

Assignment 3

Title :- Multithreading

Problem Statement :- Implement multithreading for matrix multiplication using pthreads.

Theory :-

What is a thread?

A thread is a single sequence stream with in a process.

What is the difference between process and thread?

Threads are not independent like processes as a result threads share with other threads their code section, data section and OS resource like open files and sections. But, like process, a thread has its own program counter (PC), a register set and a stack space.

Why Multithreading:

Threads are popular ways of improving

application through parallelism.
Threads operate faster than processes
due to :

- Thread creation is much faster
- Context switching is faster
- Threads can be terminated easily
- Communication between threads is faster

POSIX Thread Libraries

- Basic thread API for C/C++
- Allows to spawn a new concurrent process
- Most effective on multi-processor or multi-core systems
- Threads require less overhead than "forking" or spawning a new process because the system does not initialize a new system virtual memory space and environment for the process

Algorithm

- (1) Input matrix 1
- (2) Input matrix 2
- (3) Validate rows and columns for multiplication to be possible
- (4) Create $m \times n$ threads
- (5) Call thread function to calculate

- one element of resultant matrix maximum
- (6) Join the threads
 - (7) Display the resultant multiplication matrix

Conclusion : I have successfully implemented multithreading for matrix multiplication using POSIX threads.