

LAB 4

Branch and bound with OpenMP: N-queens puzzle

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Introduction

First of all, we are going to understand the nqueens algorithm. It consist of a recursive algorithm that tries to put N chess queens into a N x N chess table in order that every queen doesn't attack any other queen (no column, row or diagonal is shared).

Understanding the potential parallelism in Nqueens

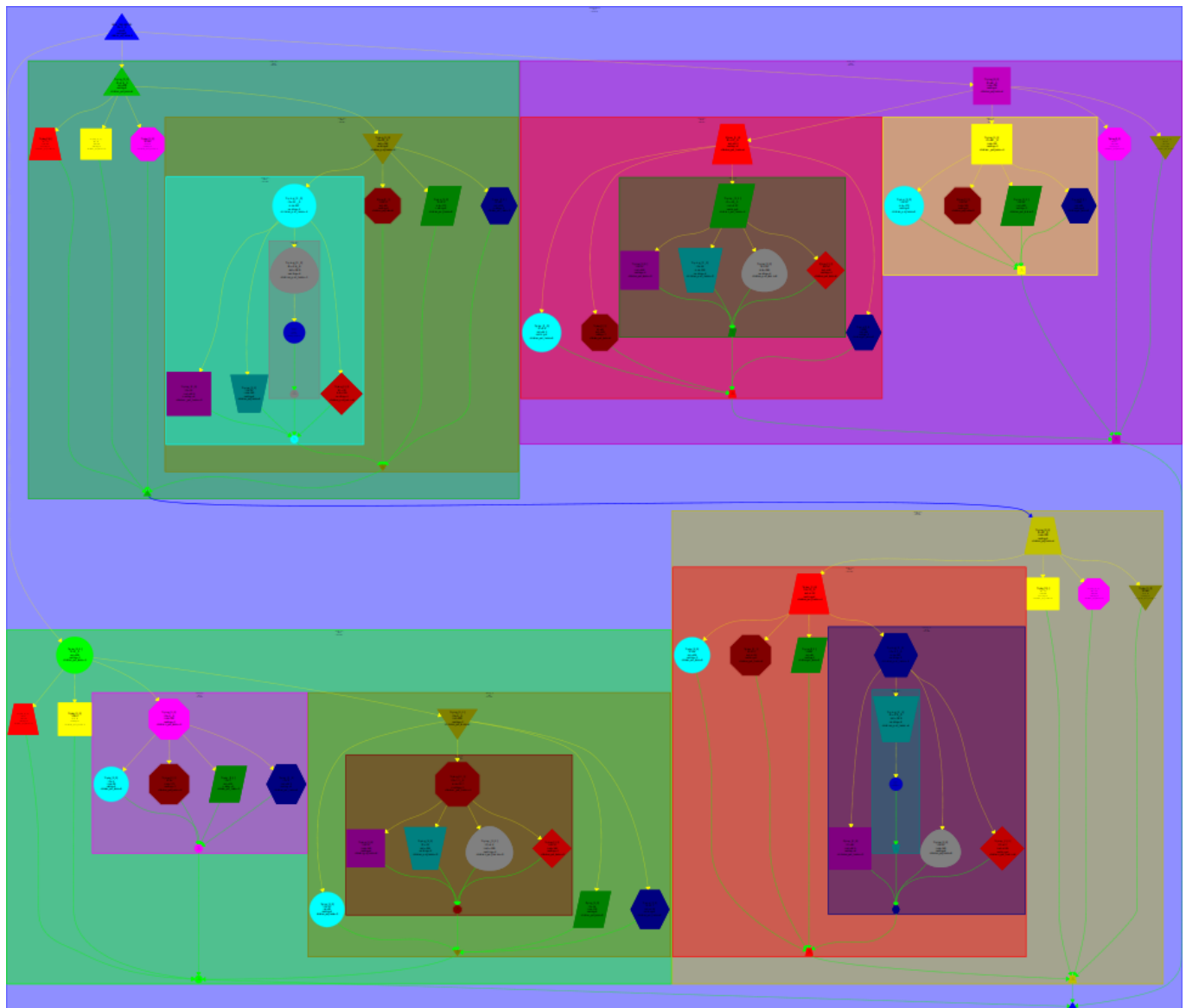
Executing the sequential version of the program with 12 queens in a table of 12 x 12 the program gives us the following output:

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board size:          12
recursion cutoff level: 8

one solution:  0  2  4  7  9 11  5 10  1  6  8  3

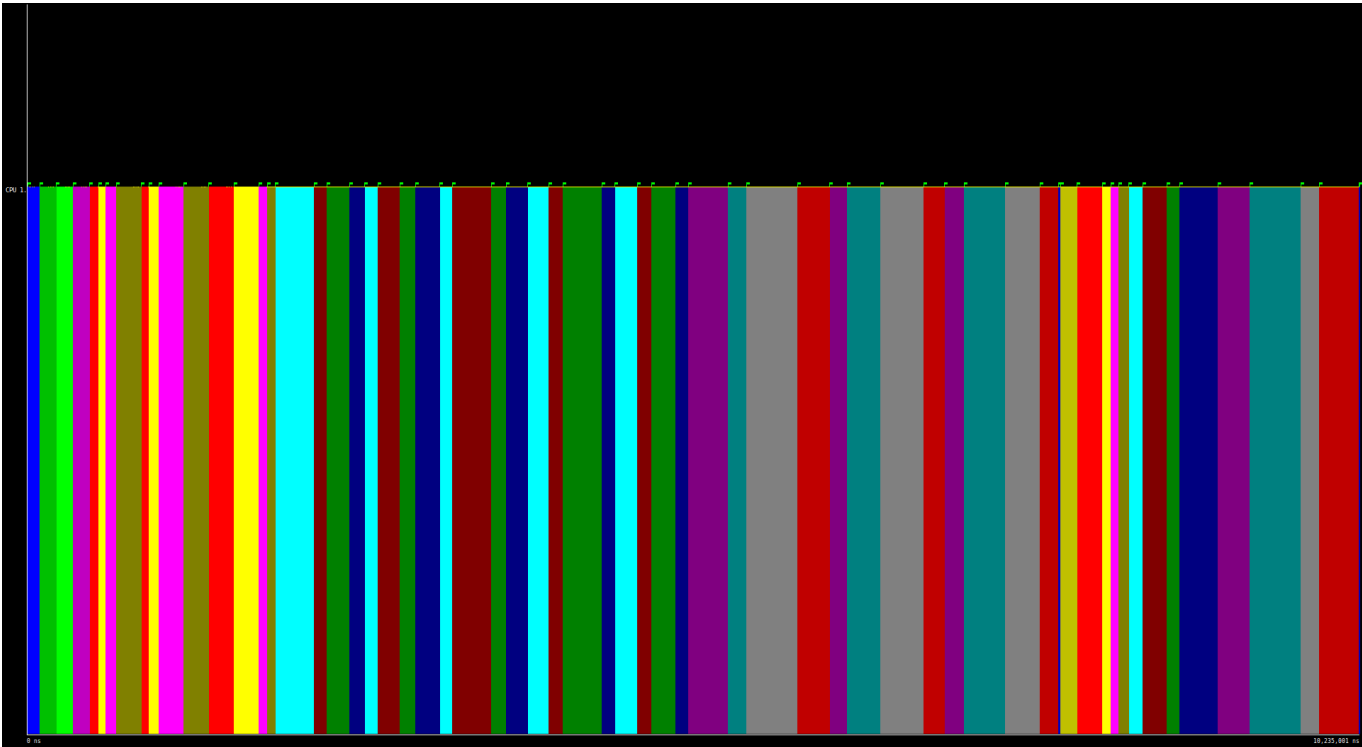
number of solutions: 14200
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Lets discuss about the parallelization of the algorithm using Tareador. First take a look at the dependence graph.

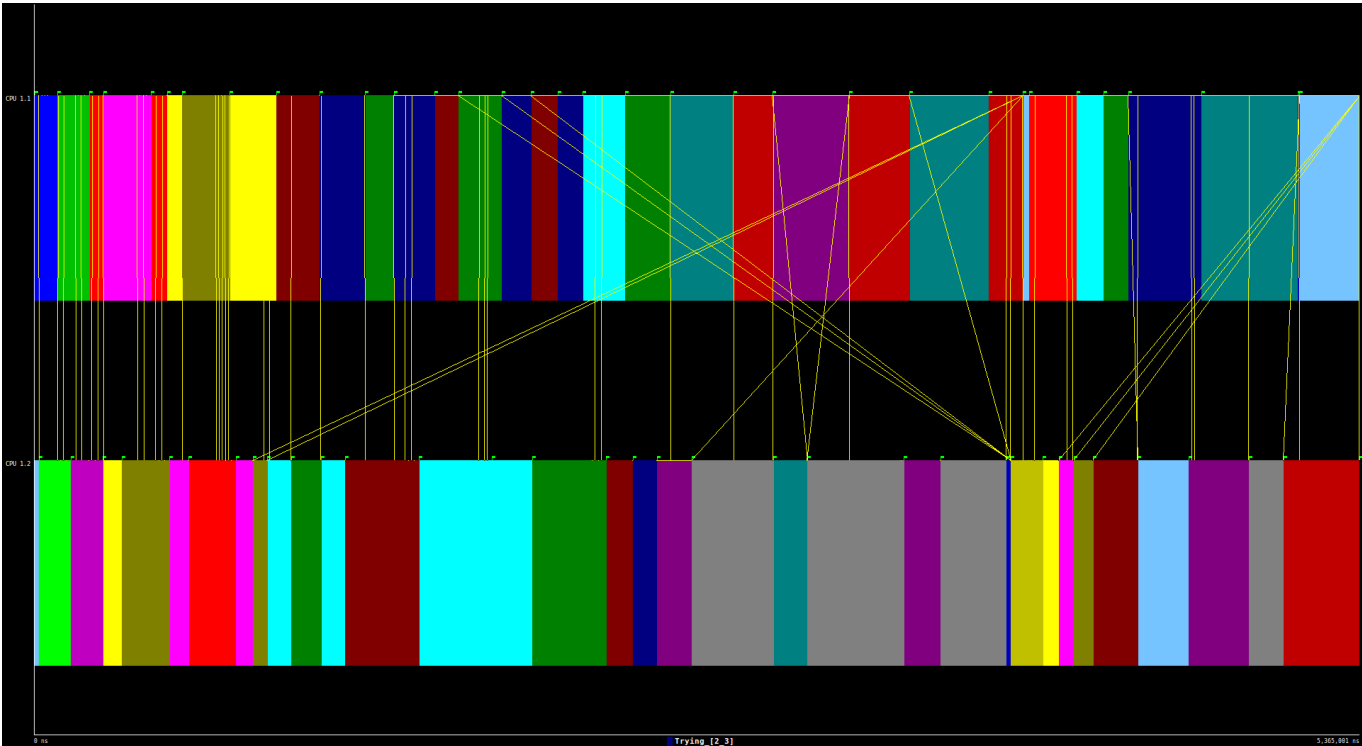


Dependence graph generated by Tareador

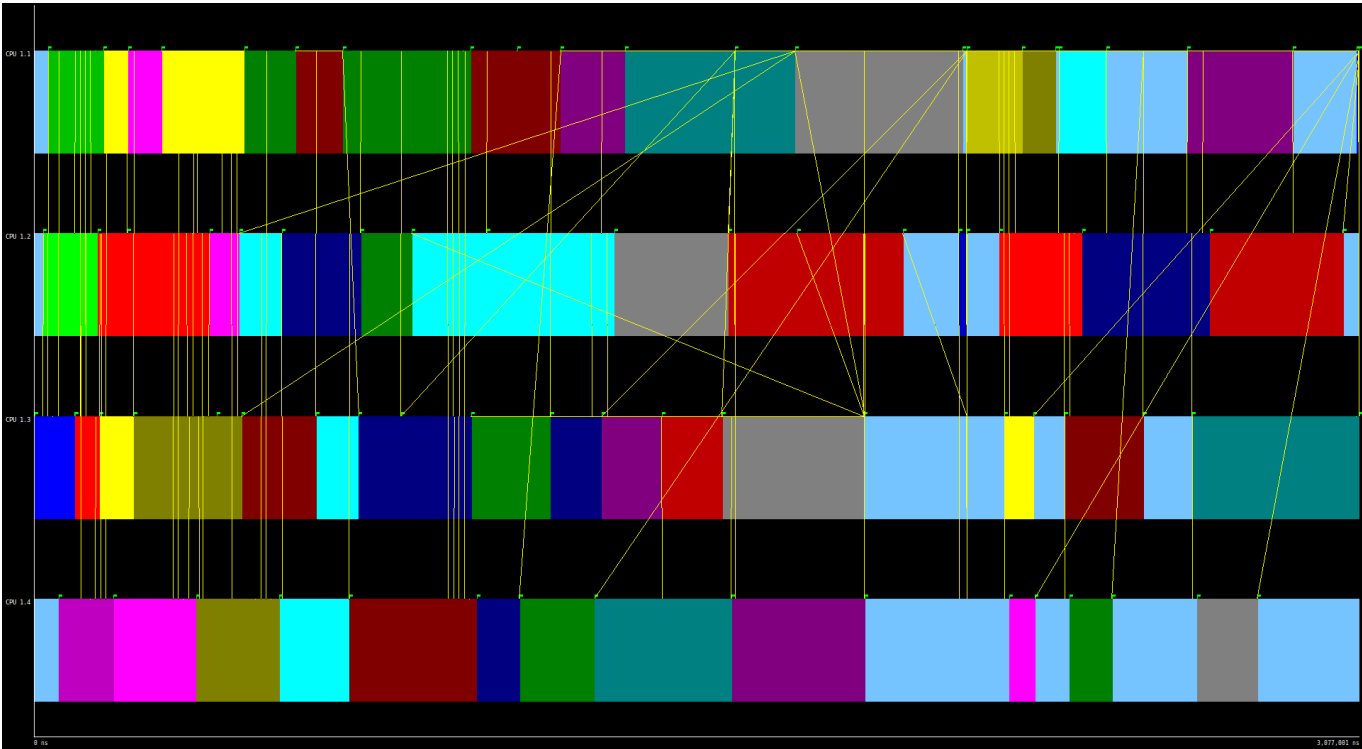
Even though Tareador shows that block with id 1 (bottom left) at the second row it can be executed at the same time of the blocks in the first row. Note this at the simulation with different number of cores.



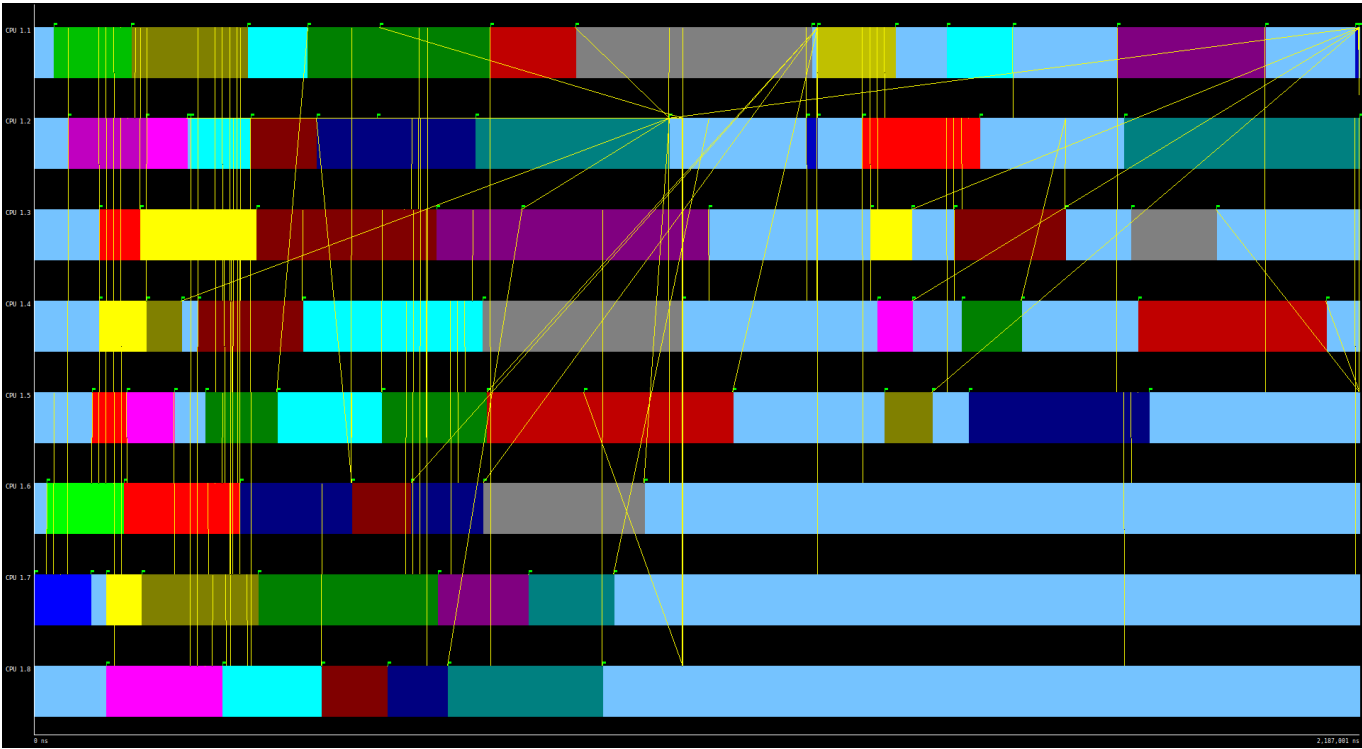
Simulation of execution of nqueens using 1 core



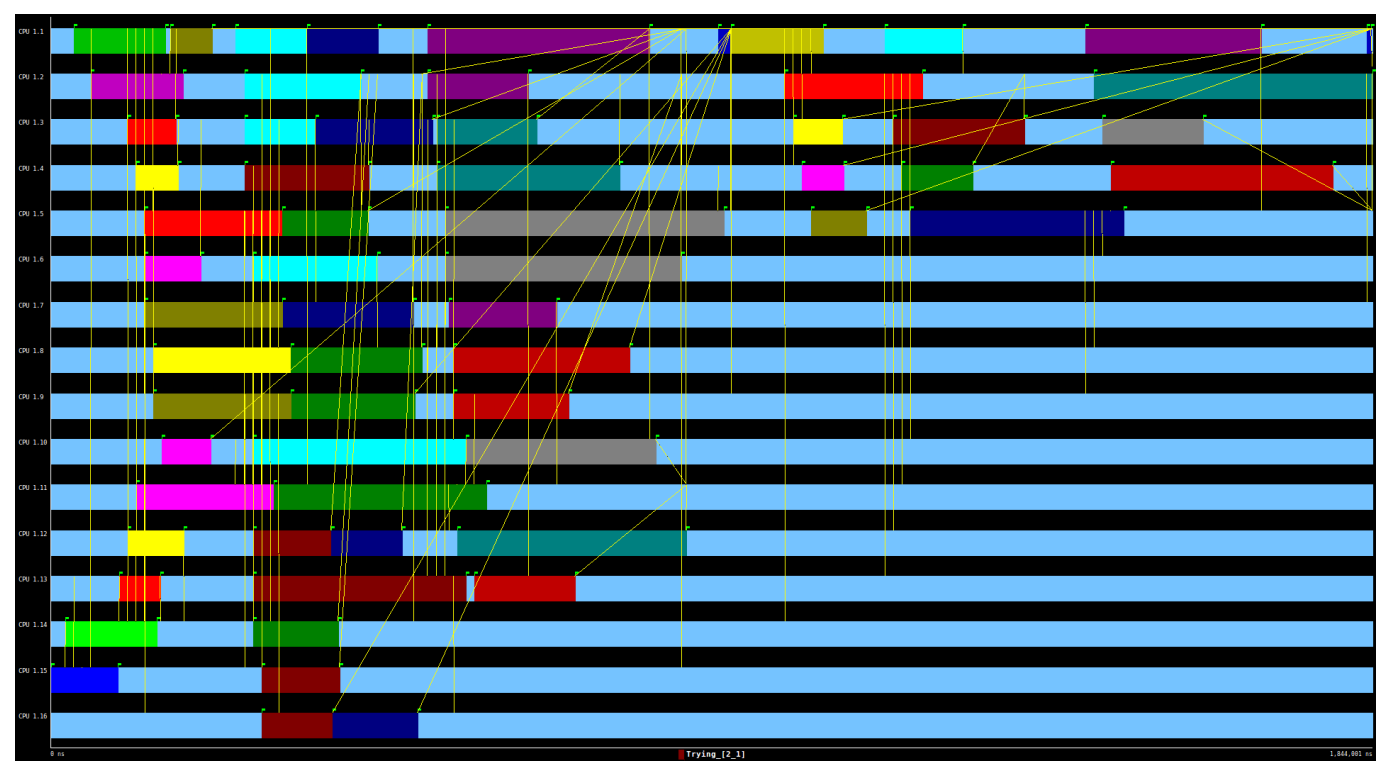
Simulation of execution of nqueens using 2 core



Simulation of execution of nqueens using 4 core



Simulation of execution of nqueens using 8 core



Simulation of execution of nqueens using 16 core