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ANSWER 2

EEPROM

EEPROM stands for electrically erasable programmable read only memory and it is a type of non-volatile memory used in computers, integrated in microcontrollers for smart cards and remote keyless systems and other electronic devices to store relatively small amounts of data but allowing individual bytes to be erased and reprogrammed.

Flash memory

Flash memory is a type of electrically-erasable programmable read only memory but it can also be a stand alone memory storage device such as USB drive. It is a non-volatile memory chip used for storage and for transferring data.

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Parallel-access

All member disks participate in the execution of every I/O request. Typically, the spindles of the individual drives are synchronized so that each disk head is in the same position on each disk at any given time.

Independent-access.

Each member disk operates independently so that separate I/O requests can be satisfied.

HD DVD and Blu-ray DVD

HD DVD players have been much cheaper than Blu-ray DVD.

Both versions deliver sharp resolution. Blu-ray has 25 GB capacity and is more expensive.

HD-DVD has 15 GB and is cheaper than Blu-ray.

But Blu-ray discs have more storage space and more advanced protections against piracy.

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Sequential access.

In this method the memory is accessed in a specific linear sequential manner, like accessing in a single linked list.

Random access.

In this method any location of the memory can be accessed randomly, like accessing Array.

Direct access.

In this method the particular location of the memory can be accessed directly like accessing in Array.

Associate access

In this memory a word is accessed rather than its address.

This access method is a special type of random access method. Application of this direct memory access is cache memory.

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Principle of locality.

The principle of locality states that data in the vicinity of a reference word are likely to be referenced in the future.

Possible approaches to cache memory.

BUS watching with write through.

Each cache controller monitors the address lines to detect write operations to memory by other bus masters. If another master writes to location in shared memory that also resides in the cache memory, the cache controller invalidates that cache memory.

Hardware transparency

Additional hardware is used to ensure that all updates to main memory via controller are reflected in all caches. In addition any matching words in other caches are similarly updated.

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Non-Cacheable memory

only a portion of main memory is shared by more than one processor, and this is designated as non-cacheable. In such system all accesses to shared memory are cache misses, because the shared memory is never copied into the cache. The non-cacheable memory can be identified using chip-select logic or high-address bits.

Practical issues peculiar to SSDs

SSDs performance has a tendency to slow down as the device is used.

The entire block must be read from the flash memory and placed in a RAM buffer.

The entire block from the buffer is now written back to the flash memory.

Flash memory becomes unusable after a certain number of writes.

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Front ending the flash with a cache to delay and group write operations.

Using wear-leveling algorithms that evenly distribute writes across block of cells.

Bad block management technique.

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word

The natural unit of organization of memory. The size of a word is typically equal to the number of bits used to represent an integer and to the instruction length.

Addressable

In some system the addressable unit is the word, however many systems allow addressing at the byte level. In any case $2A = N$

unit of transfer.

For many memory this is the number of bits read out of or written into memory at a time. The unit of transfer need not equal a word or an addressable unit

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A hard failure is a permanent physical defect so that the memory cell affected commonly reliably store data but become stuck at 0 or 1. In this context hard failures are errors that occur through process defects and/or circuit bugs - hard failure are repeatable with the correct sequence of actions within the microcontroller. Soft errors occur through no failure of the circuit or defect but due to an external source that causes the data to change.

ANSWER# 1(B)

~~Probably~~ Probably the most effective is least recently used. Replace that block in the set has been in the cache longest with no reference to it. For two-way set associative this is easily implemented. Each line includes a USE bit. When a line is referenced its USE bit is set to 1 and the USE bit

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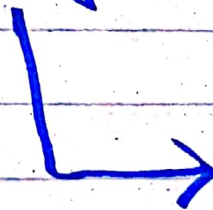
of the other line in that set is set 0. When a block is to be read into the set the line whose USE bit is used. Because we are assuming that more recently used memory locations are more likely to be referenced, LRU should give the best hit ratio. LRU is also relatively easy to implement for a fully associative cache. Still another possibility is least frequency used. Replace that block in the set that has experienced the fewest references. LFU could be implemented by associating a counter with each line. A technique not based on usage, not LRU, LFU, FIFO or some variant is to pick a line at random from among the candidate lines. Simulation studies have shown that random replacement provides only slightly inferior performance to an algorithm based usage.

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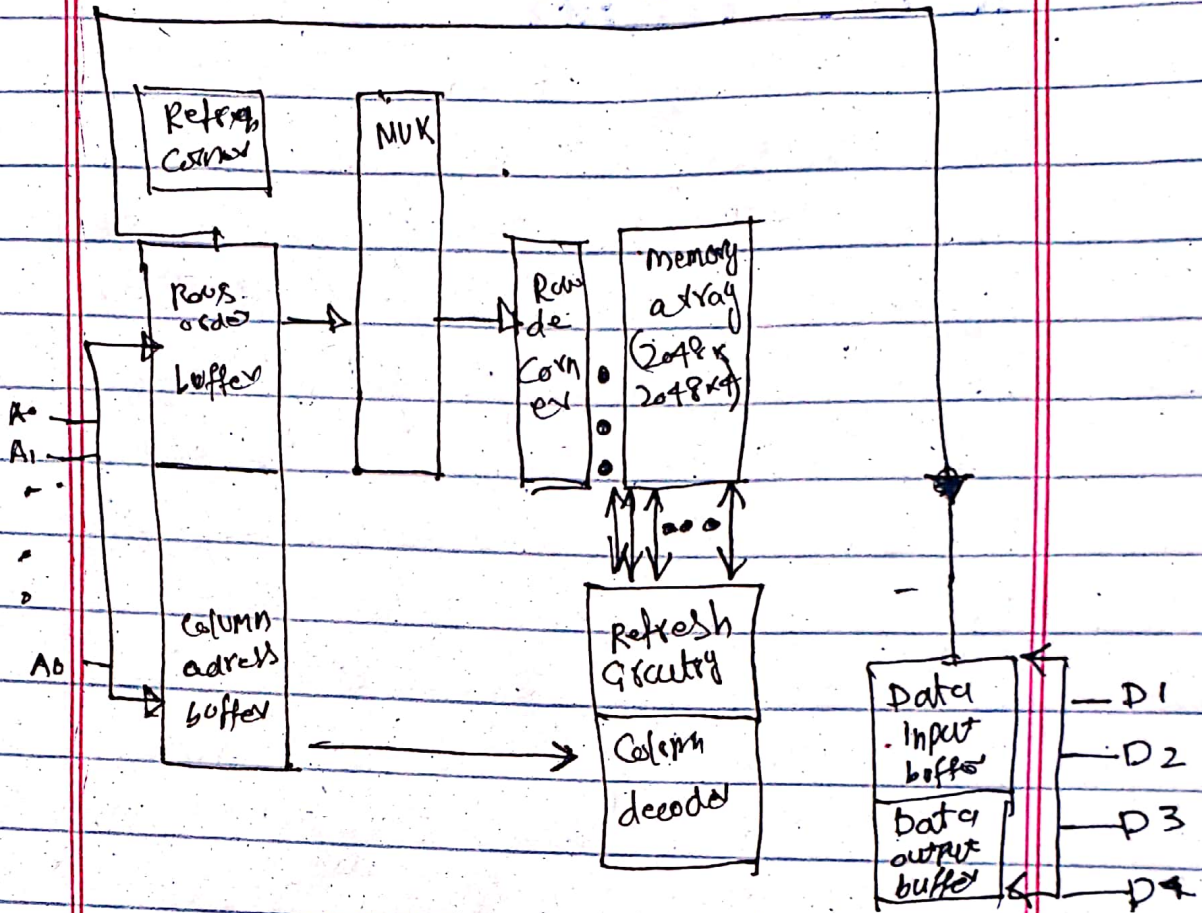
16 Bit DRAM

In this case 4 bits are read or written at a time. Logically the memory array is organized as four square arrays of 2048×2048 elements. Various physical arrangements are possible. In any case the elements are connected by both horizontal and vertical lines. Because only 4 bits are read/written to this DRAM, there must be multiple DRAM connected to the memory controller to read/write a word of data to the bus.

Diagram



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Reason for DVD's greater capacity over CD

Bits are packed more closely on a DVD. The spacing between loops of a spiral on a CD is 1.6 μm and the minimum distance between pits along the spiral is 0.839 μm . The DVD uses a laser with shorter wavelength and achieves a loop spacing of 0.74 μm and a minimum distance between pits of 0.7 μm . The result

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Result of these two improvements is about a seven-fold increase in capacity, to about 4.7 GB. The DVD employs a second layer of pits and lands on top of the first layer and by adjusting focus the laser in DVD drives can read each layer separately.

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Total block in the cache = 8k bytes

$$16 \text{ bytes} = 2^3 \times 2^{10} / 2^4 = 2^9 = 512$$

Number of set = number of block in cache / 2

$$\text{Number of set} = 512 / 2$$

$$\text{Number of set in cache} = 256$$

$$\text{Number of set in cache} = 2^8$$

$$\text{Number of set} = 8$$

$$\text{No. of set} = 8$$

$$\text{Size block} = 16 = 2^4$$

$$\text{Size of memory} = 2^6 \times 2^{20} = 2^{26}$$

Tag = size of memory - set - size of block

$$\text{Tag} = 26 - 8 - 4 \Rightarrow 14$$

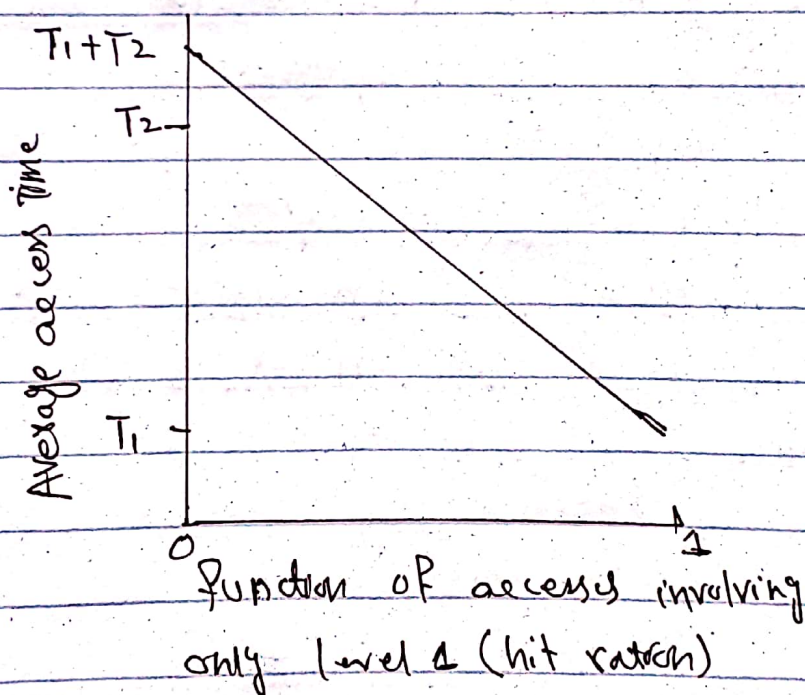
Tag	Set	Size of block
14	8	4

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ANSWER 4(a)

in example suppose 95% of the memory accesses are found in level 1. Then the average time to access a word can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{(0.95)(0.01\text{ms})} + \cancel{(0.05)(0.01\text{ms})} \\ & (0.95)(0.01\text{ms}) + (0.05)(0.01\text{ms} + 0.1\text{ms}) \\ & = 0.0095 + 0.0055 \\ & = 0.015\text{ms} \end{aligned}$$



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ANSWER (D)

72 revolution in 60 sec

1 revolution in $\frac{60}{7200}$ OR

1 revolution in 6ms

1 revolution = covering one entire track = 500 sectors

500 sectors = 6ms

1 sector = 8 microsecond

1.28 MB = 1342177.28 Bytes

OR 2621.44 sectors = 2622

sector = 20.976 ms

Total time cause

Case 1 $4 + 2 + 20 = 26ms$

Case 2 $4 + 2 + 20.976 = 26.976ms$

ANSWER (C)

$M = 8$

$2^k - 1 = k + M$

$2^4 - 1 = 4 + 8$

$15 = 12$

