

Enumerate and give a brief description of the main opportunities of parallelism.

- 1- Instruction level parallelism: parallelism which are hidden in computer programs
 - 2- single computer parallelism: parallelism using multi-core or multi-processor multi-processors which are in a single computer
 - 3- multi computer parallelism: parallelism using multiple computers such as grids, servers and clusters
2. Give the main differences between parallel processing and Distributed computing.

- 1- in distributed computing processors are distant geographically but in parallel processing processors are in the same machine
- 2- in distributed computing the goal is to provide availability and reliability but in parallel processing the goal is to increase performance

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3. Enumerate and give a brief description of the main aspects of parallel computing.

- 1- parallel computing architecture: PRAM, CTA
- 2- parallel algorithms and application: Reasoning and design
- 3- parallel programming:
paradigms
models
parallel programming language
frameworks
environments

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3-in distributed computing the interaction are infrequent and coarse grained, but in parallel processing the ~~interaction~~ interaction are frequent and fine grained.

Question 2

1. Explain the main differences between the **Blocking non-buffered** and the **Non-Blocking non-buffered** send/receive operations of the message passing paradigm.

in blocking non-buffered when the sender issues a send operation he has to wait until the receiver match a receive operation, but in non-blocking non-buffered when the sender issues a send operation he can continue processing until the receiver send a interrupt

2. Describe the **Task Farming** and the **Divide-and-Conquer** programming models and explain the main differences between them.

- Task farming has two entities the master and the workers, the master split the problem into tasks and send it to the workers and gather the result from them, the worker take a task and process it then send it to the master

- divide-and-conquer decompose the problem into sub-tasks ~~non~~ recursively until it reach base case which can be solved directly

the main differences:

- 1 - in divide-and-conquer we decompose the task recursively but in task farming we split the tasks
- 2 - in divide-and-conquer ~~non~~ sub-tasks have the same nature as the main problem but in task farming tasks may have different nature

Question 3

1. Enumerate and explain the different types of memory adopted by CUDA.

- 1- register: per thread, not cached, on chip, fast, read/write
- 2- Local-memory: per thread, not cached, on DRAM, read/write
- 3- shared-memory: per block, not cached, on chip, synchronize ~~block~~ threads
read/write
- 4- Global-memory: per Grid, not cached, on DRAM, synchronize between grid
read/write
- 5- constant-memory: per Grid, cached, on DRAM, read only
- 6- texture-memory: per Grid, cached, on DRAM, read only

2. Explain why the Global memory is not cached in CUDA, while the Constant memory is cached.

Global memory is not cached because it is read and write so the values may change and it will be different if we cached it, but in constant memory it is only read so we can cache the value and it will not change

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Question 4

Let's consider 2 arrays of integers A and B of size S . Let's consider that we would like to write a C program that runs in parallel and that computes the sum of 2 arrays as following:

$$C[i] = A[i] + B[i]$$

Let's consider the following kernel:

```
__global__ void add(int *a, int *b, int *c, int size) {
    int cell_id = .....;
    if (cell_id < size)
        c[cell_id] = a[cell_id] + b[cell_id];
}
```

1. We would like to run this kernel on grid composed of 1 block where every thread evaluates a single cell as shown in the following figure:

Block (0, 0)				
Cell 0	Cell 3	Cell 6	Cell 9	Cell 12
Cell 1	Cell 4	Cell 7	Cell 10	Cell 13
Cell 2	Cell 5	Cell 8	Cell 11	Cell 14

$$\text{thread id } x.y + (\text{thread id } x.x * \text{block dim } y)$$

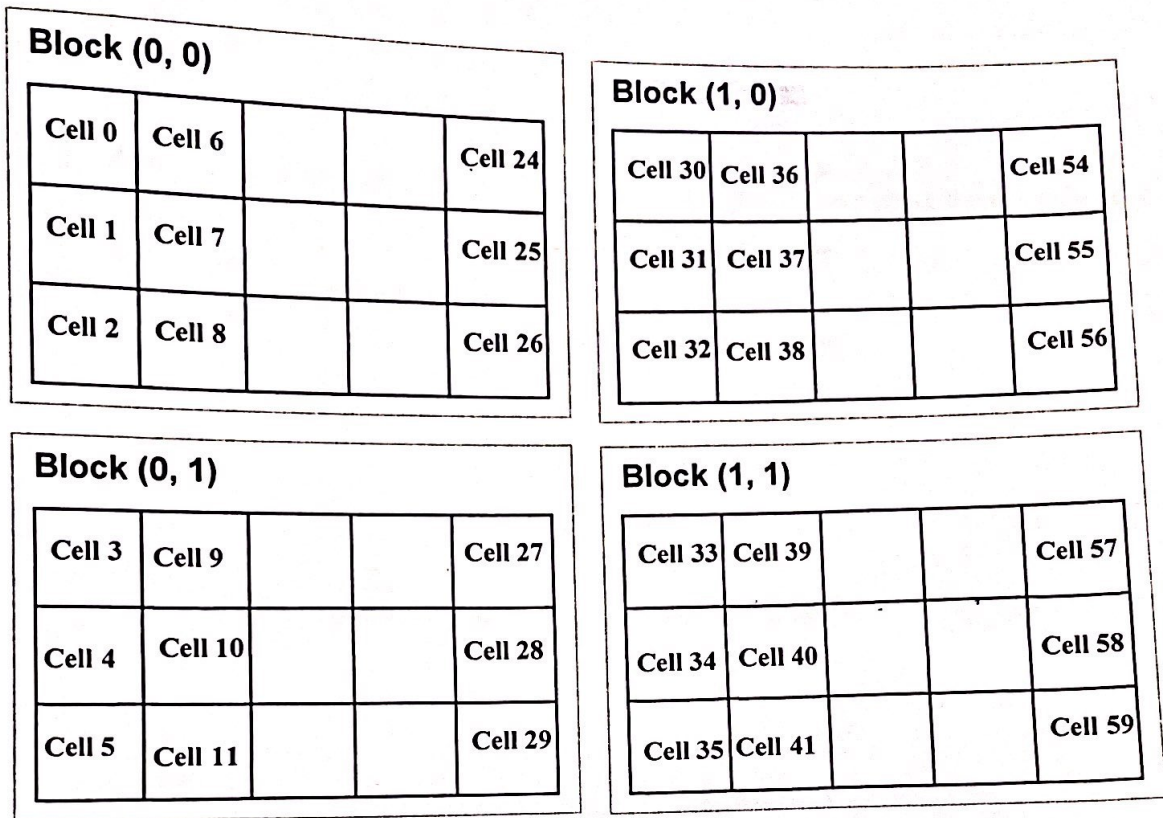
$$2(2 \times 3) = 6$$

- Give the formula that allows every thread to compute the cell_id of the cell he is going to process.

$$\text{int cell_id} = \text{ThreadId } x.y + (\text{ThreadId } x.x * \text{block Dim } y)$$

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to run this kernel on grid configured as M * N matrix of thread blocks. Every thread evaluates a single cell as shown in the following figure:



- Give the formula that allows every thread to compute the cell_id of the cell he is going to process.

$$\text{int cell_id} = \text{Thread.y} + (\text{blockIdx.y} * \text{blockDim.y}) + (\text{ThreadId.x} * \text{blockDim.y} * \text{GridDim.y}) + (\text{blockIdx.x} * \text{blockDim.x} * \text{blockDim.y} * \text{GridDim.y});$$

$$\text{thread.y} * (\text{blockIdx.y} * \text{blockDim.y}) + (\text{ThreadId.x} * \text{blockDim.y} * \text{GridDim.y}) + \text{blockIdx.x} * \text{blockDim.x} * \text{blockDim.y} * \text{GridDim.y}$$

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Let's consider 2 arrays of integers A and B of size S . Let's consider that we would like to write a kernel in C that computes the sum of 2 arrays:
 $C[i] = A[i] + B[i]$ for $i:0$ to $S-1$.

We would like to run this kernel on a grid composed of 1 block where every thread evaluates N cells as shown in the following figure (where $N = 4$ as a sample):

Block (0, 0)				
Cells 0-3	Cells 4-7	Cells 8-11	Cells 12-15	Cells 16-19
Cells 20-23	Cells 24-27	Cells 28-31	Cells 32-35	Cells 36-39
Cells 40-43	Cells 43-47	Cells 48-51	Cells 52-55	Cells 56-60

- Write the kernel

```
__global__ void add(int *a, int *b, int *c, int size, int N) {
```

```
int index = (ThreadId.x * N + (ThreadId.y * blockDim.y)) * N
for(int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    C[index+i] = a[index+i] + b[index+i]
}
```