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This document contains answers to questions from CS213 Lab: Threads
Questions:
http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~weinman/courses/CSC213/2014F/labs/threads.html
 modified code has the MODIFIED keyword
Original author is cited below :
 * Jerod Weinman
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#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "matrix.h"
#include "matrixop.h"
#define SUB2IND(row,col,numcols) (row) * (numcols) + (col)
/* Check the dimensions of three matrices for the sum C=A+B
 * Returns -1 if there is a dimension mismatch, and zero otherwise. */
int mtxCheckAddDim(const struct matrix_t *a, const struct matrix_t *b,
                      const struct matrix_t *c)
    if (a->rows != b->rows || a->rows != c->rows ||
        a->cols != b->cols || a->cols != c->cols ) {
         return -1;
    return 0;
/* Matrix addition C = A + B
 * Preconditions:
    Matrix parameters a,b and c all have the same dimension
 * Postconditions:
 * The resulting matrix sum is stored in parameter c
    Return value of 0 indicates successful completion of the addition
int mtxAdd( const struct matrix_t *a, const struct matrix_t *b,
                struct matrix_t *c) {
    /* Make sure these matrices are "addable" */
    int res = mtxCheckAddDim(a,b,c);
    if (res<0) {
         fprintf(stderr, "Dimension mismatch for matrix add.\n");
         return res;
    int m = a->rows;
                           /* Dimensions of input matrices */
    int n = a->cols;
    MTX_TYPE *pa, *pb, *pc; /* Pointers to matrix data */
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pa = a->data;
                             /* Initialize pointers to beginning of data */
    pb = b->data;
    pc = c->data;
     /* Iterate over every entry in the matrices, adding and storing the result */
     int i,j;
    for (i=0 ; i<m ; i++)</pre>
         for (j=0; j<n; j++, pa++,pb++,pc++)
              *pc = *pa + *pb;
    return 0; /* Indicate successful completion */
/* MODIFIED : This is an additional piece to the original
* Check the dimensions of three matrices for the sum C=AB
* Returns -1 if there is a dimension mismatch, and zero otherwise. */
int mtxCheckMultiplyDim(const struct matrix_t *a, const struct matrix_t *b,
                        const struct matrix_t *c)
     if (a->cols != b->rows || a->rows != c->rows
         || b->cols != c->cols ) {
         return -1;
    return 0;
* MODIFIED
 * Matrix multiplication C = AB
 * Preconditions:
 * Matrix parameters a,b,c have the required dimension.
   mtxCheckMultiplyDim(a,b,c) returns >0
* Postconditions:
 * The resulting matrix sum is stored in parameter c
    Return value of 0 indicates successful completion of the multiplication
int mtxMultiplyMin( const struct matrix_t *a, const struct matrix_t *b,
                   struct matrix t *c)
     /* Make sure these matrices are "multiply-able" */
    int res = mtxCheckMultiplyDim(a,b,c);
    if (res<0) {
         fprintf(stderr, "Dimension mismatch for matrix add.\n");
         return res;
    int m = a->rows;
                            /* Dimensions of input matrices */
    int n = a->cols;
    int p = b->cols;
    MTX_TYPE *pa, *pb, *pc; /* Pointers to matrix data */
    pa = a->data;
                             /* Initialize pointers to beginning of data */
     pb = b->data;
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pc = c->data;

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/* Iterate over every entry in the matrices, adding and storing the result */
     int i,j,k, 1;
     /* initialise elements of matrix c to 0*/
     for (1 = 0; 1 < (m*p); 1++, pc++)
         *pc = 0;
     pc = c->data; // point back to start of c matrix
     for (i = 0; i < m; i++, pc += SUB2IND(1,0,p), pb = b->data)
       //i loops through the rows of a and the rows of c
         for (k = 0; k < n; k++, pa++, pc = pc - p)
          //k loops through the columns of a and the rows of b
            for (j = 0; j < p; j++,pb++,pc++)
               //the columns of b and the columns of c
                 *pc += *pa * *pb;
     return 0; /* Indicate successful completion */
 * MODIFIED
 * Does the matrix multiplication work for one thread
 * preconditions: none
 * postconditions : matrix c is modified such that each of its values agrees with m
atrix
 * multiplication of c = a * b.
 * much of the code involving the creation and running of threads was taken from th
 * Threads Programming tutorial:
 * https://chttps://computing.llnl.gov/tutorials/pthreads/#Joining
 * computing.llnl.gov/tutorials/pthreads/#PassingArguments
void* threadMtxMultiplyMin(void *multParam)
 struct matrixThreadParam t *data;
 data = ( struct matrixThreadParam t *) multParam ;
  /* Dimensions of input matrices */
  int m = data->a->rows;
  int n = data->a->cols;
  int p = data->b->cols;
  int stride = data->numThreads;
 int ID = data->threadId;
/* Pointers to matrix data */
 MTX TYPE *pa, *pb, *pc;
/* Initialize pointers to beginning of data */
 pa = data->a->data;
 pb = data->b->data;
 pc = data->c->data;
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/* Iterate over every entry in the matrices, adding and storing the result */
 int i,j,k;
 pc += SUB2IND(ID, 0, p);
 pa += SUB2IND(ID, 0, n);
 for (i = ID; i < m;</pre>
       i= i + stride, pc += SUB2IND(stride, 0, p), pb = data->b->data,
        pa += SUB2IND(stride-1, 0 , n))
   //i loops through the rows of a and the rows of c
     for (k = 0; k < n; k++, pa++, pc = pc - p)
       //k loops through the columns of a and the rows of b
          for (j = 0; j < p; j++,pb++,pc++)
            //the columns of b and the columns of c
              *pc += *pa * *pb;
 return NULL; /* Indicate successful completion */
* MODIFIED
* Computes the threaded concurrent matrix product.
 * preconditions: none
* postconditions : matrix c is modified such that each of its values agrees with m
atrix
* multiplication of c = a * b.
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int parMtxMultiply( const struct matrix_t *a,
                    const struct matrix_t *b,
                    struct matrix t *c,
                    int numThreads)
 //checks to see if matrixes are multipliable
int res = mtxCheckMultiplyDim(a,b,c);
    if (res<0) {
         fprintf(stderr, "Dimension mismatch for matrix add.\n");
         return res;
     /* initialise elements of matrix c to 0*/
    int 1;
    MTX_TYPE *pc;
    pc = c->data;
     for (1 = 0; 1 < (a->rows * b->cols); l++, pc++)
         *pc = 0;
    pc = c->data; // point back to start of c matrix
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//creates threads according to numThreads
int rc; //gets return value when thread is created and when thread is joined
struct matrixThreadParam_t thread_matrix_array[numThreads];
pthread_t threads[numThreads];
pthread_attr_t attr;
void *status;
//initialization of attr to make threads joinable
pthread_attr_init(&attr);
pthread_attr_setdetachstate(&attr, PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE);
for (t = 0; t < numThreads; t++)</pre>
    //set elements of thread_array[t]
    thread_matrix_array[t].a = a;
    thread_matrix_array[t].b = b;
    thread_matrix_array[t].c = c;
    thread_matrix_array[t].numThreads = numThreads;
    thread_matrix_array[t].threadId = t;
   rc = pthread_create(&threads[t], &attr, threadMtxMultiplyMin,
                        (void *) &thread_matrix_array[t]);
    if (rc) {
      fprintf (stderr, "Could not create thread %d\n", t);
      return EXIT_FAILURE;
//join threads
pthread_attr_destroy(&attr);
for (t = 0; t < numThreads; t++)</pre>
    rc = pthread_join(threads[t], &status);
    if (rc)
        fprintf(stderr, "Thread %d could not join\n", t);
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
return 0;
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