<u>OpenMP</u>

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OpenMP

- An API for shared-memory parallel programming.
- MP = multiprocessing (shared mem)
- Designed for systems in which each thread or process can potentially have access to all available memory.
- System is viewed as a collection of cores or CPU's, all of which have access to main memory.
- Use mainly for multi core programming

OpenMP

- Pthreads the programmer explicitly specify the behavior of each thread
 - >Library that is supported by any C compiler
 - >Low level
- OpenMP allows the programmer to simply state that a block of code should be executed in parallel, which thread to execute the task is left for the compiler and run time system
 - >OpenMP requires compiler support
 - >High level

Pragmas

- #pragmas are part of standrd C
- Special preprocessor instructions.
 Have to be one line length
- Typically added to a system to allow behaviors that aren't part of the basic C specification.
- Compilers that don't support the pragmas ignore them.

```
#include < stdio.h>
#include < stdlib.h>
#include <omp.h>
void Hello(void); /* Thread function */
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   /* Get number of threads from command line */
   int thread_count = strtol(argv[1], NULL, 10);
  pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
   Hello();
   return 0;
} /* main */
void Hello(void) {
   int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
   int thread count = omp get num threads();
   printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", my_rank, thread_count);
  /* Hello */
```

gcc -g -Wall -fopenmp -o omp_hello omp_hello.c

./ omp_hello 4

compiling

running with 4 threads

Hello from thread 0 of 4
Hello from thread 1 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
Hello from thread 1 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4

OpenMp pragmas

- Set of pragmas
- Each pragmas has "attributes" called clause

OpenMp pragmas

- # pragma omp parallel
 - > Most basic parallel directive.
 - The number of threads that run the following structured block of code is determined by the run-time system.

clause

- Text that modifies a directive.
- The num_threads clause can be added to a parallel directive.
- It allows the programmer to specify the number of threads that should execute the following block.

pragma omp parallel num_threads (thread_count)

Some terminology

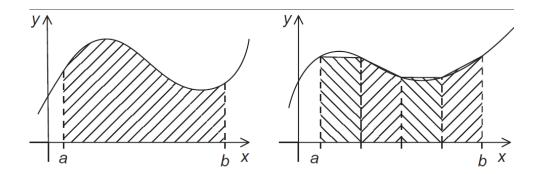
In OpenMP parlance the collection of threads executing the parallel block — the original thread and the new threads — is called a team, the original thread is called the master, and the additional threads are called slaves.

In case the compiler doesn't support OpenMP

```
# ifdef OPENMP
 #include <omp.h>
 int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
 int thread_count = omp_get_num_threads ();
#else
 int my_rank = 0;
 int thread count = 1;
# endif
```

Reserved

The trapezoidal rule



Serial algorithm

```
/* Input: a, b, n */
h = (b-a)/n;
approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++) {
    x_i = a + i*h;
    approx += f(x_i);
}
approx = h*approx;</pre>
```

A First OpenMP Version

- 1) We identified two types of tasks:
 - a) computation of the areas of individual trapezoids, and
 - b) adding the areas of trapezoids.
- 2) There is no communication among the tasks in the first collection, but each task in the first collection communicates with task 1b.

A First OpenMP Version

3) We assumed that there would be many more trapezoids than cores.

So we aggregated tasks by assigning a contiguous block of trapezoids to each thread (and a single thread to each core).

Mutual exclusion

```
# pragma omp critical
  global_result += my_result;
```

only one thread can execute the following structured block at a time

```
#include < stdio.h>
#include < stdlib.h>
#include <omp.h>
void Trap(double a, double b, int n, double* global result p);
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   double global_result = 0.0; /* Store result in global_result */
   double a, b;
                                /* Left and right endpoints
                                                                  */
   int n:
                                /* Total number of trapezoids
                                                                  */
   int thread count;
   thread_count = strtol(argv[1], NULL, 10);
   printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
   scanf("%lf %lf %d", &a, &b, &n);
  pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
#
   Trap(a, b, n, &qlobal_result);
   printf("With n = %d trapezoids, our estimate\n", n);
   printf("of the integral from %f to %f = %.14e\n",
      a, b, global result);
   return 0:
  /* main */
```

```
void Trap(double a, double b, int n, double* global_result_p) {
   double h, x, my_result;
   double local a, local b;
   int i, local n;
   int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
   int thread_count = omp_get_num_threads();
   h = (b-a)/n;
   local n = n/thread count;
   local a = a + my rank*local n*h;
   local b = local a + local n*h;
   my result = (f(local a) + f(local b))/2.0;
   for (i = 1; i \le local_n-1; i++)
     x = local a + i*h;
    my_result += f(x);
   my result = my result *h;
# pragma omp critical
   *qlobal result p += my result;
} /* Trap */
```

Reduction clause

- A reduction is a binary operation (such as addition or multiplication).
- A reduction is a computation that repeatedly applies the same reduction operator to a sequence of operands in order to get a single result.
- All of the intermediate results of the operation should be stored in the same variable: the reduction variable.

We need this more complex function call on the trapezoid function version to add each thread's local calculation to get *global_result*.

```
void Trap(double a, double b, int n, double* global_result_p);
```

Although we'd prefer this.

```
double Trap(double a, double b, int n);

global_result = Trap(a, b, n);
```

If we use this, there's no critical section!

```
double Local_trap(double a, double b, int n);
```

If we fix it like this...

```
global_result = 0.0;
# pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
{
    pragma omp critical
        global_result += Local_trap(double a, double b, int n);
}
```

... we force the threads to execute sequentially.

We can avoid this problem by declaring a private variable inside the parallel block and moving

the critical section after the function call.

```
global_result = 0.0;

# pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
{
    double my_result = 0.0; /* private */
    my_result += Local_trap(double a, double b, int n);
    pragma omp critical
    global_result += my_result;
}
```

Reserved

A reduction clause can be added to a parallel directive.

reduction(<operator>: <variable list>)

#

```
+, *, -, &, |, ^, &&, ||

global_result = 0.0;

pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count) \
 reduction(+: global result)
```

global_result += Local_trap(double a, double b, int n);

The pragma: Parallel for

- Forks a team of threads to execute the following structured block.
- However, the structured block following the parallel for directive must be a for loop.
- Furthermore, with the parallel for directive the system parallelizes the for loop by dividing the iterations of the loop among the threads.

```
h = (b-a)/n;
approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
for (i = 1; i \le n-1; i++)
   approx += f(a + i*h);
approx = h*approx;
           h = (b-a)/n;
           approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
       # pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
              reduction(+: approx)
           for (i = 1; i \le n-1; i++)
              approx += f(a + i*h);
           approx = h*approx;
```

The pragma: Parallel for

- Does only work with for loops (no while, dowhile)
- Only for loops which number of iterations:
 - > Defined in the for statement
 - > Know prior to execution of loop
- No break or return inside of the loop. The compiler will complain
- recursive calls with data dependencies will give inconsistent results without compiler warning

Data dependencies

```
fibo[0] = fibo[1] = 1;
        for (i = 2; i < n; i++)
           fibo[i] = fibo[i-1] + fibo[i-2];
                                                note 2 threads
        fibo[0] = fibo[1] = 1;
      # pragma omp parallel for num_threads(2)
        for (i = 2; i < n; i++)
           fibo[i] = fibo[i-1] + fibo[i-2];
                                          but sometimes
                                          we get this
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55
        this is correct
                              1123580000
```

What happened?

1. OpenMP compilers don't



- OpenMP compilers don't check for dependences among iterations in a loop that's being parallelized with a parallel for directive.
- 2. A loop in which the results of one or more iterations depend on other iterations cannot, in general, can't be correctly parallelized by OpenMP.

Data dependencies

```
for(i=0;i<n, i++){
    x[i]=a+i*h;
    y[i]=exp(x[i]);
}
```

There is data dependence on x[i] BUT there is no problem since same thread will calculate x[i] and use it

Estimating π

$$\pi = 4 \left[1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \cdots \right] = 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{double} & \text{factor} = 1.0; \\ \textbf{double} & \text{sum} = 0.0; \\ \textbf{for} & (k = 0; k < n; k++) \\ \text{sum} & += \text{factor}/(2*k+1); \\ \text{factor} & = -\text{factor}; \\ \end{cases}$$

$$\text{pi_approx} = 4.0*\text{sum};$$

OpenMP solution #1

loop dependency

```
double factor = 1.0;
double sum = 0.0;

pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    reduction(+: sum)
for (k = 0; k < n; k++) {
    sum += factor/(2*k+1);
    factor = -factor;
}

pi_approx = 4.0*sum;</pre>
```

Reserved

OpenMP solution #2

#

```
double sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
   reduction(+:sum) private(factor)
for (k = 0; k < n; k++) \{ \uparrow \}
   if (k \% 2 == 0)
      factor = 1.0;
                                Insures factor has
   else
                                private scope.
       factor = -1.0;
                                By default any variable
   sum += factor/(2*k+1);
                                declared before the loop
                                (exception of the loop
                                variable)
                                is shared among threads
```

The default clause

default (none)

Forces the programmer to specify the scope of each variable in the block that has been declared outside the block

The default clause

```
double sum = 0.0;

pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    default(none) reduction(+:sum) private(k, factor) \
    shared(n)

for (k = 0; k < n; k++) {
    if (k % 2 == 0)
        factor = 1.0;
    else
        factor = -1.0;
    sum += factor/(2*k+1);
}</pre>
```

Reserved

Bubble Sort

```
for (list_length = n; list_length >= 2; list_length--)
   for (i = 0; i < list_length -1; i++)
      if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
         tmp = a[i];
         a[i] = a[i+1];
         a[i+1] = tmp;
```

Serial Odd-Even Transposition Sort

```
for (phase = 0; phase < n; phase++)
  if (phase % 2 == 0)
    for (i = 1; i < n; i += 2)
       if (a[i-1] > a[i]) Swap(&a[i-1],&a[i]);
  else
    for (i = 1; i < n-1; i += 2)
       if (a[i] > a[i+1]) Swap(&a[i], &a[i+1]);
```

Reserved

Serial Odd-Even Transposition Sort

	Subscript in Array						
Phase	0		1		2		3
0	9	\longleftrightarrow	7		8	\longleftrightarrow	6
	7		9		6		8
1	7		9	\longleftrightarrow	6		8
	7		6		9		8
2	7	\longleftrightarrow	6		9	\longleftrightarrow	8
	6		7		8		9
3	6		7	\longleftrightarrow	8		9
	6		7		8		9

Reserved

First OpenMP Odd-Even Sort

```
for (phase = 0; phase < n; phase++) {
      if (phase \% 2 == 0)
         pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
#
            default(none) shared(a, n) private(i, tmp)
         for (i = 1; i < n; i += 2) {
            if (a[i-1] > a[i]) {
               tmp = a[i-1];
               a[i-1] = a[i];
               a[i] = tmp;
      else
#
         pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
            default(none) shared(a, n) private(i, tmp)
         for (i = 1; i < n-1; i += 2)
            if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
               tmp = a[i+1];
               a[i+1] = a[i]:
               a[i] = tmp;
```

We need to be sure that threads finish phase p before starting p+1, which is provided by the parallel for directive: a barrier is inplicit at the en of the for loop Overhead of creating and joining the threads

Second OpenMP Odd-Even Sort

```
pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count) \
#
      default(none) shared(a, n) private(i, tmp, phase)
   for (phase = 0; phase < n; phase++) {
      if (phase \% 2 == 0)
         pragma omp for
#
         for (i = 1; i < n; i += 2)
            if (a[i-1] > a[i]) {
               tmp = a[i-1];
               a[i-1] = a[i]:
               a[i] = tmp;
      else
         pragma omp for
         for (i = 1; i < n-1; i += 2)
            if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
               tmp = a[i+1];
               a[i+1] = a[i];
               a[i] = tmp;
```

pragma omp for. Parallelize the for loop with existing team of threads

Odd-even sort with two parallel for directives and two for directives. (Times are in seconds.)

thread_count	1	2	3	4
Two parallel for directives	0.770	0.453	0.358	0.305
Two for directives	0.732	0.376	0.294	0.239



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The pragma: Parallel task

- The OpenMP task pragma can be used to explicitly define a task.
- The task pragma can be useful for parallelizing irregular algorithms such as pointer chasing or recursive algorithms for which other OpenMP workshare constructs are inadequate. The task directive only takes effect if you specify the -qsmp compiler option.

```
int fib(int n) {
        int i, j;
        if (n<2)
                 return n:
        else {
                 #pragma omp task shared(i)
                 i=fib(n-1);
                 #pragma omp task shared(j)
                 j=fib(n-2);
                 #pragma omp taskwait
                 return i+j;
```

The pragma: Parallel section

- Different threads carry different kind of work. Allowing the definition of different regions each of which will be executed by one of the threads
- Each thread executes one code block at a time, each code block executed only once
- Suppose you have blocks of code that can be executed in parallel (i.e. No dependencies). Usually for function calls and subroutines

The pragma: Parallel section

```
#pragma omp parallel
         #pragma omp sections
                                                   Limits the parallelization to two threads
                                                   If only one thread is available then the two
                                                   functions will executed sequentially
                   #pragma omp section
                                                   No assumptions about specific order
                                                   May lead to Load balancing problem
                   (void) functionA();
                   #pragma omp section
                   (void) functionB();
void functionA(){
  printf("In funcA: this section is executed by thread %d\n",
omp_get_thread_num());
void functionB(){
         printf("In funcB: this section is executed by thread %d\n",
omp_get_thread_num());
```

Task vs section

- The difference between tasks and sections is in the time frame that their code would execute.
- Sections are enclosed within the sections construct and (unless the nowait clause was specified) threads would not leave it until all sections have been executed:

```
[ sections ]
Thread 0: ------< section 1 >---->*-----
Thread 1: -----< section 2 >*-----
Thread 2: ------>*-----
... *
Thread N-1: ------>*-----
```

Here N threads encounter a sections construct with two sections, the second taking more time than the first. The first two threads execute one section each. The other N-2 threads simply wait at the implicit barrier at the end of the sections construct (show here as *).

Task vs section

- Tasks are queued and executed whenever possible. The run-time is also allowed to move task between threads, even in the mid of their lifetime.
- That means that one task might start executing in one thread, then at some scheduling point it might be migrated by the runtime to another thread.
- Still tasks and sections are in many ways similar.

The pragma: Parallel single

Block executed by one thread only #pragma omp parallel shared(a,b) private(i){ #pragma omp single a = 10;} //only one thread init shared variable a. #pragma omp for for(i=0;i<n:i++){ b[i]=a;



SCHEDULING LOOPS CLAUSE

We want to parallelize this loop.

If f(i) execution time depends on size of i then if we assign work to threads linearly some we will have an unbalanced thread work

Thread	Iterations
0	$0, n/t, 2n/t, \ldots$
1	$1, n/t + 1, 2n/t + 1, \dots$
÷	:
t-1	$t-1, n/t+t-1, 2n/t+t-1, \dots$

Assignment of work using cyclic partitioning.

```
double f(int i) {
   int j, start = i*(i+1)/2, finish = start + i;
   double return_val = 0.0;

   for (j = start; j <= finish; j++) {
      return_val += sin(j);
   }
   return return_val;
} /* f */</pre>
```

Our definition of function f.

Results

- f(i) calls the sin function i times.
- Assume the time to execute f(2i) requires approximately twice as much time as the time to execute f(i).
- n = 10,000
 - >one thread
 - >run-time = 3.67 seconds.

Results

- n = 10,000
 - >two threads
 - >default assignment
 - >run-time = 2.76 seconds
 - >speedup = 1.33
- n = 10,000
 - >two threads
 - >cyclic assignment
 - >run-time = 1.84 seconds
 - >speedup = 1.99



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The Schedule Clause

sum = 0.0;

sum += f(i);

#

```
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
          reduction(+:sum)
       for (i = 0; i \le n; i++)
          sum += f(i);
      sum = 0.0;
#
      pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
         reduction(+:sum) schedule(static,1)
      for (i = 0; i \le n; i++)
```

schedule (type, chunksize)

Type can be:

- >static: the iterations can be assigned to the threads before the loop is executed.
- >dynamic or guided: the iterations are assigned to the threads while the loop is executing.
- >auto: the compiler and/or the run-time system determine the schedule.
- >runtime: the schedule is determined at runtime.
- The chunksize is a positive integer. Group of iterations executed consecutively loop. If omited is total_iterations/thread_count

The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, ..., 11, and three threads

schedule(static,1)

Thread 0: 0, 3, 6, 9

Thread 1: 1,4,7,10

Thread 2: 2,5,8,11

Reserved

The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, ..., 11, and three threads

schedule(static, 2)

Thread 0: 0, 1, 6, 7

Thread 1: 2,3,8,9

Thread 2: 4,5,10,11

The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, . . . , 11, and three threads schedule (static, 4)

Thread 0: 0, 1, 2, 3

Thread 1: 4,5,6,7

Thread 2: 8,9,10,11

The Dynamic Schedule Type

- The iterations are also broken up into chunks of chunksize consecutive iterations.
- Each thread executes a chunk, and when a thread finishes a chunk, it requests another one from the run-time system.
- This continues until all the iterations are completed.
- The chunksize can be omitted. When it is omitted, a chunksize of 1 is used.

The Guided Schedule Type

- Each thread also executes a chunk, and when a thread finishes a chunk, it requests another one.
- However, in a guided schedule, as chunks are completed the size of the new chunks decreases.
- If no chunksize is specified, the size of the chunks decreases down to 1.
- If chunksize is specified, it decreases down to chunksize, with the exception that the very last chunk can be smaller than chunksize.

The Runtime Schedule Type

- The system uses the environment variable OMP_SCHEDULE to determine at run-time how to schedule the loop.
- The OMP_SCHEDULE environment variable can take on any of the values that can be used for a static, dynamic, or guided schedule.

OpenMP Synchronization Pragmas

```
#pragma omp barrier
        when a thread encounters this barrier, it blocks until all other
threads reach this barrier also
#pragma omp atomic
        protect critical sections that contains only one line of C
statemement (++x, x++, ..)
#pragma omp critical(name)
        two critical blocks with different names can be executed together
Locks
        void omp_init_lock(omp_lock_t* lock_p) //init lock
        void omp_set_lock(omp_lock_t* lock_p) //sets the lock if succed
then the thread proceed else it will block
        void omp_unset_lock(omp_lock_t* lock_p) //unset the lock
        void omp_destroy_lock(omp_lock_t* lock_p)
```

Synchronization

prevents multiple threads from accessing the critical sections code at same time

The Atomic Directive (1)

```
# pragma omp atomic
```

- Unlike the critical directive, it can only protect critical sections that consist of a single C assignment statement.
- Further, the statement must have one of the following forms:

```
x <op>= <expression>;
x++;
++x;
x--;
--x;
```

Here <op> can be one of the binary operators

```
+, *, -, /, \&, ^, |, <<, or >>
```

Locks

```
#pragma omp critical
Enqueue(q_p, my_rank, msg);

Replaced by:
Omp_set_lock(&qp->lock);
Enqueue(q_p, my_rank, msg);
Omp_unset_lock(&qp->lock);
```

Which method is faster

- Potentially atomic directive works faster
- But when using several atomics directives than is better to use critical(names) directives to avoid one atomic stopping all of them
- In general atomic and critical directives perform equally fast
- Locks should be used when mutual exclusion is needed for a data structures rather than a block of code

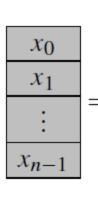
Example

- 1. You shouldn't mix the different types of mutual exclusion for a single critical section.
- 2. There is no guarantee of fairness in mutual exclusion constructs.
- 3. It can be dangerous to "nest" mutual exclusion constructs.

Matrix-vector multiplication

$$y_i = a_{i0}x_0 + a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,n-1}x_{n-1}$$

a ₀₀	a_{01}		$a_{0,n-1}$
<i>a</i> ₁₀	a_{11}	• • •	$a_{1,n-1}$
:	:		:
a_{i0}	a_{i1}	• • •	$a_{i,n-1}$
<i>a</i> _{i0} :	a_{i1} :	•••	$a_{i,n-1}$:



уо
<i>y</i> 1
:
$y_i = a_{i0}x_0 + a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{i,n-1}x_{n-1}$
:
y_{m-1}

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

Matrix-vector multiplication

	Matrix Dimension					
	$8,000,000 \times 8$		8000×8000		$8 \times 8,000,000$	
Threads	Time	Eff.	Time	Eff.	Time	Eff.
1	0.322	1.000	0.264	1.000	0.333	1.000
2	0.219	0.735	0.189	0.698	0.300	0.555
4	0.141	0.571	0.119	0.555	0.303	0.275

OpenMP pragma directives	Description
#pragma omp atomic	Identifies a specific memory location that must be updated atomically and not be exposed to multiple, simultaneous writing threads.
#pragma omp parallel	Defines a parallel region to be run by multiple threads in parallel. With specific exceptions, all other OpenMP directives work within parallelized regions defined by this directive.
#pragma omp for	Work-sharing construct identifying an iterative for-loop whose iterations should be run in parallel.
#pragma omp parallel for	Shortcut combination of omp parallel and omp for pragma directives, used to define a parallel region containing a single for directive.
#pragma omp ordered	Work-sharing construct identifying a structured block of code that must be executed in sequential order.
#pragma omp section, #pragma omp sections	Work-sharing construct identifying a non-iterative section of code containing one or more subsections of code that should be run in parallel.
#pragma omp parallel sections	Shortcut combination of omp parallel and omp sections pragma directives, used to define a parallel region containing a single sections directive.
#pragma omp single	Work-sharing construct identifying a section of code that must be run by a single available thread.
#pragma omp master	Synchronization construct identifying a section of code that must be run only by the master thread.
#pragma omp critical	Synchronization construct identifying a statement block that must be executed by a single thread at a time.
#pragma omp barrier	Synchronizes all the threads in a parallel region.
#pragma omp flush	Synchronization construct identifying a point at which the compiler ensures that all threads in a parallel region have the same view of specified objects in memory.
#pragma omp threadprivate	Defines the scope of selected file-scope data variables as being private to a thread, but file-scope visible within that thread.