

**ECE 6930-004
HPC Fault Tolerance
Homework 3
Due: 5:00 PM 5 November 2018**

This homework will explore soft errors and their impact on running applications. This homework uses the LLVM based fault injector Flipt to inject bit-flip errors into a running application and analyzes the fault injection campaign with the fault analysis tool FaultSight. **You will get segfaults, but that is okay. Segfaults means its working!**

Part 1: Installing Flipt (5 points)

Follow the instructions at the link below to install Flipt:

<https://github.com/joncalhoun40/Flipt>

Use the pre-compiled binaries for the tested version LLVM version 3.5.2 and load the gcc/4.8.1 module on Palmetto

```
module load gcc/4.8.1
```

Trying to run some of the examples to verify that Flipt is working correctly. If you have any issue with running the examples in the examples directory, let Dr. Calhoun know and we can help debug your installation.

Show me run output from the matmul example.

Part 2: Compile HPCCG (5 points)

Download the mini-app HPCCG:

<https://mantevo.org/download.php>

Modify the Makefile variables to the following:

```
CXX = mpicxx
```

```
LINKER = mpicxx
```

```
USE_MPI = -DUSING_MPI
```

```
CPP_OPT_FLAGS = -O1 -g
```

If not already included in your environment issues the command to load the mpich module.

```
module load mpich
```

The mpich module contains an implementation of the message passing interface (MPI). HPCCG uses MPI to exchange messages amongst the parallel processes.

Compile and run the mini-app using `mpicxx` and `mpi run` to verify that it works correctly.

```
mpirun -n 8 ./test_HPCCG 32 32 32
```

Note you will need to use an interactive job or compose a job submission script and submit it with `qsub`. Information on running jobs on Palmetto is found [here](#).

Show me the run output from an execution of HPCCG with the aforementioned command.

Part 3: Instrument HPCCG for fault injection (5 points)

Instrument the application for fault injection with FlipIt by inserting the appropriate FlipIt API calls into the file `main.cpp`. Look at the example `examples/mpi/jacobi/` for a reference. You will need to initialize FlipIt and finalize FlipIt. In addition, turn off FlipIt after initialization and turn it on just before the function call to `HPCCG()` with a call to `FLIPIT_SetInjector()` with the correct argument `FLIPIT_OFF` or `FLIPIT_ON`.

Add the following to main.cpp just before the definition of main() to record what signals (if any) the program raises due to the injected fault. This added code also defines a function that will print each time a fault is injected to log custom data.

```
#include <signal.h>

int GLOBAL_TIMESTEP = 0;

void sigHandler(int sig)
{
    printf("Receiving Sig %d\n", sig);
    unsigned long long t = FLIPIT_GetExecutedInstructionCount();
    int r;
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &r);
    printf("Rank %d: Total Insts executed = %llu\n", r,
    FLIPIT_GetExecutedInstructionCount());
    exit(sig);
}

void hpccgLogger(FILE* outfile)
{
    int r;
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &r);
    fprintf(outfile, "\nRank %d: Injection in Iteration = %d\n", r,
    GLOBAL_TIMESTEP);
    unsigned long long t = FLIPIT_GetExecutedInstructionCount();
    fprintf(outfile, "Rank %d: Total Insts executed = %llu\n", r, t);
}
```

Comment out the code that enforces that argc to be 2 or 4 except for the following lines:

```
nx = atoi(argv[1]);  
ny = atoi(argv[2]);  
nz = atoi(argv[3]);  
generate_matrix(nx, ny, nz, &A, &x, &b, &xexact);
```

Set the maximal number of iterations, `max_iter`, to 450 and the solver tolerance, `tolerance`, to `1e-10`. Finally, add this line to `HPCCG.hpp` to prevent a compiling error.

```
extern int GLOBAL_TIMESTEP;
```

Copy the `config.py`, and `HPCCG.config` files from Canvas to the `HPCCG` directory. Modify the `Makefile` to use the `flipit-cc` compiler from `FlipIt/scripts`, and then run

```
make clean; make.
```

Using an interactive job or a single job submission to verify that faults are being injected.

```
mpirun -n 8 ./test_HPCCG 32 32 32 --stateFile /path/to/FlipIt//.HPCCG --  
numberFaulty 1 --faulty 2 29634
```

Show me the output of this fault injection trial.

Part 4: Conduct a fault injection campaign (5 points)

The file HPCCG.cpp contains the function HPCCG that implements a parallel version of the iterative linear solver Conjugate Gradients (CG). CG solve a system of linear equations in the form $Ax = b$. This function contains a loop that iterates for set number of iterations to refine an initial guess of the true solution of x at each iteration or until the approximation is deemed sufficiently accurate based on a predefined tolerance.

Add code to HPCCG.cpp to increase GLOBAL_TIMESTEP each time the loop completes an iteration and set the print_freq to 1 such that the residual norm is printed each iteration. In addition, add code to verify the norm of residual, normr, is less than the previous iteration's residual. If the norm of the residual is larger than the previous iteration's, output the following message to the terminal screen.

```
printf("DETECTED SILENT DATA CORRUPTION!!!\n");
```

Use the script runner.py to conduct a fault injection campaign of 1500 trials in which each trial experiences a single bit-flip injection on a random MPI process at some point during the linear solve phase.

```
python runner.py 1500 29634
```

The fault injection campaign will be used later during the analysis phase. You may consider logging extra information by adding fprintf statements to the function hpccgLogger. These extra lines can be used by FaultSight to help better understand the fault injection campaign.

Do not include your fault injection trial data in your submission.

Part 5: Installing FaultSight (5 points)

Follow the instructions at the link below to install FaultSight:

<https://github.com/einarhorn/faultsight/>

You will need to use the `analysis_config.py` from Canvas when reading the injection data. This file assumes that all the `test_*.txt` files are in the same directory. You will need to set directory paths in this file accordingly.

Take a screen shot of FaultSight's main page.

Part 6: Fault Injection Analysis with FaultSight (40 points)

Using FaultSight explore the fault injection campaign from Part 4. If you logged extra information, you can define custom parsing functions in `custom.py` to extend the tables, extract your logged information, and insert it into the database. Briefly summarize the results of the fault injection campaign and answer the following questions:

- What is the percentage of fault injection trials that have detection?
- What is the percent of trails that segfaulted?
- What are the functions that faults are injected into?
- What are the bit locations that generate a segfault? Why do you think these bits cause a segfault?
- What are the bit locations that have detection?
- What are the bit locations in `ddot` where we inject faults?
- What line of code suffers the most injections? Why do you think this line suffers the most injections?
- Use the custom constraints to generate two plots that you find interesting. Explain why you find these plots interesting and provide an analysis of what the plots show.

Based on the above analysis does anything stand out to you? Finally, estimate how, if at all, the added error detector could improve the application's reliability.