last time (1)

replacement policies

- least recently used (LRU) — best for locality assumption
- approximations of LRU — more practical with > 2 ways
- first-in, first-out; random — much easier to implement, not that much worse

miss types:

- compulsory/cold: first access / conflict: fixed with more associativity / capacity: just not big enough

last time (2)

write-allocate versus write-no-allocate

- behavior if writing to not-yet-cached value
- write-allocate: add to cache
- write-no-allocate: don't add to cache

write-through versus write-back

- behavior if writing to value to be stored in cache
- if write-through, send writes immediately to next level
- if write-back, mark as dirty in cache, send to next level when evicted from cache

homework note

lab this week: cachelab (exercies)

homework: pipeline sim

- instruction trace: list of instructions run + src, dest, etc. as CSV file
- python-based "simulator" that counts cycles based on our processor design
- assignment: make some modifications

exercise (1)

2-way set associative, LRU, write-allocate, writeback

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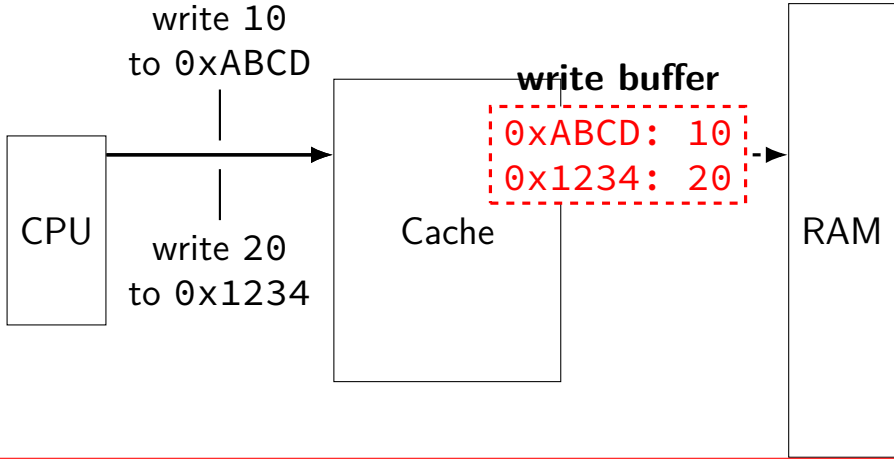
fast writes



write appears to complete immediately when placed in buffer
memory can be much slower

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if something modified in one cache, how do others know?
- problem called cache coherency

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or AMAT = hit time × hit rate + miss time × miss rate

effective speed of memory

AMAT example

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AMAT = 10 cycles + (100% - 80%) $\times$ 100 cycles = 30 cycles

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- 90% hit rate

and an L2 cache with

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making any cache look bad

1. access enough blocks, to fill the cache
2. access an additional block, replacing something
3. access last block replaced
4. access last block replaced
5. access last block replaced

...

but — typical real programs have locality

cache optimizations

(assuming typical locality...)

	miss rate	hit time	miss penalty
increase cache size	better	worse	—
increase associativity	better	worse	worse?
increase block size	depends	worse	worse
add secondary cache	—	—	better
write-allocate	better	—	?
writeback	—	—	?
LRU replacement	better	?	worse?
prefetching	better	—	—

prefetching = guess what program will use, access in advance

$$\text{average time} = \text{hit time} + \text{miss rate} \times \text{miss penalty}$$

cache optimizations by miss type

(assuming other listed parameters remain constant)

	capacity	conflict	compulsory
increase cache size	fewer misses	fewer misses	—
increase associativity	—	fewer misses	—
increase block size	more misses?	more misses?	fewer misses
LRU replacement	—	fewer misses	—
prefetching	—	—	fewer misses

cache accesses and C code (1)

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    return value * scaleFactor;
}
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- 4-byte read of scaleFactor
- 8-byte read of return address

possible scaleFactor use

```
for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i) {
    array[i] = scaleByFactor(array[i]);
}
```

misses and code (2)

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conflict miss coincidences?

obviously I set that up to have the same index

- have to use exactly the right amount of stack space...

but gives one possible reason for conflict misses:

bad luck giving the same index for unrelated values

more direct reason: values related by power of two

- some examples later, probably

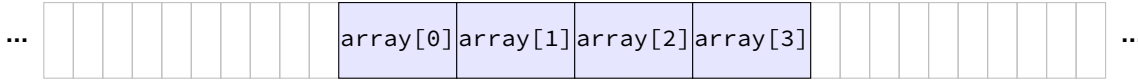
C and cache misses (warmup 1)

```
int array[4];
...
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;
even_sum += array[0];
odd_sum += array[1];
even_sum += array[2];
odd_sum += array[3];
```

Assume everything but `array` is kept in registers (and the compiler does not do anything funny).

How many data cache misses on a 1-set direct-mapped cache with 8B blocks?

some possiblities



Q1: how do cache blocks correspond to array elements?
not enough information provided!

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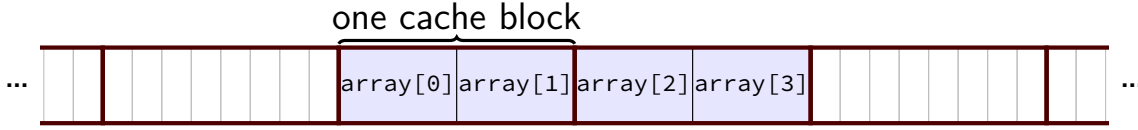

if array[0] starts at beginning of a cache block...
array split across two cache blocks

memory access	**cache contents afterwards**
—	(empty)
read `array[0]` (miss)	{`array[0]`, `array[1]`}
read `array[1]` (hit)	{`array[0]`, `array[1]`}
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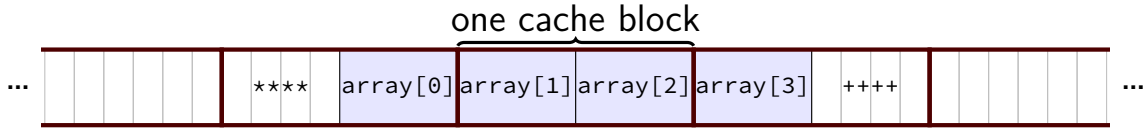

if array[0] starts right in the middle of a cache block
array split across three cache blocks

memory access	**cache contents afterwards**
—	(empty)
read `array[0]` (miss)	{****, `array[0]`}
read `array[1]` (miss)	{`array[1]`, `array[2]`}
read `array[2]` (hit)	{`array[1]`, `array[2]`}
read `array[3]` (miss)	{`array[3]`, ++++}

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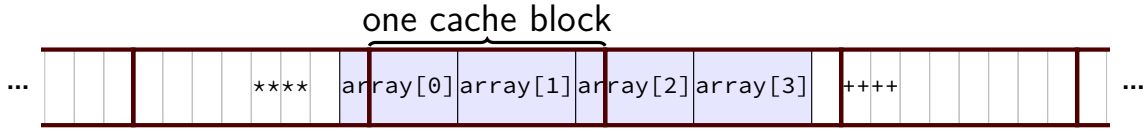

if array[0] starts at an odd place in a cache block,
need to read two cache blocks to get most array elements

memory access	**cache contents afterwards**
—	(empty)
read `array[0]` byte 0 (miss)	{ ****, array[0] byte 0 }
read `array[0]` byte 1-3 (miss)	{ array[0] byte 1-3, array[2], array[3] byte 0 }
read `array[1]` (hit)	{ array[0] byte 1-3, array[2], array[3] byte 0 }
read `array[2]` byte 0 (hit)	{ array[0] byte 1-3, array[2], array[3] byte 0 }
read `array[2]` byte 1-3 (miss)	{part of array[2], array[3], ++++}
read `array[3]` (hit)	{part of array[2], array[3], ++++}

aside: alignment

compilers and malloc/new implementations usually try align values

align = make address be multiple of something

most important reason: don't cross cache block boundaries

C and cache misses (warmup 2)

```
int array[4];
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;
even_sum += array[0];
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Assume array[0] at beginning of cache block.

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C and cache misses (warmup 3)

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...
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odd_sum += array[1];
even_sum += array[2];
odd_sum += array[3];
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even_sum += array[6];
odd_sum += array[7];
```

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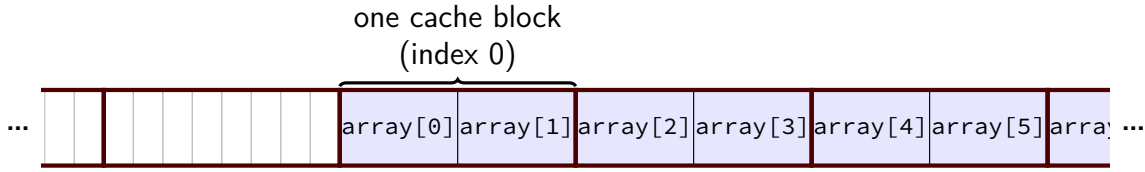
How many data cache misses on a **2**-set direct-mapped cache with 8B blocks?

exercise solution



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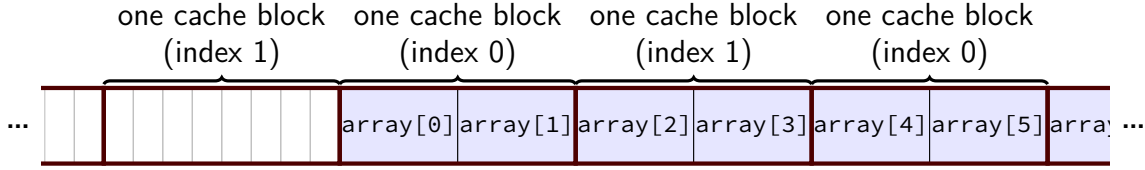

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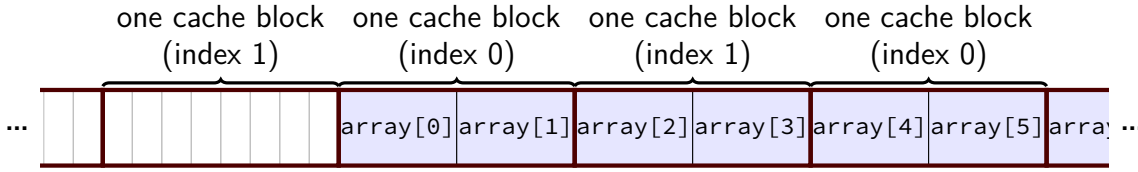

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read array[4] (miss)	{array[4], array[5]}	{array[2], array[3]}
read array[5] (hit)	{array[4], array[5]}	{array[2], array[3]}
read array[6] (miss)	{array[4], array[5]}	{array[6], array[7]}
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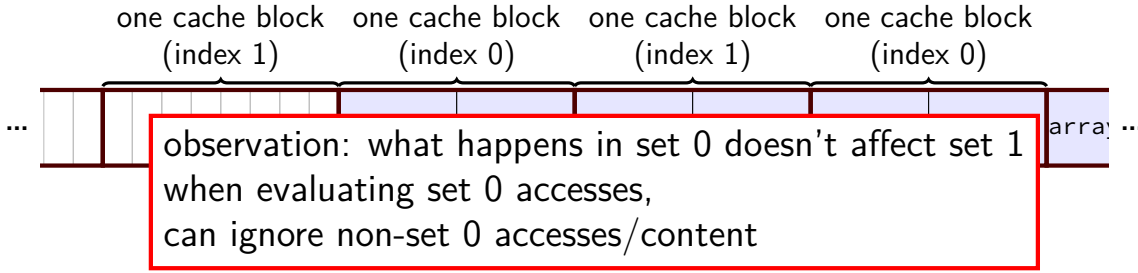

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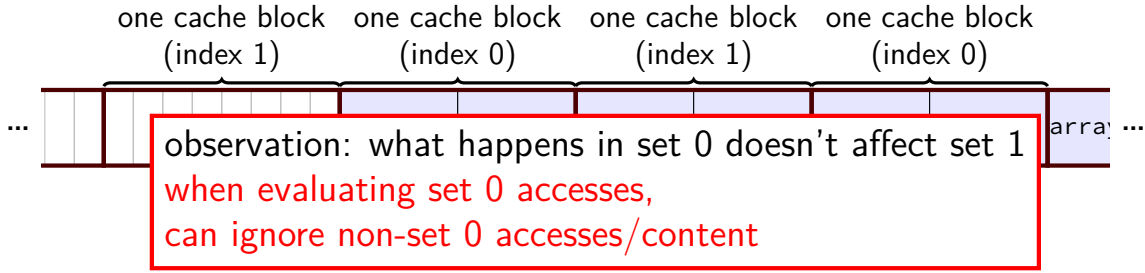

observation: what happens in set 0 doesn't affect set 1

when evaluating set 0 accesses,
can ignore non-set 0 accesses/content

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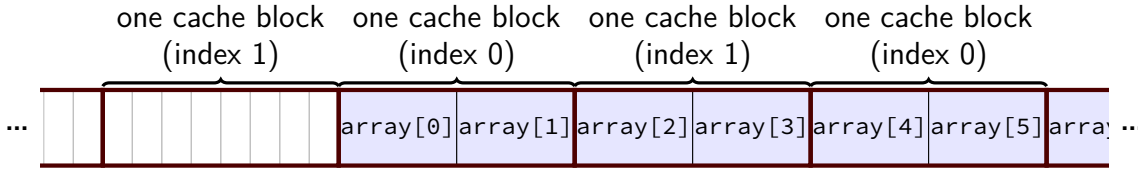

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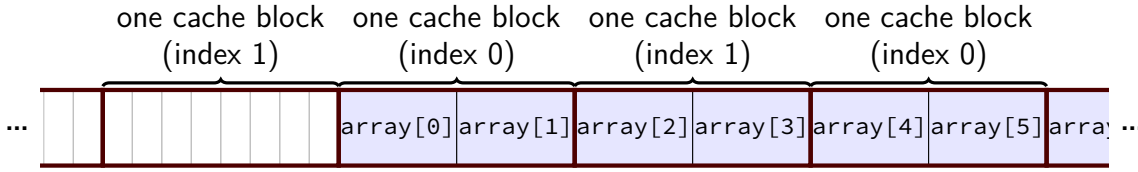

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How many data cache misses on a **2**-set direct-mapped cache with 8B blocks?

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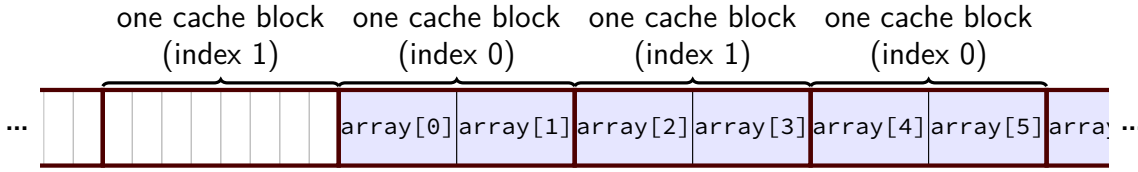

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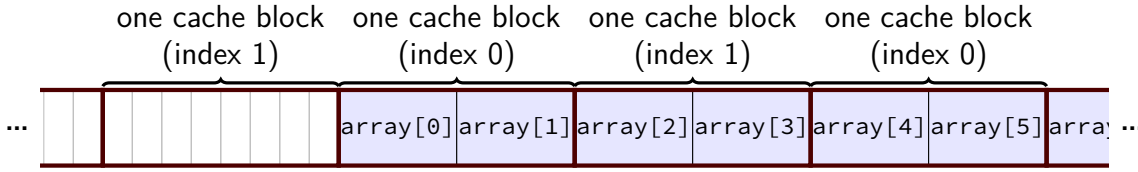

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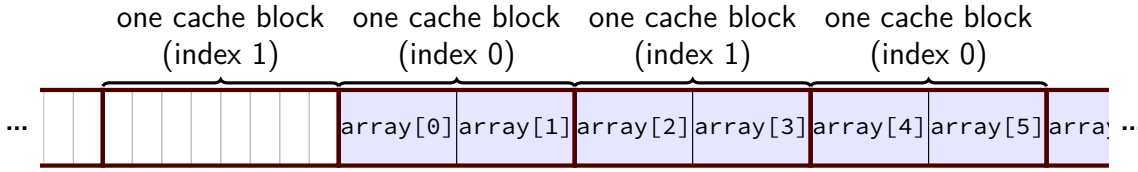

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miss rate of $2/30 \rightarrow$ approx 93% hit rate