

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

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Goals

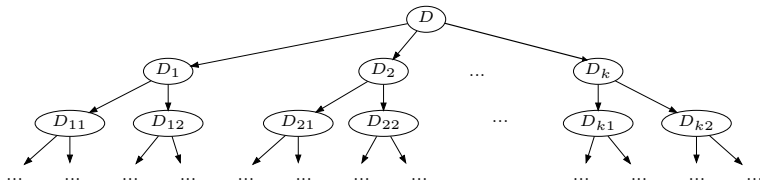
learn:

- 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

```
1  answer solve( $D$ ) {  
2    if ( trivial ( $D$ )) {  
3      return trivially_solve ( $D$ );  
4    } else {  
5       $D_1, \dots, D_k = \text{divide}(D)$ ; // divide the problem into sub problems  
6       $a_1 = \text{solve}(D_1)$ ; ...;  $a_k = \text{solve}(D_k)$ ; // solve them  
7      return combine( $a_1, \dots, a_k$ ); // combine sub answers  
8    }  
9  }
```



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
- k -d tree
- ...

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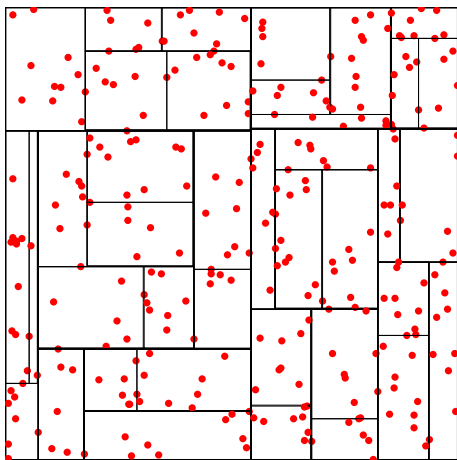
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k -d tree

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



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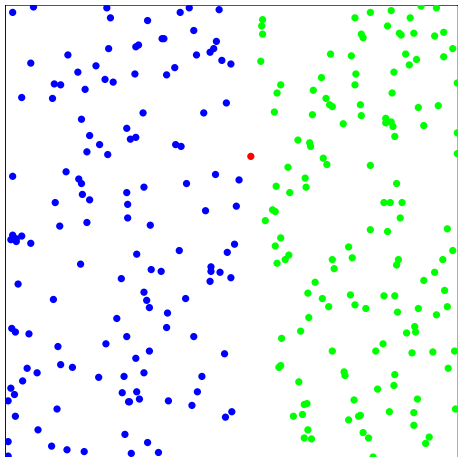
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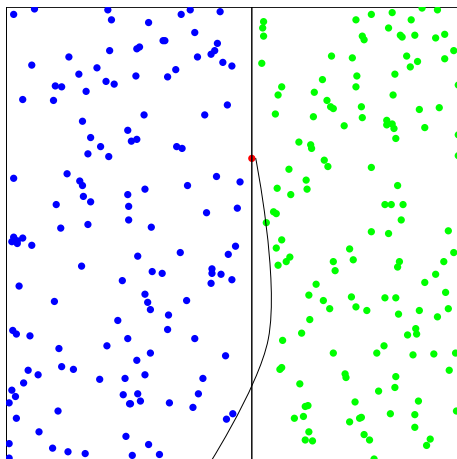
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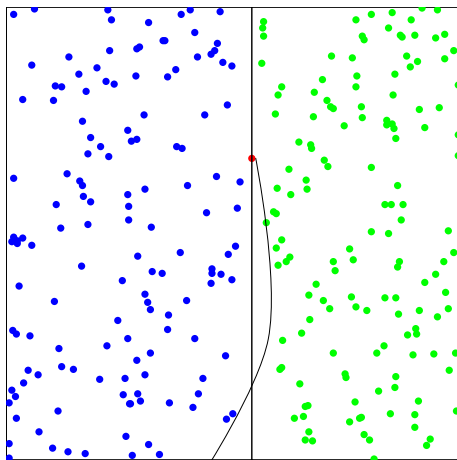


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- choose a point $p \in P$ through which to split R , and
- partition P into $P_0 + \{p\} + P_1$
 - let's say we split along x -axis. then
 - P_0 : points whose x coordinate $< p$'s
 - P_1 : points whose x coordinate $\geq p$'s (except p)



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divide and conquer method

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

Notes on subprocedures

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

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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

```
1  build(P, R, depth) {
2    if (|P| == 0) {
3      return 0; /* empty */
4    } else if (|P| <= threshold) {
5      return make_leaf(P, R, depth);
6    } else {
7      s = find_median(P, depth % D);
8      R0,R1 = split_rect(R, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
9      P0,P1 = partition(P - { p }, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
10   #pragma omp task shared(n0)
11     n0 = build(P0, R0, depth + 1);
12   #pragma omp task shared(n1)
13     n1 = build(P1, R1, depth + 1);
14   #pragma omp taskwait
15     return make_node(p, n0, n1, depth);
16   }
17 }
```

- 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

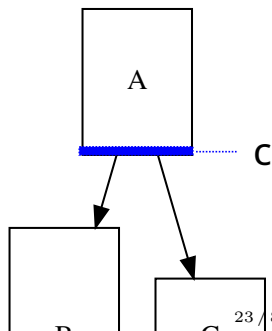
- **Work:** = the total amount of work of the computation
 - = the time it takes in a serial execution
- **Critical path length:** = the maximum length of dependent chain of computation
 - a more precise definition follows, with *computational DAGs*

Computational DAGs

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

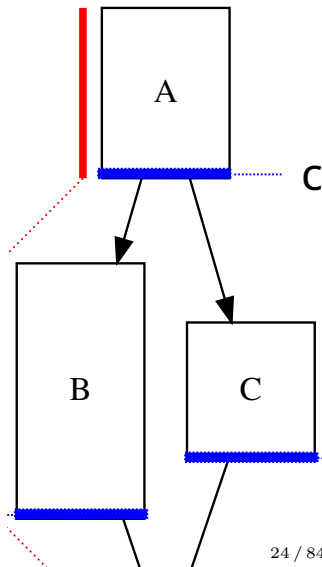
- a node = an interval of computation free of task parallel primitives
 - i.e. a node *starts* and *ends* by a task parallel primitive
 - we assume a single node is executed non-preemptively
- an edge = a dependency between two nodes, of three types:
 - parent → created child
 - child → waiting parent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

```
1 main() {  
2   A();  
3   create_task B();  
4   C();  
5   wait(); // wait for B  
6   D();  
7 }
```



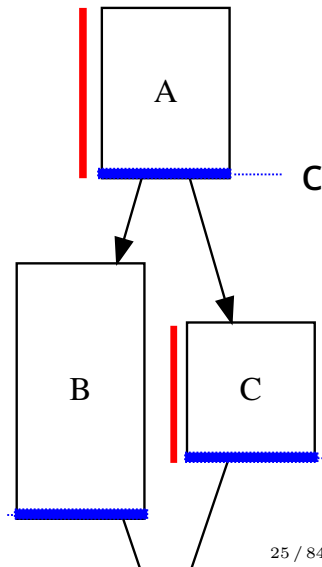
A computational DAG and critical path length

- 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



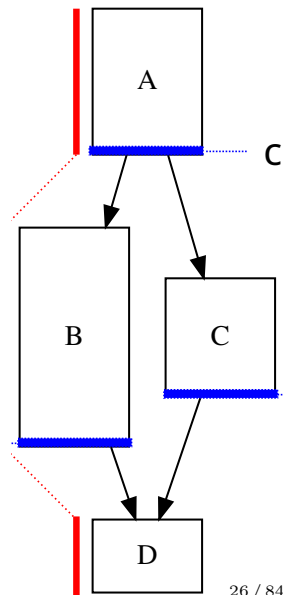
A computational DAG and work

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



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



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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:

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

The greedy scheduler theorem

- 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!

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

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*
 - $T_P \geq \frac{T_1}{P}$
 - $T_P \geq T_\infty$

or more simply,

$$T_P \geq \max\left(\frac{T_1}{P}, T_\infty\right)$$

- what a greedy scheduler achieves is

$$T_P \leq \min\left(\frac{T_1}{P}, T_\infty\right)$$

- 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

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

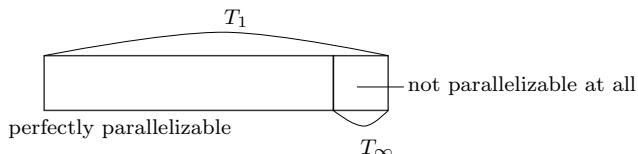
or equivalently,

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

- 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 case in which the entire computation (which amounts to T_1) consists of two parts,
 - ① 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

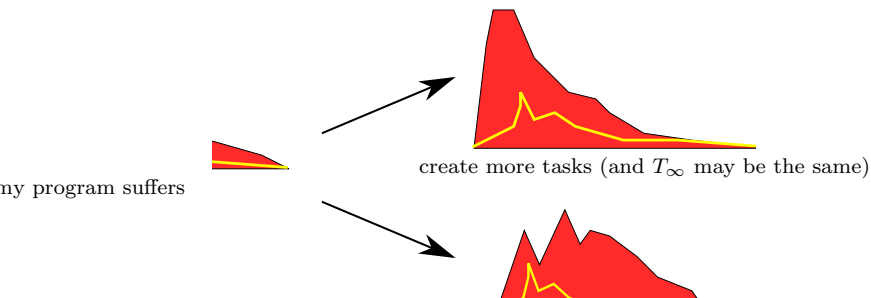
$$T_P \leq \frac{T_1 - T_\infty}{P} + T_\infty$$

- many people remember this as *Amdahl's law*
- the greedy scheduler theorem states that the same inequality holds more generally, for *any* computational DAG

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)

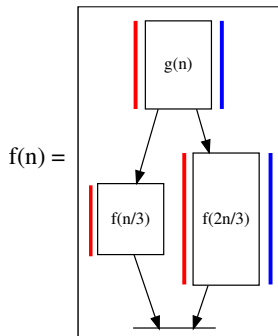
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Calculating work and critical path

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

```
1 f(n) {  
2   if (n == 1) { trivial(n); /* assume O(1) */ }  
3   else {  
4     g(n);  
5     create_task f(n/3);  
6     f(2*n/3);  
7     wait();  
8   }  
9 }
```



then

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

Work of k -d tree construction

```
1 build(P, R, depth) {
2   if (|P| == 0) {
3     return 0; /* empty */
4   } else if (|P| <= threshold) {
5     return make_leaf(P, R, depth);
6   } else {
7     s = find_median(P, depth % D);
8     R0,R1 = split_rect(R, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
9     P0,P1 = partition(P - { p }, depth % D, s.pos[depth % D]);
10    n0 = create_task build(P0, R0, depth + 1);
11    n1 = build(P1, R1, depth + 1);
12    wait();
13    return make_node(p, n0, n1, depth);
14  } }
```

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

- 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 $\alpha < 1$, s.t. each child gets $\leq \alpha n$ points)

Critical path

```
1 build(P, R, depth) {
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Speedup of k -d tree construction

- Now we have:

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

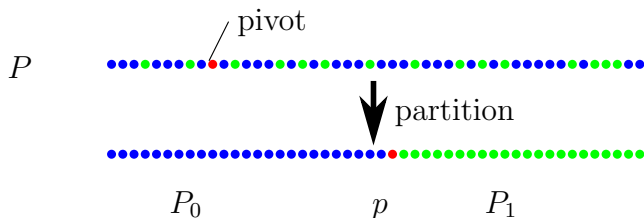
- \Rightarrow

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

- 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

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

```
1  /* merge a_beg ... a_end
2     and b_beg ... b_end
3     into c */
4  void
5  merge(elem * a, elem * a_end,
6        elem * b, elem * b_end,
7        elem * c) {
8      elem * p = a, * q = b, * r = c;
9      while (p < a_end && q < b_end) {
10         if (*p < *q) { *r++ = *p++; }
11         else { *r++ = *q++; }
12     }
13     while (p < a_end) *r++ = *p++;
14     while (q < b_end) *r++ = *q++;
15 }
```

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

Merge sort : parallelization

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        create_task ms(a, c, t, 1 - dest);
        /* sort 2nd half */
        ms(c, a_end, t + nh, 1 - dest);
        wait();
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        /* merge them */
        merge(s, s + nh,
             s + nh, s + n, d);
    }
}
```

- Will we get “good enough” speedup?

Work of merge sort

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void ms(elem * a, elem * a_end,
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        wait();
        elem * s = (dest ? a : t);
        elem * d = (dest ? t : a);
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}
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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);
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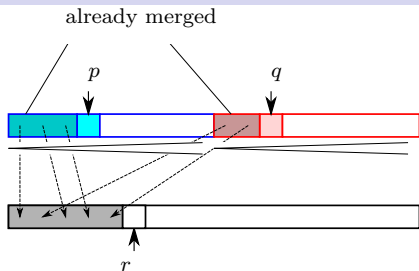
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the average parallelism

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

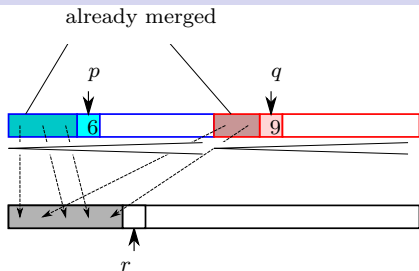
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   into c */
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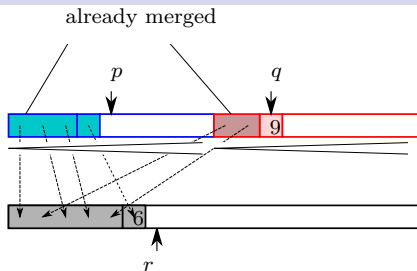
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How to parallelize merge?

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

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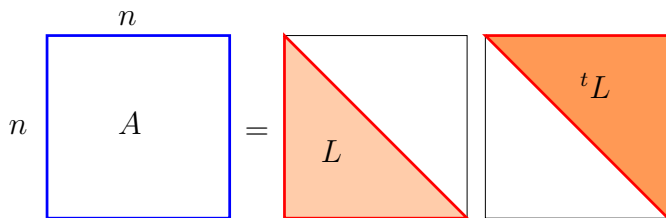
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Our running example : Cholesky factorization

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

$$A = L {}^tL$$

- (tL is a transpose of L)



Note : why Cholesky factorization is important?

- It is the core step when solving

$$Ax = b \quad (\text{single righthand side})$$

or, in more general,

$$AX = B \quad (\text{multiple righthand sides}),$$

as follows.

- 1 Cholesky decompose $A = L {}^tL$ and get

$$L \underbrace{{}^tLX}_Y = B$$

- 2 Find X by solving triangular systems twice

- 1 $LY = B$

- 2 ${}^tLX = Y$

Formulate using subproblems

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leads to three subproblems

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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

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chol(A) {
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In-place Cholesky at work

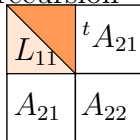
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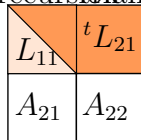
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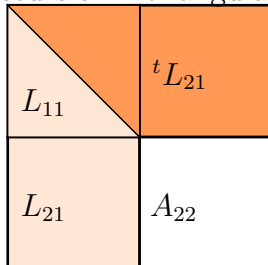
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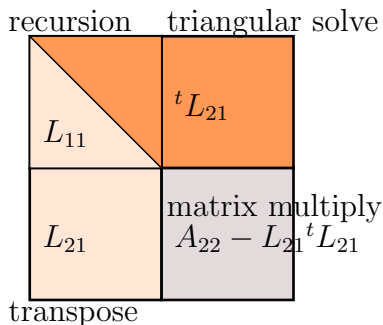
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transpose

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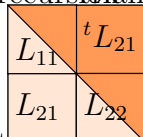
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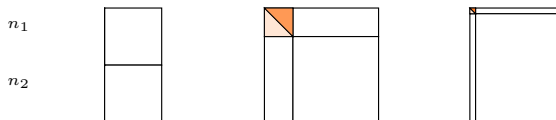
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transpose recursion

Remark 2 : where to decompose

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



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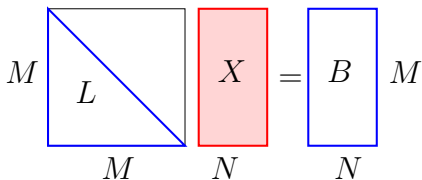
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A subproblem 1: triangular solve

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

$$LX = B$$



Formulate using subproblems

Two ways to decompose:

- ① (split X and B vertically)

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & O \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

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

- ② (split X and B horizontally)

$$L \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

- $LX_1 = B_1$, 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

Solving with recursions

1

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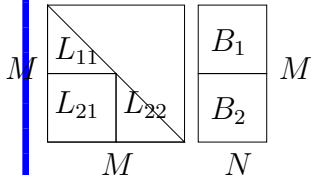
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solve them independently (easy)

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4     if (M = 1) {
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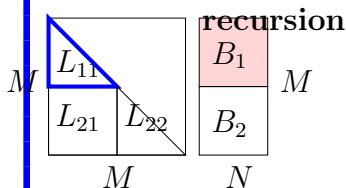
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     $B_2 -= L_{21}B_1$ ;  
    trsm( $L_{22}$ ,  $B_2$ );  
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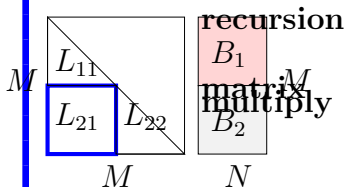
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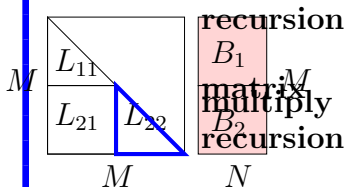
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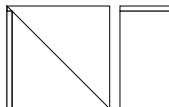
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    B /= l11;  
  } else if (M ≥ N) {  
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    B2 -= L21B1;  
    trsm(L22, B2);  
  } else {  
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    trsm(L, B2);  
  }  
}
```



Recursions and loops

Again, partitioning is arbitrary and there is a loop-like partitioning

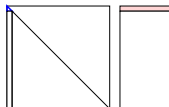
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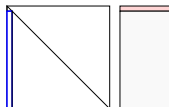
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  }  
}
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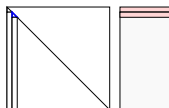
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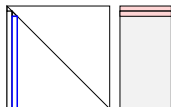
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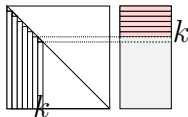
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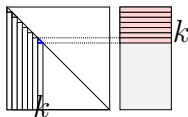
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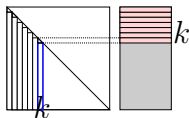
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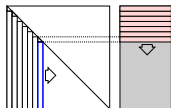
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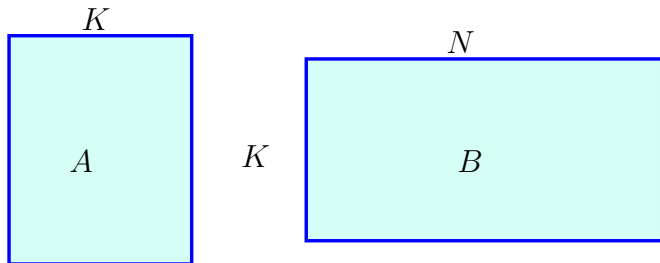
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A subproblem 2: matrix multiply

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

$$C += AB$$



Formulate using subproblems

Three ways to decompose

- divide M :

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} += \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} B$$

$$\rightarrow C_1 += A_1 B \quad // \quad C_2 += A_2 B$$

- divide N :

$$(C_1 \quad C_2) += A (B_1 \quad B_2)$$

$$\rightarrow C_1 += A B_1 \quad // \quad C_2 += A B_2$$

- divide K :

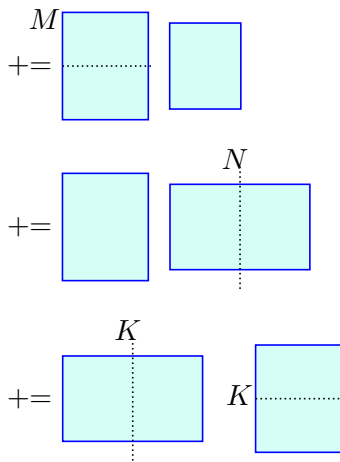
$$C += (A_1 \quad A_2) \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow C += A_1 B_1 \quad ; \quad C += A_2 B_2$$

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



```
1 gemm(A, B, C) {  
2   if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {  
3     c11 += a11 * b11;  
4   } else if (M ≥ N and M ≥ K) {  
5     A1, A2 = split_h(A);  
6     C1, C2 = split_h(C);  
7     gemm(A1, B, C1);  
8     gemm(A2, B, C2);  
9   } else if (N ≥ M and N ≥ K)  
10    B1, B2 = split_v(B);  
11    C1, C2 = split_v(C);  
12    gemm(A, B1, C1);  
13    gemm(A, B1, C2);  
14  } else {  
15    A1, A2 = split_v(A);  
16    B1, B2 = split_h(B);  
17    gemm(A1, B1, C);  
18    gemm(A2, B2, C);  
19  }  
20 }
```

Where is parallelism in our example?

Cholesky

```
1  /* in place */
2  chol(A) {
3    if (n == 1) a11 := sqrt(a11);
4    else {
5      chol(A11);
6      /* triangular solve */
7      trsm(A11, A12);
8      A21 = t A12;
9      A22 -= A21 A12
10     chol(A22);
11   }
12 }
```

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

Where is parallelism in our example?

Triangular solve

```
1  /* triangular solve  $LX = B$ .
2     replace  $B$  with  $X$  */
3  trsm(L, B) {
4     if (M = 1) {
5         B /= l11;
6     } else if (M ≥ N) {
7         trsm(L11, B1);
8         B2 -= L21B1;
9         trsm(L22, B2);
10    } else {
11        trsm(L, B1);
12        trsm(L, B2);
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)) {  
    c11 += a11 * b11;  
  } else if (M ≥ N and M ≥ K) {  
    A1, A2 = split_h(A);  
    C1, C2 = split_h(C);  
    gemm(A1, B, C1);  
    gemm(A2, B, C2);  
  } else if (N ≥ M and N ≥ K)  
    B1, B2 = split_v(B);  
    C1, C2 = split_v(C);  
    gemm(A, B1, C1);  
    gemm(A, B2, C2);  
  } else {  
    A1, A2 = split_v(A);  
    B1, B2 = split_h(B);  
    gemm(A1, B1, C);  
    gemm(A2, B2, 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!

```
1  gemm(A, B, C) {
2    if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {
3      c11 += a11 * b11;
4    } else if (M ≥ N and M ≥ K) {
5      A1, A2 = split_h(A);
6      C1, C2 = split_h(C);
7      #pragma omp task
8      gemm(A1, B, C1);
9      #pragma omp task
10     gemm(A2, B, C2);
11     #pragma omp taskwait
12     } else if (N ≥ M and N ≥ K)
13     B1, B2 = split_v(B);
14     C1, C2 = split_v(C);
15     #pragma omp task
16     gemm(A, B1, C1);
17     #pragma omp task
18     gemm(A, B2, C2);
19     #pragma omp taskwait
20     } else {
21     // same as before
22     ...
23     }
```

```
1  /* triangular solve LX = B.
2     replace B with X */
3  trsm(L, B) {
4    if (M = 1) {
5      B /= l11;
6    } else if (M ≥ N) {
7      trsm(L11, B1);
8      B2 -= L21B1;
9      trsm(L22, B2);
10   } else {
11   #pragma omp task
12     trsm(L, B1);
13   #pragma omp task
14     trsm(L, B2);
15   #pragma omp taskwait
16   }
17 }
```


T_1 and T_∞ of matrix multiply

```
gemm(A, B, C) {  
  if ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) {  
    c11 += a11 * b11;  
  } else if (M ≥ N and M ≥ K) {  
    ...  
#pragma omp task  
    gemm(A1, B, C1);  
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    gemm(A2, B, C2);  
#pragma omp taskwait  
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    ...  
#pragma omp task  
    gemm(A, B1, C1);  
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    gemm(A, B1, C2);  
#pragma omp taskwait  
  } else {  
    ...  
    gemm(A1, B1, C);  
    gemm(A2, B2, C);  
  }  
}
```

Work (T_1), written by

$W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) \\ ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)) \\ 2W_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, K) + \Theta(1) \\ (M \text{ is largest}) \\ 2W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N/2, K) + \Theta(1) \\ (N \text{ is largest}) \\ 2W_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K/2) + \Theta(1) \\ (K \text{ is largest}) \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta(MNK)$

T_1 and T_∞ of matrix multiply

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    ...  
#pragma omp task  
    gemm(A, B1, C1);  
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    gemm(A, B1, C2);  
#pragma omp taskwait  
  } else {  
    ...  
    gemm(A1, B1, C);  
    gemm(A2, B2, C);  
  }  
}
```

Critical path (T_∞), written by

$C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) \\ \quad ((M, N, K) = (1, 1, 1)), \\ C_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, K) + \Theta(1) \\ \quad (M \text{ is largest}) \\ C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N/2, K) + \Theta(1) \\ \quad (N \text{ is largest}) \\ 2C_{\text{gemm}}(M, N, K/2) + \Theta(1) \\ \quad (K \text{ is largest}) \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta(\log M + \log N + K)$ (we consider it as $\Theta(K)$ for brevity)

T_1 and T_∞ of triangular solve

```
/* triangular solve  $LX = B$ .  
   replace  $B$  with  $X$  */  
trsm(L, B) {  
  if (M = 1) {  
    B /= l11;  
  } else if (M ≥ N) {  
    trsm(L11, B1);  
    B2 -= L21B1;  
    trsm(L22, B2);  
  } else {  
#pragma omp task  
    trsm(L, B1);  
#pragma omp task  
    trsm(L, B2);  
#pragma omp taskwait  
  }  
}
```

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) \\ \quad ((M, N) = (1, 1, 1)) \\ 2W_{\text{trsm}}(M/2, N) \\ \quad + W_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, M/2) \\ \quad (M \geq N) \\ 2W_{\text{trsm}}(M, N/2) + \Theta(1) \\ \quad (N > M) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(M^2N)$$

T_1 and T_∞ of triangular solve

```
/* triangular solve  $LX = B$ .  
   replace  $B$  with  $X$  */  
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#pragma omp task  
    trsm(L, B1);  
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    trsm(L, B2);  
#pragma omp taskwait  
  }  
}
```

Critical path (T_∞), written by
 $C_{\text{trsm}}(M, N) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) \\ \quad ((M, N) = (1, 1)), \\ 2C_{\text{trsm}}(M/2, N) \\ \quad + C_{\text{gemm}}(M/2, N, M/2) \\ \quad (M \geq N) \\ C_{\text{trsm}}(M, N/2) + \Theta(1) \\ \quad (N > M) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(M \log N)$$

T_1 and T_∞ of Cholesky

```
chol(A) {  
  if (n = 1) a11 := sqrt(a11);  
  else {  
    chol(A11);  
    /* triangular solve */  
    trsm(A11, A12);  
    A21 = tA12;  
    A22 -= A21A12  
    chol(A22);  
  }  
}
```

Work (T_1), written by $W_{\text{chol}}(n) =$

$$\begin{cases} \Theta(1) & (n = 1), \\ 2W_{\text{chol}}(n/2) \\ \quad + W_{\text{trsm}}(n/2, n/2) \\ \quad + W_{\text{trans}}(n/2, n/2) \\ \quad + W_{\text{gemm}}(n/2, n/2, n/2) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$$

T_1 and T_∞ of Cholesky

```
chol(A) {  
  if (n = 1) a11 := sqrt(a11);  
  else {  
    chol(A11);  
    /* triangular solve */  
    trsm(A11, A12);  
    A21 = tA12;  
    A22 -= A21 A12  
    chol(A22);  
  }  
}
```

Critical path (T_∞), written by

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta(1) \\ 2C_{\text{chol}}(n/2) \\ +C_{\text{trsm}}(n/2, n/2) \\ +C_{\text{trans}}(n/2, n/2) \\ +C_{\text{gemm}}(n/2, n/2, n/2) \end{array} \right. \quad (n = 1)$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta(n \log n)$

Summary

For $n \times n$ matrix,

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

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

- 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