Multi-core Programming

Assignment 2

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Abstract

OpenMP is an implementation of multithreading, a method of parallelizing whereby a master thread (a series of instructions executed consecutively) forks a specified number of slave threads and the system divides a task among them. The threads then run concurrently, with the runtime environment allocating threads to different processors. In this assignment, we are going to implement the parallelization of the matrix multiplication.

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1 Matrix Multiplication

1.1 What's the goal?

In this assignment, we'll be parallelizing the matrix multiplication using OpenMP. The goal is to speed up the matrix multiplication by implementing the parallelization in two axis (1D & 2D). Below the serial code for the matrix multiplication. Sources for this assignment is available in the repository merged with this report.

1.2 1D Parallelization

The following figures are provided from the problem description by *Dr. Ahmad Siavashi*. Each of the highlighted areas show a job for a thread. Figure 1.1 shows how the multiplication is done by each thread.

Assuming each *integer* as 4 bytes, we'll be filling the table 1.1 using the average time computed after 6 times of running the program. Note that in the dimensions of these matrices is assumed to be same

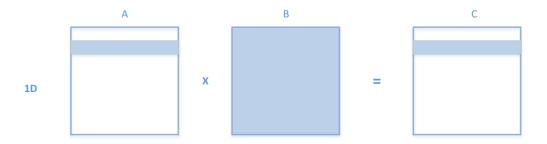


Figure 1.1: Matrix Multiplication Parallelization on Horizontal Axis.

in different axises and we are dealing with squared matrices. According to this assumption, each dimension can be computed as below:

• 100 KB:
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{10^5}{4}} = 158$$

• **400 KB**:
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4*10^5}{4}} = 316$$

• 800 KB:
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{8*10^5}{4}} = 447$$

• 1 MB:
$$d = \sqrt{\frac{10^6}{4}} = 500$$

1.2.1 Serial Time

The average serial time for this multiplication is 0.239668 seconds.

1.2.2 Parallelized For Loop

In order to make things a bit faster, we'll use pragma like so:

Total Size of Each Matrix								
Num of Threads	100 KB	400 KB	800 KB	1 MB	Average Speedup			
1	0.024875	0.264729	0.831792	1.115039	-			
2	0.025861	0.164219	0.461315	0.653042	1.52			
4	0.030058	0.185644	0.402523	0.562593	0.97			
8	0.038876	0.273006	0.687464	0.800365	0.8			

Table 1.1: Results of 1-Dimensional Parallelization.

1.3 2D Parallelization

The results for the 2D parallelization is given in the table 1.2.

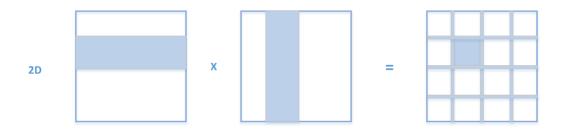


Figure 1.2: Matrix Multiplication Parallelization on Horizontal and Vertical Axis.

1.4 2D Parallelized For Loop

Each of the threads does the job in the highlighted area. In order to make things a bit faster, we'll use *pragma* like so:

Total Size of Each Matrix							
Num of Threads	100 KB	400 KB	800 KB	1 MB	Speedup		
1	0.023645	0.268649	0.839288	1.114186	-		
2	0.037867	0.165194	0.451727	0.656459	1.4		
4	0.033289	0.203213	0.432043	0.534328	1.045		
8	0.041303	0.271042	0.679229	0.788940	0.7		

Table 1.2: Results of 2-Dimensional Parallelization.