

Comp 4300 Homework 1

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1.) For this we can use Amdahl's law:

$$speedup_{overall} = \frac{1}{(1 - \text{frac}) + \frac{\text{frac}}{speedup_{enhanced}}}$$

Where $speedup_{overall} = 2$, $\text{frac} = 0.75$, and $speedup_{enhanced}$ is our unknown.

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{1}{(1 - 0.75) + \frac{0.75}{speedup_{enhanced}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left((0.25) + \frac{0.75}{speedup_{enhanced}} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow speedup_{enhanced} = 1.5 + 0.5 = 2$$

So, by solving for $speedup_{enhanced}$ we see that the loads and stores were sped up by a **factor of 2**

2.) If loads and stores took no time at all then the $speedup_{enhanced}$ would be infinity meaning we would be left with:

$$Speedup_{overall} = 1 / (1 - 0.75) = 4$$

3.) The equation to find MTTF = Total hours of operation ÷ Total assets in use

$$\Rightarrow MTTF = 365 / 3 \quad (\text{since each has an MTTF of 1 year})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{MTTF = 121.67}$$

4.) a. The average CPI can be calculated with: $CPI_{avg} = \sum \text{frac}_i * CPI_i$ (for i within instr)

$$\Rightarrow 1(20/100) + 5(40/100) + 3(20/100) + 2(20/100) = 3.2$$

So, the average CPI for this particular computer = **3.2**

b. To get the speedup due to this optimization we can use the formula:

$$\text{speedup} = (\text{old average CPI}) / (\text{new average CPI})$$

First, we must calculate the new CPI for load/store:

$$\Rightarrow 2 + (10\% * 2) = 2.2$$

Now we can calculate the new average CPI using the formula in part a:

$$\Rightarrow 1(20/100) + 2.2(40/100) + 3(20/100) + 2(20/100) = 2.08$$

So, the speedup from this optimization will be $3.2 / 2.08 = \mathbf{1.538}$