

Question 4:

4.1) Sequential part  $(1-p) = 0.3$

$$\text{Speedup Limit} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1-p) + p/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{0.3 + 0.7/n} = \frac{1}{0.3 + 0.7/\infty} = \frac{1}{0.3} = 3.\bar{3}$$

Therefore  $3.\bar{3}$  is the Theoretical speedup limit.

4.2) Sequential part  $(1-p) = 0.4$

$$S_n' > 2S_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{(1-p') + p'/n} > \frac{2}{(1-p) + p/n}$$

$$1-p + p/n > 2-2p' + 2p'/n$$

$$n-pn+p > 2n-2p'n+2p'$$

$$p-pn > n+2p'-2p'n$$

$$p(1-n) > n+2p'(1-n)$$

We can isolate for  $(1-p')$  as follows

$$\rightarrow p' < \frac{p(1-n)-n}{2(1-n)} = \frac{p}{2} - \frac{n}{2(1-n)} \rightarrow 1-p' > \frac{2-p}{2} + \frac{n}{2(1-n)} \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

We can further determine  $K$  as follows:

$$\rightarrow K = \frac{1-p'}{1-p} > \left( \frac{2-p}{2} + \frac{n}{2(1-n)} \right) \cdot (1-p)^{-1}$$

$$\text{For } p = 0.4, K = \frac{1-p'}{0.6} > \frac{5}{3} \left( \frac{4}{5} + \frac{n}{2(1-n)} \right)$$

4.3) Let's redefine  $(1-p) + p = 1$  as  $q = 1 - \alpha(1-p)$  where  $q$  is the parallel component &  $(1-p)$  is the sequential component.  $p = q$  for  $\alpha = 1$  only.

$$\text{So } S_n' = \frac{2}{1-p + p/n} = \frac{1}{\alpha(1-p) + q/n}$$

If  $(1-p)$  can be decreased 4 times then  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow q = 1 - \frac{1-p}{4} = \frac{3+p}{4}$



We can revise the inequality as follows :

$$\frac{2}{1-p + p/n} = \frac{1}{\frac{1-p}{4} + \frac{3+p}{4n}} = \frac{4}{1-p + \frac{3+p}{n}}$$

$$2(1-p + \frac{3+p}{n}) = 4(1-p + p/n)$$

$$2n - 2pn + 6 + 2p = 4n - 4pn + 4p$$

$$2pn + 6 = 2n - 2p$$

$$2pn - 2p = 2n - 6$$

$$2p(n-1) = 2(n-3)$$

$$p = \frac{n-3}{n-1} \text{ is the parallel portion.}$$

The sequential portion can be defined as :

$$(1-p) = 1 - \frac{n-3}{n-1} = \frac{n-1-n+3}{n-1} = \frac{2}{n-1}$$