**Performance Analysis of Pthreads, OpenMP, and MPI.**

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**Hardware Specifications**

The programs were ran on the same hardware to keep the testing environment constant between the different programs. The machines were constrained to ‘elves’ which contain two 8-Core Xeon E5-2690 processors or a two 10-Core Xeon E5-2690 V2 processors.

**System Specifications**

The OS Beocat is using is the CentOS Linux. The Linux kernel is the 3.10.0 – 957.1.3.el7.x86\_64. The code is compiled using the GCC version 4.8.5 (Red Hat 4.8.5-36). Slurm version is 18.08.6-2

**OpenMP Software Architecture**

The number of threads is passed in as a command line argument. The file is read into memory, each line read from the file is placed into an index of our wiki\_dump array. That array is then iterated over using the ‘#pragma omp parallel for’, this distributes the iterations among the threads. Inside the for loop the call to our ‘algorithm’ is made where it compares the line index passed with the line after. Algorithm is also passed a reference to the wiki\_dump array. Each separate call to ‘algorithm’ processes another line from wiki\_dump. When a substring is found the corresponding index into the ‘longestCommonSubstring’ is allocated and the substring is copied into the place. Once ‘#pragma omp parallel for’ loop is done the time and memory use is collected and printed out.

**Pthread Software Architecture**

The number of threads is passed in as a command line argument and the file is read into memory with the same process as the OpenMP version. A loop iterates through the number of threads. Inside each iteration a algorithmArgs\_t structure is allocated which contains a reference to the longestCommonSubstring array, a reference to the populated wiki\_dump array, and a start and stop index to process of the wiki\_dump array. This struct is passed in as the final argument into the pthread\_create function call. The algorithm is passed as the function to run to the pthread\_create function. Because the struct must be passed as a (void \*) in ‘algorithm’ we must cast the parameter to its appropriate type to extract the fields out of the object. A for loop inside ‘algorithm’ causes the threads to perform the substring identification process across its section of wiki\_dump array between the start and stop bounds passed inside the struct. When a substring is found its corresponding place in longestCommonSubstring is allocated and the substring is copied into its place. After each thread finishes its section it exits. The pthreads are then combined with pthread\_join command and the output is printed by the main thread.

**OpenMPI Software Architecture**

The implementation of MPI was completed differently than Pthreads and OpenMPI. We wanted to eliminate as much sending of data as possible to increase processing time and we did that by eliminating all data sending. Every process has access to the ‘wiki\_dump.txt’ file in the 625 directory, every process knows the number of overall tasks and its own rank. The beginning of our MPI implementation starts with finding a chunk size by dividing the ‘linesToProcess’ by the number of tasks. From there, each task can find its own section of the ‘wiki\_dump.txt’ by using its rank and the chunk size. Each task allocates its own ‘wiki\_dump’ array equal to the chunk size and reads the ‘wiki\_dump.txt’ file and places its section of the file into its own ‘wiki\_dump’ array. Each process also allocates its own ‘longestCommonSubstring’ which is of equal size to chunk size and the ‘wiki\_dump’ array. When the process finds a substring it places it into the appropriate part in its ‘longestCommonSubstring’ array. We have an MPI\_Barrier that causes processes to wait for all the processes to complete after ‘algorithm’ is done working. The output is printed in order by using MPI\_Send and corresponding MPI\_Recv calls to synchronize the data being printed in order. Then the processes print out their memory usage and the rank 0 process prints out the time it took to complete ‘algorithm’.

**Performance Analysis**

In the performance analysis we talk about the memory usage of physical and virtual memory and have a discussion regarding the relationship between the run time and the cores.

**OpenMP**

Our OpenMP implementation is the simplest using only a few commands to parallelize the code. These are compiler directives which remove almost all the synchronization and parallelization work from us. The fastest run time was our 16 core run which had almost and 8 time speed up compared to our 2 core run. The runs were ran 5 times each to get a more accurate average run time.

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| CORES | AVG TIME |
| 2 | 5929354.327 |
| 4 | 3048689.436(2x) |
| 8 | 1499640.189(4x) |
| 16 | 784306.6495(7.5x) |

The virtual memory usage by the 2 core run was 8733.124 MB while the 4 core run was close to 8804.152 MB and the 16 core run was 10161.300 MB. This is likely related to inefficient memory usage and incorrect freeing of objects that were allocated throughout the program. The physical memory used by the 2 core run was 6291.641 MB while the 4 core run came near 8747.052 MB and our 16 core run had close to 9179.347 MB of physical memory use. Between all the runs the 2 core run stood out because the physical memory used was much lower than the virtual memory assigned. A difference of almost 2000 MB between the values while among the higher core jobs the two memories remained relatively close.

The graph below shows the run time in milliseconds vs the number of cores used. Here we can see that the slowest run time is the 2 core job and the fastest run time is the 16 core job. The speed up between the job run times is about 7.5 times between the 2 to 16 core jobs. Each time the core amount double (2 to 4 to 8 to 16), the run time almost cuts itself in half.

**Pthreads**

Pthreads are less of an abstraction than OpenMP giving us more control and power over the code implementation. This also gives more room for errors because of the control. Each run was also ran 5 times and the times were averaged among them to get a more accurate result.

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| CORES | AVG TIME |
| 2 | 7430600.67 |
| 4 | 3629459.219(2x) |
| 8 | 1907212.886(3.8x) |
| 16 | 992055.6264(7.5x) |

The virtual memory used by the 2 core job was 1774.23MB, the 4 core job had 2013.45MB and the 16 core job was given 2872.016MB. While the physical memory used by the 2 core job was 1691.63 MB, the 4 core job used 1691.59MB, the 16 core job used 1694.14MB. The physical memory remained very constant throughout the runs while the virtual memory fluctuated and increased as the number of cores increased. The biggest difference between the physical and virtual memory comes at the 16 core job which has almost 8000 MB more virtual memory than physical memory.

The graph below shows the run time vs the cores used of pthreads for processing the wiki\_dump.txt file. The graph shows that the slowest run time was the 2 core run having about 2 hours of run time while the fastest run time was our 16 core job which ran in about 16 minutes. This is close to a 7.5 times speed up from the 2 core job. From this trend it seems to show that as the core number doubles the run time is almost cut in half.

**MPI**

MPI allows us to run distributed programs meaning that they are placed on different machines. While in OpenMP and Pthreads latency was not an issue because there was no need for communication, with MPI latency can cause the overall run time to be slower. However, our implementation removed the need for much of the communication making latency almost have no effect on the run time.

The table below shows the run time with the left column showing how many nodes and how many tasks were requested and the right column showing the overall run time in milliseconds.

We are using the 1 NODE 2 TASKs(Cores) as the base case from which all comparisons are done.

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| CORE/PROCESS | AVG TIME |
| 1 NODE 2 TASK | 2448511.855 |
| 1 NODE 4 TASK | 1198931.825(2x) |
| 1 NODE 8 TASK | 745807.4452(3.2x) |
| 2 NODE 1 TASK | 2430192.893(0x) |
| 2 NODE 2 TASK | 1284412.489(2x) |
| 2 NODE 4 TASK | 943385.153(2.6x) |
| 2 NODE 8 TASK | 450769.6562(5.4x) |
| 4 NODE 1 TASK | 1261922.666(2x) |
| 4 NODE 2 TASK | 702071.1328(3.5x) |
| 4 NODE 4 TASK | 405994.088(6x) |
| 4 NODE 8 TASK | 251912.2472(9.7x) |
| 8 NODE 1 TASK | 673953.748(3.6x) |
| 8 NODE 2 TASK | 387103.1594(6.3x) |
| 8 NODE 4 TASK | 257629.9768(9.5x) |
| 8 NODE 8 TASK | 122586.4926(20x) |

For the 1Node 2Task job the virtual memory usage across all tasks was equal to 9511.21 MB, the physical memory usage across all tasks 6215.24 MB.