Storage Devices and RAID

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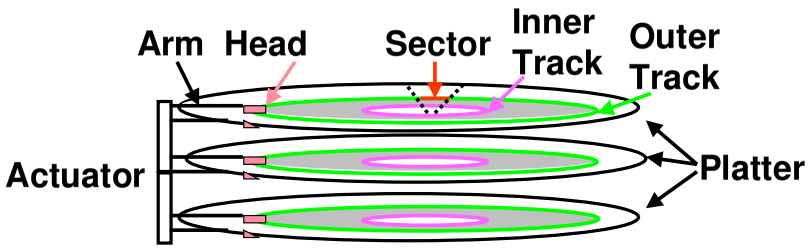
Outline

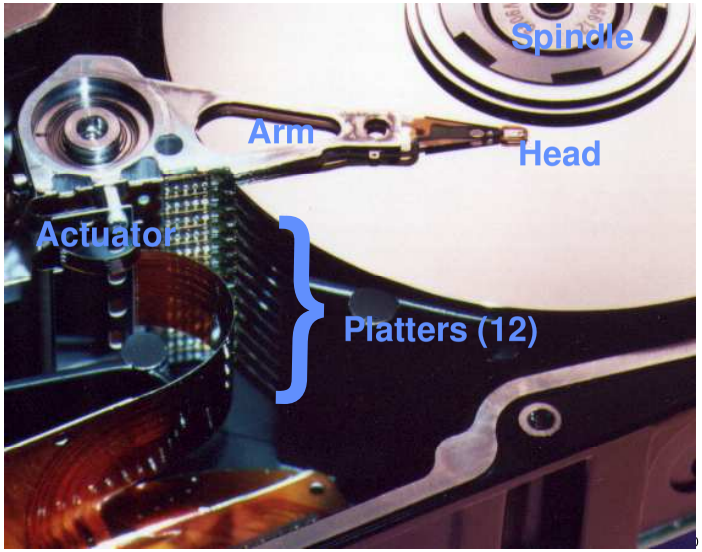
- Disk Basics
- Disk History
- Disk options in 2000
- Disk fallacies and performance
- Tapes
- RAID

Disk Device Terminology

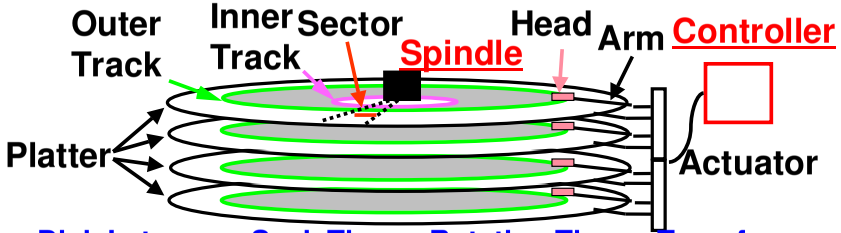


- Several platters, with information recorded magnetically on both surfaces (usually)
- Bits recorded in tracks, which in turn divided into sectors (e.g., 512 Bytes)
- Actuator moves head (end of arm,1/surface) over track ("seek"), select surface, wait for sector rotate under head, then read or write
  - "Cylinder": all tracks under heads

Photo of Disk Head, Arm, Actuator



Disk Device Performance



- Disk Latency = Seek Time + Rotation Time + Transfer Time + Controller Overhead
- Seek Time? depends no. tracks move arm, seek speed of disk
- Rotation Time? depends on speed disk rotates, how far sector is from head
- Transfer Time? depends on data rate (bandwidth) of disk (bit density), size of request

Disk Device Performance

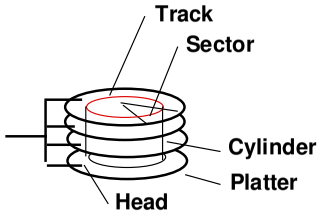
- Average distance sector from head?
- 1/2 time of a rotation
  - 7200 Revolutions Per Minute ⇒ 120 Rev/sec
  - 1 revolution = 1/120 sec ⇒ 8.33 milliseconds
  - 1/2 rotation (revolution) ⇒ 4.16 ms
- Average no. tracks move arm?
  - Sum all possible seek distances from all possible tracks / # possible
    - » Assumes average seek distance is random
  - Disk industry standard benchmark

Data Rate: Inner vs. Outer Tracks

- To keep things simple, orginally kept same number of sectors per track
  - Since outer track longer, lower bits per inch
- Competition ⇒ decided to keep BPI the same for all tracks ("constant bit density")
  - ⇒ More capacity per disk
  - ⇒ More of sectors per track towards edge
  - ⇒ Since disk spins at constant speed, outer tracks have faster data rate
- Bandwidth outer track 1.7X inner track!

Devices: Magnetic Disks

- Purpose:
  - Long-term, nonvolatile storage
  - Large, inexpensive, slow level in the storage hierarchy
- Characteristics:
  - Seek Time (~8 ms avg)
    - » positional latency
    - » rotational latency
- Transfer rate
  - 10-30 MByte/sec
  - Blocks
- Capacity
  - Gigabytes
  - Quadruples every 3 years (aerodynamics)



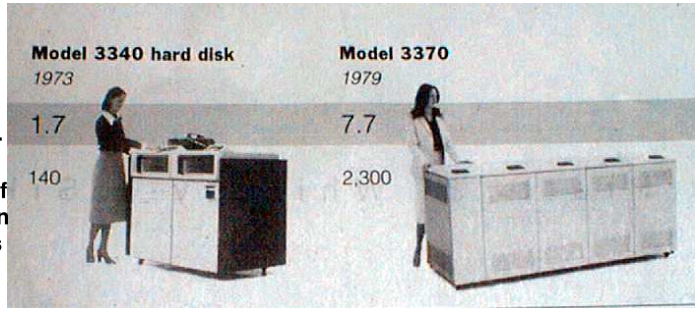
7200 RPM = 120 RPS => 8 ms per rev
ave rot. latency = 4 ms
128 sectors per track => 0.25 ms per sector
1 KB per sector => 16 MB / s

Response time
= Queue + Controller + Seek + Rot + Xfer
Service time

Historical Perspective

- 1956 IBM Ramac — early 1970s Winchester
  - Developed for mainframe computers, proprietary interfaces
  - Steady shrink in form factor: 27 in. to 14 in.
- 1970s developments
  - 5.25 inch floppy disk formfactor (microcode into mainframe)
  - early emergence of industry standard disk interfaces
    - » ST506, SASI, SMD, ESDI
- Early 1980s
  - PCs and first generation workstations
- Mid 1980s
  - Client/server computing
  - Centralized storage on file server
    - » accelerates disk downsizing: 8 inch to 5.25 inch
  - Mass market disk drives become a reality
    - » industry standards: SCSI, IPI, IDE
    - » 5.25 inch drives for standalone PCs, End of proprietary interfaces

Disk History



1973:
1. 7 Mbit/sq. in
140 MBytes

1979:
7. 7 Mbit/sq. in
2,300 MBytes

source: New York Times, 2/23/98, page C3,
"Makers of disk drives crowd even mroe data into even smaller spaces"

Historical Perspective

- Late 1980s/Early 1990s:
  - Laptops, notebooks, (palmtops)
  - 3.5 inch, 2.5 inch, (1.8 inch formfactors)
  - Formfactor plus capacity drives market, not so much performance
    - » Recently Bandwidth improving at 40%/ year
  - Challenged by DRAM, flash RAM in PCMCIA cards
    - » still expensive, Intel promises but doesn't deliver
    - » unattractive MBytes per cubic inch
  - Optical disk fails on performace but finds niche (CD ROM)

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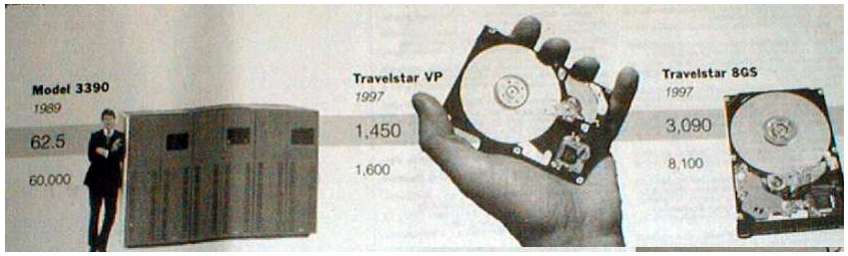

1989:
63 Mbit/sq. in
60,000 MBytes

1997:
1450 Mbit/sq. in
2300 MBytes

1997:
3090 Mbit/sq. in
8100 MBytes

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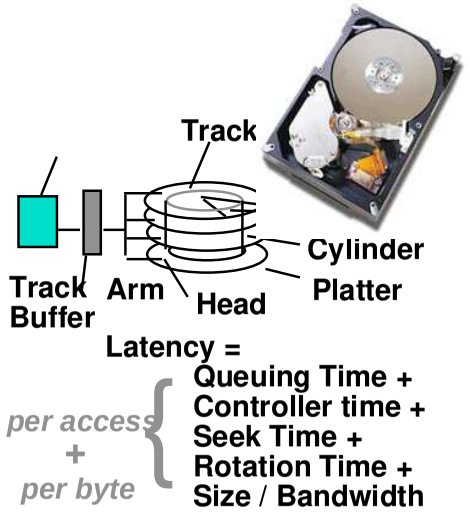
Disk Performance Model /Trends

- Capacity
  - + 100%/year (2X / 1.0 yrs)
- Transfer rate (BW)
  - + 40%/year (2X / 2.0 yrs)
- Rotation + Seek time
  - – 8%/ year (1/2 in 10 yrs)
- MB/$
  - > 100%/year (2X / <1.5 yrs)
  - Fewer chips + areal density

State of the Art: Ultrastar 72ZX



- 73.4 GB, 3.5 inch disk
- 2¢/MB
- 10,000 RPM; 3 ms = 1/2 rotation
- 11 platters, 22 surfaces
- 15,110 cylinders
- 7 Gbit/sq. in. areal den
- 17 watts (idle)
- 0.1 ms controller time
- 5.3 ms avg. seek
- 50 to 29 MB/s(internal)

source: www.ibm.com; www.pricewatch.com; 2/14/00

Disk Performance Example (will fix later)

- Calculate time to read 1 sector (512B) for UltraStar 72 using advertised performance; sector is on outer track

Disk latency = average seek time + average rotational delay + transfer time + controller overhead

= 5.3 ms + 0.5 * 1/(10000 RPM) + 0.5 KB / (50 MB/s) + 0.15 ms

= 5.3 ms + 0.5 /(10000 RPM/(60000ms/M)) + 0.5 KB / (50 KB/ms) + 0.15 ms

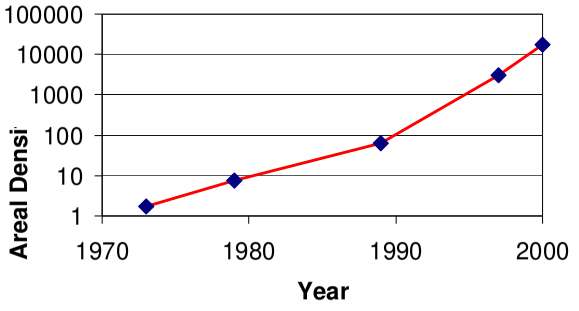
= 5.3 + 3.0 + 0.10 + 0.15 ms = 8.55 ms

Areal Density

- Bits recorded along a track
  - Metric is Bits Per Inch (BPI)
- Number of tracks per surface
  - Metric is Tracks Per Inch (TPI)
- Care about bit density per unit area
  - Metric is Bits Per Square Inch
  - Called Areal Density
  - Areal Density = BPI x TPI

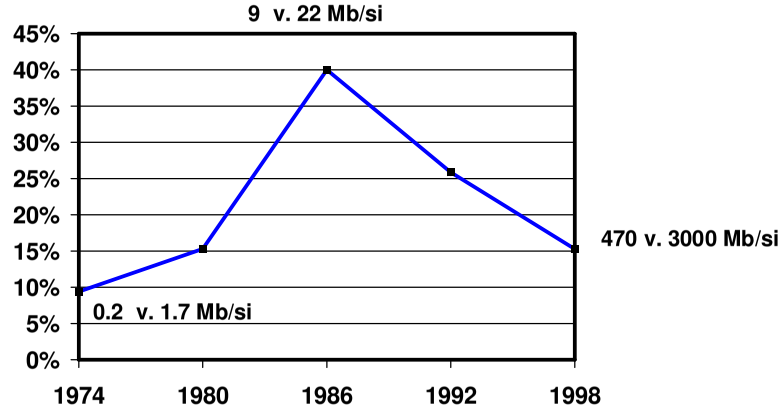
Areal Density

Year	Areal Density
1973	1.7
1979	7.7
1989	63
1997	3090
2000	17100



- Areal Density = BPI x TPI
- Change slope 30%/yr to 60%/yr about 1991

MBits per square inch: DRAM as % of Disk over time



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Historical Perspective

- Form factor and capacity drives market, more than performance
- 1970s: Mainframes ⇒ 14 inch diameter disks
- 1980s: Minicomputers, Servers ⇒ 8", 5.25" diameter disks
- Late 1980s/Early 1990s:
  - Pizzabox PCs ⇒ 3.5 inch diameter disks
  - Laptops, notebooks ⇒ 2.5 inch disks
  - Palmtops didn't use disks, so 1.8 inch diameter disks didn't make it

1 inch disk drive!

- 2000 IBM MicroDrive:
  - 1.7" x 1.4" x 0.2"
  - 1 GB, 3600 RPM, 5 MB/s, 15 ms seek
  - Digital camera, PalmPC?
- 2006 MicroDrive?
- 9 GB, 50 MB/s!
  - Assuming it finds a niche in a successful product
  - Assuming past trends continue

Disk Characteristics in 2000

	Seagate Cheetah ST173404LC Ultra160 SCSI	IBM Travelstar 32GH DJSA - 232 ATA-4	IBM 1GB Microdrive DSCM-11000
Disk diameter (inches)	3.5	2.5	1.0
Formatted data capacity (GB)	73.4	32.0	1.0
Cylinders	14,100	21,664	7,167
Disks	12	4	1
Recording Surfaces (Heads)	24	8	2
Bytes per sector	512 to 4096	512	512
Avg Sectors per track (512 byte)	~ 424	~ 360	~ 140
Max. areal density(Gbit/sq.in.)	6.0	14.0	15.2

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Rotation speed (RPM)	10033	5411	3600
Avg. seek ms (read/write)	5.6/6.2	12.0	12.0
Minimum seek ms (read/write)	0.6/0.9	2.5	1.0
Max. seek ms	14.0/15.0	23.0	19.0
Data transfer rate MB/second	27 to 40	11 to 21	2.6 to 4.2
Link speed to	160	67	13

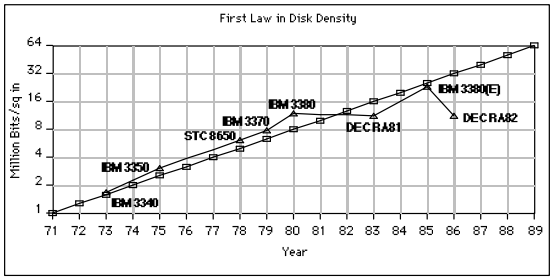
Disk Characteristics in 2000

	Seagate Cheetah ST173404LC Ultra160 SCSI	IBM Travelstar 32GH DJSA - 232 ATA-4	IBM 1GB Microdrive DSCM-11000
Buffer size in MB	4.0	2.0	0.125
Size: height x width x depth inches	1.6 x 4.0 x 5.8	0.5 x 2.7 x 3.9	0.2 x 1.4 x 1.7
Weight pounds	2.00	0.34	0.035
Rated MTTF in powered-on hours	1,200,000	(300,000?)	(20K/5 yr life?)
% of POH per month	100%	45%	20%
% of POH seeking, reading, writing	90%	20%	20%

Disk Characteristics in 2000

	Seagate Cheetah ST173404LC Ultra160 SCSI	IBM Travelstar 32GH DJSA - 232 ATA-4	IBM 1GB Microdri DSCM-11000
Load/Unload cycles (disk powered on/off)	250 per year	300,000	300,000
Nonrecoverable read errors per bits read	<1 per 10^{15}	< 1 per 10^{13}	< 1 per 10^{13}
Seek errors	<1 per 10^{7}	not available	not available
Shock tolerance: Operating, Not operating	10 G, 175 G	150 G, 700 G	175 G, 1500 G
Vibration tolerance: Operating, Not operating (sine swept, 0 to peak)	5-400 Hz @ 0.5G, 22-400 Hz @ 2.0G	5-500 Hz @ 1.0G, 2.5-500 Hz @ 5.0G	5-500 Hz @ 1G, 500 Hz @ 5G

Technology Trends



Disk Capacity now doubles every 12 months; before 1990 every 36 motnhs

- Today: Processing Power Doubles Every 18 months
- Today: Memory Size Doubles Every 18-24 months(4X/3yr)
- Today: Disk Capacity Doubles Every 12-18 months
- *Disk Positioning Rate (Seek + Rotate) Doubles Every Ten Years!*

The I/O GAP

Fallacy: Use Data Sheet "Average Seek" Time

- Manufacturers needed standard for fair comparison ("benchmark")
  - Calculate all seeks from all tracks, divide by number of seeks => "average"
- Real average would be based on how data laid out on disk, where seek in real applications, then measure performance
  - Usually, tend to seek to tracks nearby, not to random track
- Rule of Thumb: observed average seek time is typically about 1/4 to 1/3 of quoted seek time (i.e., 3X-4X faster)
  - UltraStar 72 avg. seek: 5.3 ms ⇒ 1.7 ms

Fallacy: Use Data Sheet Transfer Rate

- Manufacturers quote the speed off the data rate off the surface of the disk
- Sectors contain an error detection and correction field (can be 20% of sector size) plus sector number as well as data
- There are gaps between sectors on track
- Rule of Thumb: disks deliver about 3/4 of internal media rate (1.3X slower) for data
- For example, UlstraStar 72 quotes
  50 to 29 MB/s internal media rate

  ⇒ Expect 37 to 22 MB/s user data rate

Disk Performance Example

- Calculate time to read 1 sector for UltraStar 72 again, this time using 1/3 quoted seek time, 3/4 of internal outer track bandwidth; (8.55 ms before)

Disk latency = average seek time + average rotational delay + transfer time + controller overhead

= (0.33 * 5.3 ms) + 0.5 * 1/(10000 RPM)
+ 0.5 KB / (0.75 * 50 MB/s) + 0.15 ms

= 1.77 ms + 0.5 /(10000 RPM/(60000ms/M))
+ 0.5 KB / (37 KB/ms) + 0.15 ms

= 1.73 + 3.0 + 0.14 + 0.15 ms = 5.02 ms

Future Disk Size and Performance

- Continued advance in capacity (60%/yr) and bandwidth (40%/yr)
- Slow improvement in seek, rotation (8%/yr)
- Time to read whole disk

Year	Sequentially	Randomly (1 sector/seek)
1990	4 minutes	6 hours
2000	12 minutes	1 week(!)

- 3.5" form factor make sense in 5-7 yrs?

SCSI: Small Computer System Interface

- Clock rate: 5 MHz / 10 (fast) / 20 (ultra)- 80 MHz (Ultra3)
- Width: n = 8 bits / 16 bits (wide); up to n – 1 devices to communicate on a bus or "string"
- Devices can be slave ("target") or master("initiator")
- SCSI protocol: a series of "phases", during which specific actions are taken by the controller and the SCSI disks
  - Bus Free: No device is currently accessing the bus
  - Arbitration: When the SCSI bus goes free, multiple devices may request (arbitrate for) the bus; fixed priority by address
  - Selection: informs the target that it will participate (Reselection if disconnected)
  - Command: the initiator reads the SCSI command bytes from host memory and sends them to the target
  - Data Transfer: data in or out, initiator: target
  - Message Phase: message in or out, initiator: target (identify, save/restore data pointer, disconnect, command complete)
  - Status Phase: target, just before command complete

Tape vs. Disk

- Longitudinal tape uses same technology as hard disk; tracks its density improvements
- Disk head flies above surface, tape head lies on surface
- Disk fixed, tape removable
- Inherent cost-performance based on geometries:
  fixed rotating platters with gaps
  (random access, limited area, 1 media / reader)

vs.

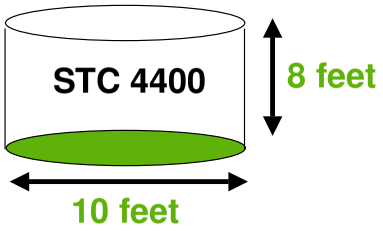
  removable long strips wound on spool
  (sequential access, "unlimited" length, multiple / reader)

- New technology trend:
  Helical Scan (VCR, Camcoder, DAT)
  Spins head at angle to tape to improve density

Current Drawbacks to Tape

- Tape wear out:
  - Helical 100s of passes to 1000s for longitudinal
- Head wear out:
  - 2000 hours for helical
- Both must be accounted for in economic / reliability model
- Long rewind, eject, load, spin-up times; not inherent, just no need in marketplace (so far)
- Designed for archival

Automated Cartridge System



6000 x 30 GB D3 tapes = 180 TBytes in 2000

Library of Congress: all information in the world; in 1992, ASCII of all books = 30 TB

Library vs. Storage

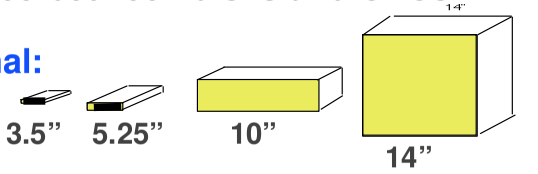
- Getting books today as quaint as the way I learned to program
  - punch cards, batch processing
  - wander thru shelves, anticipatory purchasing
- Cost $1 per book to check out
- $30 for a catalogue entry
- 30% of all books never checked out
- Write only journals?
- Digital library can transform campuses
- Will have lecture on getting electronic information

Use Arrays of Small Disks?

•Katz and Patterson asked in 1987:

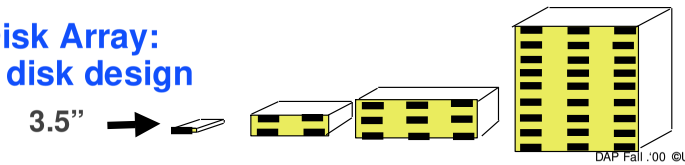
•Can smaller disks be used to close gap in performance between disks and CPUs?

Conventional:
4 disk designs

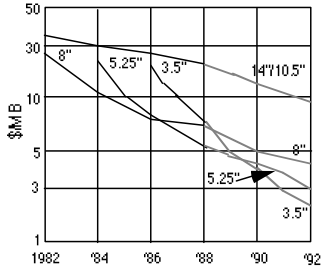


Low End → High End

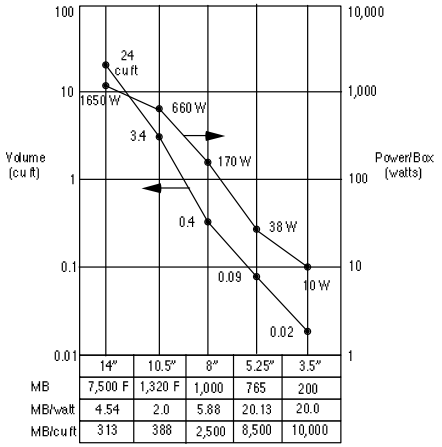
Disk Array:
1 disk design



Advantages of Small Formfactor Disk Drives



Low cost/MB
High MB/volume
High MB/watt
Low cost/Actuator



	14”	10.5”	8”	5.25”	3.5”
MB	7,500 F	1,320 F	1,000	765	200
MB/watt	4.54	2.0	5.88	20.13	20.0
MB/cuft	313	388	2,500	8,500	10,000

Cost and Environmental Efficiencies

Replace Small Number of Large Disks with Large Number of Small Disks! (1988 Disks)

	IBM 3390K	IBM 3.5" 0061	x70	
Capacity	20 GBytes	320 MBytes	23 GBytes	
Volume	97 cu. ft.	0.1 cu. ft.	11 cu. ft.	9X
Power	3 KW	11 W	1 KW	3X
Data Rate	15 MB/s	1.5 MB/s	120 MB/s	8X
I/O Rate	600 I/Os/s	55 I/Os/s	3900 IOs/s	6X
MTTF	250 KHrs	50 KHrs	??? Hrs	
Cost	$250K	$2K	$150K	

Disk Arrays have potential for large data and I/O rates, high MB per cu. ft., high MB per KW, but what about reliability?

Array Reliability

- Reliability of N disks = Reliability of 1 Disk ÷ N

  50,000 Hours ÷ 70 disks = 700 hours

  Disk system MTTF: Drops from 6 years to 1 month!

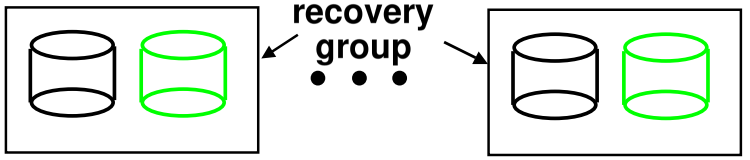
- Arrays (without redundancy) too unreliable to be useful!

Hot spares support reconstruction in parallel with access: very high media availability can be achieved

Redundant Arrays of (Inexpensive) Disks

- Files are "striped" across multiple disks
- Redundancy yields high data availability
  - Availability: service still provided to user, even if some components failed
- Disks will still fail
- Contents reconstructed from data redundantly stored in the array
  - ⇒ Capacity penalty to store redundant info
  - ⇒ Bandwidth penalty to update redundant info

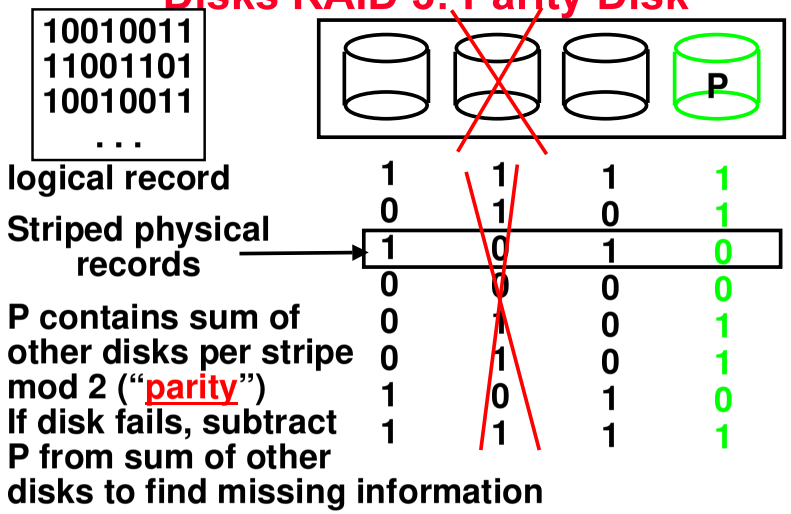
Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks RAID 1: Disk Mirroring/Shadowing



- Each disk is fully duplicated onto its "mirror"
  Very high availability can be achieved
- Bandwidth sacrifice on write:
  Logical write = two physical writes
  - Reads may be optimized
- Most expensive solution: 100% capacity overhead

- (RAID 2 not interesting, so skip)

Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks RAID 3: Parity Disk



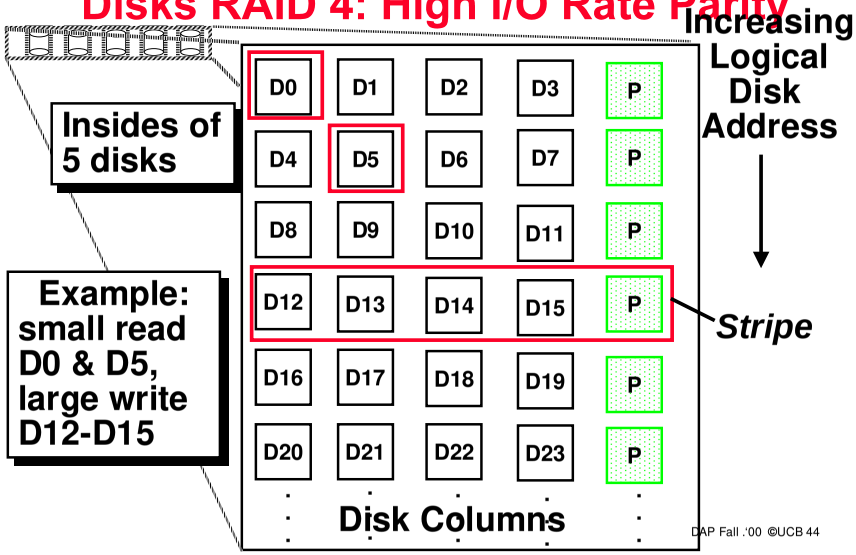
RAID 3

- Sum computed across recovery group to protect against hard disk failures, stored in P disk
- Logically, a single high capacity, high transfer rate disk: good for large transfers
- Wider arrays reduce capacity costs, but decreases availability
- 33% capacity cost for parity in this configuration

Inspiration for RAID 4

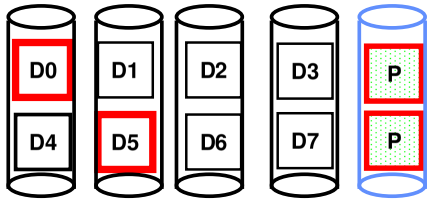
- RAID 3 relies on parity disk to discover errors on Read
- But every sector has an error detection field
- Rely on error detection field to catch errors on read, not on the parity disk
- Allows independent reads to different disks simultaneously

Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks RAID 4: High I/O Rate Parity



Inspiration for RAID 5

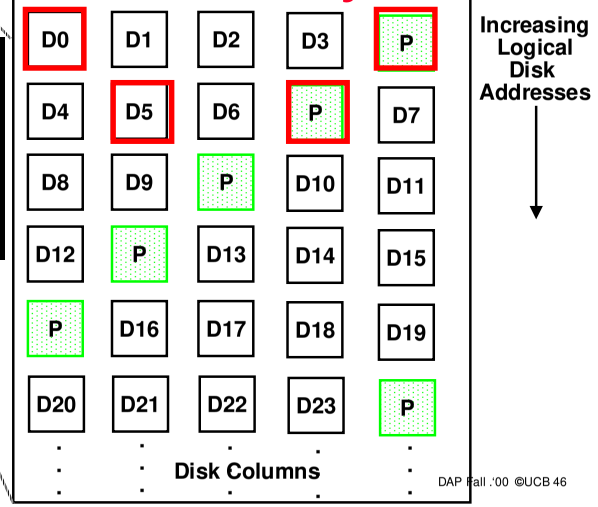
- RAID 4 works well for small reads
- Small writes (write to one disk):
  - Option 1: read other data disks, create new sum and write to Parity Disk
  - Option 2: since P has old sum, compare old data to new data, add the difference to P
- Small writes are limited by Parity Disk: Write to D0, D5 both also write to P disk



Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks RAID 5: High I/O Rate Interleaved Parity

Independent writes possible because of interleaved parity

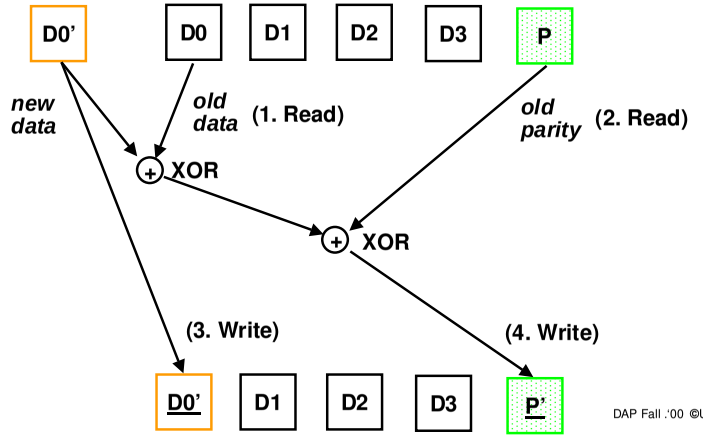
Example: write to D0, D5 uses disks 0, 1, 3, 4



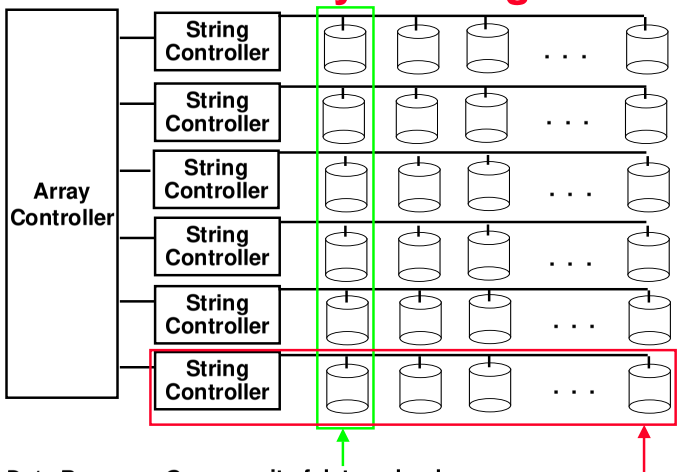
Problems of Disk Arrays: Small Writes

RAID-5: Small Write Algorithm

1 Logical Write = 2 Physical Reads + 2 Physical Writes



System Availability: Orthogonal RAIDs

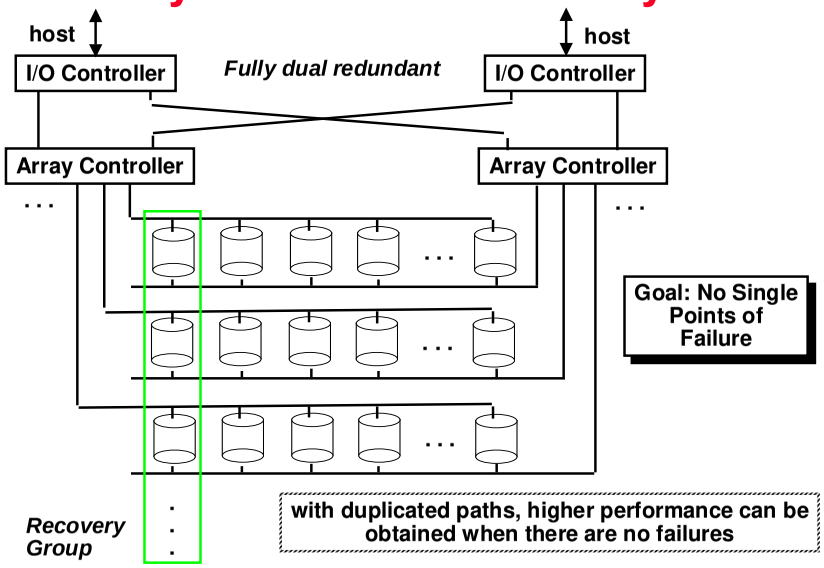


Data Recovery Group: unit of data redundancy

Redundant Support Components: fans, power supplies, controller, cables

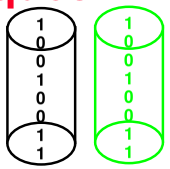
End to End Data Integrity: internal parity protected data paths

System-Level Availability

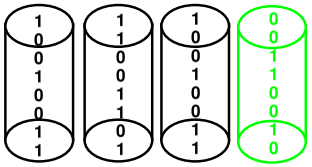


Summary: Redundant Arrays of Disks (RAID) Techniques

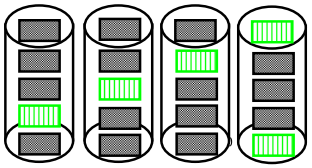
- *Disk Mirroring, Shadowing (RAID 1)*
  - Each disk is fully duplicated onto its "shadow"
  - Logical write = two physical writes
  - 100% capacity overhead



- *Parity Data Bandwidth Array (RAID 3)*
  - Parity computed horizontally
  - Logically a single high data bw disk



- *High I/O Rate Parity Array (RAID 5)*
  - Interleaved parity blocks
  - Independent reads and writes
  - Logical write = 2 reads + 2 writes
  - Parity + Reed-Solomon codes



Berkeley History: RAID-I

- RAID-I (1989)
  - Consisted of a Sun 4/280 workstation with 128 MB of DRAM, four dual-string SCSI controllers, 28 5.25-inch SCSI disks and specialized disk striping software
- Today RAID is $19 billion dollar industry, 80% nonPC disks sold in RAIDs