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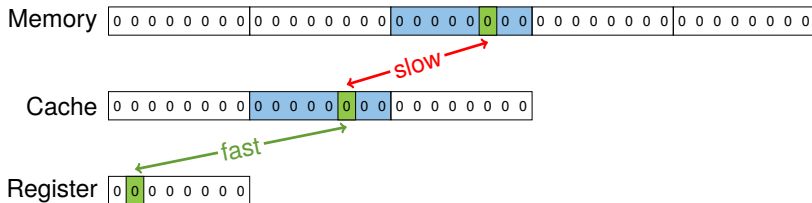
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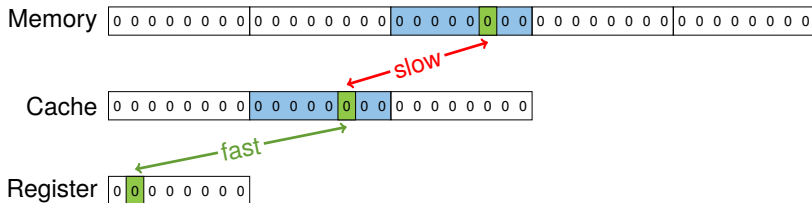
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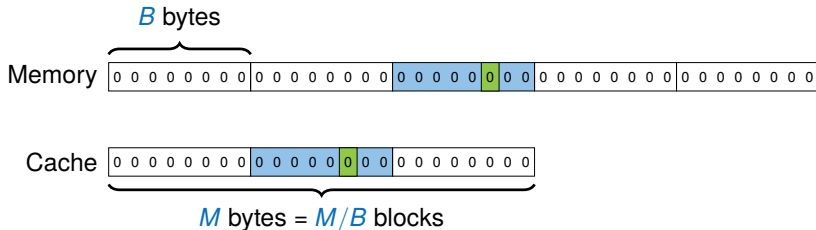


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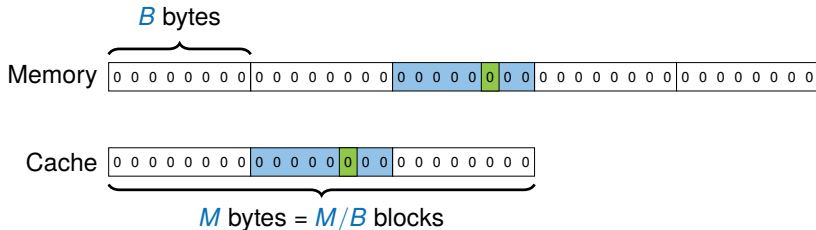
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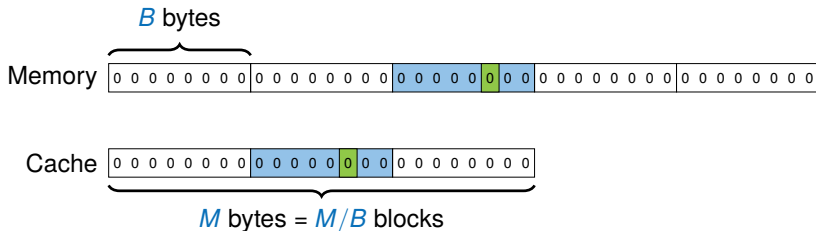
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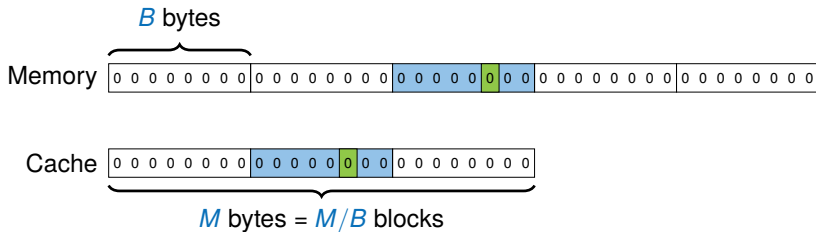


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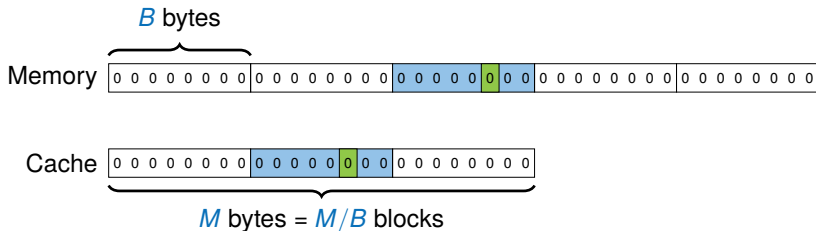
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Figure: Comparison good / bad locality

Accessing the cache B times:

- **Best case:** 1 block operation \rightarrow good locality
- **Worst case:** B block operations \rightarrow bad locality



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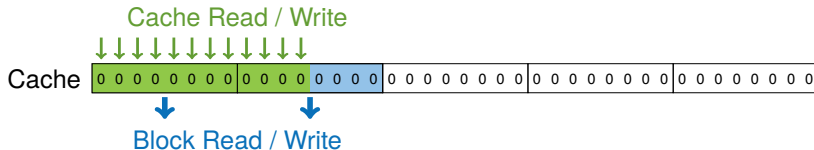


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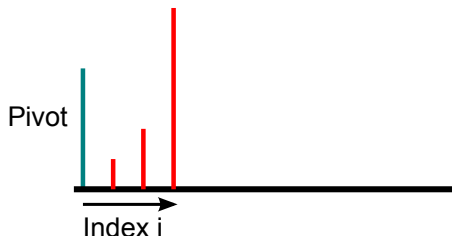
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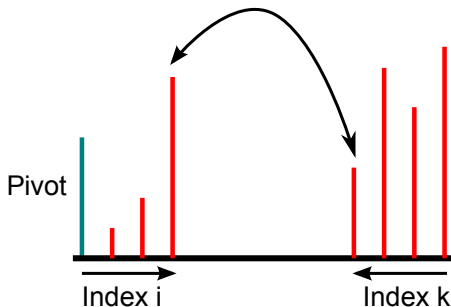
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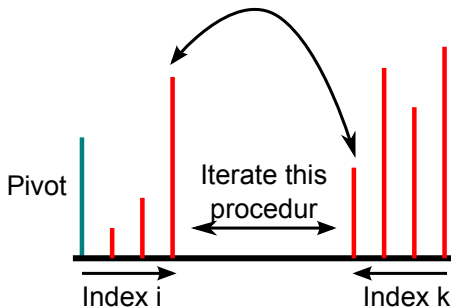
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    i = start  
    k = end  
    piv = l[0]  
  
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def quicksort(l, start, end):  
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    while k > i:  
        while l[i] <= piv and i <= end and k > i:  
            i += 1  
        while l[k] > piv and k >= start and k >= i:  
            k -= 1  
  
        if k > i: # swap elements  
            (l[i], l[k]) = (l[k], l[i])  
  
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    else:  
        # divide problem into subproblems  
        # P1, P2, ..., Pk with k>=2  
        S1 = solve(P1)  
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Figure: Stock value over time



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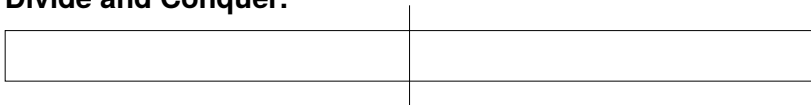
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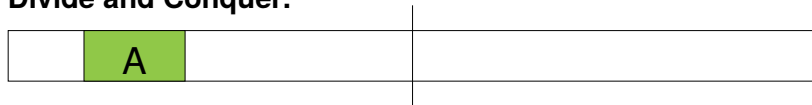
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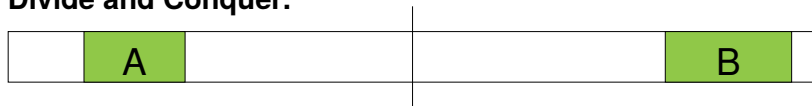
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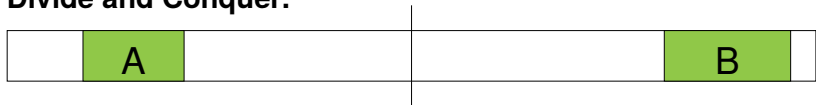
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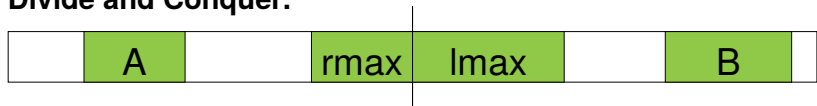
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def maxSubArray(X, i, j):  
    if i == j: # trivial case  
        return (X[i], i, i)  
  
    # recursive subsolutions for A, B  
    m = (i + j) / 2  
    A = maxSubArray(X, i, m)  
    B = maxSubArray(X, m + 1, j)  
  
    # rmax and lmax for corner case C  
    C1, C2 = rmax(X, i, m), lmax(X, m + 1, j)  
    C = (C1[0] + C2[0], C1[1], C2[1])  
  
    # compute solution from results A, B, C  
    return max([A, B, C], key=lambda i: i[0])
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