

Exercise 3.3 Show that LRU does not incur Belady's anomaly but that FIFO does incur the anomaly

Belady's Anomaly: Some reference strings generate more page faults when more page frames are allotted.

1) FIFO (First-In/First-Out): Replace the page that has been in the fast memory longest.

Intuition: FIFO algorithm replaces a frequently used variable which causes the extra work of reading it in the page frames again (page fault) since this variable is probably the one which was just replaced.

Proof: Considering the reference string

1, 2, 3, ..., p, p+1, 1, 2, 3, ..., p-1, p+2, 1, 2, 3, ..., p, p+1, p+2

Segment 1 Segment 2 Segment 3 Segment 4

a. Calculating page faults for cache size $p+1$:

Segment 1: $p+1$ page faults (initially empty)
 Segment 2: 0 page fault (all hits)
 Segment 3: 1 page fault (replace 1 with $p+2$ when applying FIFO)
 Result: 2, 3, ..., $p+1$, $p+2$
 Segment 4:
 Cache size $p+1$

	End	Beginning	
} $p+2$ page faults	3, 4,	$p, p+1, p+2, 1$	(after reading 1) 1 page fault
	4, 5,	$p+1, p+2, 1, 2$	(after reading 2) 1 page fault
		
		
		
	$p, p+1, p+2, 1, 2, \dots, p-3, p-2$		(after reading $p-2$) 1 page fault
	$p+1, p+2, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-2, p-1$		(after reading $p-1$) 1 page fault
	$p+2, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1, p$		(after reading p) 1 page fault
	$1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1, p, p+1$		(after reading $p+1$) 1 page fault
	$2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1, p, p+1, p+2$		(after reading $p+2$) 1 page fault

Total # of page faults for cache size $p+1$ using FIFO
 $= p+1+1+p+2=2p+4$

b. Calculating page faults for cache size p :

Segment 1: $p+1$ page faults
 Result: 2, 3, ..., p , $p+1$

Segment 2:
 Cache size p

	End	Beginning	
$p-1$ page faults	{	3, 4, $p-1$, p , $p+1$, 1 (after reading 1) 1 page fault	
		4, 5, p , $p+1$, 1, 2 (after reading 2) 1 page fault	
		
		
		
		p , $p+1$, 1, 2, ..., $p-3$, $p-2$ (after reading $p-2$) 1 page fault	
		$p+1$, 1, 2, 3, ..., $p-2$, $p-1$ (after reading $p-1$) 1 page fault	

Segment 3: 1 page fault (replace $p+1$ with $p+2$ when applying FIFO)
 Result: 1, 2, 3, ..., $p-1$, $p+2$

Segment 4:
 2 page faults {

- $p-1$ hits for first $p-1$ inputs
- after reading p : 2, 3, ..., $p-1$, $p+2$, p (1 page fault)
- after reading $p+1$: 3, ..., $p-1$, $p+2$, p , $p+1$ (1 page fault)
- after reading $p+2$: 2, 3, ..., $p-1$, p , $p+1$, $p+2$ (hit)

Total # of page faults for cache size p using FIFO
 $= p+1+p-1+1+2=2p+3$

Therefore, Total # of page faults for cache size p using FIFO
 $<$ Total # of page faults for cache size $p+1$ using FIFO
 since $2p+3 < 2p+4$. This incurs **Belady's Anomaly**
 when p is at least 3.

2) LRU (Least-Recently-Used): When eviction is necessary, replace the page whose most recent request was earliest.

Intuition: Due to the method of this algorithm, which is that it will replace the page (variable) whose most recent request was earliest, this algorithm significantly avoids the case of replacing a frequently used variable if this coming variable appears to be closer to the current reading variable.

Proof:

Given any reference string $S=a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$. Let $LRU_i(S)$ be the number of faults that LRU incurs on S with a cache of size i , we need to show for all i and S , and $i < j$,

$$LRU_i(S) \geq LRU_{i+1}(S) \geq LRU_{i+2}(S) \geq \dots \geq LRU_j(S)$$

Defining that a doubly-linked list of size i can be **embedded** in another doubly-linked list of size $i+1$, if the two doubly-linked lists are identical, except that the longer one has one more item, which is the last one.

Claim: After each step of processing a sequence of requests, the doubly-linked list of LRU_i can be embedded in the doubly-linked list of LRU_{i+1} .

We prove this claim by induction on the number of steps.

- 1) Basic case: if $n=1$, both LRU_i and LRU_{i+1} incur a fault and bring in a_1 .
- 2) Induction Hypothesis: the claim is true after step n .
- 3) To show it is also true after step $n+1$.
 - a. Suppose before reading a_{n+1} , a_{n+1} is in the cache of LRU_i (hit).
 According to IH, a_{n+1} is also in the cache of LRU_{i+1} (hit).
 Both moving a_{n+1} to the beginning of their lists after reading a_{n+1} .
 So the claim is also true after step a_{n+1} .
 - b. Suppose before reading a_{n+1} , a_{n+1} is NOT in the cache of LRU_i (fault).
 - i) a_{n+1} is also not in the cache of LRU_{i+1} (fault): both moving a_{n+1} to the beginning of their lists after reading a_{n+1} . Claim holds.
 - ii) a_{n+1} is in the cache of LRU_{i+1} (a_{n+1} must be the last page based on IH): LRU_{i+1} moves its a_{n+1} to the beginning of their lists after reading a_{n+1} . LRU_i brings a_{n+1} and replaces one of the old elements. By IH, all remaining items are same or evict page which is always at the end of list.

Example:

	Before reading a_{n+1} (7)	After reading a_{n+1} (7)
LRU_4	End Beginning 3 → 4 → 5 → 6	End Beginning 4 → 5 → 6 → 7
LRU_{4+1}	End Beginning 7 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6	End Beginning 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7

The claim is proved. So at each step, if LRU_{i+1} has a fault, then LRU_i has a fault since LRU_{i+1} list elements contain (embed) LRU_i list elements.. So $LRU_i(S) \geq LRU_{i+1}(S)$. Finish proof for LRU.

Reference: <http://www.cas.mcmaster.ca/~soltys/cs4sh3-w02/index.html>