VPS 5

Parallel and Distributed Software Systems

WT 21/22, Exercise 1

| Name | Andreas Wenzelhuemer | Deadline: 15.11.2021 15:00 |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Points | | Effort in hours 4 |

1. Theory - Amuse-Gueule ...

(2 + 2 + 4 Points)

Assume a given algorithm, which solves a problem of size p in parallel. For a problem size of p = 10, the algorithm has a relative sequential part $\sigma = 0.2$ (i.e., 20% of the algorithm cannot be parallelized).

a) Calculate and plot speedup and efficiency, which can be achieved for this algorithm with increasing numbers of processors n (i.e., cores). What is the upper limit of the speedup?

Further assume, that the sequential part of the algorithm has an asymptotic runtime complexity of O(p) and the parallel part of the algorithm as an asymptotic runtime complexity of $O(p^2)$.

- b) Calculate and plot the relative sequential part σ with increasing problem sizes.
- c) For a problem size of p = 100, 1.000 and 10.000, how many processors can be utilized, if the efficiency has to be above 80%?

2. Wator - Eat or be eaten ...

(4 + 12 Points)

Wator is the name of a small circular planet, far far away from our galaxy, were no one has ever gone before. On Wator there live two different kinds of species: *sharks* and *fish*. Both species live according to a very old set of rules, which has not been changed for the last thousands of years.

For **fish** the rules are:

- at the beginning of all time there were f fish
- each fish has a constant energy E_f
- in each time step a fish moves randomly to one of its four adjacent cells (up, down, left or right), if and only if there is a free cell available
- if all adjacent cells are occupied, the fish doesn't move
- in each time step fish age by one time unit
- if a fish gets older than a specified limit B_f , the fish breeds (i.e., a new fish is born on a free adjacent cell, if such a cell is available)
- after the birth of a new fish the age of the parent fish is reduced by B_f

For **sharks** the rules are:

- at the beginning of all time there were s sharks, each with an initial energy of E_s
- in each time step a sharks consumes one energy unit
- in each time step a shark eats a fish, if a fish is on one of its adjacent cells
- if a shark eats a fish, the energy of the shark increases by the energy value of the eaten fish
- if there is no fish adjacent to the shark, the shark moves like a fish to one of its neighbor cells
- if the energy of a shark gets 0, the shark dies
- if the energy of a shark gets larger than a specified limit B_s , the shark breeds and the energy of the parent shark is equally distributed among the parent and the child shark (i.e., a new shark is born on a free adjacent cell, if such a cell is available)

- a) On Moodle, you find a ready to use implementation of Wator. Make a critical review of the application and analyze its design, efficiency, clarity, readability, etc. **Document your review results properly.**
- b) Change the application gradually to improve its performance. Think of **three concrete improvements** and implement them. For each improvement, document how the runtime changes (in comparison to the prior and to the initial version) and calculate the speedup. Each single optimization should yield a speedup of at least 1.05 compared to the prior version.

For the experiments in Task b) use the following settings:

| Fish Settings: | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| FishBreedTime | 10 |
| InitialFishEnergy | 10 |
| InitialFishPopulation | 20.000 |

| General Settings: | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| DisplayWorld | False | | | |
| Height | 500 | | | |
| Iterations | 100 | | | |
| Runs | 5 | | | |
| Width | 500 | | | |
| Workers | 1 | | | |

| Shark Settings: | | |
|------------------------|-------|--|
| InitialSharkEnergy | 50 | |
| InitialSharkPopulation | 5.000 | |
| SharkBreedEnergy | 100 | |

<u>Notes:</u> Improvements must not alter the simulation's inherent logic (i.e. stick to the listed rules and do not remove simulation logic, such as iteration-wise random execution order).

In this and all upcoming exercises always document your system configuration (i.e., number of cores, memory size, CPU type, etc.) when performing runtime measurements.