Algorithms and Data Structures Cache Efficiency, Divide and Conquer

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- Today we will see examples where this is not suitable

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Example:

- ▶ We sum up all elements of an array a of size n in . . .
 - natural order:

$$sum(a) = a[1] + a[2] + \cdots + a[n]$$

random order:

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    data = [random.random() for a in order]
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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:
        s += data[index]
    return s
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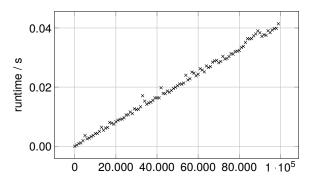


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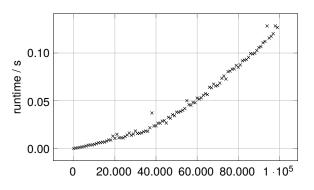


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- The costs in terms of memory access are very different

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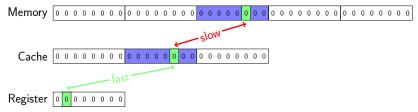
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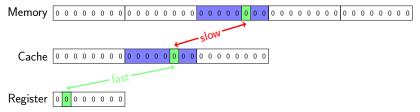
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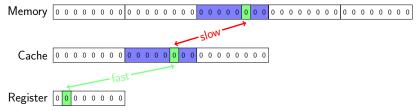
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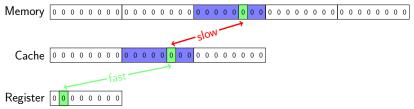
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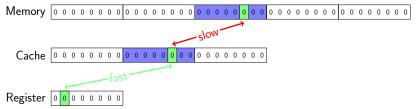
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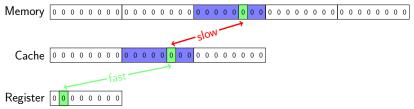
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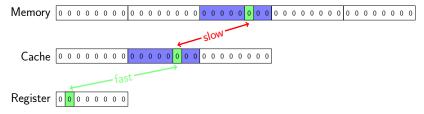
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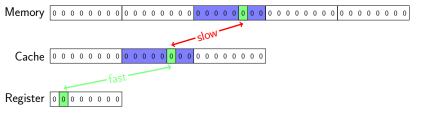


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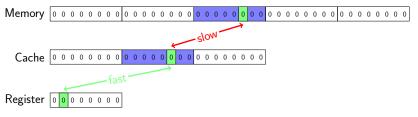
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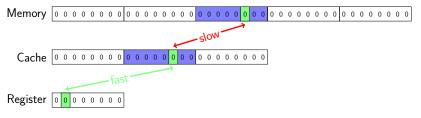
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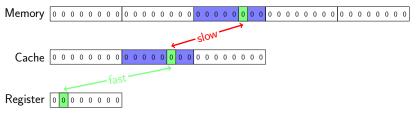
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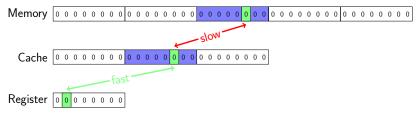
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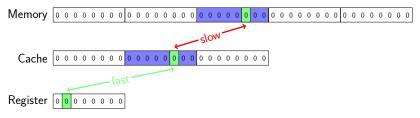
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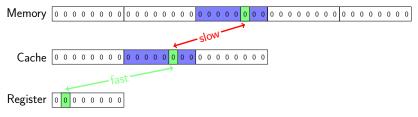
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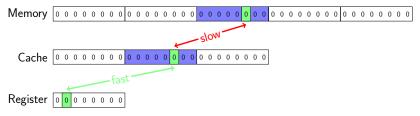
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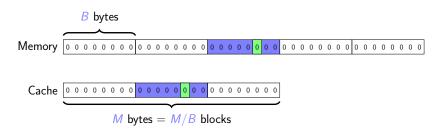
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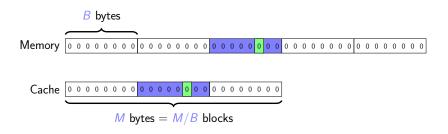


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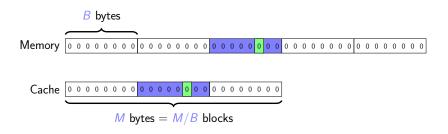
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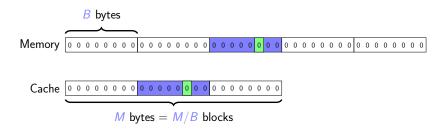
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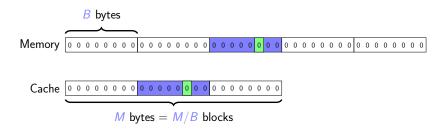
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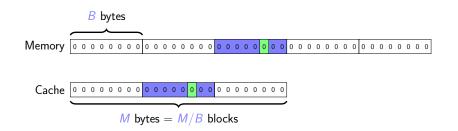
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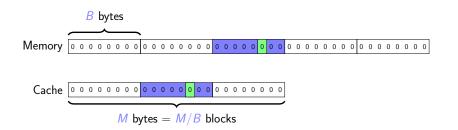


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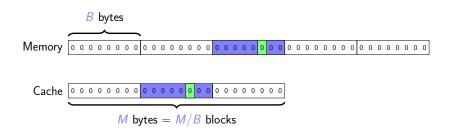
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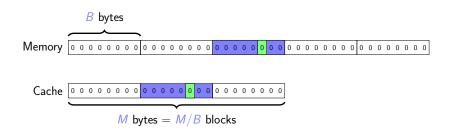
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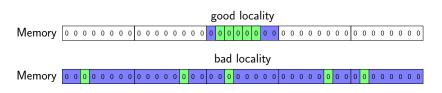


Figure: comparison good / bad locality

Accessing the cache B times:

- ▶ Best case: 1 block operation → good locality
- Worst case: B block operations → bad locality

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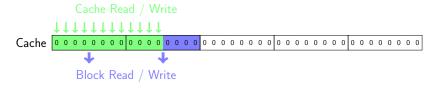


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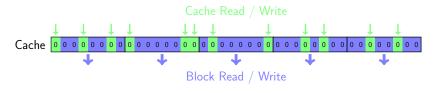


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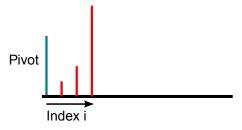
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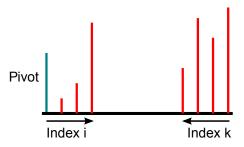
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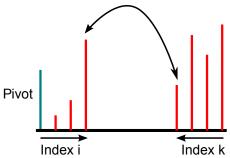
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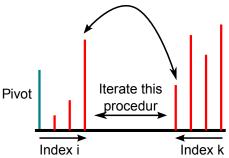
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      return

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   k = end
   piv = l[start]</pre>
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   def quicksort(l, start, end):
     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
         (1[i], 1[k]) = (1[k], 1[i])
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     quicksort(l, start, k - 1)
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$$\leq A \cdot n + 2\left(A \cdot \frac{n}{2} + 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$= 2A \cdot n + 4 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$$

$$\leq 3A \cdot n + 8 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right)$$

$$\leq \cdots$$

$$\leq k \cdot A \cdot n + 2^k \cdot T(1)$$

$$= \log_2 n \cdot A \cdot n + n \cdot T(1)$$

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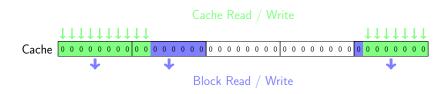


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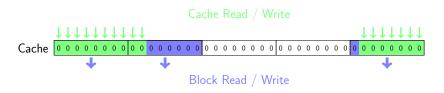


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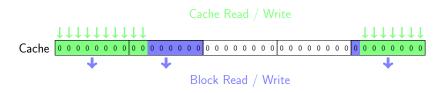


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$$\leq 2 \cdot A \cdot n/B + 4 \cdot IO(n/4)$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot A \cdot n/B + 8 \cdot IO(n/8)$$

$$\leq \cdots$$

$$\leq k \cdot A \cdot n/B + 2^k \cdot IO(n/2^k)$$

$$= \log_2(n/B) \cdot A \cdot (n/B) + n/B \cdot IO(B)$$

$$\leq \log_2(n/B) \cdot A \cdot (n/B) + A \cdot n/B \in \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{n}{B} \cdot \log_2\left(\frac{n}{B}\right)\right)$$

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Introduction - Python

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| Index | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|-------|----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Value | 31 | -41 | 59 | 26 | -53 | 58 | 97 | -93 | -23 | 84 |

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Application:

► Maximum profit of buying and selling shares



Figure: stock value over time

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▶ It is hard to solve the problem in a worse way . . .

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Incremental sum instead of loop

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 $S_{i,j+1} = S_{i,j} + X[j+1] \in O(1)$ instead of $\in O(n)$

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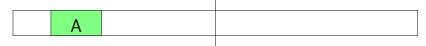
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Divide and Conquer idea to solve:

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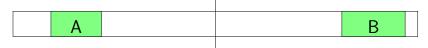
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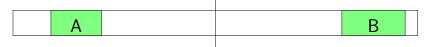
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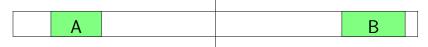
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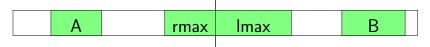
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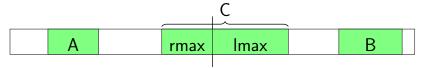
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def maxSubArray(X, i, j):
    if i == j: # trivial case
        return (X[i], i, i)
    # recursive subsolutions for A, B
    m = (i + j) // 2
    A = \max SubArray(X, i, m)
    B = \max SubArray(X, m + 1, j)
    # rmax and lmax for cornercase C
    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])
```

Further Literature

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