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- 1. a) 1) 4 inode blocks. 1 for the file c, and 3 for the directdories /, a, b
 - 2) 3 directory blocks one for root /, one for a, the other for b
 - 3) 1 single indirect block as far as we know. The file definitely has more than 12 blocks (# of data blocks pointed by direct pounters), but less than 1036 (# of data blocks pointed by direct pointers and single indirect pointers). We are reading block 1034.
 - 4) 1 data block for file c
 - b) All of the above

Notes

• Inode



- Is short form of index node
- Describes a file system object such as file or data
- Contains all information about a file/directory, including
 - * File Type,
 - * Size
 - * Number of blocks allocated to it
 - * Protection information
 - * Time information (e.g time created, time modified)
 - * Location of data blocks residing on disk

References

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c) Size, the location of data blocks that reside on disk

Notes

- I wonder what information about blocks inode has. Is it total number of blocks both inode and data, or just data?
- I struggled a bit on this one. I should find an easier way to remember which information inode has

d) Rough Work

• Creash Scenarios

- When only new data block is written to disk
 - * This is fine in system's point of view
 - * No inode points to it (it doesn't contain any information about file)
 - * No bitmap points to it
 - * Is as if write never occured
- When only the updated inode is written to disk
 - * There is no bitmap that's pointing to it
 - * There is new inode where existing inode is
 - * The data block Db hasn't been created
 - * Reading data where Db is will return garbage data
 - * there is a term for this. Is called **File-System inconsistency**
- When only inode bitmap is written to disk
 - * inode block pointed by bitmap is assumed to be allocated
 - * But there is no desired inode where it's pointing
 - * This is another example of File-System-Inconsistency
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Notes

- I wonder how system call for reading file/directory works in UNIX. Does it check for bitmap?
- I wonder how system call for deleting file/directory works in UNIX
- I wonder how system call for creatubg file/directory works in UNIX
- Creating Files
- Reading and Writing Files

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- Renaming Files
- Removing Files
- Making Directories
- Reading Directories
- Removing Directories
- Hard Links
- Symbolic Links