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# TLP, Virtual Memory

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## 1 OpenMProgramming

Consider the following C function:

```
#define ARRAY_LEN 1000

void mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B, int32_t *C) {
  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_LEN; i += 1) {
    C[i] = A[i] - B[i];
  }
}
```

1.1 Manually rewrite the loop to split the work equally across N different threads.

```
#define ARRAY_LEN 1000

void mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B, int32_t *C) {
  #pragma omp parallel
  {
    int N = OMP_NUM_THREADS;
    int tid = omp_get_thread_num();

    for (int i = _____; i < _____; i += _____) {
      C[i] = A[i] - B[i];
    }
  }
}
```

1.2 Now, split the work across `N` threads using a `#pragma` directive:

```
#define ARRAY_LEN 1000

void mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B, int32_t *C) {

  _____

  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_LEN; i += 1) {
    C[i] = A[i] - B[i];
  }
}
```

1.3 Instead of saving the product to an array `C`, we now want to XOR the subtraction of all the elements of `A` and `B`.

```
#define ARRAY_LEN 1000

int mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B) {
  int result = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel for
  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_LEN; i += 1) {
    result ^= A[i] - B[i];
  }
  return result;
}
```

What is the issue with the above implementation and how can we fix it?

1.4 Solve the problem above in two different methods using OpenMP:

(a)
```
int mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B) {
  int result = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel for
  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_LEN; i += 1) {

    ____________________________________

    result ^= A[i] - B[i];
  }
  return result;
}
```

(b)
```
int mystery(int32_t *A, int32_t *B) {
  int result = 0;


  ____________________________________

  for (int i = 0; i < ARRAY_LEN; i += 1) {
    result ^= A[i] - B[i];
  }
  return result;
}
```

1.5 Assume we run the above `mystery` function with 8 threads. The parallel portion accounts for 80% of the program and is 8x as fast as the naive implementation. Use Amdahl's Law to calculate the speedup of the full program where

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \text{frac}_{\text{optimized}}\right) + \frac{\text{frac}_{\text{optimized}}}{\text{factor}_{\text{improvement}}}}$$

1.6 What is the maximum speedup we can achieve if we use unlimited threads in the parallel section for an infinite performance increase? Assume the parallel portion still accounts for 80% of our program.

1.7 What does the above result tell you about using parallelism to optimize programs?

# 2 Virtual Memory Pre-Check: T/F?

2.1 Having virtual memory helps protect a system.

2.2 The virtual address space is limited by the amount of memory in the system.

2.3 The virtual and physical page number must be the same size.

2.4 If a page table entry can not be found in the TLB, then a page fault has occurred.

# 3 Virtual Memory Potpourri

3.1 For the following address spaces, how many bits are in the Virtual Page Number (VPN), Physical Page Number (PPN), and Page Offset?

(a) A system with 16 MiB of virtual memory, 1 MiB of physical memory, 1024 B pages

VPN:

PPN:

Offset:

(Q1.2) Number of PTEs:

(Q1.3) Page Table Size:

(b) A system with 512 MiB of virtual memory, 32 KiB of physical memory, 512 B pages

VPN:

PPN:

Offset:

(Q1.2) Number of PTEs:

(Q1.3) Page Table Size:

(c) A system with 4 GiB of virtual memory, 1 GiB of physical memory, 4 KiB pages

VPN:

PPN:

Offset:

(Q1.2) Number of PTEs:

(Q1.3) Page Table Size:

3.2 For the above systems, how many entries are in each the page table?

3.3 For the above systems, calculate the size of the page table (in bytes) in memory given each Page Table Entry is 4 bytes.

3.4 If a Page Table's size is $2^{30}$ Bytes and each page is 4 KiB, how many physical pages are needed to store the page table?

3.5 Given a system with 12-bit VPNs, 8-bit PPNs, and 8-bit offsets:

(a) What is the Virtual Page Number (VPN) and the page offset of the *virtual address* `0x51B38`?

VPN:

Offset:

(b) What is the Physical Page Number (PPN) and the page offset of the *physical address* `0xB1DC`?

PPN:

Offset:

3.6 What are three specific benefits of using virtual memory?

# 4 Page Table Walk

Assume we have 16-bit VPNs, 12-bit PPNs, 8-bit page offsets, and 32-bit page table entries (PTEs). The first six entries of the page table are shown below.

| Page Table | Valid? | Dirty? | PPN |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0xB61C 0483 | | | |
| 0xFB83 A61C | | | |
| 0x8483 3F01 | | | |
| 0x7ABC 4103 | | | |
| 0xC012 F7CB | | | |
| 0x15DA C203 | | | |
| ... | | | |

...where each page table entry (PTE) is formatted as:

| 1 Valid Bit | 1 Dirty Bit | 18 Status Bits | 12 PPN Bits |
|---|---|---|---|

4.1 Of the first 6 entries in the TLB, fill out the above table for each entry. List whether the PTE is a valid mapping. If so, list translate its corresponding physical page and if the page is clean/dirty.

4.2 For each of the following virtual addresses, answer whether accessing will result in a 1) Page Table Hit or 2) Page Fault, and translate to its corresponding physical address. Each access occurs independently, not sequentially. The next available free page has PPN 0x42D.

(a) `0x000429`

(b) `0x00018D`

(c) `0x000345`

4.3 Recall that the Page Table Base Register (PTBR) stores the physical address of our page table. For this program, the PTBR = `0x10000`. What is the physical address of the page table entry `0xC012F7CB`?

4.4 We want to reserve the first 10 pages of physical memory to be read-only. How can we modify our page table to accomplish this?