FINM 32950: Intro to HPC in Finance Lecture 3

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Structured Parallel Programming

High Level Constructs for Parallel Programming

Monte Carlo



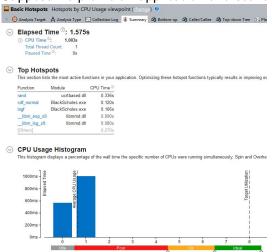
Road Map

We discussed some important concepts about multithreading:

- creating threads
- thread synchronization
- critical sections
- race conditions
- mutual exclusions
- locks
- deadlocks
- atomics

Problem

- Our goal: use threads to write parallel programs.
- Suppose we profile an application and see low CPU utilization:



Which part/parts can be run in parallel?

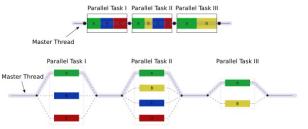
Pattern Based Approach

- We will learn how to do this in a structured way using a pattern-based approach.
- Patterns are widely used in software engineering.
- Capture best practices to solve common problems in a particular domain.
- ▶ Parallel Patterns: capture known solutions and best practices to solve known problems in parallel program design.
- We can use one or more parallel patterns to design a program.
- In this course, we will:
 - introduce some common parallel patterns
 - implement them (homework)
 - use them as high level design tools to write parallel programs

Parallel Patterns

Folk-join

Very common programming pattern as shown below¹

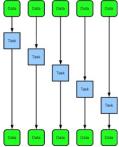


- Generally, this pattern involves:
 - serial work
 - parallel work
 - wait for all parallel work to finish
 - go to next task

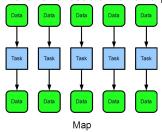
¹figure source: wikipedia

Map

- Map pattern involves applying an operation to all elements in a sequence.
- ► This operation produces a new collection with the same shape as the input.
- Serial execution of this pattern takes the form of:



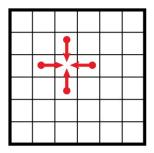
Parallel execution of this pattern takes the form of:



- ▶ The operation is known as *elemental function*.
- ► The elemental function should not modify shared (global) data that other instances depend on.
- ► E.g.: Assignment A, Assignment B

Stencil

► Here the elemental function access an element in a sequence and its neighbors.



► E.g.: Moving average, finite difference.

Reduction

- ► A reduction combines elements in a collection into a single element.
- ➤ A simple example would be computing the sum of elements in a vector.
- ▶ A function used in reduction is known as the combiner function.
- ► E.g.: Monte Carlo.

Pipeline

- Pipeline is a very common example/concept in everyday life.
- E.g. Assembly line of a car factory.



- Performs a specific task on an item at each station.
- Move the item to the next station for the next task.

- ▶ Next item takes the place of an item when it leaves a station.
- All stations are busy.



▶ Widely used in Processor/FPGA designs.

Many Patterns

- We looked at some patterns we plan to use in this course.
- ► There are many more:
 - Scan
 - Scatter
 - Gather
 - Futures
 - Search
 - **...**
- ▶ A detailed discussion of all common parallel patterns is beyond the scope of this course.
- ► Recommended reading: Structured Parallel Programming² is a great resource for further studies on the subject.

²See course references for details

Assignment 1 - Required

- Due: April 12 by midnight.
- ▶ Implement any 2 patterns below using threads (std::thread) to demonstrate how the pattern works.
 - Folk-join
 - Map
 - Stencil
 - Reduction
- ➤ Your program doesn't have to do anything *meaningful*. Great if it does.
- ► For example, an elemental function can just be a cout statement.

Using Threads: Difficulties

- We have seen how to use threads to do work in parallel.
- Using std::thread is not easy (low level construct):
 - How many threads to use is not clear
 - Load balancing difficult
 - Doesn't scale
- ► Topics we discussed are very important:
 - Need a good foundation to understand how threads are used to write parallel programs
 - ▶ Learn related concepts: critical sections, data races, locks etc.
- We are going to discuss a different way/approach to use threads next.



High Level Constructs for Concurrency

- We will look at some high level programming constructs for parallel programming.
- Express parallelism at high-level hiding low-level implementation details.
- Useful for the beginner and the experienced programmer, alike.
- Advantages:
 - Clarity
 - Ease of use (increase productivity)
 - Less error prone
 - Scalability

- Popular high-level constructs:
 - 1. OpenMP: very popular
 - 2. (Intel) Threading Building Blocks (TBB): many features
 - 3. (Microsoft) Parallel Patterns Library (PPL): features similar to TBB
 - 4. C++ Standard Library
- We don't have to use only one solution. We can mix-and-match.

OpenMP (Open specification for Multi Processing)

OpenMP

- Very popular model.
- Provides a simple approach to develop parallel code, using:
 - 1. compiler directives
 - 2. functions
 - 3. environment variables
- We don't have to use all 3 of them (some features overlap).
- Implemented based on a specification³ developed by industry participants, including, IBM, Intel, Oracle and several others⁴.

³www.openmp.org

⁴Microsoft is no longer a member.

- Write parallel code in a platform (compiler, OS) neutral manner:
 - Works on many OSs:
 - 1 Windows
 - 2. (Various flavors of) Unix and Linux
 - Popular compiler support:
 - 1. Visual C++ supports OpenMP 2.0⁵
 - https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/ improved-openmp-support-for-cpp-in-visual-studio/
 - 3. Intel, gcc are more up-to-date.
 - Supports different programming languages:
 - 1. C++
 - 2. C
 - 3. Fortran

⁵https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/0ca2w8dk.aspx

OpenMP: Example 1

► Code below shows a simple *Hello World* program written using OpenMP directives:

```
#include <omp.h>
int main()
{
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
       cout << "Hello, world" << endl;
    }
}</pre>
```

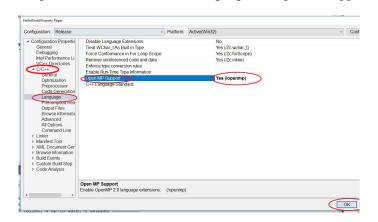
- ► The OpenMP uses compiler directives to make regions of code execute in parallel:
 - ▶ We don't create threads explicitly
 - We instruct the compiler what to do
 - Compiler generates appropriate code
- OpenMP features are defined in <omp.h>.

Enabling OpenMP Support: Midway

- ► Intel Compiler (Linux):
- use -qopenmp flag: icc -qopenmp hello.cpp -o hello
- ▶ Note: You need to load intel module first (on midway).

Enabling OpenMP Support: Windows

- ▶ We also need to enable OpenMP support.
- ▶ Visual C++ (Windows):
 Properties -> C/C++ -> Language -> OpenMP Support -> Yes



OpenMP Directive Format

An OpenMP directive follows the format:

#pragma omp directive-name [clause]

- #pragma provides an mechanism to provide additional information to the compiler.
- #pragma omp: tells the compiler it is an OpenMP directive. This field is required.
- directive-name: a valid OpenMP directive must appear after the pragma. This field is required.
- [clauses]: tells the more about what has to be done. This field is optional.

OpenMP: Example 2

► For example, we can use an optional clause to specify the number of threads:

```
#include <omp.h>
int main()
{
    #pragma omp parallel num_threads(2)
    {
       cout << "Hello, world" << endl;
    }
}</pre>
```

OpenMP: Benefits

- OpenMP offers many features to write parallel code without using low level constructs.
- We still need to pay attention to:
 - Race conditions when shared data members are accessible (read and write) by more than one thread
 - Dependencies multiple threads in a block may run in any order
- References:
 - https://www.openmp.org/
 - Quick reference: http://www.openmp.org/wp-content/ uploads/OpenMP-4.0-C.pdf
 - ► Text: Using OpenMP⁶

⁶See course references list for details

OpenMP Directives

Parallel:

- ► The parallel directive defines a parallel region:
 - ► At the beginning of the parallel directive block, worker threads are created
 - Each thread executes every instruction in the parallel block
 - At the end of the parallel block, all threads join (i.e. there is an implicit barrier).
- The order in which the threads run is not specified.
- ► To provide an explicit barrier: #pragma omp barrier

Parallel Loops:

- parallel for:
 - used to parallelize a for loop #pragma omp parallel for
- Example:

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i=0; i<10; ++i)
{
    c[i] = a[i] + b[i];
}</pre>
```

OpenMP: Example 3

Using OpenMP, multithreading Matrix multiplication is very easy. Thread-per-row can be implemented easily as follows: void matrix_multiply_parallel(const matrix& m1,

```
const matrix& m2,
    matrix& m3,
    int rows, int columns)
{
  #pragma omp parallel for
  for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i)
      for (int j = 0; j < columns; ++j)
         m3[i][j] = 0;
         for (int k = 0; k < rows; ++k)
            m3[i][j] += m1[i][k] * m2[k][j];
```

► Exercise: Change the number of threads; observe execution times.

Sections

- Parallel for allows us to execute the same task on different data in parallel easily.
- We use sections to execute different tasks (different kinds of work) in parallel:
 - Specifies different code regions.
 - Each region is executed by one thread.
 - Each section should run independently of the other regions.

Example:

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
   #pragma omp sections
      #pragma omp section
      task1();
      #pragma omp section
      task2();
```

▶ Here, task1 and task2 will be executed by two threads in parallel.

Thread Scheduling/Load Balancing

- OpenMP supports two thread scheduling policies:
 - static
 - dynamic
- Helpful in load balancing.
- Static scheduling (default):
 #pragma omp parallel for schedule(static)
 - Preallocates threads to loop indexes.
 - ► If one thread finishes first, the loop indexes won't be re-assigned.
- Dynamic scheduling: #pragma omp parallel for schedule(dynamic)
 - Allocates loop indexes to threads as threads become available to perform work.

- ► Loop below shows some uneven work.
- Let's use static scheduling first:

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(static) num_threads(4)
for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
   if (i<2)
      Sleep(2000); // simulate long work
   else
      Sleep(100); // simulate short work
   #pragma omp critical
   cout << "(" << omp get thread num()</pre>
        << ":" << i << ")" << flush;
```

► A global lock (omp critical) is used to write to cout in an orderly fashion.

► And, dynamic scheduling next:

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(dynamic) num_threads(4)
for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
{
   if (i<2)
      Sleep(2000); // simulate long work
   else
      Sleep(100); // simulate short work
   #pragma omp critical
   cout << "(" << omp_get_thread_num()</pre>
         << ":" << i << ")" << flush:
}
```

- Static scheduling:
 - Each thread completes 4 tasks each
 - Number of work items equally shared
- Dynamic scheduling:
 - Allocates loop indexes to threads as threads become available to perform work
 - Some threads do more work items than others

```
static_scheduling_test
(0:0)(1:4)(2:8)(3:12)(3:13)(1:5)(2:9)(2:10)(1:6)(3:14)(3:15)(1:7)(2:11)(0:1)(0:2)(0:3)

static Thread Scheduling: Time elapsed: 4.25883
dynamic_scheduling_test
(0:0)(1:1)(2:2)(3:3)(3:4)(2:5)(2:6)(3:7)(3:8)(2:9)(3:10)(2:11)(2:12)(3:13)(3:14)(2:15)

Oynamic Thread Scheduling: Time elapsed: 2.00217

Press any key to continue . . .
```

Dynamic scheduling works better for uneven work.

```
Static_scheduling_test
(0:0)(1:4)(2:8)(3:12)(3:13)(1:5)(2:9)(0:1)(3:14)(1:6)(2:10)(0:2)(3:15)(1:7)(0:3)(2:11)

Static_Thread Scheduling: Time elapsed: 8.04776
dynamic_scheduling_test
(0:0)(1:1)(3:2)(2:3)(0:5)(3:4)(1:6)(2:7)(3:8)(0:9)(1:10)(2:11)(0:12)(1:13)(3:14)(2:15)

Dynamic Thread Scheduling: Time elapsed: 8.07244

Press any key to continue . . .
```

► We're using a named lock (omp critical(log)) here to write to cout in an orderly fashion.

Synchronization Constructs

- barrier:
 - Provides a point of synchronization for threads in the group.
- critical:
 - ► A critical section without a name acts as a global lock
- critical(lock_name):
 - A named critical section serializes execution with other critical sections with the same name
 - Critical sections with different names can run concurrently
- master:
 - This code block is executed by the master thread only
- atomic: Next slide

- ► An operation to be executed atomically (all or none, without interruptions).
- Operation supports additional clauses: read, write, update and capture.

Reductions

Shown below is a simple example for reduction:

```
sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    sum += a[i];
}</pre>
```

- sum is a shared variable doing this in parallel is not trivial.
- The OpenMP reduction clause is used to accumulate a value in parallel easily.

```
int sum_sq = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum_sq)
for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
{
    sum_sq += i*i;
}
std::cout << sum_sq << std::endl;</pre>
```

► Reduction is supported for following operators: +, -, *, &, |, ^, &&, ||

Multithreading Examples

Matrix Multiplication: Serial to Parallel

- We matrix multiplication to illustrate parallel programming models.
- Serial:

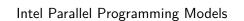
```
void MatrixMultiply(const matrix& m1, const matrix& m2,
    matrix& m3,
    int rows, int columns)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i)
    {
        CalculateRow(/* args */);
    }
}</pre>
```

Using std::thread: void MatrixMultiply(const matrix& m1, const matrix& m2, matrix& m3, int rows, int columns) { vector<thread> threads(rows); for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i) threads[i] = thread([&]() CalculateRow(/* args */); }); for (thread& t : threads) t.join();

Using OpenMP:

```
void MatrixMultiply(const matrix& m1, const matrix& m2,
    matrix& m3,
    int rows, int columns)
{
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i)
    {
        CalculateRow(/* args */);
    }
}</pre>
```

- OpenMP solution has following advantages:
 - Clarity
 - ► Ease of use (increase productivity)
 - Less error prone
 - Scalability



- Intel toolkit offers a wide range of support for high-performance and parallel computing.
- ▶ We've seen some features so far:
 - ► Tools: e.g. vtune for profiling, advisor for vectorization help
 - SVML
- Now, we will introduce two useful features in the Intel toolkit and illustrate how to use them in parallel Monte Carlo simulations:
 - Threading Building Blocks (TBB)
 - Math Kernel Library (MKL)

Threading Building Blocks (TBB)

TBB

- ► A library solution from Intel for high level *task based* parallel programming .
- Supports a wide range of features useful for parallel programming.
- ▶ Developer guide: https://www.intel.com/content/www/ us/en/docs/onetbb/developer-guide-api-reference/ 2021-6/onetbb-developer-guide.html

Task Based Programming

➤ The task group class can be used to run tasks in parallel. tbb::task_group g;

```
g.run( [&]() { work1(); } );
g.run( [&]() { work2(); } );
g.run( [&]() { work3(); } );
g.wait();
```

Detour: Function Objects (C++)

Function Objects

- Function objects are objects that behave like functions.
- ▶ We get this behavior when we overload operator() for the objects of a class.
- Function objects can have other member functions and member variables – they are functions with state.
- ► Function objects are used in various places in C++.
- ▶ We're going to use is them with threads/TBB.

Creating a Thread

t.join();

▶ We can create a thread using a function object:

```
class ThreadTask
  private:
     int threadID_;
  public:
     ThreadTask(int id)
         : threadID_(id)
     {}
     void operator()() const
         std::cout << "Hello, World, " << threadID_ << std::endl;</pre>
  };
Usage:
  std::thread t(ThreadTask(2));
```

- ▶ We're passing an object to thread constructor.
- Thread executes the overloaded operator().

Task Based Programming

With TBB tasks: const int NumTasks = 10; tbb::task_group group; for (int i = 0; i < NumTasks; ++i)</pre> { group.run(ThreadTask(i)); group.wait();

Task Based Programming: Advantages

- ► Tasks allow us to design a program using logical (high level) tasks.
- As we saw earlier, the number of threads we use is important:
 - Create too many poor performance due to overhead
 - Don't create enough wasting cpu resources
 - Ideal number depends on the system
- When we use tasks, we don't need to figure out the exact number of threads.

Task scheduler:

- Creates the correct number of threads based on system resources
- Does load balancing
- Manages threads internally:
 - Doesn't create a thread every time we want to run task
 - Less thread creation overhead (i.e. creating a thread can be expensive compared to tasks)
- Schedules threads more efficiently:
 - Threads OS uses fair scheduling; can be less efficient for some cases
 - Task scheduler claims to schedules threads more "intelligently" (using unfair scheduling). e.g. doesn't start a task until it can make progress

Monte Carlo

► We know how to write a serial version of Monte Carlo Option pricer to price European call options:

Generating Random Numbers

- We have many options to generate pseudo random numbers (discussed in Computing for Finance):
 - Implement an algorithm, e.g. Box Muller
 - ▶ Use generators in the C++ Standard Library
- Above methods generate random numbers sequentially.

Random Number Generation in MKL

- ► Intel MKL (Math Kernel Library)⁷ provides efficient (pseudo) random number generators.
- Generates random numbers in serial/parallel mode.
- Generates a sequence of random numbers using one call.
- ▶ To generate random numbers using MKL:
 - 1. Create and initialize a stream
 - 2. Generate random numbers
 - 3. Delete the stream
- Related functions are defined in <mkl_vsl.h>

 $^{^{7}} https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/developer/tools/oneapi/onemkl.html#gs.aoqzyf$

RNG: Example 1

Create a stream: VSLStreamStatePtr stream;

- Initializer:
 - Takes the stream, a uniform random number generator, and a seed as arguments.
 - ► The seed initializes the generator and allows us to generate the same, different or unique sequences.

```
int seed = 777;
vslNewStream( &stream, VSL_BRNG_MT19937, seed );
```

We are using the Mersenne Twister pseudo-random generator above.

► Full list of supported generators: https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/docs/onemkl/ developer-reference-c/2024-1/basic-generators.html

- ► This example shows how to generate random numbers from the standard normal distribution:⁸
 - ► Here we use ICDF (Inverse Cumulative Distribution Function)
 - ► Generate 1000 random numbers from N(0, 1) and store them in an (rands) array

⁸https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/docs/onemkl/
developer-reference-c/2024-1/
random-number-generators-naming-conventions.html#TBL10-1

Use the random numbers:

```
for (int i=0; i<10; ++i)
{
    cout << rands[i] << endl;
}</pre>
```

Delete the stream: vslDeleteStream(&stream);

MKL: Distributions

► MKL supports several distributions: https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/docs/ onemkl/developer-reference-c/2024-1/ distribution-generators.html

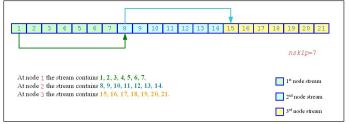
Parallel RNG

Parallel RNG

- ▶ Parallel simulations require us to use several streams.
 - ► E.g. each task/thread can use own parallel stream.
- ► Each parallel stream has to generate (pseudo) random numbers from the same underlying distribution.
 - ► I.e. each stream has to generate a non overlapping sub-sequence from the same underlying distribution.
- ▶ We can create such streams for parallel use, by:
 - Block splitting
 - Leap frogging

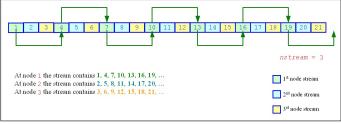
Block Splitting

- ▶ Suppose the original sequence generates: x_1, x_2, x_3, x_n etc.
- One way to split an original sequence into non overlapping sub-sequences is:
 - $ightharpoonup 1^{st}$ stream generates: x_1, x_2, x_k
 - ▶ 2^{nd} stream generates: x_{k+1} , x_{k+2} , x_{2k}
 - ▶ 3^{rd} stream generates: x_{2k+1} , x_{2k+2} , x_{3k} etc.
- Block splitting is to split a sequence into k non overlapping blocks, each generated by different processors.
- Example below shows how to split a sequence into 3 non overlapping streams using block-splitting.



Leap Frogging

- ▶ Suppose the original sequence generates: x_1, x_2, x_3, x_n etc.
- Another way to split it into k non overlapping streams is to use how we deal a deck of cards to card players.
 - ▶ 1^{st} stream generates: x_1 , x_{k+1} , x_{2k+1}
 - ▶ 2^{nd} stream generates: x_2 , x_{k+2} , x_{2k+2}
 - ▶ 3^{rd} stream generates: x_3 , x_{k+3} , x_{2k+3} etc.
- This method is known as leap frogging.
- Example below shows how to split a sequence into 3 non overlapping streams using leap-frogging.



Actual example:

```
[Chanakamidhay2-logini ParallelMC]s./rands_demo
Originia Random Number Sequence
-4.957179, 0.693841, -1.582070, 1.056246, 2.182019, 0.823269, 0.619623, -1.837416, -0.497949, -0.107714, 0.909523, 0.756416, 1.193423, 0.
383230, 1.90175, 0.0501114, -0.884327, 0.051597, -0.273206, -0.882753,

Block Splitting
Seq 1: -4.957175, 0.693841, -1.582070, 1.056246, 2.182019,
Seq 2: 0.623269, 0.619623, -1.837416, -0.467494, -0.107714,
Seq 3: 0.909523, 0.756416, 1.193423, 0.383230, 1.901276,

Leap Frogging Sub Sequence
Seq 1: -4.957175, 1.056246, 0.619623, -0.107714, 1.193423, -0.50114, -0.273206, -0.271024, -1.232208, 0.376075,
Seq 3: -1.595246, 0.619623, -0.497349, -0.303230, -0.884327, -0.882375, -0.513166, 1.839407, -0.302221,
Seq 3: -1.582076, -0.622269, -0.497349, 0.756416, 1.901276, 0.051597, -0.090049, 0.371599, 0.141641, 0.723966,
[Chanakagmidway2-logini ParallelMC]s
```

See demo for details.

Using MKL and TBB on Midway

We need load intel and mkl modules first:

module use /software/intel/oneapi_hpc_2022.1/modulefiles module load intel/2022.0 module load mkl/latest

► To enable MKL:

```
-qmkl[=<arg>]
  link to the Intel Intel MKL and bring
  in the associated headers
    parallel - link using the threaded Intel
        MKL libraries. This is the default
        when -qmkl is specified
    sequential - link using the non-threaded
        Intel MKL libraries
```

icc -qmkl rands_demo.cpp -o rands_demo

Additionally, if you use TBB, to load TBB:
module load tbb/latest
To compile using tbb:
icc -qtbb

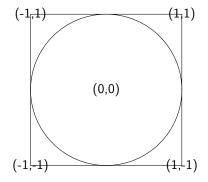
Block Splitting vs Leap Frogging

"Not all BRNGs support both these methods of generating independent sub-sequences."

```
- https:
//cdrdv2-public.intel.com/671322/vslnotes-2.pdf
```

Example: Monte Carlo π

- You wrote a program (Assignment D) to estimate π using Monte Carlo by:
 - The figure below shows a circle with radius r=1 inscribed within a square.



- ▶ Pick N random points (given by two random x, y coordinates) within the square.
 - Count the number of points inside the circle.

- Code below uses parallel random number streams to estimate the value of π using Monte Carlo:
 - Split the simulation into tasks
 - ► Each task uses a parallel stream to generate random numbers
 - A task is implemented as a function object
 - Use TBB task_group to manage parallel tasks

▶ See demo for details. To build: icc -qmkl -qtbb mc pi.cpp -o mc pi

CPU Utilization

Program uses more than one CPU core now:

