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## 11 Algorithms for PRAMs

### 1.1 Matrix generation

1) Some results on what we are dealing with:

PRAM = shared memory among processes, no communications between processes (what would be the interest since they can "communicate" through the shared memory?)

C.R.C.W: concurrent write and concurrent read  
Intuitively, there is no problem with concurrent read but for concurrent write, we have to deal with simultaneous writes (see your course for more details about fusion, merge, priority queue etc... but here we don't care!)

Each processor will be given a matrix case to compute!

Let  $A$  be the matrix represented by an array of arrays, all of size  $n$  and ordered from  $0 \dots n-1$

Algo( $A, x, y$ )

for all  $i$  in  $\{ \}$  do

$$i \in \{ \} \text{ in } \{ \} \quad (i \in \{0, n-1\})$$

$$j \in \{ \} \text{ in } \{ \} \quad (j \in \{0, n-1\})$$

$$A[i][j] \leftarrow x(i) * y(j)$$

Complexity:  $O(1)$

Of course this algorithm is optimal. To show it properly let's compute its efficiency.

Recall that efficiency  $e_p(n) = \frac{T_{\text{seq}}(n)}{\uparrow T_p(n)}$

where  $T_{\text{seq}}(n)$  is the execution time of the best sequential algorithm and  $T_p(n)$  the execution time for the best  $p$  "algorithm using  $p$  processors.

$$T_{\text{seq}}(n) = n^2$$

$T_p(n) = 1$  and  $p = n^2 \Rightarrow e_p(n) = 1$  which is what we can call "optimal."

2) This time we cannot use concurrent write. It's not a problem since the last algorithm doesn't use it!

3) However, our first algo uses a lot of concurrent reads!

Let's try to design an optimal algorithm. The best we can do is to complete A in  $n$  steps reading all  $x$  and all  $y$  during each step.

We can assume that at each step,  $x_{ij}$  (where  $i = p/m$  and  $j = p \% m$ ) will always read  $a_{ij}$ .

and  $\gamma[\sigma(i)]$  where  $\sigma$  is a permutation of  $[0:n-1]$ .

By doing that, there won't be any concurrent read  
(and no concurrent write since  $p_{ij}$  will only write  
 $A[i][j]$ ).

We have to find  $n$  permutations  $\sigma$ . We can  
take for example the permutation matrix

$$D_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & (0) \\ & & \ddots & \\ (0) & & & \ddots & 0 \\ 1 & & & & \end{bmatrix} = \left( d_{i+\lceil n/2 \rceil, j} \right)$$

which corresponds to  $\sigma(i) = i+1 [n]$

One can show that  $D_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & & \ddots & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ : this is

kind of a shifting!  $D_2^n = I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & (0) & \\ (0) & & \ddots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Algo ( $A, x, y$ ):

$$D_2 \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (0) & & \\ (0) & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $i=1$  to  $n$  do (we need  $n$  steps!)

$D \leftarrow D * D_2$  (can be computed easily by shifting  $\geq 5$ )

for all  $p$  in  $/I$  do

$i \leftarrow p \bmod n$

$j \leftarrow \lceil p/n \rceil$

If  $D[i][j] = 1$  then  
 $A[i][j] \leftarrow x[i] * y[j]$   
Else  
next

Complexity:  $O(n)$

→ I do not take into account the computation of  $D$ . Why? Because this can be "stored" in the algorithm since it does not depend on the inputs.

Efficiency:  $e_p(n) = \frac{T_{\text{seq}}(n)}{\uparrow T_{\text{pr}}(p, n)} = \frac{n^2}{n^2 \times n} = \frac{1}{n}$ .

This algorithm is optimal in the sense that we cannot do better in EREW PRAM than computing all  $A[i][j]$ 's at each of the  $n$  (required) steps.

Q1 For the first algo, we will have to make each PV compute  $\log(n)$  coefficients  
→  $O(\log(n))$

Remark: We could have used Brent's theorem!

Indeed, our first algo runs in time  $T = 2$  on a PRAM so it can be simulated with  $p = \frac{n^2}{\log(n)}$  in time  $O(\frac{m}{p} + T) = O(\frac{n^2}{\log(n)} + 1) = O(\log(n))$ .

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M1EF For the second algo (EREW PRAM) we can keep the same strategy. Indeed,  $p_2 = m^2$ ;  $p_2 = \frac{n^2}{\log(n)}$

$$0 < \log(n) \leq n$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{1}{\log(n)} \Rightarrow m \leq \frac{n^2}{\log(n)} = p_2$$

We have still enough processors to compute  $n A[i] P_j$  in each step. We just have to assign more coefficients to each PV.

This is once again confirmed by Brent's theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= m^2 \\ T &= n \\ \rightarrow O\left(\frac{\frac{n^2}{m^2}}{\log(n)} + n\right) &= O(\log(n) + n) = O(n) \end{aligned}$$

5) Our algorithms are still optimal !

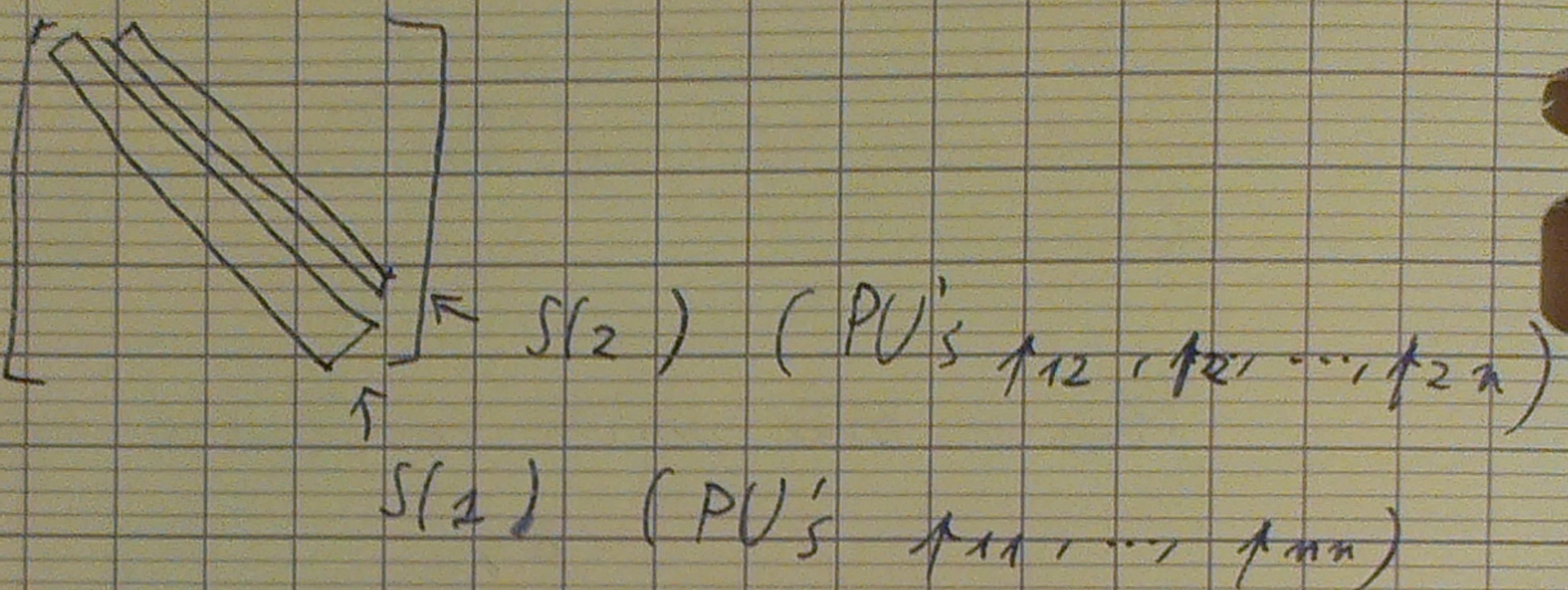
$$\text{For the first one: } e_1(n) = \frac{\frac{m^2}{m^2 \times \log(n)}}{1} = 1$$

$$\text{For the second one: } e_2(n) = \frac{\frac{n^2}{\frac{n^2}{\log(n)} \times n}}{1} = \frac{\log(n)}{n}$$

which is greater than  $\frac{1}{n}$  (for  $p = m^2$ ). This means that the second algo does not require  $n^2$  PVs (and this is intuitive). In fact,  $n$  PVs are enough !

6) We want to compute, for each  $b \in \{0, m-1\}$ ,  
 $s(b) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-2-k} A_i b^i$  with  $J$ .

At each site, we will write in each  $S(l_h)$ . To exactly one PU will write in  $S(l_h)$ . Is it possible? Yes because we have enough PU (in fact,  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  would be enough).



*Algo (A, S)*

$S$  = array of  $m$  zeros

$A = \text{matrix}(\text{array of array})$

for  $l_{\text{ave}} = 0$  to  $m-1$  do

for all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{H}$  do

$$i \leftarrow 1/n$$

if  $i \neq$  - live then

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$$s(j-1) \leftarrow s(j-1) + A_{ij}g_j$$

else

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This algo computes fine pre lines and at each step, only plane  $j$  writes in  $S(j)$ -line).

(4) can be written in order to be truly true.

$$\begin{aligned} t &\leftarrow S[j-i] \\ t' &\leftarrow t + A[i:j][j] \\ S[j-i:j] &\leftarrow t' \end{aligned}$$

Complexity:  $O(n)$

$$T_1 \cdot e_p(n) = \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{n^2} = \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \approx \frac{1}{2n}$$

If we only use  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  PV's,

$$e_{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}(n) = \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \frac{1}{n} \text{ much better!}$$

The first step is optimal but not the others. The design of an optimal algorithm seems to be a bit technical in PRAM!

Remark: In CRCW PRAM with fusion rule on +, we can do  $O(1)$ !

## 1.2) Changing the playground

This is just applications of Brent's theorem: Given an algorithm  $A$  performing  $m$  operations on a PRAM machine in time  $T$  (we do not need to know the number of PU's used), one can simulate (where one ≠ Pierre Trudeau)  $A$  with  $p$  PU's in time  $O(\frac{m}{p} + T)$ .

$$T \mid O\left(\frac{n \log(n)}{m} + O(\log(n))\right) = O(2 \log(n)) = O(\log(n)).$$

(We used that  $\sum_n O(O(n)) = O(m)$  and

$$O(\lambda \cdot m) = O(m), \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.)$$

2) This time we cannot apply Brent's theorem directly because we switch from CREW PRAM to EREW PRAM...

However, we have the simulation theorem!

→ any CRCW algorithm using  $\tau$  PU's has an execution time at most  $O(\log(\tau))$  lower than the faster EREW algorithm using  $\tau$  PU's to solve the same problem.

Notice that a CREW is a CRCW!

So we can do  $O(\log(m^2)) \times O(\log(m))$

$$= O(\log^2(m))$$

(We used  $O(mn) O(\sqrt{m}) = O(mn\sqrt{m})$ .)

3) In last question we have shown a result for  $\tau = n^2$  PU's. Let's apply Brent's theorem,

$$m = n \log(n)$$

$$\tau = O(\log^2(n))$$

$$n = m$$

$$\rightarrow O\left(\frac{n \log(n)}{m}\right) + O(\log^2(n)) = O(\log^2(n))$$