# **Parallel Patternlets**

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This document contains simple examples of basic elements that are combined to form patterns often used in programs employing parallelism. The examples are separated between two major *coordination patterns*:

- 1. message passing used on clusters of distributed computers, and
- 2. mutual exclusion between threads executing concurrently on a single shared memory system.

Both sets of examples are illustrated with the C programming language, using standard popular available libraries. The message passing example uses a C library called MPI (Message Passing Interface). The mutual Exclusion/shared memory examples use the OpenMP library.

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# **SOURCE CODE**

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## 2.1 Message Passing Parallel Patternlets

Parallel programs contain *patterns*: code that recurs over and over again in solutions to many problems. The following examples show very simple examples of small portions of these patterns that can be combined to solve a problem. These C code examples use the Message Passing Interface (MPI) library, which is suitable for use on a cluster of machines.

### 2.1.1 Source Code

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A C code file for each example below can be found in subdirectories of the MPI directory, along with a makefile and an example of how to execute the program.

### 2.1.2 0. Hello, World

First let us illustrate the basic components of an MPI program.

```
return 0;
}
```

## 2.1.3 1. The Master-Worker Implementation Strategy Pattern

```
/* masterServer.c
 * ... illustrates the basic master-worker pattern in MPI ...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
 int id = -1, numWorkers = -1, length = -1;
 char hostName[MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME];
 MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
 MPI_Comm_rank (MPI_COMM_WORLD, &id);
 MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numWorkers);
 MPI_Get_processor_name (hostName, &length);
 if ( id == 0 ) { // process 0 is the master
   printf("Greetings from the master, # %d (%s) of %d processes\n",
            id, hostName, numWorkers);
                  // processes with ids > 0 are workers
    printf("Greetings from a worker, # %d (%s) of %d processes\n",
           id, hostName, numWorkers);
  }
 MPI_Finalize();
 return 0;
```

## 2.1.4 2. Send-Receive (basic message passing pattern)

```
/* sendRecv.c
 * ... illustrates the use of the MPI_Send() and MPI_Recv() commands...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#include <math.h> // sqrt()

int odd(int number) { return number % 2; }

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    int id = -1, numProcesses = -1;
    float sendValue = -1, receivedValue = -1;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &id);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcesses);
```

```
if (numProcesses > 1 && !odd(numProcesses) ) {
        sendValue = sqrt(id);
        if ( odd(id) ) { // odd processors send, then receive
                MPI_Send(&sendValue, 1, MPI_FLOAT, id-1, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
                MPI_Recv(&receivedValue, 1, MPI_FLOAT, id-1, 2,
                                MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
        } else {
                          // even processors receive, then send
                MPI_Recv(&receivedValue, 1, MPI_FLOAT, id+1, 1,
                                MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
                MPI_Send(&sendValue, 1, MPI_FLOAT, id+1, 2, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
        }
        printf("Process %d of %d computed %f and received %f\n",
                id, numProcesses, sendValue, receivedValue);
} else if ( !id) { // only process 0 does this part
        printf("\nPlease run this program using -np N where N is positive and even. \n\n");
MPI_Finalize();
return 0;
```

## 2.1.5 3. Data Decomposition: on slices using parallel-for

In this example, the data being decomposed in simply the set of integeres from zero to 15, inclusive.

```
/* parallelForSlices.c
 * ... illustrates the parallel for loop pattern in MPI
          in which processes perform the loop's iterations in 'slices'
          (simple, and useful when loop iterations do not access
          memory/cache locations) ...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        const int ITERS = 16;
        int id = -1, numProcesses = -1, i = -1;
        MPI Init (&argc, &argv);
        MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &id);
        MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcesses);
        for (i = id; i < ITERS; i += numProcesses) {</pre>
                printf("Process %d is performing iteration %d\n",
                        id, i);
        MPI_Finalize();
        return 0;
```

## 2.1.6 4. Data Decomposition: on blocks using parallel-for

This is a basic example that does not yet include a data array, though it would typically be used when each process would be working on a portion of an array that could have been looped over in a sequential solution.

```
/* parallelForBlocks.c
 * ... illustrates the parallel for loop pattern in MPI
         in which processes perform the loop's iterations in 'blocks'
         (preferable when loop iterations do access memory/cache locations) ...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
       const int ITERS = 16;
       int id = -1, numProcesses = -1, i = -1,
               start = -1, stop = -1, blockSize = -1;
       MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
       MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &id);
       MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcesses);
       blockSize = ITERS / numProcesses;
                                           // integer division
                                           // find starting index
       start = id * blockSize;
                                           // find stopping index
       stop = (id + 1) * blockSize; // stop where next process starts
       } else {
                                           // else
               stop = ITERS;
                                           // last process does leftovers
       for (i = start; i < stop; i++) {</pre>
                                           // iterate through your range
              printf("Process %d is performing iteration %d\n",
                      id, i);
       }
       MPI_Finalize();
       return 0;
```

## 2.1.7 5. Broadcast: a special form of message passing

This example shows how to ensure that all processes have a copy of an array created by a single *master* node.

```
/* bcast.c
 * ... illustrates the use of MPI_Bcast()...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 */

#include <mpi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>

// fill an array with values
void fill(int* a, int size) {
```

```
int i;
       for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {</pre>
              a[i] = i+11;
// display a string, a process id, and its array values
void print(char* str, int id, int* a) {
       id, str, a[0], a[1], a[2], a[3], a[4], a[5], a[6], a[7]);
#define MAX 8
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
       int array[MAX] = {0};
       int numProcs, myRank;
       MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
       MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcs);
       MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myRank);
       if (myRank == 0) fill(array, MAX);
       print("array before", myRank, array);
       MPI_Bcast(array, MAX, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
       print("array after", myRank, array);
        MPI_Finalize();
       return 0;
}
```

### 2.1.8 6. Collective Communication: Reduction

Once processes have performed independent concurrent computations, possibly on some portion of decomposed data, it is quite commen to then *reduce* those individual computations into one value. This example shows a simple calculation done by each process being reduced to a sum and a maximum. In this example, MPI, has built-in computations, indicated by MPI SUM and MPI MAX in the following code.

```
/* reduce.c
 * ... illustrates the use of MPI_Reduce()...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 */

#include <mpi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    int numProcs = -1, myRank = -1, square = -1, max = -1, sum = 0;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcs);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myRank);

    square = (myRank+1) * (myRank+1);
```

## 2.1.9 7. Collective communication: Scatter for message-passing data decomposition

If processes can independently work on portions of a larger data array using the geometric data decomposition pattern, the scatter patternlet can be used to ensure that each process receives a copy of its portion of the array.

```
/* scatter.c
 * ... illustrates the use of MPI_Scatter()...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
#include <mpi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        const int MAX = 8;
        int aSend[] = {11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88};
        int* aRcv;
        int i, numProcs, myRank, numSent;
        MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
        MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcs);
        MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myRank);
        numSent = MAX / numProcs;
        aRcv = (int*) malloc( numSent * sizeof(int) );
        MPI_Scatter(aSend, numSent, MPI_INT, aRcv, numSent, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
        printf("Process %d: ", myRank);
        for (i = 0; i < numSent; i++) {</pre>
                printf(" %d", aRcv[i]);
        printf("\n");
        free (aRcv);
        MPI_Finalize();
        return 0;
}
```

## 2.1.10 8. Collective communication: Gather for message-passing data decomposition

If processes can independently work on portions of a larger data array using the geometric data decomposition pattern, the gather patternlet can be used to ensure that each process sends a copy of its portion of the array back to the root, or master process.

```
/* gather.c
 * ... illustrates the use of MPI_Gather()...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, November 2009.
#include <mpi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
   const int MAX = 3;
   int computeArray[MAX];
   int* gatherArray = NULL;
   int i, numProcs, myRank, totalGatheredVals;
   MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
   MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numProcs);
   MPI_Comm_rank (MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myRank);
   for (i = 0; i < MAX; i++) {</pre>
      computeArray[i] = myRank * 10 + i;
   totalGatheredVals = MAX * numProcs;
   gatherArray = (int*) malloc( totalGatheredVals * sizeof(int) );
   MPI_Gather(computeArray, MAX, MPI_INT,
               gatherArray, MAX, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   if (myRank == 0) {
      for (i = 0; i < totalGatheredVals; i++) {</pre>
         printf(" %d", gatherArray[i]);
      printf("\n");
   free(gatherArray);
   MPI_Finalize();
   return 0;
```

## 2.2 Shared Memory Parallel Patternlets in OpenMP

When writing programs for shared-memory hardware with multiple cores, a programmer could use a low-level thread package, such as pthreads. An alternative is to use a compiler that processes OpenMP *pragmas*, which are compiler directives that enable the compiler to generate threaded code.

The following are examples of C code with OpenMP pragmas The firrst three are basic illustrations to get used to

the OpenMP pragmas. The rest illustrate how to implement particular patterns and what can go wrong when mutual exclusion is not properly ensured.

Note: by default OpenMP uses the **Thread Pool** pattern of concurrent execution. OpenMP programs initialze a group of threads to be used by a given program (often called a pool of threads). These threads will execute concurrently during portions of the code specified by the programmer.

### 2.2.1 Source Code

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A C code file for each example below can be found in subdirectories of the OpneMP directory, along with a makefile.

## 2.2.2 0. The OMP parallel pragma

The *omp parallel* pragma on line 18, when uncommented, tells the compiler to fork a set of threads to execute that particular line of code.

```
/* simpleParallel.c
    * ... illustrates the use of OpenMP's parallel directive...
    * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
    * Usage: ./simpleParallel
    * Compile & run, uncomment the pragma, recompile & run, compare.
   #include <stdio.h>
10
   #include <omp.h>
11
   #include <stdlib.h>
12
13
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
15
       printf("\n\nBefore...\n");
16
17
          #pragma omp parallel
18
       printf("\nDuring...");
19
20
       printf("\n\nAfter...\n\n");
21
22
       return 0;
23
   }
24
```

## 2.2.3 1. Hello, World: default number of OpenMP threads

Note how there are OpenMP functions to obtain a thread number and the total number of threads. When the pragma is uncommented, note what the default number of threads is. Here the threads are forked and execute the block of code insode the curly braces on lines 18 through 20.

```
1  /* parallelHello.c
2  * ... illustrates the use of two basic OpenMP commands...
3  *
4  * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
5  *
6  * Usage: ./parallelHello
```

```
* Compile & run, uncomment pragma, recompile & run, compare results
8
   #include <stdio.h>
11
   #include <omp.h>
  #include <stdlib.h>
12
13
  int main(int argc, char** argv) {
14
15
         #pragma omp parallel
16
17
           int rank = omp_get_thread_num();
18
           int numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
19
           printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", rank, numThreads);
20
21
22
       return 0;
23
```

### 2.2.4 2. Hello, World

Here we enter the number of threads to use on the command line.

```
/* parallelHello2.c
 * ... illustrates the use of two basic OpenMP commands
         using the commandline to control the number of threads...
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 * Usage: ./parallelHello2 [numThreads]
 * Compile & run with no commandline arg, rerun with different commandline args
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
   int rank, numThreads;
   if (argc > 1) {
       omp_set_num_threads( atoi(argv[1]) );
    #pragma omp parallel
       rank = omp_get_thread_num();
       numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
       printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", rank, numThreads);
    }
   return 0;
}
```

## 2.2.5 3. Master-Worker Implementation Strategy

```
/* masterWorker.c
 * ... illustrates the master-worker pattern in OpenMP
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, November 2009.
 * Usage: ./masterWorker
 * Exercise:
 * - Compile and run as is.
 * - Uncomment #pragma directive, re-compile and re-run
 * - Compare and trace the different executions.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    int id = -1, numThreads = -1;
     #pragma omp parallel
       id = omp_get_thread_num();
       numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
        if ( id == 0 ) { // thread with ID 0 is master
            printf("Greetings from the master, \# %d of %d threads\n",
                           id, numThreads);
                          // threads with IDs > 0 are workers
            printf("Greetings from a worker, # %d of %d threads\n",
                            id, numThreads);
   return 0;
```

# 2.2.6 4. Shared Data Decomposition Pattern: blocking of threads in a parallel for loop

# 2.2.7 5. Shared Data Decomposition Pattern: striping of threads in a parallel for loop

```
/* parallelForStripes.c
 * ... illustrates how to make OpenMP map threads to
         parallel for-loop iterations in 'stripes' instead of blocks
          (use only when not accesssing memory).
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 * Usage: ./parallelForStripes [numThreads]
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    if (argc > 1) {
        omp_set_num_threads( atoi(argv[1]) );
    #pragma omp parallel
        int rank = omp_get_thread_num();
        int numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
        int i;
        for (i = rank; i < 8; i += numThreads) {</pre>
            printf("Thread %d performed iteration %d\n",
                     rank, i);
        }
    }
    return 0;
```

#### 2.2.8 6. Collective Communication: Reduction

Once processes have performed independent concurrent computations, possibly on some portion of decomposed data, it is quite commen to then *reduce* those individual computations into one value. In this example, an array of randomly

assigned integers represents a set of shred data. All values in the array are summed together by using the OpenMP parallel for pragma with the *reduction*(+:*sum*) clause on the variable **sum**, which is computed in line 61.

```
/* reduction.c
    * ... illustrates the OpenMP parallel-for loop's reduction clause
2
    * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
    * Usage: ./reduction
    * Exercise:
    * - Compile and run. Note that correct output is produced.
    * - Uncomment #pragma in function parallelSum()
         but leave its reduction clause commented out
    * - Recompile and rerun. Note that correct output is NOT produced.
11
    * - Uncomment 'reduction(+:sum)' clause of #pragma in parallelSum()
12
    * - Recompile and rerun. Note that correct output is produced again.
13
14
15
   #include <stdio.h>
16
   #include <omp.h>
17
   #include <stdlib.h>
18
   #include <assert.h>
19
20
   void initialize(int* a, int n);
21
   int sequentialSum(int* a, int n);
22
   int parallelSum(int* a, int n);
23
24
   #define SIZE 1000000
25
26
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
27
      int array[SIZE];
28
29
      initialize(array, SIZE);
30
      assert ( sequential Sum (array, SIZE) == parallel Sum (array, SIZE) );
31
      printf("Sequential and parallel functions produced the same result\n");
32
33
34
      return 0;
35
37
   // fill array with random values
   void initialize(int* a, int n) {
38
      int i;
39
      for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
40
          a[i] = rand() % 1000;
41
42
43
   }
44
   // sum the array sequentially
45
   int sequentialSum(int* a, int n) {
46
      int sum = 0;
47
48
      int i;
      for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
49
          sum += a[i];
50
51
      return sum;
52
   }
53
   // sum the array using multiple threads
   int parallelSum(int* a, int n) {
```

```
int sum = 0;
int i;

int i;

// #pragma omp parallel for // reduction(+:sum)

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    sum += a[i];
}

return sum;
</pre>
```

## 2.2.9 7. Shared Data Pattern: Parallel-for-loop needs non-shared, private variables

```
/* private.c
 * ... illustrates why private variables are needed with OpenMP's parallel for loop
 * Joel Adams, Calvin College, at November 2009.
 * Usage: ./private
 * Exercise:
 * - Run, noting that the serial program produces correct results
 * - Uncomment line A, recompile/run and compare
 * - Recomment line A, uncomment line B, recompile/run and compare
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define SIZE 100
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    int i, j, ok = 1;
    int m[SIZE][SIZE];
    // set all array entries to 1
                                                    // A
     #pragma omp parallel for
     #pragma omp parallel for private(j)
                                                     // B
    for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {</pre>
        for (j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {</pre>
            m[i][j] = 1;
    // test (without using threads)
    for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {</pre>
        for (j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {</pre>
            if ( m[i][j] != 1 ) {
                printf("Element [%d,%d] not set... \n", i, j);
                ok = 0;
        }
    }
    if ( ok ) {
        printf("\nAll elements correctly set to 1\n\n");
   return 0;
}
```

## 2.2.10 8. Race Condition: missing the mutual exclusion patterm

```
/* atomic.c
 * ... illustrates a race condition when multiple threads write to a shared variable
 * (and explores OpenMP private variables and atomic operations).
 * Joel Adams (Calvin College), November 2009.
 * Usage: ./atomic
 * Exercise:
 * - Compile and run 10 times; note that it always produces the final balance 0
 * - To parallelize, uncomment A1+A2, recompile and rerun, compare results
 * - Try 1: recomment A1+A2, uncomment B1+B2, recompile/run, compare
 * - To fix: recomment B1+B2, uncomment A1+A2, C1+C2, recompile and rerun, compare
#include<stdio.h>
#include<omp.h>
int main() {
   const int REPS = 1000000;
    int i;
   double balance = 0.0;
   printf("\nYour starting bank account balance is %0.2f\n", balance);
   // simulate many deposits
// #pragma omp parallel for
                                                   // A1
    #pragma omp parallel for private(balance)
                                                   // B1
   for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
                                                    // C1
         #pragma omp atomic
       balance += 10.0;
   printf("\nAfter %d $10 deposits, your balance is %0.2f\n",
               REPS, balance);
   // simulate the same number of withdrawals
    #pragma omp parallel for
                                                   // A2
    #pragma omp parallel for private(balance)
                                                  // B2
   for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
                                                    // C2
        #pragma omp atomic
      balance -= 10.0;
    // balance should be zero
   printf("\nAfter %d $10 withdrawals, your balance is %0.2f\n\n",
           REPS, balance);
   return 0;
}
```

## 2.2.11 9. Mutual Exclusion: two ways to ensure

```
/* critical.c
 \star ... fixes a race condition when multiple threads write to a shared variable
           using the OpenMP critical directive.
 * Joel Adams (Calvin College), November 2009.
 * Usage: ./critical
 * Exercise:
 * - Compile and run several times; note that it always produces the final balance 0
 * - Comment out A1+A2; recompile/run and note incorrect result
 * - To fix: uncomment Bla+Blb+Blc, B2a+B2b+B2c, recompile and rerun, compare
#include<stdio.h>
#include<omp.h>
int main() {
   const int REPS = 1000000;
    int i;
   double balance = 0.0;
   printf("\nYour starting bank account balance is %0.2f\n", balance);
   // simulate many deposits
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
       #pragma omp atomic
                                                    // A1
                                                    // B1a
         #pragma omp critical
                                                    // B1b
       balance += 10.0;
                                                    // B1c
        }
   printf("\nAfter %d $10 deposits, your balance is %0.2f\n",
               REPS, balance);
   // simulate the same number of withdrawals
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
       #pragma omp atomic
                                                    // A2
                                                    // B2a
         #pragma omp critical
                                                    // B2b
         {
       balance -= 10.0;
                                                    // B2c
        }
    // balance should be zero
   printf("\nAfter %d $10 withdrawals, your balance is 0.2f\n\n",
                REPS, balance);
   return 0;
}
```

### 2.2.12 10. Mutual Exclusion Pattern: compare performance

```
/* critical.c
 * ... compares the performance of OpenMP's critical and atomic directives
 * Joel Adams (Calvin College), November 2009.
 * Usage: ./critical
 * Exercise:
   - Compile, run, compare times for critical vs. atomic
 \star - Compute how much more costly critical is than atomic, on average
 * - Create an expression setting a shared variable that atomic cannot handle (research)
#include<stdio.h>
#include<omp.h>
void print(char* label, int reps, double balance, double total, double average) {
    printf("\nAfter %d $10 deposits using '%s': \
            \nt- balance = %0.2f, \
            \nt- total time = %0.12f, \
            \n\t- average time per deposit = 0.12f\n\n'',
               reps, label, balance, total, average);
}
int main() {
    const int REPS = 1000000;
    int i:
    double balance = 0.0,
           startTime = 0.0,
           stopTime = 0.0,
           totalTime = 0.0;
    printf("\nYour starting bank account balance is %0.2f\n", balance);
    // simulate many deposits using atomic
    startTime = omp_get_wtime();
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
        #pragma omp atomic
        balance += 10.0;
    stopTime = omp_get_wtime();
    totalTime = stopTime - startTime;
    print("atomic", REPS, balance, totalTime, totalTime/REPS);
    // simulate the same number of deposits using critical
    balance = 0;
    startTime = omp_get_wtime();
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {</pre>
         #pragma omp critical
             balance += 10.0;
    }
    stopTime = omp_get_wtime();
    totalTime = stopTime - startTime;
```

```
print("critical", REPS, balance, totalTime, totalTime/REPS);
return 0;
}
```

## 2.2.13 11. Task Decomposition Pattern using OpenMP section directive

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/* sections.c
 * ... illustrates the use of OpenMP's parallel section/sections directives...
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#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
   printf("\nBefore...\n\n");
    #pragma omp parallel sections num_threads(4)
        #pragma omp section
           printf("Section A performed by thread %d\n",
                    omp_get_thread_num() );
        }
        #pragma omp section
            printf("Section B performed by thread %d\n",
                    omp_get_thread_num() );
        #pragma omp section
            printf("Section C performed by thread %d\n",
                    omp_get_thread_num() );
        #pragma omp section
                printf("Section D performed by thread %d\n",
                        omp_get_thread_num() );
    }
   printf("\nAfter...\n\n");
   return 0;
```