



Advanced Computer Architecture 高级计算机体系结构

第9讲: Thread-Level Parallelism (1)

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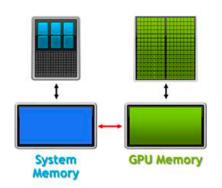




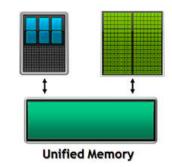
Unified Memory[统一内存]

- Classical model[经典模型]
 - Allocate memory on host
 - Allocate memory on device
 - Copy data from host to device Operate on the GPU data
 - Copy data back to host
- Unified memory model[统一模型]
 - Allocate memory
 - Operate on data on GPU
- Unified Memory is a single memory address space accessible from any processor in a system
 - cudaMalloc() → cudaMallocManaged()
 - on-demand page migration

Traditional Developer View



Developer View With Unified Memory







Example

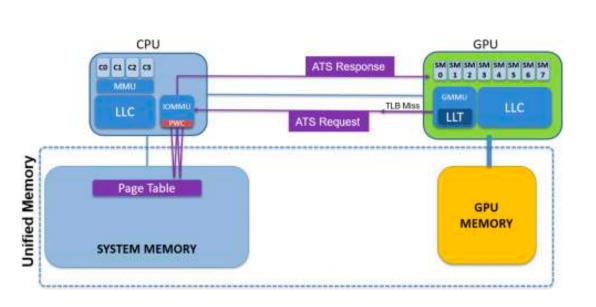
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int N = 1 << 20;
float *x, *y;
// Allocate Unified Memory -- accessible from CPU or GPU
cudaMallocManaged(&x, N*sizeof(float));
cudaMallocManaged(&y, N*sizeof(float));
// initialize x and y arrays on the host
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
 x[i] = 1.0f;
 y[i] = 2.0f;
// Launch kernel on 1M elements on the GPU
int blockSize = 256;
int numBlocks = (N + blockSize - 1) / blockSize;
add << numBlocks, blockSize >>> (N, x, y);
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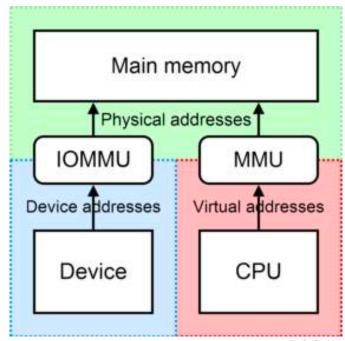




Address Translation[地址转换]

- GMMU: GPU memory management unit
 - Last level TLB (LLT)
- IOMMU: maps device-visible virtual addresses to physical addresses
 - Page walk caches (PWC)







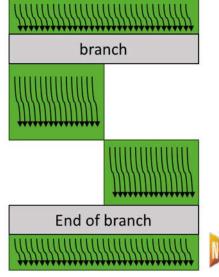


Divergence[分支]

- Within a block of threads, the threads are executes in groups of 32 called a warp
 - All threads in a warp do the same thing at the same time
- What happens if different threads in a warp need to do different things?
 - A logical predicate and two predicated instructions → serialized

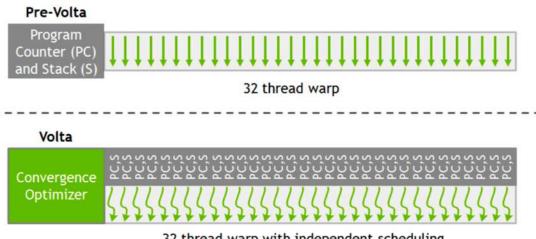
Branch divergence is a major cause for performance degradation in GPGPUs

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p = (threadIdx.x < 16);
if (p) ... A ...
if (!p) ... B ...
```



Divergence (cont.)

- Pre-Volta GPUs use a single PC shared amongst all 32 threads of a warp, combined with an active mask that specifies which threads of the warp are active at any given time
 - Leaves threads that are not executing a branch inactive
- Since Volta, each thread features its own PC, which allows threads of the same warp to execute different branches of a divergent section simultaneously

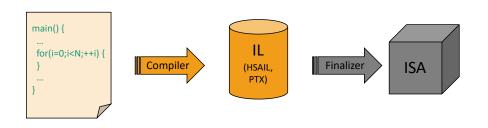


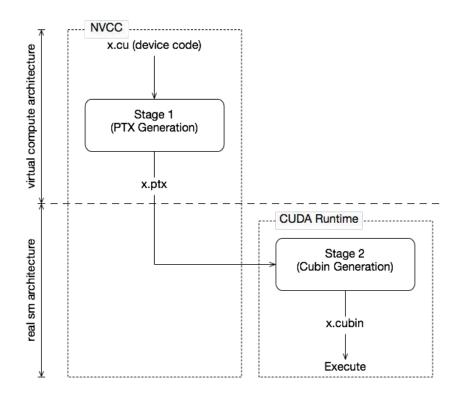




Two-phase Execution[两段式]

- Compilation workflow
 - Source code → virtual instruction (PTX or HSAIL)
 - Virtual inst → real inst (SASS or GCN)
- .cu: CUDA source file, containing host code and device functions
- .ptx: PTX intermediate assembly file
- .cubin: CUDA device code binary file (CUBIN) for a single GPU architecture



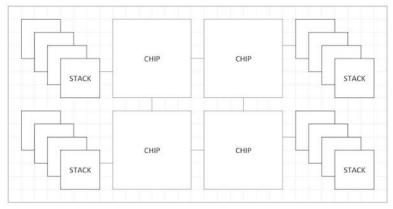


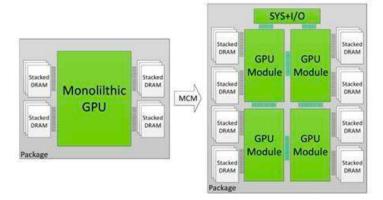




Multi-chip Module

- Aggregating multiple GPU modules within a single package, as opposed to a single monolithic die.
- AMD: Chiplet GPUs
 - MI200: 220 compute units, 14K streaming cores
 - MI100: 120 compute units, 7680 streaming cores
- Nvidia: Multi-Chip-Module (MCM) GPUs
 - Hopper (Ampere -> Lovelace): 300+ SMs, 40K+ CUDA cores
 - A100: 128 SMs, 8192 CUDA cores









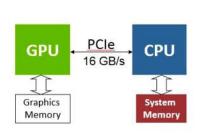
High-speed Links[高速连接]

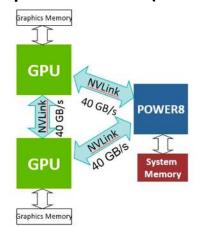
- GPUs are of high compute capability, being bottlenecked on data movement
- High-speed interconnect to achieve significantly higher data movement

– Nvidia: NVLink

AMD: Infinity Fabric

Intel: Compute eXpress Link (CXL)





NVLink Enables Fast Unified Memory Access between CPU & GPU Memories

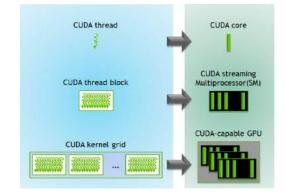




EPYC

Summary of DLP/GPU[总结]

- Data level parallelism
 - SIMD: operates on multiple data with on single instruction
 a AVX-512 on Intel CPU is the typical example
 - SIMT: consists of multiple scalar threads executing in a SIMD manner
 - GPU is the example with threads executing the same instruction
- GPU hardware and thread organization
 - Device → SM → SIMD/Partition → Core
 - Grid → Block → Warp → Thread
- GPU programming
 - Streams to support concurrency
 - Memory hierarchy and usage (thread, cache/smem, global)
 - Advanced topics: virtualization, profiling/tuning, divergence, etc

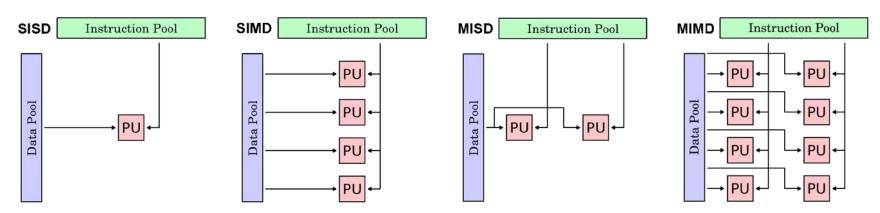






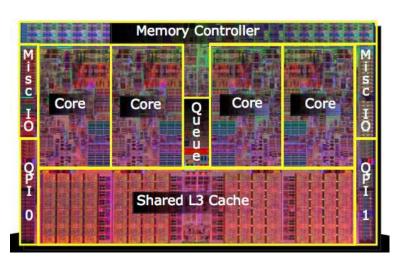
Flynn's Taxonomy[分类]

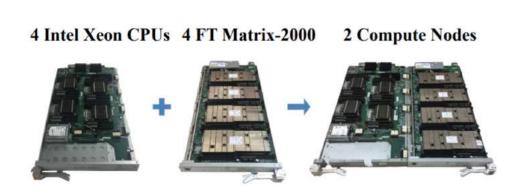
- SISD: single instruction, single data
 - A serial (non-parallel) computer
- SIMD: single instruction, multiple data
 - Best suited for specialized problems characterized by a high degree of regularity, such as graphics/image processing
- MISD: multiple instruction, single data
 - Few (if any) actual examples of this class have ever existed
- MIMD: multiple instruction, multiple data
 - Examples: supercomputers, multi-core PCs, VLIW



MIMD[多指令多数据]

- Machines using MIMD have a number of processors that function asynchronously and independently
- Each processor fetches its own instructions and operates on its own data
- At any time, different processors may be executing different instructions on different pieces of data









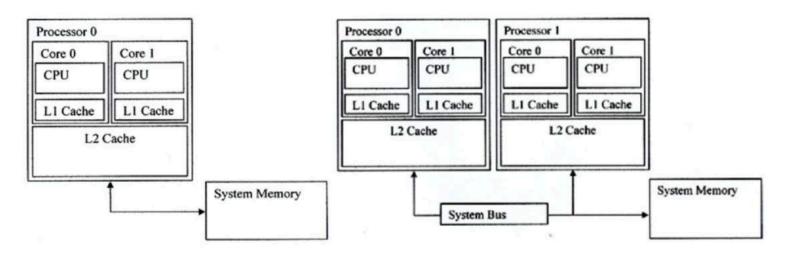
Multiprocessor[多处理器]

Multi-processor

- Multiple CPUs tightly coupled to cooperate on a problem
- Each CPU may be a multicore design

Multicore processor

 Multiprocessor where the CPU cores coexist on a single processor chip (i.e., <u>single CPU</u> w/ multi cores)







Why Multiprocessor?[使用的几个原因]

- Not that long ago, multiprocessors were expensive, exotic machines
- Reason #1: running out of ILP that we can exploit[ILP有限]
 - Can't get much better performance out of a single core that's running a single program at a time
- Reason #2: power/thermal constraints[能耗/散热限制]
 - Even if we wanted to just build fancier single cores at higher clock speeds, we'd run into power and thermal obstacles
- Reason #3: Moore's Law[摩尔定律]
 - Lots of transistors → what else are we going to do with them?
 - Historically: use transistors to make more complicated cores with bigger and bigger caches
 - But we just saw that this strategy has run into problems





How to Keep Multiprocessor Busy?

- Single core processors exploit ILP
 - Multiprocessors exploit TLP: thread-level parallelism
- What's a thread?
 - A program can have one or more threads of control
 - Each thread has its own PC and own arch registers
 - All threads in a given program share resources (e.g., memory)
- OK, so where do we find more than one thread?
 - Option #1: Multiprogrammed workloads
 - Run multiple single-threaded programs at same time
 - Option #2: Explicitly multithreaded programs
 - Create a single program that has multiple threads that work together to solve a problem





Thread-Level Parallelism[线程级并行]

- Thread-Level parallelism[并行]
 - Have multiple program counters
 - Uses MIMD model
 - Targeted for tightly-coupled shared-memory multiprocessors
- Why TLP?[原因]
 - Hard to further increase core performance (e.g., clock speed)
 - Hard to find and exploit more ILP
- Implementation[实现]
 - Multiprocessor[多处理器]
 - Multicore processor[多核处理器]
 - □ Multi-processor[多个处理器]
 - Multithreaded processor[多线程处理器]





Multithreading[多线程]

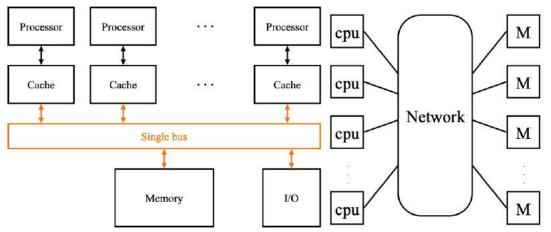
- Basic idea: processor resources are expensive and should not be left idle
- On **uniprocessor**, multithreading occurs by *time-division* multiplexing[时分复用]
 - Processor switches between different threads
 - Context switching happens frequently enough user perceives threads as running at the same time
- Multithreaded processor: single CPU core that can execute multiple threads simultaneously
 - Switching
 - Simultaneous multithreading (SMT) → "hyperthreading" (Intel)





Classifying Multiprocessors[分类]

- Interconnection networks[互联网络]
 - Bus
 - Network
- Memory topology[内存]
 - UMA
 - NUMA



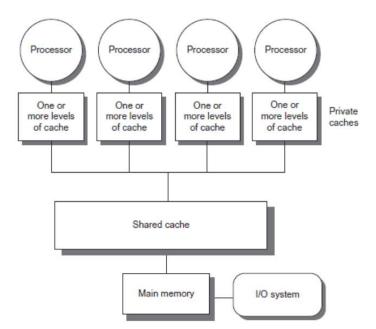
- Programming model[编程模型]
 - Shared memory[共享内存]: every processor can name every address location
 - Message passing[消息传递]: each processor can name only it's local memory. Communication is through explicit messages





SMP[对称型]

- Symmetric (shared-memory) multiprocessors (SMPs)
 - A.k.a., centralized shared-memory multiprocessors
 - A.k.a., uniform memory access (UMA) multiprocessors
 - Small number of cores (typically <= 8)
 - Share a single centralized memory that all processors have equal access to, hence "symmetric"
 - Uniform access latency

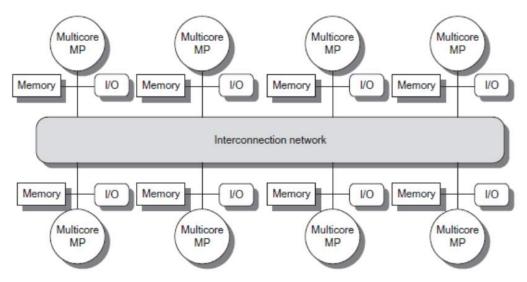






DSM[分布式共享内存]

- Distributed shared memory (DSM)
 - Memory distributed among processors
 - Non-uniform memory access/latency (NUMA)
 - The access time depends on the location of a data word in memory
 - Processors connected via direct (switched) and non-direct (multi-hop) interconnection networks

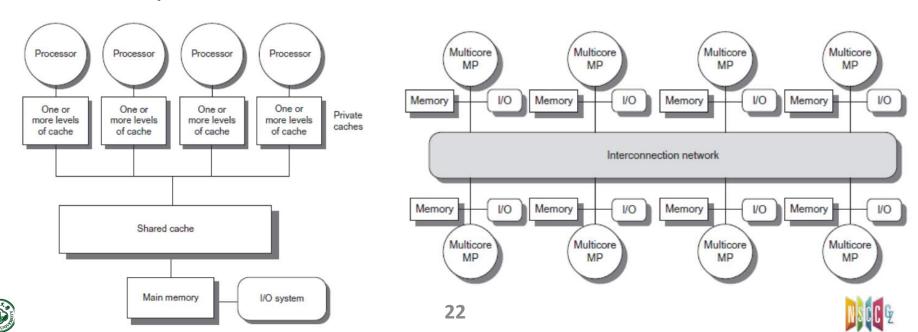






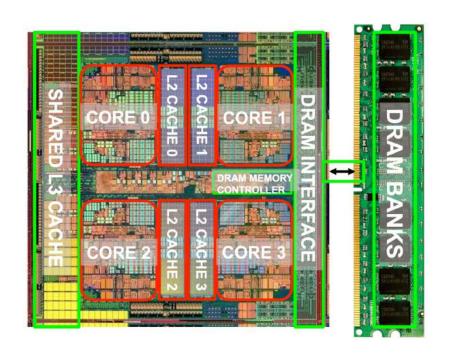
Shared Memory[共享内存]

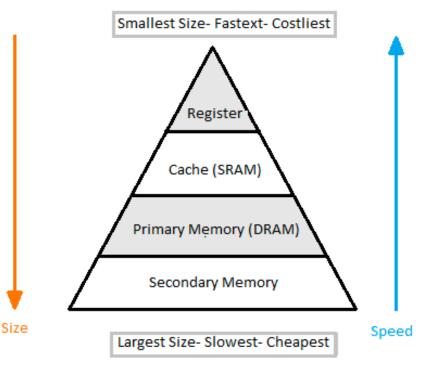
- The term "shared memory" associated with both SMP and DSM refers to the fact that the address space is shared
 - Communication among threads occurs through the shared address space
 - Thus, a memory reference can be made by any processor to any memory location



There Exist Caches

- Recall memory hierarchy, with cache being provided to shorten access latency
 - Each core of multiprocessors has a cache (or multiple caches)
- Caching complicates the data sharing



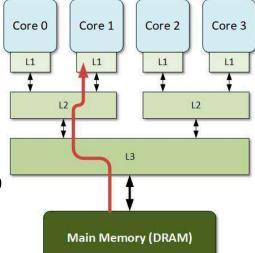






Data Caching[数据缓存]

- Private data: used by a single processor
- Shared data: used by multiple processors
 - Essentially providing communication among the processors through reads and writes of the shared data
- Caching private data
 - Migrated to cache, reducing access time
 - No other processor uses the data (identical to uniprocessor)
- Caching shared data
 - Replicated in multiple caches
 - Reduced access latency, reduced contention
 - Introduces a new problem: cache coherence







Cache Coherence[缓存一致性]

- Processors may see different values of the same data
 - The view of memory held by two different processors is through their individual caches, which, without any additional precautions, could end up seeing two different values
- Cache coherence problem[缓存一致性问题]
 - Conflicts between global state (main memory) and local state (private cache)
 - At time 4, what if processor B reads X?

Α		В	Time	Event	Cache contents for processor A	Cache contents for processor B	Memory contents for location X
Cache		Cache	0				1
	WT		1	Processor A reads X	1		1
	VVI		2	Processor B reads X	1	1	1
			3	Processor A stores 0 into X	0	1	0





A memory system is coherent, if

- A read by processor P to location X that follows a write by P to X, with no writes of X by another processor occurring between the write and the read by P, always return the value written by P
 - Preserves program order
- A read by a processor to location X that follows a write by another processor to X returns the written value if the read and write are sufficiently separated in time and no other writes to X occur between the two accesses
 - Defines the notion of what it means to have a coherent view of memory
- Writes to the same location are serialized; that is, two writes to the same location by any two processors are seen in the same order by all processors
 - Write serialization





Consistency also Matters[内存一致性]

- The three properties are sufficient to ensure coherence
- However, when a written value will be seen is also important
 - A write of X on one processor precedes a read of X on another processor by a very small time, it may be impossible to ensure that the read returns the value of the data written, since the written data may not even have left the processor at that point
- Memory consistency: when a written value must been seen by a reader

Thread 1

Thread 2

(3)
$$B = 1$$
 (4) print(A)

A and B are initially both 0

What this program can output?

- o 01: (1)(2)(3)(4) or (3)(4)(1)(2)
- 11: (1)(3)(2)(4) or (1)(3)(4)(2)
- 00?





Coherence vs. Consistency[对比]

Coherence

- Coherence in writing means that all the ideas in a paragraph flow smoothly from one sentence to the next sentence.
- With coherence, the reader has an easy time understanding the ideas that you wish to express.

• Coherence[缓存一致性]

- Defines what values can be returned by a read
- All reads by any processor must return the most recently written value
- Writes to the same location by any two processors are seen in the same order by all processors
- Consistency[内存一致性]
 - Determines when a written value will be returned by a read
 - Consistency insures that writes to different locations will be seen in an order that makes sense, given the source code
 - If a processor writes location A followed by location B, any processor that sees the new value of B must also see the new value of A





Enforcing Coherence[保证一致性]

- Coherent caches provide
 - Migration: movement of data[搬运]
 - A data item can be moved to a local cache and used there in a transparent fashion
 - Replication: multiple copies of data[备份]
 - Make a copy of the data item in the local cache, so that shared data can be simultaneously read
- Whose responsibility? Software?
 - Can programmer ensure coherence if caches invisible to sw?
 - What if the ISA provided a cache flush instruction?
 - FLUSH-LOCAL A: flushes/invalidates the cache block containing address
 A from a processor's local cache
 - FLUSH-GLOBAL A: flushes/invalidates the cache block containing address A from all other processors' caches
 - FLUSH-CACHE X: flushes/invalidates all blocks in cache X





Enforcing Coherence (cont.)

- Software solutions are of high overheads
 - And, programming burden
- Multiprocessors adopt a hardware solution to maintain coherent caches[硬件方案]
 - Supporting the migration and replication is critical to performance in accessing shared data
- For the example,
 - Invalidate all other copies of X when B writes to it

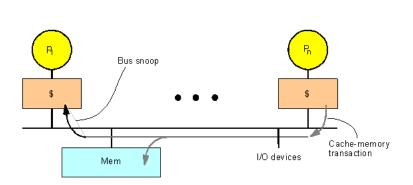
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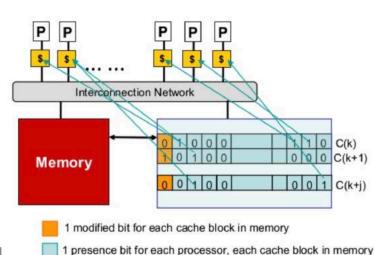




Coherence Protocols[缓存一致性协议]

- Cache coherence protocols: the rules to maintain coherence for multiple processors
 - Key is to track the state of any sharing of a data block
- Two classes of protocols
 - Snooping[窥探]
 - Each core tracks sharing status of each block
 - Directory based[基于目录]
 - Sharing status of each block kept in one location









Snooping Coherence Protocols[窥探]

- Write invalidation protocol[写无效]
 - Ensure that a processor has <u>exclusive access</u> to a data item before it writes that item
 - Exclusive access ensure that no other readable or writable copies of an item exist when the write occurs
 - All other cached copies of the item are invalidated (that's the name)
- Write update/broadcast protocol[写更新]
 - Update all the cached copies of data item when that item is written
 - Must broadcast all writes to shared cache lines, and thus consumes considerably more bandwidth
- Write invalidation protocol is by far the most common
 - We'll focus on it





Write Invalidation Protocol[写无效]

Write invalidate

- On write, invalidate all other copies
- Use bus itself to serialize

Example

 Invalidation protocol working on a snooping bus for a single block (X) with write-back caches

Processor activity	Bus activity	Contents of processor A's cache	Contents of processor B's cache	Contents of memory location X
		Neither cache initially holds	X and the value of X in me	emory is 0 0
Processor A reads X	Cache miss for X	0 Processor A reads X, migrati	ing from memory to the lo	cal cache
Processor B reads X	Cache miss for X	0 Processor B reads X, migrati	ong from memory to the lo	o cal cache
Processor A writes a 1 to X	Invalidation for X	Processor A writes X, invalid	lating the copy on B	0
Processor B reads X	Cache miss for X	Processor B reads X, A respo and up	onds with the value cancel dates both B's cache and r	•





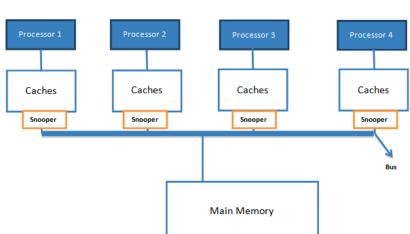
Snoopy Implementation[窥探实现]

- Key is to <u>use bus</u>, or another broadcast medium, <u>to</u> <u>perform invalidates</u>
- To perform an invalidate
 - The processor simply acquires bus access and broadcasts the address to be invalidated on the bus[获得总线,广播地址]
 - All processors continuously snoop on the bus, watching the addresses[窥探总线,收听地址]

 The processors check whether the address on the bus is in their cache. If so, the corresponding data in the cache is invalidated[

核对地址,作废数据]









Snoopy Implementation (cont.)

- When a write to a block that is shared occurs,[写到共享块]
 - The writing processor must acquire bus access to broadcast its invalidation
- If <u>two processors</u> attempt to <u>write shared blocks</u> at the same time,[两个处理器同时写到共享块]
 - Their attempts to broadcast an invalidate operation will be serialized when they arbitrate for the bus[串行'无效'操作]
 - The first processor to obtain bus access will cause any other copies of the block it is writing to be invalidated[作废数据]
 - If the processors were attempting to write the same block, the serialization enforced by the bus also serializes their writes[串行 写操作]





Snoopy Implementation (cont.)

- Locate a data item when a cache miss occurs,[找到数据]
 - For write-through cache, easy to find the recent value[写穿]
 - All written data are always sent to the memory
 - For write-back cache, harder to find the most recent value[写回]
 - The newest value can be in a private cache rather than in the shared cache or memory
- Happily, write-back caches can use the same snooping scheme both for cache misses and for writes[同样窥探]
 - Each processor snoops every address placed on the shared bus[每个处理器窥探每个地址]
 - If a processor finds that it has a dirty copy of the requested cache block, it provides that block in response to the read request and causes the memory (or L3) access to be aborted[某个处理器拥有脏数据→响应]





Snoopy Implementation (cont.)

- Normal <u>cache tags</u> can be used to implement snooping, and the <u>valid bit</u> for each block makes invalidation easy to implement
 - Read misses, whether generated by an invalidation or by other events, are simply relying on the snooping capability
 - For writes, we'd like to know whether any other copies of the block are cached, because
 - If no other copies, then the write need not be placed on the bus
- Add an extra bit to track whether a block is shared
 - The bit is used to decide whether a write must generate an invalidate
 - Write to shared: invalidate, then mark block as "exclusive"
 - Sole copy of a cache block is normally called "owner"





Example Protocol

- Invalidation protocol for write-back caches
- Each block of memory can be:
 - Uncached: not in any caches
 - Clean in one or more caches and up-to-date in memory, or
 - Dirty in exactly one cache

Dirty in more caches???

- Correspondingly, we record the sate of each block in a cache as:
 - Invalid: block contains no valid data,
 - Shared: a clean block (can be shared by other caches), or
 - Modified/Exclusive: a dirty block (cannot be in any other cache)

MSI protocol = Modified/shared/invalid

Makes sure that if a block is dirty in one cache, it is not valid in any other cache and that a read request gets the most updated data





Example Protocol (cont.)

- A read miss to a block in a cache, C1, generates a bus transaction
 - if another cache,C2, has the block "modified", it has to write back the block before memory supplies it
 - C1 gets the data from the bus and the block becomes "shared" in both caches
- A write hit to a shared block in C1 forces an "Invalidate"
 - Other caches that have the block should invalidate it— the block becomes "modified" in C1
- A write hit to a modified block does not generate "Invalidate" or change of state
- A write miss (to an invalid block) in C1 generates a bus transaction
 - If a cache, C2, has the block as "shared", it invalidates it
 - If a cache, C2, has the block in "modified", it writes back the block and changes it state in C2 to "invalid"
 - If no cache supplies the block, the memory will supply it
 - When C1 gets the block, it sets its state to "modified"

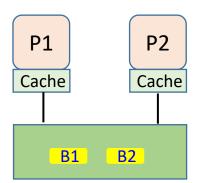




Example

Assume that

- Blocks B1 and B2 map to the same cache location L
- Initially neither B1 or B2 is cached
- Block size = one word





In P1's cache

In P2's cache

	L = invalid	L = invalid
P1 writes 10 to B1 (write miss)	L <- B1 = 10 (modified)	L = invalid
P1 reads B1 (read hit)	L <- B1 = 10 (modified)	L = invalid
P2 reads B1 (read miss)	B1 is written back L <- B1 = 10 (shared)	L <- B1 = 10 (shared)
P2 writes 20 to B1 (write hit)	L = invalid	Put invalidate B1 on bus L <- B1 = 20 (modified)
P2 writes 40 to B2 (write miss)	L = invalid	B1 is written back L <- B2 = 40 (modified)
P1 reads B1 (read miss)	L <- B1 = 20 (shared)	L <- B2 = 40 (modified)





Example (cont.)

- When an invalidate or a write miss is placed on the bus, any cores whose private caches have copies of the block invalidate it
- For a write miss, if the block is exclusive in just one private cache, that cache also writes back the block
 - Otherwise, the data can be read from the shared cache or memory



	L <- B1 = 20 (shared)	L <- B2 = 40 (modified)
P1 writes 30 to B1 (write hit)	Put invalidate B1 on bus L <- B1 = 30 (modified)	L <- B2 = 40 (modified)
P2 writes 50 to B1 (write miss)	B1 is written back L = invalid	B2 is written back L <- B1 = 50 (modified)
P1 reads B1 (read miss)	L <- B1 = 50 (shared)	B1 is written back L <- B1 = 50 (shared)
P2 reads B2 (read miss)	L <- B1 = 50 (shared)	L <- B2 = 40 (shared)
P2 writes 60 to B2 (write miss)	L <- B2 = 60 (modified)	L = invalid





The Protocol

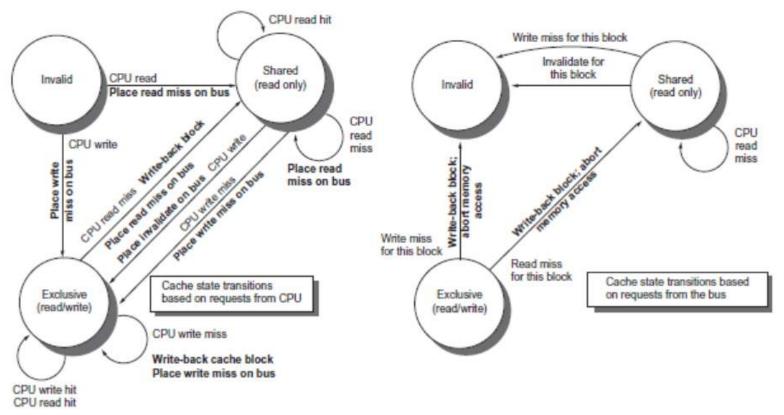
Request	Source	State of addressed cache block	Type of cache action	Function and explanation
Read hit	Processor	Shared or modified	Normal hit	Read data in local cache.
Read miss	Processor	Invalid	Normal miss	Place read miss on bus.
Read miss	Processor	Shared	Replacement	Address conflict miss: place read miss on bus.
Read miss	Processor	Modified	Replacement	Address conflict miss: write-back block; then place read miss on bus.
Write hit	Processor	Modified	Normal hit	Write data in local cache.
Write hit	Processor	Shared	Coherence	Place invalidate on bus. These operations are often called upgrade or <i>ownership</i> misses, because they do not fetch the data but only change the state.
Write miss	Processor	Invalid	Normal miss	Place write miss on bus.
Write miss	Processor	Shared	Replacement	Address conflict miss: place write miss on bus.
Write miss	Processor	Modified	Replacement	Address conflict miss: write-back block; then place write miss on bus.
Read miss	Bus	Shared	No action	Allow shared cache or memory to service read miss.
Read miss	Bus	Modified	Coherence	Attempt to read shared data: place cache block on bus, write-back block, and change state to shared.
Invalidate	Bus	Shared	Coherence	Attempt to write shared block; invalidate the block.
Write miss	Bus	Shared	Coherence	Attempt to write shared block; invalidate the cache block.
Write miss	Bus	Modified	Coherence	Attempt to write block that is exclusive elsewhere; write- back the cache block and make its state invalid in the local cache.





Formal Specification[形式化定义]

- Finite state transition diagram for a single private cache block
 - Transitions based on processor and bus requests, respectively







MSI Extensions[扩展]

- Complications for the basic MSI protocol:
 - Operations are not atomic
 - E.g. detect miss, acquire bus, receive a response
 - Creates possibility of deadlock and races
 - One solution: processor that sends invalidate can hold bus until other processors receive the invalidate

• Extensions:

- Adding additional states and transitions, which optimize certain behaviors, possibly resulting in improved performance
- Two common extensions
 - MESI: new 'Exclusive'
 - MOESI: new 'Exclusive' and 'Owner'





MESI and MOESI

- MESI adds state Exclusive
 - Indicate when a cache block is resident only in a single cache but is clean
 - A subsequent write to a block in E state by the same core need not acquire bus access or generate an invalidate
- MOESI further adds state Owner
 - Indicate that the associated block is owned by that cache and out-of-date in memory
 - In MSI/MESI, when sharing a block in M state, the state is changed to S, and the block must be written back to memory

Exclusion

- In MOESI, the block can be changed from M to O without writing it to memory





Performance of SMPs: Misses

- In a multicore using a snooping coherence protocol, overall cache performance is a combination of
 - The behavior of uniprocessor cache miss traffic
 - The traffic caused by communication, resulting in invalidations and subsequent cache misses
- Three C's classification of uniprocessor misses
 - Capacity, compulsory, conflict
- Coherence misses caused by interprocessor communication
 - True sharing misses: directly arise from the sharing of data among processors
 - False sharing misses: the miss would not occur if the block size were a single word





Performance of SMPs: Misses (cont.)

- True sharing misses, in an invalidation-based protocol
 - The first write by a processor to a shared block causes an invalidation to establish ownership of that block (invalidate all)
 - When another processor tries to read a modified in that block, a miss occurs and the resultant block is transferred (invalidated by the store)
- False sharing misses
 - Caused by the coherence alg. with a single valid bit per block
 - Occurs when a block is invalidated (and a subsequent reference causes a miss)
 - Some word in the block, other than the one being read, is written into

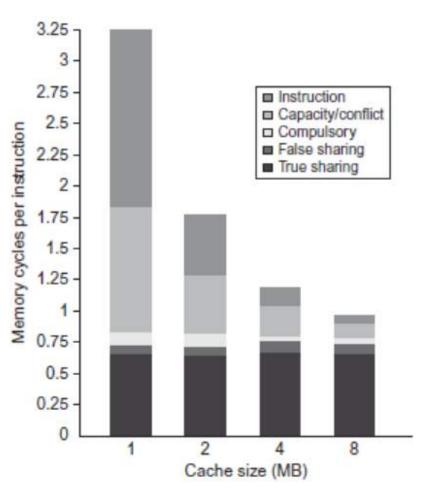
Shared:	x1	x2	x1	x2	
Time	P1		P2		
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Read x2 False sharing miss: x2 was invalidated by 'write x1' in P1, but x1 is not used from P2



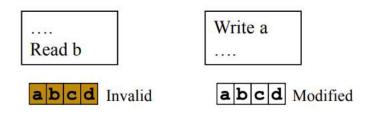


Performance of SMPs: Result



Coherence misses:

- True sharing misses
 - Write to a shared block
 - Read an invalid block
- False sharing misses
 - Read an unmodified word in an invalidated block



CPI for commercial benchmarks





Performance of SMPs: Result (cont.)

