Type count

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Let's assume we have a big array containing ndata different data each being of a particular type $\mathsf{type} = \{0, 1, ..., \mathsf{ntype}\}$. These data must be analyzed to figure out which type they are. The objective of this exercise is to parallelize a code that analyzes all the data and counts how many data of each type exist in the array.

1 Assignment

- Image: The work routine contains reference code showing how the typecount is achieved sequentially. The main loop of the work routine can be executed in parallel by multiple threads. Note that the data array can much larger than the number of types which means that there can be conflicts. Three OpenMP techniques can be used to resolve this conflict: critical sections, atomics and locks.
 - Write a parallel version of the work routine called work_par_critical where the main loop is parallelized and the conflict is resolved using critical sections.
 - Write a parallel version of the work routine called work_par_atomic where the main loop is parallelized and the conflict is resolved using atomic instructions.
 - Write a parallel version of the work routine called work_par_locks where the main loop is parallelized and the conflict is resolved using locks.

2 Package content

In the count_type directory you will find the following files:

- main.c: this file contains the main program, the work, work_par_critical, work_par_atomic and work_par_locks described above. This is the only file to be modified.
- aux.c, aux.h: these files contain auxiliary routines and can be safely ignored.

The code can be compiled with the make command: just type make inside the count_type directory; this will generate a main program that can be run like this:

\$./main ndata ntype

where ndata is the number of data to be analyzed and ntype the number of possible types. When executed, it will initialize the data, call the work routine and then call the work_par_critical, the work_par_atomic and work_par_locks. Upon execution of each of these routines, the main program will print a message saying whether the result is correct or not and the time taken by the routine.

3 Assignment

• Image: At the beginning, the work_par_critical, work_par_atomic and work_par_locks routines are, simply, a copy of the work one. Modify these three routines to achieve the parallelization, respectively, using critical sections, atomic instructions and locks to resolve conflicts.