

End of Ch # 10 Exercises

10.3 (A) –“ 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 a rate of 4800 rpm. The disk has an average seek time of 12 msec. What is the total capacity of this disk?”

Answer: -Disk Capacity = No of Platters * No of Sectors * No of Cylinders * No of Bytes in each block

$$135,168,000,000 = 125.88 \text{ GB}$$

10.4 (A)- “The average latency on a disk with 2200 sectors is found experimentally to be 110 msec. What is the rotating speed of the disk?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average latency} &= (\frac{1}{2}) * (1/\text{rotational speed}) \\ &= 1/(2 * 110) = 0.0045\end{aligned}$$

[I] 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?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total bytes} &= 1920 \text{ pixels} * 1080 \text{ pixels} * 16 \text{ bytes/pixels} \\ &= 33,177,600 \text{ bytes} \\ &= 31.64 \text{ MB}\end{aligned}$$

[II] 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)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Answers: -average latency time} &= (\frac{1}{2}) * (1/\text{rotational speed}) \\ \text{Change rotational speed to revolution per sec: } &7200 \text{ rev/min} \times [1 \text{ min} / 60 \text{ sec}] = 120 \text{ rev/sec} \\ \text{Average latency time} &= 1/(2 * 120) = 1/240 = 0.004167 \text{ ms} = 4.167 \text{ ms}\end{aligned}$$

[III] 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)

Answer: - Transfer time = $1/(\text{Number of sectors} \times \text{rotational speed})$

Transfer time = $1/(30 \text{ sectors} \times 120 \text{ revolutions per second})$.000278 sec or .278 ms