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**PROGRAM RESTRUCTURING FOR VIRTUAL MEMORY SYSTEMS**

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The problem area addressed in this report\* is program restructuring, a method of reordering the relocatable sectors (subroutine and data modules) of a program in its address space to increase the locality of the program's reference behavior, thereby reducing the number of page fetches required for its execution in a virtual memory system.

Theoretical upper and lower (optimum) bounds are derived for the paging performance of programs over all partitions of relocatable sectors into pages.

Program restructuring techniques are developed which use intersector reference models based on sector working sets and sector stack distances. These intersector reference models identify the local reference behavior, and clustering procedures are developed that use this local reference behavior to rearrange sectors into pages such that significant improvement in paging performance is obtained.

Results of measurements of paging performance obtained in the computer laboratory are discussed. The relationship between the paging performance of a program restructured by the practical restructuring algorithms and the theoretical bounds on paging performance are compared.

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## CHAPTER 1

### 1.1 Introduction

In this chapter, the problem of restructuring programs to improve their paging performance in virtual memory systems is presented.

### 1.2 Motivation

As the use of multiprogramming and virtual memory techniques has become more widespread, the performance of paged virtual memory hierarchies has become more important. The fact that paged virtual memory systems can be made to perform efficiently at all depends primarily on an inherent property of program behavior known as "program locality" [01,02,03,04]. Program locality arises from empirical observations that actual programs cluster their memory references so that, during any interval of time, only a subset of the information available is actually referenced. If a program is favoring a subset of its information at some particular time, we should like very much to have this subset in primary memory. As a result, much of the research efforts made to optimize the performance of programs in virtual memory systems were spent devising strategies for page management algorithms that could maximize the probability of finding in primary memory the information

needed by the CPU at the time it is referenced, thereby minimizing the number of page fetches. Several studies [B1,B2,D2] have shown that this probability strongly depends on the reference patterns of the program being executed, that is, on how distributed in the virtual address space are the information items successively referenced by the processor. Generally, the higher the degree of locality of a program, the higher the performance of the virtual memory system with respect to that program. However, several comparisons of page replacement algorithms have been reported [B1,H1,C1], often realizing as much as 30 to 40 percent improvement from one algorithm to another for certain programs. In particular, an algorithm has been found [B1,M1] that gives the minimum number of page fetches for a program. Even though the minimum replacement algorithm is practically unrealizable, as it requires a knowledge of the future page references of the program every time a page fetch occurs, the algorithm is important because one can use it as a theoretical bound against which the performance of any other paging algorithm can be compared.

In all the studies of developing page management algorithms to increase the performance of virtual memory systems, the program's page reference pattern and hence its locality is considered as a non-modifiable input to the system. In contrast to the exploitation of the existing locality of programs by paging algorithms, relatively little attention has been paid to another important method of obtaining better performance from virtual memory systems. This method is to increase the

degree of locality of the program to be executed. Even less research has been focused on developing bounds on the performance improvement due to optimum program locality.

In this report, we propose to focus most of our research efforts in the study of program restructuring [C2,H1,D2], a method of rearranging the relocatable sectors (subroutine and data modules) of a program, to increase the locality of the program's reference behavior and thereby reduce the number of page fetches required for execution in a virtual memory system. The essential idea behind program restructuring to bring about this localization in its reference behavior is to take sectors of the program that are used closely together in time and cluster them closely together in the virtual address space.

### 1.3 The Nature of Program Restructuring

The nature of program restructuring methods that have been proposed so far can be classified along several dimensions. With respect to the extent of the programmer's involvement, restructuring can be manual or automatic, depending on whether rearrangement decisions are made by man or computer. With respect to the level at which restructuring is applied, we can make a distinction between external and internal reordering. In external reordering, the sectors which are rearranged in virtual memory are relocatable sectors of instructions

and/or data. Internal restructuring consists of reordering parts of relocatable sectors with respect to each other or simply deciding where to insert page breaks in the code [K1,Y1]. External restructuring is faster and cheaper since it never requires reprogramming. With respect to the type of information on which a restructuring procedure is based, there are static methods, which only make use of the knowledge of the static properties of the program, and dynamic methods, which are based on data, collected during execution, representing the dynamic behavior of the program.

Algorithms for automatic restructuring can be applied at compilation time if they are static; typical examples are those methods which construct a graph model of the program to be restructured, whose sectors are represented by vertices (whose weight is the size of the sector) and arcs represent the transitions (data or control references), and then cluster vertices according to connectivity considerations or to the cyclic structure of the graph [B3,L1,R1,Y2]. We are interested in automatic, external program restructuring methods based on the program's dynamic behavior and in subsequent discussions we will simply call this program restructuring.

In order to provide more insight into the character of program restructuring which we will study, we make the following general assumptions. A program consists of a finite set of relocatable data and procedure sectors. These sectors are opaque, since we are concerned with the interactions among the sectors and we are not concerned with what



goes on inside each sector. The average size of a relocatable sector is small with respect to the size of a page (between one-tenth and one-half page size).

Informally, the basic approach to program restructuring is to run the program with a set of "typical" input data, record the sector reference behavior, formulate an intersector reference model based on the recorded information, and then apply a program restructuring procedure which uses the model of intersector reference behavior to reorder or partition the sectors into logical pages such that the intersector references among sectors in different pages is minimized.

The aim of program restructuring is to increase the locality of the program's address reference pattern by reordering the relocatable sectors in virtual memory such that sectors that are needed within a relatively short time of one another are found in the same logical page or in logical pages that would otherwise tend to be in primary memory at the same time. The act of restructuring will tend to create a situation in which there are either very strong or very weak affinity bonds between logical pages. The resultant goal of program restructuring is to minimize the page fetches required by a program during its execution in a virtual memory system. This is a very difficult goal to achieve because the number of page fetches is a function of primary memory allocated to the program, the page size, the fetch and replacement policies, the sector reference behavior, and the selected ordering of sectors into

logical pages.

In order to pose more formally the nature of the restructuring problem for any program modeled by a set of relocatable sectors of specified size and a measured sector trace describing the sector reference behavior, we need the following definitions.

A program is regarded as a directed graph  $G$  of  $m$  nodes, of size  $S_i > \theta$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . The nodes represent relocatable sectors. Let  $N$  be the page size, such that  $\theta < S_i < N$  for all  $i$ . Let  $C = (c_{ij})$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, m$  be a weighted connectivity matrix describing the edges of  $G$ . The edges of  $G$  represent the intersector reference behavior of the program. With edge  $(i, j)$  is associated a cost  $c_{ij} \geq \theta$  of traversing that edge. How to choose the best intersector reference model  $C$  from the measured sector trace is an important research problem. However,  $c_{ij}$  might represent the probability that sector  $i$  references sector  $j$ , or  $c_{ij}$  might be the total number of times sector  $i$  makes a data reference or a transfer of control to sector  $j$ , or ideally  $c_{ij}$  would represent the number of page fetches which would occur due to sector  $i$  referencing sector  $j$  in a given virtual memory system unless  $i$  and  $j$  were grouped into the same page.

Let  $n$  be the number of logical pages of the restructured program. An  $n$ -way restructuring of  $G$  is a set of nonempty, pairwise disjoint subsets (pages) of  $G$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  such that

$\bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i = G$  and  $|p_i| \leq N$  for all  $i$ , where  $|p_i|$  stands for the size of subset  $p_i$ , and equals the sum of the sizes of all the sectors of  $P_i$ . The cost definition for the restructured  $G$  is the summation of  $C_{ij}$  over all  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $i$  and  $j$  are in different subsets (pages). The cost is thus the sum of all external costs in the partition of  $G$ . A restructuring of  $G$  is optimal if it achieves minimum external cost or equivalently maximum internal cost, because the total cost of all edges is constant.

We can now point to two distinct and difficult problems associated with program restructuring. One is, given  $G$  and  $C$ , how to find an optimum restructuring of  $G$ , and the other is how to model the intersector reference behavior  $C$  such that an optimum solution to the restructuring problem formulated on  $C$  gives the minimum number of page fetches for a virtual memory system.

#### 1.4 Importance of Program Restructuring

The potential of program restructuring for improving the performance of programs running in a virtual memory system can be best illustrated by citing some reported results.

#### 1.4.1 Comeau's Results

The first published results of program restructuring to increase the performance of programs in a virtual memory system was in 1967 by L. W. Comeau [C2]. Comeau reports that the ordering of relocatable sectors of code over virtual pages can have a profound effect on paging performance. In particular, he found that the number of page fetches during an assembly could be decreased by a factor of five by changing the ordering of the monitor modules at load time. Four orderings of the monitor modules were compared under the same primary memory constraints and the same paging algorithms. The alphabetical ordering produced 6500 page fetches, the random order gave 4200 fetches, and order based on knowledge of the page size and functions of the modules resulted in 2400 fetches, and an ordering based on the knowledge of the functions of the modules, page size and a detailed history of intermodule activity generated while the program was in execution produced 1200 fetches.

A subsequent experiment by Tsaco, Comeau and Margolin [T1], performed on an IBM/360 Model 40 in a CP/40 environment, shows that paging activity is reduced much more by a good load sequence of operating system subroutines than by replacement algorithms.

#### 1.4.2 Results of Hatfield and Gerald

In 1971 Hatfield and Gerald [H1] reported that improvements in paging performance, on the IBM/360 Model 67, in the range of two-to-one to ten-to-one can occur by using experimental techniques, based on information compiled from sector reference traces, to restructure the relocatable sectors of compilers, editors, and assemblers. This is a significant reduction in the number of page fetches experienced by existing, frequently executed programs, and how close this is to the optimum reduction is currently unknown.

Also, they present an excellent discussion supported by many detailed measurements, which shows that the sector reference behavior of most programs they examined (especially the system programs: compilers, assemblers, editors, etc.) proved to be remarkably insensitive to the input data in rather large domains. This is very important because there is no merit in tracing a program, massaging the traced data, reloading sectors, and measuring changes in paging rates if the improvement only holds for the particular set of input data used when it was being traced. Fortunately, the relative number of intersector references of many commonly used programs is rather insensitive to input data. However, it is certainly still true, especially for particular application programs, that the uniformity of intersector references over a range of input data should be established before sector reordering on the basis of intersector behavior is attempted.

In addition, they reported that program restructuring to increase the locality in program reference patterns can have a much more profound effect on paging performance in a virtual memory system than page replacement algorithms.

#### 1.4.3 Program Design Considerations

Another technique of increasing the degree of locality of programs, but certainly not the easiest to accomplish, consists of teaching the programmers how to design more local programs [B4,B5,G1,M1], making them aware of the important language translator considerations, providing them with unambiguous feedback about the paging performance of their programs and showing them how the system penalizes those programs which exhibit a poor degree of locality. The typical attitude of virtual memory system designers may be expressed by Denning [D2] when he states, "it is not known whether programmers can be properly educated, inculcated with the 'right' rules of thumb, so that they habitually produce programs with "good" locality." Unfortunately, the freedom of the programmers from the need to worry about physical memory space and its management in a virtual memory system is a major obstacle to their education in the art of locality.

Therefore, especially for frequently executed programs such as operating systems, assemblers, compilers, editors, production programs,

etc., we can see the appeal and the potential rewards of the program restructuring approach, that is, to design the program without excessively caring about its locality, and then to rearrange its relocatable code and data sectors in the virtual address space so as to make its reference pattern more local.

#### 1.4.4 Related Performance Benefits

If we can reduce the number of page fetches required by program restructuring, we will get improved performance in several areas:

1. Reduced time spent paging.
2. Less supervisory overhead spent in main memory and paging management.
3. Better throughput on the average, because a program will interfere with others less.
4. Better paging operation when it is needed, because there will be less contention for the paging device.

#### 1.5 Related Research and the Need for Further Research

The only comprehensive research in the area of automatic program restructuring was reported by Hatfield and Gerald [H1]. The essence of their work can be interpreted in the following context. A program consisting of  $m$  relocatable sectors occupying  $n$  logical pages of virtual memory was run with a typical set of input data and sufficient information was recorded during the run to produce a complete sector trace. A complete sector trace is the time sequence of all sector references (instruction and data references) during program execution.



A "nearness matrix"  $C$  for modeling intersector behavior was constructed from the sector trace. The nearness matrix is an  $m \times m$  matrix, whose entry  $C_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ) is the number of times sector  $j$  followed sector  $i$  in the sector trace or equivalently the number of times sector  $i$  referenced sector  $j$  during the execution of the program. This matrix is equivalent to a directed graph  $G$  of  $m$  nodes where the arc from node  $i$  (corresponding to sector  $i$ ) to node  $j$  has  $C_{ij}$  as its weight.

No computationally feasible procedure was found to produce and prove an optimum restructuring of  $G$ , based on  $C$ , into pages, i.e. one that minimized the summation of  $C_{ij}$  over all  $i$  and  $j$  such that sector  $i$  and sector  $j$  are grouped into different pages. Instead heuristic approaches were used to restructure  $G$ . One method used essentially the largest values of the eigenvectors of  $C$  as a basis for grouping sectors together. Another heuristic approach which gave slightly better results was a procedure which attempted to cluster sectors into pages, under the constraint that the size of each cluster be no greater than the page size, such that the square of the interconnecting weighted arc distances between pages were minimized.

The latter heuristic approach is quite similar to the procedure reported by Charney [C3] which partitions a network of interconnecting components into groups of components such that the total number of interconnecting wires between groups tends to be minimized.

As Hatfield and Gerald pointed out, a disadvantage of program restructuring formulated on the nearness matrix  $C$  is that the nearness matrix contains global information about sector interaction, whereas paging depends on local reference patterns. For example, consider two sector reference traces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Assume that sectors  $i$  and  $j$  are referenced exactly  $k$  times in both traces. Let  $S_1 = \alpha_1 (ij)^k \alpha_2^k$  and  $S_2 = \alpha_1 (ij\alpha_2)^k$  where  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  represent long sector reference strings. The value  $C_{ij}$  is  $k$  in both cases and  $C_{ji}$  is larger in  $S_1$ . Therefore, the probability that the clustering algorithm will group  $i$  and  $j$  together is greater for  $S_1$  than  $S_2$ . However, the cost of not grouping them together is greater for  $S_2$ , since the number of page faults due to the references  $j$  immediately following those to  $i$  will be at most 1 for  $S_1$  for all real memory sizes greater than one and can be  $k$  for  $S_2$  for certain  $\alpha_2$ 's. In other words, even an optimum solution of the restructuring problem formulated on the nearness matrix may not give the minimum number of page faults.

Hatfield and Gerald realized that there are many cases where the nearness matrix alone does not have all the information needed for producing a good sector ordering and that the ordering obtained by the restructuring algorithm from the available information is based on heuristics. Accordingly they supplemented the automatic sector reordering phase with a hand finishing phase of additional sector reordering based on complex human interpretation of the program's use of virtual memory over the course of its execution as displayed via an

interactive graphics package. Even though the reordering phase based on human decisions provided additional improvements in paging performance, it can be quite time consuming, and the results are somewhat dependent on the imagination and insight possessed by the programmer making the decisions. Furthermore, the absence of any knowledge about the maximum possible improvement makes it difficult to determine a suitable stopping point based on some cost-performance criteria.

In order to determine if a new ordering is actually better or worse than an old ordering, they simulated the paging performance of each ordering over a range of primary memory sizes and page replacement policies. Evaluation of sector orderings by simulation can be an expensive process if many sector orderings are compared.

Based on the current state of research into the problem of program restructuring as discussed above, we can identify several areas of potentially rewarding research. We will assume that a program is modeled by a set of relocatable sectors of specified size and a sector trace describing the sector reference behavior.

### 1.5.1 Intersector Reference Models

We need a model of intersector reference behavior  $C$ , defined over the sector trace, that incorporates more of the local reference behavior of the program upon which paging actually depends than that captured by the nearness matrix. For example, the probability that a reference from sector  $i$  to sector  $j$  will cause a page fault is related to such local information as the time elapsed since the last reference to sector  $j$  and the number of distinct sectors referenced since the last reference to sector  $j$  in the sector trace. If the time is short since sector  $j$  was last referred to and little virtual memory space was used during that time, it is probable that sector  $j$  is still in primary memory and a new reference will not cause a page fetch. If the time and space traversed between references to  $j$  are large, it is probable that a page fetch will occur unless  $j$  is grouped into the same page as the referencing sector or some recently referenced sector. We propose to formulate and investigate two approaches which seem to have potential for identifying and quantifying local sector reference behavior which can be used to weight  $C_{ij}$  entries. These approaches are based on sector working sets and sector stack distances defined over the sector trace.

### 1.5.2 Reordering Procedures

Another area concerns finding better procedures for restructuring or grouping the  $m$  relocatable sectors of a program into  $n$  logical pages such that the reordered program achieves or tends to achieve the minimum external cost formulated on an intersector reference model C. A strictly exhaustive procedure for finding the minimum cost grouping is often out of the question. To see this, consider the simple problem of dividing  $m$  sectors into pages containing  $g$  sectors each. The total number of groupings is as follows:

$$\text{Groupings} = \frac{m!}{(g!)^{m/g} (m/g)!}$$

For most values of  $m$  and  $g$ , this expression yields a very large number; for example, if  $m = 40$  and  $g = 4$ , it is greater than  $10^{25}$ . Formally, the problem could be solved as an integer linear programming problem, with a large number of constraint equations necessary to express the uniformity of the partition [J1]. However, since it seems likely that any direct approach to finding an optimal solution will require an inordinate amount of computation, the quest for better heuristic methods appears to be the best approach. The first and foremost consideration in developing heuristics for combinatorial problems of this type is finding

a procedure that is powerful and yet sufficiently fast to be practical.  
A process whose running time grows exponentially with the number of  
sectors is not likely to be practical.

### 1.5.3 Sector Ordering Evaluators

A computationally inexpensive evaluator of sector orderings is needed so that a new ordering can be estimated as better or worse than an old ordering without simulating paging performance for a primary memory size and page replacement algorithm.

One theoretical approach recently reported by Sekino [S4] may be applied, given a sector ordering into pages and the probabilities of sector  $i$  referencing sector  $j$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ , to compute the page fetch probability. However, a major drawback of this approach is that after the probabilities of going from one system state to another are computed (where a system state is determined by the  $r$  pages of an  $n$  page program in primary memory, the page being referenced, and the state of the replacement algorithm), then, even in its simplest formulation, the solution of  $r \binom{n}{r}$  simultaneous equations are required (a solution computationally infeasible for values of  $n$  and  $r$  usually encountered in real programs).

Another approach relies on the ability to construct a matrix model describing the intersector reference behavior from the sector trace, given additional knowledge about the size of available primary memory and the paging policies, such that the cost of a sector ordering (i.e. the cost of the interpage arcs cut) produced by a reordering algorithm, is proportional to the number of page fetches expected for

that ordering. How successful is this approach or any other computationally inexpensive approach is an open research question, but the existence of this problem and the potential expense of any solution points out, in part, the immense value of the next research topic.

#### 1.5.4 Performance Bounds

The tremendously large number of sector orderings, and the difficulty and expense involved both in choosing a relatively good ordering and in evaluating a new ordering as better or worse than an old ordering illustrate the vital need to have theoretical bounds on the optimum improvement in the paging performance of virtual memory systems through program restructuring.

If bounds on the minimum number of page fetches which could occur during execution of a program for any reordering of relocatable sectors into logical pages were known, they could be used: to determine whether or not a given program should be considered for restructuring based on its current paging performance; to evaluate the results of a restructuring procedure, whether automatic, manual or both, for a given program; and to recognize when a good program structure is found.

Automatic restructuring procedures based on heuristics appear to be the only computationally feasible approach. It is unlikely that any



one procedure will provide near optimum solutions for all programs. One attractive methodology for program restructuring when bounds on the optimum performance are known is to have a set of automatic restructuring procedures available which can be successively applied to a particular program until a reasonably good solution is obtained. In the case when no reasonably good solution is found automatically, a decision to consider manual restructuring and its extent can be made based on the potential for additional improvement versus its expected cost.

The theoretical work reported in the literature to date in developing bounds on the paging performance in virtual memory systems that can result from program restructuring is nil. We will present a formal approach to this problem and some preliminary results in the next two sections of this report.

It is our objective to develop upper and lower bounds on the number of page fetches which can occur over all reorderings of sectors into logical pages of a program, for any program modeled by: a set of relocatable sectors of specified size, a sector trace describing the intersector behavior, any two-level virtual memory system modeled by its page size, primary memory size available to the program, and page replacement and fetch policies.

## 1.6 Summary of Goals

The goals of this thesis are as follows:

1. Formalize and analyze the effect of the structural ordering of a program's relocatable sectors upon its paging performance in virtual memory systems.
2. Develop theoretical bounds on the optimum improvement in the paging performance of programs in virtual memory systems which can result from restructuring the relocatable sectors of programs.
3. Develop theoretical bounds on how "bad" the paging performance of programs can get if the "worst" ordering of relocatable sectors is chosen.
4. Formalize new models of program reference behavior, such as intersector reference models based on sector working sets and sector stack distances, and analyze their effect on reordering procedures for improving the paging performance

of programs.

5. Design and develop practical algorithms for restructuring programs to improve their paging performance in virtual memory systems.
  
6. Perform measurements to compare the relationship between the improvements in paging performance produced by these practical algorithms and the optimum improvement specified by the theoretical bounds.

## CHAPTER 2

## FORMALIZATION OF VIRTUAL MEMORY SYSTEMS

## 2.1 Introduction

In this section a formalization of the fundamental characteristics of two-level virtual memory systems is presented and certain performance measures are derived. The purpose of this chapter is to develop the terminology and the framework necessary to view this research in its proper perspective.

## 2.2 Major Parameters of a Two-Level Virtual Memory System

Figure 1 and Table 1 present the major parameters of a two-level virtual memory system. These parameters can be grouped into three categories: (1) Configuration, (2) Automatic Management Algorithms, and (3) Program Behavior.

### 2.2.1 Configuration

Virtual memory is assumed in this thesis to be implemented by paging on a two-level hierarchical physical memory system consisting of primary memory,  $M_p$ , and secondary memory,  $S_s$ . (Note that we have chosen the notation  $S_s$  for secondary memory, i.e., secondary storage, because the notation  $M_s$  would lead to notational conflicts later in this report). Each storage device is partitioned into physical blocks called pages. A page is the basic unit of information transferred between  $M_p$  and  $S_s$ . The page size (usually 4,096 or 2,048 bytes) is denoted by  $N$ . Each memory device is further characterized by its random access time  $T_i$ , transfer rate  $B_i$ , cost/byte  $C_i$ , and capacity in pages  $|M_i|$ . We assume that  $T_p < T_s$ ,  $B_p > B_s$ ,  $C_p > C_s$  and  $|M_p| < |S_s|$ .

Configuration

1.  $M_p$  is the primary store
2.  $S_s$  is the secondary store
3.  $|M_i|$  is the size in pages of the  $i$ -th store
4.  $B_i$  is the transfer rate of the  $i$ -th store
5.  $C_i$  is the cost/unit of the  $i$ -th store
6.  $T_i$  is the average access time of the  $i$ -th store
7.  $N_i$  is the number of bytes in a page (page size)

Memory Management Algorithms

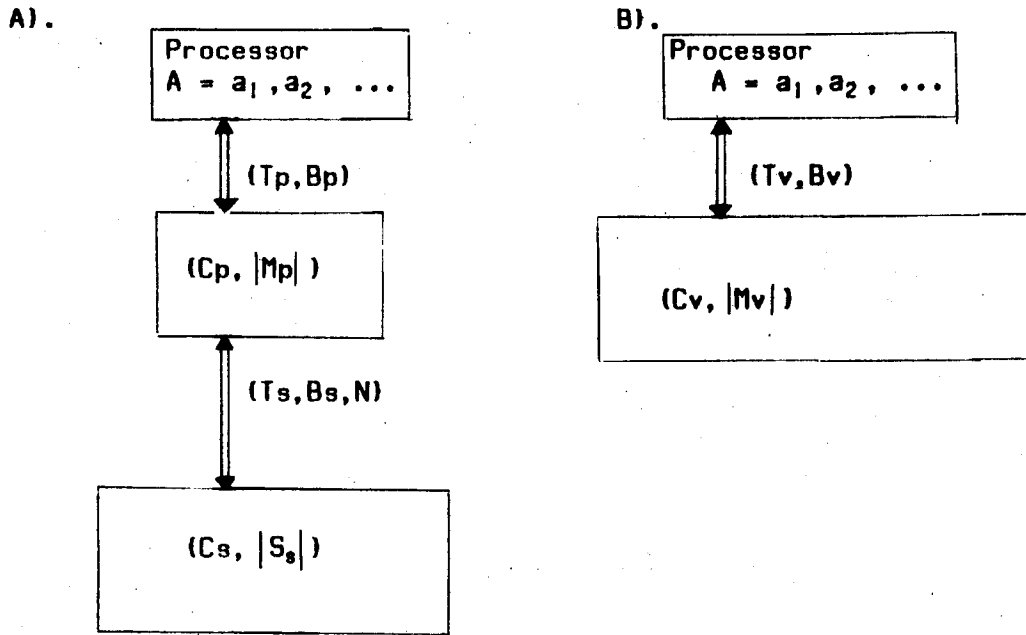
1.  $F$  is the fetch algorithm
2.  $R$  is the replacement algorithm

Program Behavior

1.  $A$  is the logical address trace

Table 1

Major Parameters of Two-Level  
Hierarchical Virtual Memory Systems



C).

	IBM/360-67	IBM/370-165
$M_p$	Core	Cache
$ M_p $	192 pages	16K bytes
$C_p$	\$1.53/byte	8.80/byte
$T_p$	375 ns	160 ns
$B_p$	21Mb/s	100Mb/s
$M_s$	Disk	Main Store
$ S_s $	2048 pages	512K bytes
$C_s$	\$0.04/byte	\$0.50/byte
$T_s$	8.6 ms	1.44 $\mu$ s
$B_s$	1.2Mb/s	16Mb/s
$N$	4096 bytes	32 bytes
$T_v$	805 ns	230 ns
$C_v$	\$0.18/byte	\$0.77/byte
$ M_v $	2048 pages	512K bytes

Figure 1.

A). Two Level Storage Hierarchy System. B). Virtual or Composite Memory System. C). Representative Parameters for Several Virtual Memory Systems.

### 2.2.2 Program Behavior

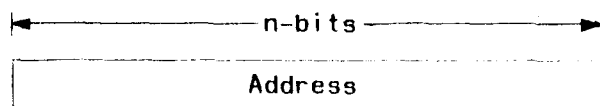
The processor, under program control, generates a sequential sequence of references to the storage system. The processor references are in the form of logical address references or virtual memory references which serve to uniquely identify each unit of stored information independent of its location in Mp or Ss. The time sequence of logical address references is called an address trace, A and is defined as:

$$A = a^1, a^2, \dots, a^L.$$

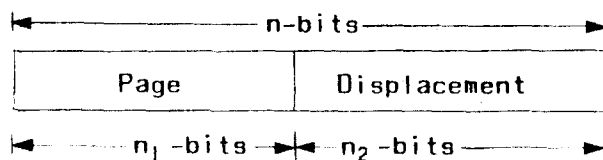
Each logical address,  $a^i$ , may be separated into a logical page reference and an offset within that logical page. This separation process is pictorially illustrated in Figure 2 where the set of  $2^{*n}$  possible addresses are partitioned into  $2^{*n_1}$  pages of  $2^{*n_2} = N$  logical addresses each. The time sequence of logical page references is called a page trace, P and is defined as:

$$P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L \quad \text{where } p^i = \text{integer } (a^i/N).$$





a) Logical Address



$$(n = n_1 + n_2)$$

b) Logical Address Partitioned into  
Page Address and Displacement

Figure 2

Logical Address Structure

Information movement between  $M_p$  and  $S_s$  is accomplished by transferring pages between  $M_p$  and  $S_s$ . We can analyze interlevel movement for address trace  $A$  by considering the corresponding page trace  $P$ .

One method of constructing a representation or model of a complex activity such as program behavior is to first analyze a particular characterization and then gradually introduce additional detail. In the case of program behavior, it is convenient to begin by considering only the address trace and the corresponding page trace. Later, we will consider the effect of the program's structure on its behavior.

### 2.2.3 Automatic Management Algorithm

Since a processor can service only that portion of a program which resides within primary memory, which is relatively small in size, the operating system must exercise a special algorithm, called a paging algorithm, to keep the "most active" pages of a program in primary memory. This is accomplished by transferring pages of the program back and forth between primary and secondary memories. The goal of a paging algorithm is to maximize the number of times logical information is in the primary memory when being referenced.

The paging algorithm must consist of two basic policies. The Fetch policy,  $F$ , decides when and which information should be moved up from  $S_s$  to  $M_p$ . The Replacement policy,  $R$ , decides when and which pages should be transferred down from  $M_p$  to  $S_s$ .

### Definitions

1.  $Q = \{a, b, \dots\}$  is a finite set of logical pages
2.  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  is a page trace with  $p^t \in Q$ .
3.  $M_p^t \subseteq Q$  is the contents of  $M_p$  at time  $t$ .
4.  $F = f^1, f^2, \dots, f^L$  is a finite time sequence of  $L$  sets,  
 $f^t \subseteq Q, 1 \leq t \leq L$ .
5.  $R = r^1, r^2, \dots, r^L = (\phi)$  is a finite time sequence  
of  $L$  sets,  $r^t \subseteq Q, 1 \leq t \leq L$ .
6.  $M_p^t = (M_p^{t-1} - r^t) \cup f^t, 1 \leq t \leq L$ .
7.  $F$  and  $R$  are valid if  $f^t \cap M_p^{t-1} = \phi, r^t \subseteq M_p^{t-1}$   
and  $p^t \in M_p^t,$   
 $1 \leq t \leq L$ .

The  $F$  and  $R$  policies are defined to denote a particular realization of a paging algorithm for a given trace  $P$ . For a page trace and initial primary memory state  $M_p^0$ , a  $F$ -policy and a  $R$ -policy together determine the time sequence of primary memory states that will occur as the virtual memory system processes the trace. We will consider only valid  $F$  and  $R$  policies. That is, none of the pages fetched at time  $t$ ,  $f^t$ , may be in primary memory at time  $t-1$ ; the set

of pages removed at time  $t$ ,  $p^i$ , must be in primary memory at  $t-1$ ; and the page reference at time  $t$ ,  $p^i$ , must be in primary memory at time  $t$ .

### 2.3 The Virtual Storage Model

A two-level hierarchical virtual storage system,  $V$ , is composed of all the parameters described above:

$$V = f(\langle \text{configuration} \rangle, \langle \text{program behavior} \rangle, \langle \text{algorithms} \rangle)$$

$$V = f(|M_p|, T_p, C_p, B_p, |S_s|, T_s, C_s, B_s, N, \langle A \rangle, \langle F, R \rangle)$$

The rationale for two-level hierarchical virtual memory systems as shown in Figure 1 is to couple expensive low capacity fast memories,  $M_p$ , with inexpensive large capacity slower memories,  $S_s$ , such that the composite or virtual memory system approaches the speed of the expensive memory and the capacity and cost/unit of storage of the inexpensive memory.

### 2.4 Performance Measures

The rationale for a virtual memory system,  $V$ , immediately suggests three measures of its effective performance. These three measures are its effective capacity  $|M_v|$ , effective cost/unit,  $C_v$ , and effective access time,  $T_v$ .

#### 2.4.1 Effective Capacity

The effective capacity  $|Mv| = |Ss|$  is achieved through the paging algorithm of the virtual memory system and the constraint that all logical pages initially reside in  $Ss$ .

#### 2.4.2 Effective Cost

The effective cost  $Cv$  is defined as follows:

$$Cv = \frac{Cp|Mp| + Cs|Ss|}{|Mp| + |Ss|}$$

The effective cost  $Cv$  is seen to approach the cost  $Cs$  under the usual condition that the size of secondary memory is much larger than the size of primary memory.

#### 2.4.3 Effective Access Time

For simplicity in developing techniques for analyzing and providing insight into the much more difficult problem of the effective

access time,  $T_v$ , we will first consider a demand fetch policy,  $F_d$ . Later, our considerations will focus on other fetch policies.

Assume that, at time  $t$ , the processor generates a logical address reference  $a^t$ , which refers to page  $p$ . At that point in time, the page  $p$  may reside in  $M_p$  or  $S_s$ . Under a demand fetch policy  $F_d$ , if  $p$  is in  $M_p$ , the reference proceeds and no page movement occurs. Otherwise, if  $p$  is in  $S_s$ , a page fault or page fetch occurs and the page is automatically transferred to  $M_p$  and the reference proceeds. If  $M_p$  were already full, the removal policy,  $R$ , must be employed to remove some page in  $M_p$  to provide space for the new page request.

Formally, a demand page fetch policy  $F_d$ , for a virtual memory system  $V$  is defined as follows:

Recall that

1.  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  is the page trace determined from  $A$  and  $N$ .
2.  $F_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^L$  is a valid fetch policy.
3.  $R = r^1, r^2, \dots, r^L$  is a valid removal policy.
4.  $M_p^t = (M_p^{t-1} \cup f_d^t) - r^t$ .

Definition of  $F_d$

1. If  $p^t \in M_p^{t-1}$ , then  $f_d^t = r^t = \phi$ .

2. If  $p^i \notin M_p^{i-1}$  and  $|M_p^{i-1}| < |M_p|$ ,  
then  $f_d^i = \{p^i\}$  and  $r^i = \phi$ .
3. If  $p^i \in M_p^{i-1}$  and  $|M_p^{i-1}| = |M_p|$ ,  
then  $f_d^i = \{p^i\}$  and  $r^i = \{a\}$   
where  $a \in M_p^{i-1}$  and  $a$  is selected by  
the removal algorithm.

Under demand paging, the primary memory  $M_p$  simply fills as required by 1 and 2, while the first  $|M_p|$  pages are referenced. Subsequently, referenced pages are swapped between  $M_p$  and  $S_s$  as required by 1 and 3.

Let  $FF_p$ , the number of page fetches from  $S_s$  during the processing of a page trace  $P$ , be defined as the page fetch function and its value given by:

$$FF_p = \sum_{i=1}^l |f^i|.$$

By analogy to the page fetch function, the number of references satisfied by  $M_p$  is called the page success function,  $SF_p$ , and it can be computed as

$$SF_p = |P| - FF_p.$$

The effective access time,  $T_v$ , of a virtual memory system  $V$ , is defined as follows:

$$T_v = \frac{FF_p T_s}{|P|} + (1 - \frac{FF_p}{|P|}) T_p$$

The value of the effective access time  $T_v$ , is seen to approach the fast access time  $T_p$ , of primary memory as the value of the fetch frequency function,  $FF_p/|P|$ , is reduced toward zero or equivalently, for a given page trace  $P$ , as the value of the page fetch function  $FF_p$  approaches zero. Therefore, we see that the value of  $FF_p$  is a crucial measure of the performance of a program in a virtual memory system. In general, we wish to minimize the page fetch function in order to minimize the effective access time  $T_v$ .

#### 2.4.4 Page Trace Simulation

One method to determine the value of the page fetch function  $FF_p$ , for a given virtual memory system  $V$  is to compute the resultant page trace  $P$ , from the address trace  $A$  and the page size  $N$ , then simulate the paging algorithms,  $F$  and  $R$ , and record the contents of  $M_p$  at each step of the page trace. Table 2 illustrates this step-by-step simulation, assuming demand paging and LRU (Least Recently Used) removal. The contents of  $M_p$  are shown ordered to reflect the LRU ordering: the top page is the page most recently fetched into  $M_p$ ; the bottom page is the page least recently used by the program and is the



Virtual memory system  $V = f (<|M_p|, T_p, C_p, B_p, |S_s|, T_s, C_s, B_s, N>$ ,

$<A>$ ,  $<F, R>$ ) with parameters

$$A = a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{12}$$

$$P = a, b, a, b, c, c, b, a, a, b, b, a, \text{ where } p^i = \text{integer } (a^i/N).$$

However, we have used lower case letters to represent logical page addresses instead of page numbers because it simplifies the presentation.

$$|P| = 12$$

$$Q = \{a, b, c\} \text{ and } |Q| = 3 \leq |S_s|$$

$$|M_p| = 2$$

$$F = \text{demand fetch, } F_d$$

$$R = \text{LRU replacement, } R_{LRU}$$

Simulation:

Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Page Trace, P	a	b	a	b	c	c	b	a	a	b	b	a
Fetch, F	a	b	0	0	c	0	0	a	0	0	0	0
Remove $R_{LRU}$	0	0	0	0	a	0	0	c	0	0	0	0
$M_p^t$ contents	a	b	a	b	c	c	b	a	a	b	b	a
after time t	a	b	a	b	b	c	b	b	a	a	a	b

RESULTS:

$$FF_p = \sum_{j=1}^{12} |f_d^j| = 4$$

$$\frac{FF_p}{|P|} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$T_v = \frac{IS}{3} + \frac{2T_p}{3}$$

Table 2

Example of Page Trace Simulation to Determine  $FF_p$

page selected for removal when necessary.

## 2.5 Page Fetch Function Performance Model

From the above discussion, we observe that several parameters of a virtual memory system  $V=f(|M_p|, T_p, C_p, B_p, |S_s|, T_s, C_s, B_s, N), \langle A \rangle, \langle F, R \rangle$  influence the value of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ . These parameters are the page size  $N$ , the program's storage reference pattern  $A$ , and the removal policy  $R$ , the fetch policy  $F$  and the size of primary memory  $|M_p|$ . Therefore, we define

$$FF_p = FF_p(|M_p|, N, A, F, R).$$

The significance of all these parameters on the page fetch function measure will be considered and investigated. Special emphasis will be focused on analyzing and understanding the relationship between the program's structure and the logical address trace.

We will not elaborate in great detail, but it should be pointed out that, for hierarchically-structured virtual memory systems of more than two levels, say  $K$  levels, and demand paging (those studied by Madnick [M3]), we can derive the effective page trace and thus the page fetch function for paging to the  $i$ -th level from level  $i-1$  (level 1 is primary memory). To illustrate this, note that the resultant fetch

policy at level  $i-1$ ,  $F_{i-1} = f_{i-1}^1, f_{i-1}^2, \dots, f_{i-1}^l$ ,  
 is essentially the page trace  $P_i$  for level  $i$ . There is an easy  
 compression of  $F_{i-1}$  to omit the values of  $f_{i-1}^l = \phi$  and a  
 minor relabeling required to adjust for the difference in page size used  
 by  $M_i$  and  $M_{i-1}$  of  $P_i^l = f_{i-1}^l (N_{i-1} - 1/N_i)$ . This  
 procedure is applicable for all levels  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and the goal of a  
 $k$ -level memory system is to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} FFp_i * T_{p_{i+1}}$ .

### 2.5.1 Replacement Algorithm Considerations

Even though we will be primarily concerned with the effect of a program's structure on the value of the page fetch function,  $FFp$ , we need to consider some important effects of the page removal algorithm on  $FFp$ . Many removal algorithms have been proposed and studied in the past, such as First-In-First-Out (FIFO), Least Recently Used (LRU), and Belady's [B1] Optimum algorithm (O). We will define these removal algorithms under demand fetch to illustrate how particular algorithms may be specified in our general model of removal policies, and to establish exactly what these algorithms mean, since they will be referred to frequently in the remainder of the thesis. Furthermore, we have chosen to discuss this particular subset of removal algorithms because they will enable us to present several important and well known properties of removal algorithms which will eventually be needed in our research. Let:

1.  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^l$  be a page trace computed from  $A$  and  $N$ .
2.  $|M_p|$  = number of page frames in primary memory,  $M_p$ .
3.  $M_p^t$  = the set of pages in  $M_p$  at time  $t$ .
4.  $F_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^l$  be a demand fetch policy as previously defined. Recall that the definition of  $F_d$  specifies all the mechanics of paging except the page to be selected for replacement.

The LRU removal policy,  $R_{LRU}$ , is defined for demand fetch,  $F_d$ , as  $R_{LRU} = r_{LRU}^1, r_{LRU}^2, \dots, r_{LRU}^l$  where

$r_{LRU}^t = \phi$  if  $f_d^t = \phi$  or  $|M_p^{t-1}| < |M_p|$ ; otherwise,

$r_{LRU}^t = a$ , where  $a$  is the page in  $M_p$  which was least recently referenced.

The optimum removal policy,  $R_o$ , is defined for demand fetch,  $F_d$ , as  $R_o = r_o^1, r_o^2, \dots, r_o^l$  where  $r_o^t = \phi$  if  $f_d^t = \phi$  or  $|M_p^{t-1}| < |M_p|$ ; otherwise,  $r_o^t = a$ , where  $a$  is the page in  $M_p^{t-1}$  with the longest future time to next reference in the page trace,  $P$ , from  $p^t$ . If  $a \in M_p^{t-1}$  is never referenced again, then its time of next reference is assumed to be  $\infty$ . If a page must be removed at time  $t$ , and several pages have the same longest future time to next reference (i.e., all equal to  $\infty$ ) then remove any one of the pages.

Under demand fetch, the First-In-First-Out replacement policy,

$R_{\text{FIFO}}$  is defined as

$R_{\text{FIFO}} = r_{\text{FIFO}}^1, r_{\text{FIFO}}^2, \dots, r_{\text{FIFO}}^t$  where

$r_{\text{FIFO}}^t = \phi$  if  $f_d^t = \phi$  or  $|M_p^{t-1}| < |M_p|$ ; otherwise,

$r_{\text{FIFO}}^t = a$  where  $a$  is the page in  $M_p^{t-1}$  which has been in  $M_p^{t-1}$  longer than any other page in  $M_p^{t-1}$ .

We now present several well known properties of these replacement algorithms.

Lemma 1.

For a given page trace,  $P$ , primary memory size of  $|M_p|$  page frames, and demand fetch policy,  $F_d$ , then the number of page fetches using any valid removal policy  $R_a$  is greater than or equal to the number of page fetches using the optimum replacement policy,  $R_o$ . The proof of this Lemma can be found using various techniques in [A1, M1] and is not repeated here.

Inclusion Property:

Under demand fetch,  $F_d$ , any replacement policy is said to satisfy the inclusion property if for all page traces,  $P$ ,

- a.  $M_p^t(1) \subset M_p^t(2) \subset \dots \subset M_p^t(n)$ , where  $M_p^t(j)$  is the contents of primary memory  $M_p$  at time  $t$  if the size of  $M_p$  is  $j$  page frames (i.e.,  $|M_p| = j$ ),  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .
- b. At any time  $t$  after  $M_p$  has become filled, there is a strict

replacement ordering referred to as the "replacement stack," RS,  $RS = rs(1), rs(2), \dots, rs(n)$ , where  $rs(j) = Mp^t(j) - Mp^t(j-1)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $rs(n)$  is the page to be removed next.

The general class of demand-fetch replacement algorithms which satisfy the inclusion property are referred to as "stack algorithms" in the literature. The class of stack algorithms, as noted by Denning [D1], "contains all the reasonable algorithms."

Lemma 2.

The number of page fetches required by any stack algorithm for any page trace is a monotonic function of primary memory size,  $|Mp|$ , in page frames. To see this, note that if there is a fetch at time  $t$  for a primary memory of a given size, there must also be one at time  $t$  for every primary memory of smaller size. The proof of this Lemma can be found in [D1, M1].

Lemma 3.

Demand fetch with LRU removal and demand fetch with Optimum replacement are stack algorithms. The proof of this Lemma can be found in [M1].

We will refer to the above well-known properties several times in the rest of this thesis. At this point in time, we can immediately conclude that, for any  $|Mp|$  and  $A$ ,

- a.  $FFp(|M_p|, N, A, F_d, R_o) \leq FFp(|M_p|, N, A, F_d, R_a)$  from Lemma 1, when  $F_d, R_o$  are demand fetch and optimum removal policies and  $F_d, R_a$  are demand fetch and any removal policies.
- b.  $FFp(|M_p|, N, A, F_d, R_{LRU}) \leq FFp(|M_{p'}|, N, A, F_d, R_{LRU})$  and  $FFp(|M_p|, N, A, F_d, R_o) \leq FFp(|M_{p'}|, N, A, F_d, R_o)$  from Lemmas 2 and 3 where  $|M_p| \geq |M_{p'}|$ .

Due to its simplicity, the FIFO replacement algorithm was used in many of the early paging systems. In recent times it has been discovered that FIFO has certain disturbing peculiarities, such as the possibility that the number of page fetches will double for a memory size increase of one page frame  $[A_1, M_1]$ . Hence, FIFO is not a stack algorithm, and we cannot claim that, for any  $A$  and  $|M_p|$ ,  $FFp(|M_p|, N, A, F_d, R_{FIFO}) \leq FFp(|M_{p'}|, N, A, F_d, R_{FIFO})$ , where  $|M_p| > |M_{p'}|$ .

Thus, we observe that the inclusion property of stack algorithms is an important property.

Various forms of the LRU replacement algorithm frequently occur in contemporary virtual memory systems. Empirically, LRU replacement has been found to closely approximate the paging performance obtained by the optimum algorithm for many actual programs. The optimum policy is not physically realizable since it requires future knowledge about reference behavior, but it can be used as a theoretical basis for performance comparison with practical algorithms. However, the value of the page

fetch function,

$FFp(|Mp|, N, A, Fd, Ro) = \sum_{i=1}^L |f_d^i|$  is physically realizable [B6]

since it does not require future knowledge.

For any page trace  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  and primary memory size  $|Mp|$ , Belady has given a one-pass procedure which will compute the value that  $|f_d^t|$  would take on under optimum removal for any  $1 \leq t \leq L$  without any knowledge of the page trace after  $t$  (i.e.,  $p^{t+1}, p^{t+2}, \dots, p^L$ ). In particular, this procedure determines whether  $|f_d^t| = 1$  or  $|f_d^t| = \phi$ , but it does not specify of what page  $f_d^t$  consists.

### 2.5.2 Program Structure Considerations

In this section, we will extend the page fetch function performance model to account for the program's structure.

The programs we consider are defined to consist of a set of  $m$  relocatable sectors of specified sizes. The structure of a program is specified by a particular load ordering sequence of its sectors in its virtual address space. This ordering is called a sector ordering  $SO$ , and is defined as



$$SO = S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$$

where  $S_1$  denotes the first,  $S_2$  the second, and  $S_m$  the last sector loaded in the virtual address space. Thus a program can have  $m!$  distinct structures, one for each possible sector ordering,  $SO$ . However, once a sector ordering is chosen, it does not change during the execution of the program. Let  $|S_j|$  be the size of the  $j$ th sector and let  $L|S_j|$  be the load address of  $S_j$  in the virtual address space of the program. If the sectors are loaded contiguously in virtual memory, then  $L|S_j| = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} |S_i|$ . In any event, we assume that the structure of a program is completely specified by its sector ordering  $SO$ , which is further defined to include the size and load addresses of all its sectors. Therefore the sector ordering  $SO$  of a program specifies the load sequence,  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$ , and the values of  $|S_j|$  and  $L|S_j|$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

We have previously modeled the program behavior by its logical address trace  $A = a^1, a^2, \dots, a^L$  and have shown that the address trace  $A$  and the page size  $N$  are sufficient to determine the page trace  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$ . However, the address trace and hence the page trace depends on the particular sector ordering chosen for the program. For example, if  $a^t$ , the logical address referenced at time  $t$ , is within sector  $j$ , then the value of  $a^t$  depends on where  $S_j$  is in the sector ordering  $SO$ .

In order to study the effect of a program's structure on its paging performance, we will model a program's behavior by its sector trace.

The sector trace ST of a program is defined to be the time sequence of sector references and is given by

$$ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$$

where  $S^t$  denotes the sector referenced at time  $t$ .

Given the logical address trace A corresponding to a specific sector ordering SO, the sector trace ST can be easily computed from the load addresses of the sectors. Then this sector trace can be used to compute the page trace resulting from any program restructuring specified by a new sector ordering if the sectors do not cross page boundaries.

In particular, given a program modeled by its sector trace ST and its sector ordering SO, the page referenced at time  $t$ ,  $p^t$ , is given by

$$p^t = \text{integer} (L|S^t| / N),$$

where  $S^t$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$  in the sector trace ST,  $L|S^t|$  is the load address of sector  $S^t$  given by the sector ordering SO, and  $N$  is the page size. We are assuming at this point that individual sectors do not cross page boundaries.

As long as this is true, we can define the restructuring of a program as a partition of the relocatable sectors into logical pages. In particular, let,

1.  $Q = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  be the set of relocatable sectors making up a program.
2.  $n =$  the number of logical pages of size  $N$  of the restructured program.

Then an  $n$ -way restructuring of  $P$  is defined as a partition  $\Pi = (\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n)$  where  $\Pi$  has the following properties:

- a.  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \Pi_i = Q, \Pi_i \cap \Pi_j = \phi$  for all  $i \neq j$ .
- b.  $\sum_{S_k \in \Pi_i} |S_k| \leq N$  for all  $\Pi_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Thus, we see that a partition,  $\Pi$ , specifies the set of relocatable sectors grouped into each logical page. We will assume that the set of sectors in  $\pi_1$  are loaded one after another into logical page 1, then the set of sectors in  $\pi_2$  are loaded one after another into logical page 2, etc., until all the sectors are loaded in the logical address span of the program. If  $\sum_{S_k \in \Pi_i} |S_k| < N$ , then there will be a hole or a non-referenced area in the top of page  $i$ .

Therefore, given any partition,  $\Pi$ , of the relocatable sectors into logical pages and any sector trace, we can compute the page trace

immediately. For example, let  $S^t$  be the sector referenced at time  $t$  in the sector trace and let  $S^t \in \Pi_j$ , then the page,  $p^t$ , referenced at time  $t$  is  $j$ .

From the above discussion, we observe that -- given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , with primary memory size of  $|Mp|$  page frames, with any valid page fetch algorithm  $Fa$ , and with any valid page removal algorithm  $Ra$ -- we have the value of the page fetch function  $FFp$ . This  $FFp$  is for a program whose structure is modeled by any partition,  $\Pi_a$ , and whose reference behavior is modeled by a sector trace  $ST$ .  $FFp$  can be uniquely defined in terms of the following parameters:

$$FFp = FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_a, ST, Fa, Ra).$$

For a particular virtual memory system,  $V$ , the values of  $|Mp|$ ,  $N$ ,  $Fa, Ra$  are fixed, and a given reference behavior fixes the value of  $ST$ . Under these conditions, the value of  $FFp$  becomes a function of the different partitions of relocatable sectors into pages. However, as pointed out in Chapter 1, the number of different partitions becomes astronomical for many typical programs. For example, phase 1 of the AED compiler has  $10^{75}$  different partitions. For such programs it is impossible from any practical point-of-view to determine the best program structure (the  $\Pi$  that minimizes  $FFp$ ) for a given reference behavior by trying out all partitions.

From our discussion in Chapter 1, we know that for a given sector trace, a partition  $\Pi$  which groups sectors into pages such that the number of intersector references between pages of the partition is minimized may not minimize FFp. In fact, we presented a quite plausible sector trace where such a  $\Pi$  would indeed be a very bad partition. One major goal of this thesis is to find some way of computing the minimum value of FFp over all partitions.

If upper and lower bounds on the value of FFp over all partitions can be found, then a particular program structure could be evaluated as good or bad. Furthermore, those bounds would provide a means of evaluating the ability of practical clustering procedures to produce a good program structure.

The practical drawback of the model developed for the page fetch function, FFp, is that sectors are not allowed to cross page boundaries. Even though this may not be a serious drawback, we will eventually try to extend the model of FFp to take into account the case when sectors may cross page boundaries.

## 2.6 Sector Fetch Function Performance Model

We will now define a measure on the information transfer between the two levels of a virtual memory system which is independent of the sector ordering. In the next section, we will employ this measure to find theoretical upper and lower bounds on the value of the page fetch function over all sector partitions.

If we assume that the basic unit of information transfer between the two levels of a virtual memory system  $V'$  is a sector instead of a page, we can formulate a measure on the interlevel movement of information during the execution of a program which is independent of its sector ordering.

Let  $FFs$ , the number of sector fetches which occur in a virtual memory system  $V'$  during the processing of a sector trace  $ST$ , be defined as the sector fetch function. The processing of a sector trace in  $V'$  is called sectoring and can be interpreted similarly to the processing of a page trace or paging in  $V$  as previously discussed.

Since the virtual memory system,  $V'$ , for sectoring is to be modified slightly from the virtual memory system,  $V$ , used in our discussion of paging, we need to define the notion of sectoring more precisely.

The parameters of a demand sectored virtual memory system,  $V'$ , are defined as follows:

1.  $|M_s|$  is called the size of the primary memory,  $M_s$ .

$|M_s|$  is the number of sector frames in the primary memory.

The size of these sector frames, say in bytes, need not be the same. Instead we assume that the size of a sector frame in bytes is exactly equal to the size in bytes of the sector it contains. Thus, the size in bytes of any sector frame and of  $M_s$  can vary with time if the sector sizes are different, but the important fact is that the number of sector frames in  $M_s$  is fixed and equal to  $|M_s|$ . In contrast, we should point out that the size,  $|M_p|$ , of the primary memory,  $M_p$ , for a paged virtual memory system,  $V$ , was defined to be the number of page frames of fixed size  $N$  in the primary memory  $M_p$ .

2.  $ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$  is a sector trace of a program.
3.  $F_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^L$  is the demand sector fetch policy of  $V'$ .
4.  $R = r^1, r^2, \dots, r^L$  is the sector removal policy of  $V'$ .

Let  $M_s^t$  denote the set of sectors in primary memory at time  $t$  and  $|M_s^t|$  denote the cardinality of this set.

Now, demand sectoring and the value of the sector fetch function, FFs, is defined as follows:

- a. If  $S^t \in M_s^{t-1}$ , then  $f_d^t = r^t = \phi$   
and  $M_s^t = M_s^{t-1}$ .
- b. If  $S^t \notin M_s^{t-1}$  and  $|M_s^{t-1}| < |M_s|$ , then  
 $f_d^t = \{S^t\}$ ,  $r^t = \phi$  and  
 $M_s^t = M_s^{t-1} + \{S^t\}$
- c. If  $S^t \notin M_s^{t-1}$  and  $|M_s^{t-1}| = |M_s|$ , then  
 $f_d^t = \{S^t\}$ ,  $r^t = \{S\}$  and  
 $M_s^t = M_s^{t-1} + \{S^t\} - \{S\}$  where  
 $S \in M_s^{t-1}$ , and  $S$  is selected in accordance  
with the removal algorithm.
- d.  $FFs = \sum_{i=1}^t |f_d^i|$ .

The value of the sector fetch function FFs, for any sector trace, ST, can be uniquely determined by simulating algorithm Fd and R for a primary memory of size  $|M_s|$  at each step of the sector trace.

Therefore, we define

$$FFs = FFs(|M_s|, ST, Fd, R).$$

It should be clear that the value of FFs will be the same for any sector ordering, since the sector trace is independent of the sector ordering. It should also be clear, from the definition of  $|M_s|$  and parts a. and b. of the definition of demand sectoring, that the value of FFs for a given sector trace is independent of the sector sizes. We do



not need to be concerned with the implementation problems associated with the variable sector frame sizes of  $V'$ , since we will be using the sector fetch function only as an analytic tool, and since we can determine the value of FFs through simulation without even knowing the sector sizes.

In the next Chapter, the sector fetch function, FFs, will be utilized to provide upper and lower bounds for the page fetch function, FFp.

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## CHAPTER 3

## PAGING PERFORMANCE BOUNDS

## 3.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we will investigate the effect of a program's structure on its paging performance in a virtual memory system. We will begin by presenting theoretical upper and lower bounds on the value of the page fetch function,  $FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi, ST, F, R)$ , over all partitions,  $\Pi_a$ , of relocatable sectors into logical pages for fixed values of the other parameters.

Recall that the value of the page fetch function,  $FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi, ST, F, R)$ , is the number of page fetches a program would experience in a two-level virtual memory system,  $V$ , with primary memory size of  $|M_p|$  page frames of size  $N$ , using the page fetch and removal algorithms,  $F$  and  $R$ , respectively, for a given sector trace,  $ST$ , and program structure,  $\Pi$ . We would like to present a uniform method that would bound the value of the page fetch function,  $FFp$ , over all partitions,  $\Pi_a$ , of relocatable sectors into logical pages for "any" fixed values of the remaining parameters. The merit of such a uniform bounding method would be two-fold. First, it would be applicable to any two-level

virtual memory system,  $V$ , that is, any values of  $|M_p|$ ,  $N$ ,  $F$ , and  $R$ . Second, it would be applicable for any program behavior characterized by a sector trace.

In contrast to a uniform approach, a second approach would be to bound the value of  $FF_p$  over all partitions when certain or all of the remaining parameters are constrained. For example, we could assume that  $|M_p| = 1$ ,  $F =$  demand fetch,  $R =$  FIFO replacement and  $ST =$  any fixed sector trace, and then derive bounds on  $FF_p$  over all  $\Pi_a$ . Clearly, the disadvantage of the second approach is that it would have quite limited applications. However, one advantage of the second approach is that the additional knowledge gained by fixing certain parameters of the virtual memory system could permit the utilization of bounding methods which would result in tighter bounds. We will investigate both approaches in this chapter. We have the conviction that a uniform approach over all virtual memory system parameters and all sector traces is vital for general applicability. However, given a uniform bounding method, it would certainly be worthwhile to investigate the possibility of obtaining tighter bounds when feasible constraints on certain parameters of the virtual memory system are specified.

We begin by imposing constraints upon the structure of the program, that is, on the partitions,  $\Pi$ , of relocatable sectors into pages, and then gradually remove these constraints.

### 3.2 Lower Bounds

Let us constrain the structure of a program such that each logical page contains at most  $k$  sectors. In particular, let:

1. Program =  $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  be a finite set of  $m$  relocatable sectors such that  $|S_i| \leq N$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m$ ; that is, the sector size in bytes is less than the page size,  $N$ , in bytes; otherwise, the sector size may vary.
2.  $\Pi_a = \{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n\}$  be any partition of the  $m$  relocatable sectors into  $n$  logical pages where the number of sectors  $|\Pi_j|$  in page  $j$  satisfies the constraint  $1 \leq |\Pi_j| \leq k$ .
3. Recall from our definition of  $\Pi$  that  $\sum_{S_j \in \Pi_i} |S_j| \leq N$  must always be true.

Thus, we are currently concerned with all the partitions,  $\Pi_a$ , which restructure a program such that each logical page has  $k$  or fewer sectors. The sector sizes may vary, but the sum of the sector sizes grouped into a page must not exceed the page size. With this rather flexible constraint on the allowable partitions, we can find a lower bound for the value of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , over all such partitions for a given sector trace and any virtual memory system. We present this lower bound in Theorem 1.

Theorem 1

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|M_p|$ , and any valid page replacement algorithm  $R_a$ , any valid page fetch algorithm  $F_a$ , and any sector trace  $ST_a$ , then, for any partition  $\Pi_a$ , of relocatable sectors into logical pages of the program where each page contains at most  $k$  sectors, the minimum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function model,  $FF_p$ , has a lower bound given by:

$$k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST = ST_a, F_d, R_o)$$

where the value of the sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|M_s| = |M_p| * k$ , the same sector trace  $ST_a$ , demand fetch  $F_d$ , and optimum replacement  $R_o$ .

Corollary 1a

The size of  $M_p$  in bytes is equal to the size of  $M_s$  in bytes if each page is completely filled with exactly  $k$  sectors of the same size.

## Proof of Theorem 1

Notation and properties

Let  $ST_a = x^1, x^2, \dots, x^l$  where  $x^l$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$ . For virtual memory system  $V$  and  $FF_p$  let:

1.  $\Pi_a = \{ \Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n \}$  be any partition of sectors into the  $n$  logical pages of the program where each page contains at most  $k$  sectors. (This interpretation of a partition will be useful later in this thesis.)
2.  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^l$  be the resultant page trace computed uniquely from  $ST$  and  $\Pi_a$ , such that if  $x^t \in \Pi_j$ , then  $p^t = j$ .
3.  $M_p^t$  be the set of pages in  $M_p$  at time  $t$  and  $M_p^0 = \phi$ .
4.  $F_a = f_a^1, f_a^2, \dots, f_a^l$  be any fetch policy where  $f_a^t \cap M_p^{t-1} = \phi$  and  $|f_a^t| =$  the number of pages in  $f_a^t$  and  $x^t \in [M_p^{t-1} \cup f_a^t]$ .
5.  $R_a = r_a^1, r_a^2, \dots, r_a^l$  be any removal policy where  $r_a^t \subseteq M_p^{t-1}$  and  $x^t \notin r_a^t$ .
6.  $M_p^t = (|M_p^{t-1} \cup f_a^t|) - r_a^t$

Given the above notation and properties, we will first prove:

Lemma 4.

For each  $F_a$  and  $R_a$  there exists a demand fetch and removal policy,  $F_d$  and  $R_d$ , for the FFs model such that

$$k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST = ST_a, F_d, R_d).$$

Proof:

For the FFs model,  $F_d$  and  $R_d$  will be constructed by forming a sequence of valid replacement and fetch policies

$(F_1, R_1), (F_2, R_2), \dots, (F_h, R_h)$  where:

1.  $F_1 = f_1^1, f_1^2, \dots, f_1^L$  and  $f_1^t = \cup f_a^t =$   
the set of sectors making up the set of pages in  $f_a^t$ , for  
 $1 \leq t \leq L$ , where  $|\cup f_a^t| =$  the number of sectors in the set.
2. Similarly  $R_1 = r_1^1, r_1^2, \dots, r_1^L$  and  
 $r_1^t = \cup r_a^t$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
3.  $F_h = F_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^L$  and  
 $R_h = R_d = r_d^1, r_d^2, \dots, r_d^L$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$  where  
 $f_d^t = r_d^t = \phi$  if  $x^t \in M_d^{t-1}$ ;  $f_d^t = x^t$  and  
 $r_d^t = \phi$  if  $x^t \notin M_d^{t-1}$  and  $|M_d^{t-1}| < |M_s|$ ;  
 $f_d^t = x^t$  and  $r_d^t = b \in M_d^{t-1}$  if  $x^t \notin M_d^{t-1}$   
and  $|M_d^{t-1}| = |M_s|$ ; and  
 $M_d^t = (M_d^{t-1} \cup f_d^t) - r_d^t$  to satisfy demand  
sectoring.

For reasons of expediency, the proof of Lemma 4 will be divided into two parts, Lemmas 4a and 4b.

Lemma 4a:

If  $|M_s| \geq ||Mp||$ , then for  $(F_1, R_1) = (F_a, R_a)$ , there exists a valid sequence of sector replacement and fetch policies  $(F_1, R_1), (F_2, R_2), \dots, (F_h, R_h)$  such that  $(F_h, R_h) = (F_d, R_d)$  and  $\sum_{t=1}^L |f_1^t| \geq \sum_{t=1}^L |f_d^t|$ ; where  $||Mp||$  denotes the maximum number of sectors that could ever be found in Mp. (Note that, in Lemma 4,  $||Mp|| = |Mp| * k$ .)



A proof similar to Lemma 4a has been given by [M1] for pure paging systems. However, we need the following proof to make our extensions easier to understand.

Proof of Lemma 4a.

The procedure for constructing  $F_j$  and  $R_j$  from their immediate predecessors  $F_{j-1}$  and  $R_{j-1}$  in the  $FF_s$  model for  $1 \leq j \leq h$  is:

STEP 1.

Choose the smallest  $t$  such that  $f_{j-1}^t$  and/or  $r_{j-1}^t$  do not satisfy demand sectoring.

STEP 2.

Let  $z'$  be the sector  $\{x^t\}$  referenced at time  $t$  in the  $FF_s$  model.

CASE 1.

Now suppose that  $f_{j-1}^t$  does not satisfy demand sectoring.

1a.

If  $t < L$  and  $z' \in f_{j-1}^t$ , then set  $f_j^t = \{z'\}$ , and

$f_j^{t+1} = f_{j-1}^{t+1} \cup (f_{j-1}^t - \{z'\})$ . This construction insures that

$f_j^{t+1}$  contains the sectors already fetched by the

$FF_p$  model but not fetched by the  $FF_s$  model (i.e. deferred sector fetches).

1b.

If  $t = L$  and  $z' \in f_{j-1}^t$ , then set  $f_j^t = \{z'\}$ .

1c.

If  $t < L$  and  $z' \notin f_{j-1}^t$ , then set  $f_j^t = \phi$ , and  $f_j^{t+1} = f_{j-1}^{t+1} \cup f_{j-1}^t$ . Note that this allows the reference  $x^t = z'$  to proceed because sector  $z' \in M_{j-1}^t$ .  $z' \in M_{j-1}^t$ , since  $z' \in M_p^t$  and  $|M_j| = |M_s|$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq h$ , and since  $|M_s| \geq ||M_p||$ . The last fact,  $|M_s| \geq ||M_p||$ , allows  $M_{j-1}$  to hold  $||M_p||$  sectors; therefore we can always keep a sector in  $M_{j-1}$  until the corresponding page is removed from  $M_p$  as shown in CASE 2 below.

1d.

If  $t = L$  and  $z' \notin f_{j-1}^t$ , then set  $f_j^t = \phi$ . The reference proceeds due to the same argument as given in 1c.

In all subcases of CASE 1 note that  $F_j$  is valid since  $f_j^t \notin M_j^{t-1}$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ , that  $F_j$  satisfies demand sectoring at least up through time  $t$ , and that  $\sum_{i=1}^t |f_j^i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^t |f_{j-1}^i|$ .

## CASE 2

Now suppose that  $r_{j-1}^t$  does not satisfy demand sectoring.

2a.

If  $t < L$ , and  $f_j^t = \{z'\}$  and  $|M_{j-1}^{t-1}| = |M_s|$ , set  $r_j^t = \{b'\}$  for some  $b' \in r_{j-1}^t$  and  $r_j^{t+1} = r_{j-1}^{t+1} \cup (r_{j-1}^t - b')$ . Note that since  $|M_{j-1}^{t-1}| = |M_s|$  and  $f_{j-1}^t = \phi$ , then  $r_{j-1}^t = \phi$  and the

above operations are always defined. Also, note that  $r_j^{t+1}$  is constrained here and in all subcases to contain only the sectors already removed in pages by the  $FF_p$  model but not yet removed by the  $FF_s$  model; therefore, a sector will not be removed from  $FF_s$  until the corresponding page is removed from  $FF_p$ . This constraint is enforceable since the memory size of FFs at each step  $j$ ,  $|M_j| = |M_s|$ , satisfies the relation  $|M_j| \geq |M_p|$  for  $1 \leq j \leq h$ .

2b.

If  $t = L$  and  $f_j^t = \{z'\}$  and  $|M_{j-1}^{t-1}| = |M_s|$ , then

$$r_j^t = \{b'\} \subseteq r_{j-1}^t.$$

2c.

If  $t < L$ , and  $f_j^t = \emptyset$  or  $|M_{j-1}^{t-1}| < |M_s|$ , then set  $r_j^t = \emptyset$

$$\text{and } r_j^{t+1} = r_{j-1}^{t+1} \cup r_{j-1}^t.$$

2d.

If  $t = L$ , and  $f_j^t = \emptyset$  or  $|M_{j-1}^{t-1}| < |M_s|$ , then  $r_j^t = \emptyset$ .

In all subcases of CASE 2, note that  $R_j$  is valid since  $r_j^t \subseteq M_j^{t-1}$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ , and that  $R_j$  satisfies demand sectoring at least up through time  $t$ .

A final comment: if it ever occurs that  $z' \in r_{j-1}^t$  and  $z' \in f_{j-1}^t$ , then simply remove  $z'$  from both. This only reduces the value of  $|f_j^t|$ , and it takes care of the case when a page is fetched into and replaced from  $M_p$  without having all of its sectors referenced. The above procedure, after being applied at most  $h$  times, must terminate

with a valid replacement and fetch policy pair  $(R_d, F_d)$  such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \geq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_d^t|.$$

Hence, Lemma 4a is proved.

Choosing  $|M_s| = |M_p| * k$  satisfies Lemma 4a and we immediately get

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \geq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_d^t| = FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_d).$$

Lemma 4b.

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \leq k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a).$$

Proof:

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| = \sum_{i=1}^L |Uf_i^t| = \sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| |Uf_i^t| / |f_i^t|.$$

But  $|Uf_i^t| / |f_i^t| \leq k$ , since  $|Uf_i^t|$  is the number of sectors in  $f_i^t$  and  $|f_i^t|$  is the number of pages in  $f_i^t$ . Hence,

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \leq k * \sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| = k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a).$$

Lemma 4b is proved.

From Lemmas 4a and 4b, we immediately get

$$k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_d),$$

and Lemma 4 is proved.

From Lemma 1 of Chapter 2, we know that

$$FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_d) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_o).$$

From Lemma 1 and Lemma 4 we immediately get

$$k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_a, R_a) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST_a, F_d, R_o)$$

and Theorem 1 is proved.

Proof of Corollary 1a.

The size of  $M_p$  in bytes is  $|M_p| * N$ , and the size of  $M_s$  in bytes is  $(|M_p| * k) \text{ frames} * (N/k) \text{ bytes/frame} = |M_p| * N$ .

Now, a few comments about Theorem 1. For any given program behavior characterized by a sector trace, Theorem 1 provides a method of computing a lower bound on the improvement in paging performance over all sector partitions into logical pages, when pages are constrained to have  $k$  or fewer sectors. The lower bound given by Theorem 1 is valid for any virtual memory system. Another beneficial property of Theorem 1 is that the lower bound is specified in terms of a stack algorithm. We know that  $R_o$  is a stack algorithm from Lemma 3. Furthermore, it is well known that, for all stack algorithms, the number of page fetches required to process a page trace can be computed for all primary memory sizes from one simulation run. For a general discussion of the procedure, the interested reader should see [M1], and for a particular discussion of a simulation procedure for the optimum replacement algorithm which requires only one pass through the page trace, reference is made to [B5]. We implemented the latter method for the sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , and from one simulation run through any sector trace we were able to plot  $FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_o)/k$  as a function of  $|M_p|$ .

Figure 3 conveys the general shape of this bound.

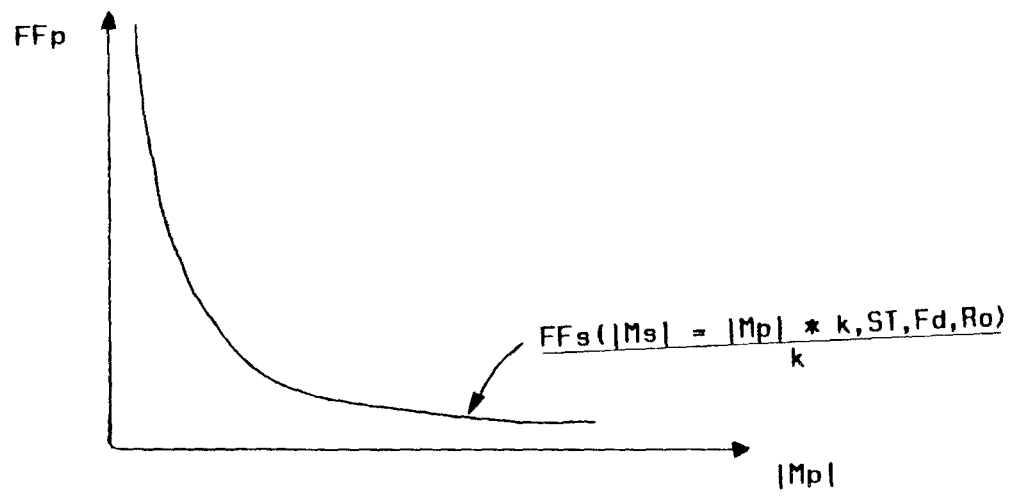


FIGURE 3.

Lower Bound on  $FFp$  Given by Theorem 1

The utility of such a curve as shown in Figure 3 is as follows. Theorem 1 states that the number of page fetches given by the page fetch function  $FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi a, ST, Fa, Ra)$  for the same sector trace cannot be reduced below the curve shown in Figure 3 by any reordering of sectors into logical pages regardless of the paging algorithms employed.

Given that we have a procedure for lower bounding the effects of a program's structure on its paging performance in any virtual memory system, an interesting question is, just how tight is this bound for popular virtual memory systems? If  $Fa$  is constrained to be demand fetch and  $Ra$  is constrained to be LRU, FIFO or Optimum replacement, then we could prove, by example, that the lower bound on  $FFp$  given by Theorem 1 can be the greatest lower bound for certain sector traces and only a lower bound for others. We will show that it can be the greatest lower bound in a following example later in this thesis.

We will present and discuss empirical results in Chapter 6 which illustrate that the bound given by Theorem 1 is indeed rather tight for real programs running in a paged virtual memory system using demand fetch and LRU replacement. We will not discuss particular empirical results in this chapter because we want to relate the results to intersector reference models, to clustering procedures and to theoretical bounds at the same time. Intersector Reference models will be developed in Chapter 4 and clustering procedures in Chapter 5, and in Chapter 6 we show the results of applying these methods to restructure real programs such that

the resulting number of page fetches is quite close to the theoretical bound developed in this chapter for most memory sizes and popular paging algorithms.

Now consider restricting the fetch and replacement policies of  $FF_p$  to be demand fetch and LRU replacement. Under this restriction, can we replace the optimal sector replacement policy,  $R_o$ , of the sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , by some less efficient policy such as LRU and hence produce a tighter lower bound on  $FF_p$  over all partitions? This line of logic led to the following question: is it true that

$$k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU}) \geq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU})?$$

It seems intuitive that the above conjecture would be true even for the case where each logical page contained exactly  $k$  sectors. Here, the sectored memory could contain exactly the same number of sectors as the paged memory could contain. Furthermore, at most  $k$  sector fetches would be required to bring into  $M_s$  the same information brought into  $M_p$  by one page fault. One might expect that, for programs having a good structure, i.e., all pages contain sectors that are used together, each page fetch should produce  $k$  sector fetches. Hence, we have divided the value of  $FF_s$  by  $k$  in the conjecture. In spite of its intuitive appeal, we can prove that the conjecture is not true for all program behavior. In order to validate this claim, we present the following Theorem.



Theorem 2

For any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|M_p|$ , demand fetch  $F_d$ , and LRU replacement  $R_{LRU}$ , then there exists a sector trace  $ST$ , and a partition  $\Pi$  of relocatable sectors into logical pages where each page contains  $k$  sectors, such that  $k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi, ST, F_d, R_{LRU}) < FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_{LRU})$ , where the value of the sector fetch function  $FF_s$  is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|M_s| = |M_p| * k$ , using demand fetch  $F_d$ , LRU replacement  $R_{LRU}$ , and the same sector trace  $ST$ .

Proof

Consider the virtual memory system with the parameters:

$|M_p| = 3$  pages

$k = 3$  or each page of size  $N$  contains three sectors.

$|M_s| = |M_p| * k = 9$  sector frames

$F =$  demand or  $F_d$

$R =$  LRU or  $R_{LRU}$

Program = {abcdefghijkll}, a set of 12 relocatable sectors of size  $N/3$ .


$ST = (adgjk|hiefbc)^2$ .

$|ST| = 24$

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Consider  $\Pi = (abc, def, ghi, jkl)$  where  $A = abc$ ,  $B = def$ , etc. Then  
 for  $ST = adgjkthiefbc adgjkthiefbc$

$P = ABC DDD CCB BAA \quad ABC DDD CCB BAA$   
 $F_d = ABC DDD DDD DAA \quad DDD DDD DDD DAA$   
 $R_{LRU} = DDD ADD DDD DDD \quad DDD ADD DDD DDD$   
 $M_p^1 = ABC DDD CCB BAA \quad ABC DDD CCB BAA$   
 $AB CCC DDC CBB \quad BAB CCC DDC CBB$   
 $A BBB DDD DCC \quad CCA BBB DDD DCC$



$$FF_p = \sum_{i=1}^{24} |f_p^i| = 7 \text{ page fetches}$$

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Now, we compute the number of sector fetches for the same sector trace.

$ST = adgjk thief bcadg jklhi efbc$   
 $F_d = adgjk thief bcadg jklhi efbc$   
 $R_{LRU} = DDDDD DDDDa dgjkl hiefb cadg$   
 $M_s = adgjk thief bcadg jklhi efbc$   
 $adgj klhie fbcad gjklh iefb$   
 $adg jklhi efbc a dgjkl hief$   
 $ad gjklh iefbc adgjk thie$   
 $a dgjkl hiefb cadgj klhi$   
 $adgjk thief bcadg jklh$

adgj klhie fbcad gjkl  
 adg jklhi efbca dgjk  
 ad gjklh iefbc adgj  
           ↑                  ↑  
           same              same

$FFs = \sum_{i=1}^{24} |f_s^i| = 24$  sector faults.

$\therefore FFp = 7 < FFs/k = 24/3 = 8$  QED.

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It is interesting to observe that, if the above sector trace,  $ST = (adgjklhiefbca)^2$ , consisting of two cycles through the same sector reference pattern, were generalized to a sector trace  $ST = (adgiklhiefbc)^n$ , consisting of  $n$  cycles, then  $FFp = 3+2n$  and  $FFs = 12n$ . Hence,  $FFp$  is approximately a factor of 2 less than  $(FFs)/k$  for large  $n$ . These last two values of  $FFp$  and  $FFs$  are easily verified by observing that the paging and sectoring simulations of every cycle after the first are respectively the same.

In our empirical studies of the paging behavior of real programs, we found instances where

$k * FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi, ST, Fd, R_{LRU}) < FFs(|Ms| = |Mp| * k, ST, Fd, R_{LRU})$ .

These instances occurred for memory sizes  $|Mp|$  in the region of low paging rates under good program structures, i.e., under partitions which produced low values for  $FFp$ .

We point out in passing that other similar attempts to bound  $FF_p$  for certain memory constraints failed. For example,  $k * FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi, ST, F_d, R_{FIFO})$  is not lower bounded by  $FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_{FIFO})$ .

The interested reader may verify this by going through the simulation in the proof of Theorem 2 with  $R_{FIFO}$  and  $ST = (a \text{ def } bc \text{ ghi } jkl \text{ de})$ , while keeping everything else the same.

### 3.3 Upper Bounds

How large can the value of the page fetch function become by choosing the "worst" program structure, that is, the program structure which results from the partition,  $\Pi$ , that maximizes the value of  $FF_p$ ?

#### Theorem 3

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|M_p|$ , demand fetch  $F_d$ , LRU replacement  $R_{LRU}$ , and any sector trace  $ST_a$ , then for any partition,  $\Pi_a$ , of the relocatable sectors into logical pages of the program, the maximum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function  $FF_p$  is upper bounded by  $FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU}) \leq FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p|, ST = ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU})$ , where the value of the sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|M_s| = |M_p|$ , demand fetch  $F_d$ , and LRU replacement

$R_{LRU}$ , using the same sector trace  $ST = STa$ .

**Proof:** Let:

$ST = x^1, x^2, \dots, x^L$  be any sector trace.

$\Pi = \{ \Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n \}$  be any partition of sectors into pages.

$P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  be the resultant page trace computed from  $\Pi$ , and  $ST$ .

$M_p^t$  = contents of memory of FFp model at time  $t$ .

$M_s^t$  = contents of memory of FFs model at time  $t$ .

$F_p = f_p^1, f_p^2, \dots, f_p^L = F_d$  of FFp.

$R_p = r_p^1, r_p^2, \dots, r_p^L = R_{LRU}$  of FFp.

$F_s = f_s^1, f_s^2, \dots, f_s^L = F_d$  of FFs.

$R_s = r_s^1, r_s^2, \dots, r_s^L = R_{LRU}$  of FFs.

Suppose, at time  $t$  in the FFp model, that  $p^t = z$ , the page containing the set of sectors  $\Pi_z$  is referenced. Then, at time  $t$  in the FFs model,  $x^t = z'$  is the sector referenced, where sector  $z' \in \Pi_z$ .

**CASE 1.**

Suppose  $p^t \in M_p^{t-1}$ . Then  $f_p^t = \phi$ .

If  $x^t \in M_s^{t-1}$ , then  $f_s^t = \phi$ , and  $|f_p^t| = |f_s^t|$ .

If  $x^t \notin M_s^{t-1}$ , then  $f_s^t = \{b'\} \notin M_s^{t-1}$ , and

$|f_p^t| < |f_s^t|$ .

CASE 2.

Suppose  $p^t \notin Mp^{t-1}$ . Then  $f_p^t = \{z\}$ , and

$r_p^t = \{b\} \subseteq Mp^{t-1}$  under LRU.

If  $x^t \notin Ms^{t-1}$ , then  $f_s^t = \{z'\}$ ,  $r_s^t = \{b'\} \subseteq Mp^{t-1}$  under LRU, and  $|f_p^t| = |f_s^t|$ .

If  $x^t \in Ms^{t-1}$ , then  $f_s^t = \phi$ , and  $|f_p^t| > |f_s^t|$ . This condition causes a problem.

We will prove that  $p^t \notin Mp^{t-1}$  and  $x^t \in Ms^{t-1}$  can never occur together.

Assume  $x^t \in Ms^{t-1}$ . Let  $t' < t$ , be the largest time,  $t'$ , such that  $x^{t'} = x^t$ , then  $p^{t'} \in Mp^{t'}$ . Since  $p^t \notin Mp^{t-1}$ , then there occurred at least  $|Mp|$  distinct page references to  $Mp$  in the interval  $(t-1-t', t-1)$  none of which were  $p^t$ . Therefore, these were at least  $|Ms| = |Mp|$  distinct sector references to  $Ms$  in the interval  $(t-1-t', t-1)$  none of which were  $x^t$  and  $x^t \in Ms^{t-1}$  but this contradicts  $R_s = R_{LRU}$ . Thus,  $x^t \notin Ms^{t-1}$  if  $p^t \notin Mp^{t-1}$ .

Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^t |f_p^i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^t |f_s^i|$  and the Theorem is proved.

### Corollary 3a

$FFs(k * |Mp|, ST, Fd, Ro) / k \leq FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi a, STa, Fd, R_{LRU}) \leq FFs(|Mp|, ST, Fd, R_d)$

Proof:

Follows immediately from Theorems 1, 3.

Theorem 3 provides an upper bound on the value of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , over all partitions,  $\Pi_a$ , of the relocatable sectors into logical pages for virtual memory systems which employ the popular demand fetch and LRU removal algorithms. Under what conditions will the upper bound given by Theorem 3 be the least upper bound or even a tight upper bound?

Let the interval of time between a fetch of any page and the subsequent removal of that page be called a page lifetime. Now, consider a partition,  $\Pi_c$ , of sectors into logical pages, such that, during a lifetime, of any page, only one of the sectors of that page is referenced. However, let this one sector be referenced any number of times in a given page lifetime, and let the particular sector which is referenced vary from lifetime to lifetime. We will say that such a partition satisfies the page lifetime constraint.

For any partitions which satisfy the page lifetime constraint, it is obvious that Theorem 3 is the least upper bound. This implies that the extent to which partitions exist which group sectors together which are not used close together in time is the extent to which Theorem 3 will produce a tight bound.

Since LRU is also a stack algorithm, the values for the upper bound given by Theorem 3 can be computed for all memory sizes by one simulation of the sectoring activity for  $FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p|, ST, Fd, R_{LRU})$ .

Therefore, by applying Theorems 1 and 3 a graph similar in form to that shown in Figure 4 can be obtained. The gap between the two curves represents the range of values of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , over all partitions when demand page fetch and LRU page replacement policies are employed. For a particular program structure, the value of  $FF_p$  in relation to the upper and lower bounds can be used to evaluate the potential of program restructuring.

In Chapter 6, we will present empirical results which show that the bounds given by Theorem 3 are quite reasonable for several actual programs. This implies that real programs can have sector arrangements which result in a lot of page fetches. In fact we found in our studies of real programs that the actual value of the page fetch function can vary by a factor of tens for two different orderings of sectors into the logical pages. All of these results for real programs are given in Chapter 6. However, we will now present an example which will show the logistics of applying Theorems 1 and 3.

### 3.4 Simple Example of Computing Bounds

We have chosen a very simple, compressed sector trace of a rather small program so that (a) we can illustrate the actual computation of the upper and lower bounds and (b) we can easily obtain the best and worst sector partitions. Note that this example does not represent any of the



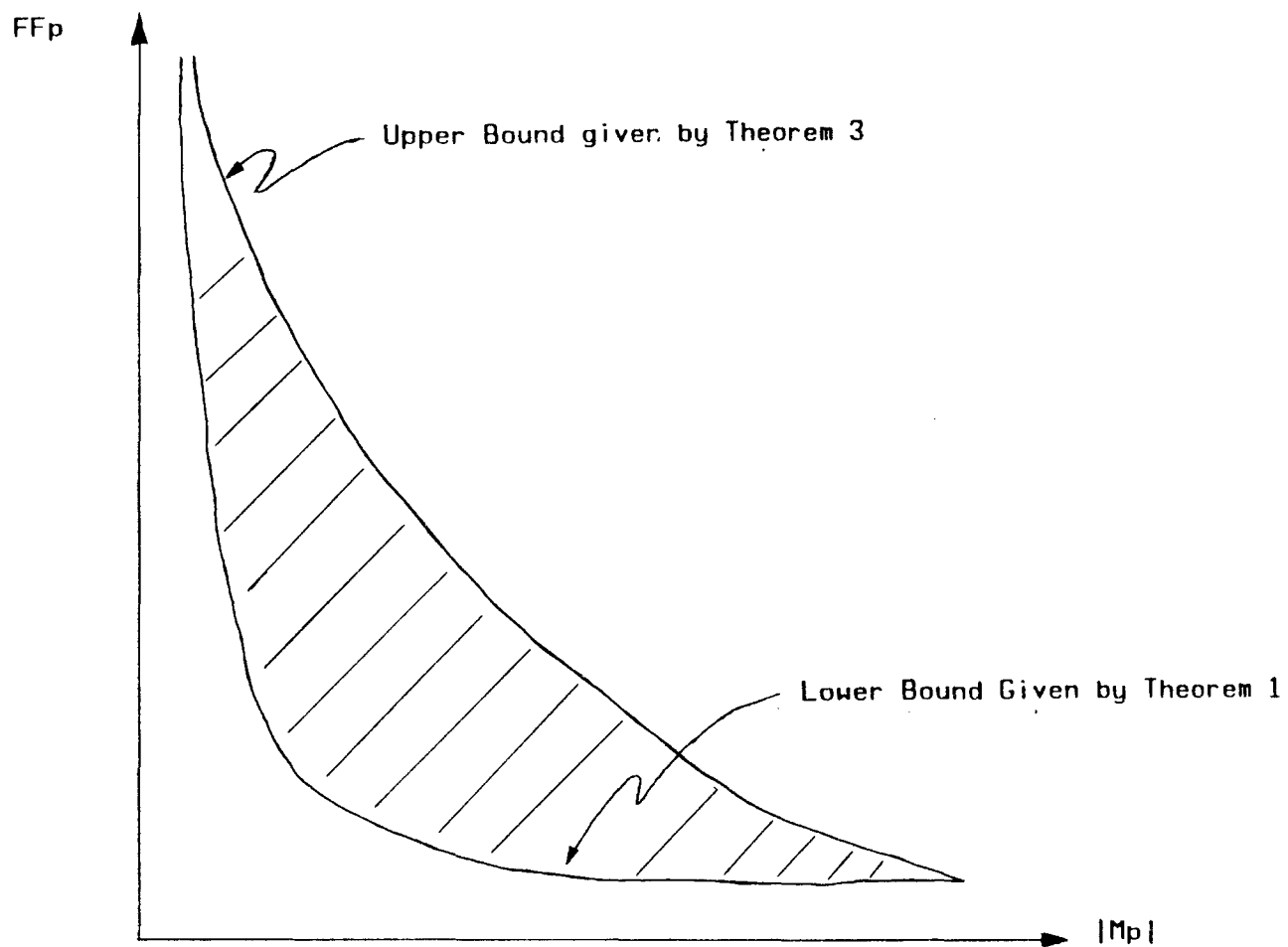


FIGURE 4.

The Allowable Values of  $FFp$  as a Function of  $|Mp|$

real programs we tested, since in those cases, the minimum number of references in any sector trace was over 1/2 million. Even though this example does not represent an actual program, it does indicate that, even when 2/3 of this program can fit into primary memory, there is a wide variation in its paging behavior over sector partitions. It also illustrates that there are simple sector traces where the bounds given by Theorems 1 and 3 are simultaneously the greatest lower bound and the smallest upper bound, respectively.

#### Example of Results:

Consider a virtual memory system with parameters:

$|M_p| = 2.$

$k=3$  sectors per page.

$F =$  demand or  $F_d.$

$R =$  LRU, or  $R_{LRU}.$

Program = (abcdefghil), a set of 9 relocatable sectors of size  $N/3.$

ST = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg.

$|ST| = 38.$

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Applying Theorem 1, we compute FFs(|Ms|=6,ST,Fd,Ro):

ST = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg

F<sub>d</sub> = aeh00 0bdg0 00000 0fic0 0000a dg000

R<sub>o</sub> = 00000 00000 00000 0dga0 0000c fi000

M<sub>s</sub><sup>t</sup> = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg

aeha ehbdg bdgae hbfic figeh adgad

aeh aehbd gbdga ehbfic fibe hadga

aehh hbdg aehbb bcfib ehhhh

aee eehbd gaehh hhcfi beeee

aa aehb dgae eehcf ibbbb

Theoretical minimum = 12/3 = 4 page fetches.

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Applying Theorem 3, we compute FFs(|Ms|=2,ST,Fd,R<sub>LRU</sub>):

ST = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg

F<sub>d</sub> = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg

R<sub>LRU</sub> = 00aeh aehbd gbdga ehbfic fibe hadga

M<sub>s</sub><sup>t</sup> = aehae hbdgb dgaeh bficf ibeha dgadg

aeha ehbdg bdgae hbfic fibeh adgad

Theoretical maximum = 30 page fetches.

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There are:  $\frac{9!}{(3!)^{9/3} (9/3)!} = 280$  distinct ways of

reordering the 9 relocatable sectors into 3 pages.

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Consider  $\Pi_1 = \{abc\ def\ ghi\}$  where page A = abc , etc.

Now we compute  $FF_p(|M_p| = 2, \Pi_1, ST, F_d, R_{LRU})$ .

For  $ST = \{aehae\ hbdgb\ dgaeh\ bficf\ ibeha\ dgadg\}$ , we get

$P = ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC$

$F_d = ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC$

$R_{LRU} = \emptyset\emptyset ABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA$

$M_p^t = ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC$

$ABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB\ CABCA\ BCABC\ ABCAB$

$FF_p = \sum_{i=1}^l |f_d^i| = 30$  page fetches for  $\Pi_1$  = theoretical maximum.

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Consider  $\Pi_2 = \{dag\ beh\ cfil\}$ , where page A = dag , etc.

Now we compute  $FF_p(|M_p| = 2, \Pi_2, ST, F_d, R_{LRU})$ .

For  $ST = \{aehae\ hbdgb\ dgaeh\ bficf\ ibeha\ dgadg\}$ , we get

$P = ABBAB\ BBAAB\ AAABB\ BCCCC\ CBBBA\ AAAAA$

$F = AB\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset C\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset A\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset$

$R = \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset A\emptyset\emptyset\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset C\ \emptyset\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset$

$M_p^t = ABBAB\ BBAAB\ AAABB\ BCCCC\ CBBBA\ AAAAA$

$AABA\ AABBA\ BBBAA\ ABBBB\ BCCCC\ BBBBB$

$FF_p = \sum_{i=1}^{30} |f_d^i| = 4$  page fetches for  $\Pi_2 =$  theoretical minimum.

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In the above example, the theoretical minimum value of  $FF_p = 4$  from Theorem 1 and the theoretical maximum value of  $FF_p = 30$  from Theorem 3 were found to be the greatest lower bound and the smallest upper bound respectively over all partitions,  $\Pi$ .

### 3.5 Extensions to Lower Bounds

In section 3.2, lower bounds were derived for the case where each page contained at most  $k$  sectors. In this section, we would like to relax this constraint.

What were the problems associated with the constraint that pages of a partition must contain at most  $k$  sectors? There are no problems when the sectors are all the same size. However, when the sizes of the sectors vary considerably, it becomes more complex to determine the best  $k$ . For example, if one chooses  $k$  to be the maximum number of sectors which could fit into any page, then the set of all partitions are allowable, but the value of

$$\frac{FF_s(|M_s| = |M_p| * k, ST, F_d, R_o)}{k}$$

might not produce a bound which is as tight as we can produce. This is due to two reasons. First, since  $|M_s| - |M_p| \neq k$ , the size of  $M_s$  might be larger than necessary to always hold the sectors present in pages of  $M_p$ . Note that some pages of  $M_p$  might hold fewer than  $k$  sectors and that  $FF_s$  is a monotonically decreasing function of  $|M_s|$ . Second, perhaps we can reduce the divisor  $k$  when some pages must contain fewer than  $k$  sectors.

On the other hand, if one chooses  $k$  to be some value less than the maximum number of sectors which could fit into a page, then some of the partitions are not considered.

We will now consider all partitions of relocatable sectors into pages. The only constraint is as before,

$$\sum_{S_j \in \Pi_i} |S_j| \leq N \text{ for all } i, \text{ which simply}$$

states that the size of any block of the partition in bytes must be less than the page size,  $N$ , in bytes. Note that this set of all partitions is the same as the set of partitions when  $k$  is chosen equal to the maximum number of sectors which could physically fit into a page. However, we will find tighter bounds.

Consider a program which consists of  $m$  relocatable sectors of various sizes. We define the "sector size vector",  $SS$ , to be a sequence of sizes of these  $m$  sectors,  $SS = |S_1|, |S_2|, \dots, |S_m|$ , such that  $|S_i| \leq |S_j|$  for all  $i \leq j$ ,  $1 \leq j, i \leq m$ , where  $|S_i|$  is the size of  $S_i$  in

bytes. Recall that:

$|M_p|$  is the number of page frames in the  
paged memory,  $M_p$ .

$N$  is the page frame size in bytes.

Now we define a function,  $f_1$ , in terms of  $|M_p|$ ,  $N$ , and  $SS$ :

$f_1(|M_p|, N, SS)$  = the maximum number of sectors of sizes in  $SS$  which can  
be packed into a set of  $|M_p|$  page frames of size  $N$  bytes each, when  
sectors are not allowed to cross page boundaries.

Example.

Let:

$|S_1| = |S_2| = |S_3| = 1000$  bytes;  $|S_4| = 2000$  bytes;

$|S_5| = |S_6| = 3000$  bytes.

$N = 4000$  bytes

then,

$f_1(1, N, SS) = 3$

$f_1(2, N, SS) = 5$

$f_1(3, N, SS) = 6$

Since the computation of  $f_1$  can become a complex combinatorial  
problem in itself, we will give an easy method of computing an upper  
bound for  $f_1$ .

The function  $f_1^u$  is defined in terms of  $|Mp|, N, SS$  as follows.

$f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS) = W$  if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^W |S_i| \geq |Mp| * N \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{W-1} |S_i| < |Mp| * N.$$

It should be clear that  $f_1(|Mp|, N, SS) \leq f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS)$  for all  $|Mp|, N, SS$ . For the above example,

$$f_1^u(1, N, S) = 4$$

$$f_1^u(2, N, S) = 5$$

$$f_1^u(3, N, S) = 6.$$

Let us interpret a particular form of  $f_1$ ; that is, if  $|Mp| = 2$ , then  $f_1(2, N, SS)$  is by definition the maximum number of sectors which can be packed into 2 page frames of  $N$  bytes each.

We can use  $f_1(|Mp|, N, SS)$ ,  $f_1(2, N, SS)$  and the sector fetch function,  $FFs$ , to lower bound the page fetch function,  $FFp$ , as follows:

Theorem 4.

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|Mp|$ , any valid page replacement algorithm  $Ra$ , demand page fetch  $Fd$ , and any sector trace  $STa$ , then for any partition  $\Pi a$  of the relocatable sectors into the logical pages of the program, the minimum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function  $FFp$  is lower bounded by

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi a, STa, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{(FFs(|Ms|, ST, Fd, Ra) - f_1(|Mp|, N, SS))}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2} - \Delta.$$



where  $\Delta = \frac{2f_1(1,N,SS) - f_1(2,N,SS)}{f_1(2,N,SS)}$ , and

where the value of the sector fetch function  $FFs$  is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS)$ , using demand fetch  $Fd$ , optimum replacement algorithm  $Ro$ , and the same sector trace  $ST = STa$ . The function  $f_1$  is as previously defined, and  $SS$  is the sector size vector.

Corollary 4a

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi a, STa, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{(FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS), ST, Fd, Ro)) - 1}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

Corollary 4b

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi a, STa, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{(FFs(|Ms| = W_1, ST, Fd, Ro)) - 1}{W_2/2}$$

where  $W_1$  equals either  $f_1(|Mp|, N, SS)$  or  $f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS)$ , and  $W_2$  independently of  $W_1$  equals either  $f_1(2, N, SS)$  or  $f_1^u(2, N, SS)$ .

Corollary 4b says that we can lower bound  $FFp$  in terms of the easily computed function  $f_1^u$ .

Corollary 4c

$$\frac{FFs(|Ms| = |Mp| * k, \Pi a, STa, Fd, Ro)}{k} \leq \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS), ST, Fd, Ro)}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

Corollary 4c states that the bounds given by Theorem 4 may be tighter than the bounds given by Theorem 1 where  $k$  is the maximum number of sectors which can physically fit into a page.

## Proof of Theorem 4

Notation and properties

Let  $ST_t = x^1, x^2, \dots, x^L$  where  $x^l$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$ . For virtual memory system  $V$  and FFp, let:

1.  $\Pi_t = (\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n)$  be any partition of sectors into the  $n$  logical pages of the program where each page contains any number of sectors such that  $\sum_{S_j \in \Pi_i} |S_j| \leq N$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
2.  $P = (p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L)$  be the resultant page trace computed uniquely from  $ST$  and  $\Pi_t$ , such that, if  $x^l \in \Pi_j$ , then  $p^l = j$ .
3.  $F_t = f_t^1, f_t^2, \dots, f_t^L$  be the demand fetch policy, where  $f_t^l \in \Pi_t$  and  $f_t^l \subseteq M_p^{l-1}$  and  $|f_t^l| = 1$  or  $0$ , the number of pages in  $f_t^l$ . Note that we have chosen to denote  $F_d$  for FFp by  $F_a$  to avoid notational conflict with the  $F_d$  for FFs.
4.  $R_t = r_t^1, r_t^2, \dots, r_t^L$  be any removal policy where  $r_t^l \in \Pi_t$  and  $r_t^l \subseteq M_p^{l-1}$  and  $|r_t^l| = 1$  or  $0$ , the number of pages in  $r_t^l$ .
5.  $M_p^t$  be the set of pages in  $M_p$  at time  $t$  and  $M_p^0 = \emptyset$ .
6.  $M_p^t = (M_p^{t-1} \cup f_t^t) - r_t^t$ .

First we prove Lemma 5.

Lemma 5:

There exists valid demand fetch and removal policies,  $F_d$  and  $R_d$ , for the FFs model such that

$$FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_d) \geq \frac{FFs(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS), ST, F_d, R_d) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{2f_1(1, N, SS) - f_1(2, N, SS)}{f_1(2, N, SS)}$$

Proof:

For the FFs model,  $F_d$  and  $R_d$  will be constructed by forming a sequence of valid replacement and fetch policies

$(F_1, R_1), (F_2, R_2), \dots, (F_h, R_h)$ , where:

1.  $F_1 = f_1^1, f_1^2, \dots, f_1^L$  and  $f_1^t = g(f_0^t) =$   
the set of sectors making up the page in  $f_0^t$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
2. Similarly  $R_1 = r_1^1, r_1^2, \dots, r_1^L$  and  
 $r_1^t = g(r_0^t)$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
3.  $F_h = F_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^L$  and  
 $R_h = R_d = r_d^1, r_d^2, \dots, r_d^L$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$  where  
 $f_d^t = r_d^t = \emptyset$  if  $x^t \in M_d^{t-1}$ ;  $f_d^t = x^t$  and  
 $r_d^t = \emptyset$  if  $x^t \notin M_d^{t-1}$  and  $|M_d^{t-1}| < |M_s|$ ;  
 $f_d^t = x^t$  and  $r_d^t = \{b\} \subset M_d^{t-1}$  if  
 $x^t \notin M_d^{t-1}$  and  $|M_d^{t-1}| = |M_s|$ ; and  
 $M_d^t = (M_d^{t-1} \cup f_d^t) - r_d^t$  to satisfy demand  
sectoring.

Since  $|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS) \geq |M_p|$ , Lemma 4a says that the above construction exists such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \geq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_d^t|$$

Therefore, we have Fact 1:

Fact 1.

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \geq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_d^t| = FF_s(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS), ST, Fd, Rd).$$

Now, let's prove Fact 2.

Fact 2.

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| \leq ((f_1(2, N, SS) FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, Fd, Ra) + f_1(2, N, SS) * \Delta)) / 2$$

Proof.

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^t| = \sum_{i=1}^L |g(f_a^t)| = \sum_{i=1}^L |f_a^t| |g(f_a^t)|$$

since  $|f_a^t| = 1$  iff  $|g(f_a^t)| > 0$  and  $|f_a^t| = 0$  iff

$$|g(f_a^t)| = 0.$$

Note that  $|g(f_a^t)|$  is the number of sectors in the page specified by  $f_a^t$ .

Also, note that  $\sum_{i=1}^L |f_a^t| = FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, Fd, Ra)$ .

Now let's compress  $F_a = f_a^1, f_a^2, \dots, f_a^L$  to get

$F'_a = f_a^{1'}, f_a^{2'}, \dots, f_a^{L'}$  by taking out all the  $f_a^t = 0$ .

Clearly  $\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^i| = \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}|$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^i| |g(f_a^i)| = \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}| |g(f_a^{i'})| = \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^i|.$$

Furthermore, note that, under the definition of demand fetch, no two successive page fetches can be to the same page. This is obvious, since under demand fetch a page is fetched and is kept in primary memory until it has to be removed to make room for another page.

Therefore no two successive values  $g(f_a^{i'})$  and  $g(f_a^{i'+1})$  can be the same.

Now, the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}| |g(f_a^{i'})|$  is clearly maximized

if, for all odd  $t$ ,  $|g(f_a^{t'})|$  is equal to the maximum number of sectors which can fit in a page, and if, for all even  $t$ ,  $|g(f_a^{t'})|$  is equal to the next maximum number of sectors which can fit in a page.

Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^i| = \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}| |g(f_a^{i'})| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}| \frac{|f_i(2,N,SS)|}{2} \text{ for even } L', \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^i| = \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_a^{i'}| |g(f_a^{i'})| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{L'-1} |f_a^{i'}| \frac{|f_i(2,N,SS)|}{2} + |f_a^{L'}| |f_i(1,N,SS)|$$

for odd  $L'$ .

Note that  $f_1(1, N, SS) = f_1(1, N, SS) + \frac{f_1(2, N, SS) - f_1(2, N, SS)}{2}$ , and thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^1| \leq \frac{f_1(2, N, SS)}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^0| + f_1(1, N, SS) - \frac{f_1(2, N, SS)}{2}$$

for all  $L'$ .

Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^{L'} |f_i^1|$

$$\leq (f_1(2, N, SS) \text{FFp}(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_a) + (2f_1(1, N, SS) - f_1(2, N, SS)) / 2$$

and Fact 2 is proved.

From Fact 1 and Fact 2, we have

$$\text{FFp}(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_a) \geq \frac{\text{FFs}(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS), ST, F_d, R_d) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS) / 2}$$

This proves Lemma 5.

Now, from Lemma 1, we know that,

$$\text{FFs}(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS), ST, F_d, R_d) \geq \text{FFs}(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS), ST, F_d, R_o)$$

Therefore, Theorem 4 follows immediately. QED.

Proof of Corollary 4a:

It follows immediately from the fact that

$$0 \leq \frac{2f_1(1, N, SS) - f_1(2, N, SS)}{f_1(2, N, SS)} \leq 1.$$

Proof of corollary 4b:

Corollary 4b follows directly from Theorem 4 and Lemmas 2, 3.

Lemmas 2, 3 give,

$$FFs(|Ms|=f_1(|Mp|,N,SS),ST,Fd,Ro) \geq FFs(|Ms|=W_1,ST,Fd,Ro)$$

since  $W_1 \geq f_1(|Mp|,N,SS)$ . The divisor goes through since

$$W_2 \geq f_1(2,N,SS).$$

Proof of corollary 4c:

Corollary 4c follows from Lemmas 2, 3 since

$$|Mp| * k \geq f_1(|Mp|,N,SS), \text{ and } k \geq f_1(2,N,SS)/2.$$

To compute the lower bound of Theorem 4, simply make one sector simulation run through the sector trace and record the number of sector fetches for each possible sector memory size. Then for a particular value of  $|Mp|$ , use  $f_1(|Mp|,N,SS)$  to select the proper value of FFs and divide by  $f_1(2,N,SS)$  to get the bound.

If the objective is to lower bound FFp over all partitions, then Theorem 4 may give tighter bounds than Theorem 1 if the range of sector sizes is large. For this is the case when  $f_1(|Mp|,N,SS) \leq k * |Mp|$ . Furthermore,  $f_1(|Mp|,N,SS)$  can become substantially less than  $k * |Mp|$  for large values of  $|Mp|$ . The term,  $f_1(2,N,SS)/2$ , in the lower bound is the average value of  $k$  for the two pages having the largest number of sectors. We cannot extend this average over all pages, since every other page fetch could be to the page containing the largest number of sectors,

while every intervening fetch could be to the page having the second largest number of sectors. Even if all pages are fetched, if the above behavior occurs sufficiently often in the execution of a program, then we still cannot average over all pages.

Is there any way to compensate for the case when some sectors are much larger than others? For ease in the following discussion, let the average value of  $k$  for the two pages having the largest number of sectors,  $f_1(2, N, SS)/2$ , be denoted by  $k'$ , and let the average size of these sectors be denoted by  $N/k'$ . In order to illustrate some typical values one may encounter, we point out that for the real programs we investigated, the values of  $k'$  were on the order of 3 to 6, and, hence,  $N/k'$  was  $1/3$  to  $1/6$  of a page for a page size of 4096 bytes. Now let's assume that we are given a particular program,  $Q$ , and we compute the value of  $N/k'$  and find that there are several sectors whose sizes are considerably larger than  $N/k'$ . Now consider what happens if we break up these large sectors into as many subsectors as we can without increasing the value of  $k'$ . This new program with the large sectors replaced by the smaller subsectors is called  $Q^*$ . Given  $Q^*$ , it is still quite easy to compute a sector trace over  $Q^*$  from the address trace. We call such a sector trace  $ST^*$ . Using this sector trace,  $ST^*$ , and the program,  $Q^*$ , we can apply Theorem 4 to compute the lower bound on the page fetch function,  $FFp$ , over all partitions,  $\Pi a^*$ , of sectors of  $Q^*$  into logical pages. We present two important observations on this lower bound:



A). This lower bound is valid over all partitions of sectors of  $Q'$  into pages. Therefore, the lower bound is certainly true for all the partitions over  $Q^*$  that are constrained to comply with  $Q$ . That is, if a page in a partition of  $Q^*$  contained one subsector of a sector, then it would have to contain all the subsectors of that sector. This restriction on the set of all partitions over  $Q^*$  simply produces the set of partitions which result when reprogramming is not allowed. Let  $\Pi ar^*$  denote any such restricted partitions of  $Q^*$ .

B). This lower bound using  $ST^*$  and  $\Pi ar^*$  over  $Q^*$  is probably much larger for most real programs than the lower bound computed by Theorem 4 using  $ST$  and  $\Pi a$  over  $Q$ . The rationale for this is simply that it will take several subsector fetches to bring into the sectored memory the same information that could be fetched by one large-sector fetch.

Observation B need not necessarily be true; that is, the lower bound which results from breaking up the large sectors could theoretically be smaller than the lower bound computed by not breaking up the large sectors. However, this presents no practical problems. Since both methods will produce valid lower bounds, we simply compute both and use the greater lower bound. In our analysis of real programs, we found that the lower bound computed from breaking up the large sectors was substantially larger than the lower bound computed when the large sectors were not divided.

We will now formalize the notions of  $Q^*$  and  $ST^*$  and define the relationship between  $Q$  and  $Q^*$  and between  $ST$  and  $ST^*$ . Then, Theorem 5 is presented, which states that the page fetch function,  $FFp$ , is lower bounded in terms of the sectoring behavior given by  $ST^*$ .

Let,  $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2 = \{ \text{set of } m \text{ relocatable sectors of any program} \}$   
 where  $Q_1 = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$ ,  $Q_2 = \{S_{k+1}, S_{k+2}, \dots, S_m\}$   
 such that  $f_1(2, N, SS)/2 = k/2$  and  $|S_i| \leq |S_j|$  for all  $S_i \in Q_1$  and  
 $S_j \in Q_2$ .

Let,  $SS = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k, r_{k+1}, \dots, r_m\}$  be the sector  
 size vector of  $Q$ ; that is,  $r_i \in Q$  and  $|r_i| \leq |r_j|$  for  $i \leq j$  and  
 $|r_m| \leq N$ , the page size.

Note that  $|r_k|$  is the size of the largest sector in  $Q_1$ .

Furthermore, note that the above construction is always possible.

Now, we break up the large sectors of  $Q$  into subsectors. Let  
 $S_i = \{S_{ij}^*\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and

$S_i = \{S_{i1}^*, S_{i2}^*, \dots, S_{i_l}^*\}$  for  $k < i \leq m$  such that

$|r_k| \leq |S_{ij}^*|$ .

This last constraint is sufficient to guarantee that

$(f_1(2, N, SS))/2 = k/2$  does not change because of the small subsectors.

In practice, one could choose  $|S_{ij}^*| = |r_k|$  for  $1 \leq j < l_i$  and

$|r_k| \leq |S_{ij}^*| < 2|r_k|$  for  $j = l_i$ .

Now define,  $Q^* = Q_1^* \cup Q_2^*$  = (set of  $m'$  relocatable sectors of the same program)

where  $Q_1^* = \{S_{11}^*, S_{22}^*, \dots, S_{kk}^*\}$  and

$Q_2^* = \{S_{k+1,1}^*, S_{k+1,2}^*, \dots, S_{k+1,k+1}^*, \dots, S_{m',1}^*, S_{m',2}^*, \dots, S_{m',m'}^*\}$ .

Let,  $SS^* = \{|r_1^*|, |r_2^*|, \dots, |r_m^*|\}$  be the sector size vector of  $Q^*$ ,  $|r_i^*| \leq |r_j^*|$  for  $i \leq j$ .

Note that  $(f_1(2, N, SS))/2 = (f_1(2, N, SS^*))/2$ .

Given any address trace,  $A$ , and the sector ordering of the programs  $Q$  and  $Q^*$  for that address trace, we can easily compute:

$ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$  for  $Q$  and  $ST^* = S^{*1}, S^{*2}, \dots, S^{*L}$  for  $Q^*$ , where

$S^t \in Q$  and  $S^{*t} \in Q^*$ .

Note that, if  $S^{*t} = S_{ij}^*$  then  $S^t = S_i$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .

Thus, we can also compute  $ST$  from  $ST^*$ .

Theorem 5 is presented in terms of the above definitions of  $Q^*$  and  $ST^*$ .

Theorem 5.

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|Mp|$ , any valid page replacement algorithm  $Ra$ , demand page fetch  $Fd$ , and any sector trace  $STa$ , then for any partition,

$\Pi_a$ , of the relocatable sectors into the logical pages of the program,  $Q$ , the minimum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , is lower bounded by

$$FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_a) \geq \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*), ST = ST_a^*, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{2f_1(1, N, SS) - f_1(2, N, SS)}{f_1(2, N, SS)}$$

and where the value of the sector fetch function  $FF_s$  is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*)$ , using demand fetch  $F_d$ , optimum replacement algorithm  $R_o$ , and sector trace  $ST = ST_a^*$ . The function  $f_1$  is previously defined,  $SS$  is the sector size vector of  $Q$ , and  $SS^*$  is the sector size vector of  $Q^*$ .

Proof:

Let  $Q$ ,  $ST$ ,  $Q^*$  and  $ST^*$  be exactly as defined immediately before Theorem 5 was stated.

Let  $\Pi_a^* = \{ \Pi_1^*, \Pi_2^*, \dots, \Pi_n^* \}$  be any partition of the relocatable sectors of  $Q^*$  into logical pages, where page  $k = \Pi_k^*$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $\sum_{S_{ij}^* \in \Pi_k^*} |S_{ij}^*| \leq N$ .

Applying Theorem 4 to  $Q^*$  gives by simple substitution,

$$FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a^*, ST^*, F_d, R_a) \geq \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*), ST^*, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS^*)/2}$$

and since  $f_1(2, N, SS^*)/2 = f_1(2, N, SS)/2$  we get

$$FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a^*, ST^*, F_d, R_a) \geq \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*), ST^*, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

Let  $\Pi_a = \{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n\}$  be any partition of relocatable sectors of  $Q$  into logical pages such that  $\sum_{S_i \in \Pi_k} |S_i| \leq N$  and  $S_i \in Q$ ,

where page  $k = \Pi_k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Given any  $\Pi_a$ , then we construct  $\Pi_{ar}^*$  as follows:

$\Pi_{ar}^* = \{\Pi_{r1}^*, \Pi_{r2}^*, \dots, \Pi_{rn}^*\}$  such that,

for all  $S_i \in \Pi_k$ ,  $S_{ij}^* \in \Pi_{rk}^*$

for  $1 \leq k \leq l$ , and page  $k = \Pi_{rk}^*$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Now,

$$FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi_{ar}^*, ST^*, F_d, R_a) \geq \frac{FFs(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*), ST^*, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

since the set of all  $\Pi_{ar}^*$  is a subset of the set of all  $\Pi_a^*$ .

Now we prove that

$$FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi_{ar}^*, ST^*, F_d, R_a) = FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST, F_d, R_a)$$

We need to show that the page trace

$P^* = p^{*1}, p^{*2}, \dots, p^{*L}$ , computed from  $\Pi_{ar}^*$  and  $ST^*$ , is the

same as the page trace  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$ , computed from  $\Pi_a$  and  $ST$ .

Let  $ST^* = S^{*1}, S^{*2}, \dots, S^{*L}$  and  $ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$ .

Let the sector referenced in  $ST^*$  at time  $t$  be  $S^{*t}$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ ,

Then  $S^{*t} = S_{ij}^*$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq m'$  and  $1 \leq j \leq l_i$ ,

and  $S_{ij}^* \in \Pi k^*$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Hence,  $p^t = k$ .

Given  $S^t = S_{ij}^*$ , then  $S^t = S_i$ , and, given  $S_{ij}^* \in \Pi k^*$ ,

then  $S_i \in \Pi k$ . Hence,  $p^t = k$ , and we have  $p^t = p^l$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .

Therefore,

$FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi a^*, ST^*, Fd, Ra) = FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi a, ST, Fd, Ra)$  and

$$FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi a, ST, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{FFs(|M_s| = f_1(|M_p|, N, SS^*), ST^*, Fd, Ra) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

QED.

The following simple example is given to illustrate that Theorem 5 can produce a tighter bound than Theorem 4. This example is made as simple as possible such that the mechanics of applying Theorem 5 can be presented.

Example:

Let  $Q = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{12}\}$  where  $|S_i| = 1000$  bytes for  $1 \leq i \leq 8$ , and  $|S_i| = 4000$  bytes for  $8 < i \leq 12$  and  $N = 4000$  bytes. Now let's divide  $S_i$  for  $8 < i \leq 12$  into four parts, each being 1000 bytes long; i.e.,  $S_i$  becomes  $\{S_{i_1}, S_{i_2}, S_{i_3}, S_{i_4}\}$  where  $|S_{ij}| = 1000$  bytes for  $1 \leq j \leq 4$ . Thus,

$Q' = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_8, S_{9_1}, S_{9_2}, S_{9_3}, S_{9_4}, \dots, S_{12_1}, S_{12_2}, S_{12_3}, S_{12_4}\}$ .

Let  $ST' = S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_8, S_{91}, S_{92}, S_{93}, S_{94}, \dots, S_{12,1}, S_{12,2}, S_{12,3}, S_{12,4}$ .

This represents the compressed reference

behavior of one pass through  $Q'$  where every

unit of  $Q'$  is touched. It is reasonable to assume that such sector

behavior could represent one pass through a small loop of a much larger

real program.

Now,  $ST = S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_8, S_9, S_9, S_9, S_9, \dots, S_{12}, S_{12}, S_{12}, S_{12}$ .

Evaluating  $FFp(|Mp|, N=4000, \Pi_a, ST, Fd, Ra)$ , gives 6 page fetches when

$\Pi_1 = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\}$ ,  $\Pi_2 = \{S_5, S_6, S_7, S_8\}$  and

$\Pi_i = \{S_{i+6}\}$  for  $2 < i \leq 6$ , and  $|Mp|$  and  $Ra$  take on any values. It should be clear that this partition minimizes  $FFp$ .

Theorem 4 gives a lower bound for  $FFp$  of

$$\frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS), ST, Fd, Ro)}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2} - \Delta = (12/4) - 0 = 3,$$

for all values of  $|Ms|$ . Note that  $f_1(2, N, SS) = 8$  and

$f_1(1, N, SS) = 4$ , hence  $\Delta = 0$ . Theorem 5 gives a lower bound for  $FFp$

$$\text{of } \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS'), ST', Fd, Ro)}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2} - \Delta = (24/4) - 0 = 6,$$

for all values of  $|Ms|$ . Thus, Theorem 5 gives the greater lower bound,

and it is a factor of 2 better than the bound given by Theorem 4.

Now we extend Theorems 4 and 5 to include the cases where sectors can be any size, and we let the sectors cross page boundaries.

We now present Theorem 6 which lower bounds FFp over all sector orderings SO into the n-page logical address space. The sectors can be any size and may cross page boundaries. This model corresponds to the case where sectors are clustered together into groups and then these groups are packed into the virtual address space.

Since sectors may cross page boundaries, one may not be able to determine the page trace from the sector trace ST. We define SOT to be the sector trace consisting of ordered pairs of elements:

$SOT = (S^1, O^1), (S^2, O^2), \dots, (S^L, O^L)$  where  $S^t$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$  and  $O^t$  is the offset in  $S^t$  referenced at time  $t$ . Given a sector trace SOT and a sector ordering SO as defined in Chapter 2, the page trace follows immediately.

Note that  $SOT^*$  is exactly the same as  $ST^*$  except that the elements of  $SOT^*$  are simply ordered pairs. Also note that the construction of  $Q^*$  is not affected by allowing sectors to cross page boundaries.

Theorem 6.

Given any two-level virtual memory system V, with page size N, primary memory size |Mp|, any valid page replacement algorithm Ra, demand page fetch Fd, and any sector trace SOTa, then for any sector



ordering  $SO_a$ , of the relocatable sectors into the logical address space of the program  $Q$ , the minimum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function  $FF_p$ , is lower bounded by

A.

$$FF_p(|M_p|, N, SO_a, SOT_a, F_d, R_o) \geq \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = f_1^v(|M_p|, N, SS), ST = SOT_a, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1^v(2, N, SS)/2}$$

and by

B.

$$FF_p(|M_p|, N, SO_a, SOT_a, F_d, R_o) \geq \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = f_1^v(|M_p|, N, SS'), ST = SOT_a^*, F_d, R_o) - \Delta}{f_1^v(2, N, SS)/2}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{2f_1^v(1, N, SS) - f_1^v(2, N, SS)}{f_1^v(2, N, SS)},$$

and where the value of the sector fetch function  $FF_s$  is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary size  $|M_s|$ , using demand fetch  $F_d$  and optimum replacement  $R_o$ , and sector trace  $ST = SOT_a$  in part A and  $ST = SOT_a^*$  in part B.

Proof of Theorem 6:

Let  $SOT_t = (S^t, O^t), (S^2, O^2), \dots, (S^L, O^L)$ , where  $S^t$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$  and  $O^t$  is the offset. For virtual memory system  $V$  and  $FF_p$ , let:

1.  $S0a$  be any sector ordering of the relocatable sectors in the  $n$  pages of the address space of program  $Q$ .
2.  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^l$  be the resultant page trace computed uniquely from  $S0Ta$  and  $S0a$ , such that  $p^i = (L(S^i) + O^i) / N$ .
3.  $Fa = f_a^1, f_a^2, \dots, f_a^l$  be the demand fetch policy, where  $f_a^i = \{p^i\}$  or  $\emptyset$ ;  $f_a^i \cap Mp^{i-1} = \emptyset$ . Note that we have chosen to denote  $Fd$  of the FFp model by  $Fa$  to avoid notational conflict with the  $Fd$  of the FFs model.
4.  $Ra = r_a^1, r_a^2, \dots, r_a^l$  be any removal policy under demand fetch, where  $r_a^i \subseteq Mp^{i-1}$  and  $|r_a^i| = 1$  or  $\emptyset$ .
5.  $Mp^l = (Mp^{l-1} - r_a^l) \cup f_a^l$  and  $Mp^0 = \emptyset$ .

First we prove the following lemma.

Lemma 6:

There exists a valid demand fetch and removal policy,  $Fd$  and  $Rd$ , for the FFs model such that

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, S0a, S0Ta, Fa, Ra) \geq \frac{FFs(|Me| = f_a^l(|Mp|, N, SS), S0Ta, Fd, Rd) - \Delta}{f_a^l(2, N, S) / 2}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{2f_a^l(1, N, S) - f_a^l(2, N, SS)}{f_a^l(2, N, SS)}$$

For the FFs model,  $Fd$  and  $Rd$  will be constructed by forming a valid sequence of replacement and fetch policies

$(F_1, R_1), (F_2, R_2), \dots, (F_h, R_h)$ , where:

1.  $F_1 = f_1^1, f_1^2, \dots, f_1^L$ , and  $f_1^t = g(f_0^t)$  - the set of sectors having any of their parts in  $f_0^t$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
2. Similarly,  $R_1 = r_1^1, r_1^2, \dots, r_1^L$ , and  $r_1^t = g(r_0^t)$  = the set of sectors having any of their parts in  $r_0^t$  for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
3.  $F_h = f_d = f_d^1, f_d^2, \dots, f_d^L$ , and
4.  $R_h = R_d = r_d^1, r_d^2, \dots, r_d^L$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ , where
 
$$f_d^t = r_d^t = \emptyset, \text{ if } x^t \in Md^{t-1}; \quad f_d^t = x^t \text{ and}$$

$$r_d^t = \emptyset, \text{ if } x^t \notin Md^{t-1} \text{ and } |Md^{t-1}| < |Ms|;$$

$$f_d^t = x^t \text{ and } r_d^t = (b) \subset Md^{t-1}, \text{ if } x^t \notin Md^{t-1} \text{ and}$$

$$|Md^{t-1}| = |Ms|; \text{ and } Md^t = (Md^{t-1} - r_d^t) \cup f_d^t \text{ to}$$
 satisfy demand sectoring.

Lemma 4a is still true for this case when sectors may cross page boundaries. The proof of Lemma 4a when sectors are allowed to cross page boundaries is exactly the same as before except that we add the following to the proof. (Recall that  $z'$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$ .)

If it ever occurs that  $z' \in f_{j-1}^t$  and  $z' \in Mp^{t-1}$ , then simply remove  $z'$  from  $f_{j-1}^t$ . This only reduces the value of  $|f_j^t|$  and it keeps sector  $z'$  from being added to the deferral sector list when  $z'$  is in the sectored memory.

Since  $|Ms| = f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS) \geq |Mp|$ , Lemma 4a says that the above construction exists such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^l| \geq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^l| - FF_3(|Ms| - f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS), SOT, Fd, Rd)$$

Fact 3

$$\sum_{i=1}^L |f_i^l| \leq \frac{(f_1^u(2, N, SS) FF_3(|Mp|, N, SO, SOT, Fd, Rd))}{2} + \frac{f_1^u(2, N, SS) * \Delta}{2}$$

The proof of Fact 3 is exactly the same as Fact 2 of theorem 4 except that  $|g(f_i^l)|$  becomes the number of sectors having any of their parts in  $f_i^l$ .

Hence Lemma 6 is true. Lemma 6 and Lemma 1 prove part A of the Theorem.

Proof of part B.

Given any address trace A and any Q, construct Q\*, SOT, and SOT\* exactly as in Theorem 5, except denote the elements of SOT and SOT\* as ordered pairs.

The proof of part B is almost exactly the same as the proof of Theorem 5. We point out the exceptions below.

Instead of applying Theorem 4 to  $Q^*$  as in Theorem 5, we apply part A of Theorem 6 to  $Q^*$  and use the fact that  $f_1^u(2, N, SS) = f_1^u(2, N, SS^*)$  to get

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, SOa^*, SOT^*, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1^u(2, N, SS)/2}$$

In the proof of Theorem 5, we restricted the set of  $\Pi a$  such that subsectors could not be in different pages. Here we restrict the set  $SO_A^*$  of all  $SOa^*$  to get the subset  $SO_{AR}^*$ . Let  $x \in SO_A^*$ , then  $x \in SO_{AR}^*$  if the subsectors of each sector in  $x$  occur together as a subsequence of  $SOar^*$ , and if the subsectors of each sector are ordered in the subsequence as they occur in the sector. We are simply restricting the set of all  $SOa^*$  such that we get the set of all  $SOa$  when the common subsectors of each subsequence of each  $SOar^*$  are concatenated together.

Since the above result,  $FFp \geq FFs$ , is true for all  $SOa^*$ , it must be true for any constrained subset of  $SOa^*$ . In particular it must be true for all  $SOar^*$ . Thus

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, SOar^*, SOT^*, Fd, Ra) \geq \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1^u(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1^u(2, N, SS)/2}$$

Now we need to show, as in Theorem 5, that the page trace  $P^*$  computed from  $SOar^*$  and  $SOT^*$  is the same as the page trace  $P$  computed from  $SOT$  and  $SOa$ . This is obvious from the construction of  $SOar^*$  and  $SOT^*$ . That is,  $P^*$  computed from  $(S^*, O^*)$

and  $SOar^*$  must be the same as  $P^t$  computed from  $(S^t, O^t)$  and  $SOa$ .  
Thus,  $FFp(|Mp|, N, SOa, SOT, Fd, Ra) = FFp(|Mp|, N, SOar^*, SOT^*, Fd, Ra)$   
and the proof of B follows immediately. QED.

### 3.6 Bounds for Working Set Management

Theorems 1-5 give upper and lower bounds on the number of page fetches required to execute a program in any fixed primary memory size. However, there are paging algorithms which exploit the important program property of locality by attempting to dynamically allocate various amounts of primary memory space to a program as it executes. Recall that, intuitively, locality means that during a given interval of execution a program addresses only a subset of total addressable space. However, for different intervals, the size of this subset may vary. From this notion of locality comes that of "working sets", and a theory of primary memory based on this notion has been proposed and extensively investigated in [D1,D2,D3]. Therefore, we will extend our definition of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , to include working set memory management.

In order to incorporate the page working set concept into the methodology we adopted in Chapter 2 for presenting paging algorithms, recall the following definitions. Assume that:

$Q = \{A, B, \dots\}$  is a finite set of logical pages.

$P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  is a page trace with  $p^i \in Q$ .

$M_p^t \subseteq Q$  is the contents of  $M_p$  at time  $t$ .

$F = f^1, f^2, \dots, f^L$  is the page fetch policy.

$R = r^1, r^2, \dots, r^L$  is the page replacement policy.

A paging algorithm based on the page working set principle is defined as follows.

- a.  $W_p(0, T) = \phi$
- b.  $M_p^t = W_p(t, T)$  and  $|M_p^t| = w_p(t, T)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq L$
- c.  $f^t = \phi$  if  $p^t \in W_p(t-1, T) = M_p^{t-1}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq L$
- d.  $f^t = p^t$  if  $p^t \notin W_p(t-1, T) = M_p^{t-1}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq L$
- e.  $r^t = W_p(t, T) - W_p(t-1, T)$ ; note that  $|r^t| \leq 1$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq L$

Thus, we see that under a page working set strategy, the contents of primary memory at time  $t$ ,  $M_p^t$ , is simply the working set,  $W_p(t, T)$ , and that the amount of primary memory allocated to a program expands and contracts as the working set size  $w_p(t, T)$  expands and contracts. A page reference at time  $t$ ,  $p^t$ , causes a page fetch into primary memory if and only if  $p$  is not in the working set at time  $t-1$ . Note also that a page is removed from primary memory at time  $t$  if and only if it is in the working set at time  $t-1$  and it is no longer in the working set at time  $t$ .

From the above discussion, we observe that the number of page fetches required by a program during its execution using the page working set memory management technique is uniquely determined from the page trace,  $P$ , and the working set parameter,  $T$ . Therefore, the definition of the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , under page working set memory management can be expressed as a function of the following parameters:

$$FF_p = FF_p(|M_p^t| = w_p(t, T), N, \Pi_a, ST_a, W_p(t, T)).$$



The parameters in this definition of FFp for working sets are identical to those previously presented for the page fetch function, FFp, except for two instances. The first parameter, which denotes the primary memory size, is equated to  $w_p(t,T)$  to illustrate that the size of  $M_p$  varies with the size of working set. The other instance is strictly notational, i.e., we have replaced the fetch and replacement parameters, F and R, with  $w_p(t,T)$  to illustrate that the F and R policies are those defined for working set memory management. We could have used  $F_w$  and  $R_w$ , but we think that  $w_p(t,T)$  is simply clearer.

We can also extend the definition of the sector fetch function, FFs, such that it denotes the number of sector fetches which occur in a virtual memory system during the processing of a sector trace under sector working set memory management.

Consider a program whose behavior is modeled by a sector trace, ST. Then the sector working set at time  $t$ ,  $W_s(t,T)$ , is defined to be the distinct set of sectors referenced in the sector trace, ST, during the time interval  $(t-T, T)$ . The number of sectors in the sector working set at time  $t$  is defined to be the sector working set size and is denoted by  $w_s(t,T)$ . The maximum value of the sector working set size for a given sector trace is denoted  $w_s(t,T)_{\max}$ . Note that  $w_s(t,T)_{\max} \leq T$ . Let:

- a. Program =  $\{a, b, \dots\}$ , a finite set of relocatable sectors.
- b. ST =  $S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$ , a sector trace with  $S^i \in$  Program.
- c.  $M_s^1 \subseteq$  Program, the set of sectors in primary memory

at time  $t$ .

- d.  $F = f^1, f^2, \dots, f^L$ , the sector fetch policy.
- e.  $R = r^1, r^2, \dots, r^L$ , the sector replacement policy.

Then the sector behavior of a program using sector working set memory management is defined as:

- a.  $W_s(0, T) = \phi$
- b.  $M_s^t = W_s(t, T)$  and  $|M_s^t| = w_s(t, T)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq L$
- c.  $f^t = \phi$  if  $S^t \in W_s(t-1, T) = M_s^{t-1}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq L$
- d.  $f^t = S^t$  if  $S^t \notin W_s(t-1, T) = M_s^{t-1}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq L$ .
- e.  $r^t = W_s(t, T) - W_s(t-1, T)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq L$ .

Thus, the contents of primary memory at time  $t$  is the sector working set at time  $t$ ,  $W_s(t, T)$ , and a sector reference at time  $t$  causes a sector fetch if and only if  $S^t \notin W_s(t-1, T)$ . Note that the set of sectors that are generated by the sector working set strategy to be in primary memory at time  $t$  is  $W_s(t, T)$ , no matter what the sizes of the individual sectors are.

The sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , for the sector working set strategy becomes,

$$FF_s = FF_s(|M_s^t| = w_s(t, T), ST, W_s(t, T)).$$

We observe, as before, that the value of the sector fetch function,  $FF_s$ , which is the number of sector fetches required to process a sector trace, is uniquely determined by the  $ST$  and the  $W_s(t, T)$  parameters.

The notion of characterizing the local behavior of a program in terms of its sector working set has two potential applications. The first is to utilize the time varying sector working set to identify the sectors which should be clustered together in order to minimize page faults. This application turns out to be very useful and is discussed in full detail in Chapter 4. The second is to find upper and lower bounds on the paging behavior,  $FF_p$ , of programs using the page working set strategy in terms of the sector behavior,  $FF_s$ , using sector working set memory management. This approach proves successful for the upper bounds but fails for the lower bounds. Even though the approach fails to produce lower bounds, Part A of the following theorem points out an interesting relationship that can exist between the number of page fetches and the number of sector fetches for programs using working set memory management.

### 3.6.1 Lower Bounds for Working Set Management

Recall that  $us(t,T)_{max}$  is defined to be the maximum value of the sector working set size for a given sector trace.

#### Theorem 7

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|M_p^1| = up(t,T)$ , using paged working set memory management  $W_p(t,T)$ , and sector trace  $ST_a$ , then for any partition,  $\Pi_a$ , of

the relocatable sectors into logical pages of the program where each page contains  $k$  or fewer sectors, the minimum number of page fetches, given by  $FFp(|Mp^t| = wp(t,T), N, \Pi a, STa, Wp(t,T))$ ,

A. is not lower bounded by

$$\frac{FFs(|Ms^t| = ws(t, k_1, T), ST = STa, Ws(t, k_1, T))}{k * k_2} \text{ and}$$

B. is not lower bounded by  $\frac{FFs(|Ms| = k * T, ST = STa, Fd, R_{LRU})}{k}$  but

C. is lower bounded by  $\frac{FFs(|Ms| = k * ws(t, T)_{max}, ST = STa, Fd, Ro)}{k}$ .

where the value of the sector fetch function,  $FFs$ , is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|Ms|$ , with the same sector trace  $ST - STa$ , using sector working set management in Part A, using demand fetch, LRU replacement in Part B and using demand fetch, optimum replacement in Part C. The value of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are any arbitrarily large integers greater than 1. (The value of  $f_1$  is as previously defined, and  $SS$  is the sector size vector.) The value of  $ws(t, T)_{max}$  is the maximum value of  $ws(t, T)$  over  $ST$ .

Part A of the above theorem states that there are sector traces such that the number of sector fetches required to process the sector trace is arbitrarily larger than the number of page fetches required to

process the corresponding page trace under a good sector ordering. Moreover, it states that this is even true when the window size of the sector working set is made arbitrarily large and the resulting number of sector fetches divided by an arbitrarily large constant. We claim that this is counter-intuitive, because a) if the sector working set window size were simply  $kT$ , then the sector working set could contain the same number of sectors as those contained in a page working set of size  $T$ ; and b) dividing FFs by  $k$  alone would account for the fact that as many as  $k$  sector fetches are required to bring a page of information into primary memory.

Proof of Part A:

We need to show that there exists a set of parameters such that

$$FF_p(|M_p^1| = w_p(t, T), N, \Pi, ST, W_p(t, T)) < \frac{FF_s(|M_s^1| = w_s(t, k_1 T), ST, W_s(t, k_1 T))}{k * k_2}$$

Let:

$$T = 2$$

$k_1, k_2 =$  any fixed arbitrarily large integers.

$$m > k_1 T$$

$$n > k * k_2$$

$$k = 2$$

Program =  $(abxy)$ , a set of 4 relocatable sectors

each of size  $S$ , where  $S = N/k$ .

$ST = ((ax)^m (by)^m)^n$  be the sector trace.

$\Pi = \{(ab), (xy)\}$  where page  $A = \{a, b\}$  and page  $X = \{x, y\}$ .

$P = ((AX)^m (AX)^m)^n = (AX)^{2mn}$  is the page trace.

$W_p(\emptyset, T) = W_s(\emptyset, k_1, T) = \emptyset$ .

a. Now, it is clear from the definition of  $W_p(t, T)$  and

$P = (AX)^{2mn}$  that

$FF_p(|M_p^t| - w_p(t, T), N, \Pi, ST, W_p(t, T)) = 2$  for all  $m$  and  $n$ .

b. Now, to evaluate FFs.

$ST = ((ax)^m (by)^m)^n$  implies  $FF_s(|M_s^t| - w_s(t, k_1, T), ST, W_s(t, k_1, T)) = 4n$ .

Proof:

Part 1.

Consider the substring reference pattern  $(ax)^m$ . Observe that the first reference to this substring occurs at times  $t = 1 + 4mi$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ .  $W_s(\emptyset, k_1, T) = \emptyset$  by definition.

$w_s(t, k_1, T) = \{b, y\}$  for  $t = 1 + 4mi$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

This is true because for each of these times,  $t$ , the last  $2m$  references were to  $b$  or  $y$ . Since  $2m > k_1, T$ , only  $b$  and  $y$  can be in  $W_s(t, k_1, T)$ ; and since  $k_1, T \geq 2$ , both  $b$  and  $y$  must be in  $W_s(t, k_1, T)$ .

Hence, for each of the  $n$  occurrences of the substring  $(ax)^m$  in the sector trace, exactly two sector fetches are required to bring  $a$  and  $x$  into the working set, where they stay while processing the remaining references in the substring, since  $k_1, T \geq 2$ .

Part 2.

Consider the substring reference pattern  $(by)^m$ . The first reference to this substring occurs at times  $t = 1+m(4i-2)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The  $Ws(t, k_1 T) = \{a, x\}$  for  $t = 1+m(4i-2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , since at each of these times,  $t$ , the last  $2m$  references were to  $a$  or  $x$ . Since  $m > k_1 T$ , only  $a$  and  $x$  can be in  $Ws(t, k_1 T)$ ; and since  $k_1 T \geq 2$ , both  $a$  and  $x$  must be in  $Ws(t, k_1 T)$ .

Thus, for each of the  $n$  occurrences of the substring  $(by)^m$  in the sector trace, two sector fetches are required to bring  $b$  and  $y$  into  $Ws(t, k_1 T)$ , and moreover only two are required since  $k_1 T \geq 2$ .

Therefore,  $FFs(|Ms^t| = ws(t, k_1 T), ST, Ws(t, k_1 T)) = 4n$ .

Now,

$$FFs/(k_1 k_2) = 4n/(k_1 k_2) > (4k_1 k_2)/k_1 k_2 = 4 > FFp = 2$$

and this proves part A of Theorem 7.

What causes this strange behavior in the number of sector fetches?

Is it true for only strange and rare sector traces or could it be expected to occur in many common sector traces? We claim that this behavior could occur in many sector traces. In order to provide some insight into this claim, consider the sector trace  $ST = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3$ , where  $\alpha_2 = ((ax)^m (by)^m)^n$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_3$  represent any long sector reference strings. The proof of part A shows that the ratio

$(FF_s/FF_p) > k_2$  for the substring  $\alpha_2$ , where  $k_2$  can be made arbitrarily large by choosing  $n$  sufficiently large. Therefore, the ratio  $(FF_s/FF_p)$  can still be made arbitrarily large for fixed  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_3$  by simply making  $n$  sufficiently large. A generality of this brief argument says that, when a sector trace has any substring consisting of tight embedded loops, the number of sector fetches may become much larger than the corresponding number of page fetches. One explanation of this phenomenon is as follows: tight inner loops (i.e.,  $(bx)^m$ ) drown out the benefit gained by making the sector window size large (i.e., the value of  $Ws(t, T)$  becomes  $\{bs\}$  if  $m > T$ ), while the outer loop causes the sectors in the inner loops to be fetched over and over. In contrast, the paged working set having a small window size, relative to  $m$ , is able to contain all the sectors in the embedded loops (i.e.,  $\{ax\}$ ,  $\{by\}$ ) throughout consecutive cycles of the outer loop, if at least one sector from each inner loop is grouped into the same page.

From the above discussion, we observe that the page working set can contain more of the most recently referenced sectors than the sector working set, even when the latter has an arbitrarily large window size. We can eliminate this condition by redefining the sector working set as follows. Recall that the sector working set,  $Ws(t, T)$ , has been defined to contain the set of distinct sectors referenced in the last  $T$  references. If we modified the definition of  $Ws(t, T)$  such that it contains the set of  $T$  most recently referenced sectors, and if we choose  $T$  to be  $k$  times the page working set window size, then the page working



set could never contain more of the most recently referenced sectors than those contained by this sector working set. However, this new definition of the sector working set is equivalent to demand fetch, LRU replacement in a memory of fixed size equal to  $k$  times the page working set window size. Thus, a plausible conjecture is that the number of page fetches under a page working set strategy could be lower bounded by the number of sector fetches under demand fetch, LRU replacement in a memory size as described above. However, Part B of Theorem 7 states that this conjecture is not true.

Proof of Part B.

We have to show that there exists a set of parameters such that  $FF_p(|M_p^t| = w_p(t, T), N, \Pi_a, ST_a, W_p(t, T)) < \frac{FF_s(|M_s| = k * T, ST = ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU})}{k}$ .

Let:

Program = {a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h}, a set of

8 relocatable sectors of size  $N/2$ .

$k = 2$

$N =$  twice the sector size.

$T = 3$ .

$ST = (acd\ bef\ bgh\ acd\ aef\ b)$  be the sector trace.

$|ST| = 16$ .

$\Pi_a = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{e, f\}, \{g, h\}\}$ , where page

$A = \{a, b\}$ , page  $B = \{c, d\}$ , etc.

$P = (A\ BB\ ACC\ ADD\ ABB\ ACC\ A)$  be the resulting page trace.

$$M_p(0, T) = M_0^0 = \emptyset.$$

$$|M_s| = k * T = 6.$$

Simulation of paging behavior to get FFp gives:

P = ABB ACC ADD ABB ACC A

F<sub>w</sub> = ABB 0C0 0D0 0B0 0C0 0

M<sub>p</sub>(t, T) = ABB ACC ADD ABB ACC A

AA BAA CAA DAA BAA C

B C D B

↑ contents of M<sub>p</sub>(t, T) immediately before 6th  
reference.

Thus, FFp =  $\sum_{i=1}^6 |f_w^i| = 6$  page fetches.

Simulation of sector behavior gives;

ST = acd bef bgh acd aef b

F = acd bef 0gh acd 0ef b

M = acd bef bgh acd aef b

ac dbf fbg hac dae f

a cdb efb gha cda e

acd def bgh hcd a

ac cde fbg ghc d

a acd efb bgh c

Results:

$$FFs = \sum_{i=1}^{16} |f_d^i| = 14 \text{ sector fetches.}$$

$$FFp = 6 < FFs/k = 14/2 = 7, \quad \text{QED.}$$

However, if we change the LRU replacement algorithm of Part B to the optimum replacement algorithm, then the value of FFp under page working set management can be lower bounded. This lower bound is given by Part C of Theorem 7.

Proof of Part C.

$$\text{Note that } |Mp^t| = wp(t,T) \leq ws(t,T)_{\max} \leq T.$$

a.

$$FFp(|Mp^t| = wp(t,T), N, \Pi a, ST_a, Wp(t,T))$$

$$\geq FFp^*(|Mp^t| = ws(t,T)_{\max}, N, \Pi a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU}),$$

since  $Mp^t = Wp(t,T) \subseteq Mp^t$ , by definition of  $Wp(t,T)$  and the definition of  $Mp^t$  under demand fetch, LRU replacement; that is,  $Mp^t$  always contains the set consisting of the  $|Mp^t| = ws(t,T)_{\max}$  most recently referenced pages, while  $Mp^t$  contains the set consisting of the  $wp(t,T)$  most recently referenced pages.

b.

$$FFp^*(|Mp^t| = ws(t,T)_{\max}, N, \Pi a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU})$$

$$\geq \frac{FFs(|M_s| = k * ws(t,T)_{\max}, ST = ST_a, F_d, R_0)}{k}$$

by Theorem 1, and this proves part C of Theorem 7

Corollary to Theorem 7, Part C.

$$FFp(|Mp^t| = wp(t,T), N, \Pi a, ST_a, Wp(t,T))$$

$$\geq \frac{FFs(|M_s| = f_1(ws(t,T)_{\max}, N, SS), ST = ST_a, F_d, R_0)}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2} - \Delta,$$

where  $\Delta$  and  $f_1$  are defined as in Theorem 5.  
Proof.

We know from the proof of Part C that

$$\begin{aligned} FF_p(|M_p^t| = \mu_p(t, T), N, \Pi_a, ST_a, W_p(t, T)) \\ \geq FF_p(|M_p^t| = \mu_s(t, T)_{\max}, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU}), \end{aligned}$$

and applying Theorem 5 to  $FF_p'$  proves the corollary immediately.

### 3.6.2 Upper Bounds for Working Set Management

An upper bound on the number of page fetches for virtual memory systems using the page working set strategy is given in Theorem 8.

#### Theorem 8

Given any two-level virtual memory system  $V$ , with page size  $N$ , primary memory size  $|M_p^t| = \mu_p(t, T)$ , using page working set memory management  $W_p(t, T)$ , and any sector trace  $ST_a$ , then for any partition,

$\Pi_a$ , of the relocatable sectors into logical pages, where each page contains  $k$  or fewer sectors, the maximum number of page fetches given by the page fetch function,  $FF_p$ , is upper bounded by

$$FF_p(|M_p^t| = \mu_p(t, T), N, \Pi_a, ST_a, W_p(t, T)) \leq FF_s(|M_s^t| = \mu_s(t, T), ST, W_s(t, T)),$$

where the value of the sector fetch function  $FF_s$  is the number of sector fetches which occur in a two-level virtual memory system  $V'$ , with primary memory size  $|M_s^t| = \mu_s(t, T)$ , the same sector trace  $ST = ST_a$ , using sector working set management  $W_s(t, T)$ .

Proof:

Let:

$Q = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  = (set of relocatable sectors of the program).

$\Pi = \{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n\}$  be any partition of  $Q$  such that  $|\Pi_j| \leq k$ ,

$$1 \leq j \leq n.$$

$ST = x^1, x^2, \dots, x^L$  be any sector trace, where  $x^t \in Q, 1 \leq t \leq L$ .

$P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^L$  be the page trace, where  $p^t = j$  if  $x^t \in \Pi_j$ .

$Mp^t = Wp(t, T)$  be the set of pages in memory of FFp at time  $t$ .

$Ms^t = Ws(t, T)$  be the set of sectors in memory of FFs at time  $t$ .

$Fp = f_p^1, f_p^2, \dots, f_p^L$  = demand fetch policy of FFp.

$Rp = r_p^1, r_p^2, \dots, r_p^L$  = working set replacement policy of FFp.

$Fs = f_s^1, f_s^2, \dots, f_s^L$  = demand fetch policy of FFs.

$Rs = r_s^1, r_s^2, \dots, r_s^L$  = working set replacement policy of FFs.

Suppose at time  $t$ , in the FFp model, that  $p^t = j$ , the page  $j$  containing the set of  $\Pi_j$  sectors, is referenced. Then at time  $t$ , in the FFs model,  $x^t = a$  is the sector referenced, where  $a \in \Pi_j$ . We need to show that  $\sum_{i=1}^L |f_p^i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^L |f_s^i|$ .

Case 1. Suppose  $p^t \in Mp^{t-1} = Wp(t-1, T)$ ; then  $f_p^t = \phi$ .

a. If  $x^t \in Ms^{t-1} = Ws(t-1, T)$ , then  $f_s^t = \emptyset$  and  $|f_p^t| = |f_s^t|$ .

b. If  $x^i \notin Ms^{i-1} = Ws(t-1, T)$ , then  $f_s^i = \{a\} \notin Ws(t-1, T)$  and  $|f_p^i| < |f_s^i|$ .

Case 2. Suppose  $p^i \notin Mp^{i-1} = Wp(t-1, T)$ ; then  $f_p^i = \{j\}$ .

a. If  $x^i \notin Ms^{i-1} = Ws(t-1, T)$ , then  $f_s^i = \{a\} \notin Ws(t-1, T)$  and  $|f_p^i| = |f_s^i|$ .

b. If  $x^i \in Ms^{i-1} = Ws(t-1, T)$ , then  $f_s^i = \emptyset$  and

$|f_p^i| > |f_s^i|$ . This condition illustrates the only way that page

fetches can exceed sector fetches. However, if we show that

$p^i \notin Wp(t-1, T) \Rightarrow x^i \notin Ws(t-1, T)$ , then case 2b can never occur.

Let  $p^i \notin Wp(t-1, T)$ , and assume  $x^i \in Ws(t-1, T)$ . Since  $x^i \in Ws(t-1, T)$ ,

there exists a time  $t'$  in the interval  $(t-1-T, t-1)$  such that

$x^i = x^{t'}$ . Let  $p^{t'} = k$  be the page referenced at time  $t'$  in the

page trace  $P$ . We know that  $x^{t'} \in \Pi k$ , since sectors are not allowed to

cross page boundaries. We also know that  $p^{t'} \in Wp(t-1, T)$  because the

window size is  $T$  for both the page working set  $Wp$  and the sector working

set  $Ws$ . But this contradicts the assumption; therefore

$x^i \notin Ws(t-1, T)$ .

Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^t |f_p^i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^t |f_s^i|$  and the theorem is proved.

## CHAPTER 4

### INTERSECTOR REFERENCE MODELS

#### 4.1 Introduction

In the previous chapter, we presented upper and lower bounds on the number of page fetches which could occur in a virtual memory system, for a given program reference behavior, over any restructuring of the relocatable sectors into logical pages of the program. The next phase is to develop and present practical techniques for restructuring a program to achieve good locality of reference for the program in virtual memory systems. The task of program reorganization for virtual memory systems will be separated into two logical parts. The first part is to develop automatic techniques for identifying the dynamic intersector reference behavior of programs executing in virtual memory systems. The second part is to provide clustering procedures which utilize the intersector reference behavior to rearrange the relocatable sectors of a program into its logical pages such that good locality of reference exists in the page trace of the restructured program. The basic idea of the second part is to assign the most strongly related sectors to common pages.

In this chapter, we address the problem of intersector reference models. In the next chapter, automatic clustering procedures are presented, and finally, in Chapter 6, the results of applying these

methods to real programs are investigated and compared with the theoretical bounds.

#### 4.2 Intersector Reference Models

It is known that a program's page reference patterns have a strong effect on paging performance in virtual memory systems. It is also known [H1] that the sector reference behavior of many common programs, such as compilers, assemblers, editors, etc., proves to be remarkably insensitive to the input data in rather large domains. For example, the studies of Hatfield and Gerald [H1] revealed that the groups of sectors which were used frequently together in the assembly of one program turned out to be essentially the same as the groups of sectors which were used frequently together in the assembly of another program. The basic difference between assemblies was that the groups of sectors which were used together for short input programs were simply used together more often for long input programs. Supported by these empirical observations of Hatfield and Gerald, we decided to characterize the reference behavior of a program by its sector trace and to base our practical restructuring methods on this reference behavior. We will elaborate on the soundness of this decision in Chapter 6 when we compare the paging performance of real programs over program structures derived from different sector traces.



Another important reason for basing restructuring methods on a sector trace is that the results of the last chapter may be used to compare the paging behavior of a restructured program with the theoretical best and worst paging behavior for that sector trace.

Given a sector trace, our objective is to specify the strength of the intersector references such that a clustering procedure that groups the strongly connected sectors together into logical pages produces a program structure that tends to minimize the number of page fetches. We begin by presenting Hatfield and Gerald's [HG] intersector reference model for defining the strength of connection between sectors.

#### 4.2.1 The HG Intersector Reference Model

The HG intersector reference model consists of a symmetric matrix,  $H$ , showing the strength of connection between the sectors of the program to be reorganized. Let:

$Q = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  be the program of  $m$  relocatable sectors;

$ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$  be a sector trace of the program.

Then

$H = (H_{ij})$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $H_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^L k(i, j, t)$ .

where  $k(i, j, t) = 1$  if  $S^t = i$  and  $S^{t+1} = j$ , or  $S^t = j$  and  $S^{t+1} = i$ ;  
and  $k(i, j, t) = 0$  otherwise.

Thus, the value of  $H_{ij}$  is simply the number of times that sector  $i$  referenced sector  $j$  plus the number of times that sector  $j$  referenced sector  $i$  in the sector trace.

Using this intersector reference model, Hatfield and Gerald were able to find improvements in the number of page fetches on the order of two-to-one to ten-to-one by clustering sectors with large  $H_{ij}$  values into the same page. This is the same as clustering sectors into pages such that the value of  $H_{ij}$  is small for  $i$  and  $j$  in different pages.

Even though these results are quite impressive, the values of  $H_{ij}$  in the HG intersector reference model do not contain any information about the length of the time interval between successive references of sector  $i$  to sector  $j$ . Hence, the strength of connection,  $H_{ij}$ , between sector  $i$  and  $j$  is the same for large time intervals and short time intervals. However, paging may depend quite heavily on the length of these time intervals. For example, assume that sector  $i$  references sector  $j$  100 times ( $H_{ij} = 100$ ) in a sector trace of 200,000 references. Now let's consider two different plausible examples of how these references could occur. First, these references could occur with short time intervals between them such that all 100 references occur within 500 successive references of the sector trace. Second, these references could occur with some long time intervals between them such that 10 of these references could be found in each 20,000 successive references of the

sector trace. Even though the strength of connection is the same for these two examples, the tendency for a reference from sector  $i$  to sector  $j$  to cause a page fetch when they are not in the same page can be considerably larger in the second example.

Furthermore, the tendency of a reference from sector  $i$  to sector  $j$  to cause a page fetch is related to such local information as the time elapsed since the last reference to sector  $j$  and the number of distinct sectors referenced since the last reference to sector  $j$  in the sector trace. If the time is short since sector  $j$  was last referenced, and little virtual memory space was used during that time, it is probable that sector  $j$  is still in primary memory and a new reference will not cause a page fetch. If the time and space traversed between references to  $j$  is large, it is likely that a page fetch will occur unless  $j$  is grouped into the same page as the referencing sector or some recently referenced sector. We will now present two intersector reference models which have potential for identifying and incorporating local sector reference behavior into the strength of connection between sectors.

#### 4.2.2 Working Set Intersector Reference Models

The sector working set,  $Ws(t,T)$ , will be used to define the strength of connection between sectors for a given sector trace.

Let:

$Q = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  be a program of  $m$ -relocatable sectors.

$ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^L$  be a sector trace of the program

where  $S^l \in Q$ .

$P = P^1, P^2, \dots, P^L$  be the resulting page trace of the

program where  $P^l$  is the page referenced at time  $t$ .

If  $S^l = S_j$  is the sector referenced at time  $t$ , then we define  $P^l = P_{sj}$  to denote the page referenced at time  $t$ .  $P_{sj}$  is to be interpreted as the page containing sector  $j$ . We have adopted this notation to make the following discussion easier to understand.

Recall that the sector working set,  $W_s(t, T)$ , is defined to be the set of distinct sectors referenced in the time interval  $t-T$  to  $t$  of the sector trace. Similarly, the page working set,  $W_p(t, T)$ , is the set of distinct pages referenced in the time interval  $t-T$  to  $t$  of the page trace.

FACT 1.

Let  $S^l = S_j \in$  and let  $S_j \notin W_s(t-1, T)$ . Then  $P^l = P_{sj} \in W_p(t-1, T)$  iff  $S_j \in P_{si}$  for some  $S_i \in W_s(t-1, T)$ .

The proof of Fact 1 follows immediately from the definition of  $W_p(t-1, T)$ , which is the set of distinct pages in the sequence  $P_{s^{t-1-T}}, P_{s^{t-T}}, \dots, P_{s^{t-1}}$ , and the definition of  $W_s(t-1, T)$ , which is the set of distinct sectors in the sequence

$S^{t-1-T}, S^{t-T}, \dots, S^{t-1}$  .

Fact 1 states that, when sector  $j$  is referenced at time  $t$  and sector  $j$  is not in the sector working set, then the page referenced at time  $t$  will be in the page working set if sector  $j$  is grouped into a page with any one of the sectors in the sector working set. Furthermore, it states that the page referenced at time  $t$  will not be in the page working set if sector  $j$  is not grouped into a page with one of the sectors in the sector working set.

FACT 2.

Let  $S^t = S_j$  and let  $S_j \in W_s(t-1, T)$ . Then  $P^t = P_{sj} \in W_p(t-1, T)$ .

Fact 2 also follows immediately from the definition of  $W_s(t, T)$  and  $W_p(t, T)$ .

Fact 2 states that, when sector  $j$  is referenced at time  $t$  and sector  $j$  is in the sector working set, then the page referenced at time  $t$  will be in the page working set.

FACT 3.

We want the entry  $W_{ij} + W_{ji}$  in the intersector reference model to be the number of page fetches which will go away if sector  $i$  and sector  $j$  are grouped into the same page.

Using the above three facts as a basis, we present the procedure for constructing the intersector reference model,  $W = [W_{ij}]$ , for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . At each instant of time,  $t$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq L$ , do the following.

Step 1. If  $S^t = S_j$  and  $S_j \notin W_s(t-1, T)$ , then increment  $W_{ij}$  by 1 for all  $S_i \in W_s(t-1, T)$ .

Step 2. If  $S^t = S_j$  and  $S_j \notin W_s(t-1, T)$ , then increment  $W_{jj}$  by 1.

Step 3. If  $S^t = S_j$  and  $S_j \in W_s(t-1, T)$ , then no increment is required.

Simply stated, the above procedure works as follows. If sector  $j$  is not in the sector working set when it is referenced, then increment its connectivity strength with all the sectors in the sector working set. Moreover, if sector  $j$  is in the sector working set when it is referenced, then do not change the strength of connection between sector  $j$  and the other sectors.

We observe that the value of the intersector strength becomes

$$W_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^L k(i, j, t),$$

where  $k(i, j, t) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \text{ if } S^t = S_j \notin W_s(t-1, T) \text{ and } S_i \in W_s(t-1, T), \\ & 1 \text{ if } S^t = S_j \notin W_s(t-1, T) \text{ and } i = j, \\ & 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $W_{ij} + W_{ji}$  is the number of page fetches which will go away if sectors  $i$  and  $j$  are grouped together in the same page. The sum of the diagonal elements of the intersector reference model,  $\sum_{j=1}^m W_{jj}$ , is

the number of sector fetches which occurred for the sector working set. This will also be the number of page fetches for the page working set if no sectors are combined together in pages. The number of page fetches after combining only sectors  $i$  and  $j$  will be  $\sum_{j=1}^m W_{jj} - W_{ij} - W_{ji}$ .

FACT 4.

If exactly two sectors are grouped into each of the  $n$  logical pages, then the number of times a page is referenced and not found in the page working set is given by

$$\sum_{j=1}^m W_{jj} - \sum_{\substack{i, j \in P_k \\ i \neq j}} W_{ij} + W_{ji} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Fact 4 follows directly from the construction of  $W_{ij}$ , since  $W_{ij} + W_{ji}$  is the number of page fetches which are eliminated by grouping  $i$  and  $j$  together in the same page, and since grouping  $i$  and  $j$  together does not affect the value of  $W_{kl} + W_{lk}$  for grouping any other two sectors  $k$  and  $l$  together in a different page.

Unfortunately, we cannot extend Fact 4 to handle the case when more than two sectors are allowed to be grouped into a page. This occurs because the matrix,  $W$ , does not contain enough information to determine the number of page fetches which will be eliminated by grouping three or more sectors into a page. For example,  $W_{jj}$  is the number of fetches of sector  $j$ .  $W_{ij}$  and  $W_{kj}$  are the number of times that sector  $i$  and sector  $k$ , respectively, were in the working set when a fetch of  $j$  was made. The

problem is that sectors  $i$  and  $k$  both may have been in the sector working set at the time that a reference to  $j$  caused a fetch. Let the number of sector fetches of sector  $j$ , which will be resolved by grouping sectors  $i$ ,  $k$ , and  $j$  together into a page, be denoted by  $R_{ikj}$ .

Then,

$$\text{MAX}(W_{ij}, W_{kj}) \leq R_{ikj} \leq W_{ij} + W_{kj}.$$

We should point out at this time that the above relations can be utilized in a clustering procedure. Suppose sectors  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$  are grouped together into a page. Then the unresolved sector fetches of  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$ , denoted by  $U'_{ijk}$ , is the number of page fetches of this page which will occur if no other sector is grouped with  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$ .

But

$$U'_{ijk} \leq W_{ii} + W_{jj} + W_{kk} - \text{MIN}(R_{ikj}) - \text{MIN}(R_{ijk}) - \text{MIN}(R_{jki}).$$

Note, also, from Fact 4, that

$$U'_{ij} = W_{ii} + W_{jj} - W_{ij} - W_{ji}, \text{ for the case of two sectors in a page.}$$

Therefore, a clustering procedure could dynamically determine a lower bound on the number of page fetches which could be resolved by adding another sector to a page.

Since the value of  $W_{ij}$  depends on the window size  $T$  of the sector working set  $W_s(t, T)$ , we need to elaborate on how one selects a "good value" for  $T$ .



For real programs, we measured the improvement in paging performance for restructured programs as a function of  $T$ . That is, we computed the intersector reference model  $W$  for various values of  $T$ , and for each  $W$  we restructured the program and computed its paging performance. The detailed results of these experiments are presented in Chapter 6. However, the significant characteristics of these results are as follows. For a given program, the best improvements in paging performance, as a function of  $T$ , occur for a rather large bandwidth of  $T$  values. For example, values of  $1000 \leq T \leq 5000$  produced essentially the same and the best improvement in paging performance of certain programs. For all programs tested, the bandwidth of  $T$  values that resulted in the best improvement in paging performance was several thousand instructions; however, the location of this bandwidth of  $T$  values in the set of all  $T$  values varied from program to program. A serendipitous observation of the correlation between the bandwidth of good  $T$  values and the "knee" of the parachor curve of the sector fetch function,  $FFs(|Ms|, ST, Fd, Ro)$ , produced an interesting empirical result.

The parachor curve is a graph of  $FFs(|Ms|, ST, Fd, Ro)$  versus the amount of primary memory  $|Ms|$  available for execution. A typical parachor curve for  $FFs$  is shown in Figure 5. The value of  $FFs$  is a monotonically decreasing function of  $|Ms|$ . For most observed programs, there is a threshold region at which,

- a) if the amount of primary memory is decreased further, the number of sector fetches increases very rapidly, and,

b) if the amount of primary memory is increased further, the number of sector fetches decreases very slowly.

This threshold region is depicted in Figure 5 and is called the knee of the parachor curve. The values of  $|Ms|$  in the knee of the parachor indicate how many sectors are required to be in the primary memory to maintain a "reasonable" level of performance.

Let the average sector working set size be denoted by  $w_s(T)$  and be defined as,

$$w_s(T) = (1/L) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^L w_s(i, T)$$

Now we present a method which identifies values of the window size  $T$  for use in the construction of the intersector reference model  $W$ .

#### Experimental Result:

For all the programs we tested, the bandwidth of  $T$  values which resulted in the best improvement in paging performance corresponds to those values of  $T$  for which the average sector working set size  $w_s(T)$  was equal to

a) some value of  $|Ms|$  in the knee of the parachor curve of

$FFs(|Ms|, ST, Fd, Ro)$ , or to

b) some value of  $|Ms|$  slightly smaller than those values of  $|Ms|$  found in the knee of the parachor curve.

This experimental result was particularly handy in our research, since we had already computed the parachor curve of  $FFs(|Ms|, ST, Fd, Ro)$

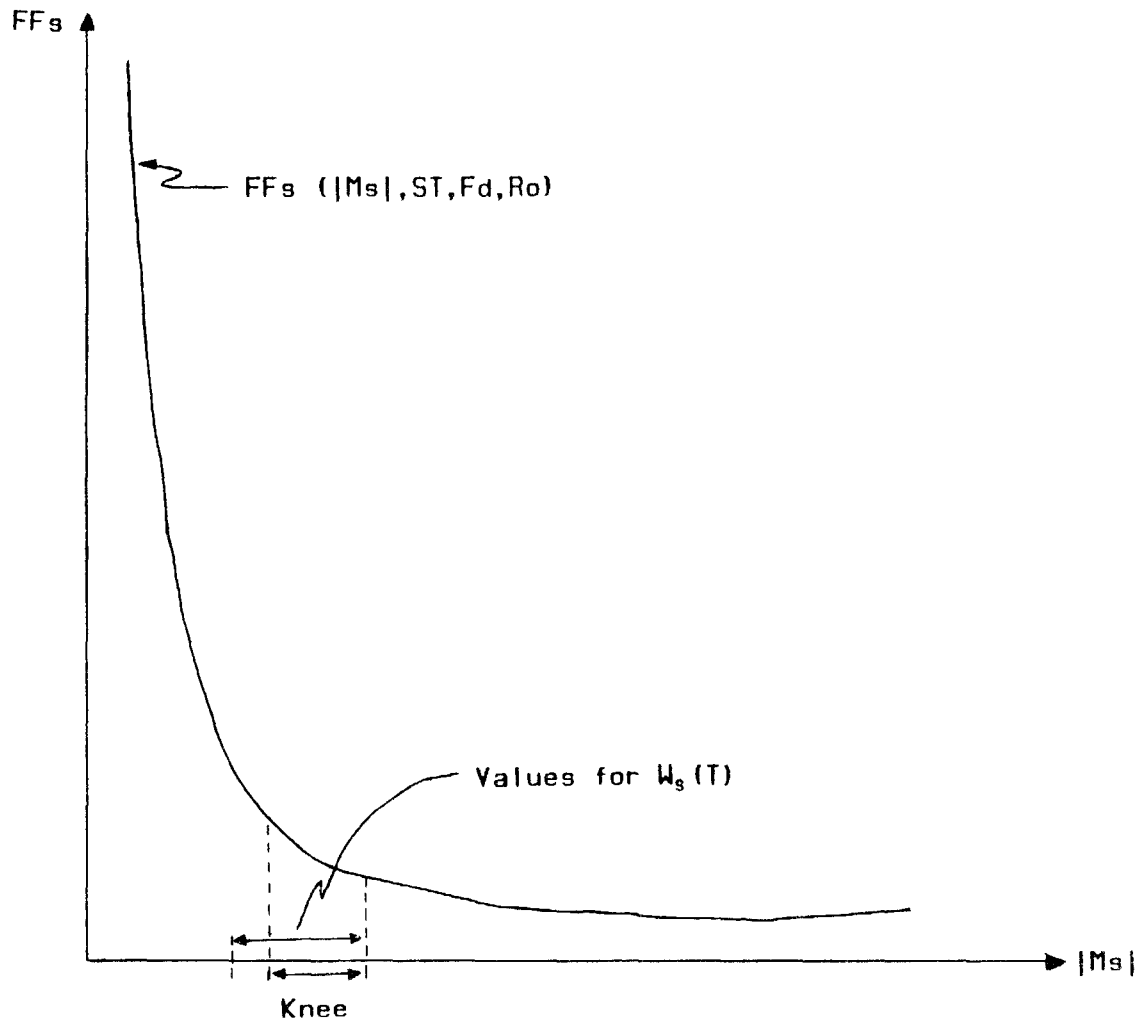


FIGURE 5.

Parachor Curve of  $FF_s (|M_s|, ST, Fd, Ro)$

for use in establishing the lower bounds.

If the window size,  $T$ , is very small, for example  $T=1$ , then the value of  $W_{ij}$  is much larger than the number of page fetches resolved by grouping  $i$  and  $j$  together for most memory sizes. On the other hand, if the value of  $T$  is very large, for example 25,000, then the value of  $W_{ij}$  is much smaller than the number of page fetches resolved by grouping  $i$  and  $j$  together for most memory sizes. However, if  $T$  is such that the average working set size is in the knee of the parabolic curve, then the value of  $w_{ij}$  represents the intersector activity when the program has just enough space to execute efficiently. This corresponds to the intersector activity that we want to represent in the intersector reference model,  $W$ .

In addition to the above intersector reference model based on the sector working set, we decided to investigate the potential of the following model. Let the intersector reference,  $W'$ , be a  $m \times m$  matrix defined as follows:

$$W'_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^L k(i, j, t) \text{ for } i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where  $k(i, j, t) = 1$  if  $S = S_j \in W_s(t-1, T)$  and  $S_i \in W_s(t-1, T)$ ;

0 otherwise.

The value of  $W'_{ij}$  is the number of times that sector  $j$  was referenced when sector  $j$  and sector  $i$  were both in the sector working set. Therefore, if the value of  $W'_{ij}$  is large, then  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  were in the sector working set together many times. Note that  $W'_{jj}$  is the number

of references to sector  $j$  which will not cause a page fetch. In contrast,  $W_{jj}$  of the previous model is the number of references to sector  $j$  which will cause a page fetch unless  $S_j$  is grouped with some  $S_i$ . However,  $W'_{ij}$  does measure the tendency for sectors  $i$  and  $j$  to be found in the sector working set together. Clustering procedures which group sectors into pages with large  $W'_{ij}$  values will tend to reduce the size of the page working set and hence increase the locality of the restructured program.

We conclude with a few comments about the intersector reference models based on the sector working set,  $W_s(t, T)$ . The HG intersector reference model,  $H$ , is a special case of the intersector reference model,  $W$ . They are the same when  $W$  is computed from a sector working set with window size,  $T$ , equal to one. The notion of using sector working sets to define the strength of connection between blocks has been investigated concurrently but independently of this work by Masuda [M6] and Ferrari [F1]. Masuda's use of block working sets is quite different from this work, while Ferrari's is similar in some aspects.

#### 4.2.3 LRU Stack Intersector Reference Model

The "LRU sector stack" will be used to define the strength of connection between sectors for a given sector trace.

Consider demand fetch, LRU replacement on a sector trace,  
 $ST = S^1, S^2, \dots, S^1, \dots, S^1$ , over a set of  $m$ -relocatable sectors.

From Chapter 2, we know that LRU satisfies the inclusion property, i.e.,

$$Ms^1(1) \subseteq Ms^1(2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq Ms^1(m^1) = Ms^1(m^1+1) = Ms^1(m^1+2) = \dots$$

where  $Ms^1(j)$  is the contents of the sector memory  $Ms$  at time  $t$  when the size of  $Ms$  is  $j$  sector frames (i.e.,  $|Ms^1| = j$ ), and  $m^1$  is the number of distinct sectors referenced in the sequence  $S^1, S^2, \dots, S^1$ .

Because of the inclusion property, the primary memory contents  $Ms^1$  at any time  $t$  and for all capacities can be represented in the following terse and useful way. We order the distinct set of sectors in the sequence  $S^1, S^2, \dots, S^1$  into a list called the LRU sector stack which is defined as  $SS^1 = SS^1(1), SS^1(2), \dots, SS^1(m^1)$  where

$$SS^1(i) = Ms^1(i) - Ms^1(i-1). \text{ Note that}$$

$$Ms^1(i) = \{SS^1(1), SS^1(2), \dots, SS^1(i)\} \text{ for } i \leq m^1;$$

$$\{SS^1(1), SS^1(2), \dots, SS^1(m^1)\} \text{ for } i > m^1.$$

The LRU sector stack has no entries at time  $t = 0$ . The top of the stack is defined as  $SS^1(1)$ , while the bottom of the stack is defined as  $SS^1(m^1)$ .

The LRU sector stack, just after sector reference  $S^1$  at time  $t$ , is simply the list of the set of  $m^1$  sectors of the program ordered according to recency of usage; i.e.,  $SS^1(k)$  is the  $k$ th most recently used sector relative to  $S^1$ .

The position of sector  $j$  in the stack just before sector reference  $S^t$ , at time  $t$ , is defined as the sector stack distance and is denoted by  $\Delta^t j$ . Furthermore,  $\Delta^t j = \infty$  if  $S_j$  has not been referenced. Thus,

$$\Delta^t j = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } SS^t(k) = S_j, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m^t \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

From the definition of stack distances, we observe that  $S^t = S_j$  will cause a sector fetch under demand fetch, LRU replacement unless  $\Delta^t j \leq |M_s|$  where  $|M_s|$  is the number of sector frames in the sectored primary memory.

Now, two facts are presented which relate the sector stack distances at time  $t$  with the parameters of a paged virtual memory system using demand fetch and LRU replacement on the page trace  $P = p^1, p^2, \dots, p^t, \dots, p^l$  in a primary memory of  $|M_p|$  page frames. The page,  $p^t$ , referenced at time  $t$  must contain the sector  $S^t$ , referenced at time  $t$ .

FACT 1.

Let  $S^t = S_j$ , and let  $\Delta^t j > |M_p|$ . Then  $p^t \in M_p^t$  if  $S_j$  is grouped into the same page with some  $S_i$  where  $\Delta^t i \leq |M_p|$ .

Proof.

Note that  $\Delta^t j > |M_p|$  states that the sector stack distance at time  $t$  to sector  $j$  is greater than the number of page frames in  $M_p$ . Suppose  $S_j$  is grouped with some  $S_i$ , where  $\Delta^t i \leq |M_p|$ . Then the sector,

$S_i$ , is among the  $|M_p|$  most recently referenced sectors. Therefore, the page containing  $S_i$  must be among the  $|M_p|$  most recently referenced pages, since we are assuming that the sectors are smaller than pages.

FACT 2.

Let  $S^i = S_j$ , and let  $\Delta^i j \leq |M_p|$ . Then  $p^i \in M_p^i$ .

Fact 2 follows from the argument applied to  $S_i$  in Fact 1. We can use Facts 1 and 2 as a basis for defining the strength of connection between sectors. Fact 2 states that, if  $S^i = S_j$  and  $\Delta^i j \leq |M_p|$ , then  $S_j$  will not cause a page fetch; hence, for such references, the strength of connection between  $S_j$  and the other sectors need not be incremented. However, if  $\Delta^i j > |M_p|$ , then  $S_j$  will not cause a page fetch when it is grouped with any sector  $S_i$  with  $\Delta^i i \leq |M_p|$ . For the latter case, the strength of connection between  $S_j$  and all  $S_i$  with  $\Delta^i i \leq |M_p|$  will be incremented by 1.

Now, we define the intersector reference model based on the LRU sector stack distance as a  $n \times n$  matrix,  $U$ , where

$$U_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^L V(i, j, t) \text{ and}$$

$$V(i, j, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S^t = S_j \text{ and } \Delta^t j > D \text{ and } \Delta^t i \leq D; \\ 1 & \text{if } S^t = S_j \text{ and } \Delta^t j > D \text{ and } i = j; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



If the value of  $D$  is one, then the intersector reference model,  $U$ , is the same as the intersector reference model of Hatfield and Gerald. However, we got the best results (fewest page fetches after restructuring) with values of  $D$  equal to the number of sectors,  $|M_s|$ , corresponding to the high side of the knee of the parachor curve  $FFs(|M_s|, ST, F_d, R_o)$ . Figure 6 shows the typical shape of  $FFs$  as a function of  $|M_s|$  and the range of the values of  $D$  which gave excellent results for all real programs we investigated.

One explanation which provides some insight into why the values of  $D$  corresponding to the knee region of  $FFs$  produce reasonable values for the strengths of connection between sectors is as follows.

If  $D$  is very small, say 1, then the strength of connection between two sectors,  $U_{ij}$ , is proportional to the number of page fetches only when the paged primary memory has one page frame. However, most large programs will not execute efficiently when allocated one page frame. If the value of  $|M_p|$  for efficient execution is much larger than  $D=1$ , then the strength of connection  $U_{ij}$  for some  $i$  and  $j$  may not even be loosely proportional to the number of page fetches resolved when they are grouped together. For very small values of  $D$ ,  $U_{ij}$  may be excessively larger than the number of page fetches which are resolved by grouping  $i$  and  $j$  together; for very large values of  $D$ ,  $U_{ij}$  may be excessively smaller than the number of page fetches resolved when  $i$  and  $j$  are placed together. Values of  $D$  in the region of the knee of the curve represent

the intersector activity when the program has just enough space to execute efficiently. This is the intersector activity that we want the intersector reference model to measure.

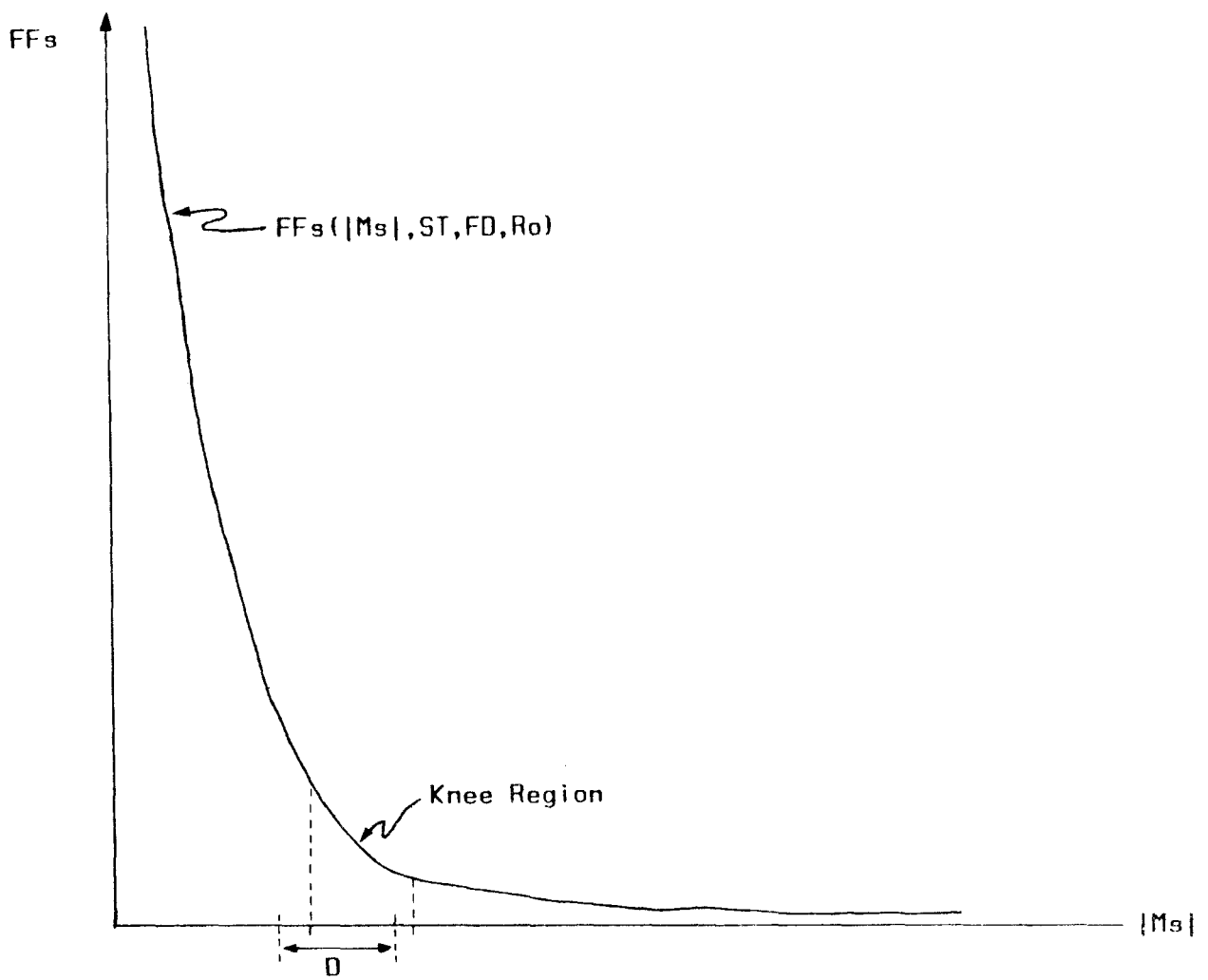


FIGURE 6.

Parachor Curve Illustrating Values For D

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## CHAPTER 5

## CLUSTERING PROCEDURES

## 5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this chapter is to present the automatic clustering methods which were used in conjunction with the intersector reference models to restructure programs. The experimental results which show the effect of these clustering techniques on the paging performance of restructured programs are presented in Chapter 6.

## 5.2 Clustering Procedures

The clustering methods presented in this chapter may be applied to any of the intersector reference matrix models of Chapter 4. Hence, we will denote any of these intersector reference models with the generic  $C = [C_{ij}]$ . In those cases where a particular intersector reference model is needed, the notation of Chapter 4 will be used.

We know of no efficient procedure to produce and prove the optimal partition of sectors into pages to maximize the sum of the intersector

connections  $C_{ij}$  within all pages. Several clustering procedures based on heuristic approaches are presented in this chapter which have the following significant properties. First, they are completely automatic; that is, these procedures are not based on manual or "eyeball" reorderings. Second, all these procedures produced restructured programs which showed substantial improvements in their paging performance. Third, these clustering procedures are quite fast.

The technique of the following clustering procedures is to take an intersector reference model of intersector bond strengths and cluster relocatable sectors into pages such that the sum of the sector bonds within pages tends to be maximized.

### 5.3 Nearest Neighbor Methods

In this section, we present several hierarchical methods which cluster the nearest two clusters under a specified bond strength definition one after another.

Given any two clusters of relocatable sectors,  $G_x$  and  $G_y$ , the intercluster bond is denoted by  $B(x,y)$ . Several intercluster bond definitions are given below; then a clustering procedure is defined over the intercluster bonds.

In the following definitions, the intersector reference matrix,  $C = [C_{ij}]$ , is assumed to be symmetric. If the intersector reference matrix is not symmetric, then each occurrence of  $C_{ij}$  should be replaced with  $(C_{ij} + C_{ji})/2$ . The notation  $|G_x|$  denotes the size of cluster  $G_x$  in bytes, and  $N$  denotes the page size in bytes.

#### A. Constrained Nearest Neighbor Bond

The Constrained Nearest Neighbor bond, CNN, between any two clusters  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  is defined as

$$B(x,y) = \text{Max } \{C_{ij} : i \in G_x, j \in G_y\} \text{ when } |G_x| + |G_y| \leq N.$$

$$\text{undefined when } |G_x| + |G_y| > N.$$

#### B. Constrained Farthest Neighbor bond

The Constrained Farthest Neighbor Bond, CFN, between any two clusters,  $G_x$  and  $G_y$ , is defined as

$$B(x,y) = \text{min } \{C_{ij} : i \in G_x, j \in G_y\} \text{ when } |G_x| + |G_y| \leq N;$$

$$\text{undefined when } |G_x| + |G_y| > N.$$

#### C. Constrained Average Neighbor Bond

The Constrained Average Neighbor bond, CAN, between any two clusters,  $G_x$  and  $G_y$ , is defined as

$$B(x,y) = (1/n_{xy}) \sum_{i \in G_x} \sum_{j \in G_y} C_{ij} \text{ when } |G_x| + |G_y| \leq N;$$

$$\text{undefined when } |G_x| + |G_y| > N.$$

Here  $n_{xy}$  is the number of  $C_{ij} > 0$  with  $i \in G_x$ ,  $j \in G_y$ . Note that  $n_{xy}$  is the number of arcs between  $G_x$  and  $G_y$ , and it is not the sum of the values on these arcs.

#### D. Constrained Average Neighbor Weighted Bond

The Constrained Average Neighbor Weighted bond, CANW, between any two clusters,  $G_x$  and  $G_y$ , is defined as

$$B(x,y) = n_{xy} * (1/n_{xy}) \sum_{i \in G_x} \sum_{j \in G_y} C_{ij} \text{ when } |G_x| + |G_y| \leq N;$$

$$\text{undefined when } |G_x| + |G_y| > N.$$

Hence,

$$B(x,y) = \sum_{i \in G_x} \sum_{j \in G_y} C_{ij} \text{ when } |G_x| + |G_y| \leq N.$$

A clustering procedure is now defined for use with any one of the above definitions of  $B(x,y)$ .

First, choose any one of the above definitions of  $B(x,y)$ . Second, partition the  $m$  relocatable sectors of a program into exactly  $m$  clusters, where each cluster contains one sector. Then, at each step in the clustering process, the nearest two clusters are combined to form a new cluster. The nearest two clusters are defined to be the two



clusters  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  which have the largest value of  $B(x,y)$ . When the sum of the size of the two clusters becomes larger than the page size in the clustering process, these two clusters are not considered to be connected; that is, their bond strength is undefined. The process comes to an end when new clusters cease to appear.

When the above clustering procedure is applied to the Constrained Nearest Neighbor bond definition of  $B(x,y)$ , it will be referred to as the CNN procedure; when applied to the CAN definition of  $B(x,y)$ , it will be referred to as the CAN procedure, etc.

All of these clustering methods are computationally fast, easy to implement, and they tend to group the sectors with the strongest intersector strengths,  $C_{ij}$ , into the same page. Hence, they tend to minimize the interaction of sectors clustered into different pages.

The CNN, CFN, and CAN procedures are variations of clustering procedures which are widely used in the field of multivariate analysis. The Constrained Average Neighbor Weighted bond, CANW, procedure was developed in this research. In fact, we experimented with several weighted versions of the CNN, CFN and CAN procedures. However, the CANW procedure consistently produced program structures which required fewer page fetches than the program structures produced by the CNN, CFN, and CAN procedures or by any of the other weighted versions we examined. One explanation for the success of the CANW procedure is that at each

step it combines the two clusters which have the most total intersector connections between them.

In the above Constrained Neighbor bond definitions, CNN, CFN, CAN, and CANW, the constraint  $|G_x| + |G_y| \leq N$  insures that the size of a cluster never exceeds the page size. However, natural clusters of sectors may in reality be larger or smaller than a page size. It is of course conceivable to make clusters covering several pages without any consideration of page sizes and to assign each of them to several contiguous pages. In order to evaluate the merits of allowing clusters to become any natural size, we experimented with

- a) the Unconstrained Nearest Neighbor bond, UNN,
- b) the Unconstrained Farthest Neighbor bond, UFN,
- c) the Unconstrained Average Neighbor bond, UAN, and
- d) the Unconstrained Average Neighbor Weighted bond, UANW,

where UNN, UFN, UAN, and UANW are defined to be exactly the same as CNN, CFN, CAN, and CANW, respectively, with the exception that the constraint  $|G_x| + |G_y| \leq N$  is not present in the unconstrained cases. That is, in the unconstrained cases, clusters may be combined independently of their sizes.

The clustering procedure for the constrained clusters had to be modified slightly in order to be applicable for the unconstrained clusters. The clustering procedure for the unconstrained clusters is as follows.

Choose any one of the unconstrained definitions of  $B(x,y)$ . Partition the  $m$  relocatable sectors of a program into exactly  $m$  clusters, where each cluster contains one sector. Then, at each step in the clustering process, the nearest two clusters (i.e., the two with the largest value of  $B(x,y)$ ) are combined. Now we will define what we mean by combine.

Let the two clusters which are to be combined at any step of the clustering process be denoted by

$$G_x = S_{x_1}, S_{x_2}, \dots, S_{x_i} \text{ and}$$

$$G_y = S_{y_1}, S_{y_2}, \dots, S_{y_j},$$

where the cluster  $G_x$  is defined to be the ordered list of  $i$  sectors, and the cluster  $G_y$  is defined to be the ordered list of  $j$  sectors. The combination of the clusters  $G_x + G_y$  is defined to be the ordered list of  $i + j$  sectors

$$G_x + G_y = S_{x_1}, S_{x_2}, \dots, S_{x_i}, S_{y_1}, S_{y_2}, \dots, S_{y_j}.$$

Since each cluster starts out with one sector, the above definition of combining two clusters insures that the relative order in which sectors are clustered is preserved. This is important in the unconstrained case, because the clustering procedure ends when all the clusters which are connected are grouped into one giant cluster, which could be the whole program.

Note that the order of the sectors in the constrained clusters is not important, because a constrained cluster will always fit into a page.

#### 5.4 Hatfield and Gerald Method

The Hatfield and Gerald clustering procedure can be applied to any intersector reference matrix model,  $C = [C_{ij}]$ . The HG clustering procedure is defined in detail in [H1] and is briefly summarized below.

Let

$$E = [E_{ij}], \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (m \text{ is the number of sectors}),$$

where

$$E_{ij} = -C_{ij} \text{ when } i \neq j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij} + 2m \text{ when } i = j.$$

The inverse matrix of  $E$  is calculated, then a row in the inverse is chosen, and a set of sectors in that row are clustered into a page, and the process is iterated until all sectors are assigned.

We thank Don Hatfield for providing a copy of his restructuring program for use in our restructuring experiments.

### 5.5 Sector Interchange Procedure

The sector interchange procedure, SIP, is developed in this section. The SIP begins with the set of  $m$  relocatable sectors of a program partitioned into  $n$  blocks. That is, assume that a partition,  $\Pi$ , of the set of sectors,  $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$ , making up a program is given.

Let  $\Pi$  be denoted by

$\Pi = \{\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_n\}$  where  $|\Pi_j|$  is the number of sectors in the  $j$ -th block of  $\Pi$ .

The blocks,  $\Pi_x$ , of  $\Pi$  may represent the logical pages of a program, where the sum of the sizes of the sectors making up a block of  $\Pi$  is less than the page size, or the blocks of  $\Pi$  may represent natural clusters of sectors, where the sum of the sizes of the sectors making up a block may be greater than a page size.

The basic strategy of the sector interchange procedure, SIP, is to reassign sectors to blocks of  $\Pi$  by exchanging two sectors of different blocks when the exchange provides a positive contribution to the sum of the sector connections within blocks. In order to be more precise, we need to define a few terms. Let

$C = [C_{ij}]$  be a symmetric intersector reference matrix for  $i, j \leq m$ , and

$P = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  denote the set of sectors making up a program.

## Definitions:

The complement of  $\Pi_x$  is denoted  $-\Pi_x$  and

$$-\Pi_x = \{\Pi_j \in \Pi : \Pi_j \neq \Pi_x\}$$

Let  $S_i \in \Pi_x$ ; then the intrablock

bond of sector  $i$ ,  $S_i$ , with block  $\Pi_x$  is

defined as

$$B(i, \Pi_x) = \sum_{j \in \Pi_x} C_{ij}$$

Let  $S_i \in \Pi_x$  and  $S_i \notin \Pi_y$ ; then the interblock

bond of sector  $i$  with block  $\Pi_y$  is defined as

$$B(i, \Pi_y) = \sum_{j \in \Pi_y} C_{ij}$$

Let  $S_i \in \Pi_x$ ; then the interblock bond of sector

$i$  with all other blocks is defined as

$$B(i, -\Pi_x) = \sum_{j \in -\Pi_x} C_{ij}$$

The quality of the bond for the  $i$ th sector is defined as

$$q_n(i) = B(i, \Pi_x) - B(i, -\Pi_x), \text{ where } S_i \in \Pi_x.$$

The quality of a sector partition  $\Pi$  is

defined as

$$Q_n = \sum_{S_i \in \Pi} q_n(i)$$

The goal of the sector interchange procedure, SIP, is to maximize the quality  $Q_n$  by interchanging sectors between blocks of the partition. We now present an efficient method to find an optimal assignment of sectors to blocks under the constraint that each interchange consists of exchanging a sector of one block with a sector of another block.

Lemma 6

Let  $S_i \in \Pi_x$  and  $S_j \in \Pi_y$ . If  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  are interchanged, the net gain in the quality  $Q_n$ , denoted by  $\Delta Q_n(i, j)$ , is given by

$$\Delta Q_n(i, j) = 4[B(j, \Pi_x) - B(j, \Pi_y) + B(i, \Pi_y) - B(i, \Pi_x) - 2C_{ij}].$$

Proof:

Let  $S_i \in \Pi_x$ ,  $S_j \in \Pi_y$  and  $\Pi_x, \Pi_y \in \Pi$ . Now, interchange sectors  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  which produces the new partition  $\Pi'$ .

$$\Delta Q_n(i, j) = Q_n - Q'_n = \sum_{S_k \in P} q_n(k) - \sum_{S_k \in P} q'_n(k) = \sum_{S_k \in P} q_n(k) - q'_n(k).$$

$$\text{Let } \Delta q(k) = q_n(k) - q'_n(k).$$

Now we consider 5 cases.

$$\text{Case 1. } \Delta q(k) = 2(C_{kj} - C_{ki}) \text{ for all } k \in \Pi_x, k \neq i.$$

$$\text{Case 2. } \Delta q(k) = 2(C_{ki} - C_{kj}) \text{ for all } k \in \Pi_y, k \neq j.$$

$$\text{Case 3. } \Delta q(k) = 0 \text{ for all } k \in \neg(\Pi_y + \Pi_x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case 4. } \Delta q(i) &= B(j, \Pi_x) - B(j, \Pi_y) - B(j, \Pi_x + \Pi_y) - 2C_{ij} \\ &\quad - B(i, \Pi_x) + B(i, \Pi_y) + B(i, \Pi_x + \Pi_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case 5. } \Delta q(j) &= B(j, \Pi_x) - B(j, \Pi_y) + B(j, \Pi_x + \Pi_y) - 2C_{ij} \\ &\quad - B(i, \Pi_x) + B(i, \Pi_y) - B(i, \Pi_x + \Pi_y). \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta Q_n(i, j) &= \sum_{\substack{k \in \Pi_x \\ k \neq i}} q(k) + \sum_{\substack{k \in \Pi_y \\ k \neq j}} \Delta q(k) + \Delta q(i) + \Delta q(j) \\ &= 2[B(j, \Pi_x) - B(i, \Pi_x) - C_{ij}] \\ &\quad + 2[B(i, \Pi_y) - B(j, \Pi_y) - C_{ij}] + \Delta q(i) + \Delta q(j) \\ \Delta Q_n(i, j) &= 4[B(j, \Pi_x) - B(j, \Pi_y) + B(i, \Pi_y) - B(i, \Pi_x) - 2C_{ij}]. \end{aligned}$$

QED.

Now we present a Lemma which permits us to quickly select the  $S_j$  and  $S_i$  for exchange.



Lemma 7:

If  $\Delta Q_n(i, j)$  is positive, then  $q_n(i) + q_n(j)$  is negative.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} q_n(i) &= B(i, \Pi x) - B(i, -\Pi x) \\ &= B(i, \Pi x) - B(i, \Pi y) - B(i, -(\Pi x + \Pi y)) \end{aligned}$$

similarly,

$$q_n(j) = B(j, \Pi y) - B(j, \Pi x) - B(j, -(\Pi x + \Pi y))$$

From Lemma 6,

$\Delta Q_n(i, j) = 4[B(j, \Pi x) - B(j, \Pi y) + B(i, \Pi y) - B(i, \Pi x) - 2Cij]$ . Hence,

$\Delta Q_n(i, j) = -4[q_n(i) + q_n(j) + B(i, -(\Pi x + \Pi y)) + B(j, -(\Pi x + \Pi y)) + 2Cij]$ .

But  $B(i, -(\Pi x + \Pi y)) + B(j, -(\Pi x + \Pi y)) + 2Cij \geq 0$ , and

$\Delta Q_n(i, j) > 0$ . Thus  $q_n(i) + q_n(j) < 0$ .

QED.

FACT 1:

The maximum value of  $\Delta Q_n(i, j) = -4(q_n(i) + q_n(j))$ .

This fact follows directly from the proof of Lemma 7.

FACT 2:

If  $\Delta Q_n(i, j) > 0$ , then  $(i, j)$  must be an element of the Interchange set,  $I_n$ , where

$I_n = \{(i, j) : q_n(i) + q_n(j) < 0, i, j \in P\}$ .

This fact follows immediately from Lemma 7.

Now we iteratively define the sector interchange procedure, SIP. We assume that an initial partition,  $\Pi^0$ , and an intersector reference matrix,  $C$ , are given.

The operations performed in the  $k$ th pass are these:

- a. Compute the set  $I_{\Pi^{k-1}}$
- b. Select a pair  $(i, j)$  such that
 
$$\Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}(i, j) \geq \Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}(u, v) \text{ for}$$
 all  $(u, v) \in I_{\Pi^{k-1}}$
- c. If  $\Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}(i, j) > \theta$ , then interchange sectors  $i$  and  $j$  of  $\Pi^{k-1}$  to get  $\Pi^k$ , and go to the  $(k + 1)$ th pass.  
 If  $\Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}(i, j) \leq \theta$ , then stop with  $\Pi^{k-1}$ .

The SIP has to terminate at some pass  $k$ , since  $C_{ij}$  is finite. If it terminates on the  $k$ th step, then  $\Pi^{k-1}$  is optimum in the sense that no pairwise interchange can increase the value of  $Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}$ . This is obvious, since  $I_{\Pi^{k-1}}$  contains all the possible candidates  $(i, j)$  that could possibly make  $\Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}$  positive, and since at termination  $\Delta Q_{\Pi^{k-1}}(u, v) < \theta$  for all  $(u, v) \in I_{\Pi^{k-1}}$ .

In each pass of the previous algorithm, by keeping the list of sectors in the set  $I_{\Pi^{k-1}}$  sorted and using Fact 1, the algorithm can be made much more efficient.

The sector interchange procedure, SIP, is particularly useful when one has a partition,  $\Pi$ , where the blocks of  $\Pi$  represent natural clusters of sectors. Another application of SIP is in the evaluation of breaking up huge sectors into smaller parts by reprogramming.

An ongoing research project between the author and Don Hatfield of IBM is to evaluate the potential benefit of reprogramming and then restructuring a very large data base system. The rationale for reprogramming is to divide the very large sectors (over 10 pages long) into relocatable subsectors and then restructure the new program. Theorem 1 can be used to predict the theoretical best paging performance if the large data base program were broken up into exactly  $k$  sectors per page. Then, given an intersector reference matrix and a partition,  $\Pi$ , of  $k$  sectors per block, the sector interchange procedure, SIP, can be used to restructure the program.

### 5.6 Intercluster Bonding Method

The purpose of the intercluster bonding method is to identify natural clusters of dense sector interactions. This task is accomplished by permuting the rows and columns of an intersector reference matrix model in such a way as to group the numerically larger matrix elements together.

The definition of the intercluster bond measure is given first, then we illustrate the capability of this measure to cluster the larger matrix elements together, and then we present a fast approximate method of permuting the rows and columns of a given matrix such that the intercluster bond measure tends to be maximized.

Given a symmetric intersector reference matrix  $C = [C_{ij}]$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  which represents the intersector activity between the  $m$  relocatable sectors of a program, we define the intercluster bond measure, ICB, as

$$ICB(C) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j} + C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1})$$

where  $C_{0,j} = C_{m+1,j} = C_{i,0} = C_{i,m+1} = 0$  by definition and  $C_{ij} \geq 0$ .

We point out that the bond strength between two nearest-neighbor elements of  $C$  is their product.

The intercluster bond measure, ICB, is defined so that a matrix  $C$  that has dense clusters of numerically large elements will have a large ICB when compared with the same matrix whose columns and rows are permuted such that numerically large elements are more uniformly distributed over the array cells. In order to illustrate the sensitivity of  $ICB(C)$  to the degree of clumpiness of the large values of  $C_{ij}$ , we present the following two simple examples. Example 1 shows the same matrix with 5 different row and column permutations. Matrix  $C_5$

which has the largest intercluster bond measure contains two noninteracting clusters. One cluster consists of the sectors a and c, while the other cluster consists of the sectors b and d. The fact that matrix  $C_1$  could be reordered to produce two noninteracting clusters is not readily apparent even for this simple example. Example 2 shows a slightly more complicated matrix. Matrix  $C_4$  of example 2 is characterized by a block checkerboard form, where the blocks of sectors along the main diagonal represent the primary sector clusters and the off-diagonal blocks indicate the intercluster interactions. Matrix  $C_5$  which has the largest intersector bond measure of Example 2 has the same set of primary clusters as Matrix  $C_4$  but it differs from  $C_4$  in that the clusters which interact the most are ordered adjacent to each other. The intercluster bond measure, ICB, tends to be maximum when the most strongly intraconnected sectors are clustered together and the most strongly interconnected clusters are clustered together. We call ICB the intercluster bond measure because it tends to cluster the intercluster connections as well as cluster sectors.

In our experimental studies, sector orderings which produced the largest values for the intercluster bond measure provided as good as or better improvements in the paging performance than any other program restructuring method tested.

Example 1:

	a	b	c	d
a	10	0	10	0
b	0	8	0	8
c	10	0	10	0
d	0	8	0	8

 $C_1$  matrix

$$ICB(C_1) = 0$$

	a	b	c	d
a	10	0	10	0
b	0	8	0	8
d	0	8	0	8
c	10	0	10	0

 $C_2$  matrix

$$ICB(C_2) = 256$$

	a	b	c	d
a	10	0	10	0
c	10	0	10	0
b	0	8	0	8
d	0	8	0	8

 $C_3$  matrix

$$ICB(C_3) = 656$$

	a	b	d	c
a	10	0	0	10
c	10	0	0	10
b	0	8	8	0
d	0	8	8	0

 $C_4$  matrix

$$ICB(C_4) = 912$$

	a	c	b	d
a	10	10	0	0
c	10	10	0	0
b	0	0	8	8
d	0	0	8	8

 $C_5$  matrix

$$ICB(C_5) = 1312$$

Example 2:

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
a	10	10	0	0	4	4	0	1
b	10	10	0	0	4	4	0	0
c	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1
d	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1
e	4	4	0	0	10	10	0	0
g	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	7
f	4	0	4	0	10	0	10	0
h	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	7

 $C_1$ 

$$ICB(C_1) = 1548$$

	a	e	c	h	b	f	d	g
a	10	4	0	1	10	4	0	0
e	4	10	0	0	4	10	0	0
c	0	0	8	1	0	0	8	1
h	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7
b	10	4	0	0	10	4	0	0
f	4	10	0	0	4	10	0	0
d	0	0	8	1	0	0	8	1
g	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7

 $C_2$ 

$$ICB(C_2) = 1560$$

	a	b	c	d	e	g	h	f
a	10	10	0	0	4	0	1	4
b	10	10	0	0	4	0	0	4
c	0	0	8	8	0	1	1	0
d	0	0	8	8	0	1	1	0
e	4	4	0	0	10	0	0	10
g	0	0	1	1	0	7	7	0
h	1	0	1	1	0	7	7	0
f	4	4	0	0	10	0	0	10

 $C_3$ 

$$ICB(C_3) = 1864$$

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
a	10	10	0	0	4	4	0	1
b	10	10	0	0	4	4	0	0
c	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1
d	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1
e	4	4	0	0	10	10	0	0
f	4	4	0	0	10	10	0	0
g	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	7
h	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	7

$$C_4$$

$$ICB(C_4) = 2776$$

	a	b	e	f	c	d	g	h
a	10	10	4	4	0	0	0	1
b	10	10	4	4	0	0	0	0
e	4	4	10	10	0	0	0	0
f	4	4	10	10	0	0	0	0
c	0	0	0	0	8	8	1	1
d	0	0	0	0	8	8	1	1
g	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	7
h	1	0	0	0	1	1	7	7

$$C_5$$

$$ICB(C_5) = 3536$$

Note that the definition of ICB may be decomposed into the two parts as follows:

$$ICB(C) = ICB(C_R) + ICB(C_c), \text{ where}$$

$$ICB(C_R) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j})$$

$$ICB(C_c) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1})$$

The value of  $ICB(C_R)$  is the sum of the row bonds and the value of  $ICB(C_c)$  is the sum of the column bonds.



Property 1:

The values of the row bonds,  $\sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij}(C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j})$  are not affected by any permutation of the  $m$  columns of  $C$ .

Proof:

Let  $\lambda = \{ \lambda(1), \lambda(2), \dots, \lambda(m) \}$  denote any permutation of the  $m$  columns of  $C$  producing the new matrix

$$D = [D_{ij}] = [C_{i,\lambda(j)}].$$

Then, for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij}(C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j}) = \sum_{j=1}^m C_{i,\lambda(j)}(C_{i-1,\lambda(j)} + C_{i+1,\lambda(j)}).$$

This is clearly true, since  $i$  is fixed over the summation of all  $j$ .

Thus, for every term in the summation on the left,

$C_{ij}(C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j})$ , there must be a value  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ ,

such that

$$C_{ij}(C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j}) = C_{i,\lambda(k)}(C_{i-1,\lambda(k)} + C_{i+1,\lambda(k)}).$$

Property 2:

The values of the column bonds,  $\sum_{i=1}^m C_{ij}(C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1})$  are not affected by any permutation of the  $m$  rows of  $C$ .

Proof is the same as that of property 1.

Property 3:

$ICB(C_R) = ICB(C_c)$  for symmetric matrices  $C$ .

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 ICB(C_R) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m C_{ji} (C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1}) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1}) \\
 &= ICB(C_c).
 \end{aligned}$$

Property 4:

The contribution to  $ICB(C)$  from any row is only affected by the two adjacent rows. The contribution to  $ICB(C)$  from any column is only affected by the two adjacent columns.

Property 4 is obvious, since the contribution to  $ICB(C)$  from any row  $i$  is  $\sum_{j=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i-1,j} + C_{i+1,j})$  and from any column  $j$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^m C_{ij} (C_{i,j-1} + C_{i,j+1})$ .

From properties 1 and 2 the maximization of  $ICB(C)$  over all column and row permutations reduces to two separate optimizations. One is for the rows,  $ICB(C_R)$ , and the other for the columns,  $ICB(C_c)$ .

From properties 1, 2, and 3, we know that the row permutation which maximizes  $ICB(C_R)$ , is the same as the column permutation that maximizes  $ICB(C_c)$ . Thus, all we need to do is find a row permutation

that maximizes  $ICB(C_R)$ , then reorder the rows and columns of  $C$  according to this permutation to maximize  $ICB(C)$ .

The problem can be stated formally as follows:

Let  $\lambda = [\lambda(1), \lambda(2), \dots, \lambda(m)]$  denote a permutation of  $m$  columns of  $C$  producing the new matrix

$$D = [D_{ij}] = [C_{i, \lambda(j)}].$$

Maximization of the summed column bonds  $ICB(C_c)$  is given by,

$$\text{Max over } \lambda \text{ of } \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m D_{ij} (D_{i,j-1} + D_{i,j+1}),$$

where  $\lambda$  ranges over all  $m!$  possible permutations.

This may be transformed into a quadratic assignment problem for which optimal and suboptimal algorithms have been published [G3]. These suboptimal algorithms were not used, since they are too time consuming for large  $m$ , i.e., they require operations which rise with the fifth power of the matrix size.

Now we define a suboptimal method which exploits the nearest-neighbor feature [M5] of property 4. This method is much faster than the optimal methods and is believed to produce near optimal orderings. The intercluster bond method is as follows:

A. First compute and save the set of intercolumn bonds for all pairs  $(i, j)$  of columns, i.e.,

$$\sum_{k=1}^m C_{ki} * C_{kj} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq m, i \neq j.$$

B. Pick one of the columns arbitrarily, put it into a list, and set

$k=1$ .

C. For each of the remaining  $m-k$  columns, compute the contribution to the intercluster bond measure for each of the  $k+1$  possible positions to the left and to the right of each of the  $k$  columns already placed in the list. Place the column that gives the largest incremental contribution to the intercluster bond measure in its best location in the list.

D. If  $k=m$ , stop; otherwise, increment  $k$  by 1 and repeat step C.

When the above procedure terminates, simply order the rows and columns of  $C$  in accordance with the list of columns.

Property 5:

The time for the execution of the clustering process in step C grows as  $m^3$ .

To see this, note that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (k+1)(m-k) = m^3/6 + m^2/2 - (2m/3).$$

The intercluster bond method will cluster the sectors into disjoint groups if this is possible.

## CHAPTER 6

## EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## 6.1 Introduction

The purpose of this chapter is to report on an experimental study of the paging performance of programs. The objective of this study is to evaluate the practical restructuring methods developed in Chapters 4 and 5. The evaluation consists of two basic parts. First, the paging performance produced by the different restructuring methods are related and contrasted with one another. Second, the improvements in paging performance produced by the practical restructuring methods are compared with the theoretical best and worst improvements as given by the bounds in Chapter 3.

We have performed experiments, using the IBM System/360 Model 67 at the Cambridge Scientific Center, on compilers, assemblers and a large data base program. The results of a specific example will be presented in detail. We have chosen as an example the restructuring of a highly modular compiler [A3]. This example is selected because we have experimental results for all of our restructuring methods applied to this compiler. The author and Don Hatfield of IBM plan to publish the results of using some of these methods to restructure a "large data

base" system as soon as our results are completed.

This compiler has 4 phases. Phase 0 is a very small root phase which simply has Phase 1 read in, and, when Phase 1 is over, has Phase 2 read in, and, when Phase 2 is over, has Phase 3 read in. Each of the phases is a separate overlay in the sense that they do not share any address space. Therefore, we may think of Phases 1, 2, and 3 as three separate programs. There are between 70 and 100 relocatable sectors per phase. For each compilation, we computed three distinct sector traces. One trace was for Phase 1, one for Phase 2, and one for Phase 3. In particular, from the time that a phase was loaded into the address space until its subsequent removal, a full instruction trace of all references to the relocatable modules of that phase was recorded. This instruction trace and the load address of all the relocatable sectors (modules) are sufficient to compute the sector trace.

In order to compare the effectiveness of the different arrangements of sectors into the virtual address space, LRU and OPT paging simulators were developed for a single user paging against himself. Input to the simulator was a sequence of page requests generated from the full instruction trace and a new ordering of sectors into the address space. A modified version of the one pass OPT algorithm by Palermo and Belady [B6] was used as the OPT paging simulator.

When sectors have been assigned to pages, one problem remains. What to do about page boundaries? Holes in pages can occur if sectors do not fit evenly into pages. For most real programs, we have two alternatives. First, we do not allow sectors to cross page boundaries, which may cause empty space within the pages. Second, we pack sectors one after another into the virtual address space, leaving no holes but allowing the sectors to cross page boundaries. Hatfield [H1] has reported on the relative success of the latter approach.

For our experiments, we packed sectors one after another into the virtual address space, leaving no holes between the sectors. That is, given a partition  $\Pi$  of the sectors in blocks, we placed the blocks of the partitions into the virtual address space one after another. The unconstrained average neighbor weighted bond, UANW, procedure was used to automatically order the clusters for insertion into the address space, unless the clustering procedure produced ordered clusters.

The next few sections report on the results of the restructuring experiments performed on the different phases of the compiler. The basic structure of these experiments on each phase is as follows.

- A. A full instruction trace is recorded and mapped into a sector trace.
- B. An intersector reference matrix model is constructed from the sector trace.

- C. A clustering procedure, based on a particular intersector reference matrix, is used to partition the relocatable sectors into blocks.
- D. The resulting ordered blocks of the partition are inserted into the address space one after another.
- E. The paging performance of the restructured program is simulated using LRU replacement (sometimes OPT replacement is used). We chose LRU replacement because so many contemporary virtual memory systems use some form of this algorithm.
- F. The theoretical upper and lower bounds on the paging performance are computed by applying the methods of Chapter 3 to the sector trace of step A and compared with the performance found in step E.

In order to identify the parameters of the page fetch function,  $FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_a, ST_a, F_d, R_{LRU})$ , which are associated with each curve in the following graphs, these conventions are presented.

1.  $|M_p|$ , the size of the primary memory in pages, is used as the horizontal axis of the graphs. In addition to the values of  $|M_p|$ , the horizontal axis is tagged with the memory size in K bytes ( $K=1024$ ).
2.  $N$ , the page size in these experiments, is 4096 bytes.
3. A partition  $\Pi$  of relocatable sectors into clusters is denoted by  $\Pi_x$  or  $\Pi_y$  for ease in interpreting the results in the following



figures.  $\Pi_x$  is used to denote a "bad" partition, i.e., one which tends to maximize or produce a relatively large value of  $FF_p$ .  $\Pi_y$  denotes a "good" partition, i.e., one which tends to minimize the value of  $FF_p$ .

A particular value of  $\Pi_y$  is denoted by specifying the intersector reference matrix and the clustering procedure which produced it.

For example,

$$\Pi_y(W, T=2500, CNN)$$

is defined to denote the value of  $\Pi_y$  which is computed from the working set matrix,  $W$ , with a window size of  $T=2500$ , using the constrained nearest neighbor procedure, CNN.

The intersector reference matrix models used to specify a particular  $\Pi_y$  will be identified in terms of the following symbols:

$W$  = outside working set matrix model

$W'$  = inside working set matrix model

$T$  = window size of working set model

$U$  = LRU sector stack matrix model

$D$  = sector stack distance

$H$  = Hatfield and Gerald matrix model

The clustering procedures used to specify a particular value of  $\Pi_y$  will be one of the following:

CNN = constrained nearest neighbor  
 CFN = constrained farthest neighbor  
 CAN = constrained average neighbor  
 CANW = constrained average neighbor weighted  
 UNN = unconstrained nearest neighbor  
 UFN = unconstrained farthest neighbor  
 UAN = unconstrained average neighbor  
 UANW = unconstrained average neighbor weighted  
 HG = Hatfield and Gerald method  
 SIP = sector interchange procedure  
 ICB = intercluster bond method

As another example,

$\Pi_y(U, D=20, ICB)$

represents the partition named  $\Pi_y$  when it is computed from  $U$ , with  $D=20$ , using the ICB procedure.

In the presentation of these experimental results, we chose to denote the program structure in terms of  $\Pi$  instead of the sector ordering  $S_0$ , because the clustering procedure is clearer when stated in terms of  $\Pi$ . However, the reader should be aware that the blocks of the partition are allowed to cross page boundaries in order to eliminate holes in the address space.

4. A particular value of  $SOT_a$  will be denoted by  $SOT_1$ ,  $SOT_2$ , and  $SOT_3$  for the three phases 1, 2, and 3 respectively. Furthermore,  $SOT_{ia}$ ,  $SOT_{ib}$ , etc., will represent the sector trace of the  $i$ th phase from input program  $a$ ,  $b$ , etc, when the distinction is important. For

example,  $SOT_2 a$  denotes the sector trace of Phase 2 from input program  $a$ . Note that all of the sector traces in the simulations are ordered pairs  $(S, O)$  where  $S$  is the sector and  $O$  is the offset referenced. This is necessary because we are allowing sectors to cross page boundaries.

5. The fetch and replacement algorithms are denoted as before, i.e.,  $F_d$ ,  $R_{LRU}$ ,  $R_o$ , etc.

In order to find a  $\Pi_x$  that tends to maximize the value of  $FF_p$ , we investigated random sector orderings, sector orderings based on sector sizes, lexical orderings (i.e., alphabetical on some character in the sector name), and sector orderings produced by the following procedure, called BAD. Take the list  $L$  of  $m$  sectors, ordered according to their position in the address space under a good program structure, and do the following to produce a partition  $\Pi_x$  of the  $m$  relocatable sectors into  $n$  logical pages.

1. Take the first  $n$  sectors of  $L$  and put each of them into one of  $n$  separate lists.
2. Take the next  $n$  sectors of  $L$  and put each of them into one of the above  $n$  separate lists.
3. Repeat 2 until there are no more sectors in  $L$ . Then,
4. the collection of the  $n$  separate lists becomes  $\Pi_x$ .

It turned out that all of the above methods of generating  $\Pi_x$  usually produced a  $\Pi_x$  that caused the value of  $FF_p$  to be very large.

## 6.2 Restructuring Phase 1

Throughout this section we use the same sector trace,  $SOT_1$ . In section 6.5 we compare the results of program restructuring over several sector traces. Our results support the claim of Hatfield and Gerald, "many commonly used programs are rather insensitive to input data."

However, we did attempt to choose a program for tracing that contained most of the features of the language and that was relatively long. That is, this program was not trivial. The sector trace of this program contained 7,521,205 references. Moreover,  $|SOT_1| = 2,001,027$ ,  $|SOT_3| = 3,859,636$  and  $|SOT_2| = 1,660,542$ .

The value of  $\Pi_x$  is fixed for Figures 7-14 and represents the program structure  $B_1$  which occurs when the sectors are arranged in the address space according to their size. Even though the structure produced by the BAD procedure resulted in slightly more page fetches for most memory sizes, we selected  $\Pi_x$  based on the sector lengths (called  $B_1$ ) because this represents a plausible method of loading sectors used by some operating systems. The choice of  $\Pi_x$  is used as a basis for illustrating the actual improvement in the paging performance which can occur for real programs which are restructured according to some  $\Pi_y$ .

### 6.2.1 Constrained Procedures

The curves of Figures 7 and 8 and the lower curves, labeled C, D, and E, of Figure 9 show the ratio of the page fetch functions  $FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU})$  and  $FF_p(|M_p|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU})$  as a function of primary memory size  $|M_p|$  in pages and as a function of  $\Pi_x$  and  $\Pi_y$  where  $\Pi_y$  is constrained.  $\Pi_y$  is constrained when the blocks of  $\Pi_y$  correspond to the clusters produced by any clustering procedure and the size of these clusters is constrained to be less than or equal to the page size.

These figures reveal that the orderings of the relocatable sectors into primary memory can have substantial influence on the paging performance of virtual memory systems. Moreover, they illustrate that substantial improvements in paging performance occur over a relatively wide range of primary memory sizes.

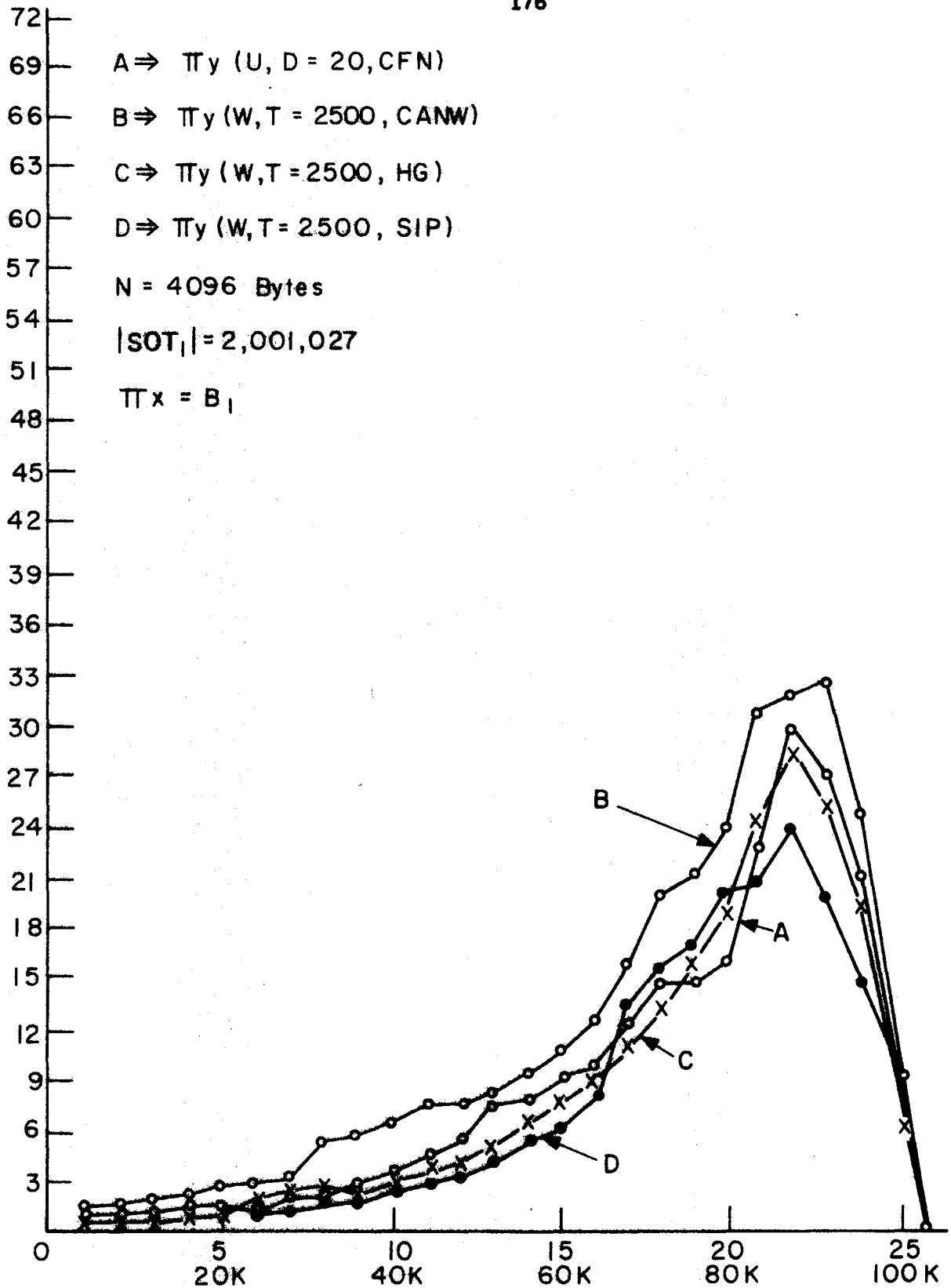


FIGURE 7  $FF_p(|M_p|, N, \pi_x, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU}) / FF_p(|M_p|, N, \pi_y, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|M_p|$  FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

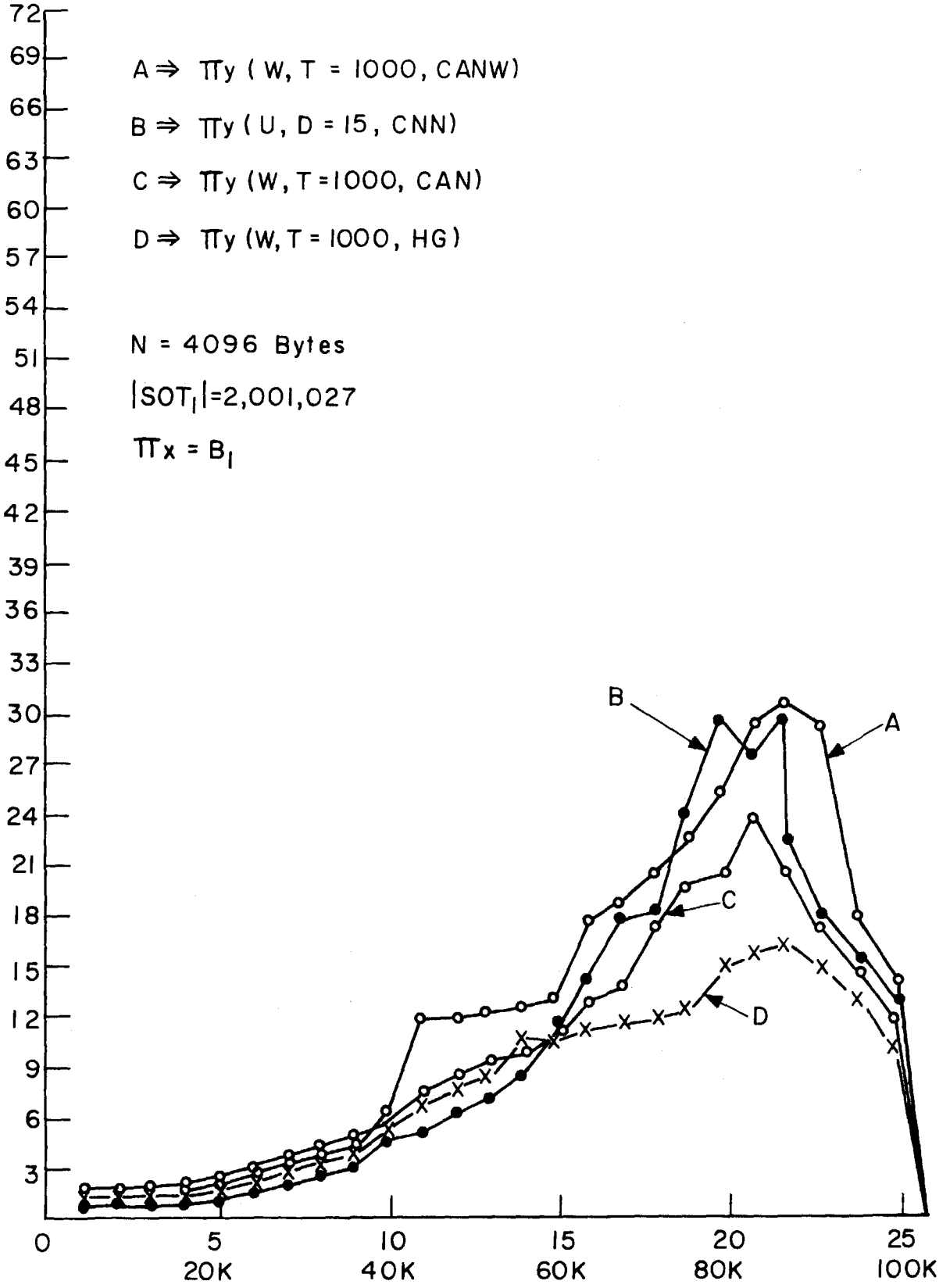


FIGURE 8  $FF_p(|Mpl|, N, \pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FF_p(|Mpl|, N, \pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|Mpl|$  FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

The degree of improvement in paging performance shown in these figures (i.e., 7-8) is significantly larger than any previously published improvements obtained by restructuring. One rationale for this is that the intersector reference matrix models based on the working set and the LRU stack distances capture the intersector activity upon which paging depends. That is, the value,  $C_{ij}$ , of the entry in the intersector reference matrices used in these experiments may have a strong tendency to be proportional to the number of page fetches which will go away if sector  $j$  is grouped with sector  $i$ . In particular, note the improvement in paging performance depicted by curves E, D, and C of Figure 9, which use the HG clustering technique on the sector working set intersector reference matrix. This improvement is about twice as much as that reported by Hatfield and Gerald [H1] when the same clustering procedure is applied to the HG intersector reference model. Recall that the HG intersector reference model is the same as the sector working set model when  $T=1$ .



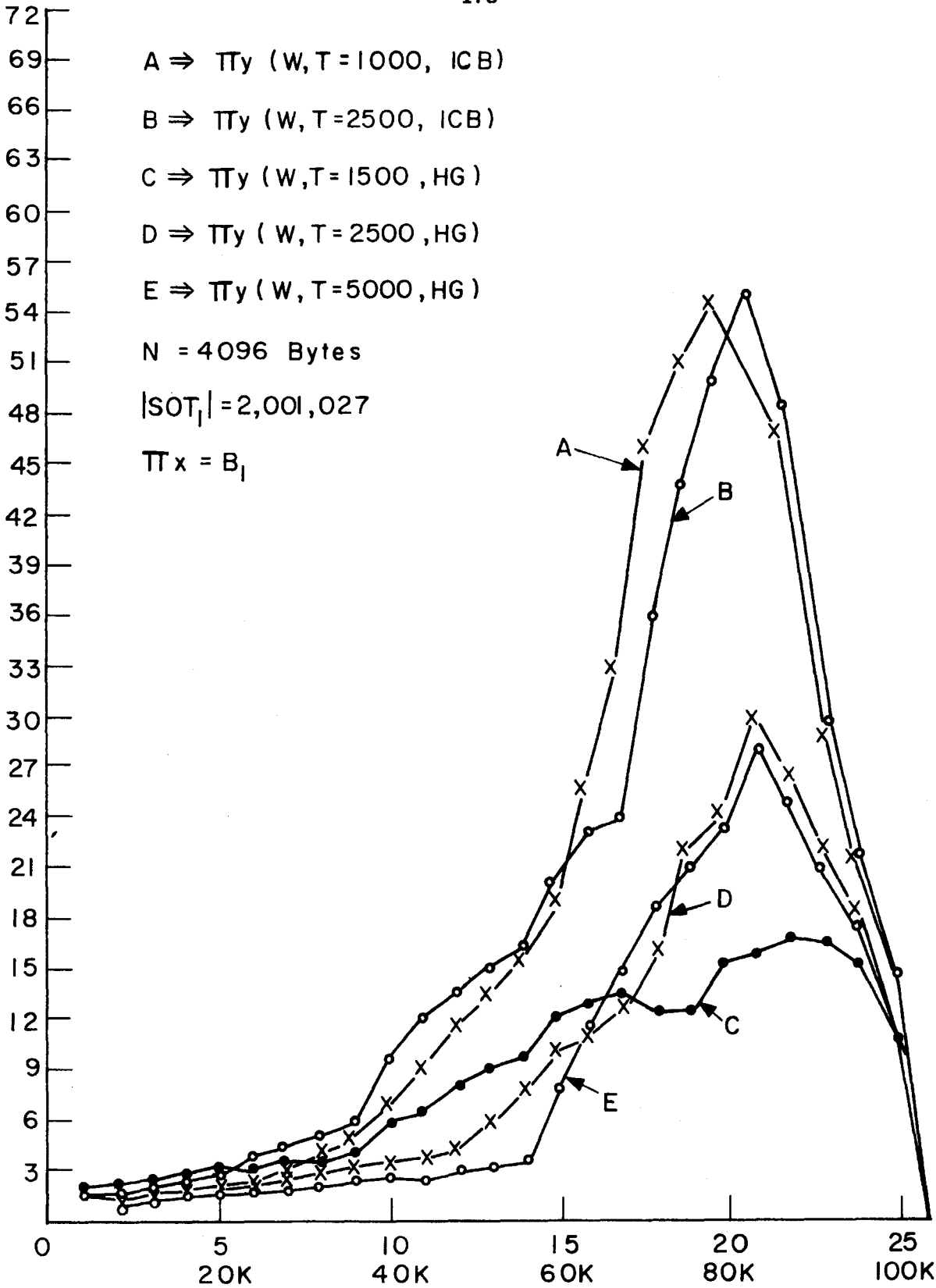


FIGURE 9  $FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|M_p|, N, \Pi y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|M_p|$  FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

### 6.2.2 Unconstrained Procedures

The unconstrained clustering procedures presented in Chapter 5 cluster the relocatable sectors into natural clusters without any constraint on the sum of the sector sizes making up a cluster. To date, no work has been reported in the literature which incorporates this rather simple idea into clustering procedures.

The curves identified by labels A and B of Figure 9 show the improvement in paging performance which occurred when natural clusters were formed. These natural clusters were produced by the intercluster bond method, ICB, using the sector working set intersector reference model. These curves illustrate that natural clusters can provide significantly better improvements in the paging performance than the improvement provided by the constrained clustering techniques.

The curves of Figure 10 (except curve D) show the improvement in paging performance for several unconstrained clustering techniques. The curve labelled D in Figure 10 shows the improvement in paging performance provided by the existing compiler structure.

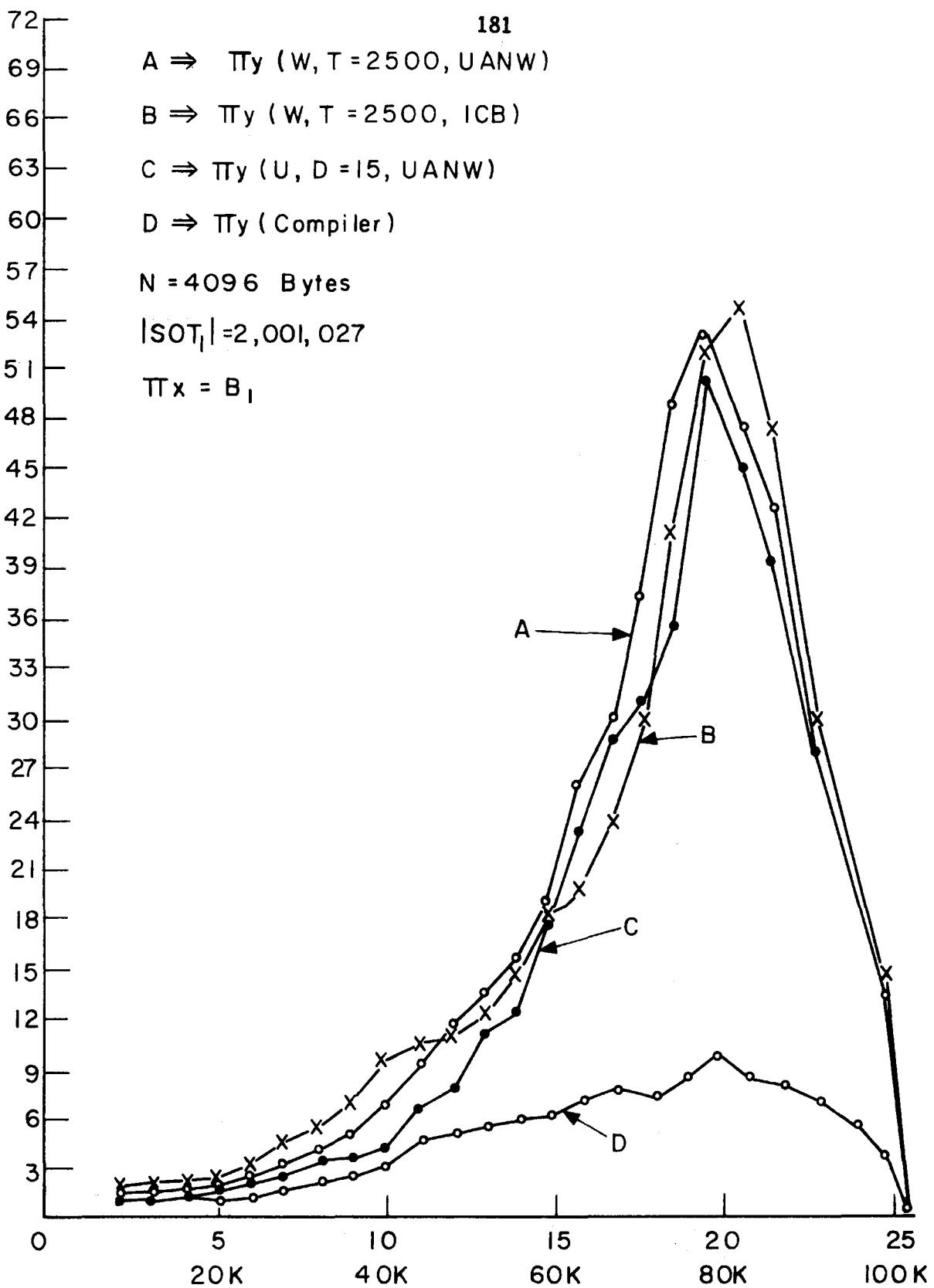


FIGURE 10  $FFp(|Mp|, N, \pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \pi_y, SOT, Fd, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|Mp|$  FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

Recall that all these improvements are relative to the program structure  $\Pi_x$  formed by arranging the sectors into the address space in order of their sizes. Curve D shows that the existing compiler structure is substantially better than that provided by  $\Pi_x$  and significantly worse than any of the unconstrained techniques.

Figure 11 shows the effects of the unconstrained average neighbor weighted bond procedure UANW on the paging performance as a function of  $T$  for the working set intersector reference model  $W$ . The significant characteristics of the curves shown in Figure 11 is that the improvements in paging performance are relatively the same over a broad range of  $T$  values.

Note the tendency of the curves in Figure 11 to peak in the center region of the primary memory sizes. This tendency is due primarily to the following two "principles" pushing a curve together from both sides. The first principle is that for small values of  $|M_p|$ , one clustering method "cannot win" over another method. The second principle is that for large values of  $|M_p|$ , one clustering approach "cannot lose" over another approach. However, in the middle range of the values of  $|M_p|$ , there may be enough primary memory available to contain most of the sectors referenced close together in time when they are clustered together into groups. Note that in this region there can be two levels of clustering for good structures. The first level is that sectors are clustered together by the clustering procedure. The second level is

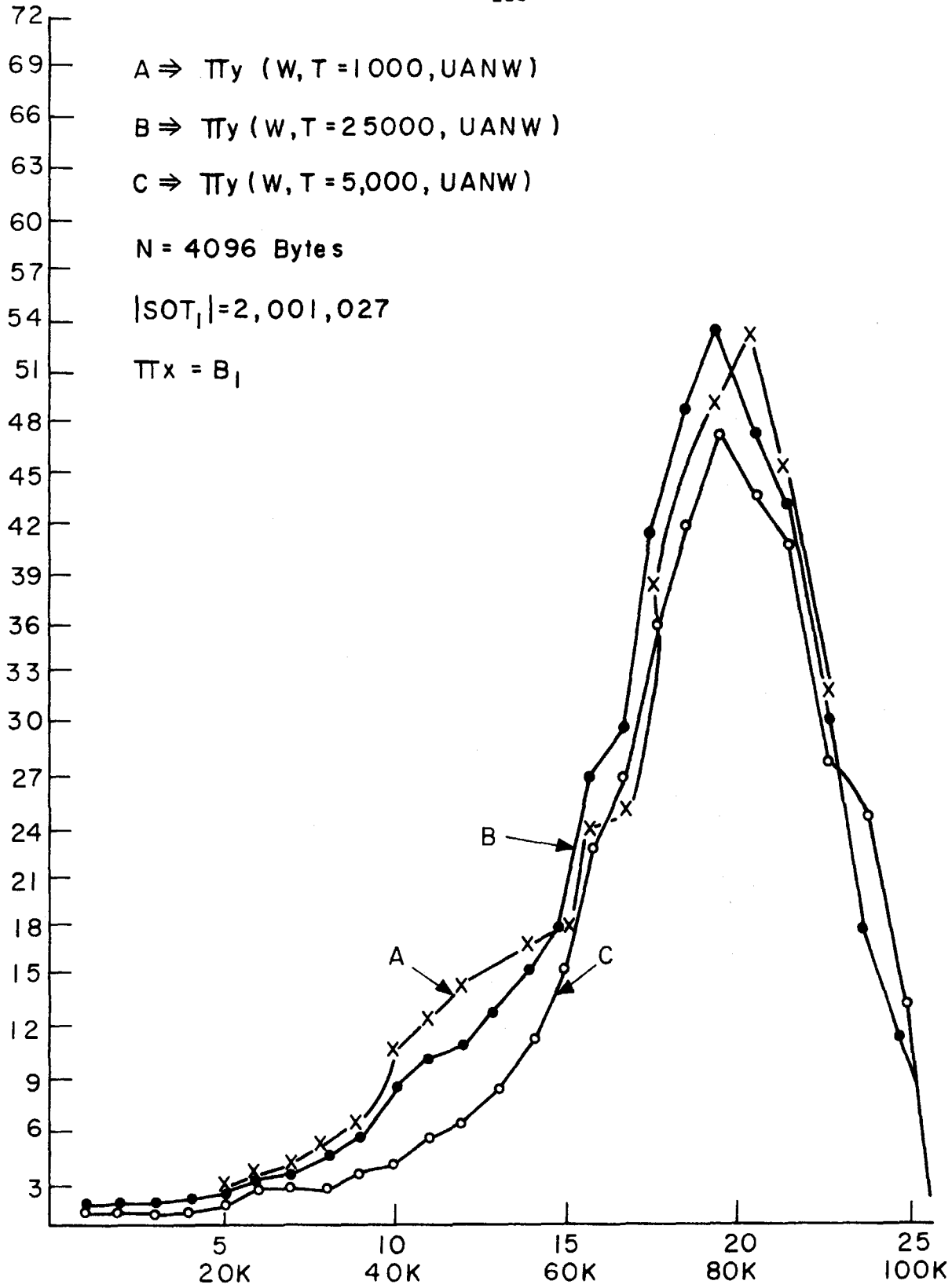


FIGURE II  $FF_p (|M_p|, N, \pi_x, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU}) / FF_p (|M_p|, N, \pi_y, SOT_1, F_d, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|M_s|$  FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

that clusters are clustered together by the paging mechanism.

### 6.2.3 Theoretical Bounds

In Figure 12 the performance for the best program structure, i.e., the one produced by  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$ , is compared with the theoretical best performance given by Theorem 8. Observe that Table 3 precisely defines the parameters for the curves shown in Figure 12. Curve B shows the ratio of the page fetches experienced by the program under the structure produced by  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$  to the theoretical lower bound on the page fetches. That is, curve B depicts  $FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / \text{the Lower Bound}$ . This ratio can never be less than one and would be equal to one when the theoretical best performance occurred for a given program structure. Figure 12 shows several significant characteristics. The performance produced by the structure  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$  is relatively close to the lower bound for large regions of primary memory size. Furthermore, it is close to the lower bound in the primary memory regions of low paging rates. This latter fact can be seen by observing the curves in Figure 13. Curve D of Figure 13 shows the number of page fetches for the structure  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$ , and curve A shows the theoretical lower bound for the number of page fetches over all  $\Pi_y$ .

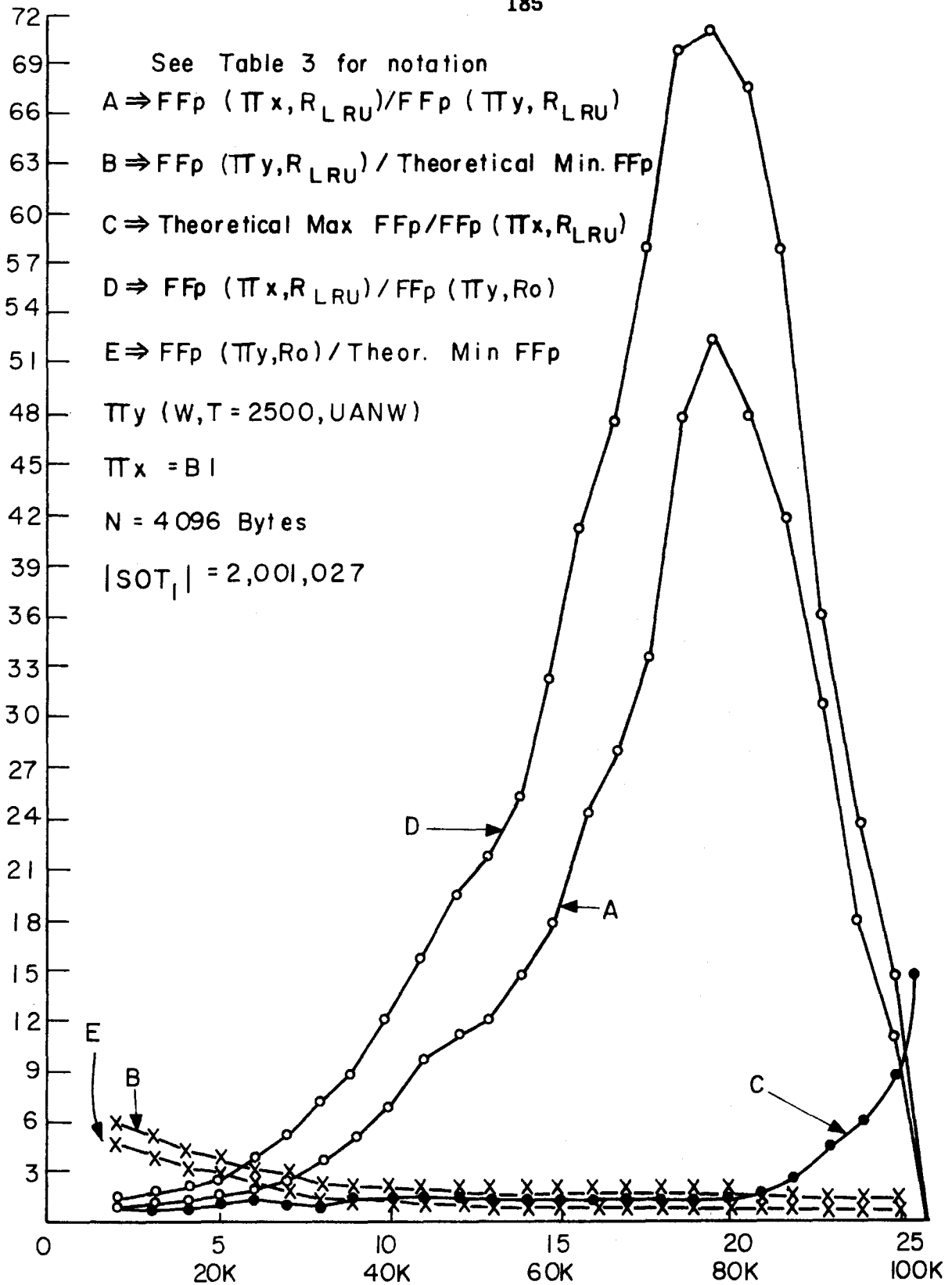


FIGURE 12 Comparison of Actual and Theoretical Ratios of FFp FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

Graph A is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

Graph B is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT_1^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

Graph C is:

$$FFs(|Ms| = |Mp|, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

Graph D is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, Ro)$$

Graph E is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, Ro) / \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT_1^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

where  $\Pi_x = B1$ ,  $\Pi_y(W, T = 2500, UANU)$ ,  $N = 4096$  Bytes

$$|SOT_1| = 2,001,027$$

Note that  $\frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT_1^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$

shown in B and E above is the lower bound of FFp given in Theorem 6.

Note that  $FFs(|Ms| = |Mp|, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$

shown in C above is the upper bound of FFp given by Theorem 3.

Table 3  
Parameters for Curves in Figure 12



Curve B of Figure 12 indicates that the lower bound may be loose for very small values of  $|M_p|$  or that the structure  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$  does not cluster sectors very well for small values of  $|M_p|$ . The conjecture is that the lower bound may be loose for very small values of  $|M_p|$  since this phenomenon is observed in all of our experiments. This is not a serious practical drawback, because even for the lower bound the paging activity is prohibitively large for very small  $|M_p|$ . Since the lower bound is valid over all replacement algorithms, we compared the ratio of the performance of the good structure  $\Pi_y$  using OPT replacement to the lower bound. This ratio is curve E of Figure 12.

Curve C of Figure 12 illustrates the ratio of the theoretical upper bound given by Theorem 3 to the bad performance. The bad performance is the number of page fetches produced with the structure  $\Pi_x$ .

The upper bound is relatively close to the "worst" performance resulting from the structure  $\Pi_x$  for most values of  $|M_p|$ . For large values of  $|M_p|$  the upper bound is not very tight. The upper bound will be tight as long as the sectors which are clustered into a page are never used together when that page is in  $M_p$ . However, as the size of  $M_p$  increases, it becomes more and more difficult for this condition to be satisfied. Hence, the upper bound grows very rapidly for values of  $|M_p|$  approaching the length of the program. However, for values of  $|M_p|$  in the region where the program would probably be run, the upper bound is reasonable.

Figure 13 shows the number of page fetches given by:

- A. the lower bound.
- B. the upper bound.
- C. the bad structure,  $\Pi_x$ .
- D. the good structure,  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$  under LRU.
- E. the good structure,  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$  under OPT.

Figure 14 is simply the values for curves A, C, and D of Figure 13 shown at a much larger scale.

In summary, Figures 9-14 show that the paging performance may vary by a factor of 12 to 30 for large regions of primary memory size  $|M_p|$ . This occurs when the unconstrained clustering procedures are used in conjunction with the sector working set and the LRU stack intersector reference matrices; that is, for  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$ ,  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, ICB)$  and  $\Pi_y(U, D=15, UANW)$ . The use of clustering procedures which cluster sectors into natural clusters can produce program structures which require significantly fewer page fetches than required by program structures based on constrained clustering procedures.

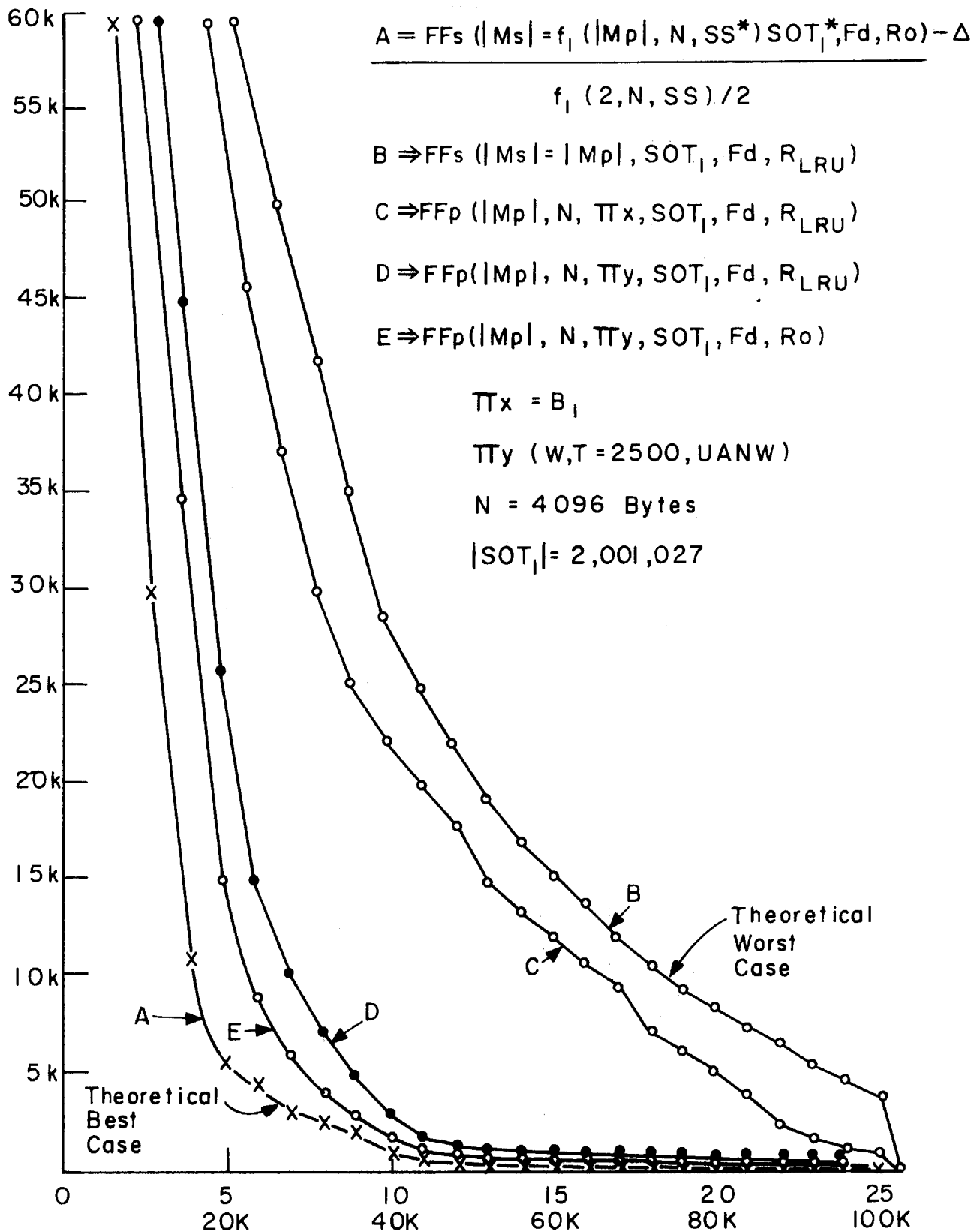


FIGURE 13 Total Page Fetches vs |Mp| FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

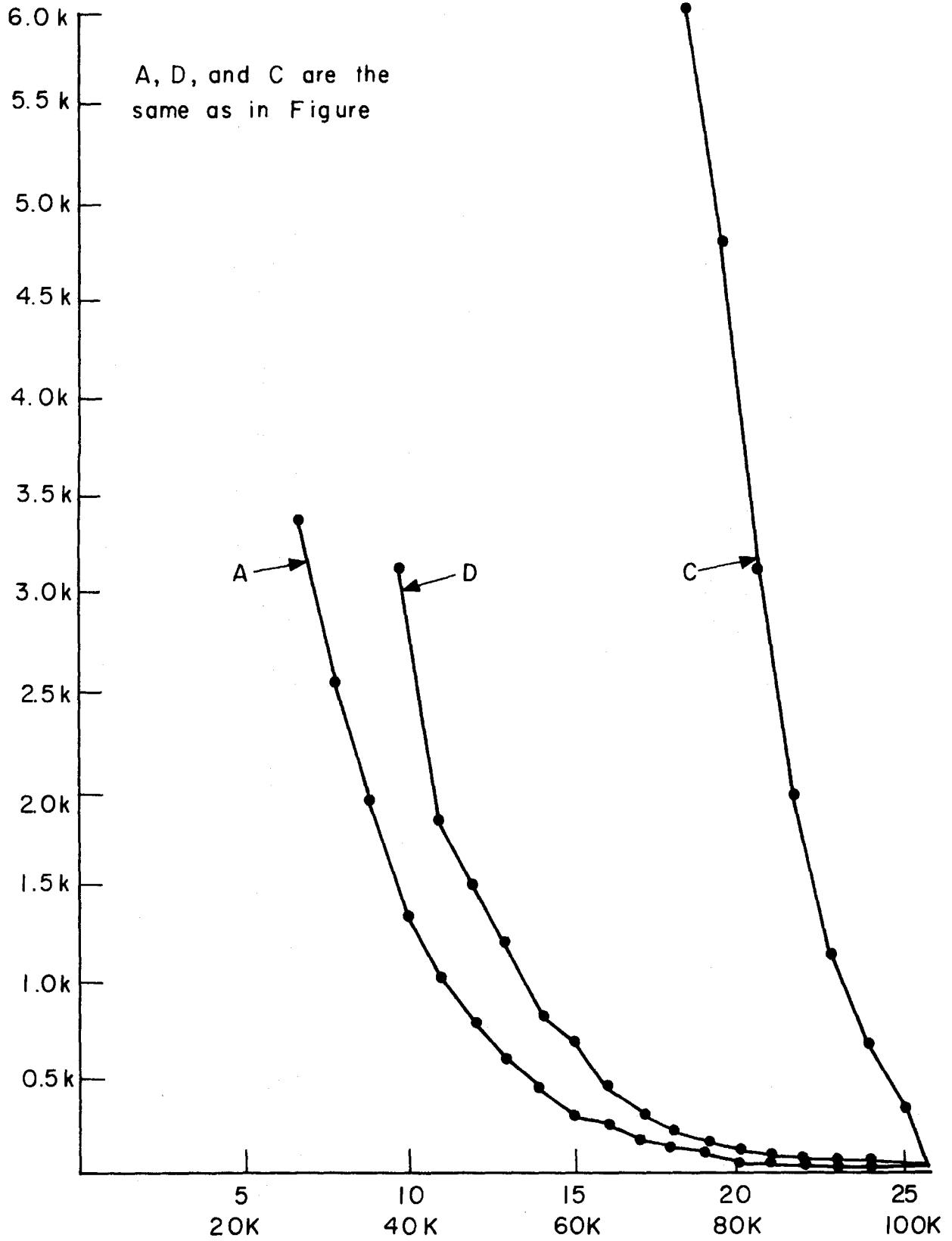


FIGURE 14 Enlarged Scale for Curves A,C, and D of Figure FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

### 6.3 Restructuring Phase 2

Figure 15 shows the results of restructuring Phase 2 over sector trace  $SOT_2$ , where  $|SOT_2| = 1,660,542$ . Table 4 precisely defines the curves of Figure 15. The bad order  $\Pi_x = B_2$  for Phase 2 is computed by the procedure BAD, which is compared to the order produced by  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$ . The curves of Figure 15 may be interpreted similarly to those of Figure 12 of Phase 1. The variation in the paging performance of Phase 2 as a function of program structure is not as large as that of Phase 1. However, the largest improvement in the paging performance of Phase 2 occurs when approximately one half of Phase 2 can fit into primary memory.

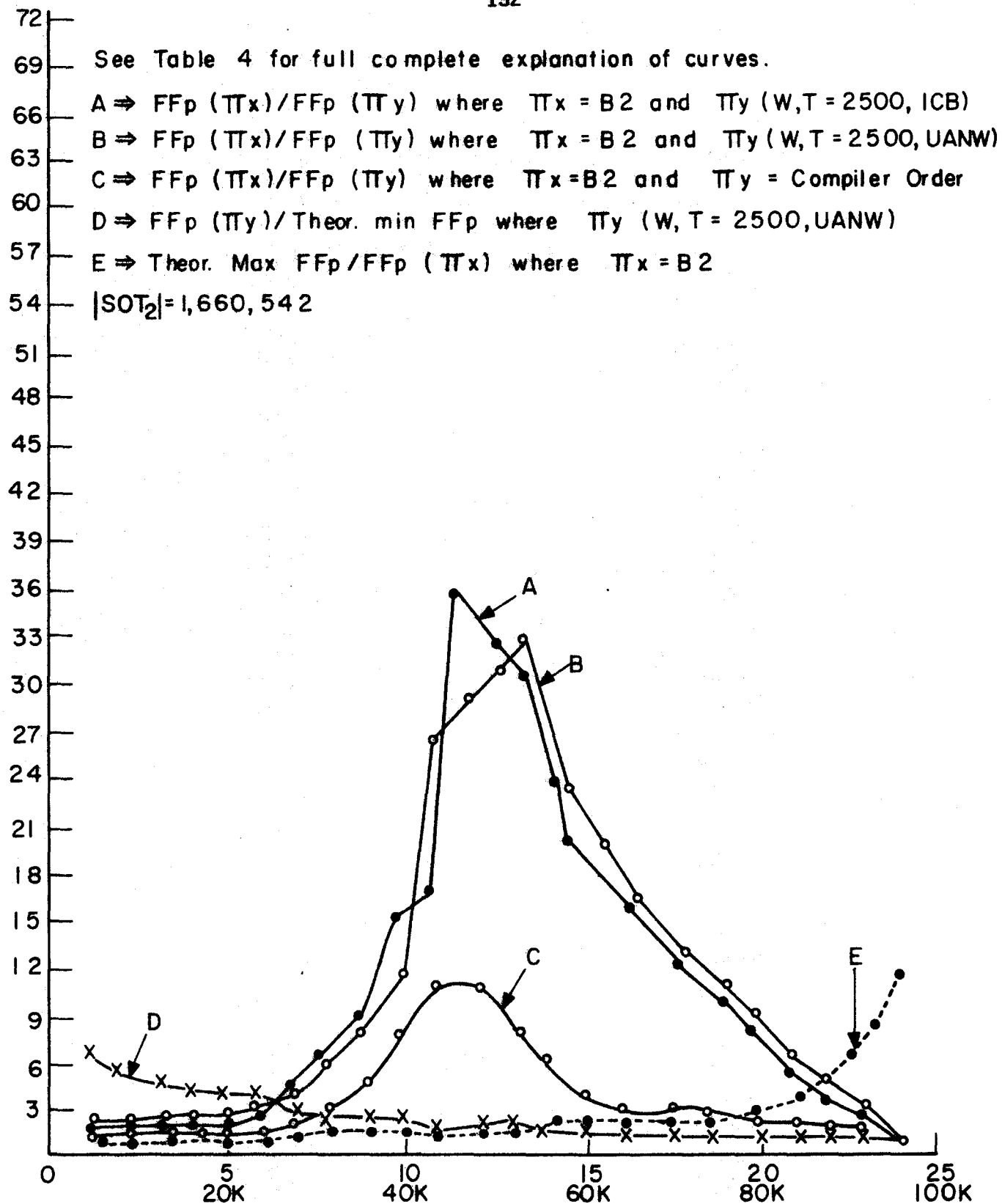


FIGURE 15 Page Fetch Ratios PHASE 2 OF AED COMPILER

Graph A is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

$$\Pi_x = B2 \text{ and } \Pi_y(W, T = 2500, ICB)$$

Graph B is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

$$\Pi_x = B2 \text{ and } \Pi_y(W, T = 2500, UANW)$$

Graph C is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

$$\Pi_x = B2 \text{ and } \Pi_y = \text{Compiler Order}$$

Graph D is:

$$FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_y, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU}) / \frac{FFs(|Ms| = f_1(|Mp|, N, SS^*), SOT_2^*, Fd, Ro) - \Delta}{f_1(2, N, SS)/2}$$

$$\Pi_y(W, T = 2500, UANW)$$

Graph E is:

$$FFs(|Ms| = |Mp|, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \Pi_x, SOT_2, Fd, R_{LRU})$$

$$\Pi_x = B2$$

Table 4

Parameters for Curves in Figure 15

#### 6.4 Restructuring Phase 3

Phase 3 is restructured from a sector trace  $SOT_3$  which contained 3,859,636 references. The program structure  $\Pi_x$  is a random ordering of sectors into the virtual address space. Program structures

$$\Pi_y(W, T=2500, ICB), \quad \Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW) \quad \text{and} \\ \Pi_y(U, D=20, ICB)$$

produced substantial improvements in the paging performance over  $\Pi_x = B_3$ . These improvements are illustrated in curves A, B, and C of Figure 16. These curves have the highest peaks of any improvements over sector orderings that we found. Curve D of Figure 16 shows the ratio of the paging performance obtained from  $\Pi_x$  to the performance of the existing compiler ordering. The theoretical lower and upper bounds are presented in Figure 17 in the same manner as for Phase 1 and 2.

Now we present a few general comments about Phase 1, 2, and 3. All three phases indicate that significant variations in paging performance can occur for different arrangements of the relocatable sectors in virtual memory. The unconstrained clustering procedures, ICB and UANW, produced the best program performance over all memory sizes for all three phases. The constrained procedures are not shown for Phases 2 and 3 since they produced the same relative improvement in these phases as in Phase 1. The theoretical lower bounds are relatively good indicators of the best paging performance of all three phases for all but the smallest primary memory sizes.



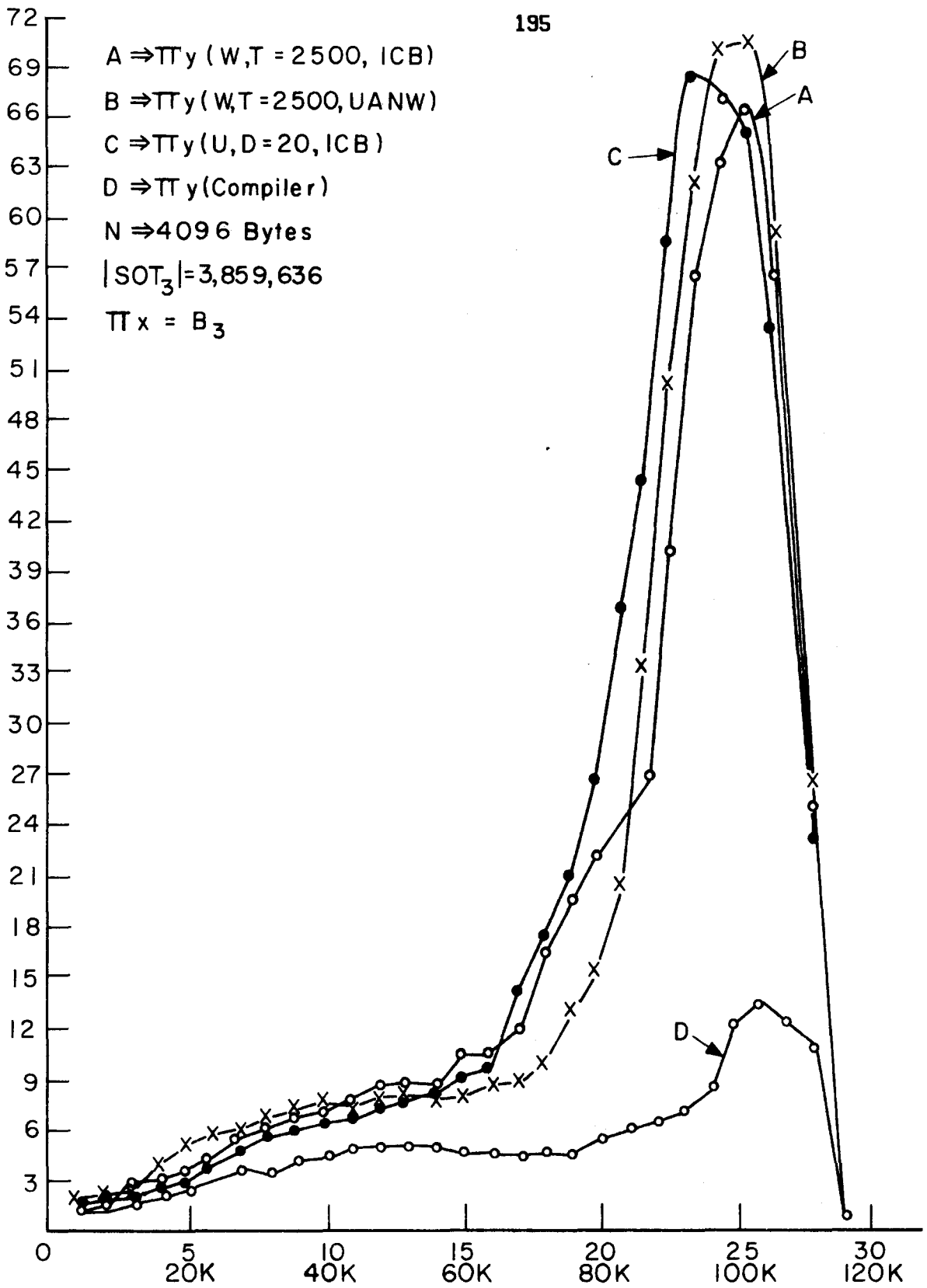


FIGURE 16  $FFp (|Mp|, N, \Pi x, SOT_3, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp (|Mp|, N, \Pi y, SOT_3, Fd, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|Mp|$  FOR PHASE 3 OF AED COMPILER

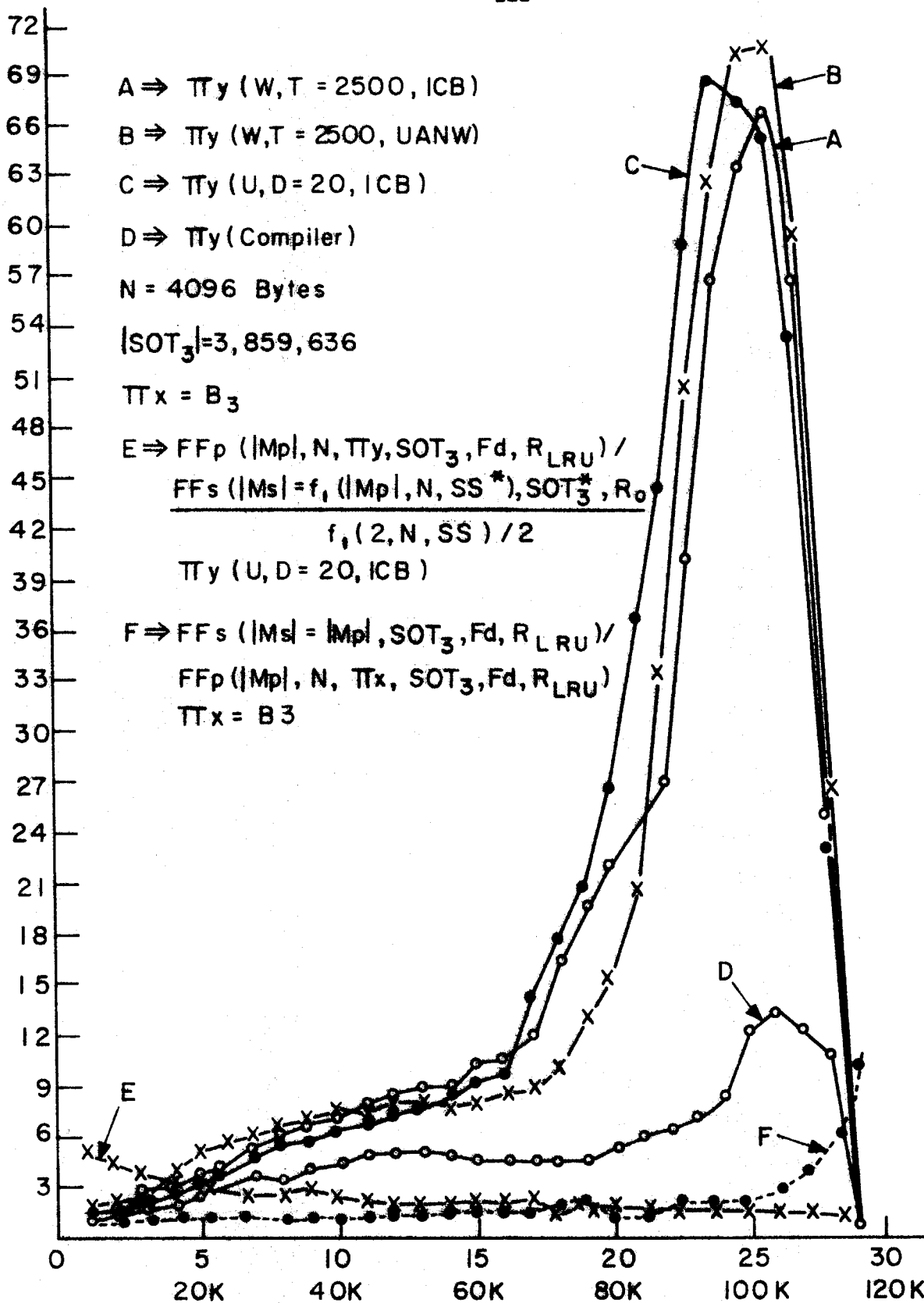


FIGURE 17  $FFp(|Mp|, N, \pi_x, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU}) / FFp(|Mp|, N, \pi_y, SOT_1, Fd, R_{LRU})$  vs  $|Mp|$  FOR PHASE 3 OF AED COMPILER

## 6.5 Effects of Input Data

In order to establish the effect that the input program to be compiled has on the paging performance, we conducted the following experiments:

### Experiment 1:

- A. We took the above sector trace  $SOT_1$  and computed the program structure  $\Pi_y(W, T=2500, UANW)$ .
- B. We measured a second program trace  $SOT_{1,a}$  which corresponds to a completely different program and restructured the compiler to get  $\Pi_{ya}(W, T=2500, UANW)$  based on  $SOT_{1,a}$ .
- C. A third sector trace  $SOT_{1,b}$  was measured, and, based on this sector trace, the program structure  $\Pi_{yb}(W, T=2500, UANW)$  was computed.

All three of the program structures,  $\Pi_y$ ,  $\Pi_{ya}$  and  $\Pi_{yb}$  should tend to minimize the page fetches for the traces  $SOT_1$ ,  $SOT_{1,a}$ , and  $SOT_{1,b}$  respectively. However, will the structures specified by  $\Pi_{ya}$  or by  $\Pi_{yb}$  tend to minimize the page fetches for  $SOT_1$ ?

Figure 18 contains all the information shown in Figure 13 for Phase 1. That is, it shows the value of the page fetch function  $FFp$  for  $SOT_1$  and  $\Pi_y$  as curve D, and it shows the other curves of Figure 13 for visual comparison. Curve F in Figure 18 represents the value of  $FFp$  as a function of the same reference behavior  $SOT_1$  and  $\Pi_{ya}$ . Curve G illustrates the value of  $FFp$  as a function of the same reference behavior  $SOT_1$  and  $\Pi_{yb}$ .

Therefore, the curves D, F, and G represent the paging performances of Phase 1 of the compiler for a single sector trace and three different partitions of sectors into clusters. The results of this experiment reveal that a good program structure generated from one sector trace is a good program structure for other sector traces.

#### Experiment 2:

Now we give another experiment. For  $\Pi_y$ ,  $\Pi_{ya}$  and  $\Pi_{yb}$  from the above experiment, we use the BAD procedure on each  $\Pi$  to get  $\Pi_x$ ,  $\Pi_{xa}$ , and  $\Pi_{xb}$  respectively. Then, using the same sector trace  $SOT_1$ , the following ratios are computed and plotted in Figure 19.

- A.  $FFp(\dots, \Pi_x, SOT_1, \dots) / FFp(\dots, \Pi_y, SOT_1, \dots)$
- B.  $FFp(\dots, \Pi_{xa}, SOT_1, \dots) / FFp(\dots, \Pi_{ya}, SOT_1, \dots)$
- C.  $FFp(\dots, \Pi_{xb}, SOT_1, \dots) / FFp(\dots, \Pi_{yb}, SOT_1, \dots)$

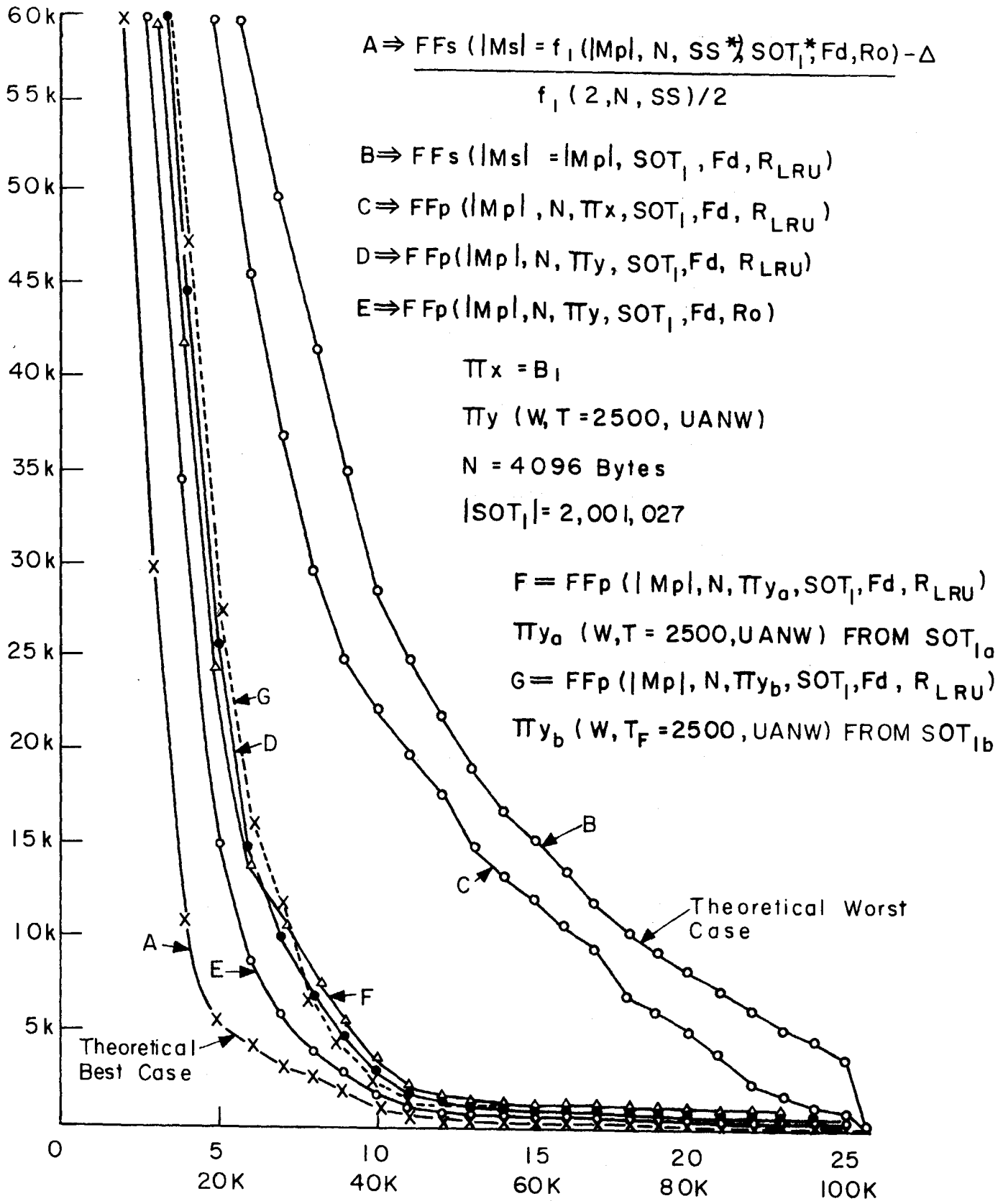


FIGURE 18 Total Page Fetches vs |Mp| FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

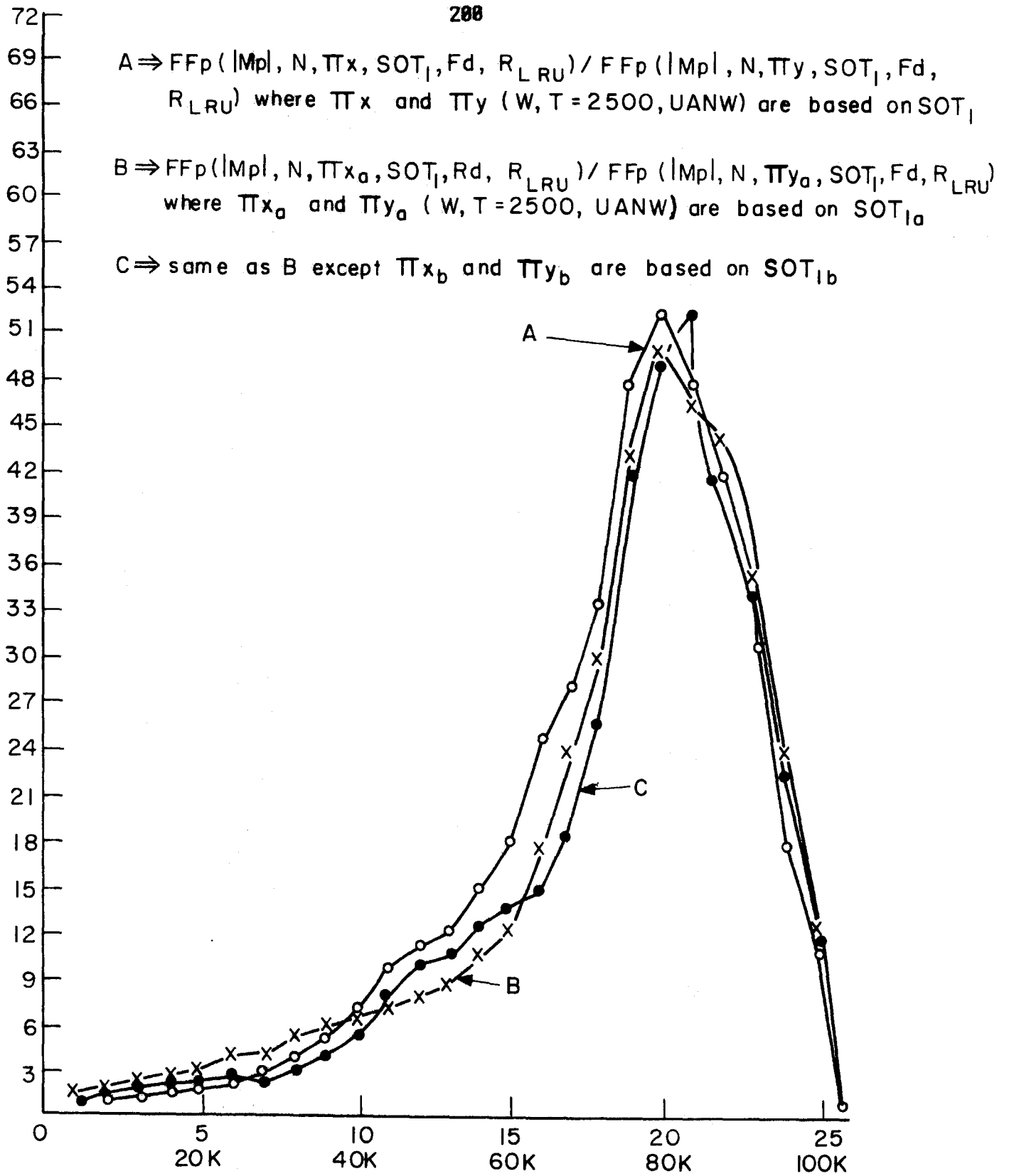


FIGURE 19 Comparison of Page Fetch Ratios for Different Program Structures FOR PHASE I OF AED COMPILER

These ratios are the improvements in paging performance over the same sector trace for three pairs of program structures. Each pair consists of a BAD structure and a good structure. Furthermore, each pair is constructed from a different sector trace. However, the possible improvement in paging performance for each pair is nearly the same.

#### Experiments 3 and 4:

Experiments 3 and 4 for Phase 2 and 3 respectively are quite similar to Experiment 1 for Phase 1. The only difference is that, in 3 and 4, the ratios of  $FFp(\dots, \Pi_y, SOT_2, \dots) / FFp(\dots, \Pi_{ya}, SOT_2, \dots)$  and of  $FFp(\dots, \Pi_y, SOT_2, \dots) / FFp(\dots, \Pi_{yb}, SOT_2, \dots)$  are plotted as shown in Figures 20 and 21 instead of the magnitude of these values of FFp shown in Figure 18. In Figure 18 it is difficult to distinguish between the three curves because of the scale problems. Figures 20 and 21 do away with the scale problems but do not show the relationship of these values to the overall picture as is done in Figure 18. From Figures 20 and 21 we observe that a good program structure computed from one sector trace turns out to be a good program structure for another sector trace.

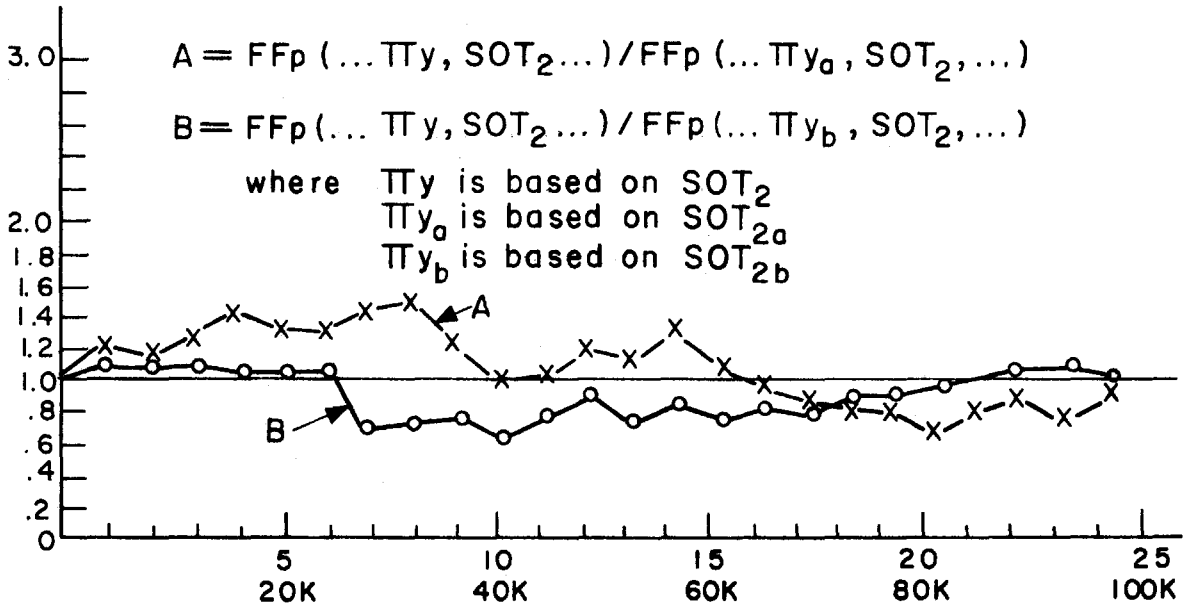


FIGURE 20 Ratios of Page Fetches For  $\Pi$  Based on Different Sector Traces FOR PHASE 2 OF AED COMPILER

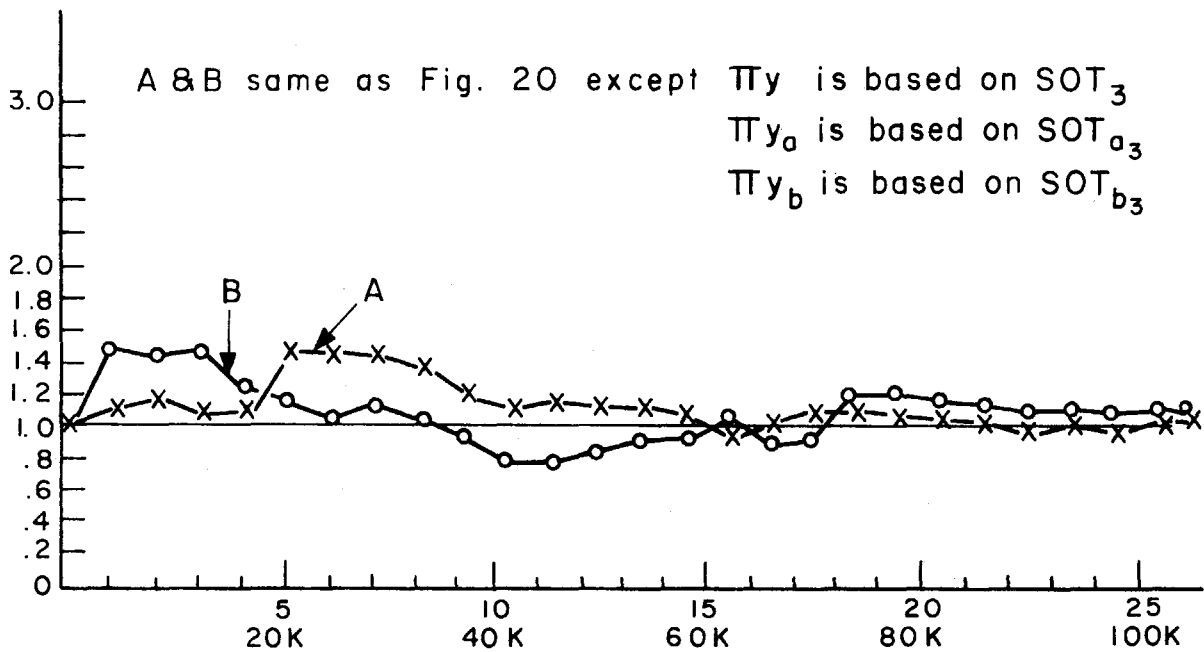


FIGURE 21 Ratios of Page Fetches For  $\Pi$  Based on Different Sector Traces FOR PHASE 3 OF AED COMPILER



## CHAPTER 7

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

## 7.1 Introduction

This report has presented theoretical and experimental results which show that program restructuring has a significant effect on the paging performance of virtual memory systems.

## 7.2 Summary

The problem of restructuring programs to improve their paging performance in virtual memory systems was presented in Chapter 1.

In Chapter 2 we formalized the notion of the page fetch function and the sector fetch function. The page fetch function models the paging behavior, and the sector fetch function models the sectoring behavior.

In Chapter 3 the sector fetch function was used to produce upper and lower theoretical bounds in the page fetch function over all

reorderings of the relocatable sectors into the address space.

Intersector reference models based on sector working sets and LRU stack distances were developed in Chapter 4. In Chapter 5 several clustering methods were developed which used the intersector reference models to produce a restructured program.

In Chapter 6 the effect of program restructuring on the paging performance of real programs was investigated empirically and theoretically. In particular, we showed that improvements in paging performance of factors of 20 to 40 is not uncommon for relatively large regions of primary memory size.

### 7.3 Further Work

The research reported in this report provides a basis for additional investigation in several areas of program restructuring.

The work described in this report addresses a problem that is as hard as the seemingly intractable problems studied by Cook [C5] and Karp [K6]. Recent work by several people has revealed fast algorithms for near optimal solutions to some of these problems. The clustering techniques described in Chapter 5 have been shown of value for particular but not trivial examples that occur in practice. It would be

of considerable interest to know to what extent these techniques can be relied on over all possible sector traces. Can our techniques be shown to yield solutions that come within a factor of two of our lower bounds? If not, are there algorithms that do come near our lower bounds? Alternatively, can our lower bounds be improved?

We did not investigate the problem of sector duplication in this thesis. We claim that the results of Chapter 3 can be applied in a straightforward manner to produce lower bounds on the paging performance when sector duplication is allowed. Another related problem is how to incorporate sector duplication into the intersector reference models and into the clustering procedures.

Another area is the problem of deciding when it is best for sectors to cross page boundaries and when it is best to have holes in pages.

An ongoing research project between the author and Don Hatfield of IBM is to use the theoretical results of Chapter 3 to evaluate the potential benefit of reprogramming and then restructuring a very large data base system. This large data base system has sectors which are over 10 pages long. For example, Theorem 1 can be used to predict the theoretical best paging performance if the large data base system is broken up into  $k$  sectors per page. Thus, the problem is to determine the  $k$  that provides the best theoretical improvement and then use the magnitude of this improvement as a basis for deciding whether or not reprogramming is advisable.

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