

Topic 11

Memory Hierarchy

- Cache (3)**

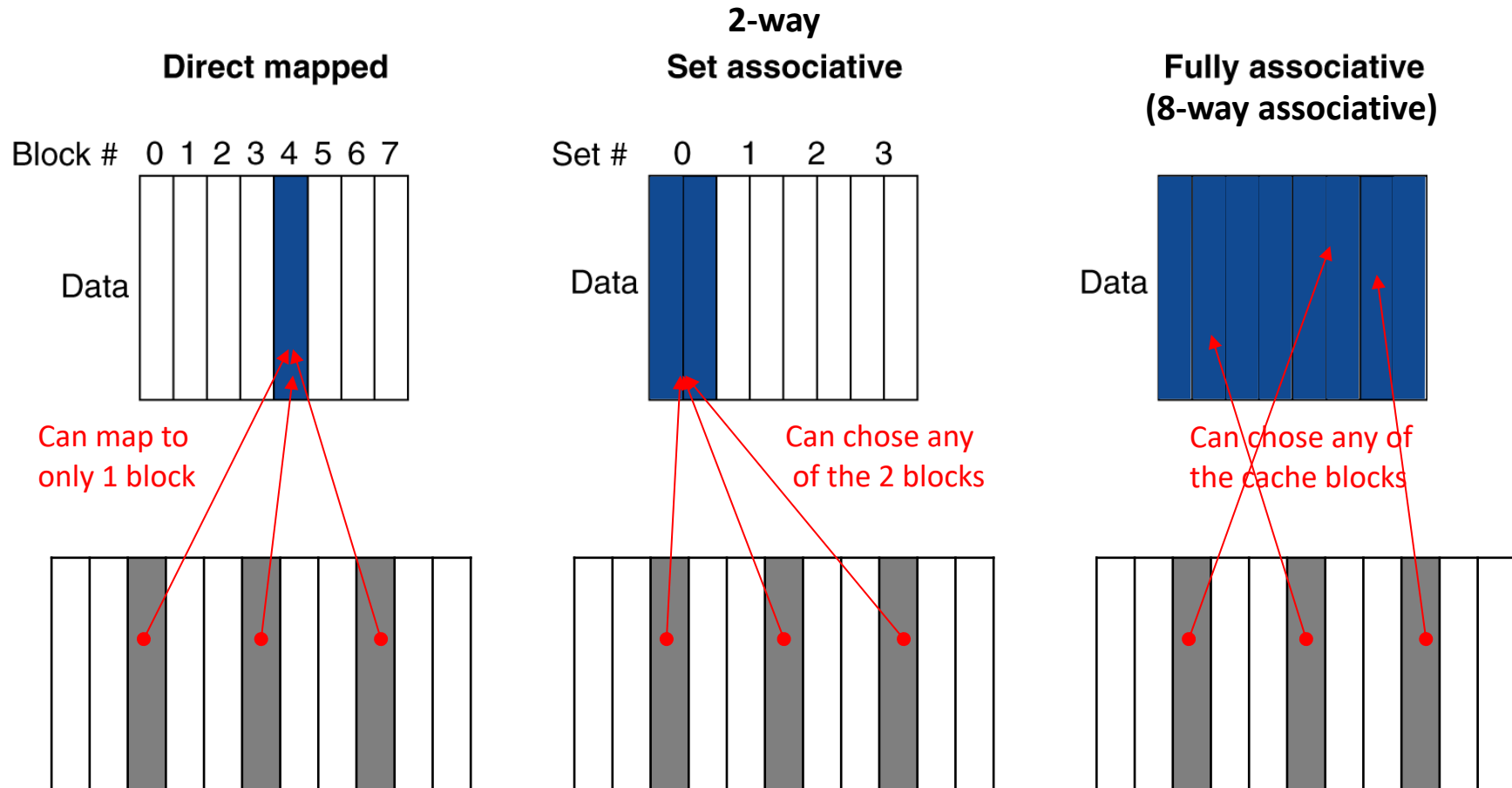
Improve Performance – Associative Caches

- ***n*-way set associative** cache
 - Each set contains *n* blocks
 - A main memory block can use any of the blocks within the corresponding set
 - Each address maps to a unique **set** (not block)
 - **Set index = (Block address) % (number of sets in cache)**
 - However, to locate a block in a set, we need to search *n* times in the *n* blocks
 - all *n* tags in a set must be checked and compared
 - *n* comparators (more effective - faster)

Associative Caches

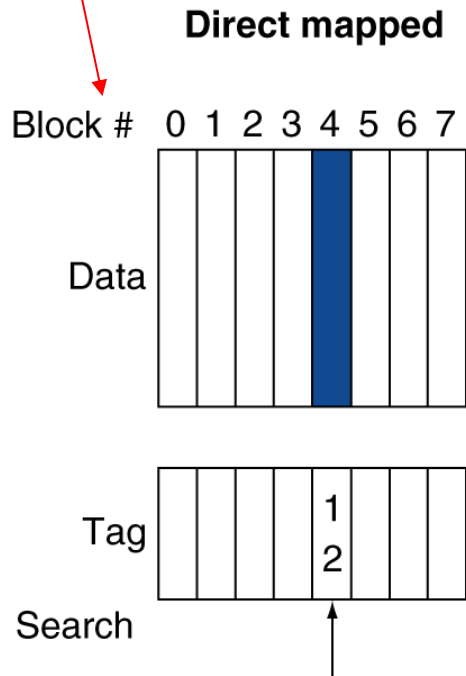
- Fully associative – opposite extreme of direct mapped
 - Entire cache is just one set
 - A block can go in any of the cache blocks
 - Must search all entries to find a hit
 - One comparator each block
 - # of comparator = cache size (block number)

Associative Cache Example

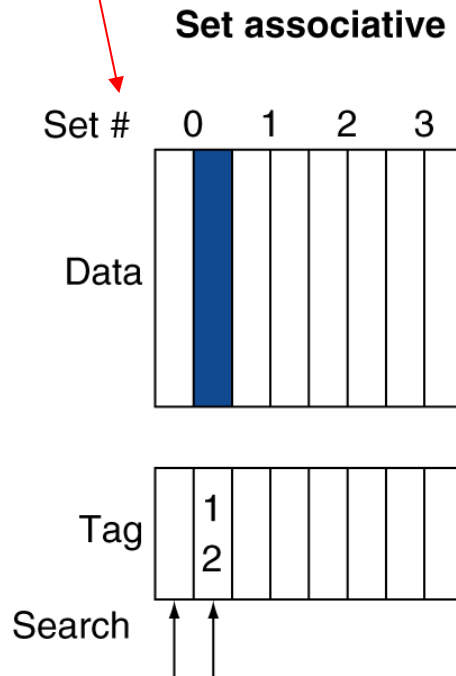


Associative Cache Example

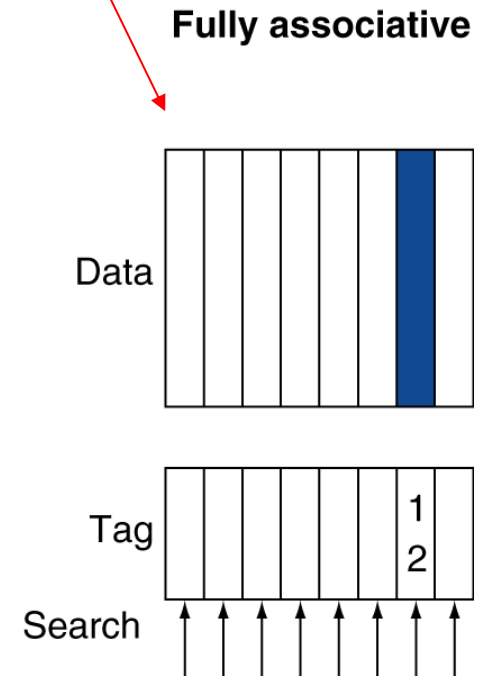
Block index



Set index



No set/block index

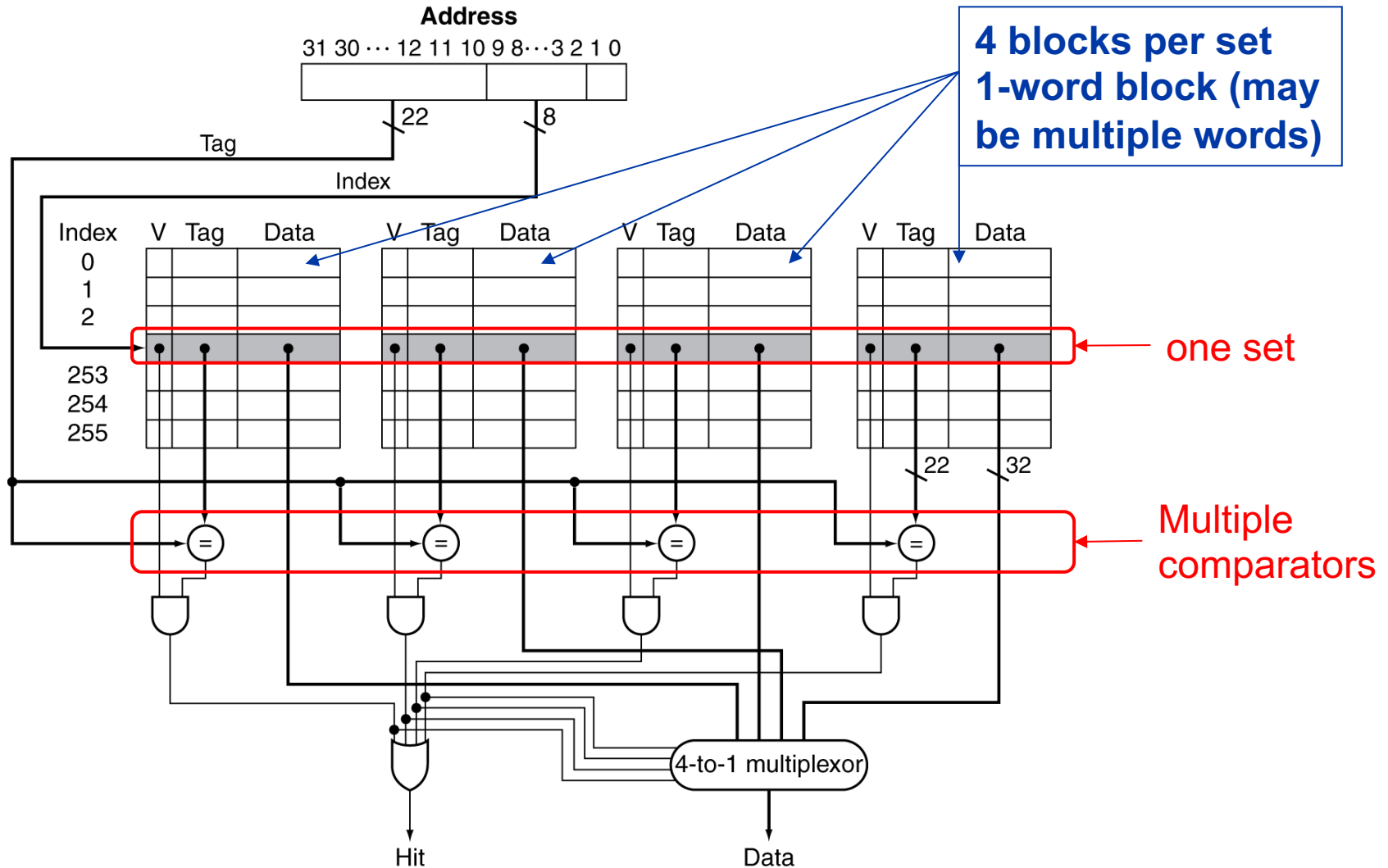


Locating a Block

Memory address	Tag	Index	Word & Byte offset
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- Memory address decomposition
 - Index – locate a set in cache
 - Tag – upper address bits to locate block
 - Word and Byte offset – to locate a word/byte in a block
- Size of index field
 - Increasing degree of associativity decreases the number of sets, decreases number of bits for index, increases tag field
 - Doubling # of blocks by 2 halves # of set by 2
 - Reduce index bits by 1
 - Increase tag bits by 1
- All blocks in a set must be searched
 - Tag field compared in parallel
 - Extra hardware and **extra access (hit) time**

Set Associative Cache Organization



Spectrum of Associativity

■ For a cache with 8 blocks

**One-way set associative
(direct mapped)**

Block	Tag	Data
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

Two-way set associative

Set	Tag	Data	Tag	Data
0				
1				
2				
3				

Four-way set associative

Set	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data
0								
1								

Eight-way set associative (fully associative)

Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data	Tag	Data

Associativity Example

- Compare caches of 4 two-word blocks
 - Direct mapped, 2-way set associative, fully associative, write back
 - Block access sequence: 0, 8, 0, 12, 8

Associativity Example

Direct mapped (1-way associative)

Associativity Example

- Direct mapped (1-way associative)

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	00 00 0	miss	00

m

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	23
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	N			
01	N			
10	N			
11	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- Direct mapped (1-way associative)

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	00 00 0	miss	00

m

1w R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
1w R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
1w R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	23
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	0	00	110
				120
01	N			
10	N			
11	N			

Fetch

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
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9	300
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	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	0	00	110
01	N			120
10	N			
11	N			

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	0	01	110 → 3 120 → 300
01	N			
10	N			
11	N			

Replace

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
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01	N			
10	N			
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Load again

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Associativity Example

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Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	00 00 0	miss	00

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	0	00	3→110 300→120
01	N			
10	N			
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Replace

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	110→62
01	N			
10	N			
11	N			

Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
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9	300
10	62
11	99
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Associativity Example

- Direct mapped (1-way associative)

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01100 00	01 10 0	miss	10

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
m	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	62
01	N			120
10	N			
11	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
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					R4	3
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	62
				120
01	N			
10	Y	0	01	234
				912
11	N			

Fetch

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	62
				120
01	N			
10	Y	0	01	234
				912
11	N			

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
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7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
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m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	62
				120
01	N			
10	Y	0	01	234
				912
11	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
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8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
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					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	00	62
				120
01	N			
10	Y	0	01	234
				912
11	N			

Write back

Word Addr	Data
0	110 → 62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
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m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	0	01	62→3 120→300
01	N			
10	Y	0	01	234 912
11	N			

Replace

Word Addr	Data
0	62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
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m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
00	Y	1	01	3→135
01	N			300
10	Y	0	01	234
11	N			912

Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

2-way associative

Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	000 0 0	miss	0

m

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	23
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	N			
	N			
1	N			
	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
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8	3
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	000	110
				120
	N			
1	N			
	N			

Fetch

Word Addr	Data
0	110
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Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	000 0 0	hit	0

m

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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	000	110
				120
	N			
1	N			
	N			

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

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■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

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l w R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
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miss

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■ 2-way associative cache

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01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

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	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	000	110
				120
	Y	0	010	3
				300
1	N			
	N			

Fetch, not replace

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
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8	3
9	300
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■ 2-way associative cache

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01000 00	010 0 0	hit	0

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0	Y	0	000	110
				120
	Y	0	010	3
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Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
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00000 00	000 0 0	hit	0

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sw	R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
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sw	R7 → mem[8]	R3	110
		R4	3
		R5	62
		R6	99
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	110 → 62
				120
	Y	0	010	3
				300
1	N			
	N			

Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
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4	36
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9	300
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11	99
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Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01100 00	011 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	99
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	62
				120
	Y	0	010	3
				300
1	N			
	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Replacement Policy

- Direct mapped: no other choices
- Set associative
 - Prefer non-valid entry, if there is one
 - Otherwise, choose to replace a block in the set
- Choosing policy
 - ***Least-recently used (LRU)***
 - Choose the one unused for the longest time
 - Need a tracking mechanism for usage
 - Simple for 2-way, manageable for 4-way, too hard beyond that
 - Random
 - Gives approximately the same performance as LRU for high associativity

Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01100 00	011 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	99
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	62
				120
	Y	0	011	3→234
			LRU	300→912
1	N			
	N			

Replace

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
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Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
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m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	62
				120
	Y	0	011	234
				912
1	N			
	N			

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	62
				120
	Y	0	011	234
				912
1	N			
	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	000	62
	LRU			120
	Y	0	011	234
				912
1	N			
	N			

Write back

Word Addr	Data
0	110 → 62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	010	62→3
	LRU			120→300
	Y	0	011	234
				912
1	N			
	N			

Replace

Word Addr	Data
0	62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 2-way associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	010 0 0	miss	0

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
m	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	010	3→135
				300
	Y	0	011	234
				912
1	N			
	N			

Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	62
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

Fully associative (4-way associative)

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	0000 0	miss	-

m

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	23
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
	N			
	N			
	N			
	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	0000 0	miss	-

m

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	23
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
	Y	0	0000	110
				120
	N			
	N			
	N			

Fetch

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	0000 0	hit	-

m

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	110
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	0000	110
1				120
2	N			
3				
4	N			
5				
6	N			
7				

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	0100 0	miss	-

l w R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
l w R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
l w R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	110
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	0000	110
1				120
2	N			
3				
4	N			
5				
6	N			
7				

miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	0100 0	miss	-

lw R3 ← mem[0]	...	...
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	110
	R4	87
	R5	62
	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx V D Tag Data

Y	0	0000	110
			120
Y	0	0100	3
			300
N			
N			

Fetch, not replace

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

■ 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	0100 0	hit	-

lw R3 ← mem[0]
lw R4 ← mem[8]	R0	20
sw R5 → mem[0]	R1	23
lw R6 ← mem[12]	R2	36
sw R7 → mem[8]	R3	110
	R4	3
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	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	0	0000	110
1				120
2	Y	0	0100	3
3				300
4	N			
5				
6	N			
7				

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
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8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
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Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
00000 00	0000 0	hit	-

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	R4	3
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	R6	99
	R7	135

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
	Y	1	0000	110 → 62
				120
	Y	0	0100	3
				300
	N			
	N			

Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
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7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01100 00	0110 0	miss	-

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
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CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
	Y	1	0000	62
				120
	Y	0	0100	3
				300
	N			
	N			

Miss

Word Addr	Data
0	110
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Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

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01100 00	0110 0	miss	-

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h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	99
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx V D Tag Data

Y	1	0000	62
			120
Y	0	0100	3
			300
Y	0	0110	234
			912
N			

Fetch

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01100 00	0110 0	hit	-

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
0	Y	1	0000	62
1				120
2	Y	0	0100	3
3				300
4	Y	0	0110	234
5				912
6	N			
7				

Load again

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
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5	23
6	615
7	712
8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
12	234
13	912
14	0
15	10

Associativity Example

- 4-way (fully) associative cache

Requested mem addr	Word addr	Hit/miss	Cache set
01000 00	0100 0	hit	-

m	lw	R3	←	mem[0]	...	...
m	lw	R4	←	mem[8]	R0	20
h	sw	R5	→	mem[0]	R1	23
m	lw	R6	←	mem[12]	R2	36
h	sw	R7	→	mem[8]	R3	110
					R4	3
					R5	62
					R6	234
					R7	135
				

CPU

Indx	V	D	Tag	Data
	Y	1	0000	62
				120
	Y	1	0100	3 → 135
				300
	Y	0	0110	234
				912
	N			

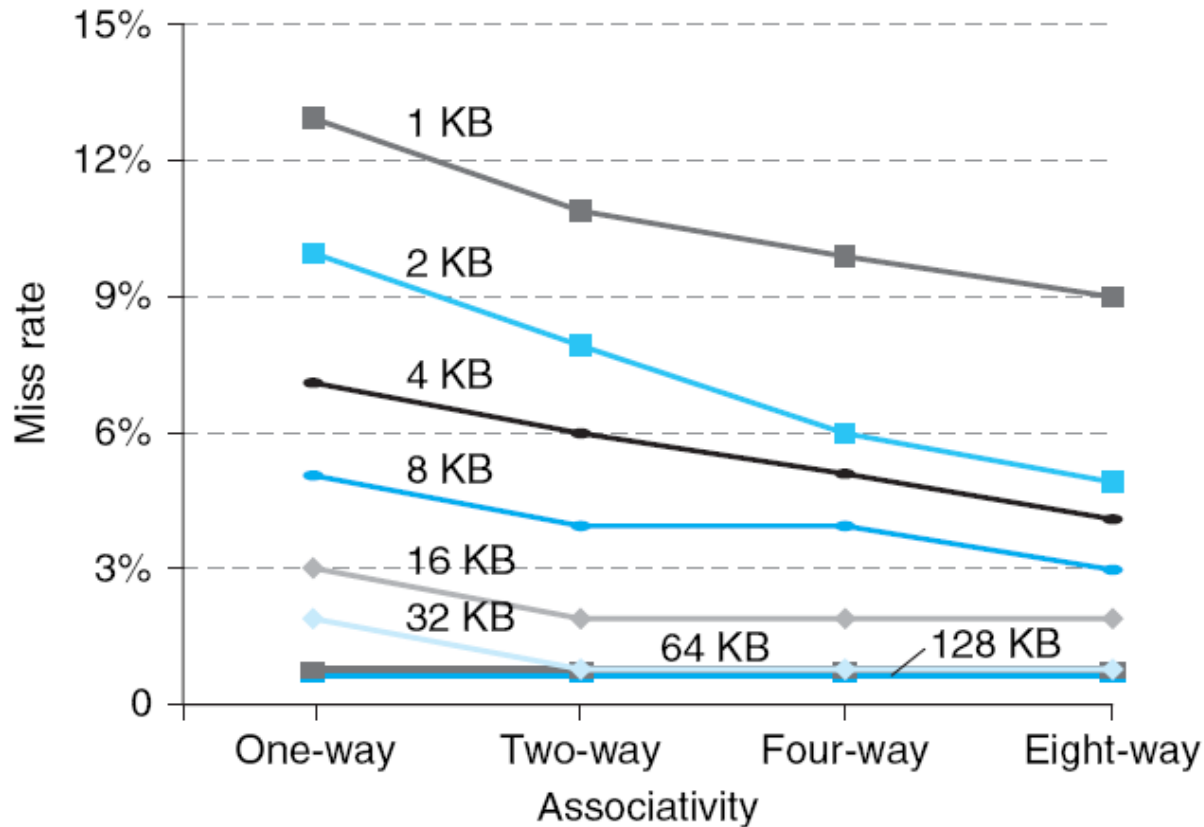
Write, set dirty

Word Addr	Data
0	110
1	120
2	133
3	233
4	36
5	23
6	615
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8	3
9	300
10	62
11	99
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How Much Associativity

- ***Increased associativity decreases miss rate***
 - But with diminishing improvement
- Simulation of a system with 64KB D-cache, 16-word blocks, SPEC2000
 - 1-way: 10.3%
 - 2-way: 8.6%
 - 4-way: 8.3%
 - 8-way: 8.1%

How Much Associativity



Exercise

- 2K blocks in cache
- 4-way associative
- 8 words in each block
- 32-bit byte address 0x810023FE requested by CPU, for example

```
lui x10, 0x81002
```

```
addi x10, x10, 0x3FE //x10=0x810023FE
```

```
lb x5, 0(x10)
```

- Show address and organization of the target cache block, and locate the requested data

Exercise

Could be anyone of the 4 bytes

2K blocks in cache, 4-way: 4 blocks/set, 512 sets, set index 9 bits

8 words in each block: word offset 3 bits, byte offset 2 bits

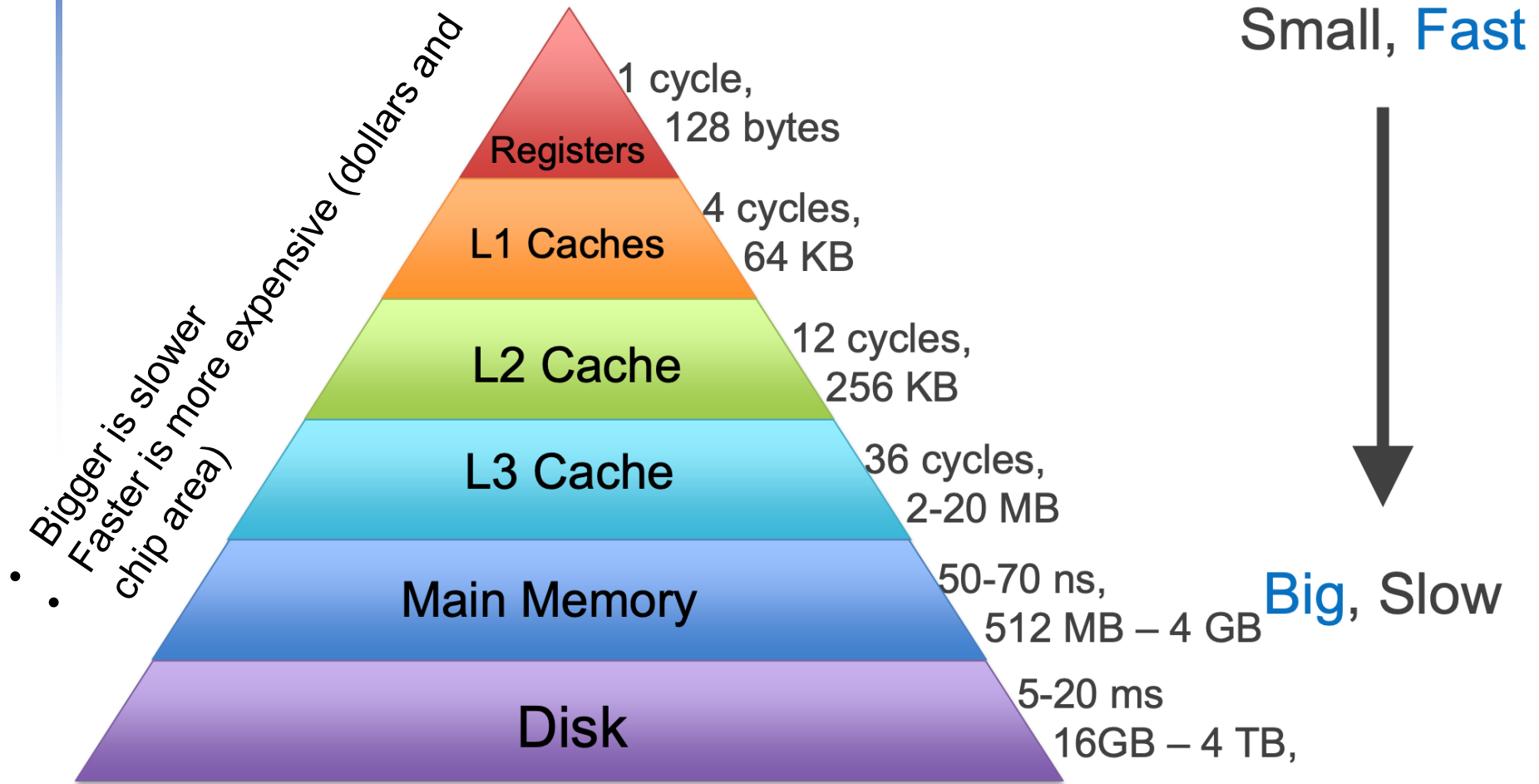
0x810023FE = 100000010000000000 100011111 111 10

[illegible]

Improve Performance – Multilevel Caches

- ***Multilevel cache decreases miss penalty***
- Primary (L-1) cache attached to CPU
 - Small, but fast
- Level-2 (secondary) cache services misses from primary cache
 - Larger, slower, but still faster than main memory
- Main memory services L-2 cache misses
- Some high-end systems include L-3 cache

Multi-level Cache



Intel Haswell Processor, 2013

Image: cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs3410/

Multilevel Cache Example

■ Given

- CPU base CPI = 1, clock rate = 4GHz
- Miss rate (misses/instruction) = 2%
- Main memory access time = 100ns
 - As miss penalty, ignoring other times

■ With one-level cache

- Miss penalty = $100\text{ns} / 0.25\text{ns} = 400$ cycles
- Effective CPI = $1 + 0.02 \times 400 = 9$

Example (cont.)

- Now add L-2 cache
 - Access time = 5ns (L-1 miss penalty)
 - Miss rate for L-2 = 25% of L1 misses (have to access main memory)
 - L-1 cache miss have a miss on L-2
- Primary (L-1) cache miss with L-2 hit
 - Miss penalty = $5\text{ns}/0.25\text{ns} = 20$ cycles
- Primary cache miss with L-2 miss main memory hit
 - Extra penalty = 400 cycles
- $\text{CPI} = \text{base CPI} + \text{L-1 miss L-2 hit (cycles per instruction)} + \text{L-1 miss L-2 miss (cycles per instruction)}$
 - $\text{CPI} = 1 + 0.02 \times 75\% \times 20 + 0.02 \times 25\% \times (20+400) = 3.4$
- Performance ratio = $9/3.4 = 2.6$

Multilevel Cache Considerations

- Primary cache
 - Focus on minimal hit time because miss penalty is smaller
 - And to reduce CPU clock cycle
- Secondary cache
 - Focus on low miss rate to avoid main memory access
 - Hit time has less overall impact

Multilevel Cache Considerations

- Comparison with single level cache
 - L-1
 - Smaller cache size
 - Smaller block size, because of
 - Smaller total cache size
 - Reduced search time -> reduced hit time
 - Reduced miss penalty -> less time to fetch
 - L-2
 - Cache and block size much larger
 - because of less critical hit time
 - Higher associativity and block size to reduce miss rate
 - Because miss penalty is more severe