Homework 1 Report

1 Test Environment

I tested my code on department's ix server. It has two sockets with AMD Opteron 6376 on each socket. Each CPU has 8 cores, 16 threads. So, there are 32 hardware threads in total.

2 Test Results

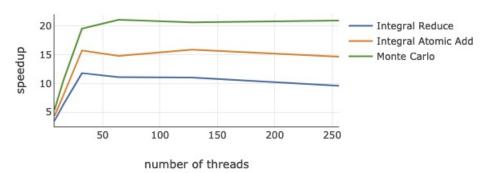
Steps	Accuracy (Pi is 3.1415926535)	Speedup (reduce)	Speedup (atomic add)
1e6	3.14159 46524	1.30x	1.95x
1e7	3.141592 8536	5.79x	8.93x
1e8	3.1415926 736	11.17x	15.09x
1e9	3.14159265	11.99x	16.07x
1e10	3.14159265 50	13.00x	16.09x

Tabelle 1: Integral Method using 32 threads

Steps	Accuracy (Pi is 3.1415926535)	Speedup
1e7	3.14 11308000	16.00x
1e8	3.1415 529600	18.45x
1e9	3.14159 97440	23.29x

Tabelle 2: Monte Carlo Method using 32 threads





3 Findings

- For both the integral method and Monte Carlo method, we can get better accuracy by increasing the number of steps, but there is a limit on how much accuracy we can get.
- Integral method has a better accuracy than Monte Carlo method in general.
- We can speedup the computation by increasing number of threads. However, once it passes the number of processors(hardware thread), it may hurt the performance. The figure above shows that we can achieve peak speedup at 32 threads for integral method, and 64 for Monte Carlo method.