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# ABSTRACT

Flash memory is a type of Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory (**EEPROM**). Because flash memories are non-volatile and relatively dense, they are now used to store files and other persistent objects in hand-held computers, mobile phones, digital cameras, portable music players, and many other computer systems in which magnetic disks are inappropriate. Flash memory has characteristics of asymmetric Input/output (**I/O**) latencies for read, write and erase operations and out-of-place update. Thus, buffering policy for flash based systems has to consider these properties to improve the overall performance. Existing buffer replacement algorithms such as Least Recently Used (**LRU**), Low Inter-reference Recency Set (**LIRS**), Adaptive Replacement Cache (**ARC**) etc. do not deal with differing **I/O** latency of the flash memory. Therefore, these algorithms have been revised to make them suitable for buffering policy for flash-based systems. Among different flash-aware buffer replacement algorithms **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** are two new buffer replacement policies that can be suitable for flash-based systems. **LIRS-WSR** enhances **LIRS** by reordering the writes of not-cold-dirty pages from the buffer cache to flash storage to focus on the reduction of the number of write/erase operations as well as preventing serious degradation of buffer hit ratio. **CCF-LRU**, which enhances the previous Clean First Least Recently Used (**CF-LRU**) and Least Recently Used Write Sequence Reordering (**LRU-WSR**) methods by differentiating clean pages into cold and hot ones, and evicting cold clean pages first and delaying the eviction of hot clean pages. A trace-driven simulation is used to evaluate these two different approaches with same objectives of improving buffering policy for flash-based systems. The objective of this dissertation is mainly focused on evaluating the performance of **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** buffer replacement algorithms. Finally, the comparative study based on quantitative analysis of those algorithms is performed based on the hit/miss rates and the number write counts.

Using the trace-driven simulation, when workload has high reference locality, **CCF-LRU** has significantly superior performance than **LIRS-WSR** in terms of both hit rate and write count. **CCF-LRU** has higher hit rate up to 22% and minimizes write count up to 40% in comparison to **LIRS-WSR**. For uniformly distributed workloads, the difference in hit rates and write count of **CCF-LRU** and **LIRS-WSR** is comparatively small. **CCF-LRU** outperforms **LIRS-WSR** by increasing hit rate up to 5% and decreasing write count up to 3% in comparison to **LIRS-WSR** in its worst case.

## Keywords:

*Buffer Replacement Algorithm, **CCF-LRU**, Flash memory, Hit Rate, **LIRS**, **LIRS-WSR**, **LRU**, Write Count*

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

**2Q** Two Queue

$\mu$ s Microsecond

**AD-LRU** Adaptive Double Least Recently Used

**ARC** Adaptive Replacement Cache

**CCF** Cold Clean First

**CAR** Clock with Adaptive Replacement

**CCF-LRU** Cold Clean First Least Recently Used

**CDCSIT** Central Department of Computer Science and Information Technology

**CFDC** Clean First Dirty Clustered

**CF-LRU** Clean First Least Recently Used

**CLOCK-Pro** Clock with Pro

**CPU** Central Processing Unit

**DRAM** Dynamic Random Access Memory

**EELRU** Early Eviction Least Recently Used

**EEPROM** Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory

**FIFO** First In First Out

**GCLOCK** Generalized CLOCK

**GiB** Giga Byte

**GHz** Giga Hertz

**HIR** High Inter-reference Recency

**HIRS** High Inter-reference Recency Set

**I/O** Input/output

**IOE** Institute of Engineering

**IRR** Inter-Reference Recency

**kB** Kilo Byte

**LFU** Least Frequently Used

**LIR** Low Inter-reference Recency

**LIRS** Low Inter-reference Recency Set

**LIRS-WSR** Low Inter-reference Recency Set Write Sequence Reordering

**LRFU** Least Recently Frequently Used

**LRU** Least Recently Used

**LRU-WSR** Least Recently Used Write Sequence Reordering

**mA** Milliampere

**MDR** Memory Data Register

**MRU** Most Recently Used

**ms** Millisecond

**NRU** Not Recently Used

**OLTP** Online Transaction Processing

**OPT or MIN** OPTimum or MINimum

**OS** Operating System

**PC** Program Counter

**PDA** Personal Digital Assistant

**RAM** Random Access Memory

**TU** Tribhuvan University

**USB** Universal Serial Bus

**WSR** Write Sequence Reordering

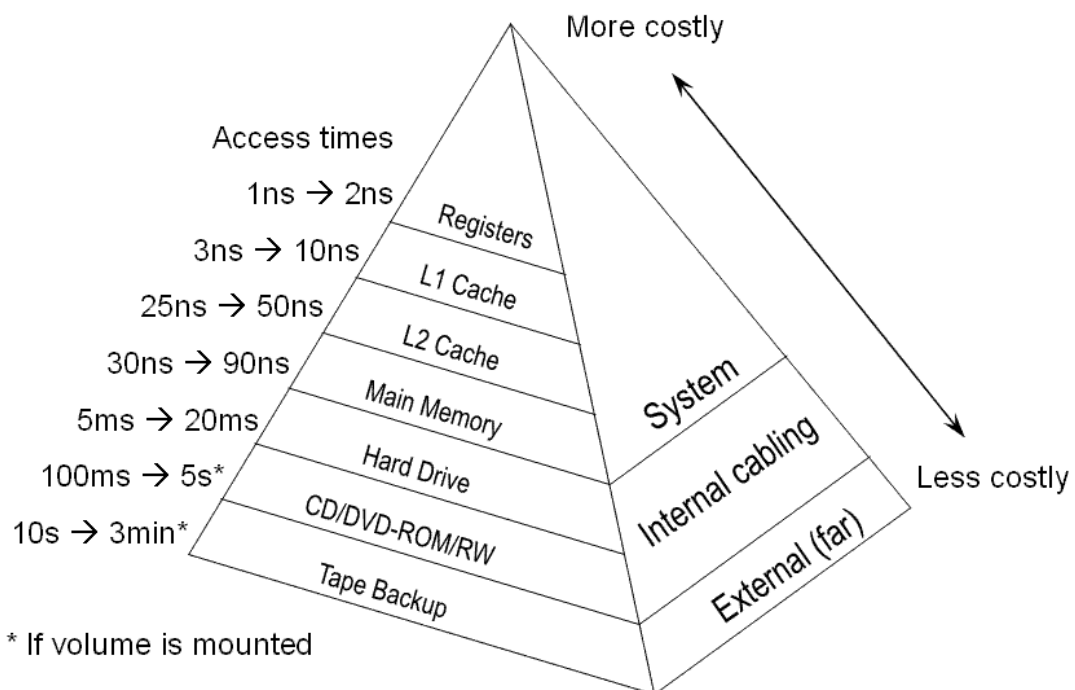
# Chapter 1

## BACKGROUND AND PROBLEM FORMULATION

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

#### 1.1.1 Memory Hierarchy

The memory hierarchy is the hierarchy of memory and storage devices found in a computer. Often visualized as a triangle, the bottom of the triangle represents larger, cheaper and slower storage devices, while the top of the triangle represents smaller, more expensive and faster storage devices. Figure 1.1 shows the hierarchy of memories used in a



**Figure 1.1:** Computer Memory Hierarchy

computer system with their speed and memory capacity. The arrangement of memory devices in a computer system is such that faster memory is at the top level and slower

memory is at the bottom. The overall performance of computer system depends on management and organization of such memories. All the memory management policies are automatically handled by Operating System (OS) and devices are arranged according to as the principles followed by it. Different types of memories available up to now can be categorized into two major groups. They are a primary memory and secondary memory which can be taken as real memory. Besides real memory, OS uses virtual memory to speed up the overall performance of the computer system.

### 1.1.2 Register

Register are used to quickly accept, store and transfer data and instructions that are being used immediately by the Central Processing Unit (CPU), there are various types of Registers those are used for various purpose. Among of the some Mostly used Registers named as AC or Accumulator, Data Register or DR, the AR or Address Register, Program Counter (PC), Memory Data Register (MDR), Index register, Memory Buffer Register. These Registers are used for performing the various Operations. While we are working on the System then these Registers are used by the CPU for Performing the Operations. When We Give Some Input to the System then the Input will be Stored into the Registers and When the System will give us the Results after Processing then the Result will also be from the Registers. So that they are used by the CPU for Processing the Data which is given by the User.

### 1.1.3 Cache

The cache is a very fast copy of the slower main system memory. Cache is much smaller than main memories because it is included inside the processor chip alongside the registers and processor logic. This is prime real estate in computing terms and there are both economic and physical limits to its maximum size. As manufacturers find more and more ways to cram more and more transistors onto a chip cache sizes grow considerably, but even the largest caches are tens of megabytes, rather than the gigabytes of main memory or terabytes of hard disk otherwise common. The cache is made up of small chunks of mirrored main memory. The size of these chunks is called the line size and is typically something like 32 or 64 bytes. When talking about the cache, it is very common to talk about the line size, or a cache line, which refers to one chunk of mirrored main memory. The cache can only load and store memory in sizes a multiple of a cache line. Generally, a computer system consists of different levels of cache that are L1 cache and L2 cache. L1 cache is internal cache nearby register and the L2 cache is external cache nearby Random Access Memory (RAM). L1 cache is faster than L2 cache. If L3 cache is available, then it acts as an earlier L2 cache. Hence L2 works as an intermediate cache between L1 cache and L3 cache. Increasing the level of cache doesn't always increase the overall performance. Up to limited cache level, the performance gain can be achieved. If there are more levels of cache, access time will increase due to swapping the blocks back and forth. Hence after crossing certain limitation of cache level overall performance slows down instead of increasing.



### 1.1.4 Primary Memory

Primary memory is a computer system's volatile storage mechanism. It may be **RAM**, cache memory and data buses but is primarily associated with **RAM**. As soon as a computer starts, primary memory stores all running applications, including the base **OS**, user interface and any user installed and running software utility. A program/application that is opened in primary memory interacts with the system processor to perform all application specific tasks. Primary memory is considered faster than secondary memory.

### 1.1.5 Secondary Memory

Secondary memory is taken as the backup memory. It consists of a massive volume of data. Comparatively, it is cheaper, slower and less reliable. Secondary memory is an external memory such as hard disk, optical disk, pen drive, flash memory etc.

### 1.1.6 Flash Memory

Flash memory is non-volatile, shock resistant and power economic. With recent technology breakthroughs in both capacity and reliability, flash-memory storage systems are much more affordable than ever. As a result, flash memory is now among the top choices for storage media in embedded systems [4]. There are two major types of flash memory in the current market: NAND and NOR flash memory. NAND flash memory is mainly designed for data storage and NOR flash memory is for **EEPROM** replacement [4]. Flash memory has become a powerful and cost-effective solid-state storage technology widely used in mobile electronics devices and other consumer applications. NAND Flash, which was designed with a very small cell size to enable a low cost-per-bit of stored data, has been used primarily as a high-density data storage medium for consumer devices such as digital still cameras and Universal Serial Bus (**USB**) solid-state disk drives. NOR Flash has typically been used for code storage and direct execution in portable electronics devices, such as cellular phones and Personal Digital Assistants (**PDA**s) [5]. However, several hardware limitations exist in a flash memory. Firstly, a data unit of erase operations is a block that is the set of fixed number of contiguous pages even if a data unit of read/write operations is a page. Secondly, it is impossible to re-write the page in-place in a flash memory. So, in order to update data of the page, a system should perform only one of the following:

1. Writing these data to a newly allocated page and invalidating the original page; or
2. Writing these data to the original page only after erasing the block containing that page.

Thirdly, the lifetime of a flash memory is shorter than the lifetime of a hard disk and a Dynamic Random Access Memory (**DRAM**). In other words, only a limited number of erase operations can be performed safely to each memory cell, typically, between 100,000 and 1,000,000 cycles. Finally, there exist differences among **I/O** latencies according to the kinds of **I/O** operations, i.e., read, write and erase. The write operation is about 10 times slower than the read operation and the erase operation is about 20 times slower

than the write operation [6, 7, 8].

Flash caching is needed for reducing flash I/O latencies. The traditional magnetic-disk-based buffering algorithms LRU [9], LIRS [1], ARC [10] etc. focus on hit-ratio improvement alone, but not on write costs caused by the replacement process. So, their straight adoption would result in poor buffering performance and would demote the development of flash-based systems. The replacement policy should minimize the number of writes and erases operations on flash memory and at the same time prevent the degradation of the hit ratio. Recently, CF-LRU [11], LIRS-WSR [6] and Adaptive Double Least Recently Used (AD-LRU) [12] were proposed as new buffering algorithms for flash-based systems. These new flash based buffer replacement policies consider not only buffer hit ratios but also replacement costs incurring when a dirty page has to be propagated to flash memory to make room for a requested page currently not in the buffer. These algorithms try to obtain the optimal I/O sequence from the given I/O sequence by discriminatively selecting the accesses according to the type of I/O operations. These algorithms favor to first evict clean pages from the buffer so that the number of writes incurring for replacements can be reduced.

**Table 1.1:** Characteristics of flash memory [3]

Device	Current (mA)		Access time (4 kB)		
	Idle	Active	Read	Write	Erase
<b>NOR</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec
<b>NAND</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms

Compare to the magnetic disk, flash memory has special properties. Firstly, flash memory has no latency associated with the mechanical head movement to locate the proper position to read or write data. Secondly, flash memory has asymmetric read and write operation characteristic in terms of performance and energy consumption. Table 1.1 compares the access time and the energy consumption in flash memory when 4 kB data is read, written, or erased [4]. Thirdly, flash memory does not support in-place update; the write to the same page cannot be done before the page is erased. Thus, as the number of write operations increases so does the number of erase operations. If the erase operations are involved, the cost imbalance would be even worse. Finally, blocks of flash memory are worn out after the specified number of write/erase operations.

### 1.1.7 Performance Metrics

The off-line performance of buffer replacement algorithm is measured in terms of page fault count, hit rate and hit ratio, miss rate and miss ratio and write count. When an accessed block of memory is currently mapped to the physical memory then hit occurs. If it doesn't map then miss occurs. The Higher hit rate of the algorithm exhibits higher performance. In the case of flash based system, a minimum number of write count is a measure for optimal cost algorithm. flash based system, a minimum number of write count is a measure for optimal cost algorithm.

### 1.1.7.1 Page Fault Counts

Page Fault is an interrupt generated when the processor references a page that is neither in cache nor in main memory. An efficient page replacement algorithm always produces less number of page faults. It can be computed by counting the occurrences of a number of page faults between some intervals of references.

### 1.1.7.2 Hit/Miss Rate

When the processor needs to read or write a location in main memory, it first checks whether that memory location is in the cache. This is accomplished by comparing the address of the memory location to all tags in the cache that might contain that address. If the processor finds that the memory location is in the cache, we say that a **cache hit** has occurred; otherwise, we speak of a **cache miss**.

Miss rate can be calculated by using the formula:

miss rate = 1-hit rate.

Hit ratio is calculated by subtracting miss ratio from 1.

Miss ratio (mr) is calculated by using the formula:

$$mr = 100 * ((\#pf - \#distinct) / (\#refs - \#distinct))$$

where #pf is a number of page faults, #distinct is the number of distinct pages referenced and #refs is the total number of referenced pages [13].

Hit ratio is also calculated by dividing a total number of hit counts by a total number of reference counts.

$$\text{Hit ratio} = \text{Total number of Hit Counts} / \text{Total number of Reference Counts}$$

To represent it as a percentage:  $\text{Hit}\% = \text{Hit ratio} * 100$

### 1.1.7.3 Write Counts

Write count is a number of pages propagated to flash memory which can be calculated by counting the number of physical pages writes to flash memory and at the end of each test the dirty pages in the buffer are flushed to the flash memory to get exact write counts.

## 1.1.8 Program Behavior

There are several factors that influence the performance of page replacement algorithm. The performance of page replacement algorithm relies on the pattern of pages that are referenced. The behavior of program depends on the access pattern it references memory which further depends on working set and locality of reference.

### 1.1.8.1 Locality of Reference

The locality of reference, also known as the principle of locality. During the course of execution of program memory references tend to cluster forming certain locality. Locality varies on the basis of time and space. Temporal locality is based on time; it assumes that memory location referenced just now is likely to be reference again in near future. Looping, subroutines, stacks, the variable used for counting and totaling etc. supports this assumption. Spatial locality is based on space, it assumes that once a memory is referenced there is a high chance of nearby memory location to be referenced again. Array traversal, sequential code execution, related variable declaration nearby in source code supports this assumption. Hints of the locality are followed in any type memory reference sequence.

### 1.1.8.2 Memory Reference Patterns

Altogether three types of standard synthetic traces i.e. random traces, read-most traces and write-most traces are used in this dissertation.

**1.1.8.2.1 Random Traces** The page references having random read and write nature of pages are called random traces.

**1.1.8.2.2 Write-most Traces** The page references having most of the pages with write mode nature are called write-most traces.

**1.1.8.2.3 Read-most Traces** The page references having most of the pages with read mode nature are called read-most traces.

**1.1.8.2.4 Zipf Traces** Zipf trace has a referential locality 20/80 meaning that eighty percent of the references deal with the most active twenty percent of the pages.

## 1.2 Problem Formulation

### 1.2.1 Problem Definition

Since the use of flash memory requires buffer replacement policies considering not only buffer hit ratios or miss ratios but also replacement costs incurring when a dirty page has to be propagated to flash memory, not in the buffer. There are many buffer replacement algorithms developed for flash-based systems. The traditional magnetic-disk-based buffering algorithms **LRU** [9], **LIRS** [1], **ARC** [10] etc. focus on hit-ratio improvement alone, but not on write costs caused by the replacement process. However, Flash memory has characteristics of out-of-place update and asymmetric **I/O** latencies for read-write and erase operations in the aspects of time and energy. So, the replacement algorithm with flash memory should consider not only the hit count but also the replacement cost caused by selecting dirty victim pages. There are many buffer replacement algorithms developed for flash-based systems. The evaluation of these buffer replacement algorithms

for flash-based systems in terms of hit rate and write counts is required to rate their performance. This dissertation work will be mainly focused on the comparative evaluation of two algorithms: **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU**.

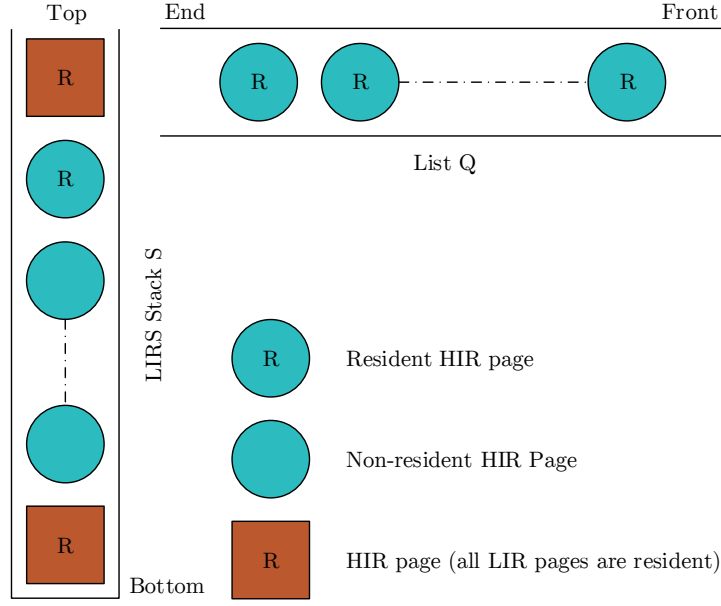
### 1.2.2 LIRS-WSR

**LIRS-WSR** [6] algorithm is designed for a buffer cache of the flash memory based storage system. The objective of **LIRS-WSR** is reducing the number of flushes of dirty pages from the buffer into flash memory when page replacement occurs, To achieve this objective, it uses the strategy: delaying eviction of the page which is dirty and has high access frequency as possible. It enhances an existing **LIRS** buffer replacement algorithm with add-on buffer replacement strategy, namely Write Sequence Reordering (**WSR**). **WSR** reorders writing not-cold dirty pages from the buffer cache to the disk to reduce the number of write operations while preventing excessive degradation of the hit ratio. The **LIRS** [1] algorithm uses history information of data accesses in the form of two metrics - the Inter-Reference Recency (**IRR**) and the Recency. The **IRR** of a data block refers to the number of other distinct blocks accessed between the last two consecutive accesses of the data block in question while recency refers to the number of other distinct blocks accessed between the last reference to the current time.

**LIRS** algorithm uses two sets of pages based on **IRR**. Set of pages with low **IRR** value is taken as a hot block and called **LIRS**. Set of pages with high **IRR** value is taken as a cold block and called High Inter-reference Recency Set (**HIRS**). Blocks that can be most probably used in future are taken as hot blocks whereas blocks that may not be used in near future are taken as cold blocks. Hence, High Inter-reference Recency (**HIR**) blocks are always replaced and Low Inter-reference Recency (**LIR**) blocks are never replaced. **LIRS** always selects **HIR** page with the largest recency as a victim for replacement. **WSR** policy is developed to adapt **LIRS** with flash memory [6]. Basic scheme of **WSR** is following:

1. Use cold-detection algorithm to judge whether the page is cold or not; and
2. Delays flushing dirty pages which are not regarded as cold.

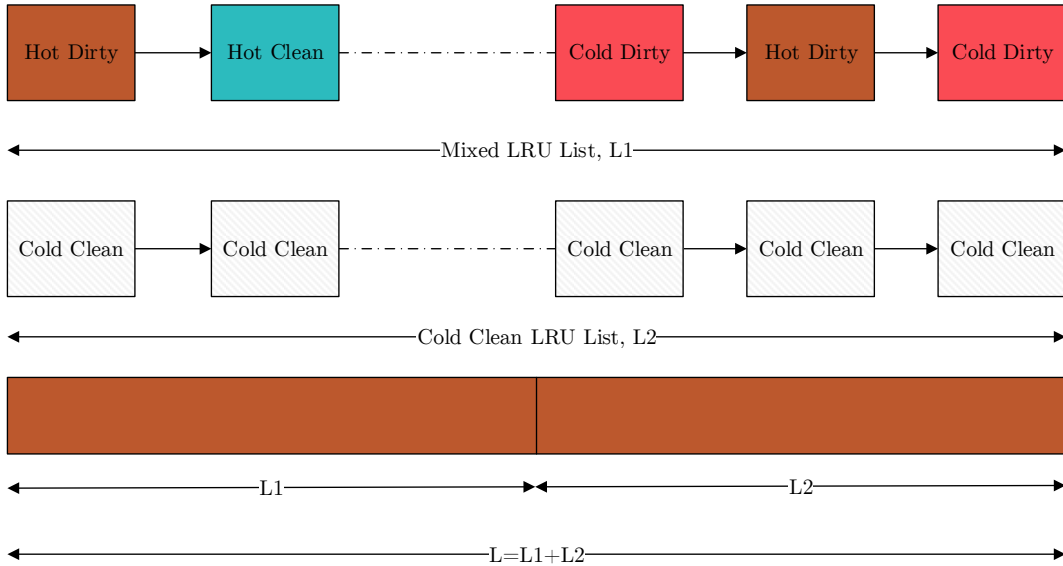
**LIRS-WSR** is implemented using 2 lists: **LIR** stack S which stores all **LIR** pages as well as **HIR** pages regardless of the residence status some of them are resident and others are not (actually, only their meta-data are stored in the list) and **HIR** list Q that stores **HIR** resident pages. The operations on these two data structures are same that of **LIRS**. Every page has additional status either cold or not-cold. Initially, all pages are cold, this cold flag is cleared if the pages are referenced again when they are in stack S or queue Q. If a page is introduced to the buffer for a write request for the first time, it becomes a dirty page and enters the top of the stack S as an **LIR** page. Every time when Stack bottom is moved to **HIR** Q, **WSR** policy is applied. That is, if bottom **LIR** page is dirty and not cold, then its cold flag is set and moved to the head of Stack, otherwise, it is moved to the head of **HIR** Q. All other operations like pruning, switching between **LIR** and **HIR** pages are same as that of **LIRS**.



**Figure 1.2:** Two Lists of the **LIRS** algorithm [1]

### 1.2.3 CCF-LRU

An efficient buffer replacement algorithm for flash memory based storage systems called **CCF-LRU** [2]. The goal of **CCF-LRU** is to improve the overall **I/O** performance by focusing on reducing the write count incurring in the replacement process. In order to accomplish this goal, it tries to first evict clean pages with low access frequencies. If there are no such clean pages, it will evict the dirty pages with low access frequencies instead of the clean pages with high access frequencies. Using the cold-detection mechanism of **LRU-WSR**, pages in the buffer list can be classified into the following four groups, namely cold clean page, hot clean page, cold dirty page and hot dirty page. A cold flag attached with each page is used to distinguish cold pages from hot pages.



**Figure 1.3:** Mixed **LRU** list and cold clean **LRU** list in **CCF-LRU** [2]

The **CCF-LRU** algorithm maintains two **LRU** lists, which are called mixed **LRU** list and

cold clean **LRU** list. The mixed **LRU** list contains L1 pages and is used to maintain hot clean pages and dirty pages regardless of the status of its cold flag and the cold clean **LRU** list with the size of L2 is only for cold clean pages. If the buffer contains a total of L pages, the sizes of the two **LRU** lists are both from 0 to L. Moreover, the sum of L1 and L2 is L. The first referenced pages are regarded as cold by default, each of which is inserted into the cold clean **LRU** list with a cold flag. When the page in the cold clean **LRU** list is referenced again or becomes dirty, it will be moved from the cold clean **LRU** list to the Most Recently Used (**MRU**) position in the mixed **LRU** list. When the page in the mixed **LRU** list is referenced, it will be moved to the **MRU** position of the mixed **LRU** list. The **CCF-LRU** selects a victim page by the following rules in order:

1. If the cold clean **LRU** list is not empty, the **LRU** page in the cold clean **LRU** list is selected as the victim; and
2. If the cold clean **LRU** list is empty, the **LRU** page in the mixed **LRU** list is chosen as the victim candidate. If the candidate is a cold dirty page, it is selected as the victim. If the candidate is a hot dirty page, it is labeled as cold and moved to the **MRU** position of the mixed **LRU** list. If the candidate is a hot clean page, it is set to cold and moved from the mixed **LRU** list to the **MRU** position of the cold clean **LRU** list and we continue to check the **LRU** position in the mixed **LRU** list. If there is no victim found after traversing the mixed **LRU** list, it needs to call the **CCF-LRU** algorithm one more time to select a victim.

#### 1.2.4 Objectives

The main objectives of this dissertation work are:

- To perform a comparative study of **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** buffer replacement algorithms for flash based systems in terms of hit rate and write count; and
- To evaluate the performance of **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU**.

#### 1.2.5 Motivation

Since the use of flash memory requires buffer replacement policies considering not only buffer hit ratios or miss ratios but also replacement costs incurring when a dirty page has to be propagated to flash memory, not in the buffer. As a consequence, a replacement policy should minimize the number of write/erase operations on flash memory and at the same time increase the hit ratio. Memory management is not only the burden of today's computing devices. It has been researched for decades. Whatever variety of storage devices found in today's market is the great achievement of computer science. But still, computer memory is the limited source which directly hampers the performance of computing system. Performance gain can be achieved by increasing the capacity of primary storage. The expectation of customer is to decrease cost price with sufficient working memory. Hence to fulfill this demand for manufacturing such device fewer materials are used and size of memory is being decreased. But rather than this technical view, it is not possible to gain performance without managing memory logically for its usability. Varieties of techniques had been tried for this achievement. Among such techniques, paging

is the successful one. Page replacement algorithm is the main part of paging technique because deciding the victim page is a very tough job.

The emergence of single flash memory chip with several gigabytes capacity makes a strong tendency to replace the magnetic disk with flash memory for the secondary storage of mobile computing devices. Most operating systems are customized for disk-based storage systems and their replacement policies only concern the number of cache hits. However, the operating systems that consider flash memory as secondary storage should consider different read and write cost of flash memory when they replace pages to reclaim free space. There are different buffer replacement algorithms proposed for flash-based storage systems. Some of them consider recency factor only, some consider cleanliness, some both of these factors and some consider recency, cleanliness, and frequency of page references as well.

## 1.3 Thesis Organization

Background part of this dissertation work focuses on memory hierarchy and the related basic terms and terminologies of the performance of buffer algorithm which are already mentioned. Some chapters are remaining which clarifies the topics **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** fulfilling the objectives of this dissertation work.

Chapter 2 consists of literature review which briefly reviews the related topics. The literature review includes the summary of several traditional page replacement. This chapter also contains the research methodology part which shows the flow of research.

Chapter 3 consists of program development steps of our simulation. It includes detail design of the program. Also, it includes details about the data structures and programming language used to develop the simulator.

Chapter 4 consists of data collection and analysis part which includes details about memory references that shows trace-driven input, output results with several analyzing graphs which are tested for different workloads.

Chapter 5 consists of the conclusion of this whole dissertation work and the future work which shows guidelines for further research.



# Chapter 2

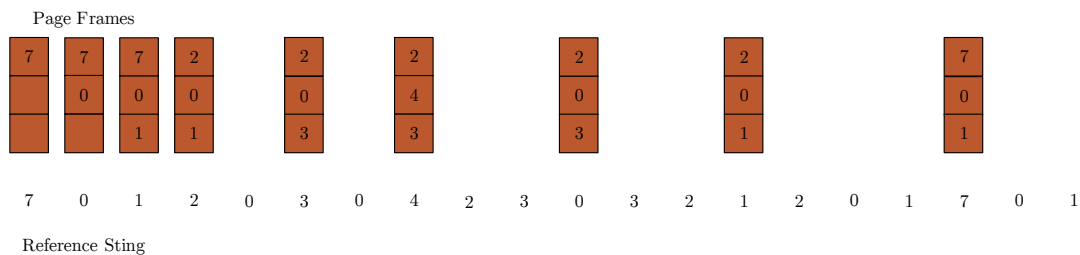
## LITERATURE REVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Literature Review

#### 2.1.1 Traditional Buffer Replacement Algorithms

##### 2.1.1.1 OPT or MIN Page Replacement Algorithm

Various memory management techniques have been used from the beginning for the improvement of performance. Bélády [9] in 1966 developed optimal page replacement algorithm called OPTimum or MINimum (**OPT or MIN**). His algorithm depends on the principle of optimality which states “To obtain optimal performance the page to replace is the one that will not be used again for the furthest time into the future.” His optimal algorithm is not applicable for real implementation because our **OS** doesn’t know which pages will be used before execution. Hence it can be only simulated due to lack of future knowledge. It is used as a benchmark for measuring the effectiveness of other page replacement algorithms. OPT Replacement algorithm replaces the page that will not be used for the longest period of time by computing maximum forward distance. From the

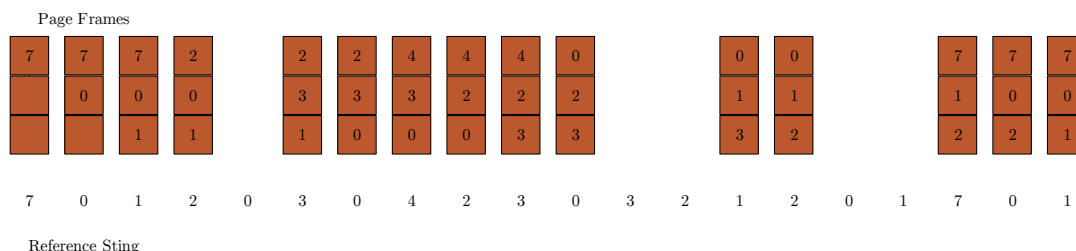


**Figure 2.1:** Optimal page replacement algorithm

past experiences and research papers, the research on the page replacement algorithms are categorized into **LRU** based replacement algorithms and **CLOCK** based replacement algorithms[14].

## 2.1.1.2 LRU Based Page Replacement

**2.1.1.2.1 FIFO Page Replacement Algorithm** The simplest page-replacement algorithm is a First In First Out (**FIFO**) [9] algorithm. In this algorithm, operating system keeps track of all pages in the memory in a queue, oldest page is in the front of the queue. When a page needs to be replaced the page in the front of the queue is selected for removal. Conceptually **FIFO** is a queue with limited size. Initially, the queue is filled by inserting page reference from the tail. When the queue is full new reference is inserted from tail and old reference is evicted from the head. **FIFO** is simple but



**Figure 2.2:** **FIFO** page replacement algorithm

suffers from Bélády's Anomaly, a strange situation in which page fault increased while increasing number of the page frame. That is, with an increase in physical memory **FIFO** can decrease page fault performance seemingly at random. Like random page replacement algorithm, **FIFO** still does not take advantage of locality trends. But it can be modified very easily.

**2.1.1.2.2 LRU Page Replacement Algorithm** A good approximation to the optimal algorithm is based on the observation that pages that have been heavily used in the last few instructions will probably be heavily used again in the next few. Conversely, pages that have not been used for ages will probably remain unused for a long time. This idea suggests a realizable algorithm: when a page fault occurs, throw out the page that has been unused for the longest time. This strategy is called **LRU** paging [9]. This algorithm is purely based on recency of page references. Recency is evaluated by maintaining **LRU** stack that is a sorted list on the basis of virtual time, which is the only factor for replacement. Thus **LRU** is simple but is not easy to implement without hardware support. It can adapt faster according to as program behavior. **LRU** like algorithm doesn't suffer from Bélády's Anomaly as **FIFO**. It gives a good approximation of optimal algorithm. Although **LRU** is theoretically realizable, it is not cheap. To fully implement **LRU** it is necessary to maintain a linked list of all pages in memory, with the most recently used page at head and least recently used page at the tail. The difficulty is that the list must be updated on every memory reference. Finding a page in the list, deleting it and then moving it to the head is a very time-consuming operation.

**2.1.1.2.3 NRU Page Replacement Algorithm** Not Recently Used (**NRU**), sometimes known as the **LRU**, page replacement algorithm is an algorithm that favors keeping pages in memory that have been recently used. This algorithm works on the following principle: when a page is referenced, a referenced bit is set for that page, marking it as referenced. Similarly, when a page is modified, a modified bit is set. The setting of the

bits is usually done by the hardware, although it is possible to do so on the software level as well. Pages are categorized into four classes in **NRU** algorithm:

- Class 0 contains pages that are neither referenced nor modified;
- Class 1 contains pages that are modified but not referenced;
- Class 2 contains pages that are referenced but not modified; and
- Class 3 contains pages that are modified as well as referenced.

During page fault, **NRU** evicts any page from the lowest class [15].

**2.1.1.2.4 LFU Page Replacement Algorithm** Least Frequently Used (**LFU**) [16] selects a victim page that has not been used often in the past. Instead of using a single recency factor as **LRU**, **LFU** defines additional information of frequency of use associated with each page. This frequency is calculated throughout the reference stream by maintaining counting information. Frequency count leads to the serious problem after a long duration of reference stream. Because when the locality changes, reaction to such certain change will be extremely slow. Assuming that a program either changes its set of active pages or terminates and is replaced by a completely different program, the frequency count will cause pages in the new locality to be immediately replaced since their frequency is much less than the pages associated with the previous program. Since the context has changed, the pages swapped out will most likely be needed again soon which leads to thrashing. One way to remedy this is to use a popular variant of **LFU**, which uses frequency counts of a page since it was last loaded rather than since the beginning of the page reference stream. Each time a page is loaded, its frequency counter is reset rather than being allowed to increase indefinitely throughout the execution of the program. **LFU** still tends to respond slowly to change in the locality.

**2.1.1.2.5 EELRU Page Replacement Algorithm** Some algorithms use recency as history information like **LRU** and **MRU**. **LRU** is suitable for the good locality of reference whereas **MRU** is somewhat suitable for the weak locality of workloads. These two algorithms can be tuned to form adaptive algorithm called Early Eviction Least Recently Used (**EELRU**) [17], which was proposed as an attempt to mix **LRU** and **MRU**, based only on the positions on the **LRU** queue that concentrate most of the memory references. This queue is only a representation of the main memory using the **LRU** model, ordered by the recency of each page. **EELRU** detects potential sequential access patterns analyzing the reuse of pages. One important feature of this algorithm is the detection of non-numerically adjacent sequential memory access patterns. Two tunable parameters used are early eviction point and late eviction point. **LRU** queue concentrates most of the memory references when it reaches late eviction point.

**2.1.1.2.6 LRFU Page Replacement Algorithm** The **LRU** and **LFU** replacement policies are two extreme replacement policies. The **LRU** policy gives weight to only one reference for each block, that is, the most recent reference to the block while giving no weight to older ones representing one extreme, and the **LFU** gives equal weight to all

references representing the other extreme. These extremes imply the existence of a spectrum between them. In [18], proposed such a spectrum which is called the Least Recently Frequently Used (**LRFU**) policy. The **LRFU** policy associates a value with each block. This value is called the CRF (Combined Recency and Frequency) value and quantifies the likelihood that the block will be referenced in the near future. The performance of the **LRFU** algorithm largely relies on a parameter called,  $\alpha$ , which determines the relative weight of **LRU** or **LFU** and has to be adjusted according to the system configuration, even according to different workloads [19].

**2.1.1.2.7 LRU-K Page Replacement Algorithm** The **LRU** policy takes into account the recency information while evicting pages, without considering the frequency. To consider the frequency information, LRU-K [20] was proposed which evicts pages with the largest backward K-distance. Backward K-distance  $b_t(p, K)$  can be defined as the distance backward to the  $K^{\text{th}}$  most recent reference to page  $p$  where reference string is known up to time  $t$  ( $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_t$ ). The value of parameter  $K$  can be taken as 1, 2 or 3. If  $K=1$ , it works as simple **LRU** algorithm. Highly increasing the value of  $K$  the overall performance of algorithm reduces. LRU-K can discriminate better between frequently referenced and infrequently referenced pages. Unlike the approach of manually tuning the assignment of page pools to multiple buffer pools, LRU-K does not depend on any external hints. Unlike **LFU** and its variants, this algorithm copes well with temporally clustered patterns.

**2.1.1.2.8 2Q Page Replacement Algorithm** Two Queue (**2Q**) [21] is a good buffering algorithm (giving a 5-10% improvement in hit rate over **LRU** for a wide variety of applications and buffer sizes and never hurting), having constant time overhead, and requiring little or no tuning. It works well for the same intuitive reason that LRU/B works well: it bases buffer priority on sustained popularity rather than on a single access. **2Q** algorithm quickly removes sequentially and cyclically referenced block with after a long interval. The algorithm uses special buffer queue  $A_{\text{in}}$  of size  $K_{\text{in}}$ , ghost buffer queue  $A_{\text{out}}$  of size  $K_{\text{out}}$  and the main buffer  $A_{\text{m}}$ . The special buffer contains all missed that is first time referenced block. Ghost buffer contains replaced blocks from the special buffer. Frequently accessed blocks are available in the main buffer. Hence victim blocks are always from the special buffer and main buffer.

**2.1.1.2.9 LIRS Page Replacement Algorithm** Another important algorithm is **LIRS** which is already described in section 1.2.2. Its objective is to minimize the deficiencies presented by **LRU** using an additional criterion named **IRR** that represents the number of different pages accessed between the last two consecutive accesses to the same page. This means that **LIRS** does not replace the page that has not been referenced for the longest time, but it uses the access recency information to predict which pages have more probability to be accessed in a near future.

**2.1.1.2.10 ARC Page Replacement Algorithm** The **ARC** [10] is an adaptive page replacement algorithm developed at the IBM Almaden Research Center. The algorithm keeps a track of both frequently used and recently used pages, along with some history data regarding eviction for both. It improves the **LRU** strategy by splitting the cache

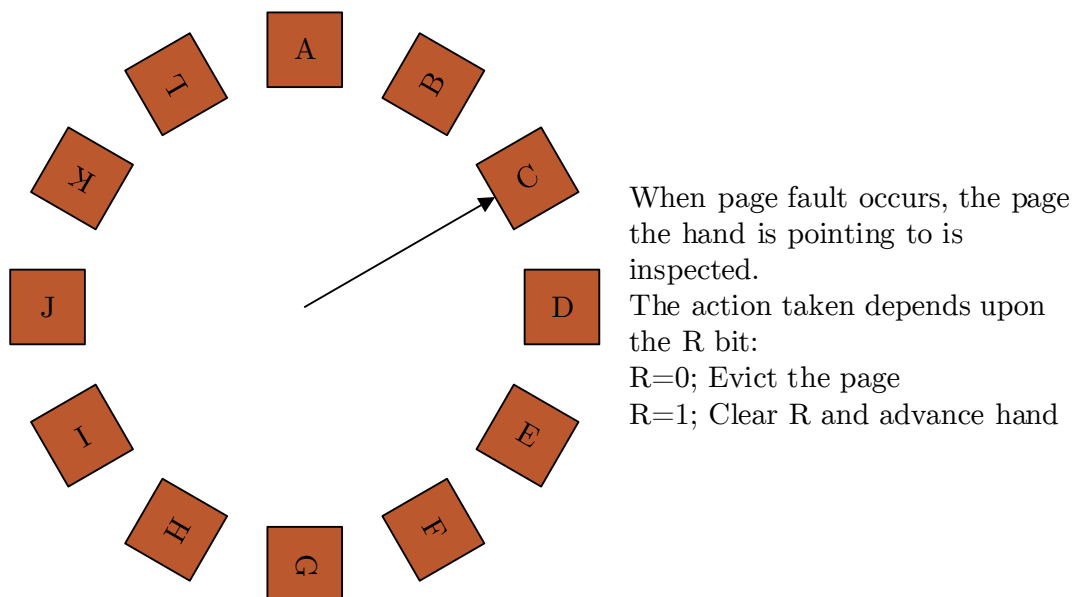
directory into two lists,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , for recently and frequently referenced entries. In turn, each of these is extended with a ghost list ( $B_1$  or  $B_2$ ) which is attached to the bottom of these two lists. These ghost lists act as score cards by keeping track of the history of recently evicted cache entries and the algorithm uses ghost hits to adapt to recent change in resource usage. The ghost lists only contain meta-data (keys for the entries) and not the resource data itself, i.e. as an entry is evicted into a ghost list its data is discarded. The combined cache directory is organized in four **LRU** lists:

1.  $T_1$ , for recent cache entries;
2.  $T_2$ , for frequent entries, referenced at least twice;
3.  $B_1$ , ghost entries recently evicted from the  $T_1$  cache but are still tracked; and
4.  $B_2$ , similar ghost entries, but evicted from  $T_2$ .

$T_1$  and  $B_1$  together are referred to as  $L_1$ , a combined history of recent single references. Similarly,  $L_2$  is the combination of  $T_2$  and  $B_2$ .

### 2.1.1.3 CLOCK Based Page Replacement Algorithm

**2.1.1.3.1 CLOCK Page Replacement Algorithm** Frank Corbató (who later went on to win the ACM Turing Award) introduced CLOCK[22] as a one-bit approximation to **LRU**, and its performance characteristics are very similar to those of **LRU**. So all the performance disadvantages about **LRU** are also applied to CLOCK. In CLOCK, the memory spaces holding the pages can be regarded as a circular buffer. Here each page is associated with a bit, called reference bit, which is set by hardware whenever the page is accessed. When it is necessary to replace a page to service a page fault, the page pointed to by the hand is checked. If its reference bit is unset, the page is replaced. Otherwise, the algorithm resets its reference bit and keeps moving the hand to the next page[23].



**Figure 2.3:** CLOCK page replacement algorithm

When a page fault occurs, the page being pointed to by the hand is inspected.

- $R = 0$ , the page is evicted, the new page is inserted into the clock in its place, and the hand is advanced one position; and
- $R = 1$ , it is cleared and the hand is advanced to the next page. This process is repeated until a page is found with  $R = 0$ .

**2.1.1.3.2 Clock-Pro** In Paper[23], proposed an improved CLOCK replacement policy, called Clock with Pro (**CLOCK-Pro**). It takes the same principle as that of **LIRS**-it uses reuse distance (called **IRR** in **LIRS**) rather than recency in its replacement decision. When a page is accessed, the reuse distance is the period of time in terms of the number of other distinct pages accessed since its last access. A page is categorized as a cold page if it has a large reuse distance or as a hot page if it has a small reuse distance. Although there is a reuse distance between any two consecutive references to a page, only the most current distance is relevant in the replacement decision.

**2.1.1.3.3 CAR Page Replacement Algorithm** In paper[24], proposed a simple and elegant new algorithm, namely, Clock with Adaptive Replacement (**CAR**), that has several advantages over CLOCK:

1. It is scan-resistant;
2. It is self-tuning and it adaptively and dynamically captures the recency and frequency features of a workload;
3. It uses essentially the same primitives as CLOCK, and, hence, is low-complexity and amenable to a high-concurrency implementation; and
4. It outperforms CLOCK across a wide-range of cache sizes and workloads.

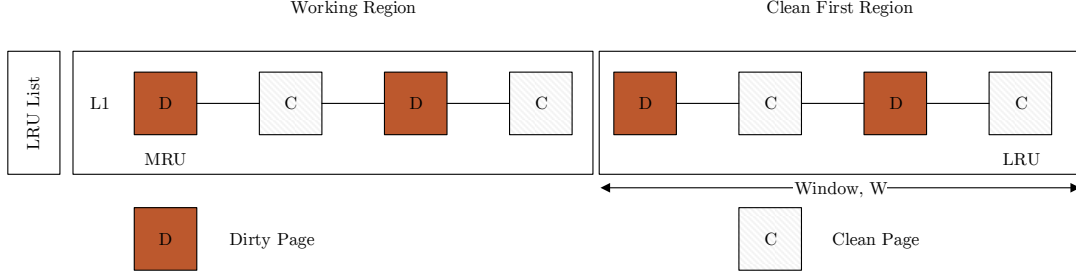
The algorithm **CAR** is inspired by the Adaptive Replacement Cache (**ARC**) algorithm, and inherits virtually all advantages of ARC including its high performance, but does not serialize cache hits behind a single global lock.

This algorithm uses two clocks  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  and two lists  $B_1$  &  $B_2$ .  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  contain cold pages and hot pages i.e. contain pages in the cache, while  $B_1$  &  $B_2$  maintain history information about the recently evicted pages from  $B_1$  &  $B_2$  respectively.

**2.1.1.3.4 GCLOCK Page Replacement Algorithm** Paper [25] proposed a new algorithm, namely, Generalized CLOCK (**GCLOCK**). The **GCLOCK** buffer replacement policy uses a circular buffer and a weight associated with each page brought in buffer to decide on which page to replace. Whenever a page is referenced, the associated count field is set to  $i$ . When a page fault occurs, a pointer that circles around this circular list of page frames is observed. If the count field pointed to zero, then the page is removed and the new page is placed in that frame. Otherwise, the count is decremented by 1, the pointer is advanced to the next count field, and the process is repeated. When a new page is placed in the page frame, the count field is set to  $i$  if the page is to be referenced (demand fetch) and it is set to  $j$  if the page has been pre-paged and is not immediately referenced. This algorithm abbreviated by writing CLOCKP ( $j, i$ ). The P indicates that this is a pre-paging algorithm (the pre-paging strategy has not been specified).

## 2.1.2 Buffer Replacement Algorithms for Flash-Based Systems

### 2.1.2.1 CF-LRU



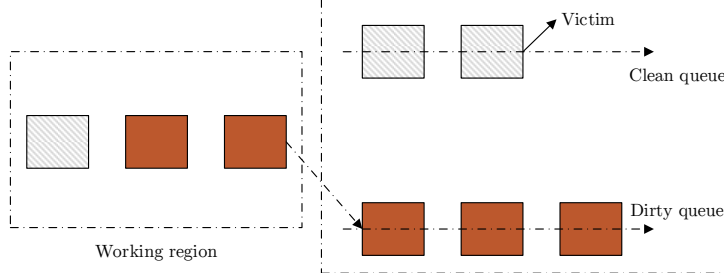
**Figure 2.4:** CF-LRU page replacement algorithm

**CF-LRU** [11] is the first algorithm designed for flash-based systems. **CF-LRU** tries to reduce the number of costly write operations and potential erase operations until the degradation of cache hit rate does not harm the performance. It modified the **LRU** policy by introducing a clean first window  $W$ , which starts from the **LRU** position and contains the least recently used  $w \cdot B$  pages as shown in Figure 2.4, where  $B$  is the buffer size and  $w$  is the ratio of the window size to buffer size. When the victim is selected, **CF-LRU** first evicts least recently used clean pages in  $W$ . Hence it reduces the number of write operations because the clean page is not propagated to flash memory. If no clean page is found, then it behaves like **LRU** policy. **CF-LRU** has some problems such as clean-first window size is to be tuned to the current workload and cannot suit for differing workloads and it always replaces clean pages first, which causes the cold dirty pages residing in the buffer for a long time and, in turn, results in suboptimal hit ratio. The window size,  $W$ , can be tuned statically or dynamically. In this sense, **CF-LRU** is known as **CF-LRU-static** or **CF-LRU-dynamic**. In paper [11], **CF-LRU-static** and **CF-LRU-dynamic** have been compared with **LRU** policy for five different workloads. They found a result that **CF-LRU** static and dynamic reduces the replacement cost by 28.4% and 23.1% for swap system buffer cache and 26.2% and 23.5% for file system buffer cache with compared to **LRU**.

### 2.1.2.2 CFDC

Clean First Dirty Clustered (**CFDC**) [26] improves the efficiency of the buffer manager by flushing pages in a clustered fashion, based on the observation that flash writes with strong spatial locality can be served by flash disks more efficiently than random writes. It manages the buffer in two regions: the working region  $W$  for keeping hot pages that are frequently revisited and the priority region  $P$  responsible for optimizing replacement costs by assigning varying priorities to pages. A parameter  $\lambda$ , called priority window, determines the size ratio of  $P$  relative to the total buffer. Therefore, if the buffer has  $B$  pages, then  $P$  contains  $\lambda$  pages and the remaining  $(1-\lambda) \cdot B$  pages are managed in  $W$ . Various conventional replacement policies can be used to maintain high hit ratios in  $W$  and, therefore, prevent hot pages from entering  $P$ . **CFDC** improves the efficiency of buffer manager by flushing pages in clustered fashion based on the observation that flash writes with strong spatial locality can be served by flash disks more efficiently than





**Figure 2.5:** CFDC page replacement algorithm

random writes. In paper [26], CFDC has been compared with LRU and CF-LRU for different four workloads in the database engine. The results show CFDC outperforms both competing policies, with a performance gain between 14% and 41% over CF-LRU, which, in turn, is only slightly better than LRU with a maximum performance gain of 6%.

### 2.1.2.3 LRU-WSR

LRU-WSR [27] is a flash-aware algorithm based on LRU and Second Chance [22], using only a single list as an auxiliary data structure. The idea is to evict clean and cold-dirty pages and keep the hot-dirty pages in the buffer as long as possible. When a victim page is needed, it starts searching from the LRU end of the list. If a clean page is found, it will be returned immediately (LRU and clean-first strategy). If a dirty page marked as “cold” is found, it will also be returned; otherwise, it will be marked “cold” (Second Chance), moved to the MRU end of the list and the search continues. Although LRU-WSR considers the hot/cold property of dirty pages, which is not tackled by CF-LRU, it has a high dependency on the write locality of workloads. It shows low performance in case of low write locality, which may cause dirty pages to be quickly evicted. In paper [27], LRU-WSR has been compared with LRU, CF-LRU algorithms for different workloads collected from PostgreSQL, GCC, Viewperf and Cscope. LRU-WSR has been found 1.4 times faster than LRU. In most of the cases, LRU-WSR has higher hit ratio and lower write count than others.

### 2.1.2.4 LIRS-WSR

LIRS-WSR which is already explained in section 1.2.2, is an improvement of LIRS so that it can suit the requirements of flash-based systems. It integrates WSR technique to original LIRS algorithm to reduce the number of page writes to flash memory. In paper [6], LIRS-WSR has been compared with LRU, CF-LRU, LIRS and ARC for four different workloads: PostgreSQL, gcc, Viewperf and Cscope. LIRS-WSR has hit ratio very close approximate to LIRS and has higher hit ratio than other algorithms. LIRS-WSR has minimum write count than all other algorithms. In the case of runtime, LIRS-WSR is 2 times faster than LRU and 1.25 times faster than LIRS algorithm.

### 2.1.2.5 CCF-LRU

CCF-LRU [2] which is already explained in section 1.2.3. The authors of CCF-LRU [2] further refine the idea of LRU-WSR by distinguishing between cold-clean and hot clean



pages. It maintains two **LRU** queues, a cold clean queue and a mixed queue to maintain buffer pages. The cold clean queue stores cold clean pages (first referenced pages) while mixed queue stores dirty pages or hot clean pages. It always selects victim from the cold clean queue and if the cold clean queue is empty then employs same policy as that of **LRU-WSR** to select a dirty page from the mixed queue. This algorithm focuses on a reference frequency of clean pages and has little consideration on a reference frequency of dirty pages. Besides, the **CCF-LRU** has no mechanism to control the length of the cold clean queue, which will lead to the frequent eviction of recently read pages in the cold clean queue and lower the hit ratio. In paper [2], **CCF-LRU** has been compared with **LRU**, **CF-LRU** and **LRU-WSR** with different four workloads. The results show that **CCF-LRU** performs better than **LRU**, **CF-LRU** and **LRU-WSR** with respect to hit rate, write count and run time.

#### 2.1.2.6 AD-LRU

**AD-LRU** algorithm [12] is buffer replacement algorithm for flash-based systems which focuses on reducing the write costs of the buffer replacement algorithm while keeping a high hit ratio. It tries to integrate the properties: recency, frequency, and cleanness of pages into the buffer replacement policy. **AD-LRU** has two **LRU** queues: Cold **LRU** queue and Hot **LRU** queue, to capture the concept of recency and frequency of the page references, among which Cold **LRU** queue stores the pages referenced only once and Hot **LRU** queue maintains the pages that are referenced at least twice. The sizes of these two **LRU** queues are dynamically adjusted according to changes in reference patterns. When a page is first referenced, it is put in the head of cold **LRU** queue. The pages move from cold **LRU** queue to head of hot **LRU** queue when it is referenced again and when a page in hot **LRU** queue is selected as a victim, it is demoted to head of cold **LRU** queue. During the eviction procedure, least recently used a clean page from cold **LRU** queue is selected as a victim.

## 2.2 Methodology

The main purpose of research is to discover answers to the questions through the applications of scientific procedures. Research is a careful study performed to find out new things in a systematic way. In a scientific method of research at the first problem is formulated then output information is generated from collected input data and output is analyzed and finally, the result is generalized [28]. This dissertation work is truly scientific and flows in the same way. Page replacement algorithm is one of the major strategies to manage memory efficiently. The main exploration of this dissertation focuses on **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** algorithms developed to address flash memory characteristics in memory management. Out of different types of research methodologies, this dissertation is based on the trace-driven simulation approach. All the data collected are primary data, which are traces of page references. Output information gathered is analyzed in a quantitative approach. Finally, the conclusion is drawn with the help of analyzed data.

# Chapter 3

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### 3.1 Development Methodology and Tools

The simulator is built by using an incremental approach. The **LRU** stack automatically maintains recency factor. Information of recently referenced block is available on top of the stack and the oldest in the bottom of the stack. Every time when the block is accessed it is kept on top of the stack. **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** algorithms are also implemented by using same stack algorithm. The algorithms have been implemented in C++ programming language using Visual Studio<sup>1</sup> on Intel<sup>2</sup>®Core™i5-4210U **CPU** @ 1.7 GHz with 4 GiB **RAM** Windows<sup>3</sup> 10 1607, 64 bit **OS**.

### 3.2 LIRS-WSR

The **LIRS** [1] algorithm can be implemented using 2 lists: **LIR** stack S which stores all **LIR** pages as well as **HIR** pages regardless of the residence status some of them are resident and others are not (actually, only their meta-data are stored in the list) and **HIR** list Q that stores **HIR** resident pages. The sum of the size of **HIRS** and size of **LIRS** equals to the size of the cache. **HIR** block that may be resident or non-resident can be promoted to **LIR** block. At the same time to maintain the **LIRS** and **HIRS** size, oldest **LIR** block must be demoted to **HIR**-resident block. Then one of the resident **HIR** blocks becomes the victim. The promotion/demotion policy is shown in the Figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 show the specific promotion/demotion policy among **LIR**, resident **HIR** and non-resident **HIR**, so as to maintain partition size. Every page has additional status either cold or not-cold. Its main purpose is to maintain recency value. As we move toward bottom recency factor increases. Bottom most one is always **LIR** block, which is the oldest block having higher recency factor and topmost one is the recent block having recency factor equals to zero.

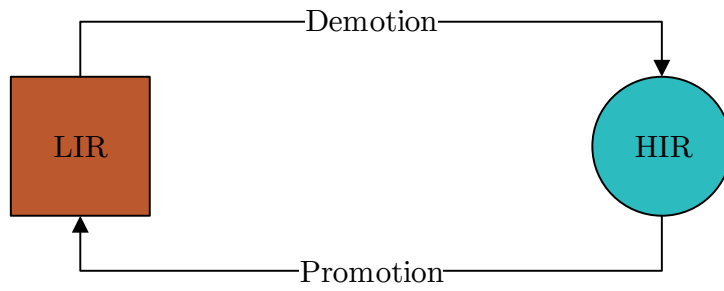
Each stack node contains information about reference block. Here information of every page reference is not available in stack S due to the major event stack pruning. Some information is also available in queue Q and some outdated information is also left in

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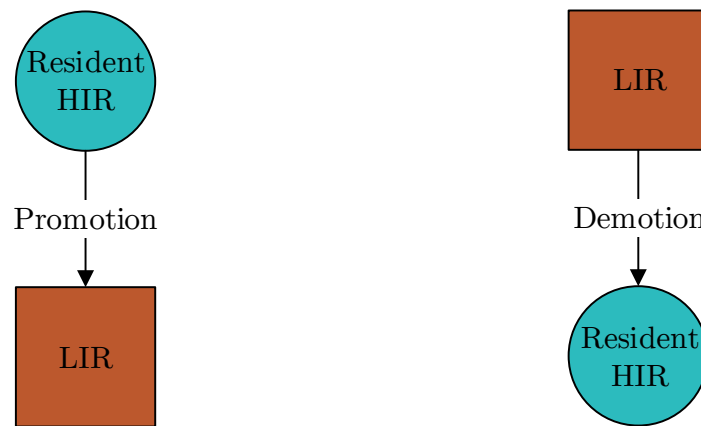
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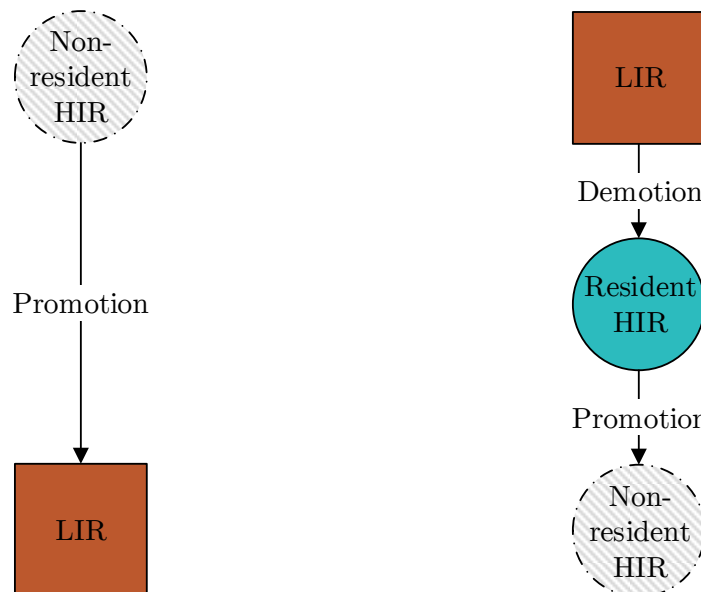
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**Figure 3.1:** General **LIR** vs. **HIR** Transition Diagram



**Figure 3.2:** Specific **LIR** vs. Resident **HIR** Transition Diagram



**Figure 3.3:** **LIR** vs. Non-Resident **HIR** Transition Diagram

Stack. Queue Q contains collection referenced pages that are resident **HIR** blocks available in the cache. Hence the size of **HIR** cache partition determines the size of Queue Q.

Initially, all pages are cold, this cold flag is cleared if the pages are referenced again when they are in stack S or queue Q. The block in the Queue can be removed from anywhere if it is promoted to **LIR**. Comparing **IRR** and recency value is automatically done by the use of Q which increases performance. If a page is introduced to the buffer for a write request for the first time, it becomes a dirty page and enters the top of the stack S as an **LIR** page. Every time when Stack bottom is moved to **HIR** Q, **WSR** policy is applied. That is, if bottom **LIR** page is dirty and not cold, then it's cold flag is set and moved to the head of Stack, otherwise it is moved to the head of **HIR** Q. That is, only clean or dirty cold pages are moved to head of **HIR** Q from the bottom of S. Stack pruning operation is performed on every move of operation performed on bottom **LIR** page of S.

### 3.2.1 Data Structure

The **LIRS-WSR** algorithm can be implemented by using two **LRU** lists **LIRS** stack and **HIR** queue. Each node in the **LIR** list and **HIR** Q are implemented as a doubly linked list. Each node of the list has a structure as in Figure 3.4.

```
struct node
{
    Char pn[9];    // contains page number
    Char r;        // access type (r/w) 1 for write and 0 for read
    int isResident; // flag to determine Resident/non-resident HIR
    int isHIR.block; // flag to determine HIR/LIR
    int cold;      // flag for cold/not cold
    struct node * LIRS_next; // next node in LIRS stack
    struct node * LIRS_prev; // previous node in LIRS stack
    struct node* HIR.Rsd.next; // next node of HIR Q
    struct node *HIR.Rsd.prev; // previous node of HIR Q
    int recency;    // flag to indicate page is in stack or not
};
```

**Figure 3.4: **LIRS-WSR** Data Structure**

### 3.2.2 Stack Pruning Function

The major function stack pruning is conducted during the status change. The Bold assumption of the algorithm is that bottom of stack S is always **LIR** block. While changing status, the page in the bottom of stack S is demoted to **HIR** resident for that it is kept in queue Q. At that time next **LIR** bottom is chosen which is nearer from the bottom of stack S and all other **HIR** bottom are removed one by one. Information of thus removed **HIRs** is available in queue Q if it is a resident. Stack pruning is also conducted if the accessed block P is the bottom **LIR** because the recent block is always moved to the top of stack S. Stack pruning decreases the size of stack hence the stack doesn't keep track of outdated references.

### 3.2.3 Algorithm

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**Algorithm 3.1 LIRS-WSR**

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**INPUT:** Pages

**OUTPUT:** Miss rate, hit rate etc.

```
1: Start
2: Read new page
3: if page is in Stack S then
4:   if If page is LIR page then
5:     Page hit LIR page
6:     Clear cold flag, i.e. cold=0
7:     Move the page to the head of Stack, S
8:     if If the page is at bottom of S then
9:       | Prune the Stack, S
10:    end if
11:  else if Page is HIR then
12:    if Page is resident HIR then
13:      Page hit, HIR resident page
14:      Move the page to the head of Stack, making it LIR
15:      Clear cold flag i.e. cold=0
16:      Remove the page from HIR list Q
17:      while Stack bottom is dirty and not cold do
18:        | Move bottom page of Stack, S to the head of Stack, S
19:        | Set cold=1 for this page
20:        | Prune the Stack
21:      end while
22:      Move stack bottom to head of the HIR list, making it HIR
23:      Prune the Stack
24:    end if
25:  else if Page is non-resident HIR then
26:    Page miss
27:    Remove Tail of HIR Q
28:    Move it to the head of Stack S, making it LIR
29:    Clear cold flag of the page
30:    while Stack bottom is dirty and not cold do
31:      | Set the cold flag of bottom page, i.e. Cold=1
32:      | Move the page to the head of Stack S
33:      | Prune the Stack
34:    end while
35:    Move the bottom of Stack to head of the HIR queue Q
36:    Prune the Stack
37:  end if
38: else if Page is in the HIR Q then
39:   Page hit in HIR Queue
40:   Move to the head of HIR, Q
41:   Add to the head Stack S
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**Algorithm 3.1 LIRS-WSR - Part 2**

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```
42: else
43:   Page miss occurs
44:   if Free memory is available then
45:     if Free memory is larger than HIR.Limit then
46:       Add page to the head of Stack S
47:       Make it LIR page.
48:       Decrease free memory by one
49:     else
50:       if Page is write then
51:         Add the page to the head of Stack S
52:         Make it LIR
53:         while Stack bottom is dirty and not cold do
54:           Move the bottom of Stack S to the head of Stack S
55:           Set cold=1 for this page
56:           Prune the Stack
57:         end while
58:         Move Stack bottom to head of the HIR list
59:         Make this page resident HIR
60:         Prune the Stack
61:         Decrease free memory by one
62:       else if Page is read then
63:         Add the page to head of queue Q
64:         Add the page to the head of Stack
65:         Decrease free memory by one
66:       end if
67:     end if
68:   else if Memory is full then
69:     Remove tail of HIR queue Q
70:     if Page is write then
71:       Add the page to the head of Stack S
72:       Make it LIR
73:       while Stack bottom is dirty and not cold do
74:         Move the bottom of Stack S to the head of Stack S
75:         Set cold=1 for this page
76:         Prune the Stack
77:       end while
78:       Move Stack bottom to head of the HIR list
79:       Make this page resident HIR
80:       Prune the Stack
81:     else if Page is read then
82:       Add the page to head of Stack S
83:       Add the page to the head of queue Q
84:     end if
85:   end if
86: end if
87: Stop
```

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### 3.2.4 Flowchart

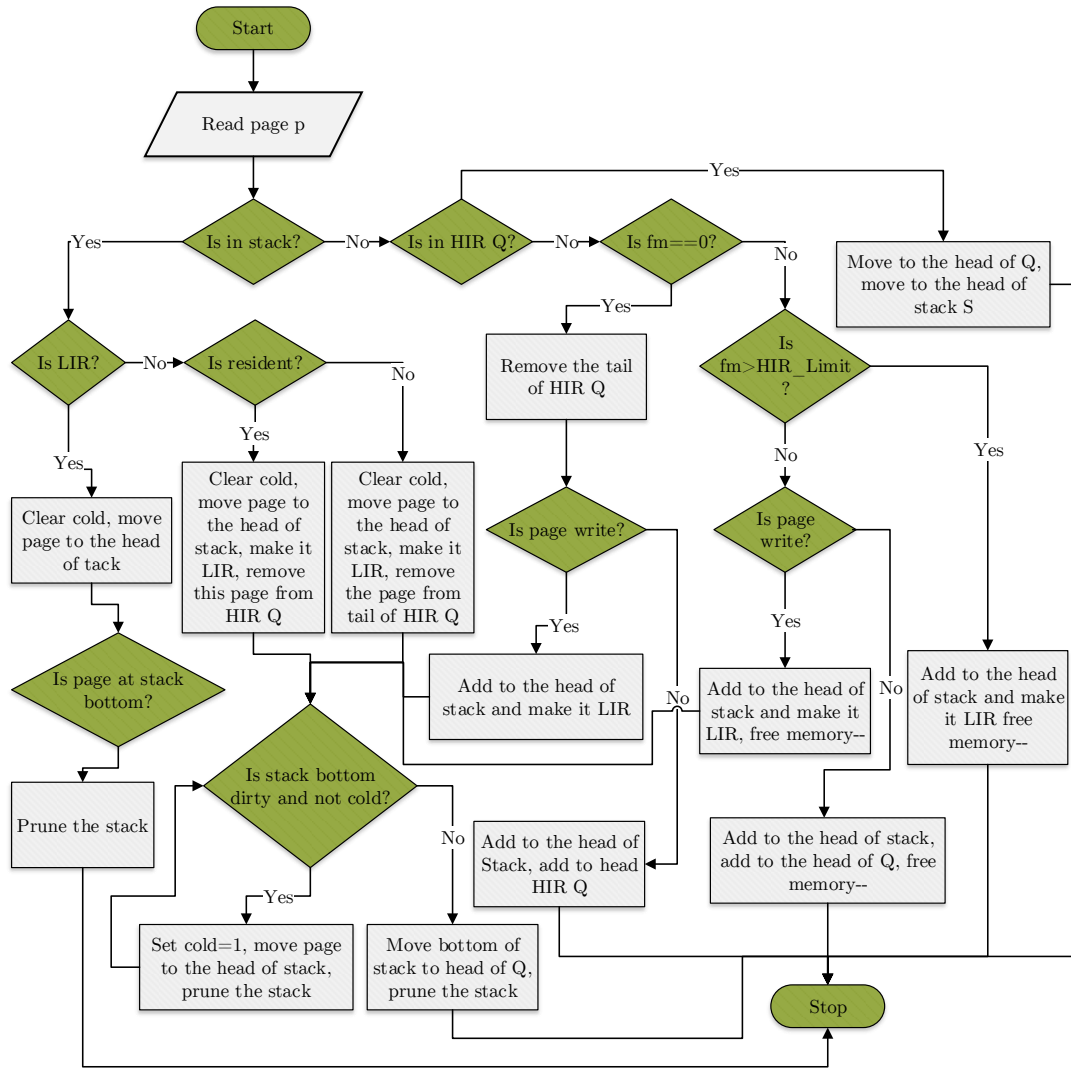


Figure 3.5: Flowchart of LIRS-WSR Algorithm

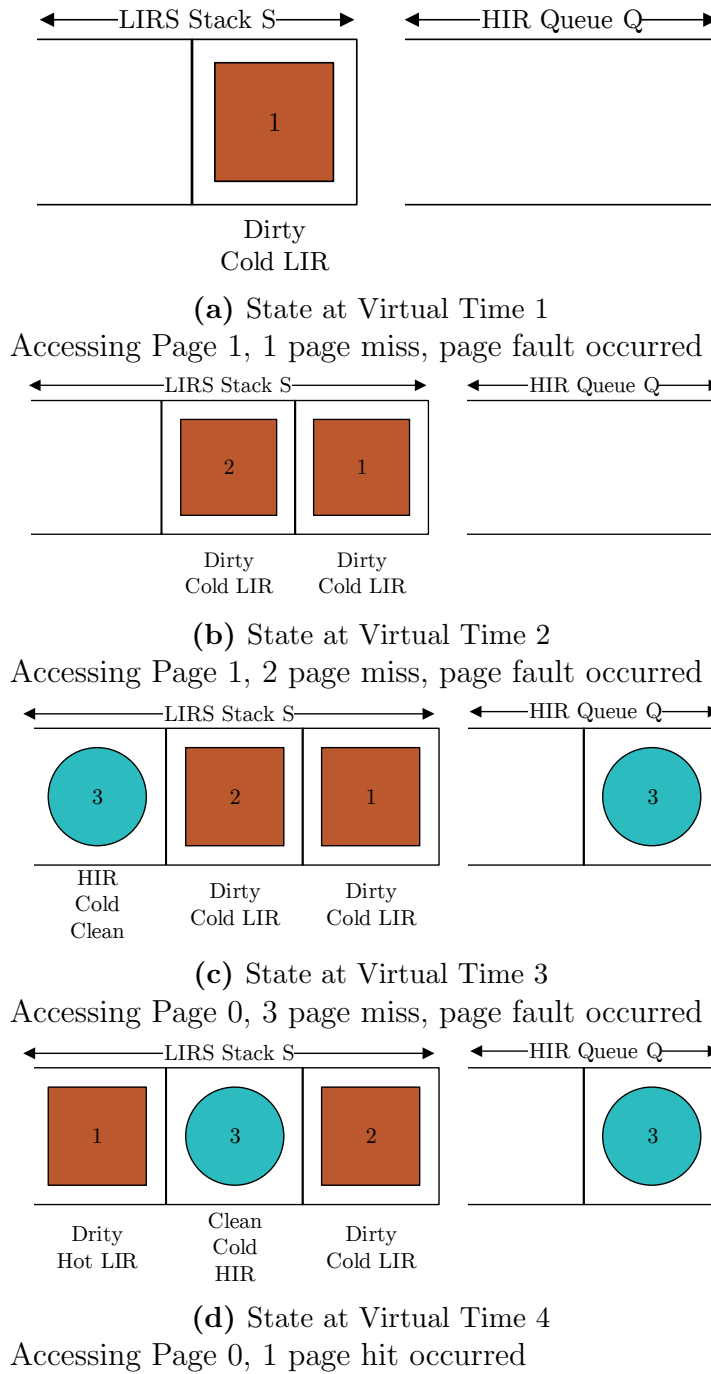
### 3.2.5 Tracing of LIRS-WSR

Size of LIRS: 2                      Size of HIRS: 1                      Cache Size: 2+1=3  
 Input References: 1,1 1,2 0,3 0,1 1,4 1,3 0,5 0,2 1,3 where 1 = write, 0 = read  
 Total Number of References: 9, Number of Distinct References: 5  
 Other page status: cold/hot, dirty/clean



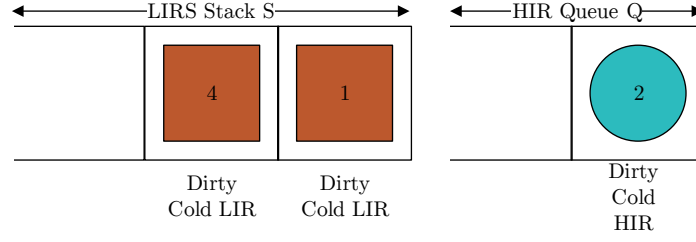
Figure 3.6: Symbols of LIRS-WSR tracing

### 3.2.5.1 Tracing



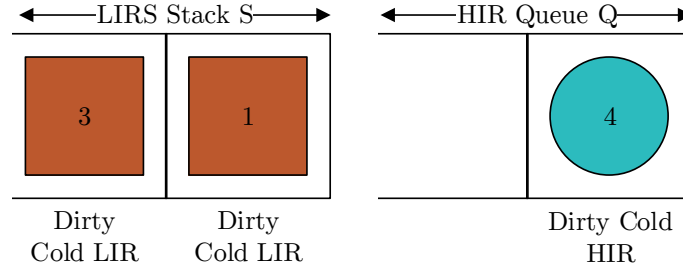
**Figure 3.7:** Tracing of **LIRS-WSR**





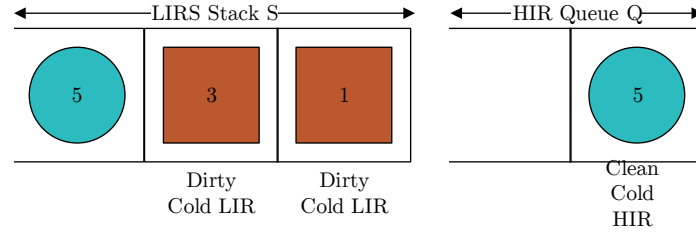
(e) State at Virtual Time 5

Accessing Page 1, 4 page miss, memory full, write for first time, added to head of stack, 2 is demoted to **HIR** Q, 3 is removed by pruning, page fault



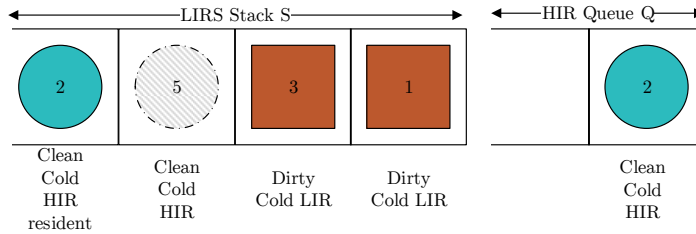
(f) State at Virtual Time 6

Accessing Page 1, 3 Page miss, memory full, inserted at the head of stack, 1 is given second chance and 4 is demoted to **HIR** Q, 2 is removed from Q, write count=1, page fault



(g) State at Virtual Time 7

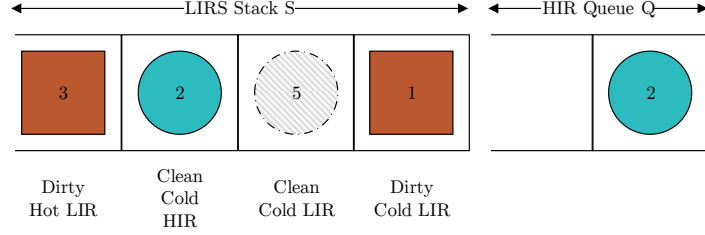
Accessing Page 0, 5 page miss, page fault, removed 4 and 5 to head of stack and also Q head, write count=2



(h) State at Virtual Time 8

Accessing Page 0, 2 page miss, page fault occurred

**Figure 3.7:** Tracing of **LIRS-WSR** (cont.)



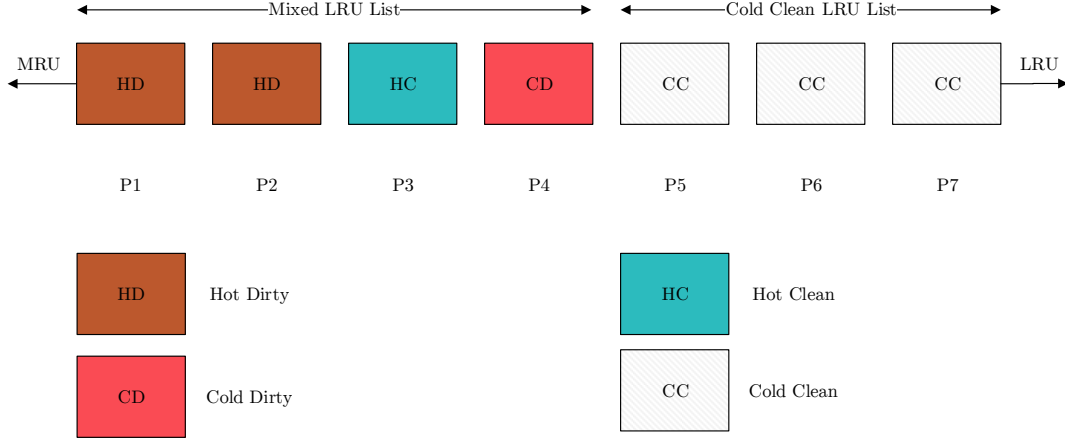
(i) State at Virtual Time 9

Accessing Page 1, 3 page hit

**Figure 3.7:** Tracing of **LIRS-WSR** (cont.)

Total page faults = 7 Write counts = 4

### 3.3 CCF-LRU



**Figure 3.8:** An example of **CCF-LRU**

**CCF-LRU** [2] enhances the **CF-LRU** and **LRU-WSR** algorithms by further differentiating clean pages into cold and hot ones. It uses the cold-detection mechanism of **LRU-WSR** to classify the buffered pages into four classes, including cold clean pages, hot clean pages, cold dirty pages, and hot dirty pages. As illustrated in Figure 3.8, the cold clean pages are stored in a cold clean **LRU** list while other types of pages are held in the mixed **LRU** list. When a replacement occurs, **CCF-LRU** always evicts cold clean pages first. If there are no cold clean pages, cold dirty pages are preferentially chosen as the victim and the eviction of hot dirty pages are delayed as long as possible. The relation of four classified buffer pages can be defined as follows:

$$C_{CC} < C_{CD} < C_{HC} < C_{HD} \quad (3.1)$$

Here, the  $C_{CC}$  is the cost of evicting cold clean page, the  $C_{CD}$  is the cost of evicting cold dirty page, the  $C_{HC}$  is the cost of evicting hot clean page and the  $C_{HD}$  is the cost of evicting hot dirty page.

From the expression 3.1, we must reduce the number of evicting hot dirty page and hot clean page as far as possible. If we want to improve the overall **I/O** performance for flash memory based storage system. However, the **LRU-WSR** keeps cold clean pages in the buffer until they are evicted, which not only lowers the hit ratio but also makes cold

dirty page and hot clean page evicted more quickly. Besides, it always evicts clean pages without considering their access frequencies, which may lower the hit ratio. The main idea of the Cold Clean First (CCF) strategy is described as follows:

1. It uses the cold-detection algorithm to judge whether the page is cold or hot;
2. It evicts cold clean page preferentially as possible, especially for clean page accessed only once recently; and
3. If there is no cold clean page mentioned above, evicting cold dirty page instead of hot clean page.

### 3.3.1 Flowchart

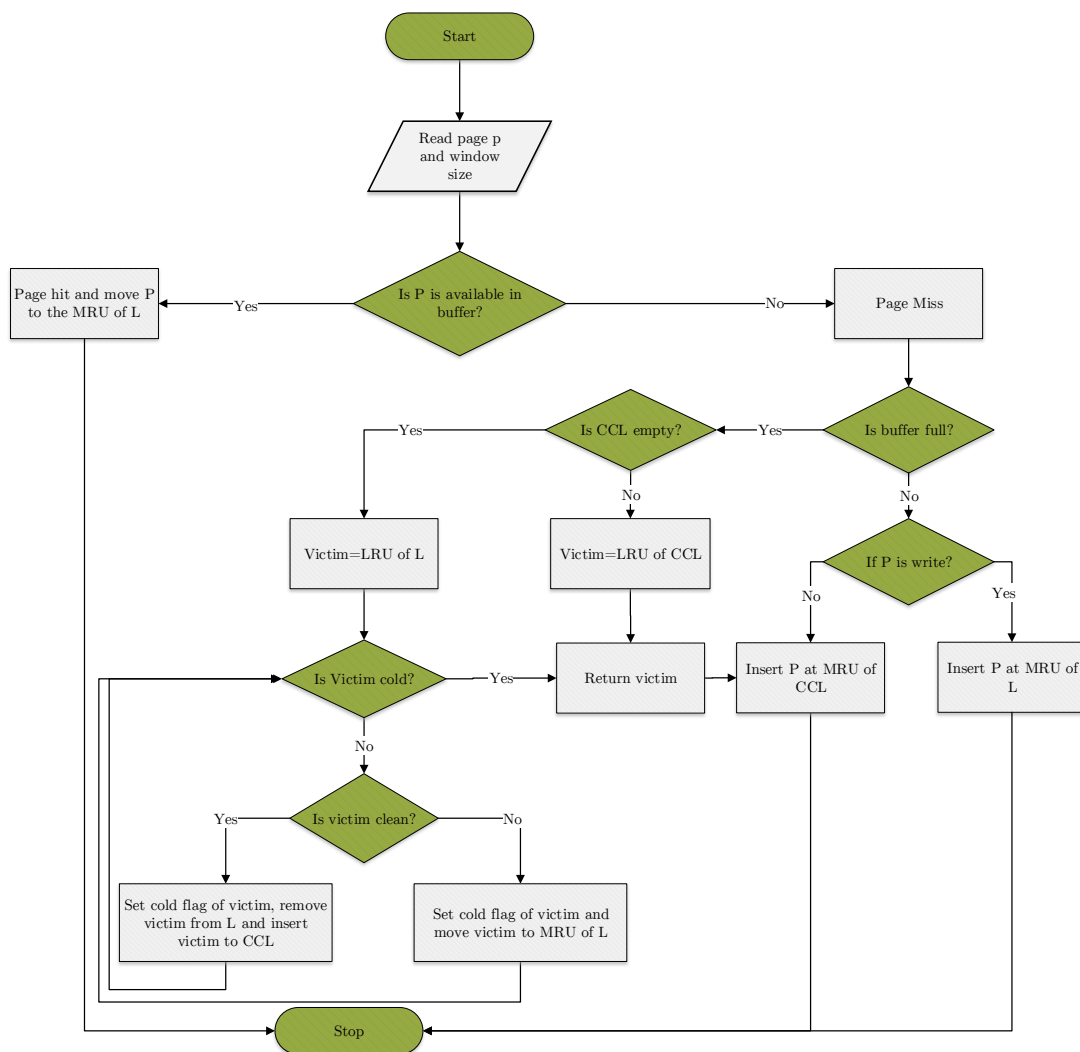


Figure 3.9: Flowchart of CCF-LRU Algorithm

# Chapter 4

## TEST RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Data Collection

Data are the sources of information. Hence data should be collected very carefully. In this dissertation work, four types of synthetic traces [12] have been used in the simulation experiment, i.e., random trace, read-most trace (e.g., of decision support systems), write-most trace (e.g., of Online Transaction Processing (**OLTP**) systems) and Zipf trace as Workload1, Workload 2, Workload 3 and Workload 4 respectively. These data are real memory traces. Workload represents different locality of memory reference patterns that are generated during execution of the process in real **OS**. There is total 100,000 pages reference in each of the first three traces, which are restricted to a set of pages whose numbers range from 0 to 49,999. The total number of page references in the Zipf trace is set to 500000 in order to obtain a good approximation, while the page numbers still fall in  $[0, 49999]$ . Zipf trace has a referential locality “20/80” meaning that eighty percent of the references deal with the most active twenty percent of the pages. The Sample of Workload 1, Workload 2, Workload 3 and Workload 4 are in appendix **A.1**, appendix **A.2**, appendix **A.3** and appendix **A.4** respectively. Tables **4.1**, **4.2**, **4.3** and **4.4** show the details concerning these workloads.

**Table 4.1:** Trace for Random Access

Attributes	Value
<b>Total <b>I/O</b> references</b>	100,000
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	43247
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	50%/50%

**Table 4.2:** Trace for Read-most Access

Attributes	Value
<b>Total <b>I/O</b> references</b>	100,000
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	43212
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	90%/10%

**Table 4.3:** Trace for Write-most Access

Attributes	Value
<b>Total I/O references</b>	100,000
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	43182
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	10%/90%

**Table 4.4:** Trace for Zipf

Attributes	Value
<b>Total I/O references</b>	100,000
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	47023
<b>Total Distinct references</b>	20%/80%

## 4.2 Testing

Each workload is tested in **LIRS-WSR** and **CCF-LRU** simulator by varying the cache size from 512 to 18432. In the case of **LIRS-WSR** algorithms **HIR**, **LIR** partition is maintained as 1% and 99% of cache size. For **CCF-LRU** parameter MIN\_LC is set 0.5 of the cache size for all Workloads.

### 4.2.1 Test Result of Workload 1 (Trace with Random Access)

No. of References = 100000, No. of Distinct Reference = 43247

No. of Write References = 49974

**Table 4.5:** Test Result of Workload 1

	<b>LIRS-WSR</b>				<b>CCF-LRU</b>			
	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count
<b>512</b>	98952	98.2	1.8	49433	98903	98.1	1.9	49085
<b>1024</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>2048</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>4096</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>6144</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>8192</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>9216</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>10240</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>12288</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>14336</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>16384</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>18432</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms

### 4.2.2 Test Result of Workload 2 (Trace with Read-Most Access)

No. of References = 100000, No. of Distinct Reference = 43212

No. of Write References = 9919

**Table 4.6:** Test Result of Workload 2

	LIRS-WSR				CCF-LRU			
	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count
<b>512</b>	98952	98.2	1.8	49433	98903	98.1	1.9	49085
<b>1024</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>2048</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>4096</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>6144</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>8192</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>9216</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>10240</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>12288</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>14336</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>16384</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>18432</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms

### 4.2.3 Test Result of Workload 3 (Trace with Write-Most Access)

No. of References = 100000, No. of Distinct Reference = 43182

No. of Write References = 89145

**Table 4.7:** Test Result of Workload 3

	LIRS-WSR				CCF-LRU			
	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count
<b>512</b>	98952	98.2	1.8	49433	98903	98.1	1.9	49085
<b>1024</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>2048</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>4096</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>6144</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>8192</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>9216</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>10240</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>12288</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>14336</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>16384</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>18432</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms

### 4.2.4 Test Result of Workload 4 (Zipf Trace)

No. of References = 500000, No. of Distinct References = 47023

No. of Write References = 244790

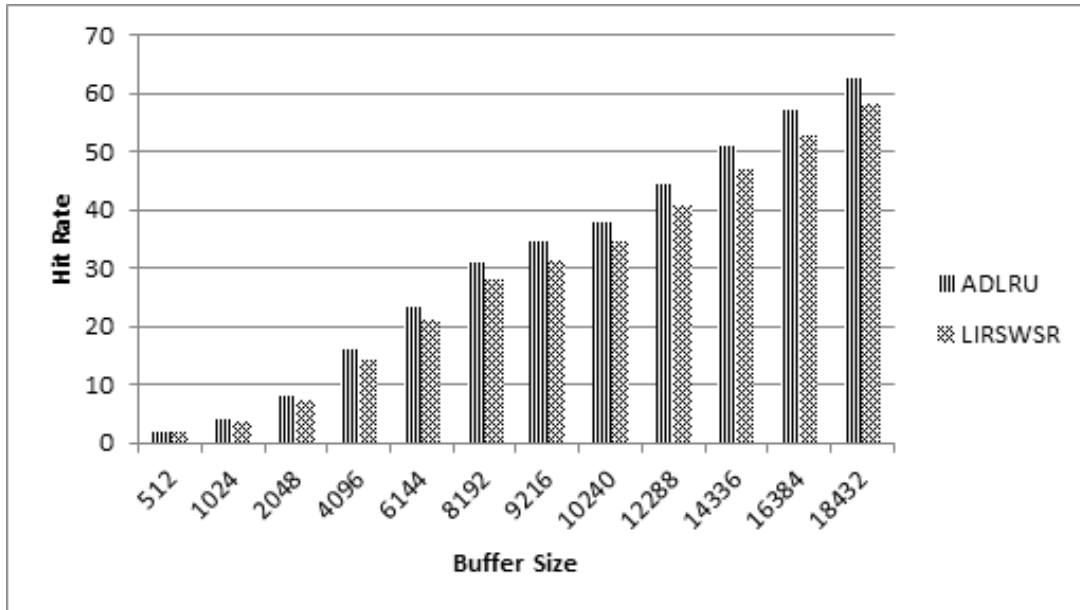
**Table 4.8:** Test Result of Workload 4

	<b>LIRS-WSR</b>				<b>CCF-LRU</b>			
	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count	Page Fault	Miss Rate	Hit Rate	Write Count
<b>512</b>	98952	98.2	1.8	49433	98903	98.1	1.9	49085
<b>1024</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>2048</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>4096</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>6144</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>8192</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>9216</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>10240</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>12288</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>14336</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>16384</b>	0.03	32	20 $\mu$ s	28 ms	1.2 sec	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms
<b>18432</b>	0.01	10	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms	25 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	2 ms

## 4.2.5 Analysis

All the results obtained from simulation is analyzed by drawing different graphs. Hit rate and write count are used as criteria for analyzing their goodness.

## 4.2.6 Hit Rate Analysis

**Figure 4.1:** Graph of Hit Rate for Workload 1

The graph of Figures 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 show that the **CCF-LRU** algorithm is better than the **LIRS-WSR** algorithm since **CCF-LRU** has higher hit rate for different cache sizes. In Figure 4.1 to Figure 4.4 for workloads random, read-most and write-most access type traces the hit rates of algorithms are not much different because of the uniform distribution of page references. In these workloads, there is not a clear distinction between hot and cold pages as reference locality is not high. Despite the nature of page references

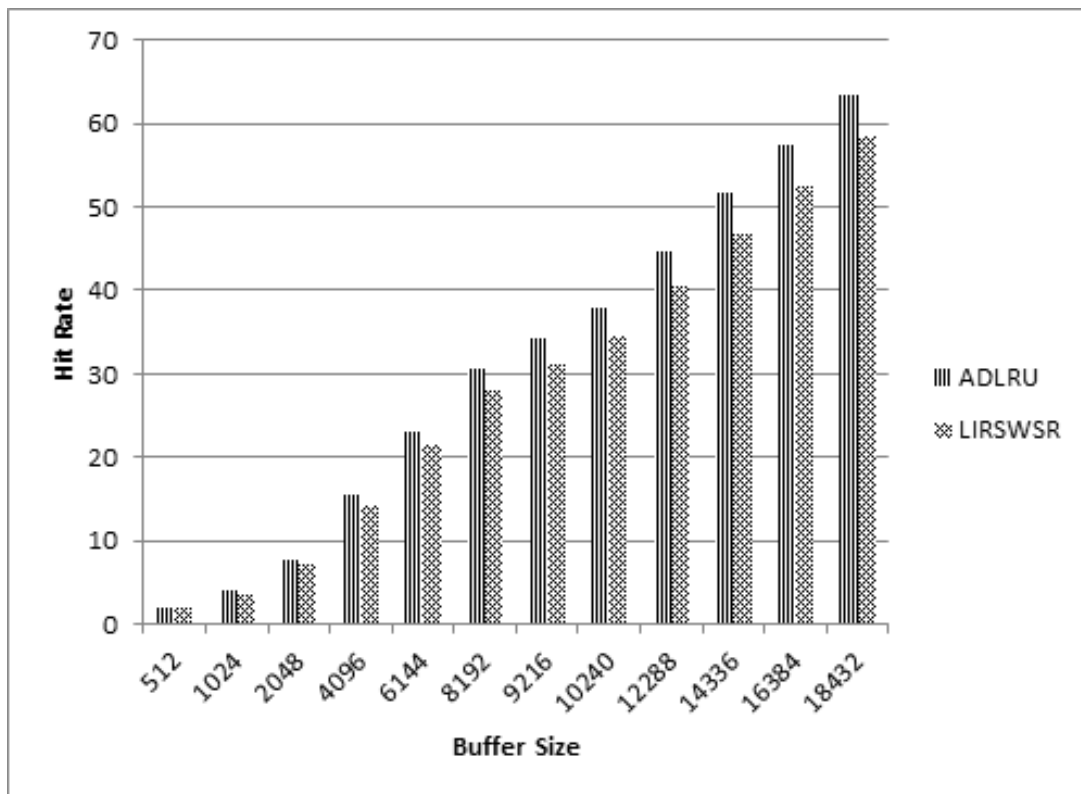


Figure 4.2: Graph of Hit Rate for Workload 2

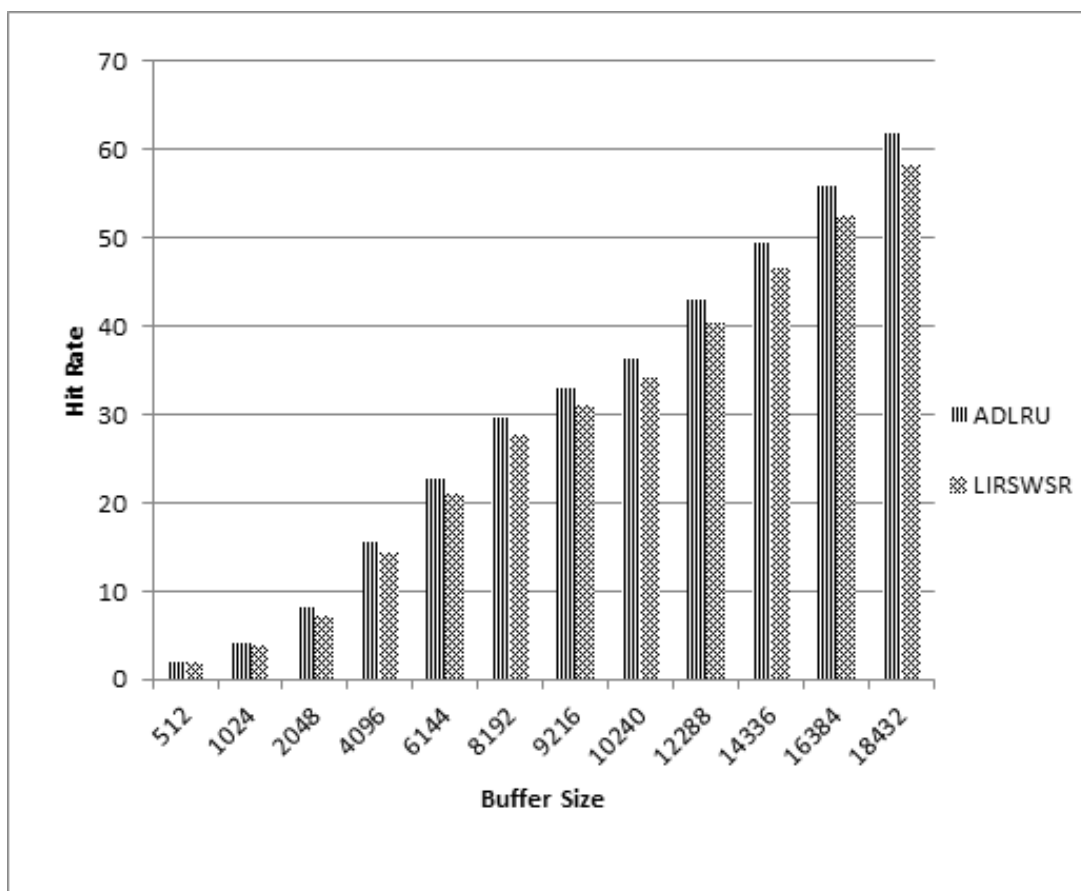
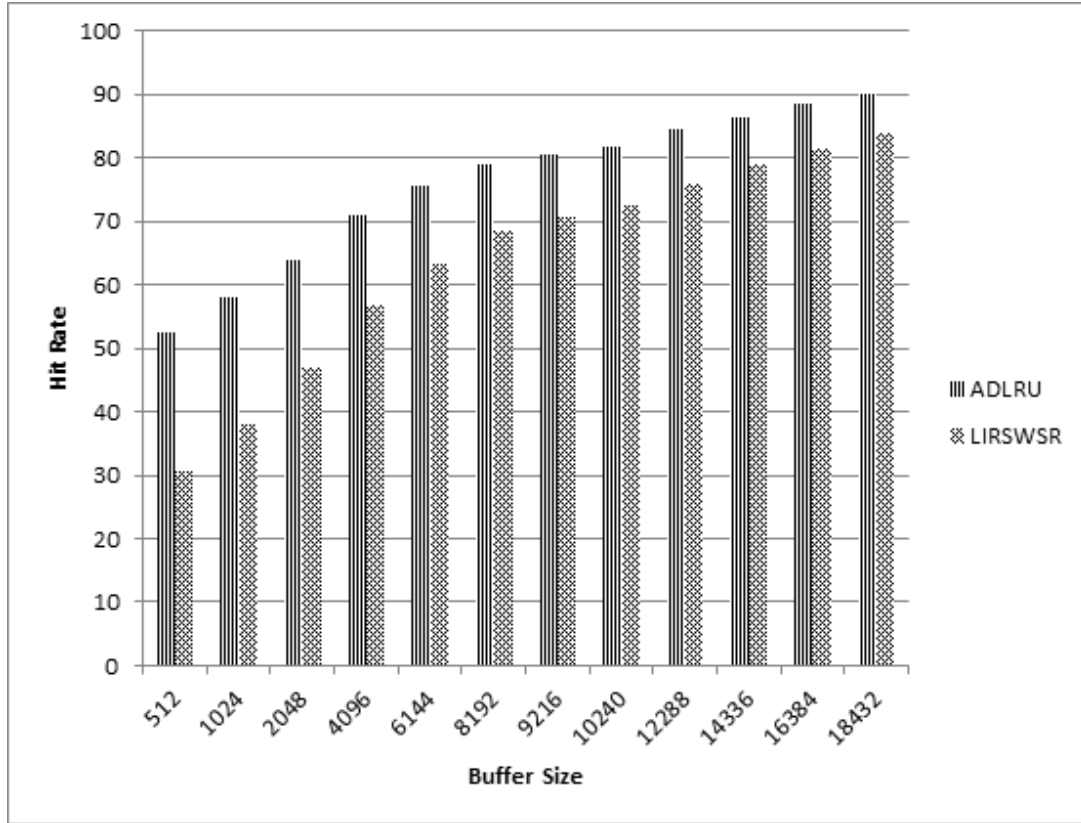


Figure 4.3: Graph of Hit Rate for Workload 3





**Figure 4.4:** Graph of Hit Rate for Workload 4

in these workloads, **CCF-LRU** has better hit rate as it adapts the changes in page references pattern dynamically. **LIRS-WSR** always treats pages with write request as **LIR** pages or hot pages. So these write reference pages are kept in cache for a longer time than read request pages. The read request pages are evicted quickly although these may be referenced soon. This reduces the hit rate. In addition, the hit rates of both algorithms increase in a similar way when buffer size increases. The hit rate increases with large buffer size because buffer can hold more pages that increase page hit. The graph of Figure 4.4 shows a significant difference in hit rate. This is due to high reference locality of page references in zipf trace where 80% of pages references deal with active 20% of pages. **CCF-LRU** adapts more effectively to distinguish hot and cold pages in this workload. So, the hit rate is much higher than that of **LIRS-WSR**. As the buffer size increases, the difference in the hit rate of these two algorithms is decreasing. This is because of increased hit of both as the capacity of buffer increases. As a minimum value, **CCF-LRU** has up to 3.6% higher hit rate than **LIRS-WSR** algorithm for workload 3 (write-most trace). As a maximum value, **CCF-LRU** has up to 22% higher hit rate than **LIRS-WSR** for smaller buffer size for workload 4 (Zipf trace) and for larger buffer size **CCF-LRU** has more than 6% higher hit rate than **LIRS-WSR** with this workload. **CCF-LRU** has higher hit rate than **LIRS-WSR** in the case of high reference locality workloads.

#### 4.2.7 Write Count Analysis

The graph in Figures 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 show the number of pages propagated to flash memory. The number of pages flushed to flash memory is write count. The number

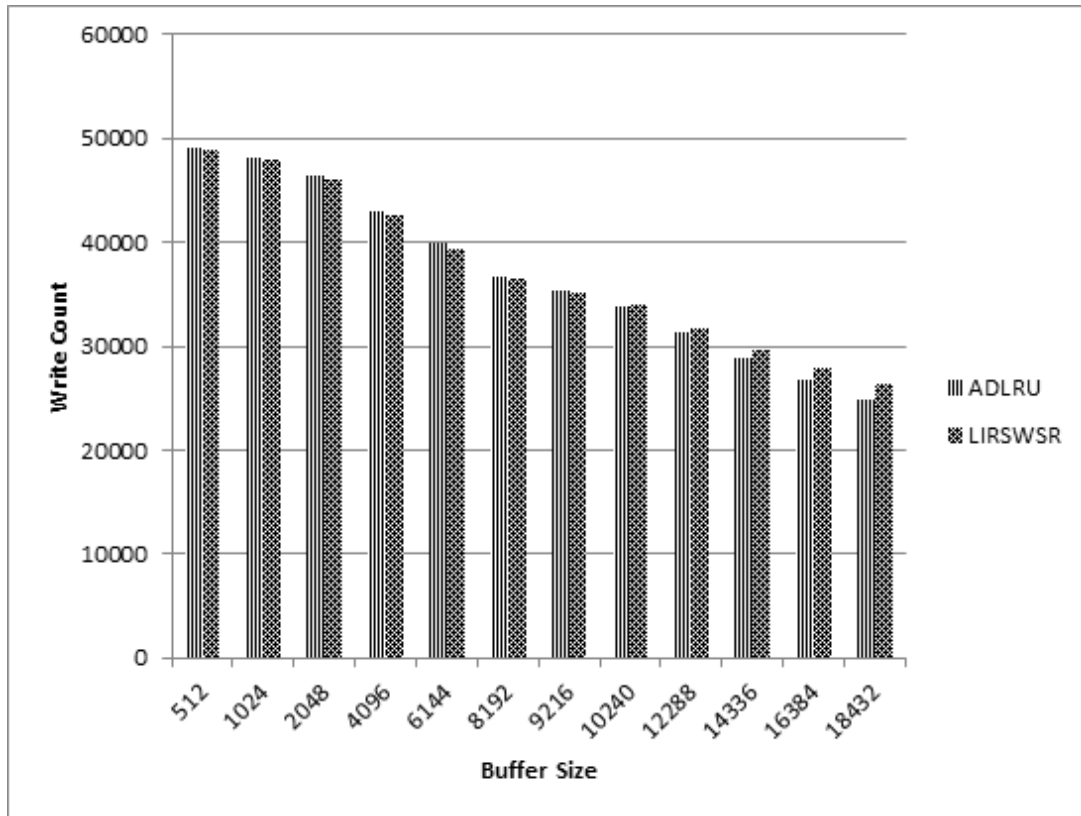


Figure 4.5: Graph of Write Count for Workload 1

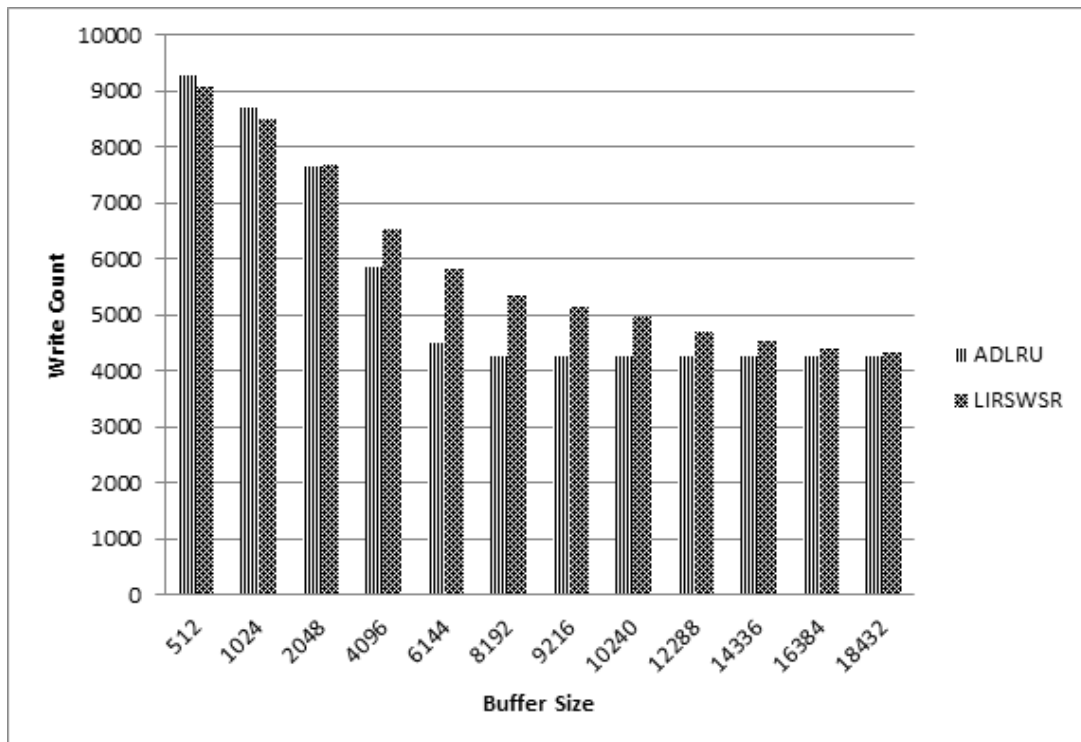


Figure 4.6: Graph of Write Count for Workload 2

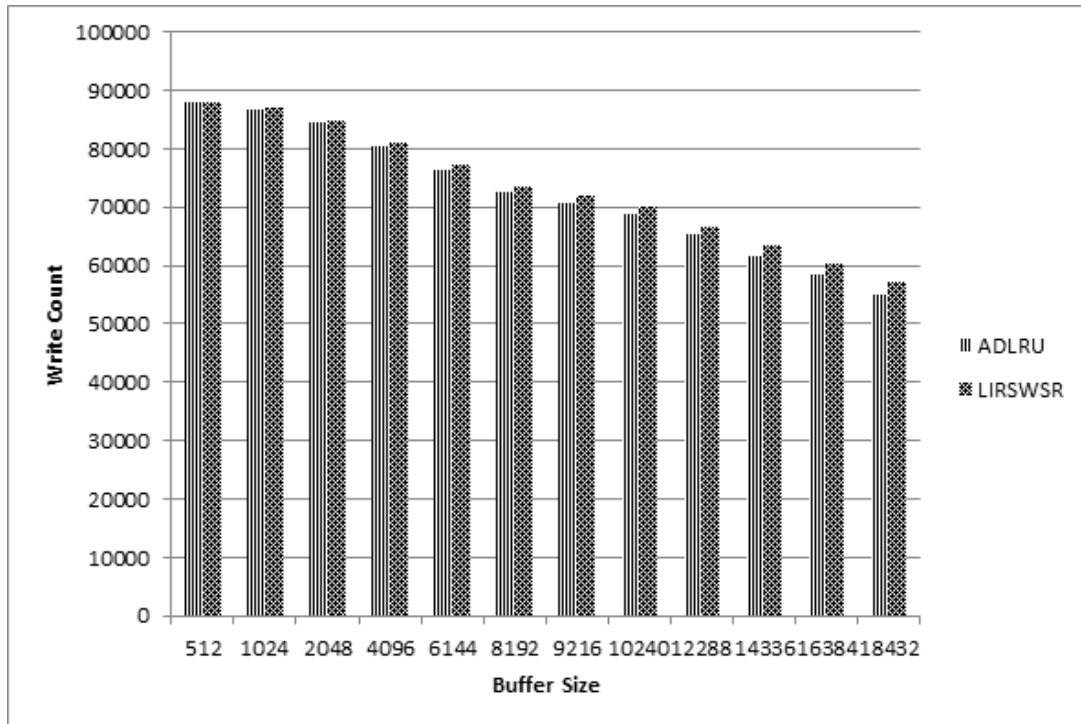


Figure 4.7: Graph of Write Count for Workload 3

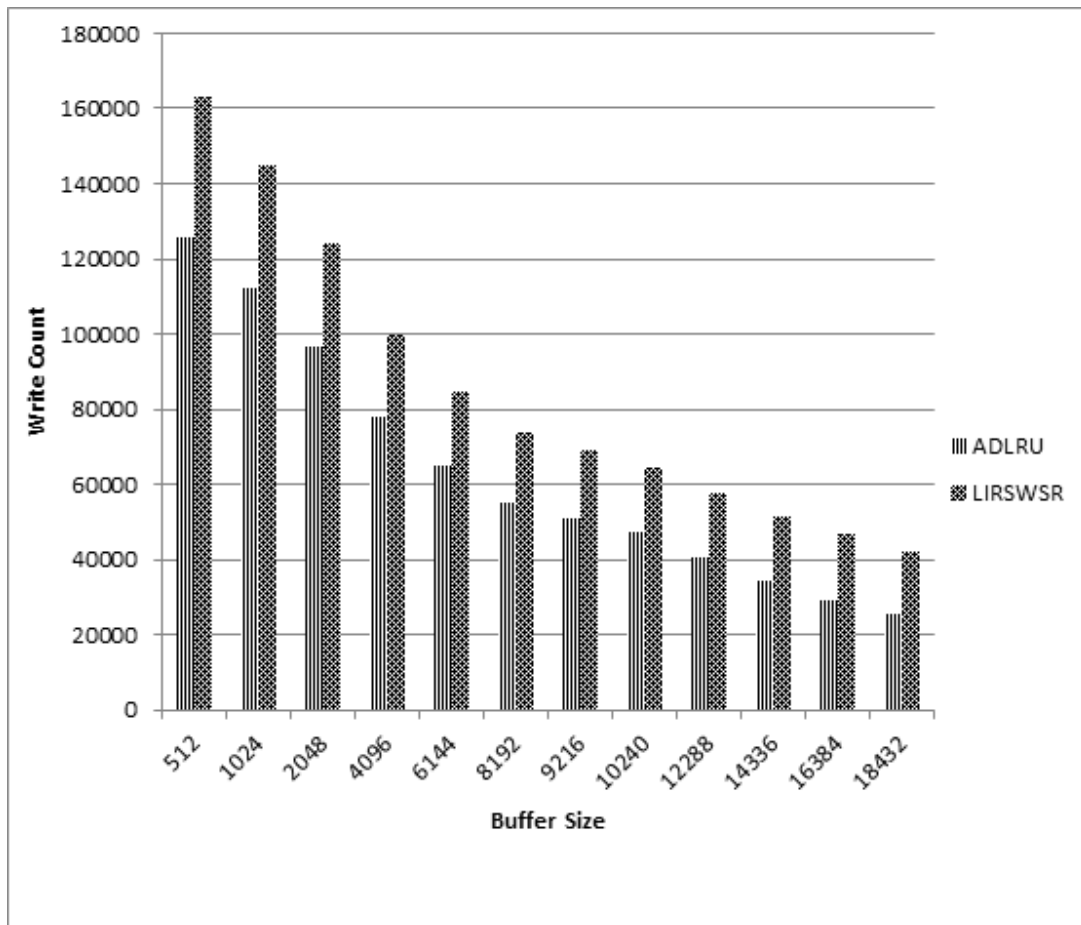


Figure 4.8: Graph of Write Count for Workload 4

is obtained by counting the eviction of page references with write request during page replacement event. At the end of simulation all the dirty pages in the buffer are also added to the count to get the exact write count. From the above graphs, it is clear that **CCF-LRU** has smaller write count for all the workloads used in the simulation. Workload 1 has 50% pages as write pages which are uniformly distributed. For smaller buffer size, **CCF-LRU** has slightly higher write count than **LIRS-WSR**. This is because there is not a clear idea to adapt hot and cold pages and as the buffer has a smaller capacity, dirty pages are evicted faster in **CCF-LRU** than **LIRS-WSR**. In **LIRS-WSR** dirty pages are kept in **LIRS** Stack as **LIR** pages and due to **WSR** policy, they are kept for longer time. As the buffer size increases, **CCF-LRU** outperforms **LIRS-WSR** in write count because of increased page hit in the larger buffer. Workload 2 has read-most access pattern in page references with 10% writes and 90% reads. For small buffer size of 512 and 1024, **LIRS-WSR** has lower write count because of its high priority to write pages to keep them in **LIRS** stack only and delay eviction using **WSR** policy. **CCF-LRU** cannot differentiate them as hot or cold so evicts faster-increasing write count. But for higher buffer size, **CCF-LRU** works better. This is due to increased hit rate because of large buffer capacity. It can delay write page eviction more than **WSR** technique. Workload 3 has 90% writes and only 10% reads in page references. In this case, **CCF-LRU** works better for all buffer sizes. There is a large number of write pages in trace **LIRS-WSR** cannot accommodate all pages in **LIRS**-Stack and evicts dirty pages as well continuously. **CCF-LRU** adapts reference pattern so it has better output. Workload 4 zipf trace has 50%/50% read and write references but has high reference locality of 80% page references are references to 20% of pages. **CCF-LRU** adapts changes in reference pattern and locality. So it has much less write count than **LIRS-WSR** for all buffer sizes. For write-most trace (Workload 3) write count is decreased up to 3% by **CCF-LRU** with a comparison to **LIRS-WSR** algorithm. This is the minimum value by which **CCF-LRU** outperforms the **LIRS-WSR** in write count. For zipf trace (workload 4) **CCF-LRU** decreased write count up to 40% with a comparison to **LIRS-WSR** algorithm. This is the largest gap between the value of write count of these two algorithms. Thus, **CCF-LRU** minimizes write counts significantly when reference locality is high.

# Chapter 5

## CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

### 5.1 Conclusion

Flash memory has become an alternative to the magnetic disks, which brings new challenges to the traditional disk-based system. To efficiently support the characteristics of flash storage devices, traditional buffering approaches need to be revised to take into account the imbalance I/O property of flash memory. **LIRS-WSR** uses delayed eviction strategy when the dirty page is to be replaced. It uses recency and little bit frequency information in replacement policy. **CCF-LRU** captures frequency and recency of page references by using two **LRU** queues to classify all the buffer pages into a hot set and a cold set. It uses an adaptive mechanism to make the size of two **LRU** queue suitable for different reference patterns.

From the simulation of these two algorithms for varying buffer size, it is found that the **CCF-LRU** always outperforms **LIRS-WSR** for hit rate and write count. Especially, when workload has high reference locality, **CCF-LRU** has significantly superior performance than **LIRS-WSR** in terms of both hit rate and write count. This is because of **CCF-LRU**'s good adaptive technique to handle changes in reference patterns.

For uniformly distributed workloads, the difference in hit rates of **CCF-LRU** and **LIRS-WSR** is comparatively small. **CCF-LRU** leads **LIRS-WSR** in hit rate by a value up to 5%. For high reference locality workloads **CCF-LRU** has significantly higher hit rate up to 22% in comparison to **LIRS-WSR**.

The **LIRS-WSR** may perform better in write count for uniformly distributed locality workloads when the buffer size is highly smaller in comparison to the size of workload as it treats all write pages as hot pages and delays eviction. For larger buffer size and high write reference locality workloads, **CCF-LRU** always outperforms **LIRS-WSR** in write count as **CCF-LRU** adapts hot and cold pages better than **LIRS-WSR**. It seems that in the case of uniformly distributed write-most access type workload, write count is decreased up to 3% by **CCF-LRU**, but for high reference locality workload **CCF-LRU** minimizes write count up to 40% with a comparison to **LIRS-WSR** algorithm. Thus, **CCF-LRU** minimizes write counts significantly when reference locality is high.

## 5.2 Limitations and Future Work

In this work, the size of **HIR** block is chosen 1% of total buffer size in **LIRS** algorithm and minimum size of cold **LRU** queue **MIN\_LC** is selected 50% of buffer size. These values have been used by authors of algorithms. The dynamic approach can be used to self-tune these parameters. Further research can be done to find the optimal value of these parameters for different workloads. In addition to this, in this work, only four different memory traces have been used for simulation purpose. Three of which are of uniform reference patterns and last one is with “80/20” reference locality. These are the limitations of this work. This work can be further extended by using a variety of real memory trace with different reference locality.

Thank you!

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# Appendix A

## Sample Input Traces

### A.1 Random Input Trace

1,8575 0,17754 0,33289 0,3838 0,19942 1,25113 1,35145 1,1939 0,40780 0,12831 0,31724  
1,37162 1,861 1,35912 0,39216 1,10863 0,15454 0,32425 0,42141 1,34769 0,29923 1,3050  
0,4043 0,39113 1,11686 1,25837 0,4941 0,7882 0,39262 1,32631 0,36490 1,11934 1,8851  
1,16962 0,37665 1,23980 0,41727 0,15074 1,19029 1,1750 0,49554 1,18797 1,6747 0,31276  
1,786 1,42798 0,30971 0,42594 1,49503 0,23075 1,8717 1,13521 1,988 0,22467 1,12586  
1,45284 1,39329 0,45058 0,14795 0,21120 0,7786 1,43211 0,47655 0,42213 0,919 0,603  
0,4844 0,44923 1,29324 0,26292 1,31526 1,38097 1,39819 0,30117 1,14208 1,27844 1,8361  
1,16455 1,5699 0,10670 1,1066 0,9039 1,6477 1,41170 0,23504 1,32354 0,14280 1,36795  
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1,28453 0,9115 0,25532 0,47722 1,47868 1,49752 0,6476 1,41825 1,7631 0,14127 0,29127  
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## A.2 Read-most Input Trace

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0,46694 0,33131 0,29974 0,19584 0,49468 1,24278 0,17376 0,46130 0,4161 0,3133 0,45468  
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0,2877 0,14913 0,26197 0,37578 0,44932 0,27057 0,8577 0,21545 1,19614 0,26010 0,31719  
0,21978 0,9246 0,32690 0,35125 0,29523 0,34981 1,3135 1,2971 0,1054 0,15836 0,29720  
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0,949 0,25811 0,35775 0,28294 0,7946 0,2748 0,36907 0,5078 0,27022 1,14669 0,37419  
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### A.3 Write-most Input Trace

1,12527 1,1216 1,698 1,35286 1,39722 1,25887 1,45028 1,47558 1,44966 1,10018 1,41052  
0,8011 1,42731 1,9714 1,39263 1,40196 1,6269 1,39623 1,33031 1,1853 1,29107 1,5242  
1,1010 1,28122 1,35606 1,27792 1,19845 1,24155 1,20899 1,37819 1,27592 1,1272 1,2536  
1,35733 1,33645 1,37360 1,13287 1,35073 1,24973 1,31865 1,7424 1,5993 1,8751 1,2237  
1,39556 1,8440 1,35811 1,25015 1,42880 1,12603 1,8230 1,45262 1,10924 0,40802 1,24112  
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1,33896 0,35169 1,35950 1,9344 1,2859 1,32483 1,2158 1,46525 1,32777 1,20380 0,25035  
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1,42484 1,8868 1,13237 1,45460 1,40381 1,46871 1,18937 1,1389 1,22092 1,20688 1,30869  
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1,17152 1,12715 0,18951 1,21008 1,16825 1,25648 1,7780 0,32453 1,31306 1,31417 1,8739  
1,26541 1,29079 1,20598 0,32708 1,20379 1,7102 1,47144 1,6410 1,34135 1,46739 1,30138  
1,31747 1,31348 0,6005 1,22079 1,27629 1,27350 1,14363 1,32636 1,6512 1,38772 1,31748  
1,40623 1,46464 0,7840 1,38240 1,41170 1,48485 0,9147 1,13603 1,21382 1,23347 1,32522  
1,18992 1,48222 1,38319 1,45065 1,35093 1,29744 1,16979 0,12561 1,4371 1,11740 1,9723  
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## A.4 Zipf Input Trace

1,8550 0,3609 1,654 1,17913 0,145 0,2550 1,5970 0,2461 1,33806 0,17 0,1 0,17 0,1,370 0,159  
0,10290 0,54 0,4 1,40078 0,481 0,14300 0,1 0,16 0,18 1,1167 0,7 1,27473 0,47 0,127 0,286  
0,35 1,1 0,63 0,15 0,17 0,574 1,1815 0,173 0,6 0,9172 0,5565 1,69 1,7723 0,39491 0,2020  
1,1 0,16 1,17217 1,3717 1,3294 1,31 1,40143 0,49198 0,15221 0,191 0,49491 1,2842 1,2797  
0,25825 0,7165 1,40 0,3 1,47 0,6 0,8631 0,7375 0,9649 0,3530 0,21 1,508 1,8 0,16 1,20349  
1,4506 1,279 1,111 0,1472 0,2768 0,36002 0,168 0,631 0,50 0,44415 1,800 0,1847 0,1353  
0,115 0,28497 1,2611 0,697 1,1728 0,1 1,32 0,57 1,358 0,522 1,4 0,612 0,2599 1,2 1,5 0,47719  
1,8 1,889 0,345 0,1136 0,242 1,10958 0,1178 0,17 1,3 1,20063 0,1992 0,4 1,7485 1,1406  
0,168 1,87 1,602 0,1638 0,265 0,15042 1,42 0,16832 0,12 0,49373 0,2 1,2880 0,28 1,761 0,2  
1,412 0,30 0,40 0,1244 0,146 1,9 0,30606 0,3 1,2 1,327 0,27188 0,29109 0,4 0,22156 0,145  
1,11837 1,12173 1,41 0,49 0,11 1,1256 0,13969 1,18099 1,202 0,9684 0,31846 0,1303 1,5233  
1,109 0,35427 0,29287 0,2080 1,74 0,303 1,34 1,4342 1,172 1,46482 0,4 1,30884 0,10994  
0,1 1,36777 1,22311 0,4502 1,104 0,2 0,2258 0,26534 0,10 1,1693 1,15000 1,890 0,14941  
1,5200 1,89 0,610 0,790 1,24567 0,2514 0,9 1,55 0,39162 1,1007 1,117 1,1203 1,6 1,34659  
1,13 0,21797 1,6 0,123 1,2306 0,431 0,763 0,205 0,25 0,5509 0,663 1,920 0,1340 0,36399  
1,179 0,17631 0,2 0,96 1,624 0,549 0,1383 1,3269 0,114 1,26 1,11056 0,37000 1,8808 1,39  
1,10 0,1006 1,3 0,12883 1,592 1,4360 0,13 0,2387 1,4 0,183 0,1789 0,6300 1,207 1,33724  
1,3747 0,23521 0,67 0,2285 0,8867 1,3101 0,33604 1,4 0,99 0,21 1,4084 1,105 1,19222  
1,24966 0,18158 0,45453 0,329 1,13 1,625 0,33 0,45 0,2427 1,14065 0,37 1,213 1,14 1,42281  
0,7631 0,275 0,204 1,9059 0,39832 0,9638 0,26 0,10692 1,22052 0,29487 1,1265 1,8160  
1,10 1,232 0,30695 1,696 1,296 0,7309 0,3 0,45299 0,52 0,1 0,5550 0,16061 0,2100 0,7392  
0,6111 0,28824 1,810 1,15492 1,534 0,21235 1,858 0,2 0,4657 1,1 1,4492 0,35641 0,12254  
0,6213 1,9804 0,49110 1,31345 1,3 0,137 0,11385 1,2 1,2387 1,9581 0,1 0,9 1,19562 0,2436  
1,14530 1,25 0,35087 1,650 0,5731 0,1481 0,437 1,97 0,8280 1,10875 1,422 0,791 1,9719 0,1  
0,23043 0,22546 0,292 1,2 1,5320 0,5 1,10 1,83 0,3253 0,1128 1,6808 0,39912 1,5172 0,175  
0,26391 0,679 0,3 1,27741 1,24082 1,3 0,692 0,8297 0,80 0,843 0,26940 0,2092 1,37 0,2655  
1,38 1,2622 0,3115 1,23585 1,25069 1,1705 0,11 1,427 1,230 0,14530 0,788 0,27979 1,44389  
1,2713 1,93 0,1 0,292 1,42296 0,1307 0,484 0,115 0,8 0,389 0,7576 1,36924 0,180 0,3128  
0,27230 0,2 0,28 0,475 1,83 0,36531 1,8931 0,9726 1,2378 1,7889 1,1504 1,481 1,31 0,256  
1,10779 1,6 0,64 0,17928 1,1031 0,3837 1,5605 0,145 0,3127 1,42369 1,548 1,12 0,5 1,844  
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0,6267 0,1055 1,2 1,425 1,1 1,1 0,9106 1,33562 1,45446 0,35081 0,2439 1,1806 1,49 0,68  
1,21 1,1116 0,212 1,3 0,10 1,189 0,34844 1,22641 1,13 0,43620 1,18401 1,2562 0,11 1,25133  
1,7 0,5673 0,370 1,9 0,88 0,257 1,4194 1,1530 0,221 0,3438 1,81 1,13380 1,1 1,553 1,233  
1,5382 0,20741 0,13698 0,16261 1,1 0,46 0,41722 1,3606 0,33696 0,2634 0,1184 0,10378  
0,37874 0,2164 0,276 1,1115 0,4 0,3 1,10 1,539 1,41320 1,661 0,3 0,3849 1,1 0,1716 0,108  
0,14649 1,1958 1,26391 1,12658 1,325 0,18172 1,19919 1,6356 0,2816 0,222 1,4422 1,140  
1,7377 0,9707 0,2081 0,65 0,4 0,14 1,1 1,2983 1,122 1,11 0,16665 1,48548 1,86 0,35227 0,4  
1,13577 1,545 0,2055 0,1345 1,15 1,10895 1,18423 1,850 0,25 0,2 1,6289 0,5 1,3 1,21881  
1,7 0,1152 1,32 1,13812 0,448 0,10015 1,91 1,1504 1,33 1,16 1,670 1,34265 0,6564 0,105  
0,586 1,175 0,6121 0,6 0,4722 1,451 0,9247 0,14 0,302 0,1576 1,160 0,3544 1,10015 0,10936  
0,20971 0,1085 1,3 0,2 1,44221 1,4781 1,14098 1,95 1,1705 1,2 1,7106 1,787 1,10058 0,16147  
0,1 1,16249 1,413 0,182 1,1944 1,41134 0,17889 0,369 1,12760 0,39925 0,52 0,265 1,2 0,1019  
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# Appendix B

## Sample Source Codes

### B.1 LIRS-WSR

Listing B.1: LIRS-WSR pseudo code

```
1  // program to implement LIRS-WSR algorithm for cache replacement
   ↪ policy for flash memory
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   ↪ Kathmandu, Nepal
4
5  /* Input File:
6     *          trace file
7     *          parameter file
8     * Output File: hit rate it describes the hit rates for each
9     cache size specified in parameter file, pagefaults, write counts
10
11  /* Input File Format:
12     * (1) trace file: Block Number of each reference, which
13     is the unique number for each accessed block together with integer 0
   ↪ or 1 to represent access type
14     * (2) parameter file: one or more cache sizes we want to test
15     */
16
17  #include "stdafx.h"
18  #include "string.h"
19  #include "stdlib.h"
20  #include "stdio.h"
21
22  /* the size percentage of HIR blocks, default value is 1% of cache
   ↪ size */
23  #define HIR_RATE 1
24  #define LOWEST_HG_NUM 2
25
26  #define TRUE 1
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27  #define FALSE 0
28
29  struct node
30  {
31      char pn[9];
32      char r;
33      int cold;
34      int isResident;
35      int isHIR_block;
36      struct node * LIRS_next;
37      struct node * LIRS_prev;
38      struct node *HIR_rsd_next;
39      struct node *HIR_rsd_prev;
40      int    recency;
41  };
42
43  unsigned long total_pg_refs;
44  long distinct_refs; /* counter excluding duplicate refs */
45  unsigned long num_pg_flt;
46  unsigned long write_request;
47  unsigned long write_count;
48  unsigned long free_mem_size, mem_size;
49
50  struct node * LIRS_stack_head;
51  struct node * LIRS_stack_tail;
52  struct node * HIR_list_head;
53  struct node * HIR_list_tail;
54
55  unsigned long HIR_block_portion_limit;
56  FILE *trace_fp, *out_1_fp, *para_fp;
57
58  char history[200000][9];
59
60  void add_LIRS_stack_head(struct node *new_ref_ptr);
61  void move_to_LIRS_stack_head(struct node *new_ref_ptr);
62  int add_to_HIR_List(struct node * new_HIR_ptr);
63  int remove_from_HIR_List(struct node *HIR_block_ptr);
64  void move_to_head_HIR_List(struct node * new_HIR_ptr);
65  int remove_HIR_tail();
66  FILE *openReadFile(char file_name[]);
67  void LIRSWSR();
68  void stack_prune();
69  //start of main
70  int main()
71  {
72      int i, j;
73      char trc_file_name[100];
74      char para_file_name[100];

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75     char out_file_name[100];
76
77     printf("Please input file name of parameter:\t");
78     gets_s(para_file_name);
79     strcat_s(para_file_name, ".par");
80     para_fp = openReadFile(para_file_name);
81
82     printf("\nPlease input file name of trace:\t");
83     gets_s(trc_file_name);
84     strcat_s(trc_file_name, ".trace");
85     trace_fp = openReadFile(trc_file_name);
86
87     printf("\nPlease input file name of output:\t");
88     gets_s(out_file_name);
89     strcat_s(out_file_name, ".txt");
90     errno_t err;
91     out_1_fp = fopen(out_file_name, "w");
92
93     fprintf(out_1_fp, "\nOUTPUT OF LIRS-WSR for flash
↪ ALGORITHM\n-----\n\n\n\n");
94
95     fprintf(out_1_fp, "Memory size | Total #References | MISS Rate |
↪ HIT Rate | #Page faults | #Distinct references | HIR | Limit |
↪ #Write Count | #Write Requests ");
96
97
98     /* Actually read the size of whole reference space and trace
↪ length */
99     fscanf(para_fp, "%lu", &mem_size);
100
101     while (!feof(para_fp))
102     {
103         /* the memory ratio for hirs is 1% */
104         HIR_block_portion_limit = (unsigned long)(HIR_RATE /
↪ 100.0*mem_size);
105         if (HIR_block_portion_limit < LOWEST_HG_NUM)
106             HIR_block_portion_limit = LOWEST_HG_NUM;
107
108         printf(" \nLhirs (cache size for HIR blocks) = %lu\n",
↪ HIR_block_portion_limit);
109         printf("\nmem_size = %lu\n", mem_size);
110
111         distinct_refs = 0;
112         num_pgflt = 0;
113         write_request = 0;
114         write_count = 0;
115         total_pg_refs = 0;
116         free_mem_size = mem_size;

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117
118     LIRS_stack_head = NULL;
119     LIRS_stack_tail = NULL;
120     HIR_list_head = NULL;
121     HIR_list_tail = NULL;
122
123     for (i = 0; i<200000; i++)
124     {
125         for (j = 0; j<9; j++)
126             history[i][j] = '\0';
127
128     }
129     // calling LIRS replacement algorithm
130     LIRSWSR();
131
132     printf("\n\nTotal references = %lu\nTotal distinct references =
↪ %lu\nTotal page faults = %lu \nTotal write count = %lu\nTotal
↪ Write requests = %lu", total_pg_refs, distinct_refs, num_pg_flt,
↪ write_count, write_request);
133     printf("\nTotal blocks refs = %lu \nNumber of misses (page
↪ faults) = %lu \nMiss rate = %2.1f \n", total_pg_refs, num_pg_flt,
↪ (float)(num_pg_flt - distinct_refs) / (total_pg_refs -
↪ distinct_refs) * 100);
134
135     fprintf(out_1_fp,
↪ "\n-----
136     fprintf(out_1_fp, "%08lu      | %08lu\t      | %3.1f\t      | %3.1f
↪ | %d\t      | %lu\t\t      | %03u | %03.2f | %lu\t | %lu",
↪ mem_size, total_pg_refs, ((float)num_pg_flt - distinct_refs) /
↪ (total_pg_refs - distinct_refs) * 100, 100 - ((float)num_pg_flt -
↪ distinct_refs) / (total_pg_refs - distinct_refs) * 100,
↪ num_pg_flt, distinct_refs, HIR_block_portion_limit,
↪ (float)write_count / write_request * 100, write_count,
↪ write_request);
137
138     fscanf(para_fp, "%lu", &mem_size);
139 } //while close
140
141 fclose(out_1_fp);
142 fclose(trace_fp);
143 fclose(para_fp);
144 system("pause");
145 return 0;
146 } // end of the main
147
148 FILE *openReadFile(char file_name[])
149 {
150     FILE *fp;

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151     fp = fopen(file_name, "r");
152     if (fp == NULL) {
153         printf("Invalid file %s.\n", file_name);
154         return NULL;
155     }
156     return fp;
157 }
158
159 //LIRS WSR algorithm
160 void LIRSWSR()
161 {
162     char ref_block[9], s[9];
163     char r;
164     int i, j;
165     int flag;
166
167     struct node *temp, *newnode;
168     struct node *hold;
169     struct node *temp1;
170
171     fseek(trace_fp, 0, SEEK_SET);
172     fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
173     while (!feof(trace_fp))
174     {
175         for (i = 0; i<9; i++)
176             ref_block[i] = '\0';
177         if (s[0] == '1')
178             r = 'W';
179         else
180             r = 'R';
181         for (i = 2, j = 0; s[i] != '\0'; i++, j++)
182             ref_block[j] = s[i];
183         ref_block[j] = '\0';
184         flag = 0;
185         total_pg_refs++;
186         for (i = 1; i <= distinct_refs; i++)
187         {
188             if (strcmp(history[i], ref_block) == 0)
189             {
190                 flag = 1;
191                 break;
192             }
193         }
194         if (flag == 0)
195         {
196             distinct_refs++;
197             printf("\t %lu", distinct_refs);
198             strcpy(history[distinct_refs], ref_block);

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199     }
200     if (r == 'W')
201     {
202         write_request++;
203     }
204     // isin cache
205     // Search for hit in LIRS Stack
206     temp = LIRS_stack_head;
207     while (temp != NULL)
208     {
209         flag = 0;
210         if (strcmp(ref_block, temp->pn) == 0)
211         {
212             if (temp->isHIR_block == 0)
213             {
214                 if (r == 'W')
215                     temp->r = 'W';
216                 move_to_LIRS_stack_head(temp);
217                 temp->cold = 0;
218                 if (temp->LIRS_next == NULL)
219                     stack_prune();
220                 // printf("\n hit in LIR...%s",ref_block);
221             }
222             else if (temp->isHIR_block == 1)
223             {
224                 if (temp->isResident == 1)
225                 {
226                     // printf("\n hit in
↪ HIR...%s\t%d",temp->pn,temp->isHIR_block );
227                     if (r == 'W')
228                         temp->r = 'W';
229                     temp->cold = 0;
230                     move_to_LIRS_stack_head(temp);
231                     remove_from_HIR_List(temp);
232
233                     while (LIRS_stack_tail->r == 'W' && LIRS_stack_tail->cold
↪ == 0)
234                     {
235                         move_to_LIRS_stack_head(LIRS_stack_tail);
236                         LIRS_stack_head->cold = 1;
237                         stack_prune();
238                     }
239                     //clean or cold and dirty page
240                     add_to_HIR_List(LIRS_stack_tail);
241                     LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
242                     LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = NULL;
243                     LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next = NULL;
244                     stack_prune();

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245     }
246     else
247     {
248         num_pg_flt++;
249         if (r == 'W')
250             temp->r = 'W';
251         else
252             temp->r = 'R';
253         remove_HIR_tail();
254
255         move_to_LIRS_stack_head(temp);
256         temp->cold = 0;
257
258         while (LIRS_stack_tail->r == 'W' && LIRS_stack_tail->cold
↪ == 0)
259         {
260             move_to_LIRS_stack_head(LIRS_stack_tail);
261             LIRS_stack_head->cold = 1;
262             stack_prune();
263         }
264         add_to_HIR_List(LIRS_stack_tail); // move stack bottom to
↪ HIR list head
265         LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
266         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = NULL;
267         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next = NULL;
268         stack_prune();
269     }
270 }
271
272     flag = 1;
273     break;
274 }
275     temp = temp->LIRS_next;
276 }
277     if (flag == 1)
278     {
279         fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
280         continue;
281     }
282     else // Not in stack
283     {
284         // Search for hit in HIR Q
285         temp = HIR_list_head;
286         while (temp != NULL) // hit in cache
287         {
288             flag = 0;
289             if (strcmp(ref_block, temp->pn) == 0)
290             {

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291         if (r == 'W')
292             temp->r = 'W';
293         move_to_head_HIR_List(temp);
294         add_LIRS_stack_head(temp);
295         flag = 1;
296         break;
297     }
298
299     temp = temp->HIR_rsd_next;
300 }
301 }
302 if (flag == 1)
303 {
304     fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
305     continue;
306 }
307 else
308 {
309     // printf("\ngenerates block miss */");
310     num_pg_flt++;
311     if (free_mem_size == 0)
312     {
313         remove_HIR_tail();
314
315         newnode = (struct node *) malloc(sizeof(struct node));
316         newnode->isHIR_block = 1;
317         newnode->isResident = 1;
318         strcpy(newnode->pn, ref_block);
319         newnode->recency = 1;
320         newnode->LIRS_next = NULL;
321         newnode->LIRS_prev = NULL;
322         newnode->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
323         newnode->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
324         if (r == 'W')
325             newnode->r = 'W';
326         else
327             newnode->r = 'R';
328         if (newnode->r == 'W')
329         {
330             add_LIRS_stack_head(newnode);
331             newnode->isHIR_block = 0;
332
333             while (LIRS_stack_tail->r == 'W' && LIRS_stack_tail->cold
↪ == 0)
334             {
335                 move_to_LIRS_stack_head(LIRS_stack_tail);
336                 LIRS_stack_head->cold = 1;
337                 stack_prune();

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338     }
339     add_to_HIR_List(LIRS_stack_tail); // move stack bottom to
↪ HIR list head
340     LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
341     LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = NULL;
342     LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next = NULL;
343     stack_prune();
344 }
345 else
346 {
347     add_to_HIR_List(newnode);
348     add_LIRS_stack_head(newnode);
349 }
350
351     fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
352     continue;
353 }
354     else if (free_mem_size > HIR_block_portion_limit) //to place
↪ page in LIR block
355     {
356         newnode = (struct node *) malloc(sizeof(struct node));
357         newnode->isHIR_block = 0;
358         newnode->isResident = 0;
359         strcpy(newnode->pn, ref_block);
360         newnode->recency = 1;
361         newnode->LIRS_next = NULL;
362         newnode->LIRS_prev = NULL;
363         newnode->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
364         newnode->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
365         if (r == 'W')
366             newnode->r = 'W';
367         else
368             newnode->r = 'R';
369
370         add_LIRS_stack_head(newnode);
371         free_mem_size--;
372         fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
373         continue;
374     }
375     else //to place page in HIR block
376     {
377         newnode = (struct node *) malloc(sizeof(struct node));
378         newnode->isHIR_block = 1;
379         newnode->recency = 1;
380         newnode->isResident = 1;
381         strcpy(newnode->pn, ref_block);
382         newnode->LIRS_next = NULL;
383         newnode->LIRS_prev = NULL;

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384     newnode->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
385     newnode->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
386     if (r == 'W')
387         newnode->r = 'W';
388     else
389         newnode->r = 'R';
390     if (newnode->r == 'W')
391     {
392         add_LIRS_stack_head(newnode);
393         newnode->isHIR_block = 0;
394
395         while (LIRS_stack_tail->r == 'W' && LIRS_stack_tail->cold
↪ == 0)
396         {
397             move_to_LIRS_stack_head(LIRS_stack_tail);
398             LIRS_stack_head->cold = 1;
399             stack_prune();
400         }
401         add_to_HIR_List(LIRS_stack_tail); // move stack bottom to
↪ HIR list head
402         LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
403         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = NULL;
404         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next = NULL;
405         stack_prune();
406         free_mem_size--;
407     }
408     else
409     {
410         add_LIRS_stack_head(newnode);
411         add_to_HIR_List(newnode);
412         free_mem_size--;
413     }
414     fscanf(trace_fp, "%s", s);
415     continue;
416 }
417 } //else close
418 } //while closed
419
420 hold = LIRS_stack_head;
421 while (hold != NULL)
422 {
423     if (hold->r == 'W')
424     {
425         write_count++;
426     }
427     hold = hold->LIRS_next;
428 }
429 hold = HIR_list_head;

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430 while (hold != NULL)
431 {
432     if (hold->recency == 0 && hold->r == 'W')
433     {
434         write_count++;
435     }
436     hold = hold->HIR_rsd_next;
437 }
438 }
439 //moves a node to top of stack from stack itself
440 void move_to_LIRS_stack_head(struct node *new_ref_ptr)
441 {
442     if (new_ref_ptr->isHIR_block == 1)
443         new_ref_ptr->isHIR_block = 0;
444     if (new_ref_ptr == LIRS_stack_head)
445     {
446         return;
447     }
448     else
449     {
450
451         new_ref_ptr->LIRS_prev->LIRS_next = new_ref_ptr->LIRS_next;
452         if (new_ref_ptr->LIRS_next == NULL)
453             LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
454         else
455             new_ref_ptr->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = new_ref_ptr->LIRS_prev;
456
457         new_ref_ptr->LIRS_next = LIRS_stack_head;
458         LIRS_stack_head->LIRS_prev = new_ref_ptr;
459         new_ref_ptr->LIRS_prev = NULL;
460         LIRS_stack_head = new_ref_ptr;
461         return;
462     }
463 }
464 // stack pruning
465 void stack_prune()
466 {
467     if (LIRS_stack_tail->isHIR_block == 0)
468         return;
469     else
470     {
471         LIRS_stack_tail->recency = 0;
472         LIRS_stack_tail = LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_prev;
473         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next->LIRS_prev = NULL;
474         LIRS_stack_tail->LIRS_next = NULL;
475
476         stack_prune();
477     }

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478 }
479 /* Add a node to head of LIRS stack */
480 void add_LIRS_stack_head(struct node *new_ref_ptr)
481 {
482     struct node *temp;
483     if (new_ref_ptr->recency == 0)
484         new_ref_ptr->recency = 1;
485
486     if (LIRS_stack_head == NULL) {
487         LIRS_stack_head = LIRS_stack_tail = new_ref_ptr;
488     }
489     else
490     {
491         LIRS_stack_head->LIRS_prev = new_ref_ptr;
492         new_ref_ptr->LIRS_next = LIRS_stack_head;
493         LIRS_stack_head = new_ref_ptr;
494     }
495     return;
496 }
497 // removes a node from HIR list
498 int remove_from_HIR_List(struct node *HIR_block_ptr)
499 {
500     HIR_block_ptr->isResident = 0;
501     if (HIR_list_head == HIR_list_tail)
502     {
503         HIR_list_head = HIR_list_tail = NULL;
504         return TRUE;
505     }
506     else if (HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev == NULL) // first node
507     {
508         HIR_list_head = HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next;
509         HIR_list_head->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
510         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
511     }
512     else if (HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next == NULL) //last node
513     {
514         HIR_list_tail = HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev;
515         HIR_list_tail->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
516         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
517     }
518     else // node in between
519     {
520         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev->HIR_rsd_next =
↪ HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next;
521         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next->HIR_rsd_prev =
↪ HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev;
522         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
523         HIR_block_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;

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524     }
525     return TRUE;
526 }
527 //Adding to the head of HIR list
528 int add_to_HIR_List(struct node * new_HIR_ptr)
529 {
530     if (new_HIR_ptr->isHIR_block == 0)
531     {
532         new_HIR_ptr->isHIR_block = 1;    // This stack bottom is demoted
533         ↪ to HI
534         new_HIR_ptr->recency = 0;        // removes from stack
535     }
536     new_HIR_ptr->isResident = 1;
537     if (HIR_list_head == NULL)
538         HIR_list_tail = HIR_list_head = new_HIR_ptr;
539     else
540     {
541         HIR_list_head->HIR_rsd_prev = new_HIR_ptr;
542         new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_next = HIR_list_head;
543         new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
544         HIR_list_head = new_HIR_ptr;
545     }
546     return TRUE;
547 }
548 // moves a node from HIR list to its head
549 void move_to_head_HIR_List(struct node * new_HIR_ptr)
550 {
551     if (new_HIR_ptr == HIR_list_head)
552         return;
553     else
554     {
555         new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev->HIR_rsd_next =
556         ↪ new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_next;
557
558         if (new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_next == NULL)
559             HIR_list_tail = HIR_list_tail->HIR_rsd_prev;
560         else
561             new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_next->HIR_rsd_prev =
562             ↪ new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev;
563
564         new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_next = HIR_list_head;
565         new_HIR_ptr->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
566         HIR_list_head->HIR_rsd_prev = new_HIR_ptr;
567         HIR_list_head = new_HIR_ptr;
568     }
569 }
570 // remove HIR Tail node

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569 int remove_HIR_tail()
570 {
571     // printf("\n remove tail");
572     HIR_list_tail->isResident = 0;
573     if (HIR_list_tail->r == 'W')
574     {
575         HIR_list_tail->r = 'R';
576         write_count++;
577     }
578     HIR_list_tail = HIR_list_tail->HIR_rsd_prev;
579
580     if (HIR_list_tail == NULL) // single node case
581         HIR_list_head = NULL;
582     else
583     {
584         HIR_list_tail->HIR_rsd_next->HIR_rsd_prev = NULL;
585         HIR_list_tail->HIR_rsd_next = NULL;
586     }
587
588     return TRUE;
589 }

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