

Assignment 3

Due October 18, 11:59am

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 **NOON**.

1. [10 points] Assume a computer has 256-byte main memory and 64-byte cache with eight blocks, where each block has two 32-bit words. While executing some program, the CPU reads 32-bit words from the following sequence of addresses:

88 84 A0 AC 08 04 80 8C A8 A4 00 0C

Show the cache contents (e.g., **[00]** = address **00**'s contents) at the end of this sequence and calculate the corresponding miss rate for the following cases:

- (a) Cache is direct-mapped.
- (b) Cache is 4-way set-associative (4 blocks per set) and LRU replacement.
- (c) Cache is fully-associative with LRU replacement.

2. [10 points] Assume a computer has 256-byte main memory and 64-byte cache with 4 blocks, where each block has four 32-bit words. While executing some program, the CPU reads 32-bit words from the following sequence of addresses:

00 0C 08 04 A4 A8 8C 80 04 08 AC A0 84 88 10 1C

Show the cache contents (e.g., **[00]** = address **00**'s contents) at the end of this sequence (repeated only once) and calculate the corresponding miss rate for the following cases:

- (a) Cache is direct-mapped.
- (b) Cache is set-associative with 2 blocks per set and LRU replacement.
- (c) Cache is fully associative with LRU replacement.

3. [5 points] Assume a computer uses L1 and L2 caches for both instructions and data. The L1 access time is $C_1 = 1\tau$ (L1 hit), the L2 access time is $C_2 = 8\tau$ (L1 miss, L2 hit), and the main memory access time is $M = 32\tau$ (L2 miss). Assume that for some given application the L1 hit rate is $h_1 = 80\%$ (for both instructions and data). What is the minimum possible value of the average access time T_{ave} under these assumptions? What is the L2 hit rate h_2 (for both instructions and data) such that $T_{ave} = 4\tau$?