An Introduction to Parallel Programming Peter Pacheco



Chapter 5

Shared Memory Programming with OpenMP

Roadmap

- Writing programs that use OpenMP.
- Using OpenMP to parallelize many serial for loops with only small changes to the source code.
- Task parallelism.
- Explicit thread synchronization.
- Standard problems in shared-memory programming.

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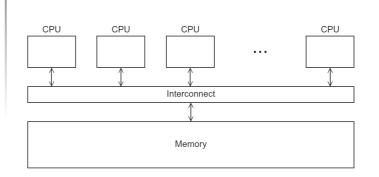
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OpenMP

- An API for shared-memory parallel programming.
- MP = multiprocessing
- Designed for systems in which each thread or process can potentially have access to all available memory.
- System is viewed as a collection of cores or CPU's, all of which have access to main memory.

A shared memory system



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<u>Pragmas</u>

- Special preprocessor instructions.
- Typically added to a system to allow behaviors that aren't part of the basic C specification.
- Compilers that don't support the pragmas ignore them.

#pragma

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>

void Hello(void); /* Thread function */

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    /* Get number of threads from command line */
    int thread_count = strtol(argv[1], NULL, 10);

# pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
    Hello();

return 0;
} /* main */

void Hello(void) {
    int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
    int thread_count = omp_get_num_threads();

    printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", my_rank, thread_count);
} /* Hello */
```

gcc -g -Wall -fopenmp -o omp_hello omp_hello .c ./ omp hello 4 compiling running with 4 threads Hello from thread 0 of 4 possible Hello from thread 3 of 4 Hello from thread 1 of 4 outcomes Hello from thread 1 of 4 Hello from thread 2 of 4 Hello from thread 2 of 4 Hello from thread 3 of 4 Hello from thread 1 of 4 Hello from thread 0 of 4 Hello from thread 2 of 4 Hello from thread 0 of 4 Hello from thread 3 of 4

OpenMp pragmas

- # pragma omp parallel
 - Most basic parallel directive.
 - The number of threads that run the following structured block of code is determined by the run-time system.

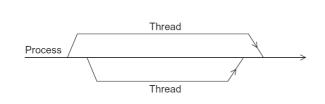
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A process forking and joining two threads



clause

- Text that modifies a directive.
- The num_threads clause can be added to a parallel directive.
- It allows the programmer to specify the number of threads that should execute the following block.

pragma omp parallel num_threads (thread_count)

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Of note...

- There may be system-defined limitations on the number of threads that a program can start.
- The OpenMP standard doesn't guarantee that this will actually start thread_count threads.
- Most current systems can start hundreds or even thousands of threads.
- Unless we're trying to start a lot of threads, we will almost always get the desired number of threads.

Some terminology

• In OpenMP parlance the collection of threads executing the parallel block — the original thread and the new threads — is called a team, the original thread is called the master, and the additional threads are called slaves.



In case the compiler doesn't support OpenMP

```
#ifdef _OPENMP
# include <omp.h>
#endif
```

include <omp.h>

In case the compiler doesn't support OpenMP

```
# ifdef _OPENMP
  int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num ( );
  int thread_count = omp_get_num_threads ( );
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  int my_rank = 0;
  int thread_count = 1;
# endif
```

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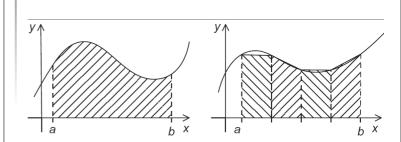
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The trapezoidal rule



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Serial algorithm

```
/* Input: a, b, n */
h = (b-a)/n;
approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++) {
    x_i = a + i*h;
    approx += f(x_i);
}
approx = h*approx;</pre>
```

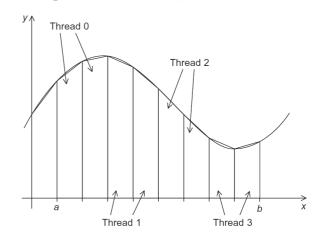
A First OpenMP Version

- 1) We identified two types of tasks:
 - a) computation of the areas of individual trapezoids, and
 - b) adding the areas of trapezoids.
- 2) There is no communication among the tasks in the first collection, but each task in the first collection communicates with task 1b.

A First OpenMP Version

- 3) We assumed that there would be many more trapezoids than cores.
- So we aggregated tasks by assigning a contiguous block of trapezoids to each thread (and a single thread to each core).

Assignment of trapezoids to threads



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	m	T		
Time	Thread 0	Thread 1		
0	global_result = 0 to register	finish my_result		
1	my_result = 1 to register	global_result = 0 to register		
2	add my_result to global_result	my_result = 2 to register		
3	store global_result = 1	add my_result to global_result		
4		store global result = 2		

Unpredictable results when two (or more) threads attempt to simultaneously execute:

global_result += my_result;



Mutual exclusion

pragma omp critical ← global_result += my_result ;

only one thread can execute the following structured block at a time

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```
#include < stdio.h>
#include < stdlib . h>
#include <omp.h>
void Trap(double a, double b, int n, double* global_result_p);
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   double a, b;
                               /* Left and right endpoints
                               /* Total number of trapezoids
   int
          n:
          thread count;
   thread_count = strtol(argv[1], NULL, 10);
  printf("Enter a, b, and n\n");
scanf("%lf %lf %d", &a, &b, &n);
  pragma \ omp \ parallel \ num\_threads (thread\_count)
   Trap(a, b, n, &global_result);
   printf("With n = %d trapezoids, our estimate\n", n);
  printf("of the integral from %f to %f = %.14e\n",
     a, b, global_result);
   return 0;
  /* main */
```

```
void Trap(double a, double b, int n, double* global_result_p) {
  double h, x, my_result;
  double local_a, local_b;
int i, local_n;
   int my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
   int \  \, \text{thread\_count} \, = \, \text{omp\_get\_num\_threads();}
   h = (b-a)/n;
   local_n = n/thread_count;
   local_a = a + my_rank*local_n*h;
   local_b = local_a + local_n*h;
   my_result = (f(local_a) + f(local_b))/2.0;
   for (i = 1; i <= local_n-1; i++) {
     x = local_a + i*h;
     my_result += f(x);
   my_result = my_result*h;
  pragma omp critical
   *global_result_p += my_result;
} /* Trap */
```



Scope

- In serial programming, the scope of a variable consists of those parts of a program in which the variable can be used.
- In OpenMP, the scope of a variable refers to the set of threads that can access the variable in a parallel block.

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Scope in OpenMP

- A variable that can be accessed by all the threads in the team has shared scope.
- A variable that can only be accessed by a single thread has private scope.
- The default scope for variables declared before a parallel block is shared.



THE REDUCTION CLAUSE

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We need this more complex version to add each thread's local calculation to get <code>global_result</code>.

```
void \  \, \texttt{Trap}(double \  \, \texttt{a}, \  \, double \  \, \texttt{b}, \  \, int \  \, \texttt{n}, \  \, double* \  \, \texttt{global\_result\_p});
```

Although we'd prefer this.

```
double Trap(double a, double b, int n);

global_result = Trap(a, b, n);
```

If we use this, there's no critical section!

If we fix it like this...

... we force the threads to execute sequentially.

We can avoid this problem by declaring a private variable inside the parallel block and moving the critical section after the function call.

```
global_result = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count)
{
    double my_result = 0.0; /* private */
    my_result += Local_trap(double a, double b, int n);
    pragma omp critical
    global_result += my_result;
}
```



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Reduction operators

- A reduction operator is a binary operation (such as addition or multiplication).
- A reduction is a computation that repeatedly applies the same reduction operator to a sequence of operands in order to get a single result.
- All of the intermediate results of the operation should be stored in the same variable: the reduction variable.

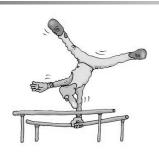
A reduction clause can be added to a parallel directive.

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THE "PARALLEL FOR"
DIRECTIVE

Parallel for

- Forks a team of threads to execute the following structured block.
- However, the structured block following the parallel for directive must be a for loop.
- Furthermore, with the parallel for directive the system parallelizes the for loop by dividing the iterations of the loop among the threads.

```
h = (b-a)/n;
approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++)
    approx += f(a + i*h);
approx = h*approx;

h = (b-a)/n;
    approx = (f(a) + f(b))/2.0;
# pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
        reduction(+: approx)
    for (i = 1; i <= n-1; i++)
        approx += f(a + i*h);
    approx = h*approx;</pre>
```

Legal forms for parallelizable for statements

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Caveats

- The variable index must have integer or pointer type (e.g., it can't be a float).
- The expressions start, end, and incr must have a compatible type. For example, if index is a pointer, then incr must have integer type.

Caveats

- The expressions start, end, and incr must not change during execution of the loop.
- During execution of the loop, the variable index can only be modified by the "increment expression" in the for statement.

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Data dependencies

What happened?



- OpenMP compilers don't check for dependences among iterations in a loop that's being parallelized with a parallel for directive.
- 2. A loop in which the results of one or more iterations depend on other iterations cannot, in general, be correctly parallelized by OpenMP.

Estimating π

```
\pi = 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \cdots \right] = 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}
\begin{array}{c} \textbf{double} \text{ factor } = 1.0; \\ \textbf{double} \text{ sum } = 0.0; \\ \textbf{for } (k = 0; k < n; k++) \left\{ \\ \text{sum } += \text{factor}/(2*k+1); \\ \text{factor } = -\text{factor}; \\ \right\} \\ \text{pi\_approx } = 4.0*\text{sum}; \end{array}
```

OpenMP solution #1

```
double factor = 1.0;
double sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
reduction(+: sum)
for (k = 0; k < n; k++) {
    sum += factor/(2*k+1);
    factor = -factor;
}
pi_approx = 4.0*sum;</pre>
```

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OpenMP solution #2

```
double sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    reduction(+:sum) private(factor)

for (k = 0; k < n; k++) {
    if (k % 2 == 0)
        factor = 1.0;
    else
        factor = -1.0;
    sum += factor/(2*k+1);
}</pre>
Insures factor has
private scope.
```

The default clause

Lets the programmer specify the scope of each variable in a block.

default (none)

With this clause the compiler will require that we specify the scope of each variable we use in the block and that has been declared outside the block.

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The default clause

```
double sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    default(none) reduction(+:sum) private(k, factor) \
    shared(n)
for (k = 0; k < n; k++) {
    if (k % 2 == 0)
        factor = 1.0;
    else
        factor = -1.0;
    sum += factor/(2*k+1);
}</pre>
```



MORE ABOUT LOOPS IN OPENMP: SORTING

Bubble Sort

```
for (list_length = n; list_length >= 2; list_length--)
  for (i = 0; i < list_length-1; i++)
    if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
        tmp = a[i];
        a[i] = a[i+1];
        a[i+1] = tmp;
    }
}
```

Serial Odd-Even Transposition Sort

```
for (phase = 0; phase < n; phase++)
if (phase % 2 == 0)
    for (i = 1; i < n; i += 2)
        if (a[i-1] > a[i]) Swap(&a[i-1],&a[i]);
else
    for (i = 1; i < n-1; i += 2)
        if (a[i] > a[i+1]) Swap(&a[i], &a[i+1]);
```

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Serial Odd-Even Transposition Sort

	Subscript in Array						
Phase	0		1		2		3
0	9	\longleftrightarrow	7		8	\longleftrightarrow	6
	7		9		6		8
1	7		9	\longleftrightarrow	6		8
	7		6		9		8
2	7	\longleftrightarrow	6		9	\leftrightarrow	8
	6		7		8		9
3	6		7	\longleftrightarrow	8		9
	6		7		8		9

First OpenMP Odd-Even Sort

```
for (phase = 0; phase < n; phase++) {
   if (phase % 2 == 0)
      pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
          default(none) shared(a, n) private(i, tmp)
       for (i = 1; i < n; i += 2) \{
          if (a[i-1] > a[i]) {
             tmp = a[i-1];
             a[i-1] = a[i];
             a[i] = tmp;
          }
      pragma \ omp \ parallel \ for \ num\_threads(thread\_count) \ \backslash
      default(none) shared(a, n) private(i, tmp)
for (i = 1; i < n-1; i += 2) {</pre>
          if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
             tmp = a[i+1];
a[i+1] = a[i];
             a[i] = tmp;
}
```

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Second OpenMP Odd-Even Sort

Odd-even sort with two parallel for directives and two for directives.

(Times are in seconds.)

thread_count	1	2	3	4
Two parallel for directives	0.770	0.453	0.358	0.305
Two for directives	0.732	0.376	0.294	0.239





We want to parallelize $\begin{array}{ll} \text{sum} = 0.0; \\ \text{for} & (\text{i} = 0; \text{ i} <= \text{n}; \text{ i++}) \\ \text{sum} & \text{+=} \text{ f(i);} \end{array}$

Thread	Iterations			
0	$0, n/t, 2n/t, \dots$			
1	$1, n/t + 1, 2n/t + 1, \dots$			
:	:			
t-1	$t-1, n/t+t-1, 2n/t+t-1, \dots$			

Assignment of work using cyclic partitioning.

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```
double f(int i) {
   int j, start = i*(i+1)/2, finish = start + i;
   double return_val = 0.0;

   for (j = start; j <= finish; j++) {
      return_val += sin(j);
   }
   return return_val;
} /* f */</pre>
```

Our definition of function f.

Results

- f(i) calls the sin function *i* times.
- Assume the time to execute f(2i) requires approximately twice as much time as the time to execute f(i).
- n = 10.000
 - one thread
 - run-time = 3.67 seconds.

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Results

- n = 10,000
 - two threads
 - default assignment
 - run-time = 2.76 seconds
 - speedup = 1.33
- n = 10,000
 - two threads
 - cyclic assignment
 - run-time = 1.84 seconds
 - speedup = 1.99



The Schedule Clause

Default schedule:

```
sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    reduction(+:sum)
for (i = 0; i <= n; i++)
    sum += f(i);</pre>
```

Cyclic schedule:

```
sum = 0.0;
pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \
    reduction(+:sum) schedule(static,1)
for (i = 0; i <= n; i++)
    sum += f(i);</pre>
```

schedule (type, chunksize)

- Type can be:
 - static: the iterations can be assigned to the threads before the loop is executed.
 - dynamic or guided: the iterations are assigned to the threads while the loop is executing.
 - auto: the compiler and/or the run-time system determine the schedule.
 - runtime: the schedule is determined at runtime
- The chunksize is a positive integer.

The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, ..., 11, and three threads schedule(static, 1)

Thread 0: 0,3,6,9 Thread 1: 1,4,7,10 Thread 2: 2,5,8,11

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The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, ..., 11, and three threads schedule (static, 2)

Thread 0: 0,1,6,7 Thread 1: 2,3,8,9 Thread 2: 4,5,10,11

The Static Schedule Type

twelve iterations, 0, 1, \dots , 11, and three threads schedule (static, 4)

Thread 0: 0,1,2,3 Thread 1: 4,5,6,7 Thread 2: 8,9,10,11

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The Dynamic Schedule Type

- The iterations are also broken up into chunks of chunksize consecutive iterations.
- Each thread executes a chunk, and when a thread finishes a chunk, it requests another one from the run-time system.
- This continues until all the iterations are completed.
- The chunksize can be omitted. When it is omitted, a chunksize of 1 is used.

The Guided Schedule Type

- Each thread also executes a chunk, and when a thread finishes a chunk, it requests another one.
- However, in a guided schedule, as chunks are completed the size of the new chunks decreases.
- If no chunksize is specified, the size of the chunks decreases down to 1.
- If chunksize is specified, it decreases down to chunksize, with the exception that the very last chunk can be smaller than chunksize.

Thread	Chunk	Size of Chunk	Remaining Iterations
0	1 – 5000	5000	4999

1	5001 – 7500	2500	2499
1	7501 – 8750	1250	1249
1	8751 – 9375	625	624
0	9376 – 9687	312	312
1	9688 – 9843	156	156
0	9844 – 9921	78	78
1	9922 – 9960	39	39
1	9961 – 9980	20	19
1	9981 – 9990	10	9
1	9991 – 9995	5	4
0	9996 – 9997	2	2
1	9998 – 9998	1	1
0	9999 – 9999	1	0

Assignment of trapezoidal rule iterations 1–9999 using a guided schedule with two threads.

The Runtime Schedule Type

- The system uses the environment variable OMP_SCHEDULE to determine at runtime how to schedule the loop.
- The OMP_SCHEDULE environment variable can take on any of the values that can be used for a static, dynamic, or guided schedule.

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Queues

- Can be viewed as an abstraction of a line of customers waiting to pay for their groceries in a supermarket.
- A natural data structure to use in many multithreaded applications.
- For example, suppose we have several "producer" threads and several "consumer" threads.
 - Producer threads might "produce" requests for data.
 - Consumer threads might "consume" the request by finding or generating the requested data.

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Message-Passing

- Each thread could have a shared message queue, and when one thread wants to "send a message" to another thread, it could enqueue the message in the destination thread's queue.
- A thread could receive a message by dequeuing the message at the head of its message queue.

Message-Passing

```
for (sent_msgs = 0; sent_msgs < send_max; sent_msgs++) {
    Send_msg();
    Try_receive();
}
while (!Done())
    Try_receive();</pre>
```

Sending Messages

```
mesg = random();
dest = random() % thread_count;
pragma omp critical
Enqueue(queue, dest, my_rank, mesg);
```

Receiving Messages

```
if (queue_size == 0) return;
else if (queue_size == 1)

# pragma omp critical
    Dequeue(queue, &src, &mesg);
else
    Dequeue(queue, &src, &mesg);
Print_message(src, mesg);
```

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Termination Detection

```
queue_size = enqueued - dequeued;
if (queue_size == 0 && done_sending == thread_count)
   return TRUE;
else
   return FALSE;
each thread increments this after
```

each thread increments this after completing its for loop

Startup (1)

- When the program begins execution, a single thread, the master thread, will get command line arguments and allocate an array of message queues: one for each thread.
- This array needs to be shared among the threads, since any thread can send to any other thread, and hence any thread can enqueue a message in any of the gueues.

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Startup (2)

- One or more threads may finish allocating their queues before some other threads.
- We need an explicit barrier so that when a thread encounters the barrier, it blocks until all the threads in the team have reached the barrier.
- After all the threads have reached the barrier all the threads in the team can proceed.
 # pragma omp barrier

The Atomic Directive (1)

- Unlike the critical directive, it can only protect critical sections that consist of a single C assignment statement.
 - # pragma omp atomic
- Further, the statement must have one of the following forms:

```
x <op>= <expression>;
x++;
++x;
x--;
--x;
```

The Atomic Directive (2)

Here <op> can be one of the binary operators

$$+, *, -, /, \&, ^, |, <<, or>>$$

- Many processors provide a special loadmodify-store instruction.
- A critical section that only does a load-modifystore can be protected much more efficiently by using this special instruction rather than the constructs that are used to protect more general critical sections.

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OpenMP provides the option of adding a name to a critical directive:

```
# pragma omp critical(name)
```

- When we do this, two blocks protected with critical directives with different names can be executed simultaneously.
- However, the names are set during compilation, and we want a different critical section for each thread's queue.

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Locks

A lock consists of a data structure and functions that allow the programmer to explicitly enforce mutual exclusion in a critical section.



Locks

```
/* Executed by one thread */
Initialize the lock data structure;
...
/* Executed by multiple threads */
Attempt to lock or set the lock data structure;
Critical section;
Unlock or unset the lock data structure;
...
/* Executed by one thread */
Destroy the lock data structure;
```

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Using Locks in the Message- Using L

```
# pragma omp critical
/* q_p = msg_queues[dest] */
Enqueue(q_p, my_rank, mesg);
```

Passing Program

```
/* q_p = msg_queues[dest] */
omp_set_lock(&q_p->lock);
Enqueue(q_p, my_rank, mesg);
omp_unset_lock(&q_p->lock);
```

Using Locks in the Message-Passing Program

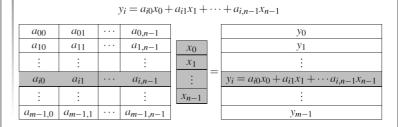
```
# pragma omp critical
/* q-p = msg_queues[my_rank] */
Dequeue(q_p, &src, &mesg);

/* q-p = msg_queues[my_rank] */
omp_set_lock(&q_p->lock);
Dequeue(q_p, &src, &mesg);
omp_unset_lock(&q_p->lock);
```

Some Caveats

- 1. You shouldn't mix the different types of mutual exclusion for a single critical section.
- 2. There is no guarantee of fairness in mutual exclusion constructs.
- 3. It can be dangerous to "nest" mutual exclusion constructs.

Matrix-vector multiplication



```
for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
   y[i] = 0.0;
   for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
       y[i] += A[i][j]*x[j];
}</pre>
```

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Matrix-vector multiplication

```
# pragma omp parallel for num_threads(thread_count) \ default(none) private(i, j) shared(A, x, y, m, n) for (i = 0; i < m; i++) { y[i] = 0.0; \\ for (j = 0; j < n; j++) \\ y[i] += A[i][j]*x[j]; \\ Run-times and efficiencies of matrix-vector multiplication (times are in seconds)
```

	Matrix Dimension					
	$8,000,000 \times 8$		8000×8000		$8 \times 8,000,000$	
Threads	Time	Eff.	Time	Eff.	Time	Eff.
1	0.322	1.000	0.264	1.000	0.333	1.000
2	0.219	0.735	0.189	0.698	0.300	0.555
4	0.141	0.571	0.119	0.555	0.303	0.275

```
void Tokenize(
                                                   Thread-Safety
       char* lines[]
                              /* in/out */,
/* in */,
      int
             line_count
              thread_count /* in
                                          */) {
      int
   int my_rank, i, j;
   char *my_token;
# pragma omp parallel num_threads(thread_count) \
       default(none) private(my_rank, i, j, my_token) \
       shared(lines, line_count)
      my_rank = omp_get_thread_num();
      pragma omp for schedule(static, 1)
for (i = 0; i < line_count; i++) {
   printf("Thread %d > line %d = %s", my_rank, i, lines[i]);
          j = 0;
           my_token = strtok(lines[i], " \t\n");
          while ( my_token != NULL ) {
  printf("Thread %d > token %d = %s\n", my_rank, j, my_token);
              my_token = strtok(NULL, " \t\n");
       } /* for i */
     /* omp parallel */
} /* Tokenize */
```

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Concluding Remarks (1)

- OpenMP is a standard for programming shared-memory systems.
- OpenMP uses both special functions and preprocessor directives called pragmas.
- OpenMP programs start multiple threads rather than multiple processes.
- Many OpenMP directives can be modified by clauses.

Concluding Remarks (2)

- A major problem in the development of shared memory programs is the possibility of race conditions.
- OpenMP provides several mechanisms for insuring mutual exclusion in critical sections.
 - Critical directives
 - Named critical directives
 - Atomic directives
 - Simple locks

Concluding Remarks (3)

- By default most systems use a blockpartitioning of the iterations in a parallelized for loop.
- OpenMP offers a variety of scheduling options.
- In OpenMP the scope of a variable is the collection of threads to which the variable is accessible.

Concluding Remarks (4)

A reduction is a computation that repeatedly applies the same reduction operator to a sequence of operands in order to get a single result.

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