

## 1. Contiguous Memory Allocation

(a) see figure on the last page

- Advantages:
  - OS can easily move a process during execution.
  - OS can allow a process to grow over time.
  - Simple, fast hardware: two special registers, an add, and a compare.
- Disadvantages:
  - Slows down hardware due to the add on every memory reference.
  - Can't share memory (such as program text) between process.
  - Process is still limited to physical memory size.
  - Degree of multiprogramming is very limited since all memory of all active processes must fit in memory.
  - Complicates memory management.

## (b) Fragmentation

(i) According to 50% rule --- for every 2N chunk of memory allocation, N chunks are wasted due to fragmentation, so statistically 1/3 of 128 MB that is 42 MB is wasted due to external fragmentation.

In theory, contiguous memory allocation doesn't suffer from internal fragmentation, since a process can be allocated exactly what it needs. But in practice, if the OS allocates memory than requested to avoid tracking small holes, a small fraction may be lost of the internal fragmentation

(ii) pure paging --- no external fragmentation  
internal: 1/2 a page (4 KB) per process.

## 2. Page Replacement

(a) Belady's anomaly: Increasing the number of frames allocated to a process increases the number of page faults suffered by the process.

To avoid: any replacement algorithm that caches a superset of the pages cached with a small number of frames won't suffer from Belady's anomaly.

(b)	A B C D A B E A B C D E
frame1	A A A A A A A A C D D
frame2	B B B B B B B B B B B
frame3	C D D D E E E E E E
page fault(y/n)	Y Y Y Y N N Y N N Y Y N

Number of page faults = 7

	A B C D A B E A B C D E
frame1	A A A A A A A A A D D
frame2	B B B B B B B B B B B
frame3	C C C C C C C C C C
frame4	D D D E E E E E E E
page fault(y/n)	Y Y Y Y N N Y N N N Y N

Number of page faults = 6

(c) OPT should not suffer from Belady's anomaly.  
OPT caches a superset of pages with 4 frames compared to 3 frames.

### 3. Paging and Segmentation Paging

- (a) page table =  $2^8 / 2^5 = 2^3 = 8$  entries  
 physical memory =  $2^9$  bytes  
 number of frames =  $2^9 / 2^5 = 2^4 \Rightarrow 4$  bits for p  
 page size =  $2^5 \Rightarrow 5$  bits for d  
 p + d = 4 + 5 = 9 bits

- (b)  $3ma$   
 $h(s + t + ma) + (1 - h)(s + t + 2ma)$  (h is the hit rate)

### 4. File Systems

- (a)
- (i) totally 2 I/Os needed :  
 1 I/O to find a free block & update the free block list  
 1 I/O to write the block & link it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> block  
 Since the file descriptor is in memory, no I/O needed to update it, in practice the file descriptor is no disk, that would need another I/O.
  - (ii) totally 52 I/Os needed :  
 50 I/Os to get the 50<sup>th</sup> block  
 1 I/O needed to have the 49<sup>th</sup> block point to the 51<sup>st</sup> block & write out the 49<sup>th</sup> block  
 1 I/O needed to insert the freed block to the head of free block list & write it out.
  - (iii) totally 103 I/Os needed :  
 100 I/Os to get the 100<sup>th</sup> block  
 1 I/O to get a free block & update the free block list  
 1 I/O to link the 100<sup>th</sup> block to 101<sup>st</sup> block  
 1 I/O to write the 101<sup>st</sup> block out.
- (b)  $(12 + 1000 + 1000^2) * 8$
- (c) Start with a bitmap with 1 bit for each block  
 Initially all bits are set to 0  
 Scan each file, traverse its linked list & set the bit of each block belonging to a file to 1  
 Now, all blocks allocated to files will have their bits set to 1  
 All blocks with bits 0 belong to the free block list  
 The head of the free block list can be fine by checking each free block & see if it points to another block, if so, mark that block as 1  
 At the end of this, you will be left with 1 free block that no other free block points to, this is the head.

