

* High Performance Computing *

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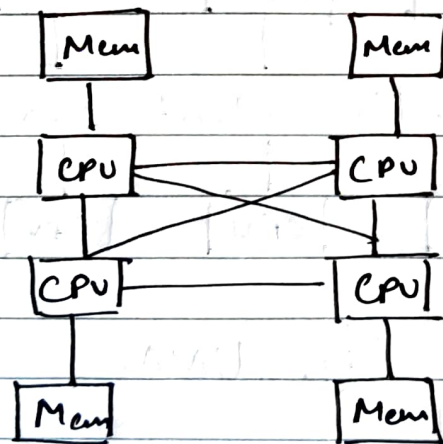
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* Unit Test 1

Question 2(a)

* Non Uniform Memory Access

- It allows memory access to every processor without any restrictions.
- A block of memory is attached to the processor and all blocks of memory can be accessed through the path provided by the use of interconnected network.



- A process has a ^{direct} path to the block of memory attached to it.

Eg. If accessing Memory block Mem1 from CPU1 will be much faster than accessing block Mem2 from CPU1.

- It has significant implication i.e. If we map address carefully it may be possible to keep most of the info required by a processor in the block attached to it.

- Therefore, the CPU can access that memory directly and reducing the contention for the common bds. Since the time to access a memory location depends on whether it is attached to invoking CPU or not.

This model is called NUMA.

Question 2 (b)

* Uniform Memory Access

- In this, each processor gets equal priority to access the main memory of the microprocessor is called as UMA.
- In fact, memory access of each processor is identical in UMA platform as shown below.

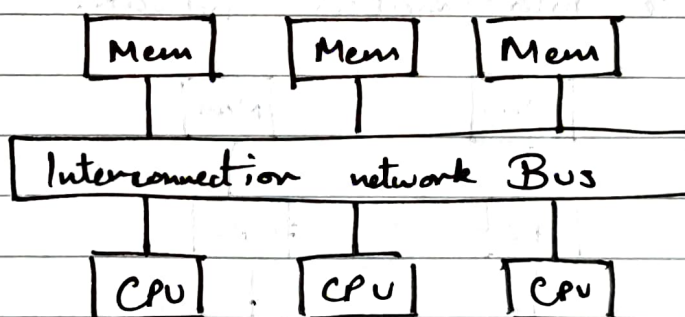


Fig. UMA

- The programming is much easier in such platform because of availability of global memory space in the system.
- The coding for read only instruction among the no. of programs running in different processes processors is not at all seen by the programmers.
- This happens because coding for such platforms is

similar to coding usually done in serial program for single microprocessor.

- The interaction among the read/write operation are handled requires the use of mutual exclusion or some other tools for synchronization.

Question 3 (a)

* Principle of Parallel Alg Algorithm Design:

- An algorithm provides step by step solution of the given problem. An algorithm accepts from the user and based upon input. after performing the defined computations, it provides the output.
- The basic steps in the design of the algorithm are:
~~Part~~ Partitioning of overall computation into smaller computation & assignments. of these smaller computation into different processors.

Question 3 (b)

* Decomposition, tasks & Dependency graphs:

◦ Decomposition:

- The overall computation can be partitioned into number of small size computation so that these computation execute in parallel.
- The decomposition deals with the approaches of partitioning the overall computation into sub-problems. When a computation is divided into many small tasks it is referred as fine-grained composition.

- Task

- In a program, the basic unit of computation is referred as a task & is controlled by OS.
- In context of the program, the task is unit of computation based upon that the overall computation is decomposed.

- Task-Dependency Graph

- It is directed ~~as~~ acyclic graph, typically a graph is a collection of nodes & edges, the task-dependency graph also contains nodes & edges.
- The node in this graph is a task whereas edges between any two nodes represent dependency between them.

Eg. There is edge that exists between 2 nodes T_1 & T_2 .
If T_2 is to be executed, it must be after T_1 .

Question 5 (a)

* One to All Broadcast Communication

- One to all broadcast is the operation in which a single process sends identical data to all other processes.
- Parallel algorithms always needs this operation.
- Consider that data of size M is to be sent to all the processes.
 - Initially always some process has the data.
 - After termination of algorithm there will be copy of initial data with each process.
 - ~~Processor~~ copies of data will be generated whereas P is the number of processor as shown in fig.

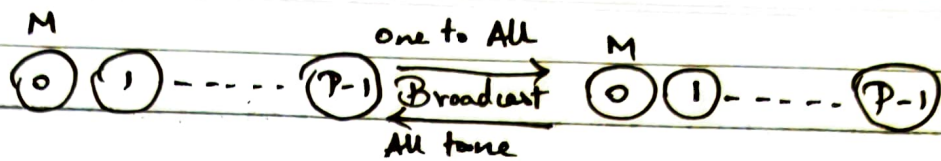
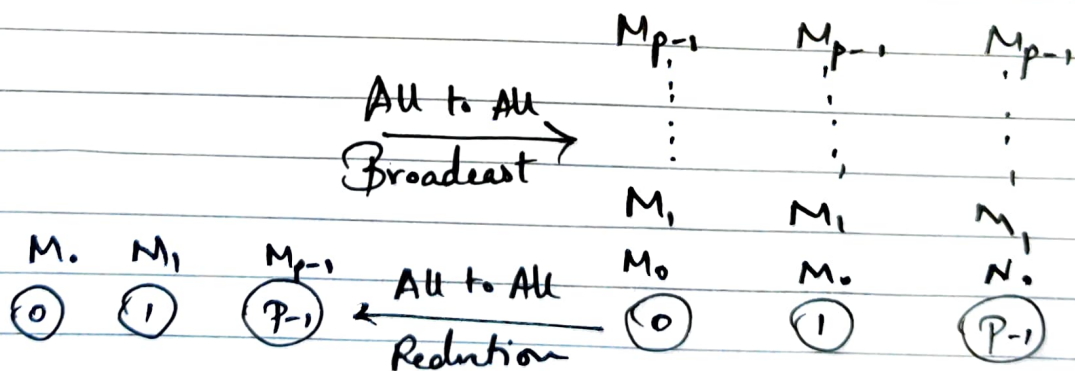


Fig. One to All Broadcast, & All to one ~~broadcast~~ Reduction.

Question 5(b)

* All to All Broadcast & Reduction.

- i All to All broadcast is a generalization of one to all broadcast in which all P nodes simultaneously initiate a broadcast.
- ii A process sends M -word message to every other process but different processes may broadcast different message.
- iii It is used to in matrix operation including matrix multiplication & matrix-vector multiplication.
- iv The dual of all to all reduction, in which every node is the destination of an all-to-one reduction.



- One approach to perform all to all broadcast is performing P one to all broadcast.
- This approach may take P times to complete communication.
- Communication link can be used more efficiently by simultaneously performing all to P one to all broadcast.
- By this there will be contention of all messages traversing the same path at the same time into a single message.