2022 NYCU OS HW2 report

Question	Answer
Q1. (5pts) Briefly describe your design for the add, multiple function of matrix, the thread management. Also, describe the number of threads in the Multi-thread program.	Add: Instead of calculating matC, just simply add each item of matA and matB to sum array in each thread computation. Summing up the sum array gets the result of matA+matB. Multiply: Compute matD within each thread operation. Equally distribute the row of matA to each thread, each of the threads contain subsize=MAX/quantity row of matA. Then calculate each item matD[i][j] by multiplying matA[i][0->499] and matB[0→499][j]. Store each value of matD[i][j] to sumD, by summing up sumD we can get the sum of matD which is multiplied by matA and matB. Since MAX is not divisible by every quantity from 2 to 20, store the remaining rows of matA to the last calculated thread. Thread management: Create and join threads for Add and Multiply function respectively. The number of threads equals the global variable quantity, so that it each much more easier to modify.
Q2. (15pts) Try at least 3 kinds of number of threads, and compare the difference in time.(Take screenshots of the time of each case) Also, explain the results.	The screenshots of thread quantity from 2 to 20 are listed below following the order of the quantities. We can see that the best case is when quantity=6 and has runtime 0m0.274s, speeduprate~=1.86. Where on the other hand, the worst case is when quantity= 16 and has runtime 0m0.354s, speedup rate~=1.44. Most of the runtime is within the range 0m0.300s+-0m0.015s. However, once the quantity gets pass 15, the runtime will exceed 0m0.315s and grows greater. This indicates that the more threads used does not always have better performance than less threads used, it has a limitation of speedup rate.

Also, looking into quantity=3&4, it shows that if the number of threads is not big enough, though it is faster than single thread, it still has space for improvement. Thus, the quantity we choose must be big enough but not too big that causes burden on the processor.

Q3. (10pts)

Show the best speedup between multithread and single-thread. (Take screenshots of the time of single-thread and multithread)

Also, explain why multi-thread is faster.

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The best speedup=0.510/0.274~=1.86. Multi thread allows the whole process be separate into several smaller threads and run on different processor parallelly. Compare to single thread can only run one step at a time, while multi thread can run more steps(the quantity of the threads) at within the same time. Which makes multi thread much faster than single thread.

Result of single-thread:

Result of multi-thread with different quantities:

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ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
 quantity=2
 2248968
2528950360
 real
         0m0.305s
         0m0.360s
user
         0m0.173s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=3
2248968
2528950360
         0m0.330s
real
user
         0m0.410s
sys
         0m0.159s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=4
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.315s
        0m0.439s
user
svs
        0m0.112s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=5
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.301s
user
        0m0.480s
sys
        0m0.056s
Best case:
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=6
2248968
2528950360
real
         0m0.274s
user
         0m0.349s
         0m0.131s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=7
2248968
2528950360
real
         0m0.288s
         0m0.434s
user
         0m0.072s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=8
2248968
2528950360
real
         0m0.304s
user
         0m0.365s
         0m0.173s
sys
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ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=9
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.308s
        0m0.505s
user
        0m0.044s
SVS
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=10
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.314s
        0m0.497s
user
        0m0.064s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=11
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.308s
luser
         0m0.413s
svs
        0m0.129s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=12
2248968
2528950360
        0m0.300s
real
        0m0.380s
user
        0m0.149s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=13
2248968
2528950360
real
         0m0.291s
         0m0.398s
user
         0m0.103s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=14
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.306s
user
        0m0.480s
        0m0.060s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=15
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.328s
user
        0m0.450s
sys
        0m0.128s
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Worst case:

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ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=16
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.354s
        0m0.540s
user
        0m0.091s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=17
2248968
2528950360
        0m0.317s
real
        0m0.500s
user
        0m0.059s
sys
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi_thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=18
2248968
2528950360
        0m0.320s
real
user
         0m0.444s
sys
        0m0.084s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=19
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.334s
        0m0.387s
user
        0m0.149s
ginny@ubuntu:~/Downloads/homework2$ time ./multi thread <input.txt</pre>
quantity=20
2248968
2528950360
real
        0m0.326s
user
        0m0.462s
sys
        0m0.073s
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