# **Parallel Computing**

Degree in Computer Science Engineering (ETSINF)

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## Question 1 (1.2 points)

0.9 p.

We want to parallelize the following code fragment using MPI with 2 processes. We assume that  $\mathbf{n}$  is a predefined constant. In all calls, the second argument (the one following  $\mathbf{n}$ ) is input-output, which induces the task dependencies. The associated task dependency graph is provided. The computational cost of functions  $\mathtt{f1}$ ,  $\mathtt{f2}$  and  $\mathtt{f3}$  is  $\frac{1}{3}n^3$  flops,  $n^3$  flops and  $2n^3$  flops, respectively.

```
double A[n][n], B[n][n], C[n][n], D[n][n],
       E[n][n], F[n][n];
f1(n,A);
              /* Task T1 */
                                                        T_5
              /* Task T2 */
f2(n,D,A);
f2(n,F,A);
              /* Task T3 */
f2(n,B,D);
              /* Task T4 */
f3(n,E,F,D); /* Task T5 */
f3(n,C,E,F); /* Task T6 */
              /* Task T7 */
f1(n,B);
f2(n,E,B);
              /* Task T8 */
f3(n,C,E,E); /* Task T9 */
f1(n,C);
              /* Task T10 */
```

(a) Implement a parallel version with MPI, using only point-to-point communication primitives. It can be assumed that initially all matrices contain equal valid values in all processes. The calculated matrices need not be collected in any of the processes. The chosen assignment should ensure, firstly, that the calculation is reasonably distributed between the two processes and, secondly, that communications between them are minimized.

**Solution:** To divide the calculation between the two processes, we will assign tasks  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  to different processes. We will also assign  $T_4$  and  $T_7$  to one process and  $T_5$  to another (since the cost of  $T_4$  and  $T_7$  together is lower than that of  $T_5$ ). In the same way, we will assign  $T_6$  and  $T_8$  to different processes.

To minimize communications, tasks  $T_2, T_4, T_7$  and  $T_8$  should be assigned to the same process, while the other would do tasks  $T_3, T_5$  and  $T_6$ . In addition, task  $T_1$  is replicated to avoid sending a message.

Accordingly, the assignment could be:

```
P_0: T_1, T_2, T_4, T_7, T_8, T_9, T_{10}.
P_1: T_1, T_3, T_5, T_6.
     int rank;
     MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
     if (rank==0) {
       f1(n,A);
                     /* Task T1 */
                     /* Task T2 */
       f2(n,D,A);
       MPI_Send(D, n*n, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
       f2(n,B,D);
                     /* Task T4 */
       f1(n,B);
                     /* Task T7 */
       MPI_Recv(E, n*n, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
                    /* Task T8 */
       f2(n,E,B);
       MPI Recv(C, n*n, MPI DOUBLE, 1, 0, MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUS IGNORE);
       f3(n,C,E,E); /* Task T9 */
       f1(n,C);
                     /* Task T10 */
     } else if (rank==1) {
       f1(n,A);
                     /* Task T1 */
                     /* Task T3 */
       f2(n,F,A);
       MPI_Recv(D, n*n, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
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f3(n,E,F,D); /* Task T5 */
MPI_Send(E, n*n, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
f3(n,C,F,F); /* Task T6 */
MPI_Send(C, n*n, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
}
```

0.3 p. (b) Calculate the sequential cost and parallel cost.

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Solution: Sequential cost t(n) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}n^3 + 4 \cdot n^3 + 3 \cdot 2n^3 = 11n^3 \text{ flops} Parallel cost t_a(n,2) = \frac{1}{3}n^3 + n^3 + 2n^3 + 2n^3 + 2n^3 + \frac{1}{3}n^3 = (7 + \frac{2}{3})n^3 \text{ flops} t_c(n,2) = 3(t_s + n^2t_w) t(n,2) = t_a(n,2) + t_c(n,2) = (7 + \frac{2}{3})n^3 \text{ flops} + 3(t_s + n^2t_w)
```

#### Question 2 (1.2 points)

0.8 p.

The following function implements the following expression y = A \* (A \* x), where A is a square matrix of dimension N and x is a column vector of the same dimension.

```
void fun1(double A[N][N], double x[], double y[]) {
   int i,j;
   double z[N];

  for (i=0;i<N;i++) {
      z[i]=0.0;
      for (j=0;j<N;j++)
            z[i]+=A[i][j]*x[j];
   }
  for (i=0;i<N;i++) {
      y[i]=0.0;
      for (j=0;j<N;j++)
            y[i]+=A[i][j]*z[j];
   }
}</pre>
```

(a) Implement a parallel version using MPI, assuming that the input data is in process 0 and that the results must be complete in process 0 at the end of the execution. The problem size can be assumed to be a multiple of the number of processes.

```
Solution:
     void fun1_par(double A[N][N], double x[], double y[]) {
         int p, np;
         int i,j;
         double zlcl[N];
         double Alcl[N][N];
         MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &p);
         np = N/p;
         MPI_Scatter(A, np*N, MPI_DOUBLE, Alcl, np*N, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
         MPI_Bcast(x, N, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
         for (i=0;i<np;i++) {
            zlc1[i]=0.0;
            for (j=0;j<N;j++)
               zlcl[i]+=Alcl[i][j]*x[j];
         }
         MPI_Allgather(zlcl, np, MPI_DOUBLE, y, np, MPI_DOUBLE, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
         for (i=0;i<np;i++) {
            zlc1[i]=0.0;
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for (j=0;j<N;j++)
     zlcl[i]+=Alcl[i][j]*y[j];
}
MPI_Gather(zlcl, np, MPI_DOUBLE, y, np, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
}</pre>
```

(b) Calculate the parallel time expression, as well as the Speed Up and Efficiency. Calculate also the values of Speed Up and efficiency when the problem size (N) tends to infinity. Indicate separately the cost of each communication operation performed, as well as the arithmetic time.

**Solution:** An implementation of Allgather is assumed in which a Gather is performed on a process and then a Broadcast of length N is performed.

$$t(N) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} 2 = 2N^2 + 2N^2 = 4N^2$$
 
$$t(N,p) = t_{Scatter} + t_{Bcast} + t_{a1}(N,p) + t_{Allgather} + t_{Gather} + t_{a2}(N,p)$$
 
$$t_{Scatter} = (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}Nt_w)$$
 
$$t_{Bcast} = (p-1)(t_s + Nt_w)$$
 
$$t_{Allgather} = (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}t_w) + (p-1)(t_s + Nt_w)$$
 
$$t_{Gather} = (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}t_w)$$
 
$$t_a(N,p) = 2\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{N}{p}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} 2 = \frac{4N^2}{p}$$
 
$$t(N,p) = (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}Nt_w) + (p-1)(t_s + Nt_w) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{N}{p}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} 2 + (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}t_w) + (p-1)(t_s + Nt_w) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{N}{p}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} 2 + (p-1)(t_s + \frac{N}{p}t_w)$$
 
$$t(N,p) \approx 5pt_s + (N^2 + 2pN + 2N)t_w + 4\frac{N^2}{p} = 5pt_s + (N^2 + (2p+2)N)t_w + 4\frac{N^2}{p}$$
 
$$S(N,p) = \frac{t(N)}{t(N,p)} = \frac{4N^2}{5pt_s + (N^2 + (2p+2)N)t_w + 4\frac{N^2}{p}}$$
 
$$\lim_{N \to \infty} S(N,p) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{t(n)}{t(n,p)} = \frac{4}{t_w + \frac{4}{p}}$$
 
$$E(N,p) = \frac{S(N,p)}{p} = \frac{4N^2}{p(5pt_s + (N^2 + (2p+2)N)t_w + 4\frac{N^2}{p})}$$
 
$$\lim_{N \to \infty} E(N,p) = \frac{4}{pt_w + 4}$$

## Question 3 (1.1 points)

Let A be a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2}$  with blocks  $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , located along the main diagonal of the matrix A, as shown in the following figure, all other elements being equal to 0:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 & 0_{n \times n} & \cdots & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & A_1 & \cdots & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & \cdots & A_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Implement an MPI function copy\_blocks, using derived datatypes to reduce the number of messages sent. Assume that the array A is stored in process  $P_0$  and must be partitioned among all processes, so that the

local array B of process  $P_i$  must contain the array  $A_i$ , i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1. Assume that the number of processes is greater than or equal to n.

Example of a matrix A of dimension  $9 \times 9$  with 3 processes:

$$B(P_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}, B(P_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 15 & 16 & 17 \end{pmatrix}, B(P_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 19 & 20 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 \\ 24 & 25 & 26 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Solution:

0.1 p. (b) Calculate the communications time of the function copy\_blocks.

**Solution:** Since process  $P_0$  has to send block  $A_i$  to process  $P_i$ , i = 1, ..., n-1, the total number of messages will be n-1, and since  $n \times n$  data are sent in each message, the communication time is

$$t_c = (n-1)(t_s + n^2 t_w).$$

(c) Calculate the communications time, assuming now that no derived datatypes have been used in point-to-point communications.

**Solution:** In this case, process  $P_0$  has to send each of the n rows of  $A_i$  in separate messages to process  $P_i$ , i = 1, ..., n-1, thus the total number of messages will be (n-1)n, and since n data is sent in each message, the communication time is

$$t_c = (n-1)n(t_s + nt_w).$$