

- **How is the speedup of a parallel program defined?**

$S(p) = \text{Execution time with 1 processor} / \text{Execution time with } n \text{ processors}$   
 gives an increase in speed by using multiple processors.

- **What is the formal definition of Amdahl's law and what relationship does it describe for parallel programs (explain in your own words)? Why/How is this significant?**

Formal Definition: "In computer programming, Amdahl's law is that, in a program with parallel processing, a relatively few instructions that have to be performed in sequence will have a limiting factor on program speedup such that adding more processors may not make the program run faster."

My definition: Amdahl's law describes an a maximum expected increasement in performance based on the amount of parallelizable processes

It is significant for evaluating if the amount of time and money spent is worth the work.

**Compute the theoretical speedup of a program that spends 10% of its time in unparallelizable, sequential regions for 6 cores and for a hypothetically unlimited number of cores.**

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$$\frac{6}{1 + (p - 1) * 0.1} = 4 \frac{1}{0.1} = 10$$

- **Compute the theoretical speedup of a program that spends 20% of its time in unparallelizable, sequential regions for 6 cores and for a hypothetically unlimited number of cores.**

if I have infinite cores the increasement is still  $1/f = 10$

$$\frac{6}{1 + (p - 1) * 0.2} = 6 \frac{1}{0.2} = 5$$

- Given an algorithm of time complexity  $O(n^3)$ . How large (in %) can the unparallelizable, sequential region be at most, such that a speedup of 10 can be achieved using 64 cores?

$$10 = \frac{64}{1 + (64 - 1) * f} \rightarrow 64 = 10 + 630f \rightarrow f = \frac{54}{630} = 0.0857 \dots$$