Code Performance and Caches

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3 8 199589491
4 16 112349443
5 32 107168869
6 64 92080344
7 128 43472331
8 256 21159764
9 512 13482912
10 1024 7101547
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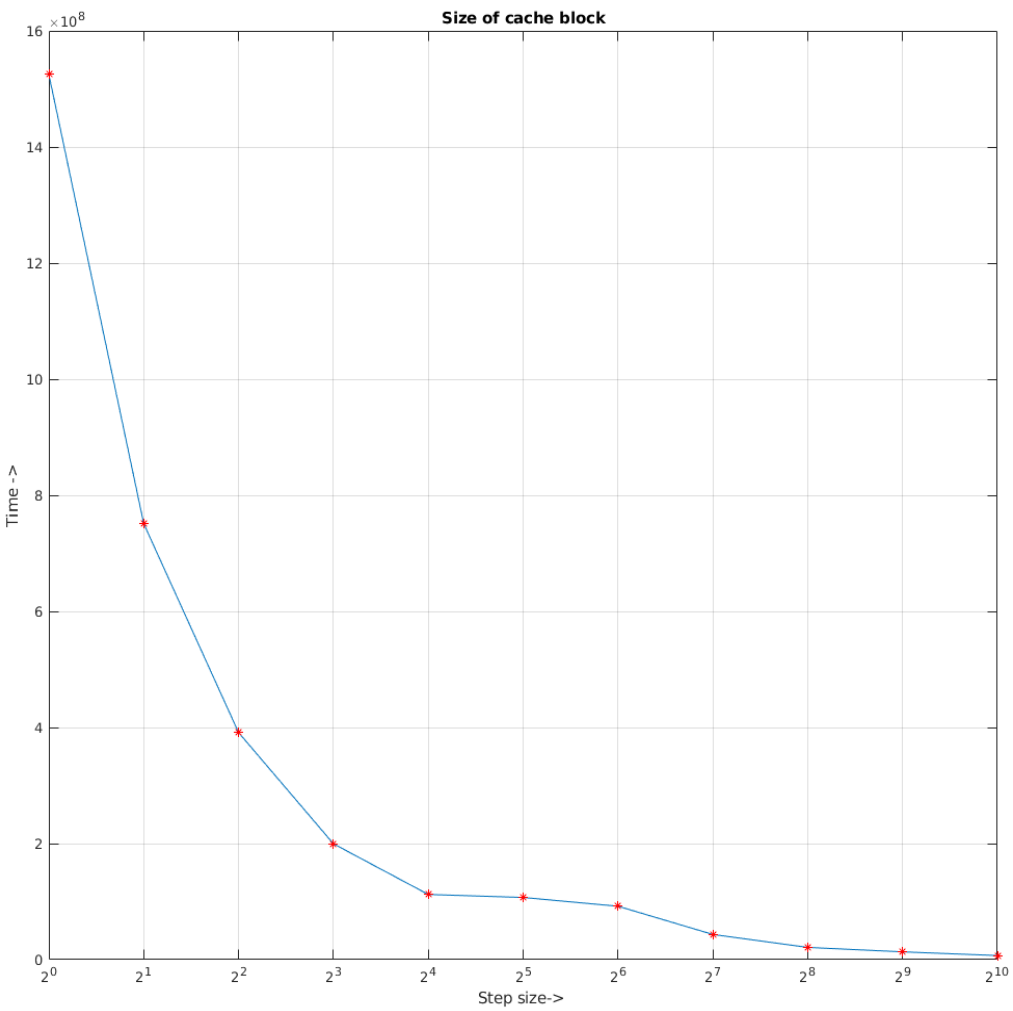

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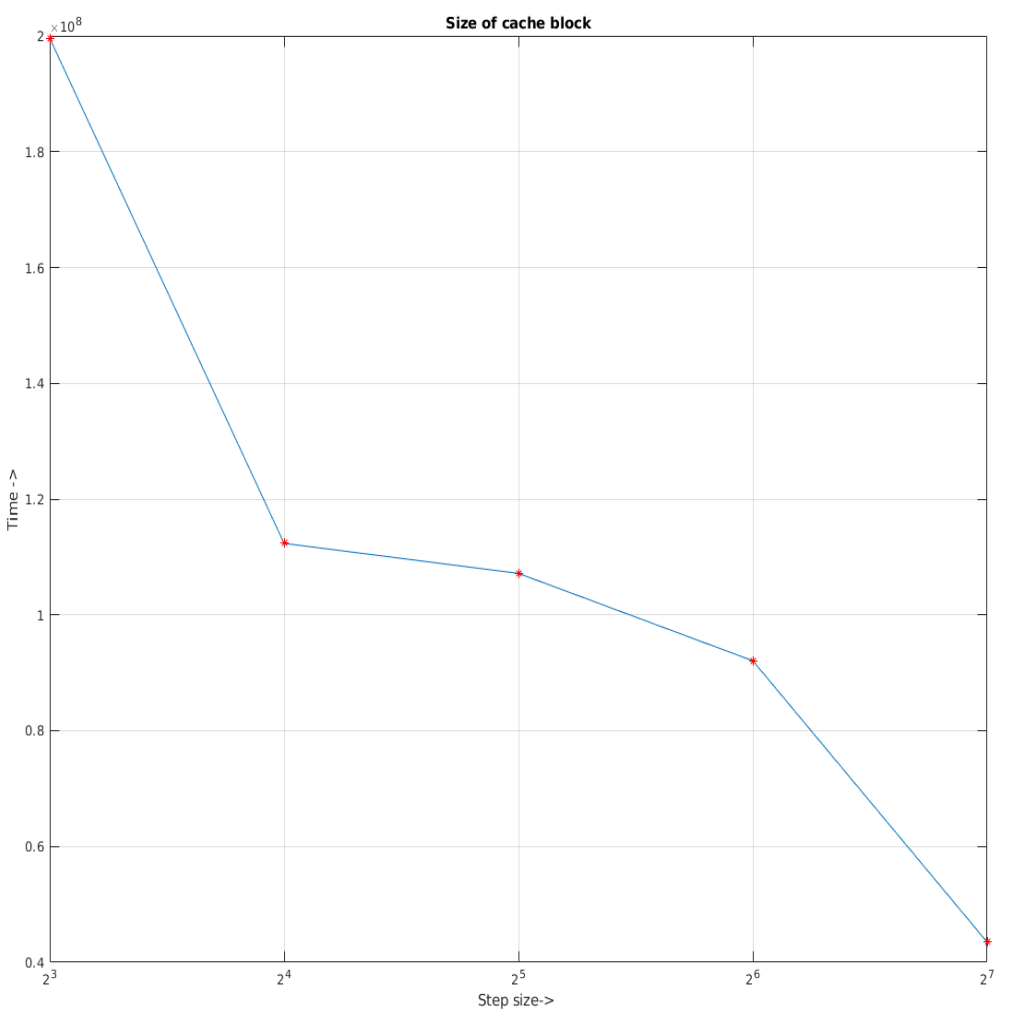

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4 16384 843970741
5 32768 843925466
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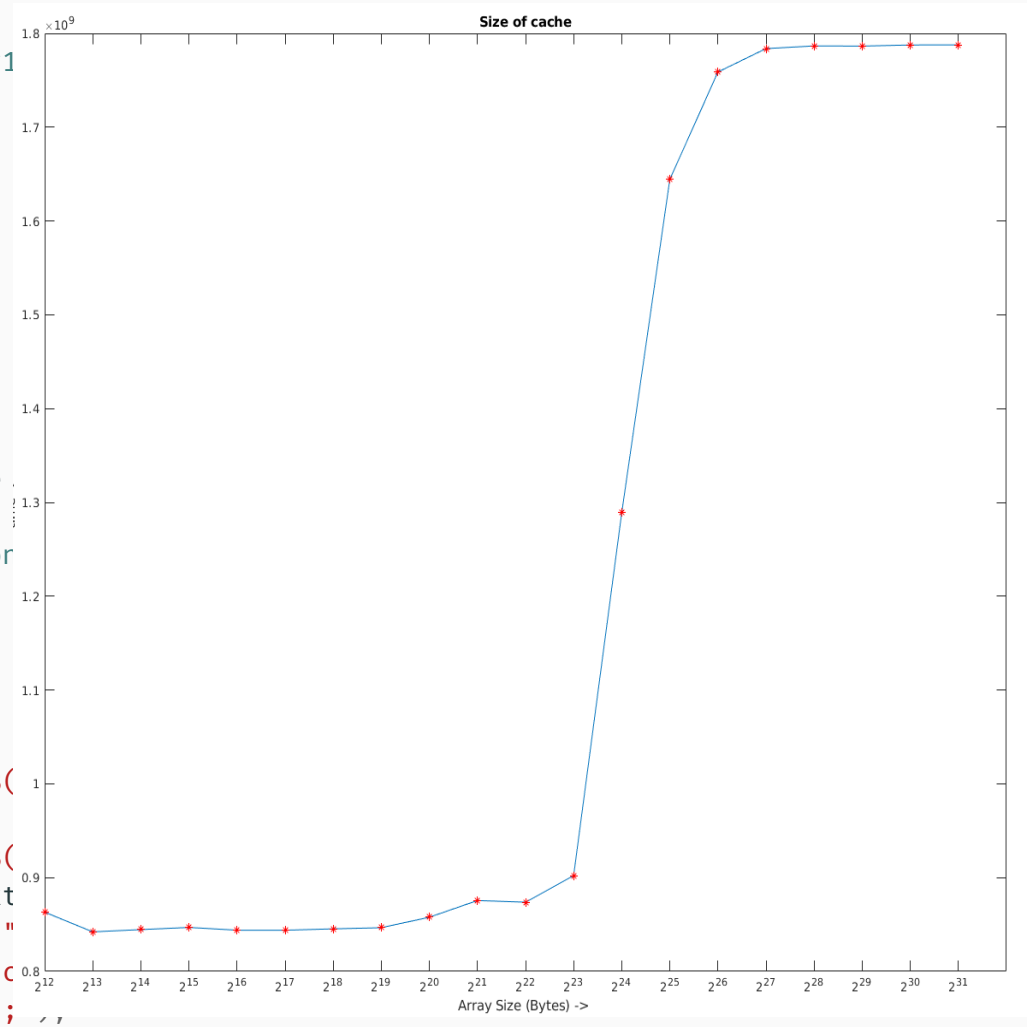

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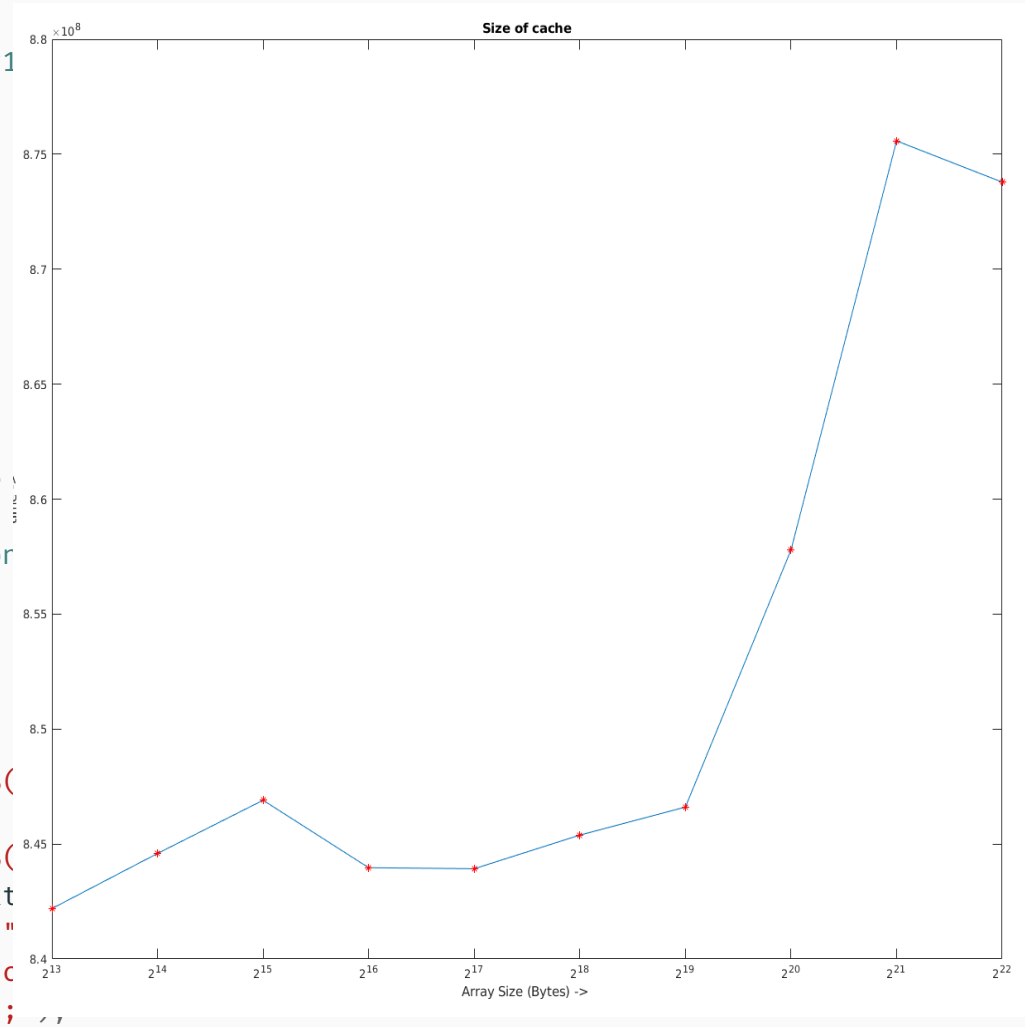

Machine Configuration

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$ lscpu
...
L1d cache:                       32K
L1i cache:                       32K
L2 cache:                        1024K
L3 cache:                        14080K
...
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Average Time for loop 2 = 77.47476292029023
Ratio of times = 0.6198438839146863
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