

Parallel Computing

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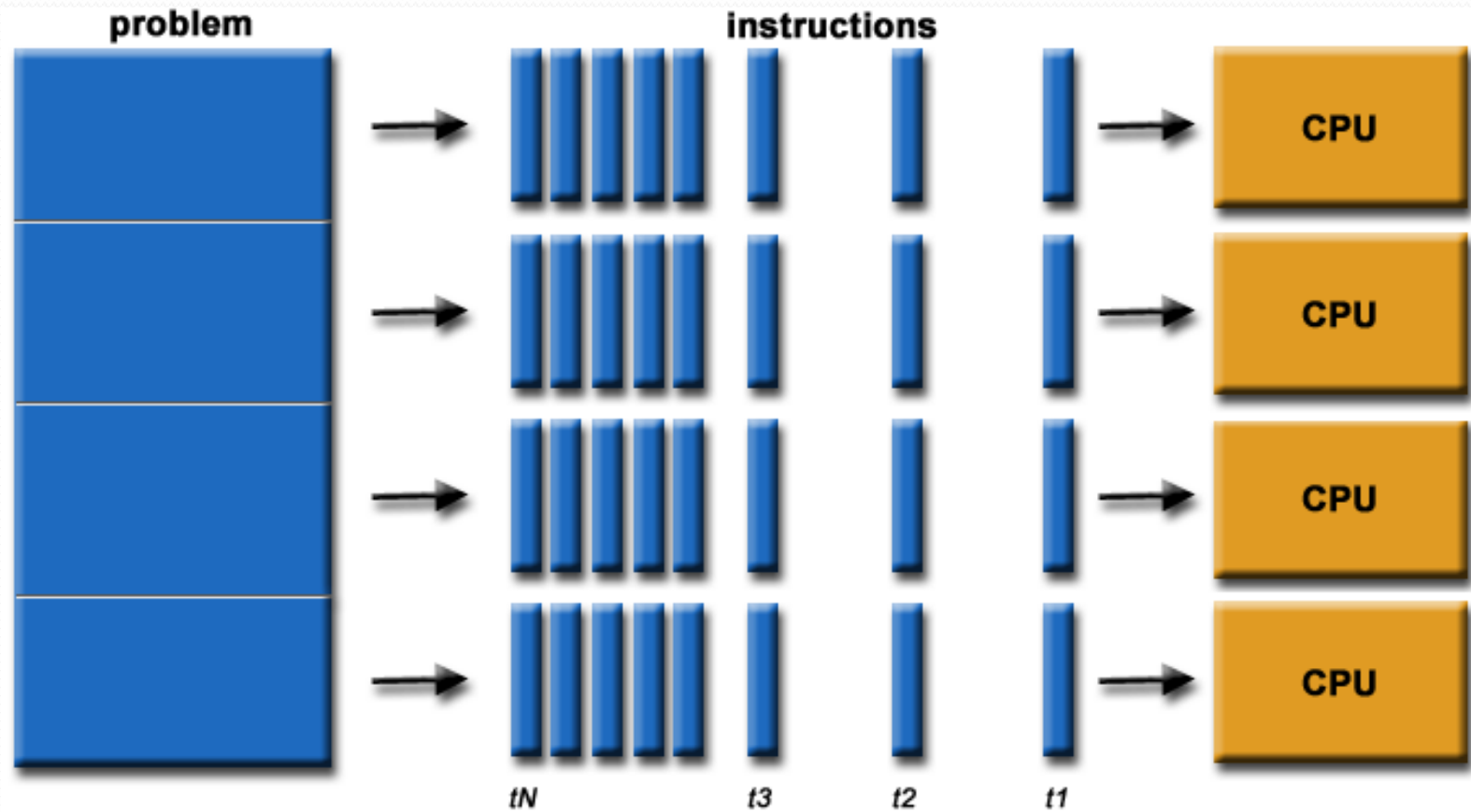
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Overview

- What is Parallel Computing
- Why Use Parallel Computing
- Concepts and Terminology
- Parallel Computer Memory Architectures
- Parallel Programming Models
- Examples
- Conclusion

What is Parallel Computing?

- Parallel computing is the simultaneous use of multiple compute resources to solve a computational problem.



Why Use Parallel Computing?

- Saves time
- Solve larger problems
- Cost savings
- Provide concurrency

Concepts and Terminology:

Types Of Parallelism

- Data Parallelism
- Task Parallelism

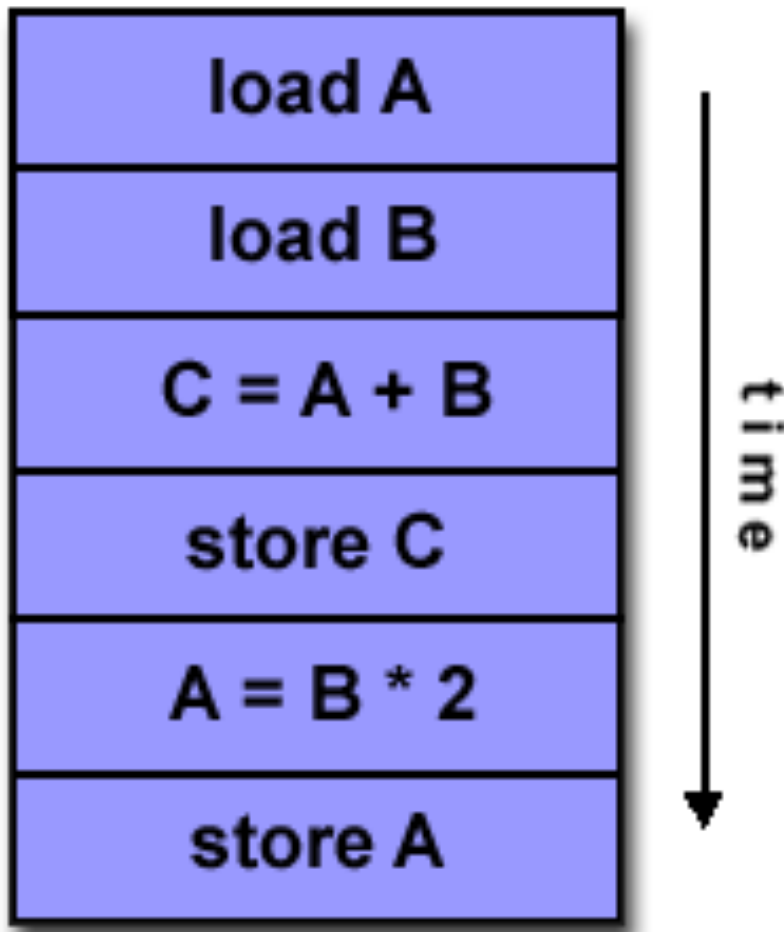
Concepts and Terminology: Flynn's Classical Taxonomy

Distinguishes multi-processor architecture by instruction and data

- SISD – Single Instruction, Single Data
- SIMD – Single Instruction, Multiple Data
- MISD – Multiple Instruction, Single Data
- MIMD – Multiple Instruction, Multiple Data

Flynn's Classical Taxonomy:

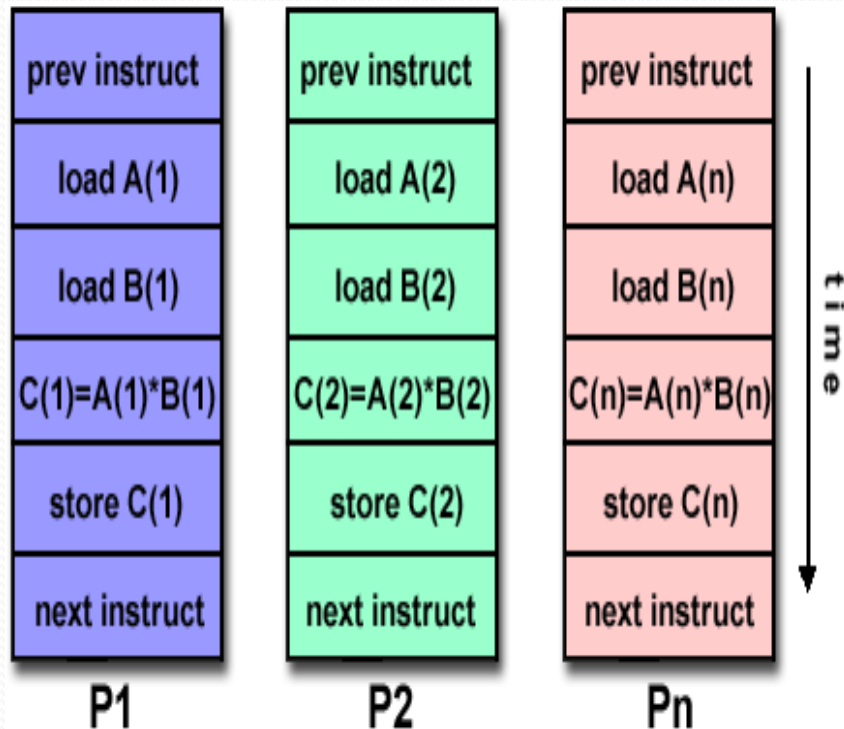
SISD



- Serial
- Only one instruction and data stream is acted on during any one clock cycle

Flynn's Classical Taxonomy:

SIMD



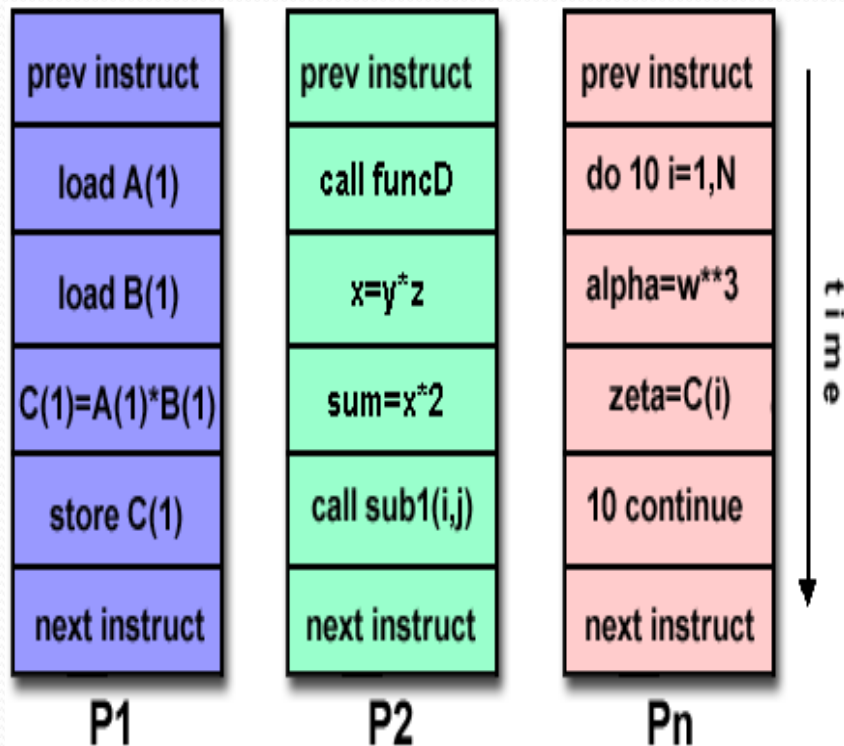
- All processing units execute the same instruction at any given clock cycle.
- Each processing unit operates on a different data element.

Flynn's Classical Taxonomy: MISD

- Different instructions operated on a single data element.
- Example: Multiple cryptography algorithms attempting to crack a single coded message.

Flynn's Classical Taxonomy:

MIMD

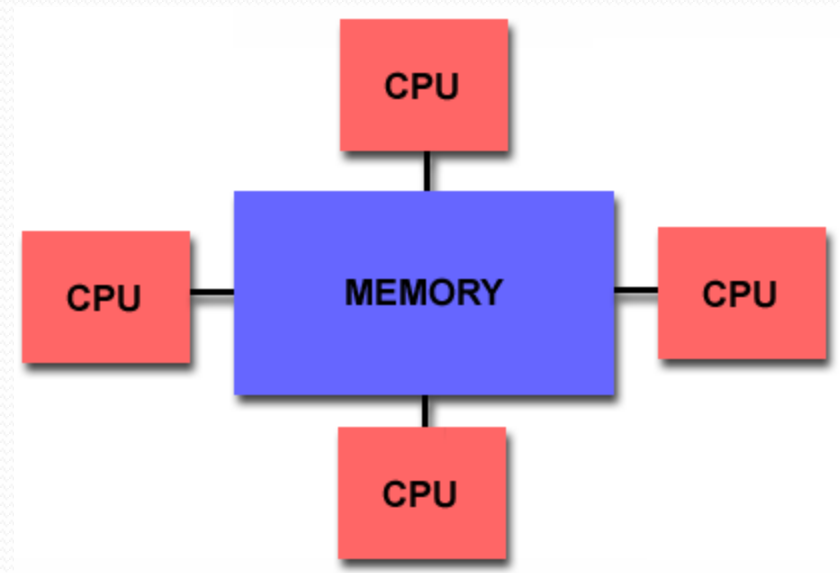


- Can execute different instructions on different data elements.
- Most common type of parallel computer.

Parallel Computer Memory Architectures:

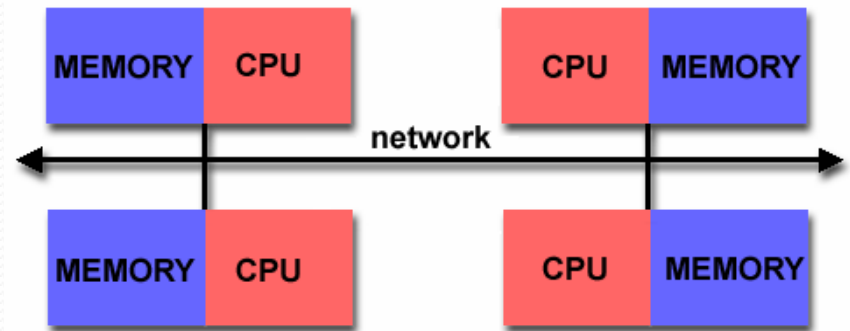
Shared Memory Architecture

- All processors access all memory as a single global address space.
- Data sharing is fast.
- Lack of scalability between memory and CPUs



Parallel Computer Memory Architectures: Distributed Memory

- Each processor has its own memory.
- Is scalable, no overhead for cache coherency.
- Programmer is responsible for many details of communication between processors.



Parallel Programming Models

- Shared Memory Model
- Messaging Passing Model
- Data Parallel Model

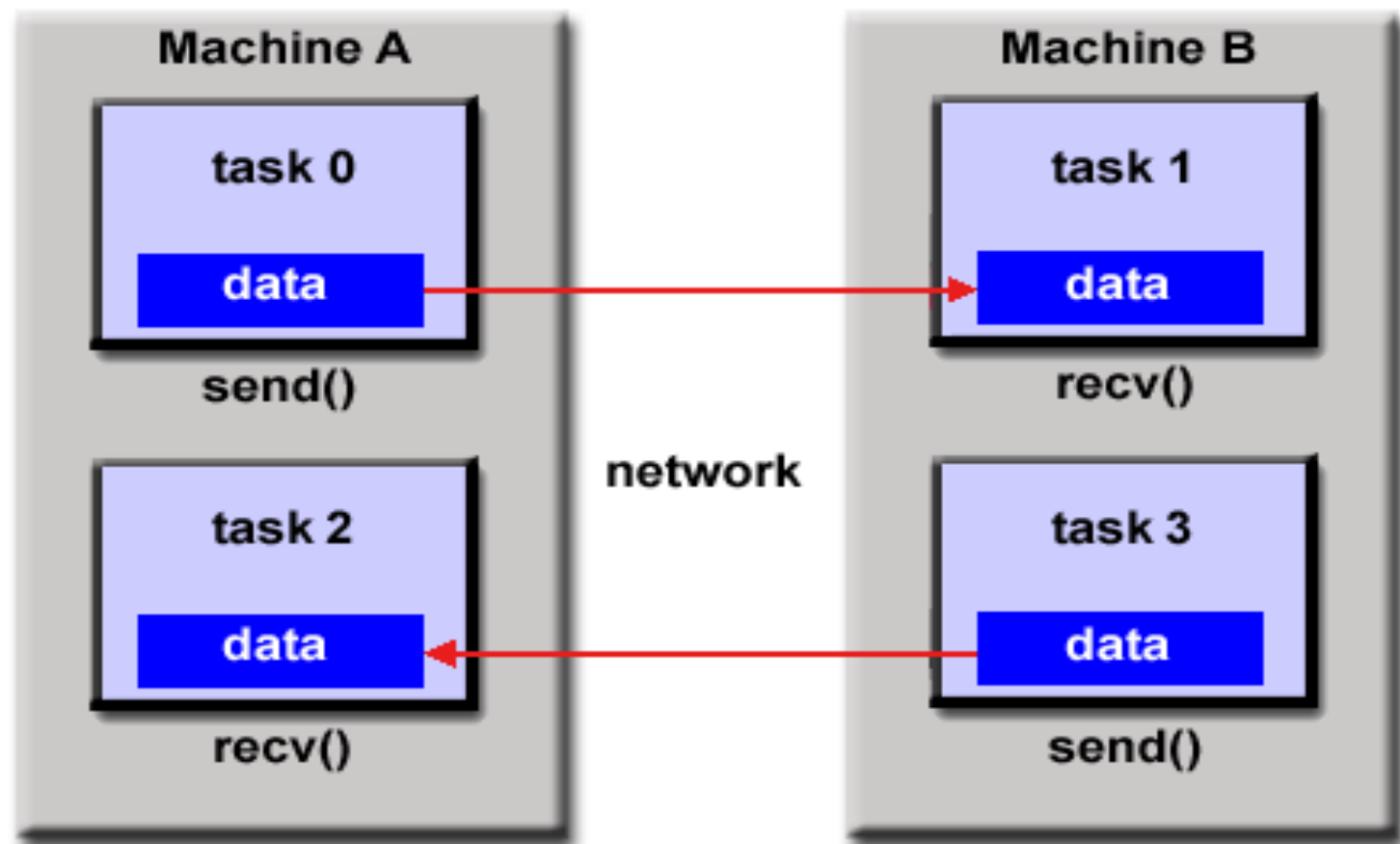
Parallel Programming Models:

Shared Memory Model

- In the shared-memory programming model, tasks share a common address space, which they read and write asynchronously.
- Locks may be used to control shared memory access.
- Program development can be simplified since there is no need to explicitly specify communication between tasks.

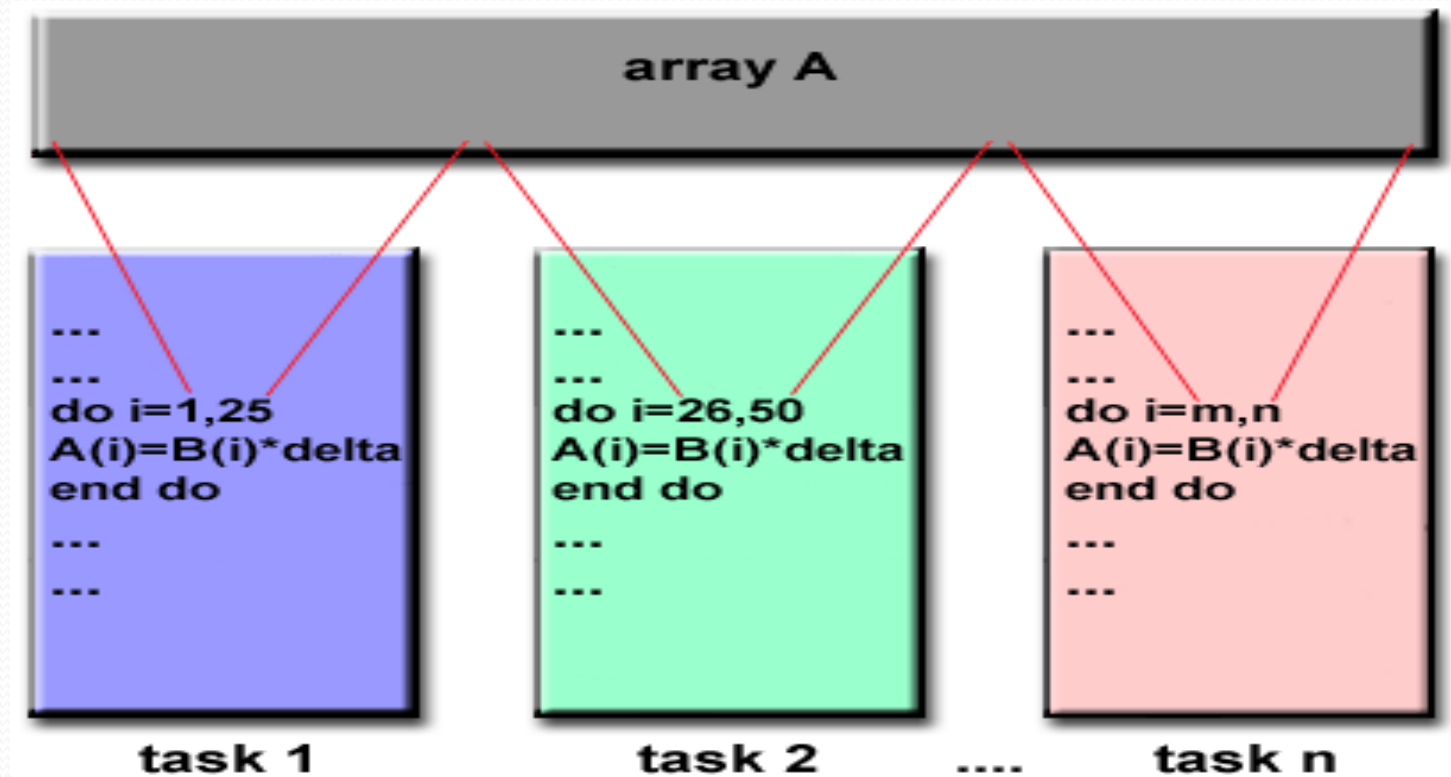
Parallel Programming Models:

Message Passing Model



Parallel Programming Models:

Data Parallel Model



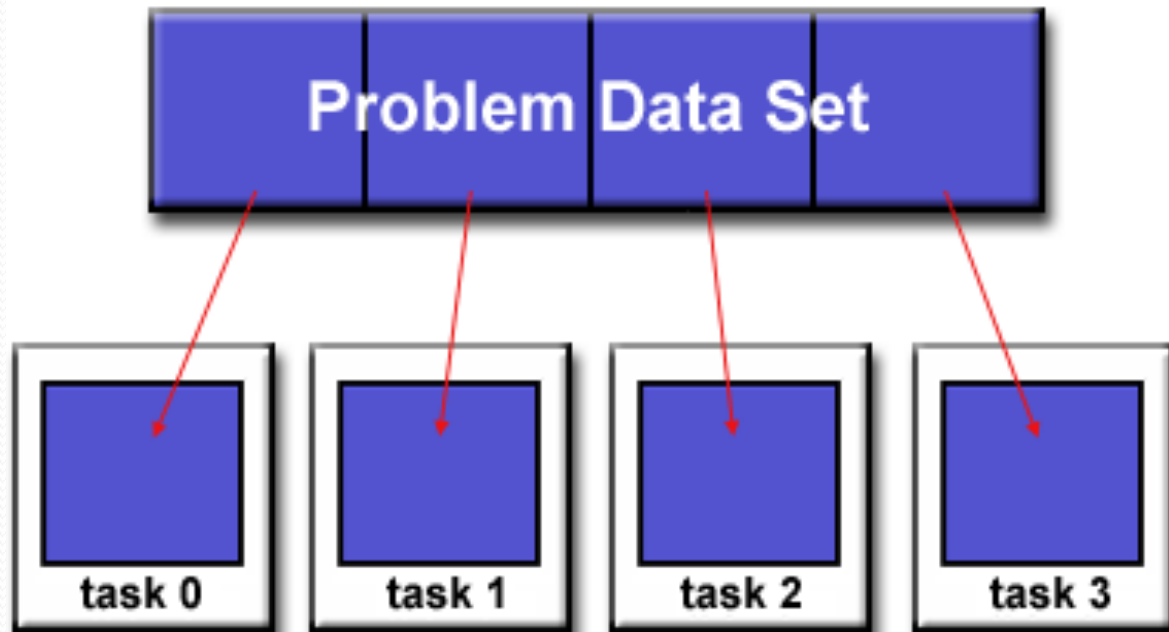
Designing Parallel Programs

- Partitioning -
 - Domain Decomposition
 - Functional Decomposition
- Communication
- Synchronization

Partition :

Domain Decomposition

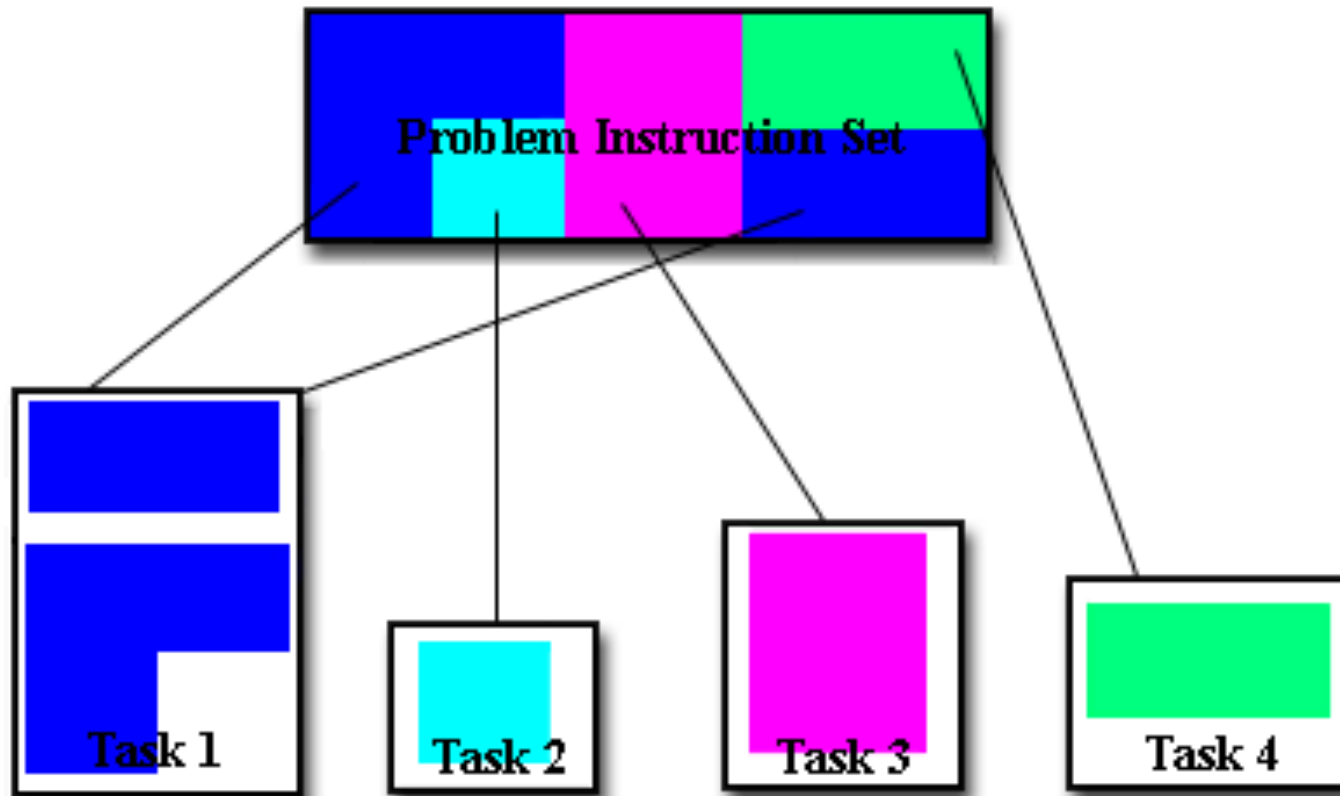
- Each task handles a portion of the data set.



Partition

Functional Decomposition

- Each task performs a function of the overall work



Designing Parallel Programs

Communication

- Synchronous communications are often referred to as *blocking communications* since other work must wait until the communications have completed.
- Asynchronous communications allow tasks to transfer data independently from one another.

Designing Parallel Programs

Synchronization

Types of Synchronization:

- Barrier
- Lock / semaphore
- Synchronous communication operations

Example:

- As a simple example, if we are running code on a 2-processor system (CPUs "a" & "b") in a parallel environment and we wish to do tasks "A" and "B" , it is possible to tell CPU "a" to do task "A" and CPU "b" to do task 'B" simultaneously, thereby reducing the runtime of the execution.



Example:

Array Processing

- Serial Solution
 - Perform a function on a 2D array.
 - Single processor iterates through each element in the array
- Possible Parallel Solution
 - Assign each processor a partition of the array.
 - Each process iterates through its own partition.

Conclusion

- Parallel computing is fast.
- There are many different approaches and models of parallel computing.

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