**Assignment2 Report (CSE436, Summer 2016)**

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1. Backgrounds and Motivation

Programmers are always looking into new ways to improve the performance of algorithms. As hardware reaching its limit to improve serial code execution time, parallel programming is increasingly used. However, executing code in parallel causes overhead due to idling, data communication, and more. In this assignment 2, sum and matrix multiplication algorithms are implemented in both serial and parallel. The performance (execution time), speedup, efficiency, overhead, and cost are compared for both algorithms to understand the benefit and side effect of parallel execution, and determine the number of threads and scheduling policy to achieve better performance.

2. Function Implementation Description

**sum.c parallel function**

Before entering into parallel region, total amount of numbers are divided by number of tasks to determine left over. Left over identified which thread needs to perform extra work to sum all numbers. Inside parallel region, each thread obtains its thread id (tid), and determines the start and end of loop by dividing total number with number of threads (tasks) and multiply by tid. In the first for loop, all numbers are added to temporary local variable to increase memory access. Next, only threads whose id is less than left over add left over numbers. Finally, resulting partial result is copied to shared array to carry result out of parallel region. At the end, all elements of array are added to the result.

**sum.c parallel for function**

This function is mostly same as serial implementation of code except adding parallel for directives to enable penalization. After declaring local variables, parallel region is created with number of tasks. Just before the for loop, for directive is added with “schedule (runtime)”. This enables various scheduling policy implementation of changing OMP\_SCHEDULE without re-compilation. Partially calculated results by each threads are added together by “reduction (+:result)”. Also, “nowait” is added to for directive to remove barrier as there is one at end of parallel region.

**mm.c parallel row function**

First, the function sets number of threads to launch and enters the parallel region. Inside, row size of matrix A (N) is divided by number of tasks and multiplied by tid to determine the start and end of first loop for each thread. This enables each thread to work on different portion of row during the matrix multiplication to perform row-wise decomposition. Other than replacing start and end of first for loop, rest of code is same as serial function.

**mm.c parallel col function**

First, the function sets number of threads to launch and enters the parallel region. Compare to previous function, this function performs column-wise decomposition. Therefore, column size of matrix B (M) is divided by number of tasks and multiplied by tid to determine the start and end of second for loop. As a result, each thread get different portion of columns to work on. Other than start and end of second loop, rest of code is same as serial function.

**mm.c parallel rowcol function**

**mm.c parallel for row function**

The body of this function is essentially same as serial implementation. The omp\_set\_num\_threads(num\_tasks) defines the number of threads launched when entering parallel region. After the local variable declaration, parallel region is created. As this function performs row-wise decomposition, for directive is placed just before first for loop in order to share the work. Scheduling is performed with static policy. It is notable that “no wait” is placed in for directive as there is also barrier at end of parallel region.

**mm.c parallel for col function**

This function is similar to previous function except the method of decomposition. As this function performs column-wise decomposition, for directive is placed just before second for loop to work share columns of second input matrix.

**mm.c parallel for rowcol function**

This function is also similar to previous function except it needs to decompose the operation in both row-wise and column-wise. Since it is against the OpenMP rules to place nested for directives inside signal parallel region, collapse (2) directive is used with for directive to collapse first two loops into single loop, and perform work sharing on combined loop.

3. Performance Report

All of performance data collection is done on lennon.secs.oakland.edu Linux server via VPN connection.

4. Conclusion

References