

ICS143B Project2 Main Memory Manager - Preliminary Document

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1. Introduction

Design/implement a main memory manager for variable size partition, including allocating memory and deallocating memory. And using simulation to compare different allocation strategies such as first-fit and best-fit.

2. Data Structure

a. PackableMemory

```
+-----+
| size |
+-----+
| memory |
+-----+
```

The PackableMemory is a structure having an integer - “size” and a byte array - “memory” for storage. It’s used to pack/unpack an integer to/from a byte array. We can treat it as an integer array.

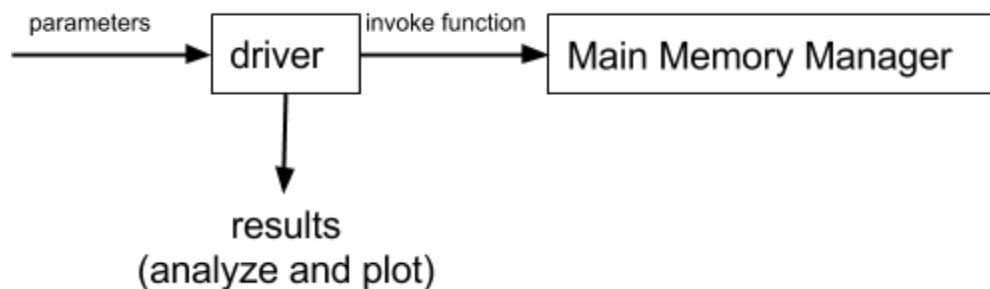
b. Main Memory Manager(MMManager)

```
+-----+
| size |
+-----+
| memory |
+-----+
| firstHole |
+-----+
| lastHole |
+-----+
```

The MMManager is a structure having size, memory, firstHole and lastHole. “size” indicates the total size of the initial word-addressable memory block. “memory” is a PackableMemory(an **integer** array) of size “size”. “firstHole” is the index of first hole and “lastHole” is the index of last hole. If there is no hole, those indices are -1.

3. System Architecture

a. Overall Organization



What to vary?

- the total initial size
- distribution of request size

- steps of simulation
- allocation strategy selection

What to measure?

- average memory utilization - Occupied Block Size / Total Memory Block Size
- average search time - # holes examined / total # holes

- (1). The user invokes driver, a. **generates streams of requests and releases** using parameters, b. repeatedly invokes request/release function, c. **gather statistics** in files for each request
- (2). The driver repeats for **different parameters** and **different allocation strategies**
- (3). Analyze, plot and describe results

b. Important function in MMManager:

(1). Initiate Memory Block

input: void, output: void

- Describe:

- create a PackableMemory of input size
- initiate the left tag and right tag
- set previous and next reference
- make firstHole/lastHole reference to start index of this memory block - 0

- What data structures may be changed? MMManager.size, MMManager.memory, MMManager.firstHole, MMManager.lastHole

(2). Allocate Memory

input: request size, output: start index of allocated block

- Describe:

- choose the allocation strategy
- find the suitable empty hole using chosen strategy
- compute the start index of allocated block and initiate it
- update the old hole, including size, tag and reference
- return the start index of new allocated block

- What data structures may be changed? MMManager.size, MMManager.memory, MMManager.firstHole, MMManager.lastHole

(3). Release Memory

input: release size, output: void

- Describe:

- check left, right tag if neighbor is occupied
- based on checking result, update
 - both are occupied
 - update tags
 - add the release hole to the end of empty holes
 - left is occupied but right is not - merge with right hole
 - update tags
 - move right hole reference to the current hole
 - right is occupied but left is not - merge with left hole
 - update tags
 - both are empty holes - merge with left and right hole
 - update tags

- remove right hole

- What data structures may be changed? MManager.size, MManager.memory, MManager.firstHole, MManager.lastHole

c. Important function in Driver:

(1). Generate Next Request Size

input: mean, deviation, maximum, output: randomized request size

- Describe:

- apply Gaussian distribution
- discard values outside of valid memory sizes

- What data structures may be changed? MManager

(2). Record Memory Utilization

Input: void, Output: void

- Describe:

- add up block sizes, divide by total memory size at each iteration
- compute average from each release for all iterations

(3). Record Average Search Time

Input: void, Output: void

- Describe:

- compute (# holes examined) / (total # holes)
- compute average from each request for all iterations

(4). Select release Block

input: allocatedBlocks, output: index of release block in allocatedBlocks

- Describe:

- get the size k of allocated blocks
- choose a random number p between 1 and k
- release block recorded at position p of allocatedBlocks

- What data structures may be changed? MManager

4. Test Cases

(1). Initiate Memory Block and Request Memory

Input:

```
init(100);
int n = 10;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    request(10);
```

Result:

```
Init 100 in [0,400]
Request 10 in [352,400], and the block start index is: 356
Request 10 in [304,352], and the block start index is: 308
Request 10 in [256,304], and the block start index is: 260
Request 10 in [208,256], and the block start index is: 212
Request 10 in [160,208], and the block start index is: 164
Request 10 in [112,160], and the block start index is: 116
Request 10 in [64,112], and the block start index is: 68
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Request 10 in [16,64], and the block start index is: 20

Request 10, but insufficient memory

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(2). Release Memory

A. both left and right are occupied:

Input:

```
init(100);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
release(B);
```

Result:

```
Init 100 in [0,400]  
Request 10 in [352,400], and the block start index is: 356  
Request 10 in [304,352], and the block start index is: 308  
Request 10 in [256,304], and the block start index is: 260  
Request 10 in [208,256], and the block start index is: 212  
Release 10 in [304,352]
```

B. left is occupied but right is not:

Input:

```
init(100);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
release(A);  
release(B);
```

Result:

```
Init 100 in [0,400]  
Request 10 in [352,400], and the block start index is: 356  
Request 10 in [304,352], and the block start index is: 308  
Request 10 in [256,304], and the block start index is: 260  
Request 10 in [208,256], and the block start index is: 212  
Release 10 in [352,400]  
Release 10 in [304,400]
```

C. right is occupied but left is not:

Input:

```
init(100);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
request(10);  
release(C);  
release(B);
```

Result:

```
Init 100 in [0,400]
```

Request 10 in [352,400], and the block start index is: 356
 Request 10 in [304,352], and the block start index is: 308
 Request 10 in [256,304], and the block start index is: 260
 Request 10 in [208,256], and the block start index is: 212
 Release 10 in [256,304]
 Release 10 in [256,352]

D. both are empty holes

Input:

```
init(100);
request(10);
request(10);
request(10);
request(10);
release(A);
release(C);
release(B);
```

Result:

```
Init 100 in [0,400]
Request 10 in [352,400], and the block start index is: 356
Request 10 in [304,352], and the block start index is: 308
Request 10 in [256,304], and the block start index is: 260
Request 10 in [208,256], and the block start index is: 212
Release 10 in [352,400]
Release 10 in [256,304]
Release 10 in [256,400]
```

5. Pseudo Code

```
a. Driver.main(){
    for(i = 0; i < sim_step; i++){
        do{
            get size n of next request;
            mmmanager.request(n);
        } while(request successful);
        record memory utilization;
        select block p to be released;
        mmmanager.release(p);
    }

b. Driver.generateNextRequestSize(int a, int d, int totalSize){
    int size = (int) getGaussian(a, d);
    while (size < 2 || size > totalSize) {
        size = (int) getGaussian(a, d);
    }
    return size;
}

c. Driver.selectReleasedBlock(ArrayList<Integer> allocatedBlocks){
    int k = allocatedBlocks.size();
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        int p = random.nextInt(k);
        mmmanager.release(allocatedBlocks.get(p));
    }

d. MMManager.init(int size){
    // 1. create a memory block with a specific size
    totalByteSize = INTEGER_SIZE * totalSize;
    memoryBlock = new PackableMemory(totalByteSize);

    // 2. create and init the hole, then return the block start index
    createAndInitHole(0, false, totalSize
        - DIFF_BETWEEN_HOLESIZE_AND_BLOCKSIZE, -1, -1);
}

e. MMManager.createAndInitHole(int holeStartIdx, boolean occupied,
    int blockSize, int prev, int next) {
    int tag = occupied ? blockSize : -blockSize;

    // 1. set the tag
    // left tag
    memoryBlock.pack(tag, holeStartIdx);
    // right tag
    int rightTagOffset = INTEGER_SIZE * (TAG_SIZE + blockSize);
    memoryBlock.pack(tag, holeStartIdx + rightTagOffset);

    // 2. set reference
    // prev
    memoryBlock.pack(prev, holeStartIdx + INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);
    // next
    memoryBlock.pack(next, holeStartIdx + INTEGER_SIZE
        * (TAG_SIZE + PREV_INDEX_SIZE));

    // 3. set firstHole/lastHole
    firstHole = 0;
    lastHole = 0;
}

f. MMManager.request(int size) {
    // 1. run algorithm to find suitable memory block
    int holeStartIdx = bestFit(size);
    if (holeStartIdx == -1) {
        System.out.println("Request " + size + ", but insufficient memory");
        return -1;
    }

    // keep track of prev/next hole for future update
    int prevHole = getPrevHole(holeStartIdx);
    int nextHole = getNextHole(holeStartIdx);

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// if has sufficient memory, create a memory with input size
// 2. compute the startIdx of new hole
int newHoleEndIdx = getHoleEndFromHoleStart(holeStartIdx);
int newHoleStartIdx = newHoleEndIdx - INTEGER_SIZE
    * (getHoleSizeFromBlockSize(size));

// 3. init the new block - blockSize
memoryBlock.pack(size, newHoleStartIdx);
memoryBlock.pack(size, newHoleEndIdx - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);

// 4. update the old hole
int remainHoleSize = (newHoleStartIdx - holeStartIdx) / 4;
int remainBlockSize = remainHoleSize
    - DIFF_BETWEEN_HOLESIZE_AND_BLOCKSIZE;

// 4.1. if hole become too small
if (remainBlockSize < 2) {
    memoryBlock.pack(size + remainHoleSize, holeStartIdx);
    memoryBlock.pack(size + remainHoleSize, newHoleEndIdx
        - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);
    newHoleStartIdx = holeStartIdx;

    // remove hole
    if (prevHole != -1)
        setNextHole(prevHole, nextHole);
    if (nextHole != -1)
        setPrevHole(nextHole, prevHole);
    if (holeStartIdx == firstHole) {
        firstHole = nextHole;
    }
    if (holeStartIdx == lastHole) {
        lastHole = prevHole;
        setNextHole(lastHole, -1);
    }
} else { // 4.2. otherwise
    memoryBlock.pack(-remainBlockSize, holeStartIdx);
    memoryBlock.pack(-remainBlockSize, newHoleStartIdx - INTEGER_SIZE
        * TAG_SIZE);
}

// return start index of new block
return newHoleStartIdx + INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE;
}

g. MMManager.release(int blockIdx) {
    // 1. compute left, right if occupied
    int curHoleStart = blockIdx - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE;
    int curHoleEnd = getHoleEndFromHoleStart(curHoleStart);

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int blockSize = getBlockSize(curHoleStart);
int left;
if (curHoleStart - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE < 0)
    left = 1;
else
    left = memoryBlock.unpack(curHoleStart - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);
int right;
if (curHoleEnd + INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE > totalByteSize)
    right = 1;
else
    right = memoryBlock.unpack(curHoleEnd);

// 2. check
if (left >= 0 && right >= 0) {
    // 2.1. both are occupied
    // (1). update tag
    memoryBlock.pack(-blockSize, curHoleStart);
    memoryBlock.pack(-blockSize, curHoleEnd - INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);
    // (2). add it to the lastHole
    if (lastHole == -1) {
        setPrevHole(curHoleStart, -1);
        setNextHole(curHoleStart, -1);
        lastHole = curHoleStart;
        firstHole = lastHole;
    } else {
        setPrevHole(curHoleStart, lastHole);
        setNextHole(lastHole, curHoleStart);
        lastHole = curHoleStart;
    }
    setNextHole(lastHole, -1);

    System.out.println("Release " + blockSize + " in [" + curHoleStart
        + "," + curHoleEnd + "]");
    return curHoleStart;
} else if (left >= 0 && right < 0) {
    // 2.2. left is occupied but right is not - merge with right hole
    // rightHoleStart == curHoleEnd
    // (1). update tag - size
    int newBlockSize = blockSize + Math.abs(right) + 2 * TAG_SIZE;
    memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, curHoleStart);
    int rightHoleEnd = getHoleEndFromHoleStart(curHoleEnd);
    memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, rightHoleEnd - INTEGER_SIZE
        * TAG_SIZE);
    // (2). move right hole reference to cur
    // update reference from cur perspective
    setPrevHole(curHoleStart, getPrevHole(curHoleEnd));
    setNextHole(curHoleStart, getNextHole(curHoleEnd));
    // update reference from prev/next perspective

```



```

        setNextHole(getPrevHole(curHoleEnd), curHoleStart);
        setPrevHole(getNextHole(curHoleEnd), curHoleStart);

        if (curHoleEnd == firstHole)
            firstHole = curHoleStart;
        if (curHoleEnd == lastHole)
            lastHole = curHoleStart;

        System.out.println("Release " + blockSize + " in [" + curHoleStart
            + "," + rightHoleEnd + "]");
        return curHoleStart;
    } else if (left < 0 && right >= 0) {
        // 2.3. left is not occupied but right is - merge with left hole
        // leftHoleEnd == curHoleStart
        // (1). update tag - size
        int newBlockSize = blockSize + Math.abs(left) + 2 * TAG_SIZE;
        int leftHoleStart = getHoleStartFromHoleEnd(curHoleStart);
        memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, leftHoleStart);
        memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, curHoleEnd - INTEGER_SIZE
            * TAG_SIZE);

        System.out.println("Release " + blockSize + " in [" + leftHoleStart
            + "," + curHoleEnd + "]");
        return leftHoleStart;
    } else {
        // 2.4. both are not occupied - merge with left and right holes
        // (1). update tag - size
        int newBlockSize = blockSize + Math.abs(left) + Math.abs(right) + 4
            * TAG_SIZE;
        int leftHoleStart = getHoleStartFromHoleEnd(curHoleStart);
        int rightHoleEnd = getHoleEndFromHoleStart(curHoleEnd);
        memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, leftHoleStart);
        memoryBlock.pack(-newBlockSize, rightHoleEnd - INTEGER_SIZE
            * TAG_SIZE);
        // (2). remove right hole
        removeHole(curHoleEnd);

        System.out.println("Release " + blockSize + " in [" + leftHoleStart
            + "," + rightHoleEnd + "]");
        return leftHoleStart;
    }
}

```

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h. MMManager.firstFit(int requestSize) {
    numHoleExamined = 0;
    int curHole = firstHole;
    while (curHole >= 0) {
        numHoleExamined++;
    }
}

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        if (requestSize < getBlockSize(curHole))
            return curHole;
        curHole = getNextHole(curHole);
    }
    return -1;
}

```

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i. MMManager.bestFit(int requestSize) {
    numHoleExamined = 0;
    int curHole = firstHole;
    int minDiff = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    int returnHole = -1;

    while (curHole >= 0) {
        int blockSize = getBlockSize(curHole);
        numHoleExamined++;
        if (blockSize >= requestSize && (blockSize - requestSize) < minDiff) {
            minDiff = blockSize - requestSize;
            returnHole = curHole;
        }
        curHole = getNextHole(curHole);
    }
    return returnHole >= 0 ? returnHole : -1;
}

```

j. Help functions in MMManager:

```

public void removeHole(int curHole) {
    int prevHole = getPrevHole(curHole);
    int nextHole = getNextHole(curHole);
    if (prevHole != -1)
        setNextHole(prevHole, nextHole);
    if (nextHole != -1)
        setPrevHole(nextHole, prevHole);
    if (curHole == firstHole) {
        firstHole = nextHole;
    }
    if (curHole == lastHole) {
        lastHole = prevHole;
        setNextHole(lastHole, -1);
    }
}

public int getBlockSize(int startIdx) {
    return Math.abs(memoryBlock.unpack(startIdx));
}

```

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public int getHoleStartFromHoleEnd(int endIdx) {
    int blockSize = Math.abs(memoryBlock.unpack(endIdx - INTEGER_SIZE

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        * TAG_SIZE));
    return endIdx - INTEGER_SIZE
        * (DIFF_BETWEEN_HOLESIZE_AND_BLOCKSIZE + blockSize);
}

public int getHoleEndFromHoleStart(int startIdx) {
    int blockSize = getBlockSize(startIdx);
    return startIdx + INTEGER_SIZE
        * (blockSize + DIFF_BETWEEN_HOLESIZE_AND_BLOCKSIZE);
}

public int getHoleSizeFromBlockSize(int blockSize) {
    return blockSize + DIFF_BETWEEN_HOLESIZE_AND_BLOCKSIZE;
}

public int getPrevHole(int curHole) {
    return memoryBlock.unpack(curHole + INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE);
}

public int getNextHole(int curHole) {
    return memoryBlock.unpack(curHole + INTEGER_SIZE
        * (TAG_SIZE + PREV_INDEX_SIZE));
}

public void setPrevHole(int curHole, int prevHole) {
    if (curHole < 0)
        return;
    int curPreReferIdx = curHole + INTEGER_SIZE * TAG_SIZE;
    memoryBlock.pack(prevHole, curPreReferIdx);
}

public void setNextHole(int curHole, int nextHole) {
    if (curHole < 0)
        return;
    int curNextReferIdx = curHole + INTEGER_SIZE
        * (TAG_SIZE + PREV_INDEX_SIZE);
    memoryBlock.pack(nextHole, curNextReferIdx);
}

public int getBlockStartIdx(int startIdx) {
    return startIdx + INTEGER_SIZE
        * (TAG_SIZE + PREV_INDEX_SIZE + NEXT_INDEX_SIZE);
}

```