

Parallel Computing Review

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Final exam

- ✓ 40 questions during 60 minutes
- ✓ Covering all topics: Chapter 1 -> Asynchronous Computation
- ✓ Allowing to use any documents

Chapter I

- What is parallel computing?
- Applications of parallel computing
- Pipeline, data parallelism, control parallelism
- Scalability

Chapter 2: PRAM & BSP

- PRAM
 - Concurrent (C), Exclusive (E), Read (R), Write (W)
 - CRCW, CREW, EREW
 - Parallel Reduction
 - Prefix sums
- BSP
 - SuperStep
- PRAM, BSP algorithms

Chapter 3: OpenMP

- OpenMP directives
- The fork-join model of parallel execution
- `#pragma omp parallel`
- `#pragma omp for`
- Scheduling

Chapter 4: MPI

- Communication modes
 - Blocking/Non-blocking, Synchronous
 - Buffer
- Communicator, process rank
- Point-to-point
 - MPI_Send/Recv, MPI_Isend/Recv,
- Collective communication
 - MPI_Bcast, MPI_Scatter, MPI_Gather/v, MPI_Allgather/v, MPI_Alltoall

Chapter 5: Parallel hardware

- Processor, ALU
- Memory
- Multi-core
- Many-core
- GPU, FPGAs, TPU
- Instruction parallelism
- Data parallelism
- Thread-level parallelism
- SIMD, SIMT, SPMD

Chapter 6 (I): Parallel computer architecture

- Flynn
 - SISD, SIMD, MISD, MIMD
- Multiprocessor
 - UMA, NUMA
- Multicomputer
- Dataflow

Chapter 6 (II): Processor organization

- Criteria
 - Diameter, Bisection width,
- Mesh, tree, butterfly, hypercube

Chapter 7: Hadoop & Spark

- <Key, value>
- Map/Reduce
 - Map(), combine(), partition(), reduce()
- MapReduce framework
- Hadoop
- HDFS
- ~~Algorithms~~
- Spark <> Hadoop?
- Modules in Spark

Chapter 8: Speedup

- Speedup & efficiency
- Amdahl
- Gustafson

Chapter 9: Embarrassingly Parallel Computations (EPC)

- EPC?
- Data parallelism
- OpenMP/MPI support EPC?
- Work pool / Processor farms
- Monte Carlo methods

Chapter 10: Partitioning and Divide-and-Conquer

- Partitioning
- Divide-and-conquer
 - Divide, conquer & combine

Chapter 11: Pipeline computation

- Algorithms
 - Prime number generation
 - Prefix sums
 - Sorting

Chapter 12: Synchronous Computation (SC)

- Barrier
- SC \leftrightarrow EPC, BSP
- Algorithms
 - Heat distribution problems

Chapter 13: Asynchronous Computation (ASC)

- ASC <> SC
- Chaotic Relaxation
- Load balancing (LB)
 - Static LB
 - Dynamic LB