

Initial value of D_i is 0

After an operation, the value of D_i is updated as follows

(I) if the next operation is a block allocate request:

if there is any free block, select one to allocate

if the selected block is locally free

then $D_i := D_i + 2$

else $D_i := D_i + 1$

otherwise

first get two blocks by splitting a larger one into two (recursive operation)

allocate one and mark the other locally free

D_i remains unchanged (but D may change for other block sizes because of the recursive call)

(II) if the next operation is a block free request

Case $D_i \geq 2$

mark it locally free and free it locally

$D_i := D_i - 2$

Case $D_i = 1$

mark it globally free and free it globally; coalesce if possible

$D_i := 0$

Case $D_i = 0$

mark it globally free and free it globally; coalesce if possible

select one locally free block of size 2^i and free it globally; coalesce if possible

$D_i := 0$

Figure 8.22 Lazy Buddy System Algorithm