

**Quiz Sheet for *Architecture and Implementation of Database Systems***  
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Exercises for Chapter 1: Files

1. What must be the block size on a hard drive so that the net output (Nutzleistung) for accessing the hard drive reaches 50%? (Chose for yourself the technical parameters of the hard drive from a recent source.)

**Answer:**

ap = actual performance (in MB/s)

tr = transfer rate (= 15 MB/s)

bs = block size (in MB)

bt = block transfer time (in s)

at = access time (= 0.01 s)

net output = ap / tr

ap = bs / bt B/(MB/s) = bs / bt MB/s

bt = at + bs / tr s

⇒ net output = (bs / ( at + bs/tr )) / tr = bs / (at\*tr + bs)

net output be 50%:

0.5 = bs / (at\*tr + bs)

⇒ bs = at\*tr MB = 0.01 s \* 15 MB = 0.15 MB = 153.6 KB

2. Determine the general formula for the **net transfer time** in s of a hard drive dependent on the average access time  $\alpha$  in ms and the transfer rate  $\beta$  in B/s.

**Answer:**

$(\alpha / 1000) s + (x / \beta) s$ , where x is the number of Bytes transferred

3. UNIX files:

- a) What is the maximum size of a UNIX file if the block size is 4 KB?

**Answer:**

Block size is 4 KB and size of an address is 4 B:

⇒ number of addresses per block = 4 KB/4B = 1024

i-Node contains 10 direct block addresses, 1 pointer to each, blocks with single indirect, double indirect and triple indirect addresses (cf. Chapter 1.3):

⇒ max. file size =  $(10 + 1024 + 1024^2 + 1024^3) * 4 \text{ KB} = 4 \text{ TB}$

- b) What is the maximally *addressable* size of a UNIX file using byte addressing
- in 32 bit computers using 31 bits per address, and
  - in 64 bit computers using 63 bits?

**Answer:**

32 bit:  $2^{31} \text{ B} = 2 \text{ GB}$

64 bit:  $2^{63} \text{ B} = 2^{33} \text{ GB}$

- c) What block size must be chosen for a UNIX file in order to achieve the maximum addressability for both addressing schemes?

**Answer:**

32 bit:  $2^{31} \text{ B} = (10 + x + x^2 + x^3) * 4 \text{ KB}$

⇒  $2^{19} - 10 = x + x^2 + x^3$

⇒  $x \approx 80$  (addresses per block)

⇒ block size is  $80 * 4\text{B} = 320 \text{ B}$

64 bit:  $2^{63} \text{ B} = (10 + x + x^2 + x^3) * 4 \text{ KB}$

⇒  $2^{51} - 10 = x + x^2 + x^3$

⇒  $x \approx 2^{17}$  (addresses per block)

⇒ block size is  $2^{17} * 4\text{B} = 2^{19}\text{B} = 0.5 \text{ MB}$

4. How may a relation of size 60 GB be mapped on a UNIX file system? Suggest an appropriate tuple identifier.

**Answer:**

With a maximum file size of 2 GB, 30 files are needed to store the relation on the file system ( $60\text{GB} / 2\text{GB} = 30$ ).

Space requirement for tuple identifier:

- n bits for addressing a file holding tuples, and
- m bits for specifying the tuples within such a file

$n = 5$  bits (as  $2^5 \geq 30$ )

m depends on the tuple size of the relation:

Suppose a relation with 4 attributes of size 4B and 2 attributes of size 8B

$\Rightarrow$  tuple size =  $4 \cdot 4\text{B} + 2 \cdot 8\text{B} = 32\text{B}$

$\Rightarrow$  number of tuples per file =  $2\text{GB}/32\text{B} = 2^{31}/2^5 = 2^{26}$

$\Rightarrow m = 26$  bits

$\Rightarrow$  total space requirement =  $n + m = 5 + 26$  bits = 31 bits

Exercises for Chapter 2: B-Trees

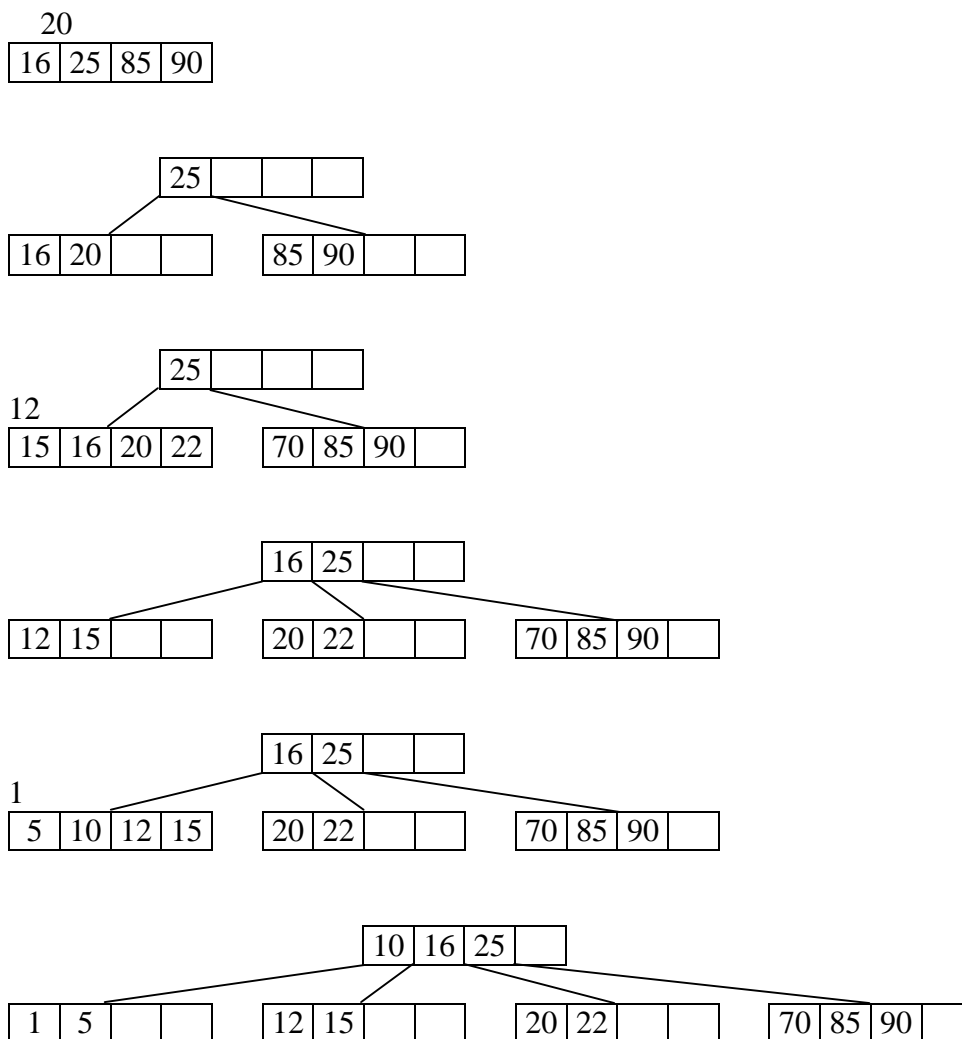
- How many values can be stored in a B-Tree of order  $n$  and depth  $m$ , maximally and minimally?

**Answer:**

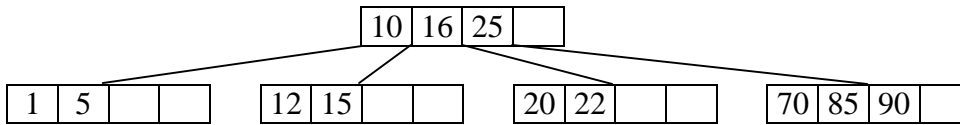
$$2n * \sum_{i=0}^m (2n+1)^i \text{ values maximally, and } n * \sum_{i=0}^m (n+1)^i \text{ minimally.}$$

- Let  $T$  be a B-Tree of order 2 and let  $S = (90, 85, 25, 16, 20, 15, 70, 22, 12, 10, 5, 1)$  be a sequence of integers that are inserted in this order into  $T$ . Sketch the different stages of  $T$  in this process.

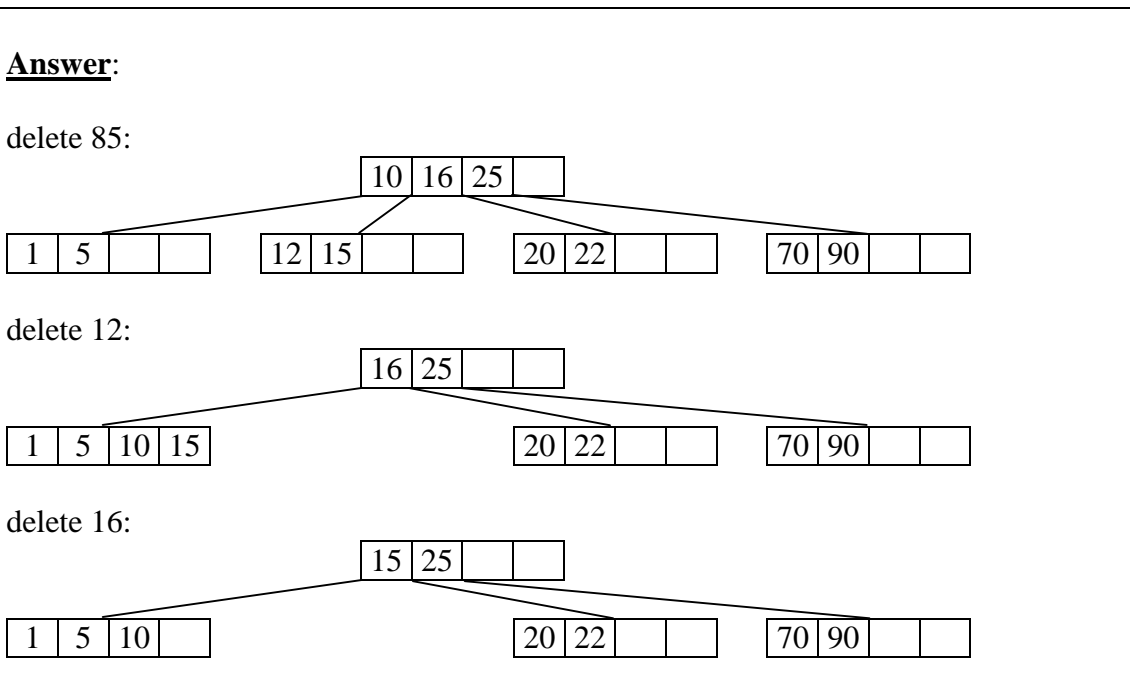
**Answer:**



3. Let T be a B-Tree of this form:



a) Sketch the different stages of the tree when deleting entries 85, 12 and 16 (in this order).



a) How does T change if value 16 is now inserted again?

