How to Solve Complex Problems in Parallel (Divide and Conquer and Task Parallelism)

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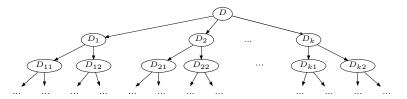
learn:

- the power of divide and conquer paradigm, combined with task parallelism, with concrete examples,
- how to write task parallel programs (OpenMP task)
- and how to reason about the speedup of task parallel programs
 - work
 - critical path length
 - Greedy Scheduler theorem

Divide and conquer algorithms

• "Divide and conquer" is the single most important design paradigm of algorithms

```
answer solve(D) {
    if (trivial (D)) {
        return trivially_solve (D);
    } else {
        D_1, \ldots, D_k = \text{divide}(D); // \text{divide the problem into sub problems} \\         a_1 = \text{solve}(D_1); \ldots; a_k = \text{solve}(D_k); // \text{solve them} \\         return combine(a_1, ..., a_k); // \text{combine sub answers} \\      }
    }
}
```



Benefits of "divide and conquer" thinking

Divide and conquer ...

- often helps you come up with an algorithm
- is easy to program, with *recursions*
- is often easy to *parallelize*, once you have a recursive formulation and a parallel programming language that support it (*task parallelism*)
- often has a good *locality* of reference, both in serial and parallel execution

Some examples

- quick sort, merge sort
- matrix multiply, LU factorization, eigenvalue
- FFT, polynomial multiply, big int multiply
- maximum segment sum, find median
- \bullet k-d tree
- ...

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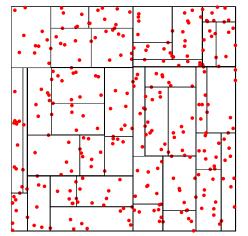
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k-d tree

- A data structure to hierarchically organize points (to facilitate "nearest neighbor" or "proxymity" searches) (usually in 2D or 3D space)
- Each node represents a rectangle region



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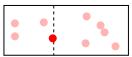
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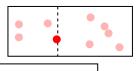




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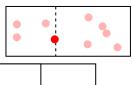


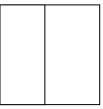


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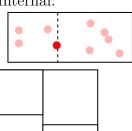




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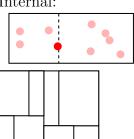




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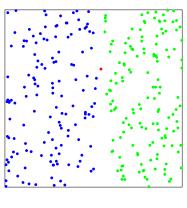
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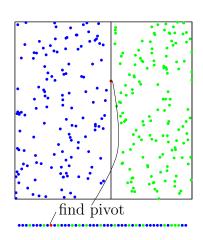
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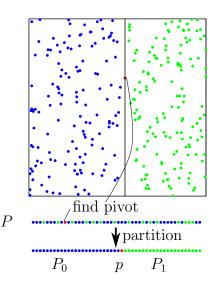


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- partition P into $P_0 + \{p\} + P_1$
 - let's say we split along x-axis, then
 - P_0 : points whose x coodinate < p's
 - P_1 : points whose x coodinate $\geq p$'s (except p)



```
/* build a k-d tree for a set of points P in a rectangular region R and return
       the root of the tree. the node is at depth, so it should split along
2
       (depth % D)th axis */
    build(P, R, depth) {
      if (|P| == 0) {
5
        return 0; /* empty */
6
      } else if (|P| <= threshold) {</pre>
        /* small enough; leaf */
8
        return make_leaf(P, R, depth);
      } else {
10
        /* find a point whose coordinate to split is near the median */
11
12
        s = find_median(P, depth % D);
        /* split R into two sub-rectangles */
13
14
        RO,R1 = split_rect(R, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
        /* partition P by their coodinate lower/higher than p's coordinate */
1.5
        PO,P1 = partition(P - { p }, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
16
        /* build a tree for each rectangle */
17
        n0 = build(P0, R0, depth + 1);
18
        n1 = build(P1, R1, depth + 1);
19
        /* return a node having n0 and n1 as its children */
20
        return make_node(p, n0, n1, depth);
21
22
23
```

Notes on subprocedures

- $s = find_median(P, d)$
 - find a point $\in P$ whose dth coordinate is (close to) the median value among all points in P
 - sample a few points and choose the median $\Rightarrow O(1)$
- $R_0, R_1 = \mathbf{split_rect}(R, d, c)$
 - split a rectangular region R by a (hyper-)plane "dth coordinate = c"
 - just make two rectangular regions $\Rightarrow O(1)$
- $P_0, P_1 = partition(P, d, c)$
 - partition a set of points P into two subsets P_0 (dth coordinate < c) and P_1 (dth coordinate $\ge c$)
 - $\bullet \Rightarrow O(|P|)$

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Parallelizing divide and conquer

- Divide and conquer algorithms are easy to parallelize if the programming language/library supports asynchronous recursive calls (*task parallel* systems)
 - OpenMP task constructs (#pragma omp parallel, master, task, taskwait)
 - Intel Threading Building Block (TBB)
 - Cilk, CilkPlus

Parallelizing k-d tree construction with tasks

- it's as simple as doing two recursions in parallel!
- e.g., with OpenMP tasks

```
build(P, R, depth) {
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        PO,P1 = partition(P - { p }, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
    #pragma omp task shared(n0)
10
        n0 = build(P0, R0, depth + 1);
11
    #pragma omp task shared(n1)
12
13
        n1 = build(P1, R1, depth + 1);
    #pragma omp taskwait
14
        return make_node(p, n0, n1, depth);
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• do you want to parallelize it with only parallel loops?

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• ANSWER: get the *work* and the *critical path length* of the computation

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Work and critical path length

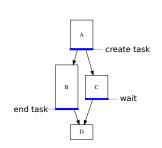
- Work: = the total amount of work of the computation
 - = the time it takes in a serial execution
- Critical path length: = the maximum length of dependent chain of computation
 - a more precise definition follows, with *computational DAGs*

Computational DAGs

The DAG of a computation is a directed acyclic graph in which:

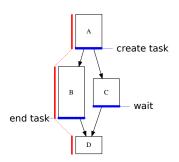
- a node = an interval of computation free of task parallel primitives
 - i.e. a node starts and ends by a $task_6^5$ parallel primitive
 - we assume a single node is executed non-preemptively
- an edge = a dependency between two nodes, of three types:
 - parent \rightarrow created child
 - child \rightarrow waiting parent
 - a node \rightarrow the next node in the same task

```
main() {
    A();
    create_task B();
    C();
    wait(); // wait for B
    D();
}
```



A computational DAG and critical path length

- Consider each node is augmented with a time for a processor to execute it (the node's execution time)
- Define the length of a path to be the sum of execution time of the nodes on the path



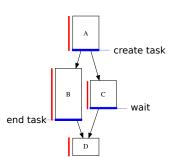
Given a computational DAG,

critical path length = the length of the longest paths from the start node to the end node in the DAG

(we often say *critical path* to in fact mean its length)

A computational DAG and work

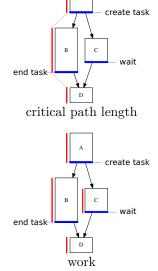
• Work, too, can be elegantly defined in light of computational DAGs



Given a computational DAG, work = the sum of lengths of all nodes

What do they intuitively mean?

- The critical path length represents the "ideal" execution time with *infinitely* many processors
 - i.e., each node is executed immediately after all its predecessors have finished
- We thus often denote it by T_{∞}
- Analogously, we often denote work by T_1 $T_1 = work$, $T_{\infty} = critical\ path$



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- ANSWER: A beautiful theorem (*greedy scheduler theorem*) gives us an answer

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• in practice you remember a simpler form:

$$T_P \le \frac{T_1}{P} + T_{\infty}$$

- it is now a common sense in parallel computing, but the root of the idea seems:
 Richard Brent. The Parallel Evaluation of General Arithmetic Expressions. Journal of the ACM 21(2). pp201-206.
 1974
 Derek Eager, John Zahorjan, and Edward Lazowska.
 Speedup versus efficiency in parallel systems. IEEE Transactions on Computers 38(3). pp408-423. 1989
- People attribute it to Brent and call it Brent's theorem
- Proof is a good exercise for you

I'll repeat! Remember it!

$$T_P \le \frac{T_1}{P} + T_\infty$$

A few facts to remember about T_1 and T_{∞}

Consider the execution time with P processors (T_P)

- there are two obvious lower bounds
 - $T_P \geq \frac{T_1}{P}$
 - $T_P \geq \bar{T}_{\infty}$

or more simply,

$$T_P \ge \max(\frac{T_1}{P}, T_\infty)$$

• what a greedy scheduler achieves is

$$T_P \le \operatorname{sum}(\frac{T_1}{P}, T_\infty)$$

- two memorable facts
 - "the sum of two lower bounds is an upper bound"
 - any greedy scheduler is within a factor of two of the optimal scheduler (下手な考え休むに似たり?)

A few facts to remember about T_1 and T_{∞}

• to get good (nearly perfect) speedup, we wish to have

$$\frac{T_1}{P} \gg T_{\infty}$$

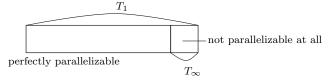
or equivalently,

$$\frac{T_1}{T_\infty} \gg P$$

- we can consider $\frac{T_1}{T_{\infty}}$ to be the average parallelism (the speedup we would get with infinitely many processors)
- we like to make the average parallelism large enough compared to the actual number of processors

Another way to remember the theorem

- assume a simpler caase in which the entire computation (which amounts to T_1) consists of two parts,
 - one completely serial (which amounts to T_{∞}), and
 - ② the other completely parallelizable (which amounts to $(T_1 T_{\infty})$)



• trivially, any greedy scheduler achieves

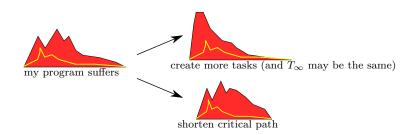
$$T_P \le \frac{T_1 - T_\infty}{D} + T_\infty$$

- many people remember this as Amdahl's law
- ullet the greedy scheduler theorem states that the same inequality holds more generally, for any computational DAG $_{34/84}$

Takeaway message

Suffer from low parallelism? \Rightarrow try to shorten its critical path

in contrast, people are tempted to get more speedup by creating more and more tasks; they are useless unless doing so shortens the critical path



What makes T_{∞} so useful?

T_{∞} is:

- a single *global metric* (just as the work is)
 - not something that fluctuates over time (cf. the number of tasks)
- inherent to the algorithm, independent from the scheduler
 - not something that depends on schedulers (cf. the number of tasks)
- connected to execution time with P processors in a beautiful way $(T_P \leq T_1/P + T_\infty)$
- easy to estimate/calculate (like the ordinary time complexity of serial programs)

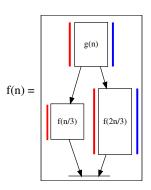
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Calculating work and critical path

- for recursive procedures, using recurrent equations is often a good strategy
- e.g., if we have

```
f(n) {
   if (n == 1) { trivial(n); /* assume O(1) */ }
   else {
      g(n);
      create_task f(n/3);
      f(2*n/3);
      wait();
   }
}
```



then

- (work) $W_f(n) \le W_g(n) + W_f(n/3) + W_f(2n/3)$
- (critical path) $C_f(n) \le C_g(n) + \max\{C_f(n/3), C_f(2n/3)\}$
- we apply this for programs we have seen

Work of k-d tree construction

```
build(P, R, depth) {
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2
        return 0; /* empty */
      } else if (|P| <= threshold) {</pre>
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        wait();
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```

recall that partition takes time proportional to n (the number of points). thus,

$$W_{\text{build}}(n) \approx 2W_{\text{build}}(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

omitting math,

$$\therefore W_{\text{build}}(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

Remark

- ullet the argument above is crude, as n points are not always split into two sets of equal sizes
- yet, the $\Theta(n \log n)$ result is valid, as long as a split is guaranteed to be "never too unbalanced" (i.e., there is a constant $\alpha <$, s.t. each child gets $\leq \alpha n$ points)

Critical path

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Speedup of k-d tree construction

• Now we have:

$$W_{\text{build}}(n) \in \Theta(n \log n),$$

 $C_{\text{build}}(n) \in \Theta(n).$

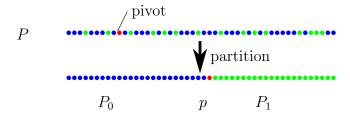
• **⇒**

$$\frac{T_1}{T_\infty} \in \Theta(\log n)$$

• not satisfactory in practice

What the analysis tells us

- the expected speedup, $\Theta(\log n)$, is not satisfactory
- to improve, shorten its critical path $\Theta(n)$, to o(n)
- where you should improve? the reason for the $\Theta(n)$ critical path is partition; we should parallelize partition



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Merge sort

- Input:
 - A: an array
- Output:
 - B: a sorted array
- Note: the result could be returned either in place or in a separate array. Assume it is "in place" in the following.

Merge sort : serial code

```
/* sort a..a_end and put the result into
       (i) a (if dest = 0)
       (ii) t (if dest = 1) */
    void ms(elem * a, elem * a_end,
            elem * t, int dest) {
      long n = a_end - a;
      if (n == 1) {
        if (dest) t[0] = a[0]:
      } else {
        /* split the array into two */
10
11
        long nh = n / 2:
        elem * c = a + nh:
12
        /* sort 1st half */
13
                             1 - dest);
        ms(a, c, t,
14
        /* sort 2nd half */
1.5
        ms(c, a_end, t + nh, 1 - dest);
                                           1.5
16
        elem * s = (dest ? a : t):
17
        elem * d = (dest ? t : a);
18
        /* merge them */
19
        merge(s, s + nh,
20
             s + nh, s + n, d);
21
22
23
```

```
/* merge a_beg ... a_end
    and b\_beg ... b\_end
   into c */
void
merge(elem * a, elem * a_end,
      elem * b, elem * b_end,
      elem * c) {
  elem * p = a, * q = b, * r = c;
  while (p < a_end && q < b_end) {
    if (*p < *q) { *r++ = *p++; }
    else { *r++ = *q++; }
  while (p < a_{end}) *r++ = *p++;
  while (q < b_end) *r++ = *q++;
```

note: as always, actually switch to serial sort below a threshold (not shown in the code above)

Merge sort : parallelization

```
void ms(elem * a, elem * a_end,
        elem * t, int dest) {
 long n = a_end - a;
 if (n == 1) {
   if (dest) t[0] = a[0]:
 } else {
   /* split the array into two */
   long nh = n / 2;
   elem * c = a + nh:
   /* sort 1st half */
   create_task ms(a, c, t, 1 - dest);
   /* sort 2nd half */
   ms(c, a_end, t + nh, 1 - dest);
   wait():
   elem * s = (dest ? a : t);
   elem * d = (dest ? t : a);
   /* merge them */
   merge(s, s + nh,
         s + nh, s + n, d):
```

• Will we get "good enough" speedup?

Work of merge sort

```
void ms(elem * a, elem * a_end,
        elem * t, int dest) {
  long n = a_end - a;
  if (n == 1) {
    if (dest) t[0] = a[0]:
  } else {
   /* split the array into two */
    long nh = n / 2;
    elem * c = a + nh:
   /* sort 1st half */
    create_task ms(a, c, t, 1 - dest);
   /* sort 2nd half */
    ms(c, a_end, t + nh, 1 - dest);
    wait():
    elem * s = (dest ? a : t):
    elem * d = (dest ? t : a):
    /* merge them */
    merge(s, s + nh,
          s + nh, s + n, d):
```

```
W_{\rm ms}(n) = 2W_{\rm ms}(n/2) + W_{\rm merge}(n),
W_{\rm merge}(n) \in \Theta(n).
\therefore W_{\rm ms}(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)
```

Critical path of merge sort

```
void ms(elem * a, elem * a_end,
        elem * t, int dest) {
  long n = a_end - a;
  if (n == 1) {
    if (dest) t[0] = a[0]:
  } else {
   /* split the array into two */
    long nh = n / 2;
    elem * c = a + nh:
   /* sort 1st half */
    create_task ms(a, c, t, 1 - dest);
   /* sort 2nd half */
    ms(c, a_end, t + nh, 1 - dest);
    wait():
    elem * s = (dest ? a : t):
    elem * d = (dest ? t : a):
    /* merge them */
    merge(s, s + nh,
          s + nh, s + n, d):
```

$$C_{\mathrm{ms}}(n) = C_{\mathrm{ms}}(n/2) + C_{\mathrm{merge}}(n),$$
 $C_{\mathrm{merge}}(n) \in \Theta(n)$

$$\therefore C_{\mathrm{ms}}(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

Speedup of merge sort

$$T_1 = W_{\mathrm{ms}}(n) \in \Theta(n \log n),$$

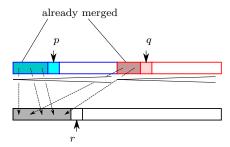
$$T_{\infty} = C_{\mathrm{ms}}(n) \in \Theta(n).$$

the average parallelism

$$T_1/T_\infty \in \Theta(\log n).$$

How (serial) merge works

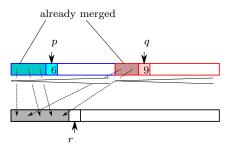
```
/* merge a_beg ... a_end
    and b\_beg \dots b\_end
   into c */
biov
merge(elem * a, elem * a_end,
      elem * b, elem * b_end,
      elem * c) {
  elem * p = a, * q = b, * r = c;
  while (p < a_end && q < b_end) {
    if (*p < *q) { *r++ = *p++; }
    else { *r++ = *q++; }
  while (p < a_{end}) *r++ = *p++;
  while (q < b_end) *r++ = *q++;
```



Looks very serial ...

How (serial) merge works

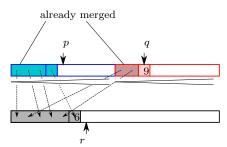
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/* merge a_beg ... a_end
    and b\_beg \dots b\_end
   into c */
biov
merge(elem * a, elem * a_end,
      elem * b, elem * b_end,
      elem * c) {
  elem * p = a, * q = b, * r = c;
  while (p < a_end && q < b_end) {
    if (*p < *q) { *r++ = *p++; }
    else { *r++ = *q++; }
  while (p < a_{end}) *r++ = *p++;
  while (q < b_end) *r++ = *q++;
```



Looks very serial ...

How (serial) merge works

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   into c */
biov
merge(elem * a, elem * a_end,
      elem * b, elem * b_end,
      elem * c) {
  elem * p = a, * q = b, * r = c;
  while (p < a_end && q < b_end) {
    if (*p < *q) { *r++ = *p++; }
    else { *r++ = *q++; }
  while (p < a_{end}) *r++ = *p++;
  while (q < b_end) *r++ = *q++;
```



Looks very serial ...

How to parallelize merge?

- again, divide and conquer thinking helps
- left as an exercise

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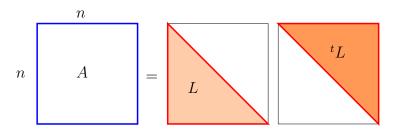
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Our running example : Cholesky factorization

- Input:
 - A: $n \times n$ positive semidefinite symmetric matrix
- Output:
 - L: $n \times n$ lower triangular matrix s.t.

$$A = L^{t}L$$

• $({}^{t}L \text{ is a transpose of } L)$



Note: why Cholesky factorization is important?

• It is the core step when solving

$$Ax = b$$
 (single righthand side)

or, in more general,

$$AX = B$$
 (multiple righthand sides),

as follows.

• Cholesky decompose $A = L^{t}L$ and get

$$L \quad \underbrace{^tLX}_{Y} \quad = \quad B$$

- Find X by solving triangular systems twice

 - \bullet $^tLX = Y$

Formulate using subproblems

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & {}^{t}A_{21} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{t}L_{11} & {}^{t}L_{21} \\ O & {}^{t}L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

leads to three subproblems

- \bullet $A_{11} = L_{11} {}^t L_{11}$
- $^{t}A_{21} = L_{11} {^{t}L_{21}}$
- $A_{22} = L_{21} {}^{t}L_{21} + L_{22} {}^{t}L_{22}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & {}^{t}A_{21} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{t}L_{11} & {}^{t}L_{21} \\ O & {}^{t}L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- $A_{11} = L_{11} {}^{t}L_{11}$ • recursion and get L_{11}
- $^{2} {}^{t}A_{21} = ^{1} {}^{t}L_{21}$
- $A_{22} = L_{21}{}^{t}L_{21} + L_{22}{}^{t}L_{22}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & {}^{t}A_{21} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{t}L_{11} & {}^{t}L_{21} \\ O & {}^{t}L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
• A_{11} = L_{11}^{-t} L_{11}
• recursion and get L_{11}
• a_{11}^{-t} L_{21}
• solve a triangular system a_{11}^{-t} L_{21}
• a_{12}^{-t} L_{21} + L_{22}^{-t} L_{22}
• a_{12}^{-t} L_{21} + L_{22}^{-t} L_{22}
```

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} A_{11} & {}^tA_{21} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} {}^tL_{11} & {}^tL_{21} \\ O & {}^tL_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

```
\bullet A_{11} = L_{11} {}^{t}L_{11}
                                                              /* Cholesky factorization */
                                                          2 | \operatorname{chol}(A)  {
         • recursion and get L_{11}
                                                           if (n=1) return (\sqrt{a_{11}});
                                                          4 | else {
^{t}A_{21} = L_{11} {^{t}L_{21}}
                                                          L_{11} = \text{chol}(A_{11});
         • solve a triangular system
                                                          6 /* triangular solve */
                                                           \tau ^{t}L_{21} = \text{trsm}(L_{11}, {}^{t}A_{21});
             and get {}^tL_{21}
                                                          S = L_{22} = \operatorname{chol}(A_{22} - L_{21}{}^{t}L_{21});
 A_{22} = L_{21}{}^{t}L_{21} + L_{22}{}^{t}L_{22} 
                                                          9 | return \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & {}^{t}L_{21} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix}
         • recursion on
             (A_{22} - L_{21}{}^{t}L_{21}) and get L_{22}^{11}
```

Remark 1: "In-place update" version

- Instead of returning the answer as another matrix, it is often possible to update the input matrix with the answer
- When possible, it is desirable, as it avoids extra copies

```
/* functional */
                                                                /* in place */
chol(A) {
                                                                chol(A) {
   if (n=1) return (\sqrt{a_{11}});
                                                                   if (n = 1) a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
  else {
                                                                   else {
                                                                      chol(A_{11});
     L_{11} = \text{chol}(A_{11});
                                                                  /* triangular solve */
     /* triangular solve */
     {}^{t}L_{21} = \operatorname{trsm}(L_{11}, {}^{t}A_{21});
                                                                     trsm(A_{11}, A_{12});
     L_{22} = \operatorname{chol}(A_{22} - L_{21}{}^{t}L_{21});
                                                                     A_{21} = {}^{t}A_{12};
                                                                      A_{22} = A_{21}A_{12}
                                                                      chol(A_{22});
                                                          10
                                                          11
```

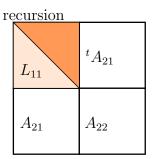
```
/* in place */
\operatorname{chol}(A) {
    if (n = 1) a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
    else {
        chol(A_{11});
        /* triangular solve */
        trsm(A_{11}, A_{12});
        A_{21} = {}^t A_{12};
        A_{22} -= A_{21} A_{12}
        chol(A_{22});
    }
}
```

A_{11}	$^tA_{21}$
A_{21}	A_{22}

```
/* in place */
chol(A) {

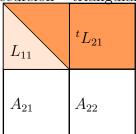
if (n = 1) \ a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
else {

chol(A_{11});
/* triangular solve */
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
}
```



```
/* in place */
chol(A) {
    if (n = 1) a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
    else {
        chol(A_{11});
        /* triangular solve */
        trsm(A_{11}, A_{12});
        A_{21} = {}^tA_{12};
        A_{22} := A_{21}A_{12}
        chol(A_{22});
    }
}
```

recursion triangular solve

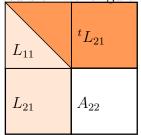


```
/* in place */
chol(A) {

if (n = 1) \ a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
else {

chol(A_{11});
/* triangular solve */
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});
}
```

recursion triangular solve



transpose

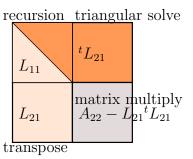
```
/* in place */
chol(A) {

if (n = 1) \ a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
else {

chol(A_{11});

/* triangular solve */
chol(A_{11}, A_{12});

}
```



```
/* in place */
chol(A) {

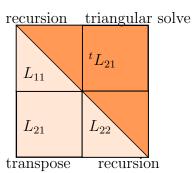
if (n = 1) \ a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
else {

chol(A_{11});

/* triangular solve */
trsm(A_{11}, A_{12});

A_{21} = {}^tA_{12};

A_{22} = A_{21}A_{12}
chol(A_{22});
}
```



Remark 2: where to decompose

- Where to partition A is arbitrary
- The case $n_1 = 1$ and $n_2 = n 1 \approx \text{loops}$

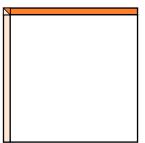
```
n_1
n_2
```





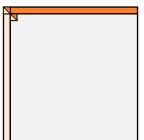
```
/* general */
                                                                /* loop-like */
chol(A) {
                                                               chol(A) {
  if (n = 1) a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
                                                                  if (n = 1) a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
  else {
                                                                  else {
     chol(A_{11});
                                                                     a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}};
                                                                    /* triangular solve */
     /* triangular solve */
     trsm(A_{11}, A_{12});
                                                                     \vec{a}_{12} /= a_{11};
     A_{21} = {}^{t}A_{12};
                                                                     \vec{a}_{21} /= a_{11};
     A_{22} = A_{21}A_{12}
                                                                     A_{22} = \vec{a}_{21}\vec{a}_{12}
     chol(A_{22});
                                                                     chol(A_{22});
                                                         10
                                                          11
                                                         12
```

• The "loop-like" version (partition into 1 + (n-1)) can be written in a true loop

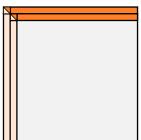


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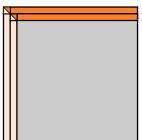
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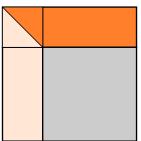
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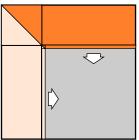
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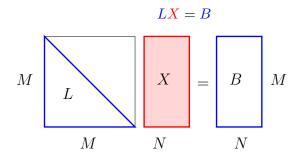


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A subproblem 1: triangular solve

- Input:
 - L: $M \times M$ lower triangle matrix
 - $B: M \times N$ matrix
- Output:
 - $X: M \times N \text{ matrix } X \text{ s.t.}$



Formulate using subproblems

Two ways to decompose:

lacktriangledown (split X and B vertically)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{array}\right) \Rightarrow$$

- $L_{11}X_1 = B_1$, and
- $L_{21}X_1 + L_{22}X_2 = B_2$

$$L(X_1 X_2) = (B_1 B_2) \Rightarrow$$

- $LX_1 = B_1$, and
- $LX_2 = B_2$

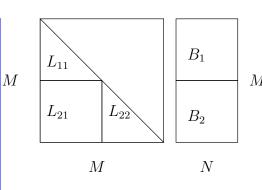
Choice is arbitrary, but for reasons we describe later, we decompose X and B so that their shapes are more square

```
/* triangular solve LX = B.
                                                                                        replace B with X */
\begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{trsm}(L,B) \\ \text{if } (M=1) \\ B \neq -l_{11}; \end{cases}
                                                                                   } else if (M > N) {
                                                                                         trsm(L_{11}, B_1);
                                                                                         B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
• L_{11}X_1 = B_1
                                                                                         trsm(L_{22}, B_2);
    recursion on (L_{11}, B_1) and get X_1
                                                                                      } else {
                                                                                         trsm(L, B_1):
• L_{21}X_1 + L_{22}X_2 = B_2 recursion on <sup>11</sup>
                                                                                         \operatorname{trsm}(L, B_2);
                                                                           12
    (L_{22}, B_2 - L_{21}X_1) and get X_2
                                                                            13
                                                                           14
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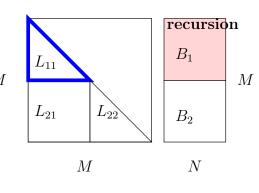
$$L(X_1 X_2) = (B_1 B_2) \Rightarrow$$

solve them independently (easy)

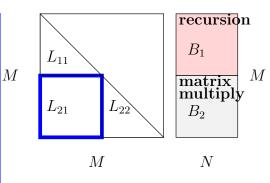
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/* triangular solve LX = B.
   replace B with X */
trsm(L, B) {
  if (M = 1) {
    B /= l_{11};
  } else if (M \ge N) {
    trsm(L_{11}, B_1);
    B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
    \operatorname{trsm}(L_{22}, B_2);
  } else {
    trsm(L, B_1);
    trsm(L, B_2);
```



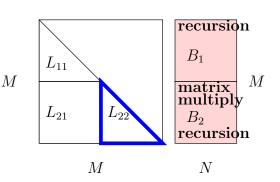
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   replace B with X */
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    B /= l_{11};
                                          M
  } else if (M \ge N) {
    trsm(L_{11}, B_1);
    B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
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  } else {
    trsm(L, B_1);
    trsm(L, B_2);
```



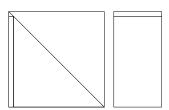
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  } else if (M \ge N) {
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    B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
    trsm(L_{22}, B_2);
  } else {
    trsm(L, B_1);
    trsm(L, B_2);
```



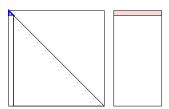
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  } else {
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    trsm(L, B_2);
```



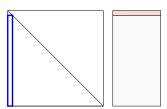
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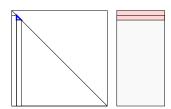
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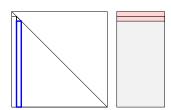
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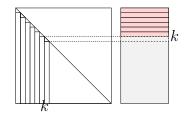


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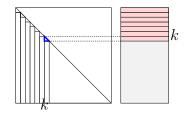




Recursions and loops

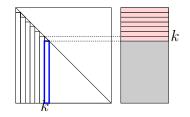
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Recursions and loops

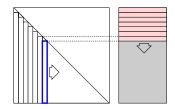
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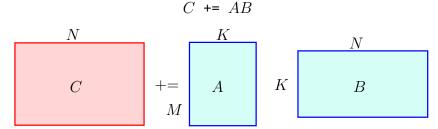


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A subproblem 2: matrix multiply

- Input:
 - $C: M \times N$ matrix
 - $A: M \times K$ matrix
 - $B: K \times N$ matrix
- Output:



Formulate using subproblems

Three ways to decompose

 \bullet divide M:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{array}\right) += \left(\begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{array}\right) B$$

$$\rightarrow C_1$$
 += A_1B // C_2 += A_2B

 \bullet divide N:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} C_1 & C_2 \end{array}\right) += A \left(\begin{array}{cc} B_1 & B_2 \end{array}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow C_1$$
 += AB_1 // C_2 += AB_2

 \bullet divide K:

$$C += \left(\begin{array}{cc} A_1 & A_2 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{array}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow C$$
 += A_1B_1 ; C += A_2B_2

Which decomposition should we use?

- For reasons described later, divide the largest one among M, N, and K
- Make the shape of subproblems as square as possible

Solving using recursions

```
M
 N
                   N
             K
```

```
gemm(A, B, C) {
          if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {
 2
             c_{11} += a_{11} * b_{11};
          } else if (M \ge N \text{ and } M \ge K) {
             A_1, A_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(A);
             C_1, C_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(C);
             gemm(A_1, B, C_1);
 8
             \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B, C_2);
          } else if (N > M \text{ and } N > K)
             B_1, B_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-\mathbf{v}}(B);
10
             C_1, C_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-v}(C);
11
             \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_1);
12
             \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_2);
13
         } else {
14
             A_1, A_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-v}(A);
1.5
             B_1, B_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(B);
16
             \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B_1, C);
17
             \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B_2, C);
18
19
20
```

Where is parallelism in our example? Cholesky

 data dependency prohibits any of function calls in line 5-10 to be executed in parallel

Where is parallelism in our example? Triangular solve

```
/* triangular solve LX = B.
         replace B with X */
     trsm(L, B) {
        if (M = 1) {
          B /= l_{11};
        } else if (M \ge N) {
          trsm(L_{11}, B_1);
         B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
          trsm(L_{22}, B_2);
        } else {
10
          \operatorname{trsm}(L, B_1);
11
          \operatorname{trsm}(L, B_2);
12
13
14
```

- function calls in line 7-9 cannot be run in parallel
- two calls to trsm at line 11 and a2 *can* be run in parallel

Where is parallelism in our example? Matrix multiply

```
gemm(A, B, C) {
   if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {
      c_{11} += a_{11} * b_{11};
   } else if (M > N \text{ and } M > K) {
      A_1, A_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(A);
      C_1, C_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(C);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B, C_1);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B, C_2);
   } else if (N > M \text{ and } N > K)
      B_1, B_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-\mathbf{v}}(B);
      C_1, C_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-\mathbf{v}}(C);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_1);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_2);
   } else {
      A_1, A_2 = \operatorname{split-v}(A);
      B_1, B_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(B);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B_1, C);
      \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B_2, C);
```

- when dividing M and N, two recursive calls can be parallel
- when dividing K, they should be serial
- (alternatively, we can execute them in parallel using two different regions for C and then add them)

That's basically it!

```
gemm(A, B, C) {
         if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {
           c_{11} += a_{11} * b_{11}:
        } else if (M \ge N \text{ and } M \ge K) {
           A_1, A_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(A);
           C_1, C_2 = \operatorname{split}_h(C);
      #pragma omp task
 7
           \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B, C_1);
 8
     #pragma omp task
           \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B, C_2);
10
      #pragma omp taskwait
11
        } else if (N \ge M \text{ and } N \ge K)
12
           B_1, B_2 = \operatorname{split}_{-\mathbf{v}}(B);
13
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14
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1.5
           \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_1);
16
      #pragma omp task
17
           gemm(A, B_1, C_2);
18
      #pragma omp taskwait
19
        } else {
20
21
           // same as before
```

```
/* triangular solve LX = B.
       replace B with X */
    trsm(L, B) {
      if (M = 1) {
       B /= l_{11}:
    } else if (M > N) {
        trsm(L_{11}, B_1);
       B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
        trsm(L_{22}, B_2);
      } else {
10
    #pragma omp task
        trsm(L, B_1);
    #pragma omp task
13
        trsm(L, B_2);
14
    #pragma omp taskwait
16
17
```

T_1 and T_{∞} of matrix multiply

```
Work (T_1), written by
                                                     W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K) =
gemm(A, B, C) {
  if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {
    c_{11} += a_{11} * b_{11}:
  } else if (M \ge N \text{ and } M \ge K) {
                                                                 ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1))
                                                            2W_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, K) + \Theta(1)
#pragma omp task
    \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B, C_1);
                                                                     (M is largest)
#pragma omp task
                                                            2W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N/2, K) + \Theta(1)
    \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B, C_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
                                                                    (N \text{ is largest})
  } else if (N > M \text{ and } N > K)
                                                            2W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K/2) + \Theta(1)
                                                                   (K \text{ is largest})
#pragma omp task
    \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_1);
#pragma omp task
                                                      \Rightarrow \Theta(MNK)
    \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
  } else {
    \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B_1, C);
    \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B_2, C);
```

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T_1 and T_{∞} of matrix multiply

```
gemm(A, B, C) {
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#pragma omp task
     \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B, C_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
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     \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_1);
#pragma omp task
     \operatorname{gemm}(A, B_1, C_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
  } else {
     \operatorname{gemm}(A_1, B_1, C);
     \operatorname{gemm}(A_2, B_2, C);
```

```
Critical path (T_{\infty}), written by
C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K) =
     \Theta(1)
           ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)),
     C_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, K) + \Theta(1)
          (M \text{ is largest})
     C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N/2, K) + \Theta(1)
            (N \text{ is largest})
     2C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K/2) + \Theta(1)
            (N \text{ is largest})
\Rightarrow \Theta(\log M + \log N + K) (we
consider it as \Theta(K) for brevity)
```

T_1 and T_{∞} of triangular solve

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 } else if (M > N) {
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    B_2 -= L_{21}B_1;
    \operatorname{trsm}(L_{22}, B_2);
  } else {
#pragma omp task
    trsm(L, B_1);
#pragma omp task
    trsm(L, B_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
```

```
Work (T_1), written by
W_{\text{trsm}}(M,N) =
        ((M, N) = (1, 1, 1))

2W_{\text{trsm}}(M/2, N)
       +W_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, M/2)
         (M \ge N)
2W_{\text{trsm}}(M, N/2) + \Theta(1)
(N > M)
```

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#pragma omp task
    trsm(L, B_2);
#pragma omp taskwait
```

```
Critical path (T_{\infty}), written by
                 \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & ((M,N) = (1,1)), \\ 2C_{\text{trsm}}(M/2,N) & +C_{\text{gemm}}(M/2,N,M/2) \\ & (M \ge N) \\ C_{\text{trsm}}(M,N/2) + \Theta(1) \\ & (N > M) \end{cases}
```

T_1 and T_{∞} of Cholesky

```
 \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \text{chol}(A) \; \{ \\ \text{if} \; (n=1) \; a_{11} := \sqrt{a_{11}}; \\ \text{else} \; \{ \\ \text{chol}(A_{11}); \\ /* \; triangular \; solve \; */ \\ \text{trsm}(A_{11}, A_{12}); \\ A_{21} = {}^t A_{12}; \\ A_{22} \; -= \; A_{21}A_{12} \\ \text{chol}(A_{22}); \\ \} \\ \} \end{array} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Work} \; (T_1), \text{ written by } W_{\text{chol}}(n) = \\ \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) & (n=1), \\ 2W_{\text{chol}}(n/2) \\ +W_{\text{trsm}}(n/2, n/2) \\ +W_{\text{trans}}(n/2, n/2) \\ +W_{\text{gemm}}(n/2, n/2, n/2) \end{array} \right. \\ \\ \Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)
```

T_1 and T_{∞} of Cholesky

```
Critical path (T_{\infty}), written by C_{\text{chol}}(n) =
\begin{cases}
\Theta(1) & (n = 1) \\
2C_{\text{chol}}(n/2) \\
+C_{\text{trsm}}(n/2, n/2) \\
+C_{\text{trans}}(n/2, n/2) \\
+C_{\text{gemm}}(n/2, n/2, n/2)
\end{cases}
\Rightarrow \Theta(n \log n)
```

Summary

For $n \times n$ matrix,

- $T_1 \in \Theta(n^3)$
- $T_{\infty} \in \Theta(n \log n)$
- the average parallelism:

$$T_1/T_{\infty} = \frac{n^2}{\log n}$$

- \bullet this should be ample for sufficiently large n
- a constant thresholding does not affect the asymptotic result;
 - you can switch to a serial loop for matrices smaller than a constant
- in practice, this threshold affects T_1 and T_{∞}
 - T_1 will decrease (good thing)
 - T_{∞} will increase due to a larger serial computation at leaves