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Message Passing & Shared Memory

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Announcements

Discussion this Friday.

• Will discuss programming assignment 1
Readings

For today

For Wednesday 1/27:
- Christina Delimitrou and Christos Kozyrakis. Amdahl's law for tail latency. Commun. ACM 61, July 2018
- H Kim, R Vuduc, S Baghsorkhi, J Choi, Wen-mei Hwu, Performance Analysis and Tuning for General Purpose Graphics Processing Units (GPGPU), Ch. 1
Sequential Merge Sort

16MB input (32-bit integers)

Recurse(left)

Recurse(right)

Merge to scratch array

Copy back to input array

Sequential Execution
Parallel Merge Sort
(as Parallel Directed Acyclic Graph)

16MB input (32-bit integers)

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Time

Parallel Execution
Parallel DAG for Merge Sort
(2-core)

Sequential Sort

Merge

Sequential Sort

Time
Parallel DAG for Merge Sort
(4-core)
Parallel DAG for Merge Sort (8-core)
• Given an input, dynamically create a DAG

• Nodes represent sequential computation
  □ Weighted by the amount of work

• Edges represent dependencies:
  □ Node A ➞ Node B means that B cannot be scheduled unless A is finished
Sorting 16 elements in four cores
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(4 element arrays sorted in constant time)
Performance Measures

- Given a graph G, a scheduler S, and P processors

  - $T_p(S)$ : Time on P processors using scheduler S

  - $T_p$ : Time on P processors using best scheduler

  - $T_1$ : Time on a single processor (sequential cost)

  - $T_{\infty}$ : Time assuming infinite resources
Work and Depth

- $T_1 = \text{Work}$
  - The total number of operations executed by a computation

- $T_\infty = \text{Depth}$
  - The longest chain of sequential dependencies (critical path) in the parallel DAG
$T_\infty$ (Depth): Critical Path Length (Sequential Bottleneck)
$T_1$ (work): Time to Run Sequentially
Sorting 16 elements in four cores
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Work =
Depth =
Some Useful Theorems
Work Law

• “You cannot avoid work by parallelizing”

\[ \frac{T_1}{P} \leq T_P \]
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Speedup = \[ \frac{T_1}{T_P} \]
Work Law

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\[
T_1 / P \leq T_P
\]

Speedup = \( T_1 / T_P \)

• Can speedup be more than 2 when we go from 1-core to 2-core in practice?
Depth Law

- More resources should make things faster
- You are limited by the sequential bottleneck

\[ T_P \geq T_\infty \]
Amount of Parallelism

Parallelism = $\frac{T_1}{T_\infty}$
Maximum Speedup Possible

Speedup \( \frac{T_I}{T_P} \leq \frac{T_I}{T_\infty} \) \hspace{1cm} \text{Parallelism}

“speedup is bounded above by available parallelism”
Greedy Scheduler

• If more than $P$ nodes can be scheduled, pick any subset of size $P$

• If less than $P$ nodes can be scheduled, schedule them all
Theorem [Graham ’68 & Brent ’75]. Any greedy scheduler achieves

\[ T_P \leq T_1/P + T_\infty. \]

Proof.

• # complete steps \( \leq T_1/P \), since each complete step performs \( P \) work.
• # incomplete steps \( \leq T_\infty \), since each incomplete step reduces the span of the unexecuted dag by 1. ■

Performance of the Greedy Scheduler

\[ T_P(\text{Greedy}) \leq \frac{T_1}{P} + T_\infty \]

Work law \[ \frac{T_1}{P} \leq T_P \]

Depth law \[ T_\infty \leq T_P \]
Greedy is optimal within factor of 2

\[ T_P \leq T_P(\text{Greedy}) \leq 2 \, T_P \]

Work law \[ T_1 / P \leq T_P \]

Depth law \[ T_\infty \leq T_P \]
• Work $T_1 : O(n \log n)$
• Depth $T_\infty : O(n)$
  - Takes $O(n)$ time to merge $n$ elements

• Parallelism:
  - $T_1 / T_\infty = O(\log n) \implies$ really bad!
Main Message

• Analyze the Work and Depth of your algorithm
• Parallelism is Work/Depth
• Try to decrease Depth
  ❑ the critical path
  ❑ a sequential bottleneck
• If you increase Depth
  ❑ better increase Work by a lot more!
Amdahl’s law

• Sorting takes 70% of the execution time of a sequential program

• You replace the sorting algorithm with one that scales perfectly on multi-core hardware

• How many cores do you need to get a 4x speed-up on the program?
Amdahl’s law, $f = 70\%$

$$\text{Speedup}(f, c) = \frac{1}{1 - f} + \frac{f}{c}$$

- $f$ = the parallel portion of execution
- $1 - f$ = the sequential portion of execution
- $c$ = number of cores used
Amdahl’s law, \( f = 70\% \)

Desired 4x speedup

Speedup achieved (perfect scaling on 70\%)
Amdahl’s law, $f = 70\%$

![Graph showing Amdahl's law with $f = 70\%$](image)

- Desired 4x speedup
- Speedup achieved (perfect scaling on 70%)
- Limit as $c \to \infty = 1/(1-f) = 3.33$
Amdahl’s law, $f = 10\%$

Speedup achieved with perfect scaling

Amdahl’s law limit, just 1.11x
Amdahl’s law, $f = 98\%$
Lesson

- Speedup is limited by sequential code

- Even a small percentage of sequential code can greatly limit potential speedup
21st Century
Computer Architecture
A CCC community white paper

http://cra.org/ccc/docs/init/21stcenturyarchitecturewhitepaper.pdf

Slides from M. Hill, HPCA 2014 Keynote
20th Century ICT Set Up

• Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Has Changed Our World
  □ <long list omitted>

• Required innovations in algorithms, applications, programming languages, ... , & system software

• Key (invisible) enablers (cost-)performance gains
  □ Semiconductor technology (“Moore’s Law”)
  □ Computer architecture (~80x per Danowitz et al.)
Enablers: Technology + Architecture

Danowitz et al., CACM 04/2012, Figure 1
21st Century ICT Promises More

Data-centric personalized health care

Computation-driven scientific discovery

Human network analysis

"You never call, and the federal government will back me up on that."

Much more: known & unknown
21st Century App Characteristics

BIG DATA

ALWAYS ONLINE

Whither enablers of future (cost-)performance gains?

“\textquote{You never call, and the federal government will back me up on that.}”

SECURE/PRIVATE
### Technology’s Challenges 1/2

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<td>Focus on computation over communication</td>
<td>Communication (energy) more expensive than computation</td>
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<td>One-time cost much worse &amp; want specialized platforms</td>
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How should architects step up as technology falters?
“Timeline” from DARPA ISAT

Source: Advancing Computer Systems without Technology Progress, ISAT Outbrief (http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~markhill/papers/isat2012_ACSWTP.pdf)
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## 21st Century

- Cross-cutting: Break current layers with new interfaces
- Energy First
  - Parallelism
  - Specialization
  - Cross-layer design

### Predictable technologies:
- CMOS, DRAM, & disks
- New technologies (non-volatile memory, near-threshold, 3D, photonics, ...)

Rethink: memory & storage, reliability, communication
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- **Cross-Cutting:**
  - Break current layers with new interfaces
Premise: Isn’t speedup(P) < P inefficient?
   ❑ If only throughput matters, use P computers instead...

• Key observation: much of a computer’s cost is NOT CPU

Let Costup(P) = Cost(P)/Cost(1)

Parallel computing is cost-effective if:
   ❑ Speedup(P) > Costup(P)

• E.g., for SGI PowerChallenge w/ 500 MB
   ❑ Costup(32) = 8.6
Parallel Programming
Models and Interfaces
Programming Models

• High level paradigm for expressing an algorithm
  □ Examples:
    ○ Functional
    ○ Sequential, procedural
    ○ Shared memory
    ○ Message Passing

• Embodied in languages that support concurrent execution
  □ Incorporated into language constructs
  □ Incorporated as libraries added to existing sequential language

• Top level features:
  (For conventional models – shared memory, message passing)
  □ Multiple threads are conceptually visible to programmer
  □ Communication/synchronization are visible to programmer
An Incomplete Taxonomy

- VLIW
- SIMD
- Vector
- Data Flow
- GPU
- MapReduce / WSC
- Systolic Array
- Reconfigurable / FPGA
- ...
Programming Model Elements

• For both Shared Memory and Message Passing

• Processes and threads
  ▪ **Process:** A shared address space and one or more threads of control
  ▪ **Thread:** A program sequencer and private address space
  ▪ **Task:** Less formal term – part of an overall job
  ▪ Created, terminated, scheduled, etc.

• Communication
  ▪ Passing of data

• Synchronization
  ▪ Communicating control information
  ▪ To assure reliable, deterministic communication
Historical View

Join at:
- I/O (Network)
- Memory
- Processor

Program with:
- Message passing
- Shared Memory
- Dataflow, SIMD, VLIW, CUDA, other data parallel
Message Passing
Programming Model
Message Passing Programming Model

• User level send/receive abstraction
  □ Match via local buffer (x,y), process (Q,P), and tag (t)
  □ Need naming/synchronization conventions
Message Passing Architectures

- Cannot directly access memory of another node
- IBM SP-2, Intel Paragon, Myrinet Quadrics QSW
- Cluster of workstations (e.g., MPI on flux cluster)
MPI - Message Passing Interface API

• A widely used standard
  □ For a variety of distributed memory systems
    • SMP Clusters, workstation clusters, MPPs, heterogeneous systems

• Also works on Shared Memory MPs
  □ Easy to emulate distributed memory on shared memory HW

• Can be used with a number of high level languages

• Available in the Flux cluster at Michigan
Processes and Threads

- Lots of flexibility (advantage of message passing)
  1. Multiple threads sharing an address space
  2. Multiple processes sharing an address space
  3. Multiple processes with different address spaces
     • and different OSes

- 1 and 2 easily implemented on shared memory HW (with single OS)
  - Process and thread creation/management similar to shared memory

- 3 probably more common in practice
  - Process creation often external to execution environment; e.g. shell script
  - Hard for user process on one system to create process on another OS
Communication and Synchronization

• Combined in the message passing paradigm
  □ Synchronization of messages part of communication semantics

• Point-to-point communication
  □ From one process to another

• Collective communication
  □ Involves groups of processes
  □ e.g., broadcast
Message Passing: Send()

- Send( <what>, <where-to>, <how> )

- What:
  - A data structure or object in user space
  - A buffer allocated from special memory
  - A word or signal

- Where-to:
  - A specific processor
  - A set of specific processors
  - A queue, dispatcher, scheduler

- How:
  - Asynchronously vs. synchronously
  - Typed
  - In-order vs. out-of-order
  - Prioritized
Message Passing: Receive()

• Receive( <data>, <info>, <what>, <how> )

• Data: mechanism to return message content
  □ A buffer allocated in the user process
  □ Memory allocated elsewhere

• Info: meta-info about the message
  □ Sender-ID
  □ Type, Size, Priority
  □ Flow control information

• What: receive only certain messages
  □ Sender-ID, Type, Priority

• How:
  □ Blocking vs. non-blocking
Synchronous vs Asynchronous

• Synchronous Send
  - Stall until message has actually been received
  - Implies a message acknowledgement from receiver to sender

• Synchronous Receive
  - Stall until message has actually been received

• Asynchronous Send and Receive
  - Sender and receiver can proceed regardless
  - Returns *request handle* that can be tested for message receipt
  - Request handle can be tested to see if message has been sent/received
Deadlock

• Blocking communications may deadlock

<Process 0>
Send(Process1, Message);
Receive(Process1, Message);

<Process 1>
Send(Process0, Message);
Receive(Process0, Message);

• Requires careful (safe) ordering of sends/receives

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Message Passing Paradigm Summary

Programming Model (Software) point of view:

• Disjoint, separate name spaces
• “Shared nothing”
• Communication via explicit, typed messages: send & receive
Message Passing Paradigm Summary

Computer Engineering (Hardware) point of view:

• Treat inter-process communication as I/O device

• Critical issues:
  □ How to optimize API overhead
  □ Minimize communication latency
  □ Buffer management: how to deal with early/unsolicited messages, message typing, high-level flow control
  □ Event signaling & synchronization
  □ Library support for common functions (barrier synchronization, task distribution, scatter/gather, data structure maintenance)
Shared Memory Programming Model
Shared-Memory Model

- Multiple execution contexts sharing a single address space
  - Multiple programs (MIMD)
  - Or more frequently: multiple copies of one program (SPMD)
- Implicit (automatic) communication via loads and stores
- Theoretical foundation: PRAM model

Memory System
Global Shared Physical Address Space

- Communication, sharing, synchronization via loads/stores to shared variables
- Facilities for address translation between local/global address spaces
- Requires OS support to maintain this mapping
Why Shared Memory?

Pluses
- For applications looks like multitasking uniprocessor
- For OS only evolutionary extensions required
- Easy to do communication without OS
- Software can worry about correctness first then performance

Minuses
- Proper synchronization is complex
- Communication is implicit so harder to optimize
- Hardware designers must implement

Result
- Traditionally bus-based Symmetric Multiprocessors (SMPs), and now CMPs are the most success parallel machines ever
- And the first with multi-billion-dollar markets
Thread-Level Parallelism

struct acct_t { int bal; };  
shared struct acct_t  accts[MAX_ACCT];  
int id, amt;  
if (accts[id].bal >= amt)  
{  
    accts[id].bal -= amt;  
    spew_cash();  
}

• Thread-level parallelism (TLP)
  ▪ Collection of asynchronous tasks: not started and stopped together
  ▪ Data shared loosely, dynamically

• Example: database/web server (each query is a thread)
  ▪ `accts` is `shared`, can’t register allocate even if it were scalar
  ▪ `id` and `amt` are private variables, register allocated to `r1`, `r2`
Synchronization

- Mutual exclusion: locks, ...
- Order: barriers, signal-wait, ...

- Implemented using read/write/modify to shared location
  - Language-level:
    - libraries (e.g., locks in pthread)
    - Programmers can write custom synchronizations
  - Hardware ISA
    - E.g., test-and-set

- OS provides support for managing threads
  - scheduling, fork, join, futex signal/wait

We’ll cover synchronization in more detail in a few weeks
Paired vs. Separate Processor/Memory?

- Separate processor/memory
  - Uniform memory access (UMA): equal latency to all memory
    - Simple software, doesn’t matter where you put data
    - Lower peak performance
  - Bus-based UMAs common: symmetric multi-processors (SMP)

- Paired processor/memory
  - Non-uniform memory access (NUMA): faster to local memory
    - More complex software: where you put data matters
    - Higher peak performance: assuming proper data placement
Shared vs. Point-to-Point Networks

• **Shared network**: e.g., bus (left)
  + Low latency
    – Low bandwidth: doesn’t scale beyond ~16 processors
  + Shared property simplifies cache coherence protocols (later)

• **Point-to-point network**: e.g., mesh or ring (right)
  – Longer latency: may need multiple “hops” to communicate
  + Higher bandwidth: scales to 1000s of processors
  – Cache coherence protocols are complex
Implementation #1: Snooping Bus MP

- Two basic implementations
- Bus-based systems
  - Typically small: 2–8 (maybe 16) processors
  - Typically processors split from memories (UMA)
    - Sometimes multiple processors on single chip (CMP)
    - Symmetric multiprocessors (SMPs)
    - Common, I use one everyday
Implementation #2: Scalable MP

- General point-to-point network-based systems
  - Typically processor/memory/router blocks (NUMA)
    - **Glueless MP**: no need for additional “glue” chips
  - Can be arbitrarily large: 1000’s of processors
    - **Massively parallel processors (MPPs)**
  - In reality only government (DoD) has MPPs...
    - Companies have much smaller systems: 32–64 processors
    - **Scalable multi-processors**
### Cache Coherence

**Processor 0**

0: addi r1,accts,r3  
1: ld 0(r3),r4  
2: blt r4,r2,6  
3: sub r4,r2,r4  
4: st r4,0(r3)  
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- Two $100 withdrawals from account #241 at two ATMs
  - Each transaction maps to thread on different processor
  - Track `accts[241].bal` (address is in `r3`)
No-Cache, No-Problem

**Scenario I: processors have no caches**

- No problem

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**Cache Incoherence**

- **Scenario II:** processors have write-back caches
  - Potentially 3 copies of `accts[241].bal`: memory, p0$, p1$
  - Can get incoherent (inconsistent)
Snooping Cache-Coherence Protocols

Bus provides serialization point

Each cache controller “snoops” all bus transactions

- take action to ensure coherence
  - invalidate
  - update
  - supply value

- depends on state of the block and the protocol
Scalable Cache Coherence

• **Scalable cache coherence**: two part solution

• Part I: **bus bandwidth**
  - Replace non-scalable bandwidth substrate (bus)...
  - ...with scalable bandwidth one (point-to-point network, e.g., mesh)

• Part II: **processor snooping bandwidth**
  - Interesting: most snoops result in no action
  - Replace non-scalable broadcast protocol (spam everyone)...
  - ...with scalable **directory protocol** (only spam processors that care)

• We will cover this in Unit 3
Shared Memory Summary

• Shared-memory multiprocessors
  + Simple software: easy data sharing, handles both DLP and TLP
  – Complex hardware: must provide illusion of global address space

• Two basic implementations
  ❒ Symmetric (UMA) multi-processors (SMPs)
    ○ Underlying communication network: bus (ordered)
      + Low-latency, simple protocols that rely on global order
      – Low-bandwidth, poor scalability
  ❒ Scalable (NUMA) multi-processors (MPPs)
    ○ Underlying communication network: point-to-point (unordered)
      + Scalable bandwidth
      – Higher-latency, complex protocols