
CS610: Programming for Performance

Assignment 1

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1 Problem 1

Given cache size 256KB and line size 32B, there can be 4 words in a block and 2K no. of sets. Now, given these values, a conflict will occur when a complete column of a cache line get filled. This will happen when all the sets are occupied with 4 blocks occupied (i.e. 1 line). This gives us $N_{sets} * \text{lineSize}$ no. of words that can be accommodated without a collision. Hence,

$$2K * 4 = 8K$$

. That is, $A[8K]$ in the array will have a conflict with $A[0]$ but due to 4 way associative, this will be accommodated. Now, when all the lines in all the sets get filled, we will have capacity misses which happens at

$$8K * 4 = 32K$$

index of the array. Now, this will not happen because the array is limited to $32K-1$ words. Hence, no capacity misses.

For stride 1: Since a block can accommodate 4 words, there will be 1 cold miss in 4 accesses $\Rightarrow 32K/4$.

For the remaining strides, since stride > no. of words a block can accommodate, there will always be a cold miss. $\Rightarrow 32K/\text{stride}$.

2 Problem 2

1. Direct Mapped Cache:

$$\text{No. of sets} = \text{cachesize} / \text{linesize} = 32K / 8 = 4K$$

$$\text{blocksize} = 8\text{words}$$

$$\text{Arraysiz} = 512 * 512\text{words}$$

\Rightarrow only 1/8 of array can fit in the cache $\Rightarrow a[64]$ will evict $a[0]$, since $64 * 512$ words = cache size 1. ikj

A) $j \rightarrow$ independent, $k \rightarrow$ one cold miss in 8 $\Rightarrow N/8$, $i \rightarrow$ new row each time, not stored in cache before $\Rightarrow N$

B) $j \rightarrow$ one cold miss in 8 $\Rightarrow N/8$, $k \rightarrow$ new row each time, not stored in cache before $\Rightarrow N$, $i \rightarrow A[64]$ will evict $A[0] \Rightarrow$ conflict misses $\Rightarrow N$

C) $j \rightarrow$ one cold miss in 8 $\Rightarrow N/8$, $k \rightarrow$ independent and entire row is stored in cache, $i \rightarrow$ new row each time, not stored in cache before $\Rightarrow N$

2. jik

A) $k \rightarrow$ one cold miss in 8 $\Rightarrow N/8$, $i \rightarrow$ new row each time, not stored in cache before $\Rightarrow N$, $j \rightarrow$ conflict misses $\Rightarrow N$

B) k -> new row each time, A[64] will evict A[0] => N, i -> always a miss due to eviction => N, j -> always a miss due to eviction => N

C) k -> 1 cold miss => 1, i -> new row each time, A[64] will evict A[0] => N, j -> always a miss due to eviction => N

2. Fully Associative

1. ikj

A) j -> independent, k -> one cold miss in 8 => N/8, i -> new row each time, not stored in cache before => N

B) j -> one cold miss in 8 => N/8, k -> new row each time, not stored in cache before => N, i -> A[64] will evict A[0] => conflict misses => N

C) j -> one cold miss in 8 => N/8, k -> independent and entire row is stored in cache, i -> new row each time, not stored in cache before => N

2. jik

A) k -> one cold miss in 8 => N/8, i -> new row each time, not stored in cache before => N, j -> A[64] will evict A[0], conflict misses => N

B) k -> cold misses => N, 512*8 size matrix's left part will be completely stored in cache which will lead to one cold miss in 8 for j's iterations. i -> always a hit, since k's cold misses are stored => 1

C) k -> 1 cold miss => 1, i -> new row each time => N, 512*8 size matrix's left part will be completely stored in cache causing one in 8 cold misses for j's iteration => N/8. Where N is 512.

	A	B	C
i	N	N	N
k	N/8	N	1
j	1	N/8	N/8

Table 1: Direct Mapping, ikj

	A	B	C
j	N	N	N
i	N	N	N
k	N/8	N	1

Table 2: Direct Mapping, jik

	A	B	C
j	N	N/8	N/8
i	N	1	N
k	N/8	N	1

Table 3: Fully Associative, jik

3 Problem 3

Following the same analysis in problem 2 first part, we can find that A[512] will evict A[0], since 512*4096 words = cache size.

A) i -> row wise access, always new row with A[512][i] evicting A[0][i] => conflict misses => N, j => always miss => N, k -> same reason => N

X) i -> independent -> 1, j -> column wise access, 1 cold miss in 8 => N/8, k -> new row => N

Note: Multiplying each column gives us the total number of misses in each table for each array.

	A	B	C
i	N	N	N
k	N/8	N	1
j	1	N/8	N/8

Table 4: Fully Associative, ikj

	A	X
k	N	N
j	N	N/8
i	N	1

Table 5: