SIT315 M2.T2C: Complex Threading With OpenMP

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Decomposition and Performance Comparison

I decided to implement a quicksort algorithm that used recursion as that seemed to work better conceptually with parallelising the program. The function runs its body and then has two recursive calls, splitting the data in two based on a random pivot element. I used OpenMP to assign a thread to each call and to not use a barrier since both calls work on separate parts of the data that do not cross over.

The runtime of the sequential program wasn't that bad given that the time complexity for quicksort is O(nlog(n)). For very small data input the sequential version runs faster, for example with a vector of 2000 integers, over 100 tests for each program type the average for the sequential version was 96.51 microseconds, compared to the OMP version's average of 166.02 microseconds. This is because the threading overhead is much too high. To help reduce the overhead I added a condition based on testing output to only assign a thread to a recursive call if the section of data being worked on consisted of more than 1000 integers.

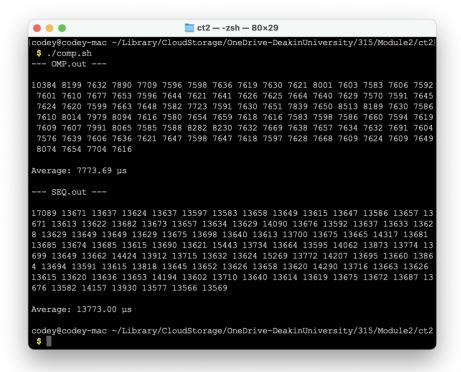
Some Results and Corresponding Input Data Size

• 2,000

20,000 (OMP is slightly faster now)

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                                          ct2 - -zsh - 80×29
 codey@codey-mac ~/Library/CloudStorage/OneDrive-DeakinUniversity/315/Module2/ct2
 $ ./comp.sh
1176 951 811 784 817 757 749 735 749 751 780 762 797 763 742 765 763 749 794 739
 737 745 766 744 785 749 728 738 780 779 739 774 729 734 771 770 747 806 747 748 754 747 760 727 778 756 744 786 740 730 759 745 767 744 738 748 738 821 745 744 778 774 760 770 759 746 758 747 781 758 781 751 740 737 774 756 740 748 751 740
 758 778 787 754 767 770 754 750 752 738 757 747 762 745 737 763 742 800 767 750
Average: 773.93 μs
 -- SEQ.out ---
1963 1454 1282 1197 1204 1126 1128 1124 1177 1187 1125 1130 1127 1129 1134 1147 1143 1141 1125 1126 1136 1139 1125 1129 1125 1149 1164 1184 1127 1127 1140 1133
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1128 1154 1125 1131 1149 1128 1125 1127 1126 1128 1128 1129 1159 1162 1157 1176
1157 1159 1145 1139
Average: 1165.65 us
codey@codey-mac ~/Library/CloudStorage/OneDrive-DeakinUniversity/315/Module2/ct2
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200,000 (OMP is now almost twice as fast)



• 2000000 (no more improvement is seen now from OMP)

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                                                    ct2 - -zsh - 80×31
                      mac ~/Library/CloudStorage/OneDrive-DeakinUniversity/315/Module2/ct2
  $ ./comp.sh
      OMP.out ---
 87488 86900 86199 86853 86461 86973 86346 86704 87558 86186 86202 86283 86680 86
330 87283 86390 91697 86698 86779 86572 86539 87819 87989 86641 88256 87494 8687 2 88990 86571 87658 87861 87975 87856 87904 88546 88944 87521 88768 86310 87897 87645 88050 86401 88129 88319 87438 86689 87999 88152 87256 88058 88296 86420 88 026 88630 86545 88297 86294 88378 88296 88649 86636 86237 93128 89138 89240 8676 4 89998 89144 89070 90660 86404 89292 88815 88896 88875 89568 89278 89290 87374
 89135 89749 89378 88793 89018 89312 89316 88958 89156 89754 90907 90148 90662 89
 110 89192 86637 89328 89512 89050 89052
Average: 88455.08 us
   -- SEQ.out ---
157812 157894 158506 158724 176351 157842 165482 165774 157713 167070 165595 157818 157963 165798 157882 157593 157754 168048 157673 157776 157751 157968 165873
 167259 157938 165928 157814 165839 157864 166192 157774 157784 157947 166373 15
7802 167107 157926 157543 157817 158163 157567 166187 157743 157675 158670 16550
 6 157761 158058 157688 165815 166801 157826 157761 157894 158312 157757 159298 1
57817 158381 158273 157708 163656 157857 158699 159569 165837 157592 159396 1588
16 158961 166356 167045 158123 167099 157797 157834 158048 167746 167259 159792
 159283 159219 166660 158242 168020 159284 159246 166488 159103 159673 166693 167
 753 158470 159421 158573 158888 167931 168763 167951 168266
 Average: 161744.68 us
 codey@codey-mac ~/Library/CloudStorage/OneDrive-DeakinUniversity/315/Module2/ct2
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• 100 (the OMP version's safeguard for data with less than 1000 integers means that for this incredibly low data size the program is run sequentially)