



# Parallelization in MATLAB

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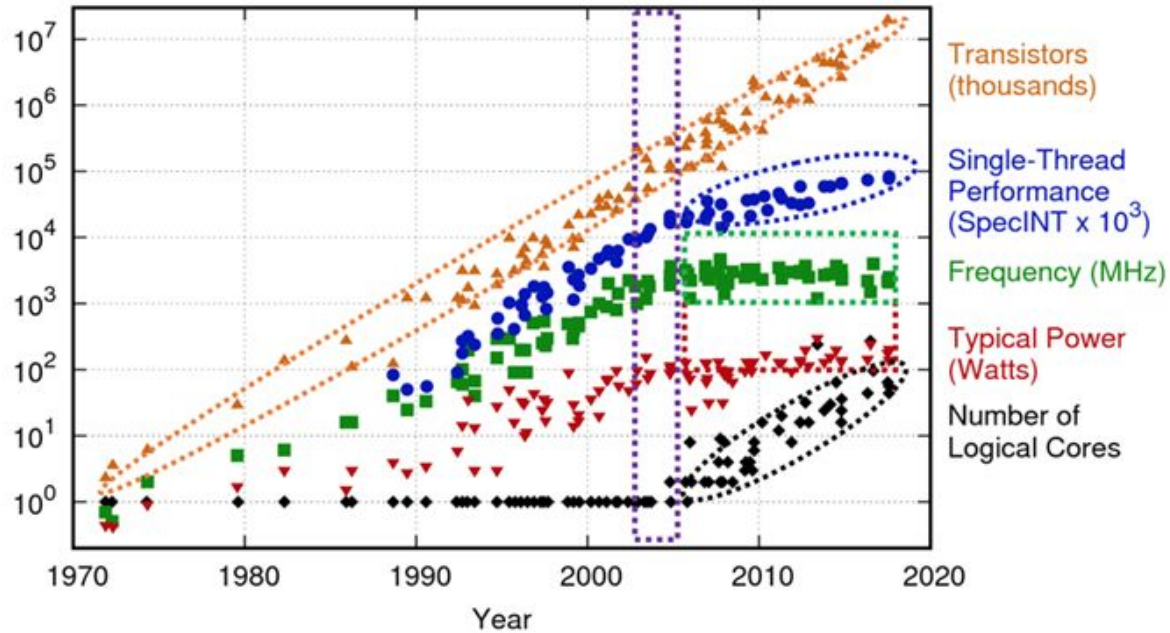
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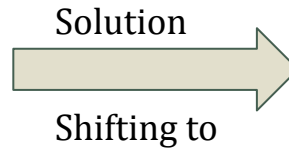
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## 1.Introduction



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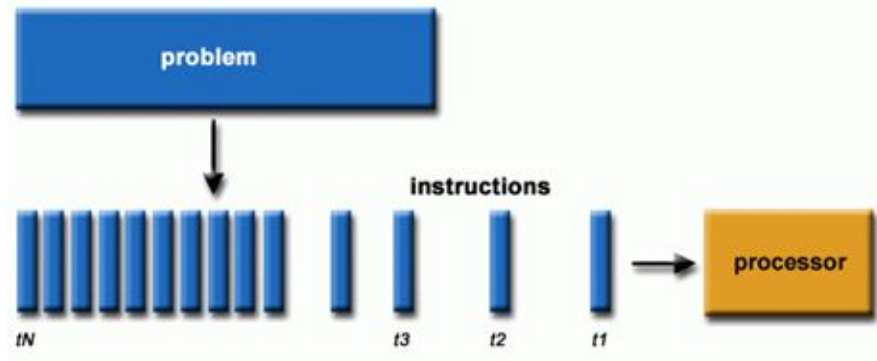
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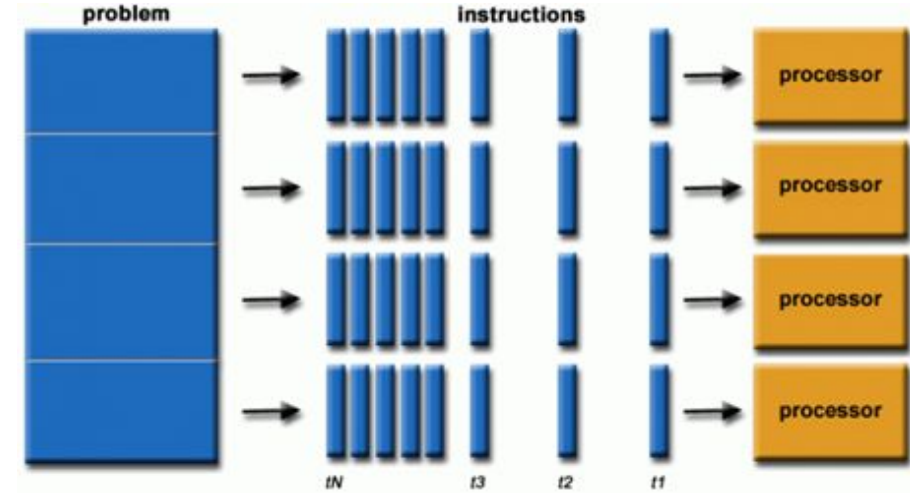
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# 1.Introduction

## Sequential Computing

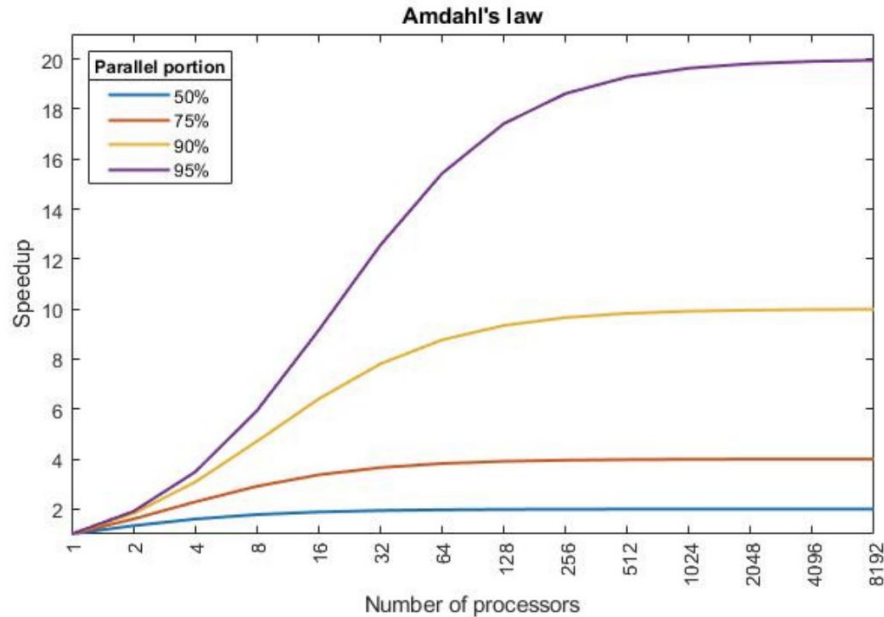


## Parallel Computing

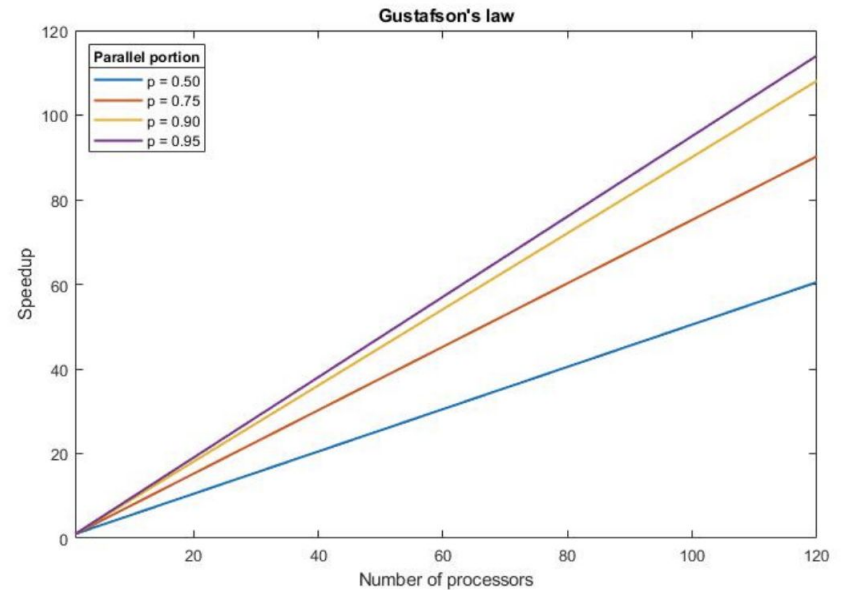


# 1.Introduction

## Amdahl's Law: Speed-Up



## Gustafson's Law: Scalability



## 2.Parallelization in MATLAB

**parpool:** Create a parallel pool of workers to do parallel computing.

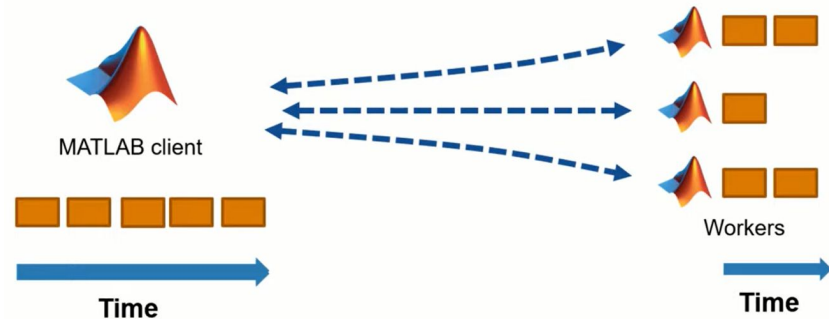
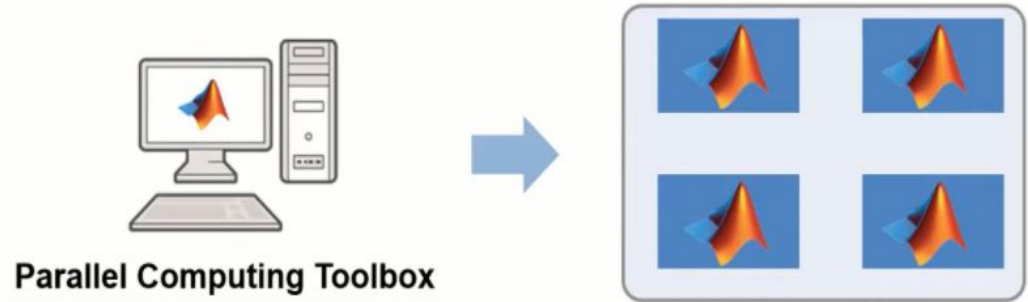
*parpool('Environment', WorkersNumber)*

**delete(gcp('nocreate')):** delete previously created parallel pool

**parfor:** Execute for loop in parallel by workers in parallel pool.

The general form of a parfor statement is:

```
parfor loopvar =initval:endval  
<statements>  
END
```



### 3. Sequential Vs Parallel Computing

#### Example 1.1

```
primeNums = primes(uint64(2^17));  
compositeNums = primeNums.*primeNums(randperm(numel(primeNums))));  
factors = zeros(numel(primeNums),2);
```

```
%===Normal calculation (no parallel computing)===%
```

```
delete(gcp('nocreate'));
```

```
tic;
```

```
for i = 1:numel(compositeNums)  
    factors(i,:) = factor(compositeNums(i));  
end  
toc
```

```
%=====Parallel computing (using 4 cores) =====%
```

```
% using parfor for multicore in thread-based environment
```

```
delete(gcp('nocreate'));
```

```
parpool('local',4);
```

```
tic;
```

```
parfor i = 1:numel(compositeNums)  
    factors(i,:) = factor(compositeNums(i));  
end  
toc
```

<i>Sequential</i>	<i>Parallel</i>
5.097076 seconds.	3.775082 seconds.

## 4. Performance Speed-Up

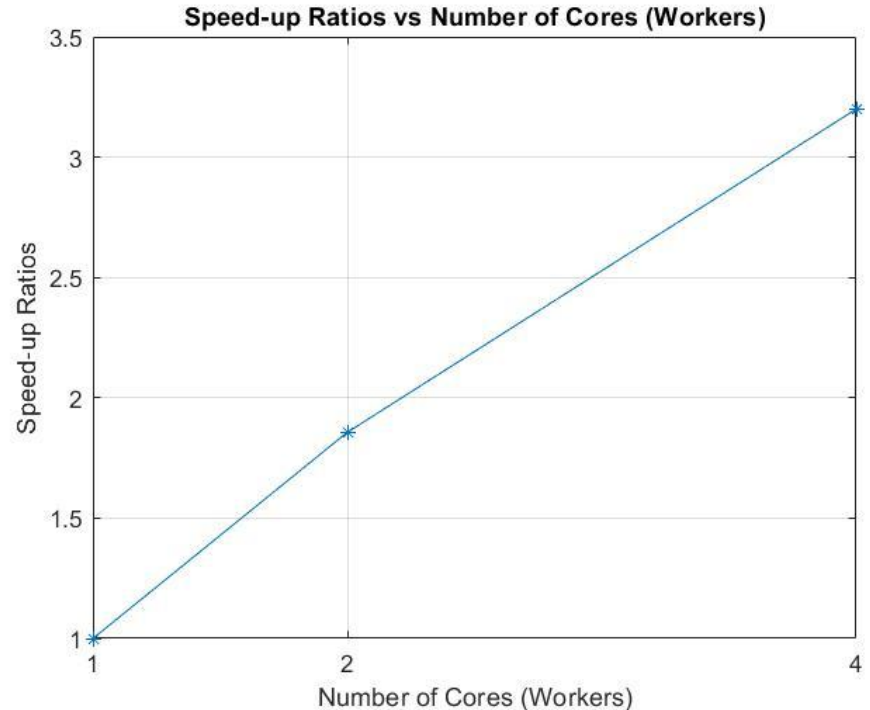
1,2,4 cores

### Example 1.2

```
delete(gcp('nocreate'));  
parpool('local',4);  
  
tic;  
parfor i = 1:numel(compositeNums)  
    factors(i,:) = factor(compositeNums(i));  
end  
  
toc
```

Parallel pool using the 'local' profile is shutting down.  
Starting parallel pool (parpool) using the 'local' profile ...  
Connected to the parallel pool (number of workers: 1).  
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Connected to the parallel pool (number of workers: 2).  
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Connected to the parallel pool (number of workers: 4).

1 core:	2 cores:	4 cores:
51.2585	27.6084	16.0189





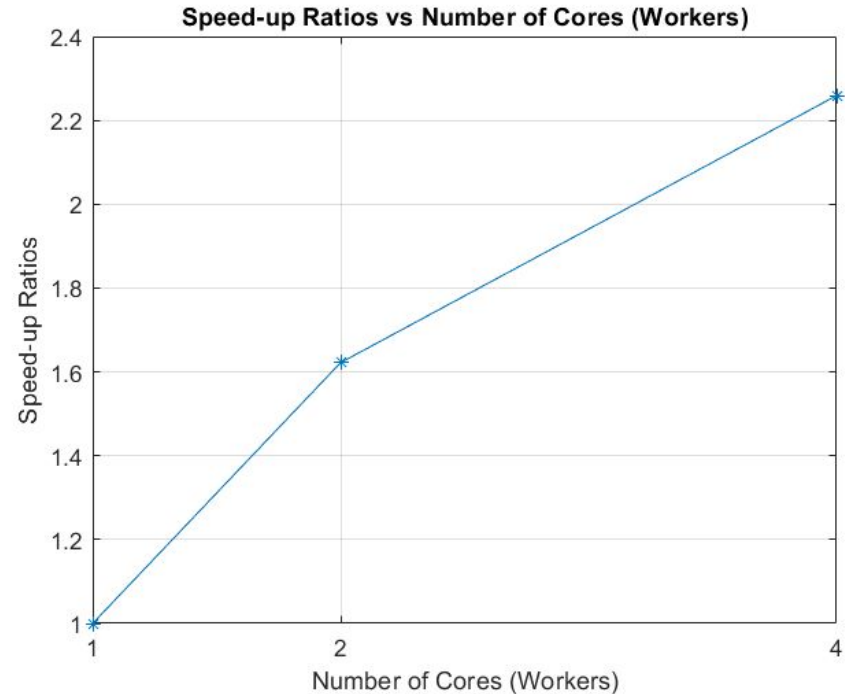
## 4. Performance Speed-Up

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

### Example 2.1

```
L = 1000;  
c = [];  
  
delete(gcp('nocreate'))  
pool = parpool(1);  
tic;  
parfor i = 1:12  
    c(i) = max(eig(rand(L)));  
end  
time(1) = toc;  
  
time =  
  
10.1577    6.2620    4.4965
```

1,2,4 cores



## 5. Scalability and Limits

### Example 2.2

#### Low Values (L=45)

time =

1 core:

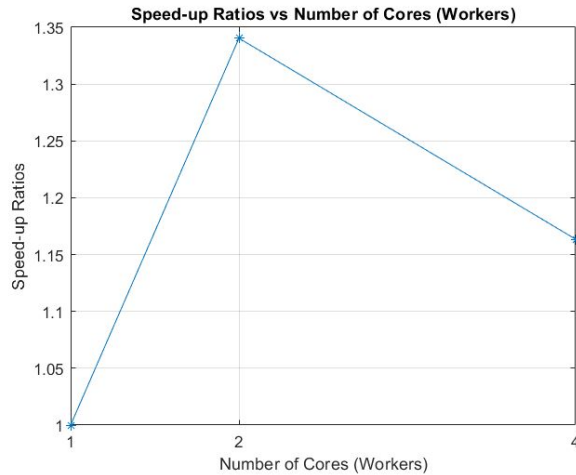
0.2635

2 cores:

0.1966

4 cores:

0.2265



#### High Values (L=4000)

time =

1 core:

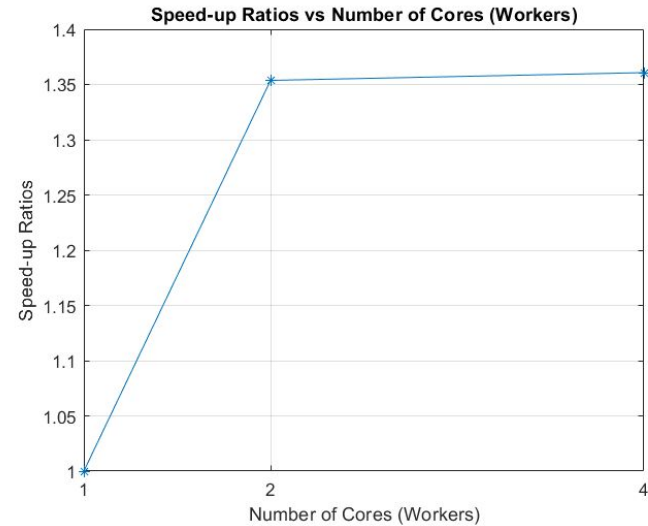
310.6736

2 cores:

229.4980

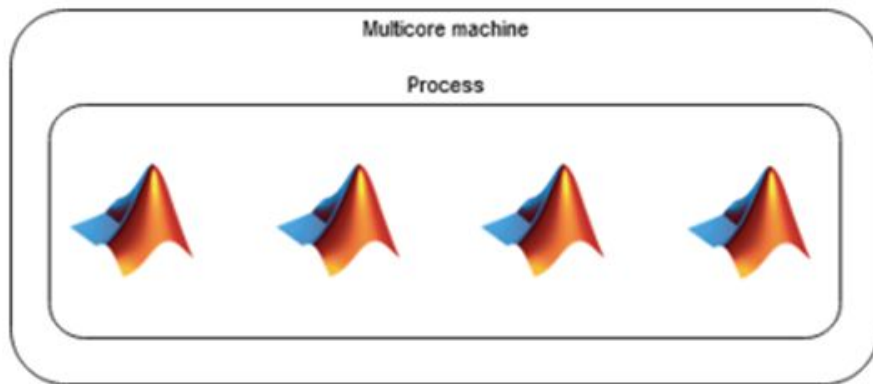
4 cores:

228.3127



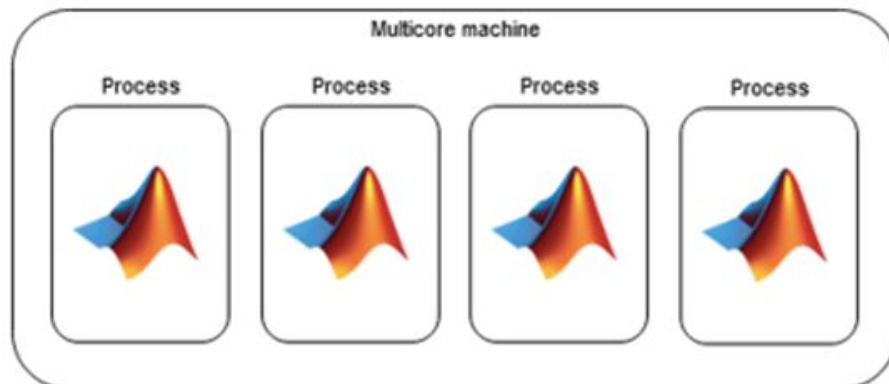
## 6. Thread-Based and Process-Based Environments

### Thread-Based Environments



- **Thread-Based Environments** can share memory, so they can access numeric data without copying → more memory efficient.

### Process-Based Environments



- **Process-Based Environments** are more robust in the event of crashes. If a process worker crashes, then the MATLAB client does not crash.
- For large data usage in Process Based Environments, you can use cluster features, such as *batch* function.

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## 6. Thread-Based and Process-Based Environments

### Example 3

```
% Calculation (random numbers generation)
X = rand(3000, 3000);

% Parallel Computing ("Process-based environment on local machine")
delete(gcf('nocreate'))
pool = parpool('local');
% Execution time calculation
ticBytes(pool);
%Time for transferring data (in Process Based Environment)
tProcesses = timeit(@() fetchOutputs(parfeval(@sum,1,X,'all')))
tocBytes(pool)
```

```
% Parallel Computing ("Thread-based environment on local machine")
delete(gcf('nocreate'))
pool = parpool('threads');
%
ticBytes(pool);
%Time for transferring data (in Thread Based Environment)
tThreads = timeit(@() fetchOutputs(parfeval(@sum,1,X,'all')))
tocBytes(pool)
```

tProcesses =

0.2594

	BytesSentToWorkers	BytesReceivedFromWorkers
1	1.08e+09	34830
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
Total	1.08e+09	34830

Parallel pool using the 'local' profile is shutting down.  
Starting parallel pool (parpool) ...  
Connected to the parallel pool (number of workers: 4).

tThreads =

0.0156

	BytesSentToWorkers	BytesReceivedFromWorkers
Total	0	0

Without data transfer, this example is 16.61x faster.

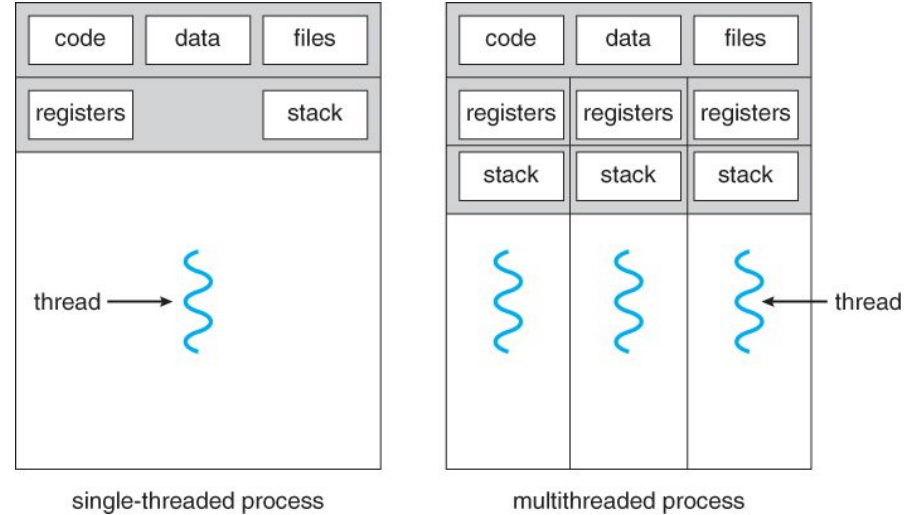
## 7. Single-Threaded vs Multithreaded

### Multithreading Advantages:

- Scalability
- Responsiveness
- Resource sharing
- Economy

### MATLAB Limitations:

- Cannot change the thread numbers in MATLAB
- By Default: Multithreaded
- Cannot compared the results of Single-threaded  
vs Multithreaded



[https://www.cs.uic.edu/~jbell/CourseNotes/OperatingSystems/4\\_Threads.html](https://www.cs.uic.edu/~jbell/CourseNotes/OperatingSystems/4_Threads.html)

## 8. Summary

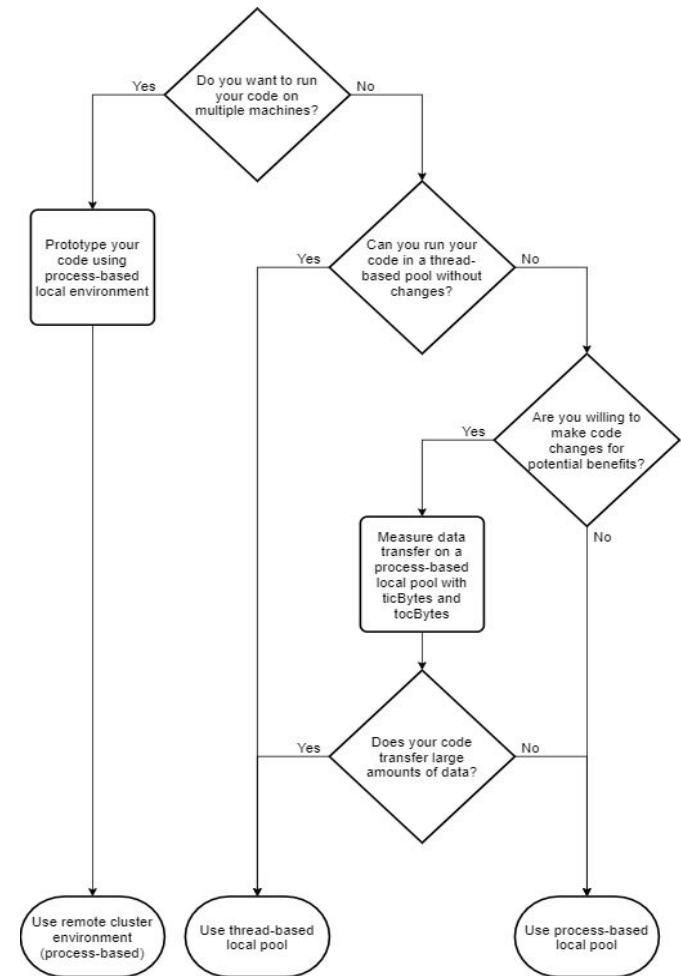
# Notes if using MATLAB for Parallelism :

- Parallel Computing: Multicores are performing better than single core, but to an extend.

### MATLAB Limitations:

- By Default: Multithreaded, Multicores
- Cannot change the thread numbers in MATLAB
- Cannot compared the results of Single-threaded vs Multithreaded
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# Thank you for listening

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