

1- Memory Hierarchy

a. Types of Memory

- i. SRAM and SRAM arrays
- ii. DRAM and DRAM arrays
- iii. Magnetic memory
- iv. Optical memory
- v. EEPROM
- vi. Memristors

b. Memory devices

- i. Register Files
- ii. Caches
  - 1. Cache locality
  - 2. Cache Addressing
  - 3. Multi-Level Caching
- iii. The RAM
  - 1. RAM pages and MMU
  - 2. RAM management – Paging
    - a. Paged Map Allocation
    - b. Demand Paging
    - c. Segmented Memory Allocation
- iv. The Hard Disk Drive
  - 1. Clusters and grains
  - 2. Tracks and sectors

2- Memory management:

- a. Data Propagation
- b. RAM Management – replacement policies
  - i. FIFO
  - ii. LRU
- c. Cache Management
  - i. Mapping
  - ii. Cache misses and hits
  - iii. Direct mapping
  - iv. Fully Associative
  - v. K-Way associative
  - vi. Miss rate and hit rate

3- Processes:

- a. What is a process?
- b. The address space
- c. Reserved registers and System calls
- d. Process states and models (everything related to those models is fair game)
  - i. Embedded system model

- ii. The batch system model
- e. Process control blocks
- f. Process scheduling
  - i. Non-pre-emptive schemes
    - 1. Properties of Non-pre-emptive schemes
    - 2. FCFS
    - 3. SJN
    - 4. Priority Scheduling
  - ii. Pre-emptive schemes
    - 1. Properties of Pre-emptive schemes
    - 2. SRT
    - 3. Round Robin
  - iii. Context switching
- g. Computer Arithmetic
  - i. Number representations in binary
    - 1. Whole numbers
    - 2. Integers
      - a. Positive numbers
      - b. Negative numbers
    - 3. Rational Numbers
      - a. Rational numbers representation
      - b. IEEE 32-bit standard
    - 4. Operations on binary
      - a. Addition
        - i. Addition on binary
        - ii. Adders:
          - 1. Ripple adders
          - 2. Carry skip adders
          - 3. Carry Look-Ahead adder
      - b. Subtraction
      - c. Multiplication