

High Performance Computing

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Batch-14

Week-4

LAB Assignment-4 (04/02/2026)

Task 1: OpenMP Parallel Loops (From Serial to Parallel)

Objective: Confirm OpenMP-ready system.

Steps:

- `lscpu`
- `nproc`
- `gcc --version`

Expected Observation:

Multiple CPU cores available

GCC installed with OpenMP support

Screenshots:

```
shylaxri@vasudevkhazipeta:~$ lscpu
Architecture: x86_64
CPU op-mode(s): 32-bit, 64-bit
Address sizes: 39 bits physical, 48 bits virtual
Byte Order: Little Endian
CPU(s): 16
On-Line CPU(s) list: 0-15
Vendor ID: GenuineIntel
Model name: 12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-1240P
CPU family: 6
Model: 154
Thread(s) per core: 2
Core(s) per socket: 8
Socket(s): 1
Stepping: 3
SugomIPS: 4223.99
Flags: fpu vme de pse tsc mtr pae mca cx8 apic sep mtrr pge mca cmov pat pse36 clflush mmx fxsr sse s
se2 ss ht syscall nx pdpeibg rdtscp lm constant_tsc rep_good nopl stop_topology tsc_reliable n
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bpb ibpb stibp ibrs.enhanced tpr.shadow ept vpid ept.ad fsgsbase tsc_adjust hvt avx2 smep hvt
2 erms invpcid rdseed adx smap clflushopt clwb sha_ni xsaveopt xsavec xgetbv1 xsavec avx_vnmi
vmx umip waitpkg gfni vaes vpclmulqdq rdpid movdiri movdir64b fpmf md_clear serialize flush_l
id arch_capabilities

Virtualization features:
Virtualization: VT-x
Hypervisor vendor: Microsoft
Virtualization type: Full
Caches (sum of all):
L1d: 384 KiB (8 instances)
L1i: 256 KiB (8 instances)
L2: 18 MiB (8 instances)
L3: 12 MiB (1 instance)
NUMA:
NUMA node(s): 1
NUMA node0 CPU(s): 0-15
Vulnerabilities:
Gather data sampling: Not affected
Itlb multihit: Not affected
L1tf: Not affected
Mds: Not affected
Meltdown: Not affected
Mmio stale data: Not affected
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Spec rstack overflow: Not affected
Spec store bypass: Mitigation; Speculative Store Bypass disabled via prctl
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shylasri@vanadewkaspeta: ~$ cat Spectre_v1.c
Spectre v1: Mitigation; usercopy/smapgs barriers and __user pointer sanitization
Spectre v2: Mitigation; Enhanced / Automatic IBRS; IBPB conditional; RSX filling; PRRS0-e)IBRS SW sequence;
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Tax asytec shylasri: Not affected
shylasri@vanadewkaspeta: ~$ nproc
16
shylasri@vanadewkaspeta: ~$ gcc --version
Command 'gcc' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install gcc
shylasri@vanadewkaspeta: ~$ sudo apt install gcc
[sudo] password for shylasri:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  cpp-13 cpp-13-x86-64-linux-gnu cpp-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-13 gcc-13-base gcc-13-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-x86-64-linux-gnu libasan8 libatomic1
  libc-dev-bin libc-devtools libc6-dev libcc1-0 libcrypt-dev libde265-0 libgcc-13-dev libgdb3 libgomp1 libhelf-plugin-aomdec libhelf-plugin-aomenc
  libhelf-plugin-libde265 libhelf1 libhlsan8 libisl23 libitm1 liblsan8 libmpc3 libquadmath0 libtsan3 libubsan1 libxpm4 linux-libc-dev manpages-dev
  rpcsvc-proto
Suggested packages:
  cpp-doc gcc-13-locales cpp-13-doc gcc-multilib make autoconf automake libtool flex bison gdb gcc-doc gcc-13-multilib gcc-13-doc gdb-x86-64-linux-gnu
  glibc-doc libgd-tools libhelf-plugin-x265 libhelf-plugin-ffmpegdec libhelf-plugin-jpegdec libhelf-plugin-jpegenc libhelf-plugin-jkdec
  libhelf-plugin-jkenc libhelf-plugin-raw26 libhelf-plugin-svtenc
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  libhelf-plugin-libde265 libhelf1 libhlsan8 libisl23 libitm1 liblsan8 libmpc3 libquadmath0 libtsan3 libubsan1 libxpm4 linux-libc-dev manpages-dev
  rpcsvc-proto
0 upgraded, 37 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 55.0 MB of archives.
After this operation, 181 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
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```

Task 2: Serial Baseline – Loop Computation

Objective: Establish serial execution time.

File: sum_serial.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <time.h>
```

```
#define N 100000000
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    double sum = 0.0;
```

```
    clock_t start = clock();
```

```
    for (long i = 0; i < N; i++) {
```

```
        sum += i * 0.5;
```

```
    }
```

```
    clock_t end = clock();
```

```
    double time_spent = (double)(end - start) /
```

> ./sum_serial

Submission: Screenshot showing execution time.

```

C:\Users\user> gcc sum_serial.c
sum_serial.c:
#include <stdio.h>
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#define N 100000000

int main() {
    double sum = 0.0;
    clock_t start = clock();

    for (long i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        sum += i * 0.5;
    }

    clock_t end = clock();

    double time_spent = (double)(end - start) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC;

    printf("Serial Sum: %f\n", sum);
    printf("Execution Time: %f seconds\n", time_spent);

    return 0;
}

```

```
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# Unable to fetch some archives, maybe run apt-get update or try with --fix-missing?
shy@kali:~/Downloads$ nano sys_serial.c
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```



```
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ gcc --version
gcc (Ubuntu 13.3.0-6ubuntu2~24.04) 13.3.0
Copyright (C) 2023 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ gcc sum_serial.c -o sum_serial
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ ./sum_serial
Serial Sum: 2499999975000000.000000
Execution Time: 0.444841 seconds
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ |
```

Task 3: OpenMP Parallel Loop

Objective: Parallelize the loop using OpenMP.

File: sum_openmp.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include <omp.h>

#define N 100000000

int main() {

    double sum = 0.0;

    double start = omp_get_wtime();

    #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
    for (long i = 0; i < N; i++) {

        sum += i * 0.5;

    }

    double end = omp_get_wtime();

    printf("Parallel Sum: %f\n", sum);

    printf("Execution Time: %f seconds\n", end - start);

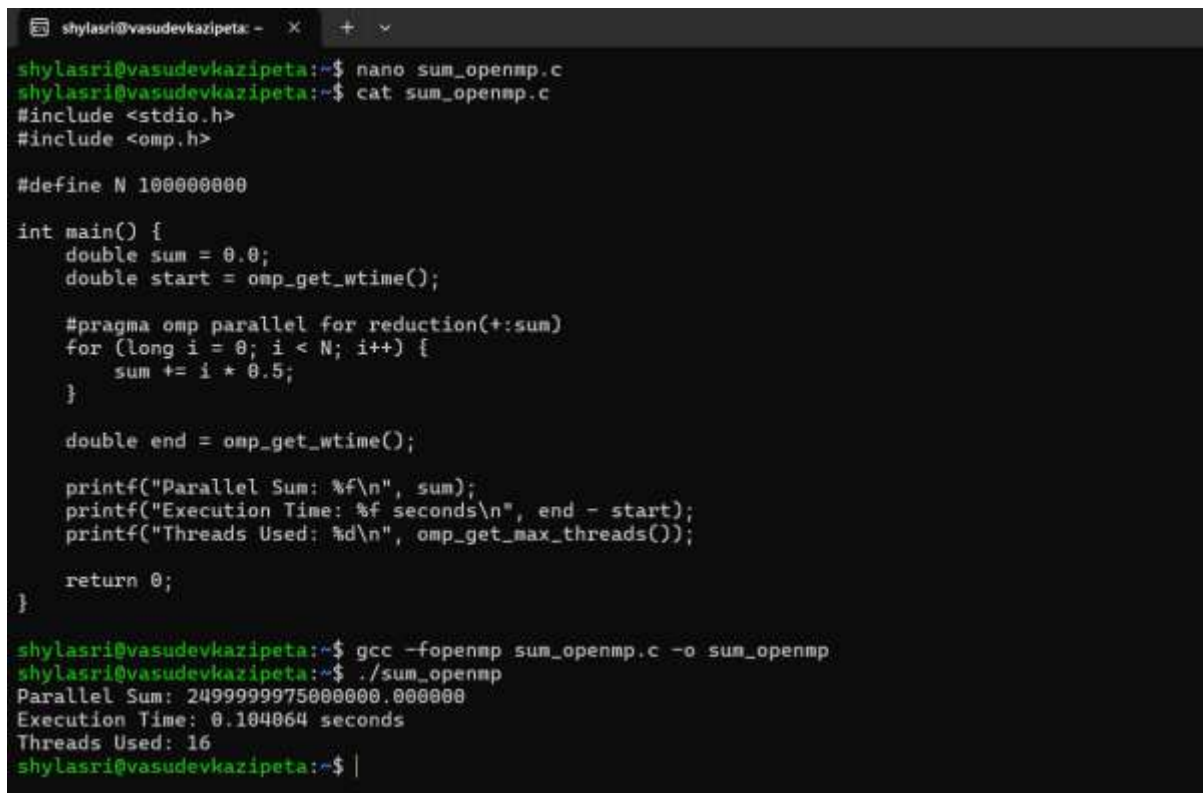
    printf("Threads Used: %d\n", omp_get_max_threads());

    return 0;

}
```

Compile:

> gcc -fopenmp sum_openmp.c -o sum_openmp



```
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~$ nano sum_openmp.c
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~$ cat sum_openmp.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>

#define N 1000000000

int main() {
    double sum = 0.0;
    double start = omp_get_wtime();

    #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
    for (long i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        sum += i * 0.5;
    }

    double end = omp_get_wtime();

    printf("Parallel Sum: %f\n", sum);
    printf("Execution Time: %f seconds\n", end - start);
    printf("Threads Used: %d\n", omp_get_max_threads());

    return 0;
}

shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~$ gcc -fopenmp sum_openmp.c -o sum_openmp
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~$ ./sum_openmp
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000
Execution Time: 0.104064 seconds
Threads Used: 16
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~$ |
```

Task 4: Thread Scaling Experiment

Run with different thread counts:

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1

./sum_openmp

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2

./sum_openmp

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4

./sum_openmp

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8

./sum_openmp

Record the readings in a below table:

Threads Execution Time (s)

Threads	Execution Time (s)
1	0.406154
2	0.179729
4	0.129804
8	0.079485

```
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ gcc -fopenmp sum_openmp.c -o sum_openmp  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.406154 seconds  
Threads Used: 1  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ |
```

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shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.406154 seconds  
Threads Used: 1  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.179729 seconds  
Threads Used: 2  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ |
```



```
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta: ~  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ gcc -fopenmp sum_openmp.c -o sum_openmp  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.406154 seconds  
Threads Used: 1  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.179729 seconds  
Threads Used: 2  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.129804 seconds  
Threads Used: 4  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ |
```

```
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shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ gcc -fopenmp sum_openmp.c -o sum_openmp  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.406154 seconds  
Threads Used: 1  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.179729 seconds  
Threads Used: 2  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.129804 seconds  
Threads Used: 4  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8  
./sum_openmp  
Parallel Sum: 2499999975000000.000000  
Execution Time: 0.079485 seconds  
Threads Used: 8  
shylasri@vasudevkazipeta:~$ |
```

Task 5 — Speedup & Efficiency Calculation

Formula:

Speedup

$$S(p) = \frac{T_1}{T_p}$$

Efficiency

$$E(p) = \frac{S(p)}{p}$$

Where, $T_1 = 0.406154$ seconds

Observation

- Execution time decreases as threads increase.
- Speedup improves with thread count.
- Efficiency decreases when thread count increases due to overhead and resource sharing.

Threads	Time (s)	Speedup	Efficiency
1	0.406154	1.00	1.00
2	0.179729	2.26	1.13
4	0.129804	3.13	0.78
8	0.079485	5.11	0.64

Observation

Execution time decreases as threads increase.

Speedup improves with thread count.

Efficiency decreases when thread count increases due to overhead and resource sharing.

Task 6:

1. Why does OpenMP work well for this loop?

OpenMP works well because each loop iteration is independent and can be executed in parallel without affecting other iterations. The workload is evenly divided among threads, and the reduction clause safely combines partial results.

2. What happens if loop iterations are dependent?

If loop iterations are dependent, parallel execution can produce incorrect results because some iterations may require results from previous iterations. This leads to data races unless synchronization is added, which reduces performance.

3. Why does speedup stop improving after some threads?

Speedup stops improving due to thread creation overhead, synchronization costs, memory bandwidth limitations, and the finite number of CPU cores available on the system.

4. Is OpenMP suitable for multi-node systems? Why/why not?

No, OpenMP is not suitable for multi-node systems because it uses shared memory. Multi-node systems require distributed memory programming models such as MPI.

Observation:

In this experiment, OpenMP significantly reduced execution time by parallelizing an independent loop across multiple threads. As the number of threads increased, performance improved due to better CPU utilization. However, the speedup gradually saturated because of hardware limitations, thread management overhead, and memory access constraints. This shows that while OpenMP is highly effective for shared-memory parallelism, optimal performance depends on problem structure and system resources. OpenMP is best suited for multi-core, single-node systems with independent computations.