OpenMP: Open Multi-Processing

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Logistics

Today

- Wrap up PThreads
- OpenMP for shared memory machines

Reading

- Grama 7.10 (OpenMP)
- OpenMP Tutorial at Laurence Livermore National Labs

A2 is Up

- Due in 2 Weeks
- Problem 1: MPI Heat
- ▶ Problem 2/3: MPI K-Means

Take a quick tour

OpenMP: High-level Shared Memory Parallelism

- ► OpenMP = Open Multi-Processing ¹
- A standard, implemented by various folks, compiler-makers
- ► Targeted at shared memory machines: multiple processing elements sharing memory
- Specify parallelism in code with
 - Some function calls: which thread number am 1?
 - ▶ Directives: do this loop using multiple threads/processors
- Can orient program to work without need of additional processors - direct serial execution
- OpenMP targets multiple processors, new relative OpenACC which targets "accelerators" like GPUs with same ideas
- lacktriangle The *easiest* parallelism you'll likely get in C / C++ / Fortranger

¹Keep in mind that OpenMPI is one of the most common distributions of MPI for distributed memory parallelism. Unfortunately its name is very close to OpenMP which is for shared memory programming.

#pragma in C

The '#pragma' directive is the method specified by the C standard for providing additional information to the compiler, beyond what is conveyed in the language itself.

- GCC Manual
- Similar in to Java's annotations (@Override)
- Indicate meta-info about about code

```
printf("Normal execution\n");
```

```
#pragma do something special below
normal_code(x,y,z);
```

- Several other pragmas supported by gcc + preprocessor including
 - once: include a header file once only
 - poison: if a poisoned identifier is used, cause an error
 - dependency: warn if another file is newer than this one
 - Many that are architecture specific

OpenMP Basics

```
#pragma omp parallel
single_parallel_line();

#pragma omp parallel
{
   parallel_block();
   with_multiple(statements);
   done_in_parallel();
}
```

- Pragmas indicate a single line or block should be done in parallel.
- Examine omp_basics.c

Compiler Support for OpenMP

- Most modern compilers have support for OpenMP including...
- ► GCC, CLang/LLVM, Intel C/C++ Compiler, MS Visual Studio, NVidia HPC Tools; openmp.org maintains a tools list
- GCC supports OpenMP with appropriate options

```
>> gcc omp_basics.c  # no parallelism
>> gcc omp_basics.c -fopenmp  # enable parallelism
```

OpenMP was introduced in the mid 90's and has expanded and added features which are available depending on platform

GCC Version	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.9	6.0	9.0
OpenMP Version	2.5	3.0	3.1	4.0	4.5	5.0

Hints at OpenMP Implementation

- ▶ OpenMP \approx coarse-grained parallelism
- ▶ PThreads ≈ fine-grained parallelism
- ► From libGOMP Documentation (OMP library in GCC)

```
OMP CODE
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
        body;
    }
BECOMES
    void subfunction (void *data){
        use data;
        body;
    }
    setup data;
    GOMP_parallel_start (subfunction, &data, num_threads);
    subfunction (&data);
    GOMP_parallel_end ();
```

Not exactly a source transformation, but OpenMP can leverage many existing pieces of Posix Threads libraries.

Grama Sample Translation: OpenMP \rightarrow PThreads

```
int a, b;
main() {
    // serial segment
    #pragma omp parallel num_threads (8) private (a) shared (b)
        // parallel segment
    // rest of serial segment
                                            Sample OpenMP program
                       int a, b;
                       main()
                               serial segment
                 Code
                           for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
                                pthread create (....., internal thread fn name, ...);
             inserted by
            the OpenMP
                            for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
               compiler
                                pthread join (.....);
                            // rest of serial segment
                       void *internal thread fn name (void *packaged argument) [
                            int a:
                            // parallel segment
                                                               Corresponding Pthreads translation
```

Figure 7.4 A sample OpenMP program along with its Pthreads translation that might be performed by an OpenMP compiler.

OpenMP Thread Identification

- OpenMP divides computation into threads
- Nearly identical model to PThreads approach BUT not always implemented via PThreads (icc may use Intel Thread Building Blocks)
- Threads execute concurrently / in parallel, can have private data, shared data
- OpenMP provides basic id / environment functions for threads and synchronization constructs

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
   int thread_id = omp_get_thread_num();
   int num_threads = omp_get_num_threads();
   int work_per_thread = total_work / num_threads;
   ...;
}
```

Specifying Number of Threads

```
int main(){
  #pragma omp parallel
                                 // Default # threads based on system config
   run_with_max_num_threads();
  if (argc > 1) {
                                     // Number of threads based on command line
    omp_set_num_threads( atoi(argv[1]) );
  #pragma omp parallel
    run with current num threads();
  #pragma omp parallel num threads(2) // Number of threads as part of pragma
    run with two threads();
  int NT = 4;
                                     // Number of threads from program variable
  #pragma omp parallel num threads(NT)
   run with four threads();
>> OMP NUM THREADS=4 ./a.out // Set default via environment variable
```

Tricky Memory Issues Abound

Program Fragment

```
// omp shared variables.c
int main(){
 int id_shared=-1;
 int numThreads=0:
 #pragma omp parallel
   id shared = omp get thread num();
   numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
   printf("A: Hey from thread %d / %d\n",
           id shared, numThreads):
 printf("\n");
 #pragma omp parallel
   int id_private = omp_get_thread_num();
   numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
    printf("B: Hey from thread %d / %d\n",
           id private, numThreads);
```

Possible Output

```
A: Hello from thread 2 of 4
A: Hello from thread 3 of 4
A: Hello from thread 0 of 4
A: Hello from thread 0 of 4
B: Hello from thread 1 of 4
B: Hello from thread 3 of 4
B: Hello from thread 0 of 4
B: Hello from thread 2 of 4
```

Lessons

- OpenMP Threads share memory just like PThreads including heap, globals, any stack vars in main thread
- Threads share any stack variables NOT in parallel blocks
- Thread variables are private if declared inside parallel blocks
- Pragmas can be used to create private copies of otherwise shared variables
- Take care with shared variables: easy to accidentally share variables as programming language scope does not make sharing as obvious

Exercise: Pi Calc via OpenMP

Examine:

https://cs.umn.edu/~kauffman/5451/picalc_omp_reduction.c

Questions

- Contrast the structure of the program with PThreads version
- How is the number of threads used to run determined?
- What is the business with reduction(+: total_hits)?
- Can variables like points_per_thread be moved out of the parallel block?
- Do you expect speedup for this computation?

Answers: Pi Calc via OpenMP

- ➤ Contrast the structure of the program with PThreads version Shorter and sweeter, no need for auxiliary function, casting, loops to create/join threads.
- ► How is the number of threads used to run determined? From the command line and set via the function omp_set_num_threads()
- What is the business with reduction(+: total_hits)? Performs a reduction on shared variable total_hits: correct results + performance; more in a moment...
- Can variables like points_per_thread be moved out of the parallel block? points_per_thread and num_threads can be shared; thread_id and state should NOT be shared.
- ➤ Do you expect speedup for this computation? Yes - get nearly linear speedup and correct results with less effort than PThreads version.

Exercise: Placement of Variables vs Runtime

Analyze these two examples and explain the timing difference

```
// (A) picalc_omp_reduction.c
                                   // (B) picalc_omp_rand_contention.c:
#pragma omp parallel ...
                                    unsigned int state =
                                      123456789;
  unsigned int state =
                                    #pragma omp parallel...
    123456789 * thread id;
                                      . . .
  double x =
                                     double x =
    ((double) rand_r(&state))...
                                        ((double) rand_r(&state))...
TIMING
                                   TIMING
>> time a.out 75000000 4
                                    >>  time -p a.out 7500000004
                                   npoints: 75000000
npoints: 75000000
hits: 58910475
                                   hits: 58910901
pi_est: 3.141892
                                   pi_est: 3.141915
real 0m0.291s
                                   real 0m1.200s
user 0m1.125s
                                   user 0m4.285s
     0m0.004s
                                           0m0.001s
SVS
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```

Answers: Placement of Variables vs Runtime

- ► (A) picalc_omp_reduction.c places the state variable within the parallel region becomes **thread private**
- ► (B) picalc_omp_rand_contention.c places it state outside so it is a **shared variable** among threads
- ► Each call to rand_r() must alter state so there is memory contention around it

Note on rand()

- rand_r() is reentrant and thread-safe
 - When programming in multi-threaded contexts look for these qualities
 - ► *Note:* When calling rand_r() in multiple threads with the same state variable, likely to lose "randomness"
- rand() is another matter...
 - Generates random numbers a la int r = rand();
 - ▶ Uses a "hidden" global variable to track generator state
 - For many moons, was NOT thread safe
 - Most Linux / GLIBC implementations are thread safe, but...
 - Likely use a mutex to protect the state variable slowing things down considerably...

Reductions in OpenMP

```
omp_picalc.c used a reduction() clause
// operation --+ +-- variable
// V V
#pragma omp parallel reduction(+: total_hits)
{
    ...;
    total_hits++;
}
```

- Shared var total_hits is updated "properly" and reasonably efficiently
 - May exploit the fact that addition is transitive can be done in any order
 - Likely to introduce a private version of reduction variable for each thread then reduce over threads at the end
 - Alternatively may utilize a mutex or hardware atomic ops
- Most other arithmetic ops available
- Statement of policy rather than mechanism

OpenMP Atomic Pragmas

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    ...;
    #pragma omp atomic
    total_hits++;
}
```

- Use atomic hardware instruction available
- Restricted to single operations, usually arithmetic
- ightharpoonup No hardware support ightharpoonup compilation problem

```
#pragma omp atomic
printf("woot"); // compile error
```

Alternative: Critical Block

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    ...;
    #pragma omp critical
    {
        total_hits++;
    }
}
```

- Not restricted to hardware supported ops
- Uses locks to restrict access to a single thread

Reduction vs. Atomic vs. Critical

- omp_picalc_alt.c has commented out versions of for each of reduction, atomic, and critical
- ► Examine timing differences between the three choices

lila [openmp-code]% gcc omp_picalc_alt.c -fopenmp
lila [openmp-code]% time -p a.out 100000000 4
npoints: 100000000

hits: 78541717 pi_est: 3.141669

real ??? - Elapsed (wall) time
user ??? - Total user cpu time
sys ??? - Total system time

Time	Threads	real	user	sys
Serial	1	1.80	1.80	0.00
Reduction	4	0.52	2.00	0.00
Atomic	4	2.62	9.98	0.00
Critical	4	9.02	34.46	0.00

Exercise: No Reduction for You

```
int total hits=0;
#pragma omp parallel reduction(+: total hits)
  int num threads = omp get num threads();
  int thread_id = omp_get_thread_num();
  int points_per_thread = npoints / num_threads;
  unsigned int state = 123456789 * thread id;
  for (int i = 0; i < points_per_thread; i++) {</pre>
    double x = ((double) rand r(&state)) / ((double) RAND MAX);
    double y = ((double) rand_r(&state)) / ((double) RAND_MAX);
    if (x*x + y*y <~ 1.0){
      total hits++;
```

- Alter picalc to NOT use reduction clause
- Use alternative like atomic or critical
- ▶ **Goal:** achieve same/better speed as reduction version

Answers: No Reduction for You

```
// picalc_omp_atomic.c:
#pragma omp parallel
  int num_threads = omp_get_num_threads();
  int thread_id = omp_get_thread_num();
  int points_per_thread = npoints / num_threads;
  int my_hits = 0;  // private count
 unsigned int state = 123456789 * thread id;
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < points per thread; i++) {
    double x = ((double) rand r(&state)) / ((double) RAND MAX);
    double y = ((double) rand_r(&state)) / ((double) RAND_MAX);
    if (x*x + y*y \le 1.0){
     my_hits++;
  #pragma omp atomic
 total hits += my hits; // lock total hits before updating
```

Thread Variable Declarations

Pragmas can specify that variables are either shared or private. See omp_private_variables.c

```
tid = -1:
// #pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp parallel shared(tid)
  tid = omp_get_thread_num();
 printf("Hello World from thread = %d\n", tid);
tid = -1:
#pragma omp parallel private(tid)
  tid = omp_get_thread_num();
  printf("Hello World from thread = %d\n", tid);
```

Also available

- shared which is mostly redundant
- firstprivate guarantees initialization with shared value
- ▶ All of these are subsumed by lexical scoping in modern C

Parallel Loops: OpenMP's Killer Feature

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++) {
  int id = omp_get_thread_num();
  printf("Thread %d doing iter %d\n", ▶ OpenMP supports
         id, i);
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Thread 0 doing iter 0
Thread 0 doing iter 1
Thread 0 doing iter 2
Thread 0 doing iter 3
Thread 2 doing iter 8
Thread 2 doing iter 9
Thread 2 doing iter 10
Thread 2 doing iter 11
Thread 1 doing iter 4
Thread 1 doing iter 5
```

. . .

- parallelism for independent loop iterations
- Note variable i is declared in loop scope
- Iterations automatically divided between threads in a blocked fashion
- **Assumption**: Loop Iterations are independent

Exercise: OpenMP Matrix Vector Multiply

```
// matvec_serial.c: Matrix/vector multiply demo
for(i=0; i<rows; i++){
  for(j=0; j<cols; j++){
    result[i] += matrix[i][j] * vector[j];
  }
}</pre>
```

- Describe 3 ways one might parallelize this operation
- Write OpenMP #pragmas for each
- Note: reduction on an array variables varies based on OpenMP version

Answers: OpenMP Matrix Vector Multiply

```
// Outer for loop multiplication
#pragma omp parallel for
for(int i=0; i<rows; i++){</pre>
  for(int j=0; j<cols; j++){</pre>
    result[i] += matrix[i][j] * vector[j];
// Inner for loop multiplication: reduction
// on result[i] added in recent OpenMP
for(int i=0; i<rows; i++){</pre>
  #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:result[i])
  for(int j=0; j<cols; j++){</pre>
    result[i] += matrix[i][j] * vector[j];
// Outer and Inner for loop multiplication
#pragma omp parallel for
for(int i=0; i<rows; i++){</pre>
  #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:result[i])
  for(int j=0; j<cols; j++){</pre>
    result[i] += matrix[i][j] * vector[j];
```

Timing Differences

Circa 2017 Today # Desktop # Laptop >> gcc omp_matvec_timing.c -fopenmp >> gcc matvec_omp.c -03 -fopenmp # SKINNY # SKINNY >> a.out 20000 10000 >> ./a.out 20000 10000 Outer: 0.2851 Outer: 0.1568 Inner: 0.2022 Inner: 0.1888 Both : 0.2191 Both : 0.1515 # FAT # FAT > a.out 10000 20000 >> ./a.out 10000 20000 Outer: 0.2486 Outer: 0.1490 Inner: 0.1911 Inner: 0.1869 Both : 0.2118 Both : 0.1484 > export OMP NESTED=true >> export OMP_MAX_ACTIVE_LEVELS=2 > a.out 20000 10000 >> ./a.out 20000 10000 Outer: 0.2967 Outer : 0.1559 Inner: 0.2027 Inner: 0.1935 Both: 1.1783 : 3.5133 Both

Nested Parallelism Control

- By default nested parallelism is disabled for most GCC versions
- ► Like other aspects of OpenMP, can control nested parallelism via function calls like

```
// Old but Deprecated
omp_set_nested(1); // ON
omp_set_nested(0); // OFF
// NEW
omp_set_max_active_levels(2);
```

Can also be specified via environment variables

- Env. Vars are handy for experimentation
- Other Features such as loop scheduling are controllable via directives, function calls, or environment variables

Syntax Note

```
#pragma omp parallel
  #pragma omp for
  for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {
    int id = omp_get_thread_num();
    printf("Thread %d did iter %d\n",
           id, i);
printf("\n");
// ABOVE AND BELOW IDENTICAL
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {
  int id = omp_get_thread_num();
  printf("Thread %d did iter %d\n",
         id, i);
printf("\n");
```

- Directives for OpenMP can be separate or coalesced
- Code on top and bottom are parallelized the same way
- ► In top code, removing first #pragma removes parallelism

Loop Scheduling - 4 Types

Static

- So far only done static scheduling with fixed size chunks
- ► Threads get fixed size chunks in rotating fashion
- Great if each iteration has same work load

Dynamic

- Threads get fixed chunks but when done, request another chunk
- Incurs more overhead but balances uneven load better

Guided

- Hybrid between static/dynamic, start with each thread taking a "big" chunk
- When a thread finishes, requests a "smaller" chunk, next request is smaller

Runtime

- Environment variables (OMP_SCHEDULE) used to select one of the others
- Flexible but requires user awareness

Basic Loop Scheduling

```
// omp_loop_scheduling.c, assumes OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
const int REPS = 16;
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(static)
for (int i = 0: i < REPS: i++) \{ // \text{ thr 0: } 0-3, \text{ thr 1: } 4-7 \}
                                  // thr 2: 8-11.thr 4: 12-15
  . . .
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(static,2)
for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) { // thr 0: 0,1,8,9 thr 1: 2,3,10,11
                                  // thr 2: 4,5,12,13 thr 3: 6,7,14,15
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(dynamic,2)
for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) { // varies, all start with 2 iters
                                  // request more as completed
  . . .
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(guided)
for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {
                                 // varies, start with large chunks
                                 // request smaller chunks
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(runtime)
for (int i = 0; i < REPS; i++) {
                                 // controlled via environment var
  . . .
                                 // ex: OMP SCHEDULE=static
```

Code for Loop Scheduling

- omp_loop_scheduling.c demonstrates loops of each kind with printing
- omp_guided_schedule.c longer loop to demonstrate iteration scheduling during Guided execution

Exercise: Spell Checking

- Consider a spell checking problem
- Look up each word in a document in a dictionary to determine correct spelling
- ▶ If document word is not in the dictionary, report a misspelling

```
// fragment from spellcheck_omp.c
for (int i=0; i < document->word_count; i++) {
  int result =
    linear_search(dictionary, document->words[i]);
  if(result == -1){
    misspelled++;
  }
}
```

Questions

- Parallelize the "outer" loop over words or the "inner" loop that is linear_search()
- 2. Which type of loop schedule seems to make the most sense? Static? Dynamic? Guided?

Answers: Spell Checking

1. Parallelize the "outer" loop over words or the "inner" loop that is linear search()

For a large number of words, outer "word" loop makes more sense than inner loop: induces less thread statup overhead. For a small number of words, may be more worthwhile to parallelize inner loop.

2. Which type of loop schedule seems to make the most sense? Static? Dynamic? Guided?

Dynamic or Guided makes more sense. Especially with linear_search(), expect that some checks will take longer than others which means a Static schedule may lead to some threads with much more work than others.

Example Runs on Spellcheck w/ Word Loop Parallelized

```
>> time OMP_SCHEDULE=static spellcheck_omp ...
                                                      >> time OMP_SCHEDULE=dynamic spellcheck_omp ...
threads = 8
                                                      threads = 8
misspelled: 0
                                                      misspelled: 0
Thread 0 work: 110803941
                                                      Thread 0 work: 851351653
                                                      Thread 1 work: 887921206
Thread 1 work: 332426710
                                                      Thread 2 work: 908569538
Thread 2 work: 554049479
                                                      Thread 3 work: 893075776
Thread 3 work: 775672248
                                                      Thread 4 work: 882219930
Thread 4 work: 997295017
Thread 5 work: 1218917786
                                                      Thread 5 work: 873179476
Thread 6 work: 1440540555
                                                      Thread 6 work: 904986970
Thread 7 work: 1662044229
                                                      Thread 7 work: 890445416
Total work: 7091749965
                                                      Total work: 7091749965
       0m12.110s
                                                             0m7.877s
real
                                                      real
        0m53 495s
                                                      user
                                                              1m0 578s
user
svs
       0m0 008s
                                                      svs
                                                              0m0 011s
>> time OMP_SCHEDULE=guided spellcheck_omp ...
                                                      >> time OMP_SCHEDULE=static,1 spellcheck_omp ...
threads = 8
                                                      threads = 8
misspelled: 0
                                                      misspelled: 0
Thread 0 work: 901203843
                                                      Thread 0 work: 886431528
Thread 1 work: 892041145
                                                      Thread 1 work: 886446415
Thread 2 work: 897067217
                                                      Thread 2 work: 886461302
Thread 3 work: 895931158
                                                      Thread 3 work: 886476189
Thread 4 work: 850295834
                                                      Thread 4 work: 886491076
Thread 5 work: 892967175
                                                      Thread 5 work: 886505963
Thread 6 work: 896993276
                                                      Thread 6 work: 886520850
Thread 7 work: 865250317
                                                      Thread 7 work: 886416642
Total work: 7091749965
                                                      Total work: 7091749965
       0m8.853s
                                                              0m7.665s
real
                                                      real
       1m9 492s
                                                      user 1m0 295s
user
      0m0.031s
                                                      sys
                                                              0m0.011s
SVS
```

Notes on Spellcheck

- ▶ Pure static scheduling does not balance the work well
- Dynamic / Guided gives reasonable performance improvement over pure Static scheduling
- Specific instance of
 - >> spellcheck_omp english-words.txt english-words.txt allows for block-cyclic distribution for 0-overhead fair distribution of work
- Most problems where work distribution is unknown benefit from dynamic or guided scheduling

Sections: Non-loopy Parallelism

- Independent code can be "sectioned" with threads taking different sections.
- Good to parallelize distinct independent execution paths
- See omp_sections.c

```
#pragma omp sections
  #pragma omp section
    printf("Thread %d computing d[]\n",
           omp_get_thread_num());
    for (i=0; i < N; i++)
      d[i] = a[i] * b[i];
  #pragma omp section
  printf("Thread %d chillin' out\n",
         omp_get_thread_num());
```

Locks in OpenMP

- ► Implicit parallelism/synchronization is awesome but...
- Occasionally need more fine-grained control
- Lock facilities provided to enable mutual exclusion
- Each of these have analogues in PThreads we will discuss later

```
void omp_init_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);  // create
void omp_destroy_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);  // destroy
void omp_set_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);  // wait to obtain
void omp_unset_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);  // release
int omp_test_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);  // check, don't wait
```

OpenMP Thread Pools

- ▶ By default, OpenMP + GCC makes use of **thread pools**
- Once a thread is started, it remains active, associated with the running process
- Tradeoff is
 - 1. Thread startup overhead is reduced after the first parallel block
 - System load is constant for an OpenMP program: finishing a parallel block does NOT release OS resources for threads
- Generally this is favorable for most HPC applications

Experiment with omp_thread_pool.c to see this.

Exercise: K-Means OpenMP

- Review code on K-Means
- Answer some questions about OpenMP