

APC 524 HW 4
Chase Perlen

Time Elapsed:

Serial	1
128	8.74524
256	147.784
512	2396.31

OMP	1	2	4	8
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256	196.37	99.5768	50.9615	27.1689
512	3146.06	1572.8	792.293	404.108

MPI	1	2	4	8	16
128	11.7068	7.01953	4.19403	2.79002	2.42191
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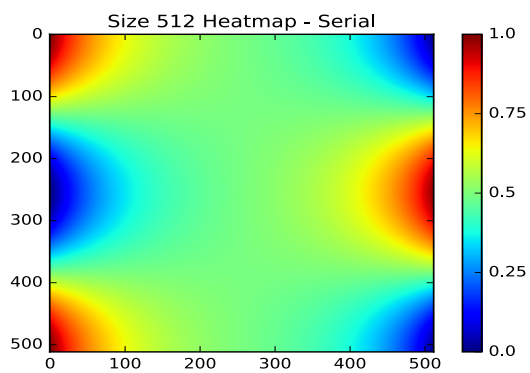
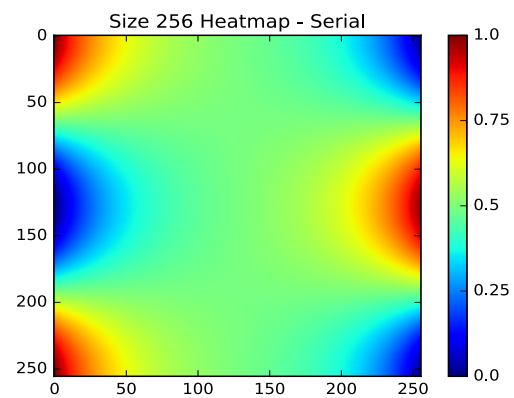
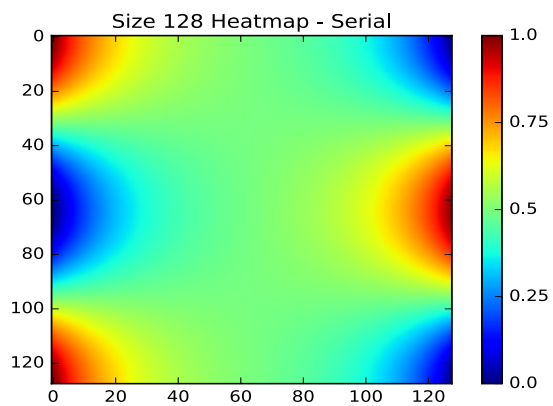
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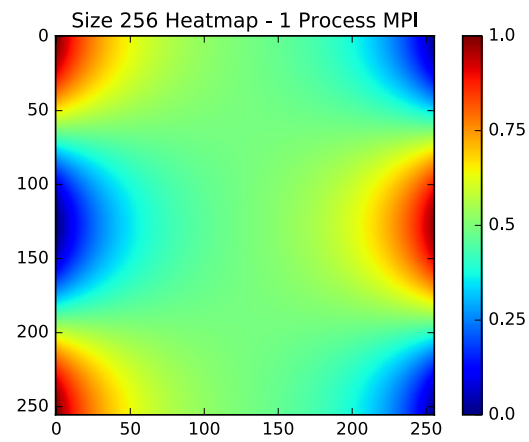
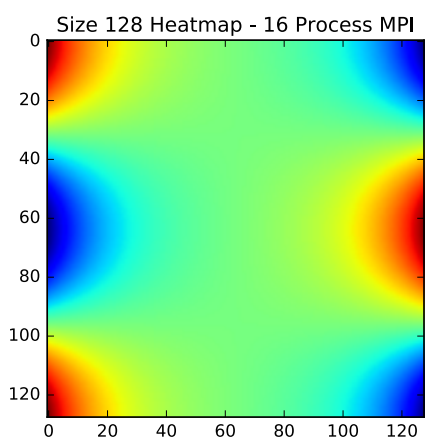
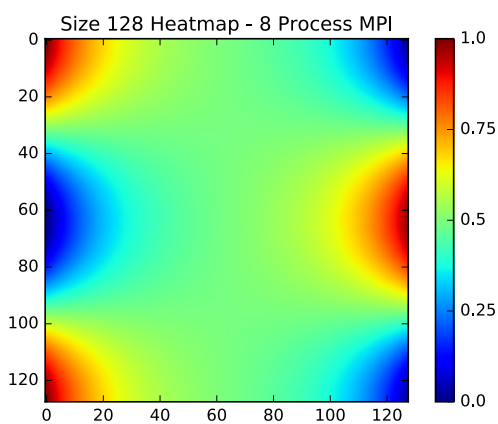
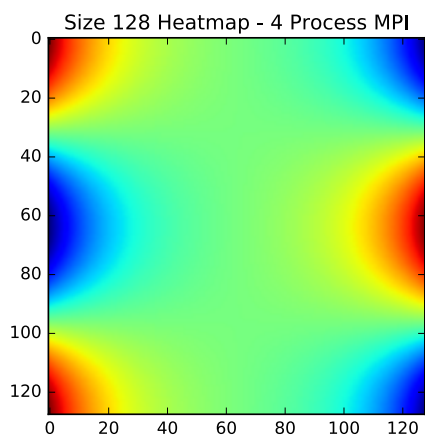
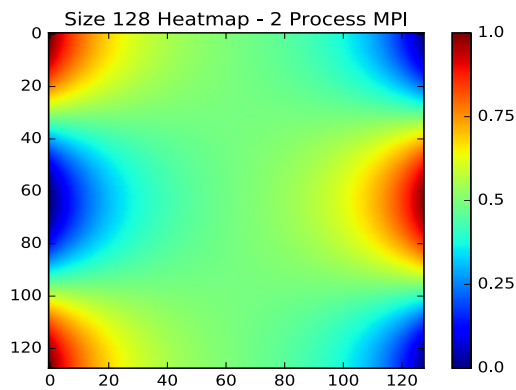
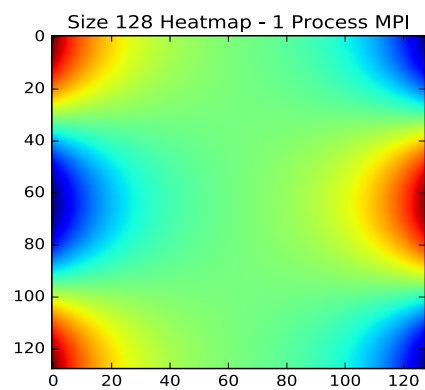
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512	0.497147	0.497147	0.497147	0.497147

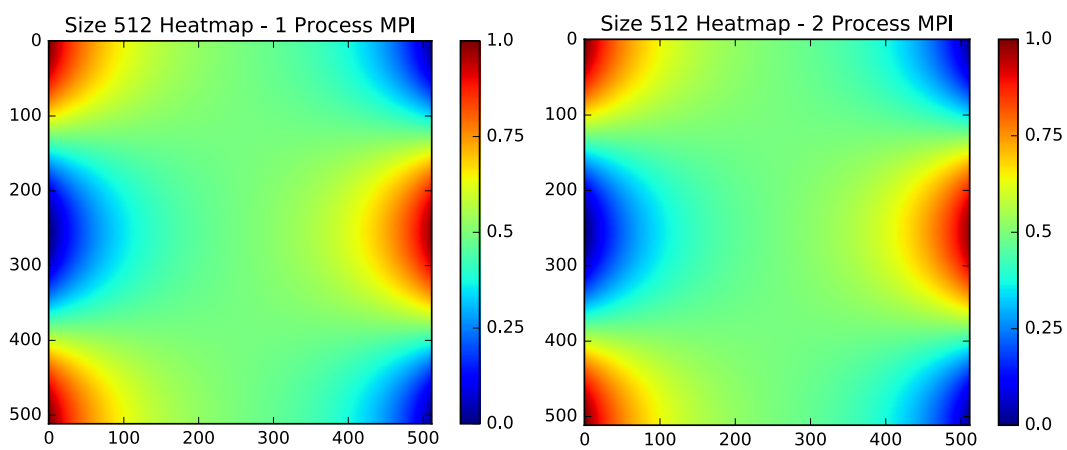
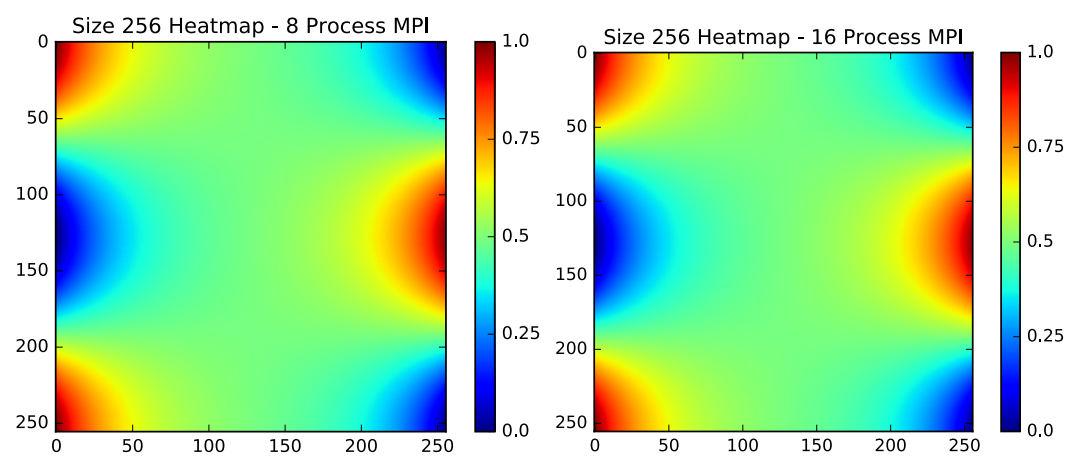
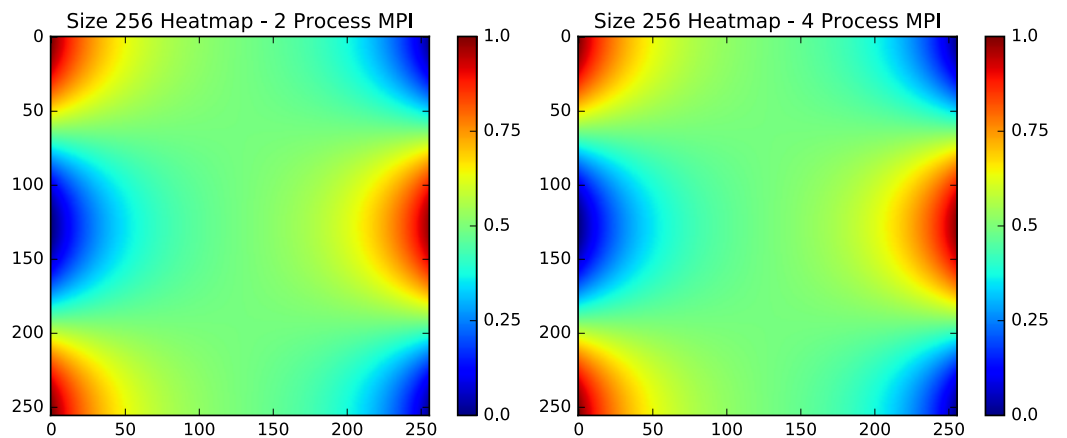
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512	0.497147	0.497147	0.497147	0.497147	0.497147

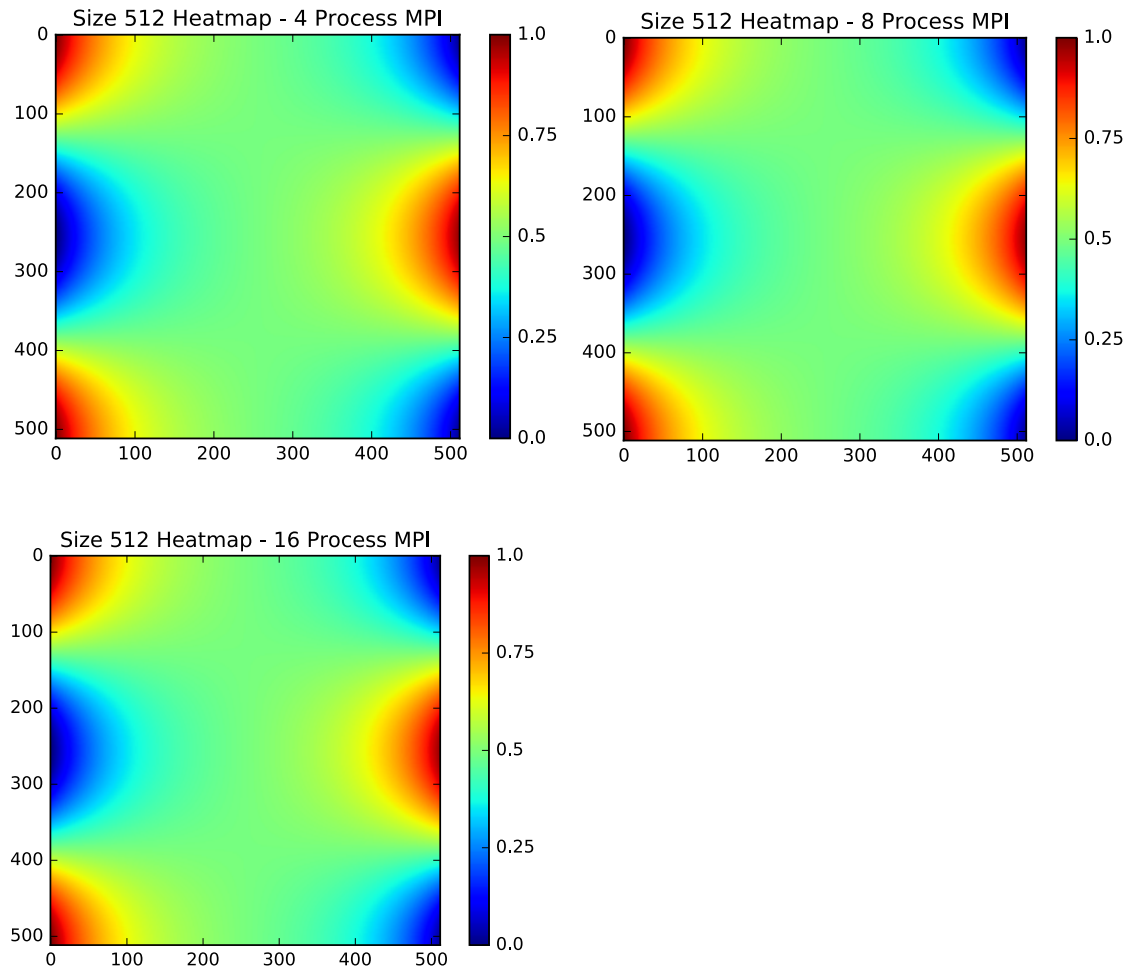
Plots:
Serial:



MPI:







OpenMP vs MPI: Advantages and Disadvantages

Although both are used to parallelize code, OpenMP and MPI are quite different to use. In OpenMP, threads have access to both private and shared variables, so there is no need to manage message sending between threads. It falls on the programmer to decide what needs to be private, which in our case was nothing so it required little work. MPI, on the other hand, uses distributed memory, so each thread has its own private memory and there is no shared memory. This complicated the problem, necessitating us to divide the grid and pass messages containing “ghost rows” to enable the update process for other threads. Moreover, the programmer is required to manage the timing of the transfer of information in order to ensure all the threads are updating in the same step. As a result, it was much easier to adapt my serial code to OpenMPI as compared to MPI, which required a fundamental change in the organization of the data. However, this effort was certainly justified, as MPI, especially on the larger grid sizes, ran significantly faster.