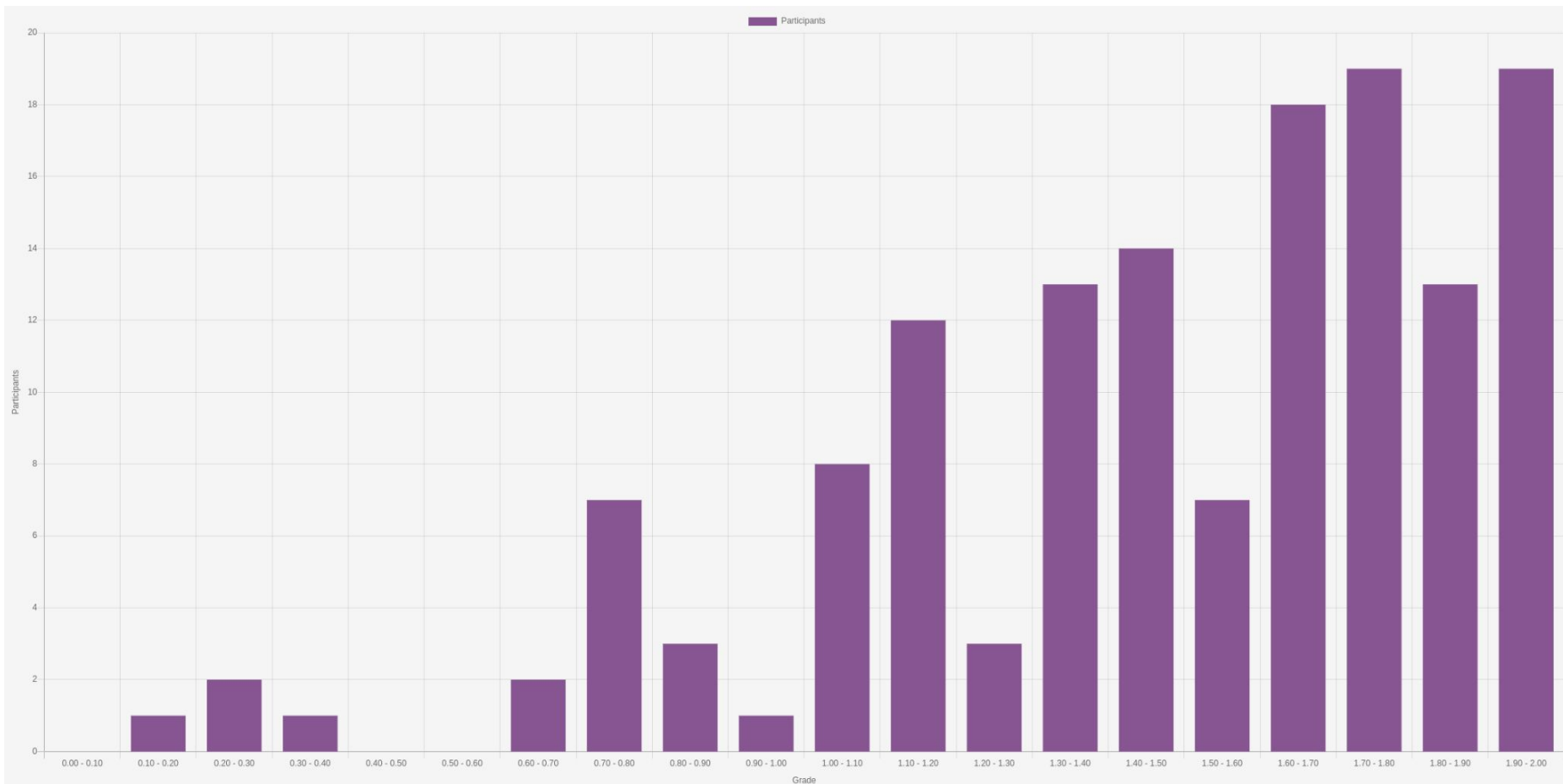


Database Technology

Exercise 1: Review



Q1: What level of the memory hierarchy can be accessed the fastest?

- SSD
- Main memory
- Hard disk
- Tertiary storage

Answer:

- Main memory

Q2: What level of the memory hierarchy can typically store the most data?

- Hard disk
- Main memory
- Cache
- Tertiary storage

Answer:

- Tertiary Storage

Q3: What is the overall of capacity of the disk in GiB (1 GiB = 1024^3 Bytes)?

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- 8 with 16 surfaces total
- 16384 tracks per surface
- 1024 sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 4096 bytes per sector
- 16384 bytes per block
- 10% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 10000 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 4000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

$$(16 \times 16384 \times 1024 \times 4096) / (1024^3) = 1024$$

Q4: Compute the average rotational latency in milliseconds.

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- 4 with 8 surfaces total
- 32768 (= 215) tracks per surface
- 256 (= 28) sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 2048 (= 211) bytes per sector
- 8192 (= 213) bytes per block
- 20% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 5400 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 6000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

Average time for a single rotation = $60 \times 1000 / 5400$ ms/rotation = 11.1 ms/rotation

Average Rotational latency = 1/2 of total time to cover a track = $11.1 / 2 = 5.55$ ms

Q5: Compute the average seek time in milliseconds.

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- 8 with 16 surfaces total
- 16384 tracks per surface
- 1024 sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 4096 bytes per sector
- 16384 bytes per block
- 10% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 10000 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 4000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

Tracks/3 * time to access 1 track + time to start/stop write head = $16384/3 * 1/4000 + 1 = 2.36$ ms

Q6: Compute the average transfer time per block in milliseconds. You can assume that the sectors of a block are laid out in sequence along a single track.

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- 4 with 8 surfaces total
- 32768 tracks per surface
- 256 sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 2048 bytes per sector
- 8192 bytes per block
- 20% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 5400 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 6000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

$((\text{total sector per block} * \% \text{ covered by data}) + (\text{total gap per block} * \% \text{ covered by gap})) / \text{total sectors per track} * \text{track rotation latency}$

$((4 * (1 - 0.2)) + (3 * 0.2) / 256) * ((60 * 1000) / 5400) = 0.0148 * 11.1 = 0.164 \text{ ms}$

Q7: Specify the order by which the requests are serviced by the disk controller using the elevator algorithm and compute the completion time of each request.

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- The average transfer time for a block is 0.13 ms.
- The average rotational latency is 4.17 ms.
- It takes 0.5 ms to start and 0.5 ms to stop the read/write head.
- The read/write head can pass 4000 cylinders in 1 ms.

Initially, the read/write head is at cylinder 32000. The following requests arrive to the disk controller with the following request time stamps

(Start head + Seek Time + Stop Time + Avg. Rotational Latency + Transfer Time)

Request time (ms)	Cylinder	Order	Completion time (ms)
0	40000	1	$0.5+2+0.5+4.17+0.13 = 7.3$
10	20000	2	$10+0.5+5+0.5+4.17+0.13= 20.3$
15	12000	4	$26.6+0.5+1+0.5+4.17+0.13 = 32.9$
21	16000	3	$20.3+0.5+1+0.5+4.17+0.13=26.6$
24	60000	5	$32.9+0.5+12+0.5+4.17+0.13 = 50.2$
50	64000	6	$50.2+0.5+1+0.5+4.17+0.13=56.5$

Q8: How many milliseconds does it take to read 128 randomly distributed blocks? Assume that each block is on a different track and that we do not reorder the tracks to improve performance.

Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

- 6 with 12 surfaces total
- 8192 tracks per surface
- 512 sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 4096 bytes per sector
- 16384 bytes per block
- 20% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 7200 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 5000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

$(\text{Average Transfer Time per Block} + \text{Average Seek Time} + \text{Average Rotational Latency}) * 128 = 739$

Q9: How many milliseconds does it take to read 64 sequentially distributed blocks? Assume that all blocks are on a single track and that we can read them in any order.





Consider a hard disk with the following characteristics:

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- 16384 tracks per surface
- 256 sectors per track (this is a simplified model where all tracks have the same number of sectors)
- 2048 bytes per sector
- 8192 bytes per block
- 20% of the tracks are used for gaps
- 7200 rotations per minute
- 1 ms to start/stop the write head (1 for both operations together)
- 1 ms per 4000 cylinders that have to be passed by the read/write head

Answer:

$(\text{Average Transfer Time per block}) * 64 + \text{Average Seek time} = 10.28$

Q10: Spatial Locality Means?

True	False	
		... accessing data that is stored near previously accessed data.
		... means actually pulling up the spatial data again and again from disk in a given short amount of time.
		... accessing the same data more than once in a given short amount of time.
		... accessing data that was last modified a short time ago.

Q11: RAID 0 improves the mean time to data loss (MTTDL).

Answer:

- No

Q12: RAID 5 improves the mean time to data loss (MTTDL).

Answer:

- Yes

Q13: Rate the different RAID levels with regard to the sequential throughput of the RAID array.

(1 – Highest throughput. If two RAID levels have the same throughput, give them the same rating and use only the ratings 1 to 3 in your answer. If three RAID levels have the same throughput, use only the ratings 1 and 2.)

RAID 0	1 ($N \times S$)
RAID 1+0	3 ($N/2 \times S$)
RAID 4	2 ($(N-1) \times S$)
RAID 5	2 ($(N-1) \times S$)

Q14: Rate the different RAID levels with regard to the random read throughput of the RAID array.

(1 – Highest throughput. If two RAID levels have the same throughput, give them the same rating and use only the ratings 1 to 3 in your answer. If three RAID levels have the same throughput, use only the ratings 1 and 2.)

RAID 0	1 ($N \times R$)
RAID 1+0	1 ($N \times R$)
RAID 4	2 ($(N-1) \times R$)
RAID 5	1 ($N \times R$)