Parallel Computing for Science & Engineering (PCSE 374C/394C)

About the OpenMP process and data model

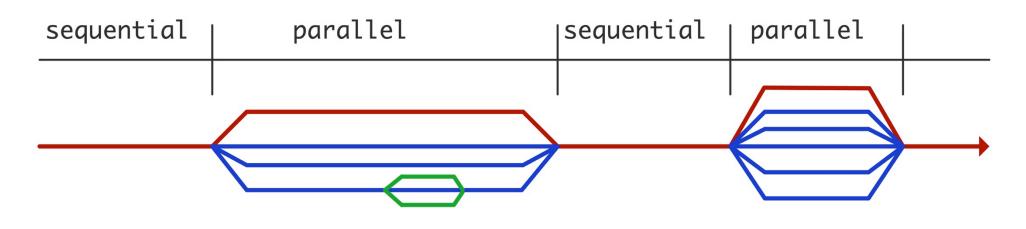
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Parallel regions

- OpenMP uses fork/join parallelism
- Fork: one thread splits itself into a team
- Join: the team dissolves and only the original thread remains.
- This can be done recursively.





OpenMP parallel regions

- C: pragma followed by statement or block
- Fortran: delimiting `sentinel' comments.

```
#pragma omp parallel
  // single statement

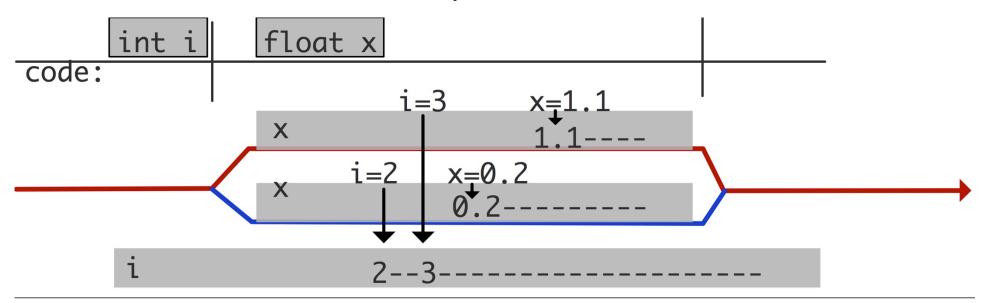
#pragma omp parallel
{
    // block of statements
}

!$OMP parallel
    ! sequence of statements
!$OMP end parallel
```



Private and shared data

- OpenMP threads are based on shared memory: when they are are created they see everything from the initial thread
- Threads can also have private data





Data in parallel regions

- C: local allocation is possible
- Fortran: make data private by using a clause
- (clauses can also be used in C)

```
int i;
#pragma omp parallel
{
   double x;
   i = ... // global assignment
   x = ... // local assignment
}

integer :: i
double :: x
!$OMP parallel private(x)
   i = ... ! global
   x = ... ! local
!$OMP end parallel
```

