

Assignment 4

Due November 6, 12:59pm

NOTE: Late submissions will **NOT** be accepted. Please put your solutions in the CENG 355 **drop-box** (ELW, second floor) – they will be collected at **13:00**.

1. [5 points] Consider the code portion of the matrix-vector product computation as shown below: (`float`) **128x128** matrix **A** is multiplied by (`float`) **128x1** vector **X**, producing (`float`) **128x1** result **Y** (initially all 0's).

```
for (i = 0; i < 128; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < 128; j++) {
        Y[i] = Y[i] + A[i][j]*X[j];
    }
}
```

Storing **X**, **Y**, and **A** (each `float` array element is a 4-byte number) requires $128*4 + 128*4 + 128*128*4 = \mathbf{65KB}$ of memory. If the cache (assume fully associative) is smaller than 65KB, the above code will yield many misses, considerably slowing down program execution. Alternatively, one can perform blocked computation: partition **A** into smaller blocks and perform the product computation block-by-block. If block data can fit into the cache, such blocked computation may significantly outperform the original code.

Rewrite the code fragment above using blocked computation and letting matrix **A**'s blocks be of size **64x64** (i.e., 4 blocks total). Assuming that such blocking yields the best performance, what can you say about the size of the cache?

2. [10 points] Consider a C code fragment below, modifying a given square matrix `int X[N][N]` (stored row by row, i.e., in the row-major order), where **N = 256**:

```
int average, dev;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    average = 0;
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        average = average + X[i][j]; /* sum row elements */
    }
    average = average/N; /* row average */
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        dev = X[i][j] - average; /* deviation from average */
        X[i][j] = dev*dev; /* deviation squared */
    }
}
```

Determine the x-related page fault rate in the following two cases: (1) the main memory uses **1-KB** paging with four pages allocated for **x**, and (2) the main memory uses **4-KB** paging with only one page allocated for **x**. Initially, no part of **x** is in the main memory.

3. [10 points] Consider a C code fragment below, working on a given square matrix `float x[N][N]` (stored row by row, i.e., in the row-major order), where `N = 256`:

```
float trace = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    trace = trace + X[i][i];           /* sum diagonal elements of X */
}
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        X[i][j] = X[i][j]/trace;      /* normalize elements of X */
    }
}
```

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