

CS 186, Fall 2007
Discussion Section Worksheet
09/10 - 09/15

Disk Access Times

- 1) Disk access time is made up of **seek time**, **rotational delay**, and **transfer time**. Which of these three are affected by the data layout on disk (may be more than one)?

- 2) Assume that your disk spins at a rate of 250 revolutions per second, that it takes 2 milliseconds to move the read head to an adjacent track, and that it can transfer 100K per second from the disk into RAM. Assuming that the 1MB data you need is laid out sequentially on one track, how long will it take to transfer the data into RAM given the following situations:
 - a. The read head is already over the same track, and it is already directly over the start of the requested data.

 - b. The read head is already over the same track, and the requested data will be under the read head in half of a disk rotation.

 - c. The read head is one track away from the one holding the data, and right when it reaches the correct track it will be over the needed data.

 - d. The read head is three tracks away from the one holding the data, and when it reaches the correct track it will be over the needed data after a full disk rotation.

