

Assignment 5

Due November 20, 23:59

NOTE: Late submissions will not be accepted. Please submit a single PDF file with your answers via the **ECE 355 Brightspace** webpage.

1. [5 points] Consider the code portion of the matrix-vector product computation as shown below: (double) **128x128** matrix **A** is multiplied by (double) **128x1** vector **X**, producing (double) **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 double array element is 8 bytes in size) requires $128*8 + 128*8 + 128*128*8 = \mathbf{130\ KB}$ of memory. If the cache (assume fully associative) is smaller than 130 KB, the above code will cause many misses, considerably slowing down the program execution. Alternatively, one can perform blocked computation: partition **A** into smaller blocks and perform the product computation block-by-block. If our data blocks 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, processing some matrix float **x[N][N]** (stored row by row, i.e., in the row-major order), where **N = 512**:

```
float y, neg = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        if (X[i][j] < 0) neg++;          /* count negative elements */
    }
}
y = neg / (N*N);
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    X[i][i] = X[i][i] + y;              /* add to diagonal */
}
```

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

3. [10 points] Consider a C code fragment below, processing some positive matrix `unsigned int x[N][N]` (stored row by row, i.e., in the row-major order), where `N = 1024`:

```
unsigned int y, Max = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        y = X[i][j];
        if (y > Max) Max = y;          /* find maximum */
    }
}
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        X[i][j] = X[i][j]/Max;        /* normalize to maximum */
    }
}
```

Determine the x-related page fault rate in the following two cases: 1) the main memory uses **1-KB** paging with 4 pages allocated for **x**, and 2) the main memory uses **4-KB** paging with 1 page allocated for **x**. Initially, no part of **x** is in the main memory. **Note:** unsigned int = 4 bytes.