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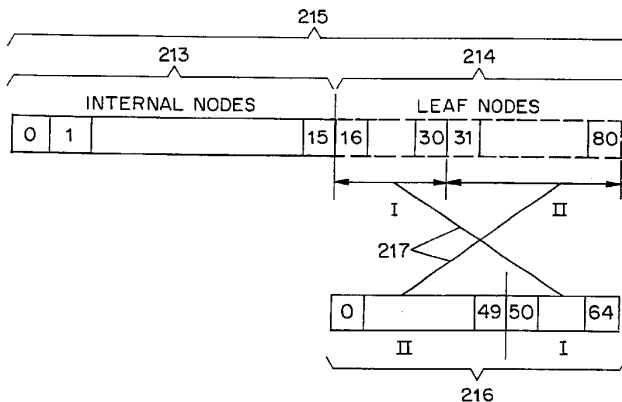
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Cache sensitive search tree (CSS-tree) index structures for providing improved search and lookup performance compared with conventional searching schemes. The CSS-tree index structures include a directory tree structure which is stored in an array (216) and serves as an index for a sorted array of elements. The nodes (215) in the directory tree structure may be of sizes selected to correspond to the cache line size in the computer system utilizing the CSS-tree index structures. Child nodes (213) within the directory tree structure are located by performing arithmetic operations on array offsets. Thus, it is not necessary to store internal child node pointers, thereby reducing memory storage requirements. In addition, the CSS-tree index structures are organized so that traversing each level in the tree yields good data reference locality, and therefore relatively few cache misses. Thus, the CSS-tree index structures consider cache-related parameters such as reference locality and cache behavior, without requiring substantial additional amounts of memory.

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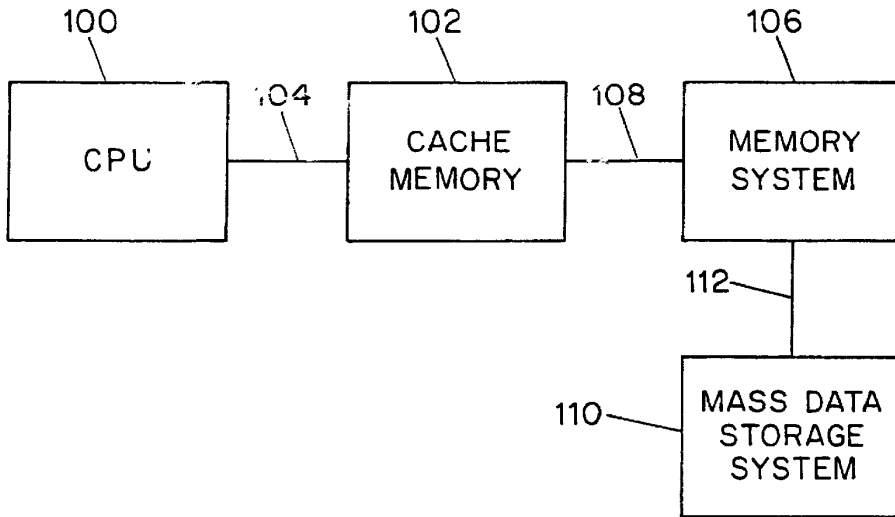


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

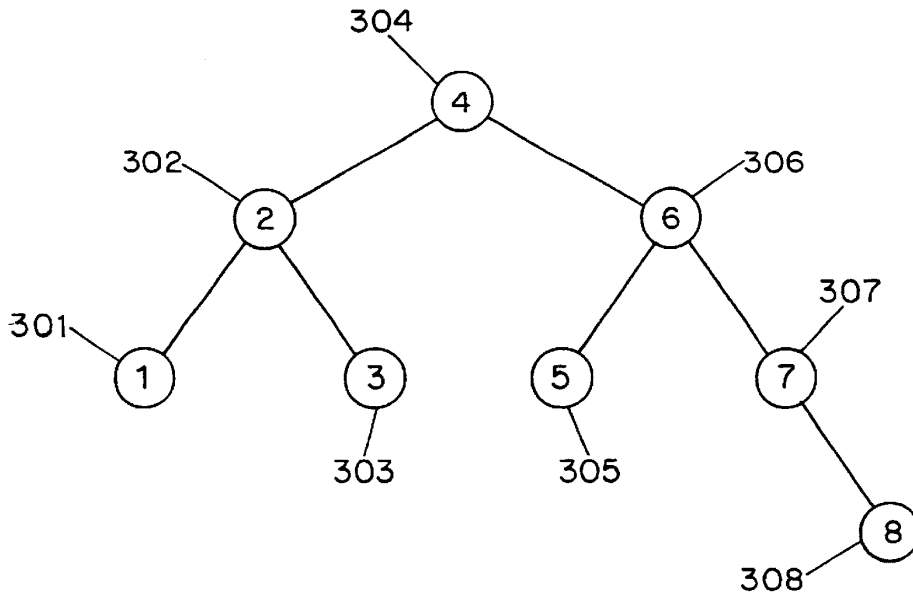


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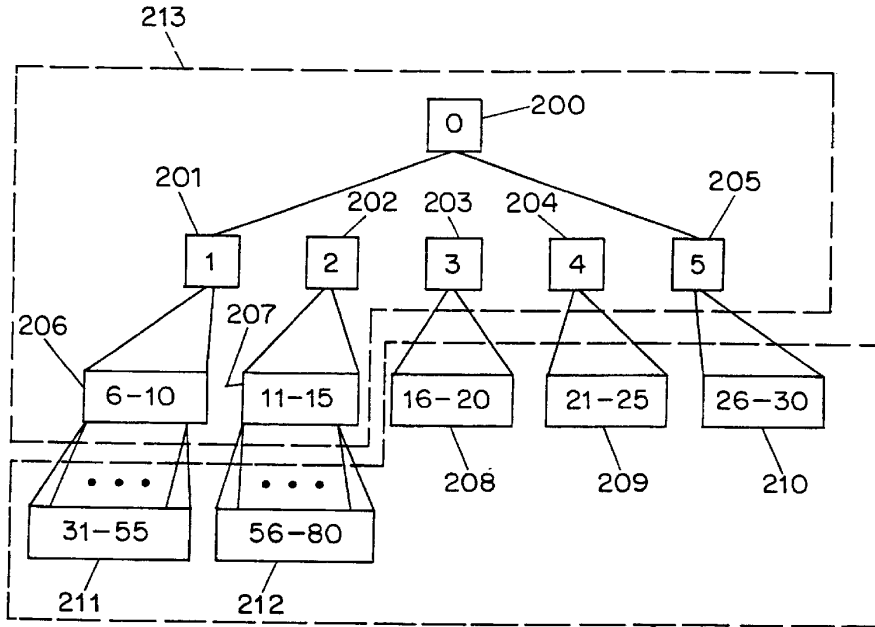


FIG. 2a

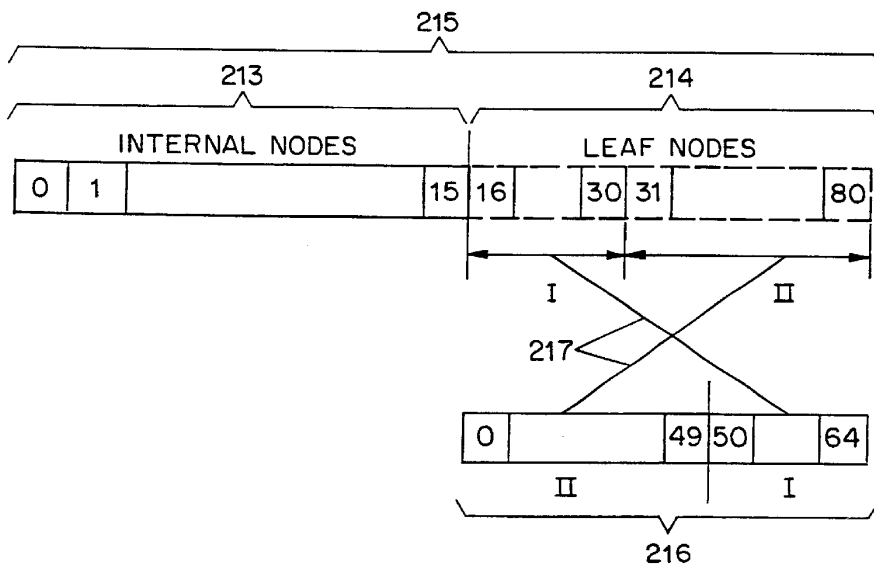


FIG. 2b

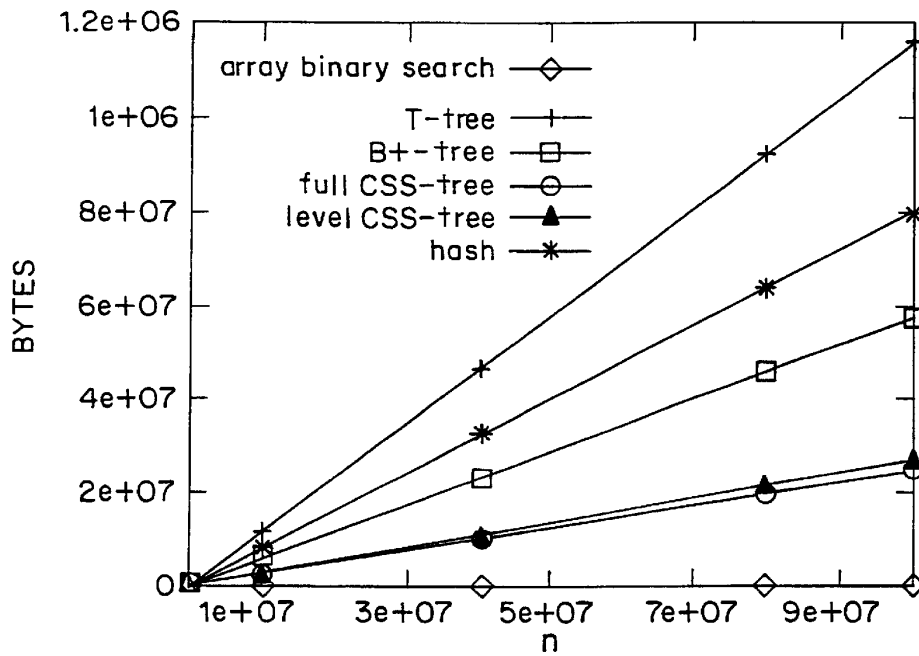


FIG. 4a

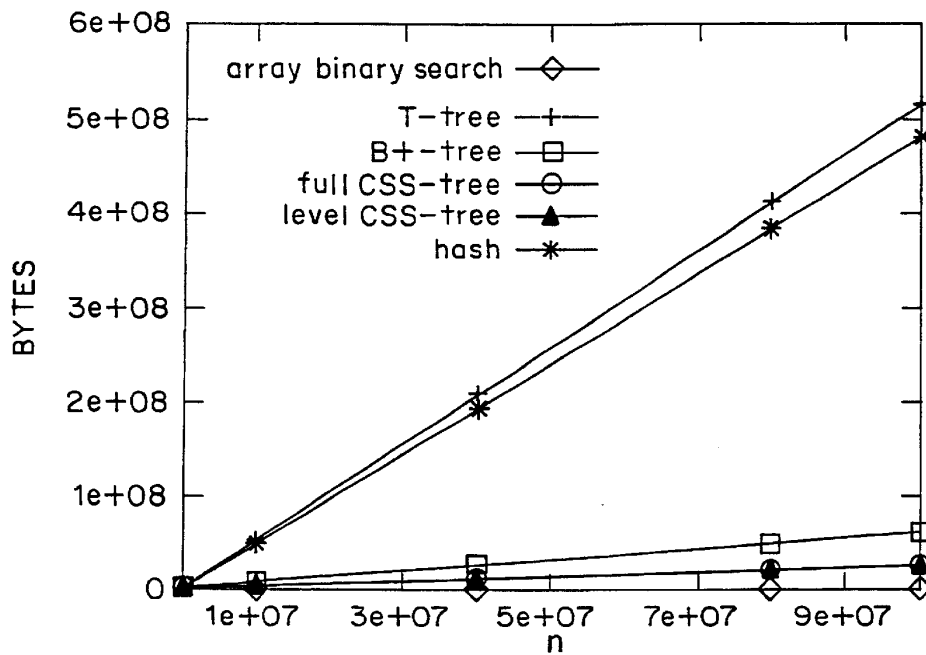


FIG. 4b

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