ECE3700J Introduction to Computer Organization

Homework 6

Assigned: October November 15, 2022

Due: 2:00pm on November 22, 2022

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1. (10 points) The following code is written in C, where elements within the same row are stored contiguously. Assume each word is a 32-bit integer.

- (1) Which variable references exhibit temporal locality? (5 points) B[I][0], I, J
- (2) Which variable references exhibit spatial locality? (5 points)
 A[I][J]
- 2. (40 points) Below is a list of 32-bit memory address references, given as word addresses: 0x03, 0xB4, 0x2B, 0x02, 0xBF, 0x58, 0xBE, 0x0E, 0xB5, 0x2C, 0xBA, 0xFD
 - (1) For each of these references, identify the tag and the cache index given a direct-mapped cache with 8 one-word blocks. Also list if each reference is a hit or a miss, assuming the cache is initially empty. (10 points)

| | 0x03 | 0xB4 | 0x2B | 0x02 | 0xBF | 0x58 | 0xBE | 0x0E | 0xB5 | 0x2C | 0xBA | 0xFD |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| tag | 00000 | 10110 | 00101 | 00000 | 10111 | 01011 | 10111 | 00001 | 10110 | 00101 | 10111 | 11111 |
| index | 011 | 100 | 011 | 010 | 111 | 000 | 110 | 110 | 101 | 100 | 010 | 101 |
| Hit/miss | miss |

(2) For each of these references, identify the tag and the cache index given a direct-mapped cache with two-word blocks and a total size of 4 blocks. Also list if each reference is a hit or a miss, assuming the cache is initially empty. (10 pints)

| | 0x03 | 0xB4 | 0x2B | 0x02 | 0xBF | 0x58 | 0xBE | 0x0E | 0xB5 | 0x2C | 0xBA | 0xFD |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| tag | 00000 | 10110 | 00101 | 00000 | 10111 | 01011 | 10111 | 00001 | 10110 | 00101 | 10111 | 11111 |
| index | 01 | 10 | 01 | 01 | 11 | 00 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 01 | 10 |
| Hit/miss | miss | miss | miss | miss | miss | miss | hit | miss | hit | miss | miss | miss |

(3) You are asked to optimize a cache design for the given references. There are three

direct-mapped cache designs possible, all with a total of 8 words of data: C1 has 1-word blocks, C2 has 2-word blocks, and C3 has 4-word blocks. In terms of miss rate, which cache design is the best? If the miss stall time is 35 cycles, and C1 has an access time of 2 cycles, C2 takes 3 cycles, and C3 takes 5 cycles, which is the best cache design? (20 points)

Miss rate: C2 is best, 10/12=83.3%. C1 is 100%, C3 is 11/12=91.7%.

Time: C1: (35+2)*12=444, C2: 35*10+3*12=386, C3: 35*11+5*12=445

Thus C2is the best.

3. (50 points) For a direct-mapped cache design with a 32-bit byte address, the following bits of the address are used to access the cache.

| Tag | Index | Offset |
|---------|-------|--------|
| 31 - 10 | 9 - 5 | 4 - 0 |

- (1) What is the cache block size (in words)? (5 points) 8words
- (2) How many blocks does the cache have? (5 points) 32 blocks
- (3) What is the ratio between total bits required for such a cache implementation over the data storage bits? (5 points)

(32*(1+22+8*32))/(32*8*32)=1.09

Beginning from power on, the following byte addresses for cache references are recorded.

| | | • | | | Ac | ldress | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 0x00 | 0x04 | 0x10 | 0x84 | 0xE8 | 0xA0 | 0x400 | 0x1E | 0x8C | 0xC1C | 0xB4 | 0x884 |

- (4) (20 points) For each reference, list
 - a) its tag, index, and offset
 - b) whether it is a hit or a miss, and

c) How many blocks were replaced (if any)?

| | 0x00 | 0x04 | 0x10 | 0x84 | 0xE8 | 0xA0 | 0x400 | 0x1E | 0x8C | 0xC1C | 0xB4 | 0x884 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| tag | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 |
| index | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 111 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 101 | 100 |
| offset | 00000 | 00100 | 10000 | 00100 | 01000 | 00000 | 00000 | 11110 | 01100 | 11100 | 10100 | 00100 |
| Hit/miss | miss | hit | hit | miss | miss | miss | miss | miss | hit | miss | hit | miss |
| replaced | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |

- (5) What is the hit ratio? (5 points) 4/12=33.3%
- (6) Show the final state of the cache, with each valid line represented as <index, tag, data>.



(10 points)

<000, 11, Mem[0xC00-0xC1F]>

<100, 10, Mem[0x880-0x89F]>

<101, 0, Mem[0xA0-0xBF]>

<111, 0, Mem[0xE0-0xFF]>