

**CS528**  
**High Performance Computing**

# **Serial Code Optimization**

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# Outline

- Intro to Code Optimization
- Machine independent/dependent optimization
- Common sense of Optimization
  - Do less work, avoid expensive Ops, shrink working set
- Simple measure Large impact : simd, branch, comm sub expre
- C++ Optimization
- Scalar Profiling
  - Manual Instrumentation (get\_wall\_time, clock\_t)
  - Function and line based profiling (gprof, gcov)
  - Memory Profiling (valgrind, callgraph)
  - Hardware Performance Counter (oprofile,likwid)

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# Manual Instrumentation

- System Status
  - `$uptime`, `$top` , `$vmstat`
  - `$systemmonitor`, `$gnome-system-monitor`
- `$time ./a.out`
  - real time/wall clock time
  - cpu time and system time
  - `cputime=sys time+usr time`
- Using `get_wall_time`, `clock_t`

# Manual Instrumentation

- \$time command and Using get\_wall\_time,

```
#include <time.h>

int main() {
    clock_t t; double Etime;
    t = clock();
    //Do some Work
    t = clock() - t;
    Etime= ((double) t) /CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
    printf("ETime =%f seconds", Etime)
    return 0;
}
```

# Profiler: Hotspot Analyzer

- Given a program
- Finding out part of the program which takes maximum amount of time
- Optimizing hot-spot area reduce the execution time significantly
- Suppose a program spend 99% of time in a small function/code
  - Optimizing that code will result better performance

# Function and line based profiling

- GNU profile (gprof)
  - `$gcc -p test.c`
  - `$/a.out`
  - `$gprof ./a.out`
  - `$gprof ./a.out >FPprofile.txt`
- GNU coverage (gcov)



# Gprof Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

void FunA() {
    int i=0, g=0;
    while (i++<100000)
        { g+=i; }
}

void FunB() {
    int i=0, g=0;
    while (i++<400000)
        { g+=i; }
}
```

```
int main() {
    int iter=5000;
    while (iter-->0) {
        FunA();
        FunB();
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# Gprof Example: Flat Profile

Flat profile:

Each sample counts as 0.01 seconds.

% cumulative	self	self	total			
time	seconds	seconds	calls	ms/call	ms/call	name
80.26	5.55	5.55	5000	1.11	1.11	FunB
20.94	6.99	1.45	5000	0.29	0.29	FunA

# Gprof Example: Call Graph

Call graph

index	% time	self	children	called	name
				<spontaneous>	
[1]	100.0	0.00	6.99		main [1]
	5.55	0.00	5000/5000		FunB [2]
	1.45	0.00	5000/5000		FunA [3]
-----					
	5.55	0.00	5000/5000		main [1]
[2]	79.3	5.55	0.00	5000	FunB [2]
-----					
	1.45	0.00	5000/5000		main [1]
[3]	20.7	1.45	0.00	5000	FunA [3]

# Function and line based profiling

- GNU profile (gprof)
- GNU coverage (gcov)
  - **`$gcc -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage tmp.c`**
  - **`$/a.out`**
  - **`$gcov tmp.c`**

**File 'tmp.c'**

**Lines executed:87.50% of 8**

**Creating 'tmp.c.gcov'**

# Gcov output

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (){
    int i, total;
    total = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        total += i;
    if (total != 45)
        printf ("Failure\n");
    else printf ("Success\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
-: 1:#include <stdio.h>
1: 2:int main (){
-: 3:  int i, total;
1: 4:  total = 0;
11: 5:  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
10: 6:      total += i;
1: 7:  if (total != 45)
#####:8:      printf ("Failure\n");
1: 9:  else printf ("Success\n");
1: 10:  return 0;
-: 11:}
```

# Valgrind

- Free tools: **\$sudo apt-get install valgrind**
- CallGraph, Profiler, Memory Check...
  - Many more
  - From C code, one can use API of valgrind
- Program analysis tools are useful
  - Bug detectors, Profilers, Visualizers
- **Dynamic binary analysis (DBA) tools**
  - Analyse a program's machine code at run-time
  - Augment original code with **analysis code**

# Valgrind

```
void Work1(int n) {
    int i=0, j=0, k=0;
    while(i++<n) {
        while(j++<n) {while(k++<n) ;}
    }
}

void Work2(int n) { int i=0; while(i++<n) ;}
void Maneger(int n1, int n2) {
    Work1(n1); Work2(n2);
}

void Projects1() { Maneger(1000000, 1000);}
void Projects2() { Maneger(100, 1000000);}

int main() {
    Projects1(); Projects2(); return 0;
}
```

# Valgrind: How to use

- `$gcc -pg -o Valgrindtest Valgrindtest.c`
- `$valgrind --tool=callgrind ./Valgrindtest`
- `$ls`

`Valgrindtest Valgrindtest.c callgrind.out.11233`

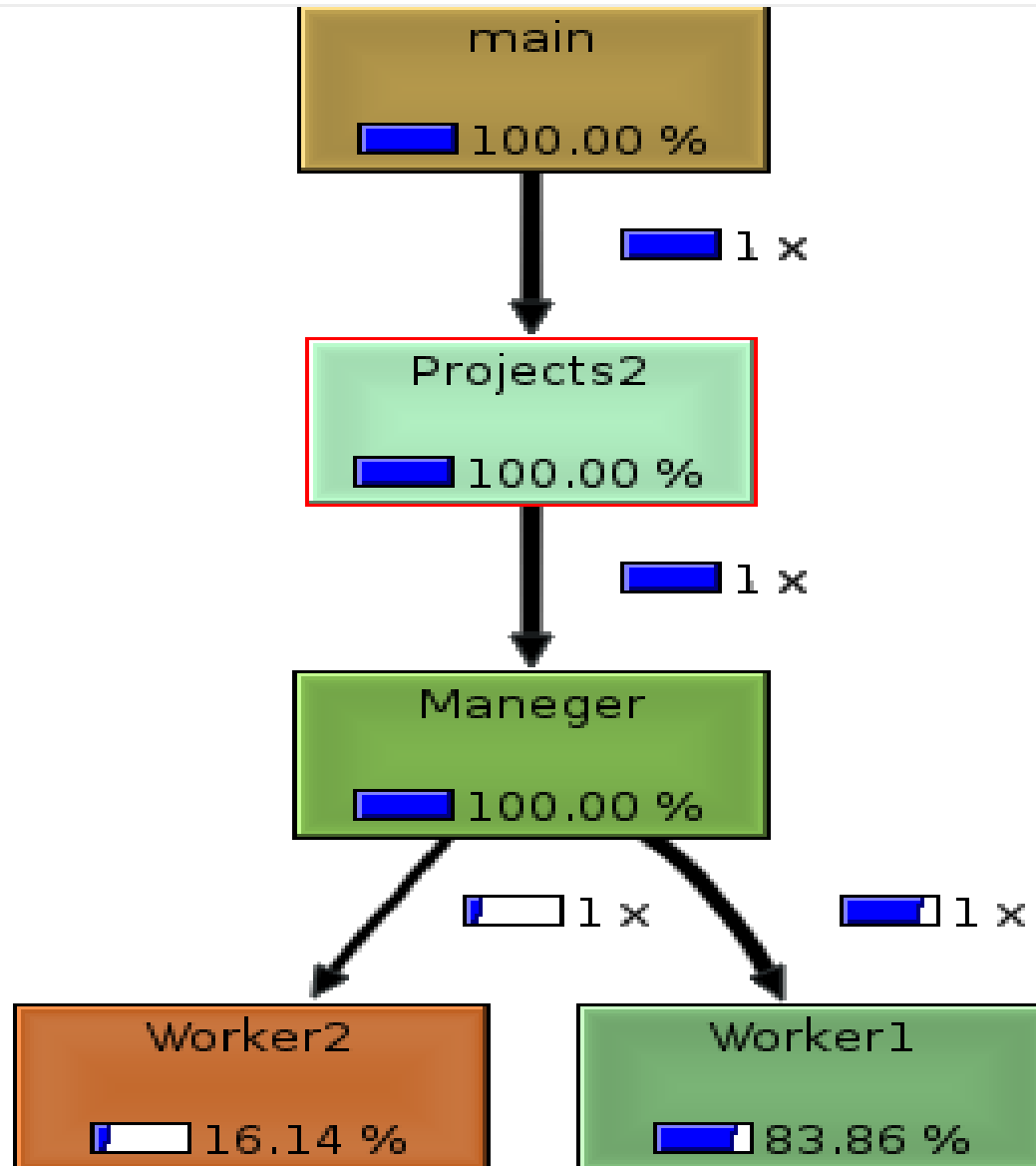
`$kcachegrind `ls -tr callgrind.out.* | tail -1``

pid





# Valgrind: Call Graph



# Further Optimizations for Serial Code

- Simple measure Large impact : simd, branch, comm sub expre
- C++ Optimization

# Simple measures, large impact

- Elimination of Common Sub-expressions
- Avoid Branches:
  - Code Can be SIMDized by compiler/gcc
  - Effective use of pipeline for loop code
- Use of SIMD Instruction sets
  - 512 bit AVX SIMD in modern processor
  - ML/AI app use 8 bit Ops, can be speed up  $512/8=64$  time by simply SIMD-AVX

# Elimination of Common Sub-expressions

```
//value of s, r, x don't change in this loop
for (i=0; i<ALargeN; i++) {
    A[i]=A[i]+s+r+sinx(x);
}
```



```
//value of s, r, x don't change in this loop
Tmp=s+r+sinx(x);
for (i=0; i<ALargeN; i++) {
    A[i]=A[i]+Tmp;
}
```

# Avoid Branches

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++)  
  for (j=0; j<N; j++) {  
    if (i<j) S=1; else S=-1;  
    C[i] =C[i]+S*A[i][j]*B[i];  
  }
```



```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
  for (j=0; j<i; j++)  
    C[i] =C[i] -A[i][j]*B[i];  
  for (j=i; j<N; j++)  
    C[i] =C[i] +A[i][j]*B[i];  
}
```

# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

```
for (i=0; i<ALargeN; i++) {  
    A[i]=A[i]+B[i]*D[i];  
}
```

All iterations in this loop are independent : gcc SIMD utilize very nicely

//ML application uses 8 bit OPS, 512 bit AVX SIMD  $512/8=64$  OPS can be done in parallel.

The ith iteration access : A[i], B[i], D[i]

# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^N w_i x_i$$

- Vector dot product : is the most ***common and frequent kernel*** in
  - Matrix multiplication,
  - Neuron calculation (neural network NN)
    - Conv NN, Deep NN, //ML domain
  - Digital Signal Processing, Image Sig Processing, etc
  - Media Applications : audio, video, JPG/MPG, DCT.

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# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    A[i]=A[i]+B[i]; //S1  
    B[i+1]=C[i]+D[i]; //S2  
}
```

The ith iteration access : A[i], **B[i], B[i+1]**, C[i] D[i]

Dependent loop iteration : i and i+1

# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

```
A[0]=A[0]+B[0];  
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    B[i+1]=C[i]+D[i]; //S2  
    A[i+1]=A[i+1]+B[i+1]; //S1  
}  
B[N]=C[N-1]+D[N-1];
```

**The ith iteration access :  
A[i+1], B[i+1],C[i], D[i]**

# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

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for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    A[i]=A[i]+B[i]; //S1  
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}
```



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A[0]=A[0]+B[0];  
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    B[i+1]=C[i]+D[i]; //S2  
    A[i+1]=A[i+1]+B[i+1]; //S1  
}  
B[N]=C[N-1]+D[N-1];
```

# Use of SIMD: independent loop iteration

- Affine access : index  $a.x+b$  form

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    X[a*i+b]=X[c*i+d];  
    //where a,b,c,d are integer  
}
```

- $\text{GCD}(c,a)$  divides  $(d-b)$  for loop dependence
- Ref Book : Hennesy Paterson, Advanced Computer Architecture, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Book,

# GCD test Example

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    X[2*i+3]=X[2*i]+5.0;  
    //X[a*i+b]=X[c*i+d];  
}
```

- $\text{GCD}(c,a)$  must divide  $(d-b)$  for loop dependence
- Value of  $a=2$ ,  $b=3$ ,  $c=2$ ,  $d=0$ ;
- $\text{GCD}(a,c)=2$ ,  $d-b=-3$
- 2 does not divide -3  $\rightarrow$  No dependence Possible