

10.3 A multiplattered hard disk is divided into 1100 sectors and 40,000 cylinders. There are six platter surfaces. Each block holds 512 bytes. The disk is rotating at a rate of 4800 rpm. The disk has an average seek time of 12 msec.

a. What is the total capacity of this disk?

$$1100 \times 40000 \times 6 \times 512 = 135,168,000,000 \text{ bytes}$$

10.4 The average latency on a disk with 2200 sectors is found experimentally to be 110 msec.

a. What is the rotating speed of the disk?

$$\text{average latency} = (1 / 2) \times (1 / \text{rotational speed})$$

$$110 / 1000 = (1 / 2) \times (1 / \text{rotational speed})$$

$$\text{rotational speed} = 4.55 \text{ r/s}$$

For a display of 1920 pixels by 1080 pixels at 16 bits per pixel how much memory, in megabytes, is needed to store the image?

$$1920 \times 1080 \times 16 = 33,177,600 \text{ bits} = 4,147,200 \text{ bytes} = 3.96 \text{ megabytes}$$

What is the average rotational latency of a hard drive rotating at 7,200 RPM or 120 revolutions per second? (Give your answer in milliseconds)

$$\text{average latency} = (1 / 2) \times (1 / \text{rotational speed})$$

$$= 0.5 / 120 = 0.00417 \text{ seconds} = 4.17 \text{ milliseconds}$$

What is the transfer time for a hard drive rotating at 7,200 RPM or 120 revolutions per second? Assume there are 30 sectors per track. (Give your answer in milliseconds)

$$\text{transfer time} = 1 / (\text{number of sectors} \times \text{rotational speed})$$

$$= 1 / (30 \times 120) = 0.28 \text{ milliseconds}$$