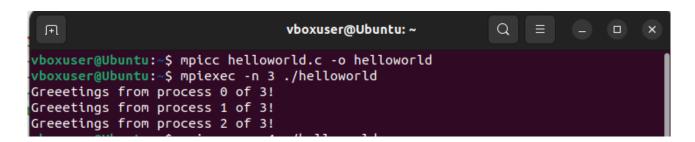
PARALLEL COMPUTING SYSTEM ASSIGNMENT

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MPI Programming

Hello World

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<mpi.h>
const int MAX STRING=100;
int main(void)
      char greeting[MAX STRING];
      int comm sz;
      int my rank;
      MPI Init(NULL, NULL);
      MPI Comm size(MPI COMM_WORLD, &comm_sz);
      MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &my rank);
      if(my rank!=0)
            sprintf(greeting, "Greetings from process %d of %d!", my rank, comm sz);
            MPI Send(greeting, strlen(greeting)+1, MPI CHAR, 0, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
      else
            printf("Greeetings from process %d of %d!\n", my rank, comm sz);
            for(int q=1; q<comm sz; q++)
                   MPI Recv(greeting, MAX STRING, MPI CHAR, q, 0,
MPI COMM WORLD, MPI STATUS IGNORE);
                   printf("%s\n", greeting);
      MPI Finalize();
      return 0;
```



Inference

Displaying the message Greetings. The program creates multiple MPI processes, and each non-root process sends a greeting message to the root process (rank 0). The root process receives these messages and prints all the greetings.

Matrix addition using MPI Scatter and MPI Gather

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#define MATRIX SIZE 4
void initializeMatrix(int matrix[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
      matrix[i][j] = rand() % 10; // Initialize with random values (modify as needed)
}
void matrixAddition(int local matrixA[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE], int
local matrixB[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE], int
local result[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
      local result[i][j] = local matrixA[i][j] + local matrixB[i][j];
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
  int world size, my rank;
  MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
  MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &world size);
  MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &my rank);
  srand(time(NULL)); // Seed for random number generation
  int matrixA[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int matrixB[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int local matrixA[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int local matrixB[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int local result[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  if (my rank == 0) {
    // Initialize matrices with random values
    initializeMatrix(matrixA);
    initializeMatrix(matrixB);
  double start time, end time;
  if (my rank == 0) {
```

```
start time = MPI Wtime(); // Start measuring execution time
  MPI Scatter(matrixA, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE / world size, MPI INT,
local matrixA,
         MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE / world size, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  MPI Scatter(matrixB, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE / world size, MPI INT, local matrixB,
         MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE / world size, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  matrixAddition(local matrixA, local matrixB, local result);
  int (*final result)[MATRIX SIZE] = NULL;
  if (my rank == 0) {
    final result = (int (*)[MATRIX SIZE])malloc(MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE *
sizeof(int));
  MPI Gather(local result, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX_SIZE / world_size, MPI_INT,
final result,
         MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE / world size, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  if (my rank == 0) {
    end time = MPI Wtime(); // Stop measuring execution time
    printf("Matrix A:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
      for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
         printf("%d ", matrixA[i][j]);
      printf("\n");
    printf("Matrix B:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
      for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
        printf("%d ", matrixB[i][j]);
      printf("\n");
    printf("Matrix Result:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
      for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
        printf("%d ", final result[i][j]);
      printf("\n");
    printf("Elapsed time: %f seconds\n", end time - start time);
    free(final result);
```

```
MPI Finalize();
 return 0;
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpicc matrix1.c -o matrix1
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpiexec -n 2 ./matrix1
Matrix A:
 2 2 5
 5 6 4
 1 0 4
Matrix B:
 5 1 6
 1 8 5
 5 4 9
 9 2 5
Matrix Result:
14 7 3 11
 6 14 9
13 6 4 13
14 10 8 6
Elapsed time: 0.000055 seconds
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

- ➤ The execution time is faster while using MPI Scatter and MPI Gather.
- The code divides the matrices into chunks and distributes these chunks across multiple processes using MPI. This allows for parallel computation, where each process independently works on its portion of the matrices.
- Matrix addition is an embarrassingly parallel task, meaning that each element of the result matrix can be computed independently. MPI facilitates this parallelization by distributing the workload across available processes.
- > MPI_Scatter and MPI_Gather efficiently distribute and gather data, minimizing communication overhead.

Matrix addition using MPI Reduce and Broadcast

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <mpi.h>

#define MATRIX_SIZE 4

// Function to generate random values for the matrix
void generateRandomInput(int matrix[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX_SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX_SIZE; j++) {
      matrix[i][j] = rand() % 10; // Generates random values between 0 and 9
   }
  }
}</pre>
```

```
// Function for matrix addition
void matrixAddition(int matrix1[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE], int matrix2[MA-
TRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE], int result[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE]) {
for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX_SIZE; j++) {
result[i][j] = matrix1[i][j] + matrix2[i][j];
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
int world_size, my_rank;
MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &world_size);
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
int matrix1[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
int matrix2[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
int local_result[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
int global_result[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
struct timeval start, end;
long long elapsed time;
if (my_rank == 0) {
generateRandomInput(matrix1); // Generate random input on the root process
generateRandomInput(matrix2); // Generate another random matrix
gettimeofday(&start, NULL); // Start measuring execution time
// Broadcast matrices to all processes
MPI_Bcast(matrix1, MATRIX_SIZE * MATRIX_SIZE, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
MPI_Bcast(matrix2, MATRIX_SIZE * MATRIX_SIZE, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
// Perform matrix addition locally
matrixAddition(matrix1, matrix2, local result);
// Sum the local results across all processes using MPI_Reduce
MPI_Reduce(local_result, global_result, MATRIX_SIZE * MATRIX_SIZE, MPI_INT,
MPI_SUM, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
if (my_rank == 0) {
gettimeofday(&end, NULL); // Stop measuring execution time
elapsed_time = (end.tv_sec - start.tv_sec) * 1000000 + (end.tv_usec - start.tv_usec);
printf("Matrix Addition Result:\n");
for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX_SIZE; i++) {
for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX_SIZE; j++) {
printf("%d ", global_result[i][j]); // Print the result
```

```
printf("\n");
}
printf("Elapsed time: %lld microseconds\n", elapsed_time); // Print execution time
}
MPI_Finalize(); // Finalize MPI
return 0;
}
```

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpicc reduce.c -o reduce
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpiexec -n 2 ./reduce
Matrix Addition Result:
6 24 18 22
8 26 26 22
22 2 8 20
14 28 24 16
Elapsed time: 41 microseconds
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

- The program demonstrates parallel matrix addition using MPI, distributing the work among multiple processes.
- The use of MPI Boast ensures efficient distribution of matrices to all processes.
- ➤ MPI Reduce is employed to gather and sum the local results on the root process.
- > The elapsed time measurement provides insight into the execution time of the parallelized matrix addition.

Matrix addition using MPI AllReduce and Broadcast

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#define MATRIX SIZE 4
// Function to generate random values for the matrix
void generateRandomInput(int matrix[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
       matrix[i][j] = rand() % 10; // Generates random values between 0 and 9
// Function for matrix addition
void matrixAddition(int matrix1[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE], int
matrix2[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE], int result[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
       result[i][j] = matrix1[i][j] + matrix2[i][j];
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
  int world size, my rank;
  MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
  MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &world size);
  MPI Comm rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
  int matrix1[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int matrix2[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int local result[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  int global result[MATRIX SIZE][MATRIX SIZE];
  struct timeval start, end;
  long long elapsed time;
  if (my rank == 0) {
    generateRandomInput(matrix1); // Generate random input on the root process
    generateRandomInput(matrix2); // Generate another random matrix
    gettimeofday(&start, NULL); // Start measuring execution time
  // Broadcast matrices to all processes
  MPI Bcast(matrix1, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  MPI Bcast(matrix2, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE, MPI INT, 0, MPI COMM WORLD);
  // Perform matrix addition locally
  matrixAddition(matrix1, matrix2, local result);
  // Sum the local results across all processes using MPI Allreduce
  MPI Allreduce(local result, global result, MATRIX SIZE * MATRIX SIZE, MPI INT,
MPI SUM, MPI COMM WORLD);
  if (my rank == 0) {
    gettimeofday(&end, NULL); // Stop measuring execution time
    elapsed time = (end.tv sec - start.tv sec) * 1000000 + (end.tv usec - start.tv usec);
    printf("Matrix Addition Result:\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < MATRIX SIZE; i++) {
      for (int j = 0; j < MATRIX SIZE; j++) {
         printf("%d", global result[i][j]); // Print the result
      printf("\n");
    printf("Elapsed time: %lld microseconds\n", elapsed time); // Print execution time
  MPI Finalize(); // Finalize MPI
```

```
return 0;
```

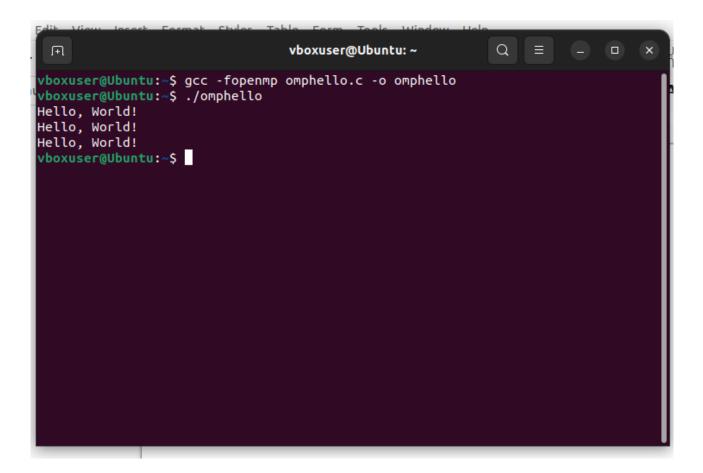
```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpicc allreduce.c -o allreduce
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ mpiexec -n 2 ./allreduce
Matrix Addition Result:
6 24 18 22
8 26 26 22
22 2 8 20
14 28 24 16
Elapsed time: 53 microseconds
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

- MPI All reduce combines the reduction and broadcast steps in a single collective operation.
- > Every process receives the final result directly after the operation, eliminating the need for a separate gathering step.
- > MPI_Allreduce might have a higher overhead than MPI_Reduce because it involves more communication between processes.

Open MP Programming

Simple Programs

Hello World



Inference

Using the Open MP pragma parallel, Hello World has been displayed by compiling and executing the program.

Displaying the maximum number of threads

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<omp.h>
void say_hello(void)
{
    int myrank=omp_get_thread_num();
    int threadcount=omp_get_num_threads();
    printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", myrank,threadcount);
}
int main(void)
{
    #pragma omp parallel
    printf("Threads:%d, Max:%d\n",omp_get_num_threads(), omp_get_max_threads());
    say_hello();
    return 0;
}
```

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ gcc -fopenmp omphellonum.c -o omphellonum
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ ./omphellonum
Threads:3, Max:3
Threads:3, Max:3
Theads:3, Max:3
Hello from thread 0 of 1
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$

**Threads:4**

**Threads:5**

**Threads:5*
```

Inference

This program uses OpenMP to print information about the number of threads in the parallel region and then calls a function "say_hello" from within the parallel region to print a "Hello" message from each thread.

- > The **#pragma omp parallel** directive creates a team of threads and the enclosed block is executed by all the threads in the team.
- The printf statement within the parallel region prints information about the number of threads and the maximum number of threads. This is useful for understanding the configuration of the parallel execution environment.
- ➤ The say_hello function is called from within the parallel region, demonstrating the parallel execution of the function by multiple threads. Each thread prints its rank and the total number of threads.

Displaying the threads within the program or compilation

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<omp.h>
void say_hello(void)
{
        int myrank=omp_get_thread_num();
        int threadcount=omp_get_num_threads();
        printf("Hello from thread %d of %d\n", myrank,threadcount);
}
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
        omp_set_num_threads(4);
        #pragma omp parallel
        say_hello();
        return 0;
}
```

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ gcc -fopenmp omphellothread.c -o omphellothread
tvboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ ./omphellothread
Hello from thread 1 of 4
Hello from thread 0 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
Vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

- > The omp_get_thread_num() function retrieves the thread number within the team for each thread.
- > The omp get num threads() function retrieves the total number of threads in the team.

- > Since the number of threads is set to 4 explicitly, the output will likely show "Hello" messages from each of the 4 threads.
- The output might not be deterministic in terms of the order in which the threads print their messages, as the scheduling of threads is implementation-dependent.

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:-$ gcc -fopenmp omphellothread.c -o omphellothread
hello from thread 1 of 4
Hello from thread 0 of 4
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
vboxuser@Ubuntu:-$ gcc -fopenmp omphellothread.c -o omphellothread
vboxuser@Ubuntu:-$ OMP_NUM_THREADS=8 ./omphellothread
Hello from thread 2 of 4
Hello from thread 1 of 4
Hello from thread 3 of 4
vboxuser@Ubuntu:-$
```

- When we set the number of threads using "omp_set_num_threads" in the program, we are providing a directive to the OpenMP runtime to use a specific number of threads. The runtime system then attempts to create and use the specified number of threads during the parallel execution of the program.
- ➤ In the program, we use omp_set_num_threads(4) to programmatically set the number of threads to 4.
- ➤ However, the setting within the program is generally considered a default or a recommendation. It does not necessarily impose a strict constraint on the number of threads.

Scope of Variables

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int a=1, b=1, c=1, d=1;
    #pragma omp parallel num_threads(10) \
    private(a) shared(b) firstprivate(c)
    {
        printf("Hello World!\n");
        a++;
        b++;
        c++;
        d++;
    }
}
```

```
printf("a=\%d\n", a);
       printf("b=\%d\n", b);
       printf("c=\%d\n", c);
       printf("d=\%d\n", d);
       return 0;
}
```

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ gcc -fopenmp omphelloscope.c -o omphelloscope
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ ./omphelloscope
Hello World!
b=11
c=1
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

- Each thread in the parallel region will execute the "Hello World!" print statement. Since there are 10 threads (num threads(10)), we will see 10 "Hello World!" messages.
- The value of a outside the parallel region remains 1 because it was private to each thread inside the parallel region.
- > The final value of **b** is the sum of the increments made by all threads (1 increment per thread * 10 threads).
- The value of **c** outside the parallel region remains 1 because it was firstprivate to each thread inside the parallel region.
- The final value of **d** is the sum of the increments made by all threads (1 increment per thread * 10 threads).

Atomic, Critical

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
int main() {
  const int numIterations = 1000000;
  int sharedVar = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel for
  for (int i = 0; i < numIterations; ++i) {
    #pragma omp atomic
    sharedVar++; // Atomic operation to increment sharedVar safely
```

// Use of 'if' construct to conditionally increment sharedVar

```
#pragma omp critical
if (i % 2 == 0)
    sharedVar++;
}

printf("Final value of sharedVar: %d\n", sharedVar);

return 0;

vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ gcc -fopenmp ompatomic.c -o ompatomic
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$ ./ompatomic
Final value of sharedVar: 1475145
vboxuser@Ubuntu:~$
```

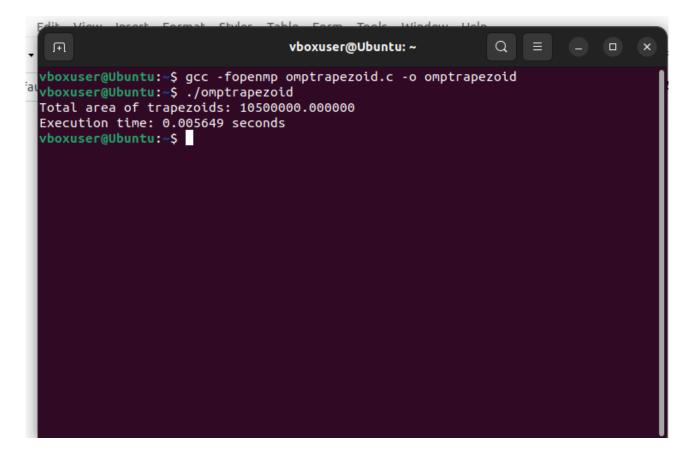
- > #pragma omp atomic is used to ensure the increment operation on sharedVar is atomic, preventing data races when multiple threads concurrently update the variable.
- *#pragma omp critical is used to create a critical section for the conditional increment, ensuring that only one thread at a time executes the code inside the critical section, avoiding potential race conditions.

Area of a Trapezoid

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
double calculateTrapezoidArea(double base1, double base2, double height) {
  return 0.5 * (base1 + base2) * height;
}
int main() {
  const int numTrapezoids = 1000000;
  const double base 1 = 2.0;
  const double base 2 = 5.0;
  const double height = 3.0;
  double total Area = 0.0;
  double startTime, endTime;
  // Record start time
  startTime = omp get wtime();
  #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:totalArea)
  for (int i = 0; i < numTrapezoids; ++i) {
    // Each thread calculates the area of its assigned trapezoid
    double trapezoidArea = calculateTrapezoidArea(base1, base2, height);
    // Sum up the areas using reduction clause
    totalArea += trapezoidArea;
```

```
// Record end time
endTime = omp_get_wtime();

printf("Total area of trapezoids: %f\n", totalArea);
printf("Execution time: %f seconds\n", endTime - startTime);
return 0;
}
```



- Calculate the total area of a large number of trapezoids in parallel.
- The #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:totalArea) directive is used to parallelize the loop, dividing the iterations among multiple threads.
- The reduction(+:totalArea) clause specifies that each thread should have its private copy of totalArea, and the final result should be obtained by summing up these private copies.
- The reduction(+:totalArea) clause ensures that the partial results from each thread are correctly combined using the addition (+) reduction operation.
- The use of reduction(+:totalArea) is essential to prevent race conditions and ensure the correctness of the final result.
- Without the reduction clause, multiple threads updating the shared totalArea simultaneously would lead to data races and incorrect results.

Multiplication of array size with random positive numbers

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define ARRAY SIZE 10000000 // 100 Million
double array1[ARRAY SIZE];
double array2[ARRAY SIZE];
double product parallel = 0.0;
double product serial = 0.0;
void initialize arrays() {
  for (int i = \overline{0}; i < ARRAY\_SIZE; i++) {
     array1[i] = (double)(rand() \% 1000 + 1); // Random positive numbers
     array2[i] = (double)(rand() \% 1000 + 1);
// Parallel Calculation
void calculate product parallel() {
  #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:product parallel)
  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY SIZE; i++) {
     product parallel += array1[i] * array2[i];
// Serial Calculation
double calculate product serial() {
  double local product = 0.0;
  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY SIZE; i++) {
     local product += array1[i] * array2[i];
  return local product;
int main() {
  srand(time(NULL));
  // Initialize arrays with random values
  initialize arrays();
  clock t start time, end time;
  // Measure execution time for parallel calculation
  start time = clock();
  // Calculate the product in parallel
  calculate product parallel();
  end time = clock();
  double parallel execution time = (double)(end time - start time) / CLOCKS PER SEC;
  // Measure execution time for serial calculation
  start time = clock();
  // Calculate the product in serial
  product serial = calculate product serial();
  end time = clock();
  double serial execution time = (double)(end time - start time) / CLOCKS PER SEC;
  printf("Parallel product: %lf\n", product parallel);
  printf("Serial product: %lf\n", product serial);
```

```
printf("Parallel execution time: %lf seconds\n", parallel_execution_time);
printf("Serial execution time: %lf seconds\n", serial_execution_time);

return 0;
}

vboxuser@Ubuntu: -$ gcc -fopenmp arraymul.c -o arraymul
vboxuser@Ubuntu: -$ ./arraymul
Parallel product: 2505327399880.000000
Serial product: 2505327399880.000000
Parallel execution time: 0.043830 seconds
Serial execution time: 0.066336 seconds
vboxuser@Ubuntu: -$
```

- Calculate the dot product of two arrays in both parallel and serial fashion.
- Measure and compare the execution times for parallel and serial calculations.
- The execution time in Open MP for the multiplication of array size using random positive numbers is much efficient compared to the parallelisation program using threads.
- > OpenMP provides a higher-level, directive-based approach to parallel programming, making it more accessible and easier to implement parallelization.
- ➤ OpenMP uses compiler directives (e.g., #pragma omp) to specify parallel regions, reducing the need for manual thread creation and synchronization.
- ➤ The implicit parallelism in OpenMP allows developers to express parallelism without explicitly managing threads.
- The dot product is calculated in parallel using OpenMP with the #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:product parallel) directive.
- Each thread calculates a portion of the dot product, and the reduction clause ensures the correct summation.
- The program aims to showcase the efficiency gains achieved through parallelization using OpenMP for a dot product calculation. The parallel version is expected to demonstrate faster execution, especially for large array sizes, leveraging multiple threads for parallel computation.

CUDA Programming

In CUDA Programming which would we prefer either block or thread?

The choice between using more threads or more blocks depends on the nature of the algorithm and the characteristics of the problem trying to solve.

Thread:

- A thread is the smallest unit of execution in a CUDA program.
- Threads are organized into blocks, and each thread has a unique identifier called a thread ID.
- Threads within the same block can cooperate and communicate through shared memory.
- Threads are suitable for tasks that can be parallelized at a fine-grained level.

Block:

- A block is a group of threads that can be scheduled and executed together on a streaming multiprocessor (SM) on the GPU.
- > Threads within the same block can synchronize and communicate through shared memory.
- ➤ Blocks are suitable for tasks that can be parallelized at a coarser level.

Difference between block and thread in working architecture

Thread:

- ➤ Basic Unit of Execution: A thread is the smallest unit of execution in a CUDA program. Each thread represents a single instance of the code that will be executed in parallel.
- Thread ID: Each thread within a GPU has a unique identifier known as a thread ID. This ID is often used to determine the data or task that a specific thread will operate on.
- ➤ Parallel Execution: Threads are designed to execute code concurrently, allowing for parallel processing of data.
- Threads within a block are executed concurrently on the GPU. The GPU's architecture is designed to efficiently handle a large number of threads running in parallel.

Block:

- ➤ Group of Threads: A block is a collection of threads that can be scheduled and executed together on a streaming multiprocessor (SM) of the GPU.
- Shared Memory: Threads within the same block can share data through shared memory, allowing for efficient communication and collaboration between threads in the same block.
- > Scheduling Unit: The block is the unit that is scheduled on an SM, and the threads within a block are scheduled to run on the available processing cores within that SM.
- ➤ Blocks are scheduled to run on streaming multiprocessors (SMs). The SMs execute the blocks in a way that optimizes resource utilization and throughput.

Which is best according to performance metrics either thread or block?

Thread-Level Parallelism (TLP):

Advantages:

- Fine-grained parallelism.
- Well-suited for data-parallel tasks where individual elements can be processed independently.

Considerations:

Large numbers of threads can lead to better utilization of GPU resources.

Block-Level Parallelism (BLP):

Advantages:

- ➤ Coarser parallelism.
- Threads within a block can cooperate and share data through shared memory.

➤ Well-suited for tasks where collaboration between threads is essential.

Considerations:

- Limited shared memory per block may need to be efficiently utilized.
- > Synchronization and coordination between threads in a block can be important.

The best configuration is problem-dependent, and achieving optimal performance often requires a balance between thread-level and block-level parallelism, efficient use of shared memory, and careful consideration of memory access patterns.

Provide the applications which are best in thread and block

Thread-Level Parallelism (TLP):

Data-Parallel Tasks:

Example Applications:

- ➤ Image processing (e.g., pixel-level operations).
- > Signal processing (e.g., per-sample operations).
- Matrix operations (e.g., element-wise operations).

Parallelism at Fine Granularity:

Example Applications:

- Parallel reduction tasks (e.g., summing elements of an array).
- > Element-wise operations on large arrays.
- Monte Carlo simulations.

Block-Level Parallelism (BLP):

Cooperative Tasks:

Example Applications:

- Parallel reduction within a block where threads need to cooperate.
- > Histogram computation within a block.
- Parallel reduction followed by block-wise results.

Shared Memory Communication:

Example Applications:

- > Stencil-based computations where neighboring elements' values are needed.
- Parallel reduction with intermediate results stored in shared memory.