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并行算法的定义和分类

❖ 并行算法的定义

- ♥ 算法:是指完成一个任务所需要的具体步骤和方法
- * systematic procedure that produces—in a finite number of steps—the answer to a question or the solution of a problem.
- In computer science, a parallel algorithm, as opposed to a traditional serial algorithm, is one which can be executed a piece at a time on many different processing devices, and then put back together again at the end to get the correct result.

❖ 并行算法的分类

- ◆ 数值计算和非数值计算
- ◆ 同步算法(SIMD算法)和异步算法(MIMD算法)
- ◆ 分布式算法
- ♦ 确定算法和随机算法

第四章 并行算法的设计基础

- 4.1 并行算法的基础知识
- 4.2 并行计算模型

分布式算法

- ❖ 所谓分布式计算就是在两个或多个软件互相共享信息, 这些软件既可以在同一台计算机上运行,也可以在通 过网络连接起来的多台计算机上运行。
- ❖ 研究如何把一个需要非常巨大的计算能力才能解决的 问题分成许多小的部分,然后把这些部分分配给许多 计算机进行处理,最后把这些计算结果综合起来得到 最终的结果。

分布式算法应用

- ❖解决较为复杂的数学问题,例如: GIMPS (Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search; 从因特网免费下载开放源代码的 Prime95和MPrime软件来搜索梅森素数)
 - ◆ 已知的最大的素数是2008年8月23日发现的2⁴³¹¹²⁶⁰⁹ 1, 共有12978189位数
- ❖ 研究寻找最为安全的密码系统,例如: RC-72 (密码破解)
- ❖ 生物病理研究,例如: Folding@home(研究蛋白质折叠, 误解,聚合及由此引起的相关疾病)
- ❖ 各种各样疾病的药物研究,例如: United Devices (寻找对 抗癌症的有效的药物)
- ❖信号处理,例如: SETI@Home (Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence at Home在家寻找地外文明)。

- ❖ PARTITION_R(A,lo,hi)
 - r←RANDOM(hi-lo+1)+lo
 - ◆交换A[lo]和A[r]
 - return PARTITION(A,lo,hi)
- ❖ QUICKSORT_R(A,lo,hi)
 - ₱ if lo < hi
 </p>
 - ◆ p←PARTITION_R(A,lo,hi)
 - QUICKSORT_R(A,lo,p)
 - ◆ QUICKSORT_R(A,p+1,hi)

随机化算法

- ❖ 随机化算法是这样一种算法,在算法中使用了随机函数, 且随机函数的返回值直接或间接地影响了算法的执行流 程或执行结果。
- ❖ 随机化算法的基本原理是: 当某个决策中有多个选择, 但又无法确定哪个是好的选择,或确定好的选择需要付 出较大的代价时,如果大多数选择是好的,那么随机地 选一个往往是一种有效的策略。

4.1.2并行算法的表达

- ❖ 描述语言
 - ♥可以使用类Algol、类Pascal等;
 - ◆ 在描述语言中引入并行语句。
- ❖ 并行语句示例
 - ♥ Par-do语句

for i=1 to n par-do

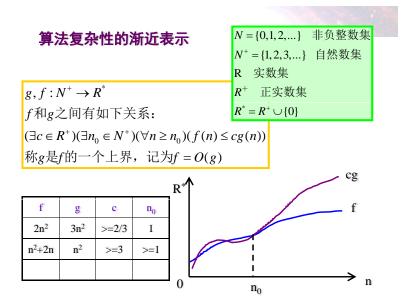
for

end for

♦ for all语句

for all Pi, where 0≤i≤k

end for



算法复杂性度量

- ◆ 基本操作
- ◆ 问题规模
- ◆时间复杂度
- □ 算法复杂度为O(g(n))
- ◆ 空间复杂度

有效算法与NP问题:

 $O(1) < O(logn) < O(n) < O(nlogn) < O(n^2) < O(n^3)$

 $O(2^n) < O(n!) < O(n^n)$

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g, f: N^+ \to R^* f和g之间有如下关系: (\exists c \in R^+)(\exists n_0 \in N^+)(\forall n \geq n_0)(f(n) \geq cg(n)) 称g是f的一个下界,记为f = \Omega(g)
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例: Bubble排序算法。
  In: n个被排序的数在数组A中。
  Out: 排序的结果为数组B
begin
  for i=1 to n do B(i) < -A(i) endfor
  t=1
  while(t==1)do
     t=0
     for h=1 to n-1 do
       if B(h)>B(h+1) then
          swap(B(h),B(h+1))
         t=1
       endif
     endfor
  endwhile
end
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算法名称	$\mathbf{A_1}$	$\mathbf{A_2}$	$\mathbf{A_3}$	A_4	A ₅
时间复杂度	n	nlogn	n^2	n ³	2 ⁿ

问题	1s	1000	140	31	10	9
规模(延长)时间)	1m	6*10 ⁴	4893	244	39	15
	1h	3.6*10 ⁶	2*10 ⁵	1987	153	21
问题 规模 (提高 速度)	单位时间	$\mathbf{S_1}$	$\mathbf{S_2}$	S_3	S ₄	S_5
	10倍速	10S ₁	近10S ₂	3.16S ₃	2.15S ₄	S ₅ +3.3
	1万倍速	1万S ₁	9000S ₂	100S ₃	21.54S ₄	S ₅ +13.3

Brent定理

令W(n)是某并行算法A在运行时间T(n)内所执行的运算量,则A使用p台处理器可在t(n)=O(W(n)/p+T(n))时间内执行完毕。

复杂度的选取

- ❖ 最坏情况下的复杂度(Worst-CASE Complexity) 给定规模为n的问题,各种输入会导致不同的复杂度(如排 序)。
- ❖ 期望复杂度(Expected Complexity)
 对输入的性态进行平均,平均性态下的输入的复杂度。

证明:将T(n)分成若干个时间步(并行步),对应第i个时间步的计算量是 $W_i(n)$,在p个处理机时可用不超过 $\left\lceil \frac{W_i(n)}{p} \right
ceil$ 并行步

模拟,那么该算法在p个处理机上的执行时间

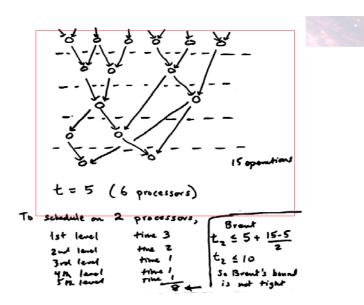
$$\sum_{i=1}^{T(n)} \left[\frac{W_i(n)}{p} \right] \le \sum_{i=1}^{T(n)} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{W_i(n)}{p} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \le \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^{T(n)} W_i(n) + T(n) \le \frac{1}{p} W(n) + T(n)$$

抽象算法看作T(n)个时间步(也就是并行步,这个总数是正整数,可数),令 W_i =抽象算法第i个并行步内的操作数目(运算量),对应的具体算法中所用时间 $[W_i]$ W_i +p=1

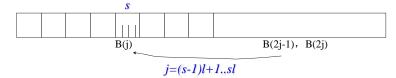
总的时间:

$$\leq \sum_{i=l}^t \left\lceil \frac{W_i}{p} \right\rceil \leq \sum_{i=l}^t \frac{W_i + p - 1}{p} = \sum_{i=l}^t \frac{p}{p} + \sum_{i=l}^t \frac{W_i - 1}{p} = t + \frac{\sum W_i - \sum 1}{p} = T(n) + \frac{W(n) - T(n)}{p}$$

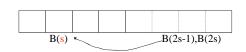
注意t是并行步的编号,这些编号的个数之和等于T(n)



- ●具体算法: p=2q, n=2k, 段长1,段号s, 对应处理机Ps, 所有下标 都从1开始。
- ●计算过程中的段长变化分别为: 2k-q-1, 2k-q-2, ..., 20. 即2k-q-h, 其中 h=1,2,...,k-q



●当段长为1时,段数减半求和,直到段数为1为止。



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例: SIMD-SM上的求和算法。
   In: n=2k, 被求和的数在数组A中。
   Out: S
begin
   (1) for i=1 to n par-do B(i) \leftarrow A(i) endfor
   (2) for h=1 to logn do
            for i=1 to n/(2^h) par-do
            B(i)\leftarrow B(2i-1)+B(2i)
            endfor
        endfor
   (3) S←B(1)
end
       W(n) = n + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{n}{2^{j-1}} + 1 = O(n)
                                      T(n) = O(\log n)
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- (1) for j=1 to l=n/p do B(l(s-1)+j):=A(l(s-1)+j)endfor (2) for h=1 to log n do (2.1) if (k-q-h)=0 then for $j=2^{k-h-q}(s-1)+1$ to $2^{k-h-q}s$ B(j) := B(2j-1) + B(2j)endfor endif $(2.2) if(s \le 2^{k-h}) then$ B(s) := B(2s-1) + B(2s)endif endfor (3) if(s=1)then S:=B(1) endif
- end

(1) O(l) = O(n/p)(2) 第h次迭代时所 用时间O(n/(2hp)) 找最长执行时间的 p, 每次迭代中: 段长大于1时,计 算量为 段长数;段长等于 1且段数大于1时, 计算量为1。所以 总时间:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{j-1} p} \right\rceil$$

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- (1) O(l)=O(n/p)
- (2) 第h次迭代时所用时间 $O(n/(2^hp))$ 找最长执行时间的p,每次迭代中: 段长大于1时,计算量为 段长数; 段长等于1且段数大于1时,计算量为1。所以总时间:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{j-1} p} \right\rceil$$

(3) O(1)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{j-1}p} \right\rceil \le \log n + \left\lfloor \sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \frac{n}{2^{j-1}p} \right\rfloor = \log n + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \cdot 2 \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \right\rfloor$$

$$t(n) = O(\frac{n}{p} + \log n)$$

 $W(n)=n, p=p, T(n)=\log n$,所以满足Brent定理。

并行算法的通信

- ❖ 通信
 - ♥共享存储多处理器: global read(X,Y)和global write(X,Y)
 - ♦ 分布存储多计算机: send(X,i)和receive(Y,j)
- 💠 通信语句示例
 - ₱ 算法4.2 分布存储多计算机上矩阵向量乘算法输入: 处理器数p, A划分为B=A[1..n,(i-1)r+1..ir],x划分为w=w[(i-1)r+1;ir]

输出: P1保存乘积AX

Begin

- (1) Compute z=Bw
- (2) if i=1 then y_i=0 else receive(y,left) endif
- (3) y=y+z
- (4) send(y,right)
- (5) if i=1 then receive(y,left)

End

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4.1.4 并行算法的同步

- ❖ 同步概念
 - ₱ 同步是在时间上强使各执行进程在某一点必须互相等待;
 - ◆ 可用软件、硬件和固件的办法来实现。
- ❖ 同步语句示例
 - ⇒ 算法4.1 共享存储多处理器上求和算法

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輸入: A=(a<sub>0</sub>,...,a<sub>n-1</sub>),处理器数p
輸出: S=Σa<sub>i</sub>
Begin
(1)S=0 (2.3) lock(S)
(2)for all Pi where 0≤i≤p-1 do S=S+L
(2.1) L=0 (2.4) unlock(S)
(2.2) for j=i to n step p do end for
L=L+a<sub>j</sub> end for
end for
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第四章 并行算法的设计基础

4.1 并行算法的基础知识

4.2 并行计算模型

Why models?

- What is a machine model?
 - * A abstraction describes the operation of a machine.
 - Allowing to associate a value (cost) to each machine operation.
- Why do we need models?
 - Make it easy to reason algorithms
 - Hide the machine implementation details so that general results that apply to a broad class of machines to be obtained.
 - Analyze the achievable complexity (time, space, etc) bounds
 - Analyze maximum parallelism
 - Models are directly related to algorithms.

RAM (random access machine) model

- Memory consists of infinite array (memory cells).
- Instructions executed sequentially one at a time
- All instructions take unit time
 - **♦** Load/store
 - **4** Arithmetic
 - **Description** Logic
- Running time of an algorithm is the number of instructions executed.
- Memory requirement is the number of memory cells used in the algorithm.

4.2 Parallel Machine Models

- 4.2.1 PRAM模型
- 4.2.2 异步APRAM模型
- 4.2.3 BSP模型
- 4.2.4 LoGP模型

RAM (random access machine) model

- The RAM model is the base of algorithm analysis for sequential algorithms although it is not perfect.
 - ***** Memory not infinite
 - * Not all memory access take the same time
 - Dot all arithmetic operations take the same time
 - # Instruction pipelining is not taken into consideration.
- The RAM model (with asymptotic analysis) often gives relatively realistic results.

4.2.1 PRAM模型

❖ 基本概念

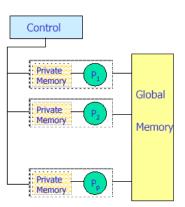
- ♥由Fortune和Wyllie1978年提出,又称SIMD-SM模型。
- PRAM (Parallel Random Access Machine)模型是单指令流多数据流(SIMD)并行机中的一种具有共享存储的模型。它假设有一个无限大容量的共享存储器,并且有多个功能相同的处理器,在任意时刻处理器可以访问共享存储单元。在PRAM中有一个同步时钟,所有的操作都是同步进行的。
- PRAM is an abstract machine for designing the algorithms applicable to parallel computers. It eliminates the focus on miscellaneous issues such as synchronization and communication

PRAM特点

- Unbounded number of local memory cells
- Each memory cell can hold an integer of unbounded size
- All operations take unit time
- ❖ Unbounded collection of RAM processors P0, P1, ...,
- Each processor has unbounded registers
- Unbounded collection of shared memory cells
- Processors have a read, compute, write phase that happen synchronously
 - e.g. for all i, do A[i] = A[i-1]+1;
 - Read A[i-1], compute add 1, write A[i]
- Some subset of the processors can remain idle
- Think of it as SIMD parallelism

Parallel Random Access Machine (PRAM)

- Collection of numbered processors
- Accessing shared memory cells
- Each processor could have local memory (registers)
- Each processor can access any shared memory cell in unit time
- Input stored in shared memory cells, output also needs to be stored in shared memory
- PRAM instructions execute in 3phase cycles
 - Read (if any) from a shared memory cell
 - Local computation (if any)
 - Write (if any) to a shared memory cell
- Processors execute these 3-phase PRAM instructions synchronously



PRAM访存类型

❖ PRAM-EREW互斥读互斥写

- Exclusive Read (ER) all processors can simultaneously read from distinct memory locations
- Exclusive Write (EW) all processors can simultaneously write to distinct memory locations

❖ PRAM-CREW并发读互斥写

 Concurrent Read (CR) – All processors can simultaneously read from any memory location

❖ PRAM-CRCW并发读并发写

 Concurrent Write (CW) – All processors can write to any memory location

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Concurrent Write (CW)

- What value gets written finally?
 - Priority CW processors have priority based on which write value is decided
 - Common CW multiple processors can simultaneously write only if values are same
 - Arbitrary/Random CW any one of the values are randomly chosen

Theorem. A p-processor CRCW algorithm can be no more than O(log p) time faster than the best p-processor EREW algorithm for the same problem.

Proof.

The proof is a simulation argument. We simulate each step of the CRCW algorithm with an O(log p)-time EREW computation.

Because the processing power of both machines is the same, we need only focus on memory accessing.

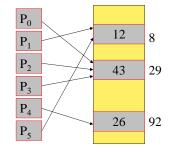
Let's present the proof for simulating concurrent writes here. Implementation of concurrent reading is left a exercise.

Strength of PRAM models

Model A is computationally stronger(>=) than model B iff any algorithm written for B will run unchanged on A

$$T_{EREW} = O(T_{CREW} \cdot \log p) = O(T_{CRCW} \cdot \log p)$$

The p processors in the EREW PRAM simulate a concurrent write of the CRCW algorithm using an auxiliary array A of length p.



- 1.When CRCW processor P_i , for i=0,1,...,p-1, desires to write a datum x_i to location l_i , each corresponding EREW processor P_i instead writes the ordered pair (l_i,x_i) to location A[i].
- 2. This writes are exclusive, since each processor writes to a distinct memory location.
- 3. Then, the array A is sorted by the first coordinate of the ordered pairs in O(log p) time, which causes all data written to the same location to be brought together in the output.

(8,12)(8,12)(29,43)0 0 0 (8,12)(8,12)(8,12)(29,43)2 (29,43)(29,43)(29,43)3 (29,43)(29,43)(92,26)(29,43)(29,43) P_3 (92,26)(8,12)(92,26)Α Α Simulated Simulated 12 8 lynn lymann. **CRCW CRCW** Simulating step on global global 29 sort 43 an EREW PRAM memory memory 92 26

4. Each EREW processor P_i now inspects $A[i]=(l_j,x_j)$ and $A[i-1]=(l_k,x_k)$, where j and k are values in the range $0 \le j,k \le p-1$. If $l_j \ne l_k$ or i=0 then P_i writes the datum x_j to location l_j in the global memory. Otherwise, the processor does nothing.

The issue arises, therefore, of which model is preferable – CRCW or EREW

- Advocates of the CRCW models point out that they are easier to program than EREW model and that their algorithms run faster
- Critics contend that hardware to implement concurrent memory operations is slower than hardware to exclusive memory operations, and thus the faster running time of CRCW algorithm is fictitious.
 - In reality, they say, one cannot find the maximum of n values in O(1) time
- Others say that PRAM is the wrong model entirely. Processors must be interconnected by a communication network, and the communication network should be part of the model

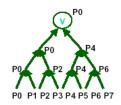
It is quite clear that the issue of the "right" parallel model is not going to be easily settled in favour of any one model. The important think to realize, however, is that these models are just that: models!

End of the proof

- Since the array A is sorted by first coordinate, only one of the processors writing to any given location actually succeeds, and thus the write is exclusive.
- This process thus implements each step of concurrent writing in the common CRCW model in O(log p) time

A Basic PRAM Algorithm

- Let there be "n" processors and "2n" inputs
- PRAM model: EREW
- Construct a tournament where values are compared



Processor k is active in step j if $(k \% 2^{j}) == 0$ At each step:

Compare two inputs, Take max of inputs, Write result into shared memory

Details:

Need to know who is the "parent" and whether you are left or right child Write to appropriate input field

Parallel search algorithm

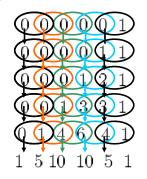
- * PRAM Algorithm:
 - **Step 1: Inform everyone what x is**
 - Step 2: every processor checks N/P numbers and sets a flag
 - \$\phi\$ Step 3: Check if any flag is set to 1.
- ❖ EREW: O(log(p)) step 1, O(N/P) step 2, and O(log(p)) step 3.
- ♦ CREW: O(1) step 1, O(N/P) step 2, and O(log(p)) step 3.
- **♦ CRCW (common): O(1) step 1, O(N/P) step 2, and O(1) step 3.**

Pascal triangle

$$\binom{n}{0},\ \binom{n}{1},\ \binom{n}{2},\ \binom{n}{2},\ \ldots\binom{n}{n}$$
 for $n=0,1,2,3,4,5,6$.

PRAM CREW

for each
$$1 \le i \le 5$$
 do in parallel $A[i]$; $= A[i] + A[i+1]$



Example CREW-PRAM

Assume initially table A contains [0,0,0,0,0,1] and we have the parallel program

for each
$$1 \le i \le 5$$
 do in parallel $A[i]$; $= A[i] + A[i+1]$



then the consecutive values of the tables A (in parallel step $0,\,1,\,2,\,3,\,4,\,5$) correspond to the Pascal triangle, the nonzero elements in the n-th row are

$$\binom{n}{0}$$
, $\binom{n}{1}$, $\binom{n}{2}$, $\binom{n}{2}$, $\binom{n}{n}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

Finding Maximum: CRCW Algorithm

Given n elements A[0, n-1], find the maximum. With n^2 processors, each processor (i,j) compare A[i] and A[j], for $0 \le i$, $j \le n-1$.

max=9

The running time is O(1).

Note: there may be multiple maximum values, so their processors Will write to max concurrently. Its $work = n^2 \times O(1) = O(n^2)$.

PRAM-CRCW上快排序算法

- ❖ 输入: 序列(A₁,...,An)和n个处理器
- ❖ 输出:供排序用的一棵二叉排序树

Begin

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{for each processor i do} & \text{repeat for each processor i <> root do} \\ \text{root=i} & \text{if } (A_i \!\!<\!\! A_{f_i}) \!\vee\! (A_i \!\!=\!\! A_{f_i} \!\wedge\! i \!\!<\!\! f_i) \text{ then} \end{array}$

 f_i =root LC_{fi} =i

 $LC_i=RC_i=n+1$ if $i=LC_{fi}$ then exit else $f_i=LC_{fi}$ endif

end for else

 $RC_{fi}=i$

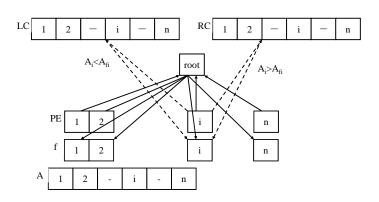
if i=RC_{fi} then exit else f_i=RC_{fi} endif

endif end repeat

End

PRAM strengths

- Natural extension of RAM
- It is simple and easy to understand
 - Communication and synchronization issues are hided.
- Can be used as a benchmarks
 - If an algorithm performs badly in the PRAM model, it will perform badly in reality.
 - # A good PRAM program may not be practical though.
- It is useful to reason threaded algorithms for SMP/multicore machines.



How practical is PRAM

- Unbounded number of local memory cells
 - Not true, memory is the bottleneck of many applications
- Each memory cell can hold an integer of **unbounded** size
 - We don't care much about this
- All operations take **unit time**
 - Very unrealistic for memory operations
 - As we traverse up the memory hierarchy, access time changes by a factor

PRAM – unaccounted costs

- Non-local memory access
- Latency
- Bandwidth (greater problem in PRAM)
- Memory access contention
- Synchronization
 - What were the synchronization issues in our example problem

Some variants of PRAM

- LPRAM
 - Charge a cost of L units to access global memory
 - Any algorithm that runs properly in a p processor PRAM can run in this model with a loss of factor L
- BPRAM
 - Charge L units to access first message
 - B units for each subsequent message

Some variants of PRAM

- ❖ Bounded shared memory PRAM, PRAM(m)
 - Global memory segmented into modules
 - ◆ Any given step, only *m* memory accesses can be serviced
- Bounded number of processor PRAM
 - Any problem that can be solved for a p processor PRAM in t steps can be solved in a p' processor PRAM in t'-O(tp/p')steps

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- ❖ 作业成绩确定: 题目回答正确并与前面发表的答案不同则可记录作业成绩满分

异步APRAM模型

❖ 基本概念

◆ 又称分相(Phase)PRAM或MIMD-SM。每个处理器有其局部存储器、局部时钟、局部程序; 无全局时钟,各处理器异步执行;处理器通过SM进行通讯;处理器间依赖关系,需在并行程序中显式地加入同步路障。

❖ 指令类型

(1)全局读

(2)全局写

(3)局部操作

(4) 同步

❖ 计算过程:由同步障分开的全局相组成

	处理器 1	处理器 2	处理器 p
	read x_1	read x3	read x_n
phase1	read x2	*	*
	*	write to B	*
	write to A	write to C	write to D
同步障			
	read B	read A	read C
phase2	*	*	*
	write to B	write to D	
同步障			
	*	write to C	write to B
	read D		read A
			write to B
同步障			

APRAM模型的指令类型

- ❖ APRAM中的指令有四种类型:
 - ◆全局读,将全局存储单元中的内容读到处理 器的局部存储单元中:
 - ◆局部操作,对局部存储器中的数据执行局部操作,操作的结果存放到局部存储器中;
 - ◆全局写,将局部存储器单元中的内容写入全局存储单元中;
 - ◆同步,同步是计算中的一个逻辑点,在该点 各处理器均需要等待其他的处理器也到达该 点后才能继续执行它们的局部程序。

APRAM模型

❖ 计算时间

设局部操作为单位时间;全局读/写平均时间为d,d随着处理器数目的增加而增加;同步路障时间为B=B(p)非降函数。满足关系 $2 \le d \le B \le p$; $B = B(p) = O(d \log p)$ 或 $O(d \log p / \log d)$

令 t_{ph} 为全局相内各处理器执行时间最长者,则APRAM上的计算时间为

$$T = \sum t_{ph} + B \times$$
 同步障次数

❖ 优缺点

易编程和分析算法的复杂度,但与现实相差较远,其上并行 算法非常有限,也不适合MIMD-DM模型。

4.2 并行计算模型

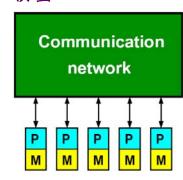
- 4.2.1 PRAM模型
- 4.2.2 异步**APRAM**模型
- 4.2.3 BSP模型
- 4.2.4 logP模型

BSP模型

- A BSP computer consists of a collection of processors, each with its own memory. It is a distributed-memory computer.
- Access to own memory is fast, to remote memory slower.
- Uniform-time access to all remote memories.
- No need to open the black box of the communication network. Algorithm designers should not worry about network details, only about global performance.
- Algorithms designed for a BSP computer are portable: they can be run efficiently on many different parallel computers.

BSP模型

◆ 由Valiant(1990) 提出的,"块" 同步模型,是一 种异步MIMD-DM模型,支持消 息传递系统,块 内异步并行,块 间显式同步。



L. G. Valiant. A bridging model for parallel computation. Communications of the ACM, 33:103–111, 1990.

The BSP model emphasized the separation of communication from computation by incorporating the bulk-synchrony with a distributed memory model over message passing.

- A set of processor-memory pairs.
- A communication network that delivers messages in a point-to-point manner.
- A mechanism for the efficient barrier synchronization for all or a subset of the processes.
- There are no special combining, replicating, or broadcasting facilities.

The communication network or *router* is described by only two parameters:

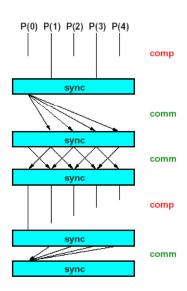
The $message\ latency\ L$: the time needed by a short message to travel across the network to its destination processor.

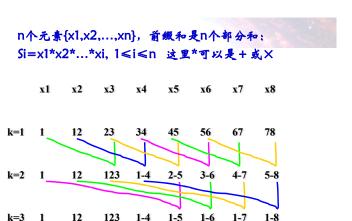
The bandwidth factor g: the parameter corresponds to a capacity constraint on the network. More precisely, it is defined as the ratio of local operations performed by all processors in one time unit to the total number of messages delivered by the router in the same time unit.

A BSP program is a sequence of *supersteps*. During each superstep, the processors (processor/memory modules) perform arbitrary local computations. At the end of each superstep, the processors synchronize and communicate by sending messages over the network (router). The router realizes supersteps in which each processor sends and receives at most h messages (h-relation). This pattern of independent computations followed by synchronization and communication steps is called *bulk-synchronous*.

BSP algorithm

- ❖ A BSP algorithm consists of a sequence of supersteps.
- A computation superstep consists of many small steps, such as the floating-point operations (flops) addition, subtraction, multiplication, division.
- A communication superstep consists of many basic communication operations, each transferring a data word such as a real or integer from one processor to another.
- In our theoretical algorithms we distinguish between the two types of supersteps. This helps in the design and analysis of parallel algorithms.
- In our practical programs, we drop the distinction and mix computation and communication freely in each superstep.





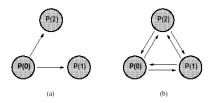
Ig p. supersteps such that during the k^{th} superstep, the processes in the range $2^{k-1} \le i \le p$ each combine their local partial sums with process $i-2^{k-1}$.

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```
int bsp_allsums1( int x ){
                                Make region global visible
  int k, left, right;
  bsp_pushregister( &left, sizeof(int));
  bsp_sync();
                                  Barrier
  right = x;
  for(k=1; k<bsp_nprocs(); k*=2){</pre>
     if( bsp_pid()+k < bsp_nprocs())</pre>
        bsp_put( bsp_pid()+k, &right, &left, 0,
        sizeof( int ));
     bsp_sync();
     if( bsp_pid() >= k ) right = left + right;
  bsp_popregister( &left );
  return( right );
                                Push to remote memory
```

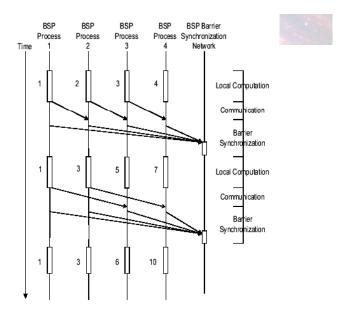
Communication superstep: h-relation

2-relations:



- An h-relation is a communication superstep in which every processor sends and receives at most h data words: $h = \max\{h_s, h_r\}$.
- h_s is the maximum number of data words sent by a processor.
- \blacksquare $h_{\rm r}$ is the maximum number of data words received by a processor.

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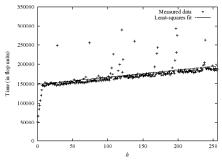
Cost of communication superstep

- T(h) = hg + l, where g is the time per data word and l the global synchronization time.
- Motivation hg: h determines communication time, since entry/exit of processor is the bottleneck.
- Motivation l: contains fixed overhead such as start-up costs of sending data, costs of checking whether all data have arrived at their destination, and costs of the synchronization mechanism itself.

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Time of an h-relation on an 8-processor IBM SP2



r = 212 Mflop/s, p = 8, g = 187 flop (0.88 μ s), l = 148212 flop (698 μ s)

Cost of algorithm

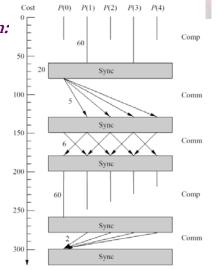
- The cost of a BSP algorithm is an expression of the form a + bg + cl:
 - This cost is obtained by adding the costs of all the supersteps.
 - \clubsuit Note that g = g(p) and l = l(p) are in general a function of the number of processors p.
 - ♣ The parameters a; b; c depend in general on p and on a problem size n.

Cost of computation superstep

- T = w + l, where w is the maximum number of flops of a processor in the superstep.
- Processors with less than w flops have to wait. This waiting time is called idle time.
- ❖ To measure T, a wall clock is needed, giving the elapsed time. A CPU timer will not work, since it does not measure idle time.
- \diamond Same *l* as in communication superstep, for simplicity.

Parallel algorithm: supersteps

- •• Cost of BSP algorithm for p = 5, g = 2.5, l = 20 is 320 flops.
- First computation superstep costs 60 + 20 = 80 flops.
- First communication superstep costs 4*5*2.5 + 20 = 70 flops.



Summary

- An abstract BSP machine is just a BSP(p, r, g, l) computer. This is all we need to know about the machine for developing algorithms. The parameters are:
 - p number of processors
 - r computing rate (in flop/s)
 - g communication cost per data word (in flop time units)
 - l global synchronisation cost (in flop time units)
- The BSP model consists of
 - a distributed-memory architecture with a black box communication network providing uniform-time access to remote memories;
 - an algorithmic framework formed by a sequence of supersteps;
 - = a cost model giving cost expressions of the form a+bg+cl.

logP模型

❖ 基本概念

- ◆ 由Culler(1993)年提出的,是一种分布存储的、点到 点通讯的多处理机模型,其中通讯由一组参数描述, 实行隐式同步。
- ❖ 模型参数
 - * L: network latency
 - * o: communication overhead
 - ◆ g: gap=1/bandwidth
 - **P:** #processors
 - 注: L和g反映了通讯网络的容量

4.2 并行计算模型

- 4.2.1 PRAM模型
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- 4.2.4 logP模型

Deriving the LogP Model

° Processing				
- powerful microprocessor,	large DRAM, cache => P			
 Communication 				
+ significant latency	(100's of cycles) => L			
+ limited bandwidth	$(1-5\% \text{ of memory bw}) \Rightarrow g$			
+ significant overhead	$(10's - 100's of cycles) \implies 0$			
- on both ends				
 no consensus on topology 	1			
=> shou	ıld not exploit structure			
+ limited capacity				
 no consensus on program 	ıming model			
=> should not enforce one				

LogP P (processors) P M P M · · · · P M o (overhead) L (latency) Interconnection Network Limited Volume (L/g to or from a proc)

- Latency in sending a (small) message between modules
- overhead felt by the processor on sending or receiving msg
- gap between successive sends or receives (1/BW)
- * Processors

LogP philosophy

- Think about:
- mapping of a task onto P processors
- computation within a processor, its cost, and balance
- communication between processors, its cost, and balance
- given a charaterization of processor and network performance
- Do not think about what happens within the network

Using the Model



- Send n messages from proc to proc in time 2o + L + g(n-1)
- each processor does o n cycles of overhead
- has (g-o)(n-1) + L available compute cycles
- Send n messages from one to many in same time
 Send n messages from many to one in same time
 - all but L/g processors block so fewer available cycles



Develop optimal broadcast algorithm based on the LogP model

Broadcast a single datum to P-1 processors

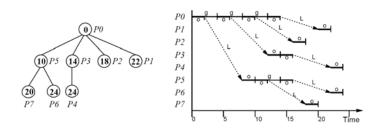


Figure 3: Optimal broadcast tree for P=8, L=6, g=4, o=2 (left) and the activity of each processor over time (right). The number shown for each node is the time at which it has received the datum and can begin sending it on. The last value is received at time 24.

Latency and Bandwidth Model

* Time to send message of length n is roughly

- * Topology is assumed irrelevant.
- * Often called "α-β model" and written

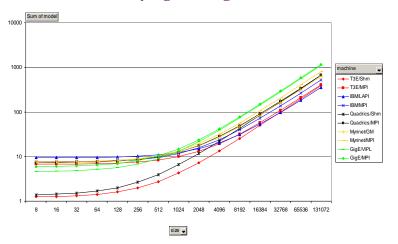
Time =
$$\alpha + n^*\beta$$

- ♦ Usually $\alpha >> \beta >>$ time per flop.
 - One long message is cheaper than many short ones.

$$\alpha + n*\beta << n*(\alpha + 1*\beta)$$

- Can do hundreds or thousands of flops for cost of one message.
- Lesson: Need large computation-to-communication ratio to be efficient.

Model Time Varying Message Size & Machines



Alpha-Beta Parameters on Current Machines

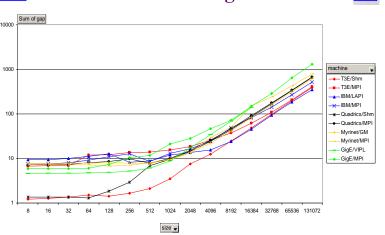
* These numbers were obtained empirically

machine	α	β
T3E/Shm	1.2	0.003
T3E/MPI	6.7	0.003
IBM/LAPI	9.4	0.003
IBM/MPI	7.6	0.004
Quadrics/Get	3.267	0.00498
Quadrics/Shm	1.3	0.005
Quadrics/MPI	7.3	0.005
Myrinet/GM	7.7	0.005
Myrinet/MPI	7.2	0.006
Dolphin/MPI	7.767	0.00529
Giganet/VIPL	3.0	0.010
GigE/VIPL	4.6	0.008
GigE/MPI	5.854	0.00872

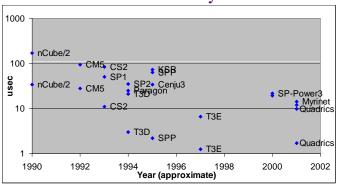
 α is latency in usecs β is BW in usecs per Byte

How well does the model $Time = \alpha + n*\beta$ predict actual performance?

Measured Message Time



End to End Latency Over Time



Latency has not improved significantly, unlike Moore's Law
 T3E (shmem) was lowest point – in 1997

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P1

gap

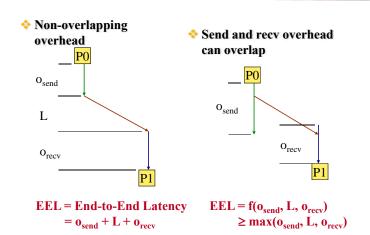
gap

LogP Parameters: gap

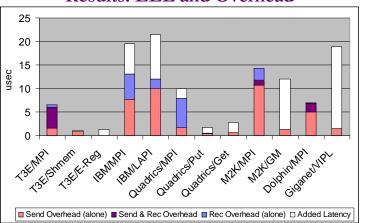
- The Gap is the delay between sending messages
- Sap could be larger than send ovhd
 - NIC may be busy finishing the processing of last message and cannot accept a new one.
 - Flow control or backpressure on the network may prevent the NIC from accepting the next message to send.
 - ♦ No overlap ⇒ time to send n messages =

$$(o_{send} + L + o_{recv} - gap) + n*gap = \alpha + n*\beta$$

LogP Parameters: Overhead & Latency



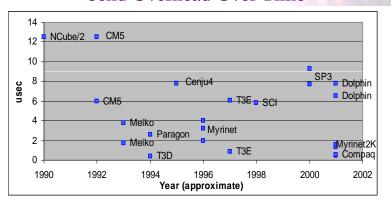
Results: EEL and Overhead



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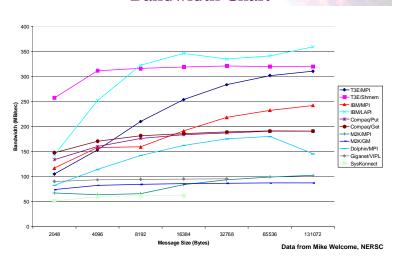
Send Overhead Over Time



- Overhead has not improved significantly; T3D was best
 - # Lack of integration; lack of attention in software

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Bandwidth Chart



Limitations of the LogP Model

- The LogP model has a fixed cost for each messages
 - This is useful in showing how to quickly broadcast a single word
 - **†** Other examples also in the LogP papers
- For larger messages, there is a variation LogGP
 - Two gap parameters, one for small and one for large message
 - Φ The large message gap is the β in our previous model
- No topology considerations (including no limits for bisection bandwidth)
 - * Assumes a fully connected network
 - * For some algorithms with nearest neighbor communication, but with "all-to-all" communication we need to refine this further
- This is a flat model, i.e., each processor is connected to the network
 - Clusters of SMPs are not accurately modeled

logP模型

❖ 优缺点

捕捉了MPC的通讯瓶颈,隐藏了并行机的网络拓扑、路由、协议,可以应用到共享存储、消息传递、数据并行的编程模型中,但难以进行算法描述、设计和分析。

- SP vs. LogP
 - ◆ BSP→LogP: BSP块同步→BSP子集同步→BSP进程 对同步=LogP
 - ◆ BSP可以常数因子模拟LogP, LogP可以对数因子模拟BSP
 - BSP=LogP+Barriers-Overhead
 - ◆ BSP提供了更方便的程设环境,LogP更好地利用了 机器资源
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