

Work and span of buySell algorithm

Assuming input of length N .

Our algorithm has 3 steps:

- **buildMatrix**: builds a matrix of all possible buy and sell dates
 - work: N^2
 - span: 1, there are no dependencies between elements of the matrix
- **getSell**: computes the best sell date for each buy date
A fold has work N and span $\log N$. We have N folds folding over N elements:
 - work: N^2
 - span: $\log N$, it is possible to run all N folds in parallel.
- **getBuy**: computes the best buy date
 - work: N
 - span: $\log N$

In total we have

- work: $2N^2 + N$ and
- span: $2\log N + 1$

Speedup of parallelism!

Running the same algorithm sequentially and in parallel (with 2 HECs) we get a speedup of approximately 5.5, which is pretty amazing.

An example run

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% ./Stock +RTS -N2
benchmarking sequential
time                1.287 s      (1.164 s .. 1.403 s)
                   0.998 R²      (0.998 R² .. 1.000 R²)
mean                1.295 s      (1.269 s .. 1.308 s)
std dev             22.22 ms     (0.0 s .. 23.82 ms)
variance introduced by outliers: 19% (moderately inflated)

benchmarking parallel
time                232.9 ms     (216.9 ms .. 251.5 ms)
                   0.996 R²      (0.988 R² .. 1.000 R²)
mean                224.7 ms     (214.2 ms .. 230.7 ms)
std dev             9.634 ms     (3.687 ms .. 13.16 ms)
variance introduced by outliers: 14% (moderately inflated)
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