

## CMPSC 132: Programming and Computation II

### Homework 5 (100 points)

Due date: April 15, 2022, 11:59 PM

**Goal:** In Modules 5 and 6 video-lectures, we discussed the linked list and hash table data structure. This homework assignment will combine both concepts to create a (heavily) modified Cache class.

#### **General instructions:**

- The work in this assignment must be your own original work and be completed alone.
- The instructor and course assistants are available on Teams and with office hours to answer any questions you may have. You may also share testing code on Teams.
- A doctest is provided to ensure basic functionality and may not be representative of the full range of test cases we will be checking. Further testing is your responsibility.
- Debugging code is also your responsibility.
- You may submit more than once before the deadline; only the latest submission will be graded.
- Remove all testing code, code that produces syntax errors and any `input()` calls before you submit your file

#### **Assignment-specific instructions:**

- Download the starter code file from Canvas. Do not change the function names or given starter code in your script.
- Each class has different requirements, read them carefully and ask questions if you need clarification. No credit is given for code that does not follow directions.
- This assignment includes multiple methods interacting with each other over the course of execution. You will need to use the tools described in module 2 for debugging.
- Value-returning methods must **return** the output, not **print** it. Code will not receive credit if you use `print` to display the output
- Do not change the string formats given or use the output of `__str__`/`__repr__` in any of the operations you were asked to complete.
- The doctest contains `<BLANKLINE>` in several lines. This line does not need to show up in your code, it simply represents the use of `\n` in the legible representations of the objects. In your output, it should show just a blank line
- Execute the entire doctest only when ready to test out all your code. For debugging, it is best to perform each call in the Python shell.
- If you are unable to complete a method, use the `pass` statement to avoid syntax errors

#### **Submission format:**

- Submit your code in a file named `HW5.py` to Gradescope before the due date.

## Section 1: What is a Cache? What are we making?

A computer cache is a part of your computer that holds data. It can be accessed very quickly but cannot hold as much information as your main memory.

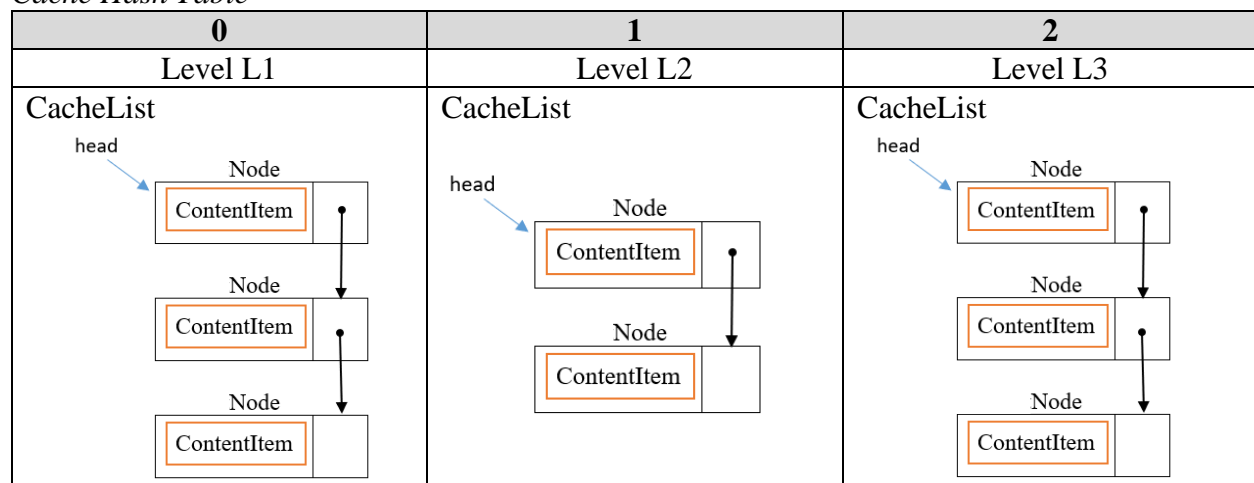
Most caches on a computer are split into different levels. Your computer will typically look for data starting at the top level (L1) and work its way down the different levels. The most frequently used information is kept in L1 cache because it's the fastest and the first level it will check.

The implementation of the cache for this project will be very simplified and would ignore some of the features of a cache you might find online – [so make sure to read this assignment document carefully.](#)

In our implementation, we will have three different levels of cache (L1, L2, L3). The overall cache structure will be implemented as a hash table using separate chaining for collision resolution, with each individual level implemented as a linked list. Content is put into different levels based on one of the content's attributes.

Visualization of the Cache, CacheLists, and ContentItems:

*Cache Hash Table*



## Section 2: The ContentItem and Node classes

The ContentItem class holds a piece of content and is described below. All methods have been implemented for you except `__hash__`. Do not modify the given code.

### Attributes

| Type | Name    | Description  |
|------|---------|--|
| int  | cid     | Stores the content id.   |
| int  | size    | Stores the size of the content as a nonnegative integer.             |
| str  | header  | Information stored by the ContentItem (used for hash function later) |
| str  | content | Information stored by the ContentItem                                |

### Special methods

| Type | Name   | Description                                 |
|------|--|---|
| None | <code>__init__(self, cid, size, header, content)</code>  | Creates a ContentItem from parameters       |
| int  | <code>__hash__(self)</code>                              | Returns the hash value for this ContentItem |
| str  | <code>__str__(self)</code> , <code>__repr__(self)</code> | String representation of this object        |
| bool | <code>__eq__(self, other)</code>                         | Checks for equality with another object     |

### `__hash__(self)` (5 pts)

Returns the hash value for this ContentItem (used by the Cache class). For this assignment, let the hash value be equal to the sum of every ASCII value in the header, modulo 3. This is the special method for the built-in method `hash(object)`, for example `hash('hello')`. Hint: the [ord\(c\)](#) method could be helpful here.

| Output |  |
|--------|--|
| int    | An integer between 0 and 2 (inclusive), based on the hash function described above |

The Node class has been implemented for you and is described below. Do not modify the given code.

### Attributes

| Type        | Name  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| ContentItem | value | Stores the value of this Node (always a ContentItem in this case) |
| Node        | next  | Points to the next Node in the linked list (defaults to None)     |

### Special methods

| Type | Name   | Description   |
|------|--|---|
| None | <code>__init__(self, content)</code>                     | Creates a new Node that holds the given ContentItem |
| str  | <code>__str__(self)</code> , <code>__repr__(self)</code> | String representation of this object                |

### Section 3: The CacheList class

The CacheList class describes a single cache level in our hierarchy, implemented as a singly linked list with a reference to the head node. Items are moved to the head every time they are added or used, creating an order in the list from most recently used to least recently used. **READ** the outline for all the methods in this class first, the *put* method should be the last one to be implemented in this class since it relies in the correctness of the other methods. A portion of your grade in this class comes from your ability to reuse code by calling other methods.

#### Attributes

| Type | Name           | Description  |
|------|----------------|--|
| Node | head           | Points to the first node in the linked list (defaults to None) |
| int  | maxSize        | Maximum size that the CacheList can store                      |
| int  | remainingSpace | Remaining size that the CacheList can store                    |
| int  | numItems       | The number of items currently in the CacheList                 |

#### Methods

| Type | Name                               | Description                             |
|------|------------------------------------|---|
| str  | put(self, content, evictionPolicy) | Adds Nodes at the beginning of the list |
| str  | update(self, cid, content)         | Updates the content in the list         |
| None | mruEvict(self), lruEvict(self)     | Removes the first/last item of the list |
| str  | clear(self)                        | Removes all items from the list         |

#### Special methods

| Type | Name                          | Description                                       |
|------|-------------------------------|---|
| None | __init__(self, size)          | Creates a new CacheList with a given maximum size |
| str  | __str__(self), __repr__(self) | String representation of this object              |
| int  | __len__(self)                 | The number of items in the CacheList              |
| bool | __contains__(self, cid)       | Determines if a content with cid is in the list   |

#### **put(self, content, evictionPolicy)**

**(15 pts)**

5 pts for addition at the beginning of the list,

10 pts for complete functionality from the HashTable class

Adds nodes at the beginning of the list and evicts items as necessary to free up space. If the content is larger than the maximum size, do not evict anything. Otherwise, if there is currently not enough space for the content, evict items according to the eviction policy. If the content id exists in the list prior the insertion, new content is not added into the list, but the existing content is moved to the beginning of the list.

| Input       |                |   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| ContentItem | content        | The content item to add to the list                 |
| str         | evictionPolicy | The desired eviction policy (either 'lru' or 'mru') |

| Output |   |
|--------|---|
| str    | 'INSERTED: <i>contentItem</i> ' if insertion was successful   |
| str    | 'Insertion not allowed' if content size > maximum size  |
| str    | 'Content { <i>id</i> } already in cache, insertion not allowed' if <i>id</i> is already present in the list |

**\_\_contains\_\_(self, cid) (15 pts)**

Finds a ContentItem from the list by id, moving the ContentItem to the front of the list if found. This is the special method for the **in** operator to allow the syntax *cid in object*.

| Input |     |                                       |
|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| int   | cid | The id to search for in the CacheList |

| Output |  |
|--------|--|
| bool   | True if the matching ContentItem is in the list, False otherwise |

**update(self, cid, content) (10 pts)**

Updates a ContentItem with a given id in the list. If a match is found, it is moved to the beginning of the list and the old ContentItem is entirely replaced with the new ContentItem. You cannot assume the size of the new content will be the same as the content in the list, thus, you must check that there is enough remainingSpace to perform the update. The update is not completed if the change results on exceeding the maxSize of the list, but the match is moved at the beginning of the list.

| Input       |         |  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| int         | cid     | The id to search for in the CacheList              |
| ContentItem | content | The values to update the existing ContentItem with |

| Output |  |
|--------|--|
| str    | 'UPDATED: <i>contentItem</i> ' if update was successful                          |
| str    | 'Cache miss!' is returned if no match is found or the update exceeds the maxSize |

**lruEvict(self) / mruEvict(self) (10 pts each)**

Removes the last (least recently used) or the first (most recently used) item of the list

| Output |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| None   | This function returns nothing. |

**clear(self) (5 pts)**

Removes all items from the list.

| Output |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| str    | 'Cleared cache!' |

## Section 4: The Cache class

The Cache class describes the overall cache, implemented as a hash table. It contains three CacheLists which actually store the ContentItems. Hash values of 0 correspond with the first CacheList (L1), 1 with L2, and 2 with L3.

| 0              | 1              | 2              |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Level L1       | Level L2       | Level L3       |
| CacheList(200) | CacheList(200) | CacheList(200) |

All methods in the Cache class will call a corresponding method in the CacheList class. For example, the *insert* method calls the *put* method from the CacheList class.

Do not change the initialization of the CacheList objects in the starter code. **You are not allowed to add any other methods in this class. Your code will not receive credit if you add other methods.**

### Attributes

| Type | Name      | Description   |
|------|-----------|---|
| list | hierarchy | List with 3 CacheList objects of size 200           |
| int  | size      | Number of levels in our hierarchy (always set to 3) |

### Methods

| Type      | Name                                  | Description                                |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| str       | insert(self, content, evictionPolicy) | Adds an item into the proper cache list    |
| (various) | updateContent(self, content)          | Updates an item from the proper cache list |
| str       | clear(self)                           | Clears all CacheLists in the hierarchy.    |

### Special methods

| Type      | Name                          | Description   |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---|
| None      | __init__(self)                | Creates a new Cache with (3) CacheLists of size 200 |
| str       | __str__(self), __repr__(self) | String representation of this object                |
| (various) | __getitem__(self, content)    | Gets an item from the proper cache list             |

## Section 4: The Cache class

### 30 pts for correct status of the Hash Table after mixed calls do insert, getitem and updateContent

#### **insert(self, content, evictionPolicy)**

Inserts a ContentItem into the proper CacheList. After using the hash function to determine which CacheList the content should go into, call that CacheList's put method to add the content.

| Input       |                |   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| ContentItem | content        | The content item to add to the list                 |
| str         | evictionPolicy | The desired eviction policy (either 'lru' or 'mru') |

| Output |  |
|--------|--|
| str    | (Return the output from the put method call) |

#### **\_\_getitem\_\_(self, content)**

Gets a ContentItem from a CacheList. After using the hash function to determine which CacheList the content should exist in, use call that CacheList's **in** operator to return the content. This is the special method to support the syntax *object[content]*

| Input       |         |                              |
|-------------|---------|------------------------------|
| ContentItem | content | The content item to retrieve |

| Output      |   |
|-------------|---|
| ContentItem | The matching ContentItem is returned if it's a cache hit (item was found) |
| str         | 'Cache miss!' is returned if it's a cache miss (item was not found)       |

#### **updateContent(self, content)**

Updates a ContentItem. After using the hash function to determine which CacheList the content would be in, call that CacheList's update method to update the content.

| Input       |         |                            |
|-------------|---------|----------------------------|
| ContentItem | content | The content item to update |

| Output      |  |
|-------------|--|
| ContentItem | The updated ContentItem is returned if it's a cache hit (item was found) |
| str         | 'Cache miss!' is returned if it's a cache miss (item was not found)      |

#### **clear(self)**

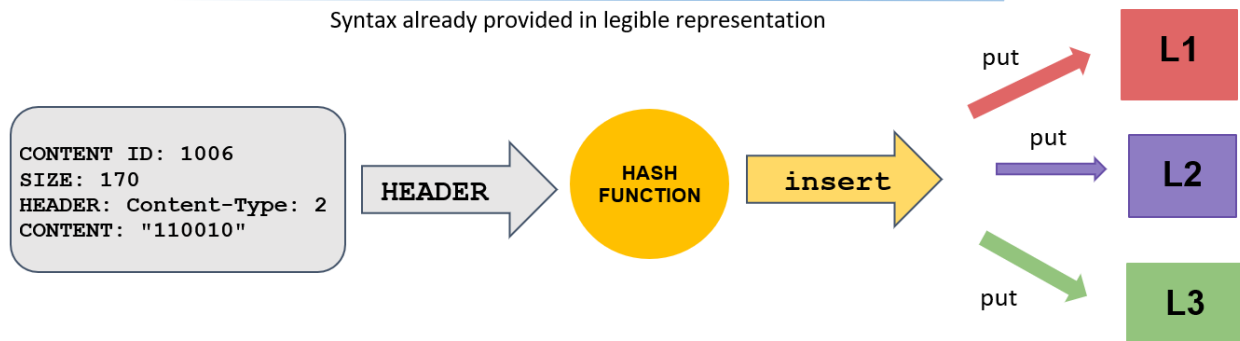
Clears all the lists in the hierarchy. This method is already implemented for you.

| Output |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| str    | 'Cache cleared!' |

## Section 4: The Cache class

```
>>> cache = Cache()
>>> content1 = ContentItem(1006, 170, "Content-Type: 2", "110010")
>>> cache.insert(content1, 'mru')
'INSERTED: CONTENT ID: 1006 SIZE: 170 HEADER: Content-Type: 2 CONTENT: 110010'
```

Syntax already provided in legible representation



```
>>> cache = Cache()
>>> content1 = ContentItem(1006, 170, "Content-Type: 2", "110010")
>>> cache.insert(content1, 'mru')
'INSERTED: CONTENT ID: 1006 SIZE: 170 HEADER: Content-Type: 2 CONTENT: 110010'
>>> cache[content1]
CONTENT ID: 1006 SIZE: 170 HEADER: Content-Type: 2 CONTENT: 110010
```

Syntax already provided in legible representation, just return the contentItem object



```
>>> cache = Cache()
>>> content1 = ContentItem(1006, 170, "Content-Type: 2", "110010")
>>> cache.insert(content1, 'mru')
'INSERTED: CONTENT ID: 1006 SIZE: 170 HEADER: Content-Type: 2 CONTENT: 110010'
>>> content5 = ContentItem(1006, 170, "Content-Type: 2", "11111111111111")
>>> cache.updateContent(content5)
'UPDATED: CONTENT ID: 1006 SIZE: 170 HEADER: Content-Type: 2 CONTENT: 11111111111111'
```

