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Disk Scheduling

Disk:

- A process needs two type of time, CPU time and IO time. For I/O, it requests the Operating system to access the disk.
- Each Disk has a flat circular shape like a CD or DVD.
- Generally Diameter range from 1.8 to 5.25 inches.
- Surface of disk is divided into circular track, tracks are further divided into sectors.

Seek Time: Time required to move the read/write head on the desired track.

Disk Scheduling:

In case of multiple I/O request disk scheduling algorithm must decide which request must be executed first.

Disk Scheduling Algorithm:

- ❖ FCFS(First Come First Serve)
- ❖ SSTF(Shortest Seek Time First)
- ❖ SCAN
- ❖ C-SCAN(Circular Scan)
- ❖ LOOK
- ❖ C-LOOK(Circular Look)

FCFS(First Come First Serve):

- First and simplest disk scheduling algorithm.
- Every request is serviced according to come request.

Advantage:

- Easy to understand

- Easy to implement
- It can be used with less load of process

Disadvantage :

- Required more Seek time and Waiting Time.

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

12, 34, 52, 14,25,68,39

R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using First Come First Serve scheduling.

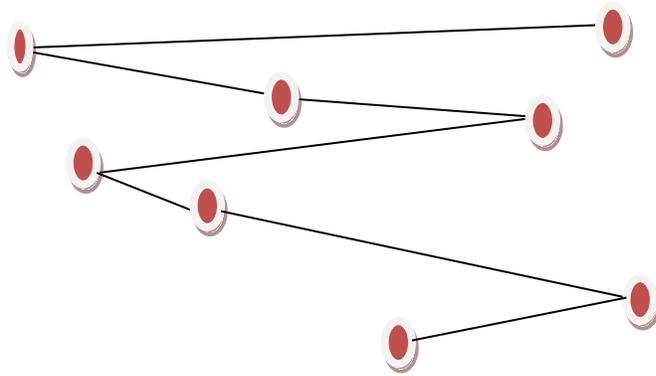
Answer:

No. of Move by the head:

$$(53-12)+(34-12)+(52-34)+(52-14) + (25-14)+(68-25)+(68-39)$$

$$= \mathbf{202(Move).}$$

0 12 14 25 34 39 52 53 68 80 90



SSTF(Shortest Seek Time First)

- Services the request which is closest to the current position.
- Tie is broken in the direction of head movement

Advantage:

- Very Efficient in seek move
- Less average response time and waiting time.
- Increase Throughput.

Disadvantage :

- Overhead to find out the closet requirement

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

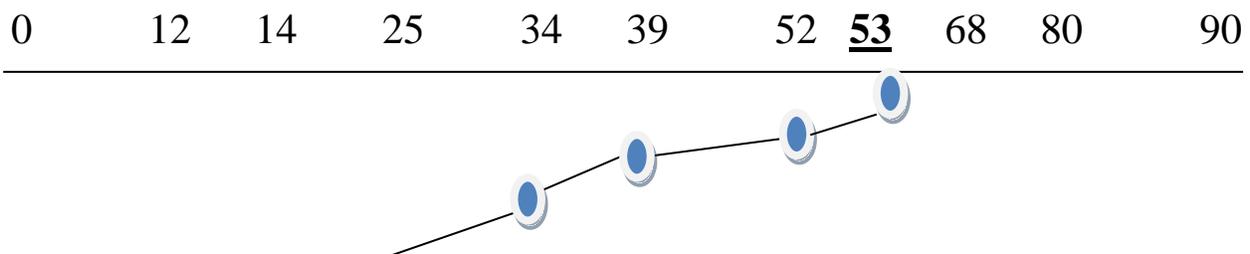
12, 34, 52, 14, 25, 68, 39

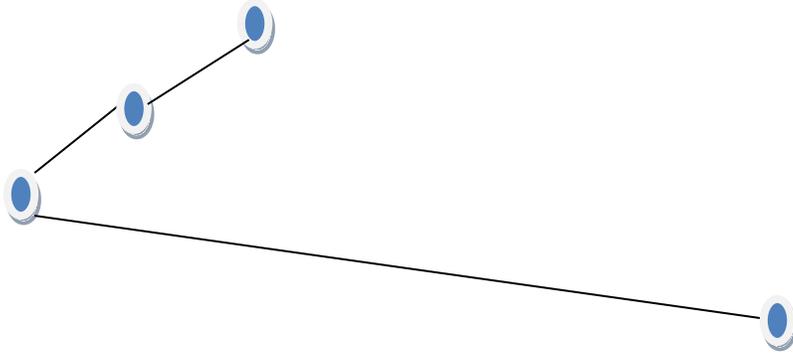
R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using SSTF scheduling.

Answer:

No. of Move by the head:
 $(53-52)+(52-39)+(39-34)+(34-25) +$
 $(25-14)+(14-12)+(68-12)$

=97(MOVES).





SCAN

- Head start at one end of the disk & moves towards the other end.
- Some time is called elevator Algorithm
- The direction of the head is reversed and process continues.

Advantage:

- Low variance and average waiting time.
- Simple easy to understand.

Disadvantage :

- Long waiting time for location just visited by head.

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

12, 34, 52, 14, 25, 68, 39

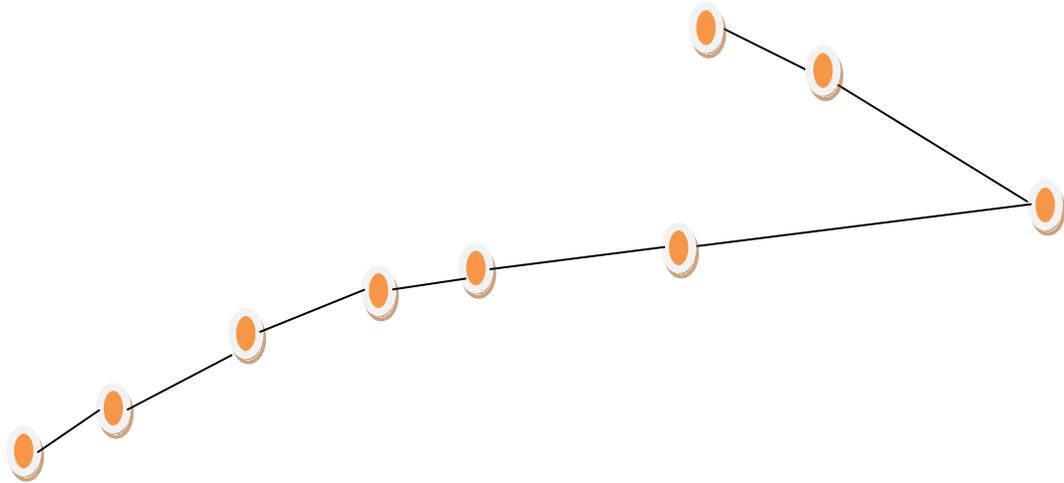
R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using SSTF scheduling.

Answer:

No. of Move by the head:
 $(68-53)+(90-68)+(90-52)+(52-39) +$
 $(39-34)+(34-25)+(25-14)+(14-12)$

=115(MOVES).

0 12 14 25 34 39 52 53 68 80 90



C-SCAN

- Head start at one end of the disk & moves towards the other end.
- The direction of the head is reversed and Head reaches First end without satisfy any request.

Advantage:

- Provide uniform waiting time.
- Better Response Time.

Disadvantage :

- More Risk ,compare to simple Scan Algorithm

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

12, 34, 52, 14,25,68,39

R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using SSTF scheduling.

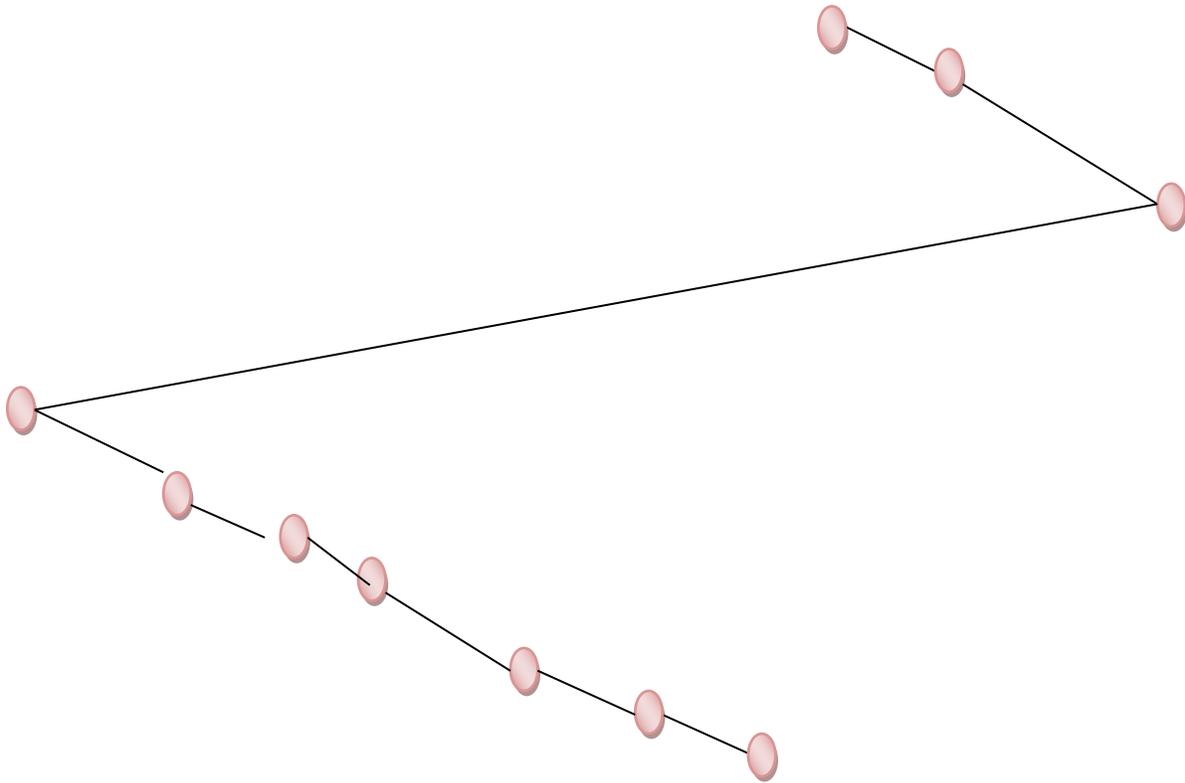
Answer:

No. of Move by the head:

$$(68-53)+(90-68)+(90-0)+(12-0)+$$
$$(14-12)+(25-14)+(34-25)+(39-34)$$
$$+(52-39)$$

$$=179(\text{MOVES}).$$

0 12 14 25 34 39 52 53 68 80 90



LOOK

It is same as scan algorithm but instead of going till last track we go till last request & then change direction.

Advantage:

- Better performance compare to scan algorithm

Disadvantage :

- Overhead to find the last request .

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

12, 34, 52, 14,25,68,39

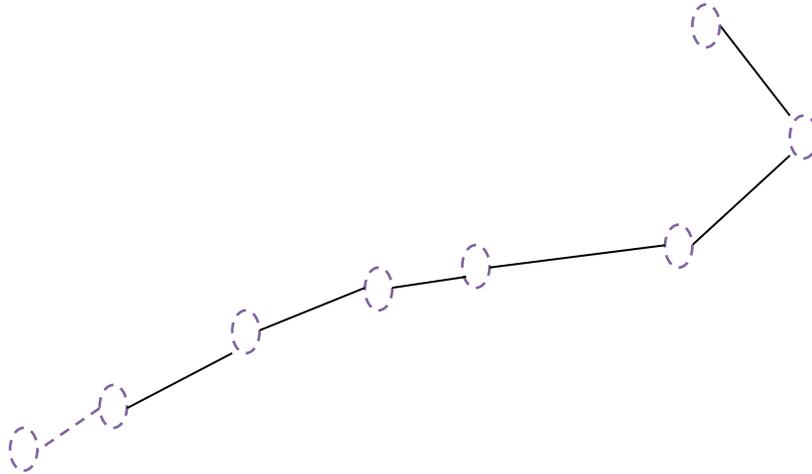
R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using SSTF scheduling.

Answer:

No. of Move by the head:
 $(68-53)+(68-52)+(52-39)+(39-34) +$
 $(34-25)+(25-14)+(14-12)$

=71(MOVES).

0 12 14 25 34 39 52 53 68 80 90



C-LOOK

- It takes the advantage of both C-Scan and Look algorithm.
- We will satisfy request only in one direction.
- We will go till last request & return but not till last track.

Advantage:

- More uniform waiting time compare to LOOK algorithm.

Disadvantage :

- More Overhead in calculate

Example :

Consider the following disk request sequence for a disk with 90 tracks

12, 34, 52, 14,25,68,39

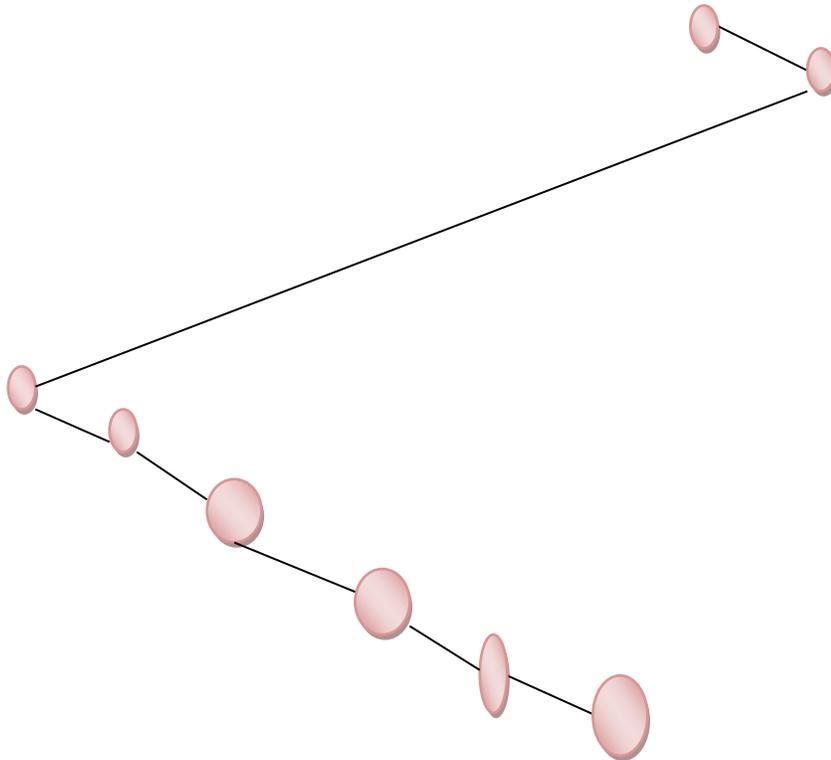
R/W head is starting at 53. Find the number of movements using SSTF scheduling.

Answer:

No. of Move by the head:
 $(68-53)+(68-12)+(14-12)+(25-14)$
 $+(34-25)+(39-34)+(52-39)$

=111(MOVES).

0 12 14 25 34 39 52 53 68 80 90



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