

1. What effects may prefetching have on

(a) compulsory misses?

likely reduces compulsory misses (data that gets used later is already in the cache)

(b) capacity misses?

will not affect capacity misses (the working set is still the same, we just happened to prefetch more of it into the cache)

(c) conflict misses?

may increase conflict misses since it may evict lines that are needed to make room for prefetched lines

2. Assume you have a cache where cache lines are 32 bytes. Also assume that integers take 4 bytes.

Write a loop in C that performs significantly better when using a *strided prefetcher* than when using a *one block lookahead scheme*.

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1 int *A = malloc(1024 * 1024 * sizeof(int));
2 int j = 0;
3 while (j < 1024 * 1024) {
4     int sum = 0;
5     for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
6         sum += A[j+i];
7     j += 16; // skip two cache lines
8 }
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