

4.1

The speedup, depending on the number of n processors, can be determined from Amdahl's Law.

$$\begin{aligned}
 speedup &= \frac{1}{(1-p) + \frac{p}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-0.6) + \frac{0.6}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4 + \frac{0.6}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{n}{0.4n + 0.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

The maximum theoretical speedup happens when n approaches infinity, making the parallel portion take no time.

$$speedup_{max} = speedup_{n \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{0.4 + 0} = 2.5$$

4.2

We recalculate the speedup now with a 30% sequential program.

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_n &= \frac{1}{(1-p) + \frac{p}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-0.7) + \frac{0.7}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.3 + \frac{0.7}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{n}{0.3n + 0.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

The new speedup is double the original speedup, and the new sequential portion is decreased by a factor of k .

$$\begin{aligned}
 s'_n &\geq 2s_n \\
 \frac{n}{\frac{0.3n}{k} + 0.7} &\geq \frac{2n}{0.3n + 0.7} \\
 \frac{1}{\frac{0.3n}{k} + 0.7} &\geq \frac{2}{0.3n + 0.7} \\
 \frac{0.3n}{k} + 0.7 &\leq \frac{0.3n}{2} + \frac{0.7}{2} \\
 \frac{0.3n}{k} &\leq 0.15n - 0.35 \\
 k &\geq \frac{0.3n}{0.15n - 0.35}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.3

The sequential portion can be written as f , and the parallel portion as $1 - f$. The new sequential portion is now $f/3$, which affect the new parallel portion of now $1 - f/3$.

$$\begin{aligned}
s'_n &= 2s_n \\
\frac{1}{\frac{f}{3} + \frac{1-f/3}{n}} &= \frac{2}{f + \frac{1-f}{n}} \\
\frac{f}{3} + \frac{1-f/3}{n} &= \frac{f}{2} + \frac{1-f}{2n} \\
2f + \frac{6(1-f/3)}{n} &= 3f + \frac{3(1-f)}{n} \\
2f + \frac{6-2f}{n} &= 3f + \frac{3-3f}{n} \\
\frac{6-2f}{n} - \frac{3-3f}{n} &= f \\
\frac{6-2f-3+3f}{n} &= f \\
\frac{3+f}{n} &= f \\
3+f &= fn \\
3 &= fn - f = f(n-1) \\
f &= \frac{3}{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$