

CS 470

Multiprocessing

- Explicit vs. implicit
- Threads vs. processes
- Thread safety
  - Non-determinism
  - Race conditions
  - Deadlock
- Synchronization
  - Mutual exclusion
  - Locks
  - Semaphores
  - Conditions
  - Monitors
  - Barriers
- Pragmas
  - parallel
  - for
  - section(s)
  - task
  - single
  - master
  - critical
  - barrier
  - default/private/shared
- Clauses
  - reduction
  - schedule
  - collapse
  - firstprivate/lastprivate
  - nowait
- Functions
  - omp\_get\_wtime
  - omp\_get\_num\_threads
  - omp\_get\_max\_threads
- Loop-carried dependencies
- Tasks and teams
- Locks
- Parallel languages
  - Productivity vs. performance
  - Partitioned global address spaces (PGAS)
  - High-Performance Fortran
  - CAF and UPC
  - X10 and Fortress
  - Chapel
  - Python and Julia

Performance analysis

- Speedup and efficiency
  - Amdahl's and Gustafson's laws
  - Linear speedup
  - Critical path analysis
  - Temporal vs. spatial locality
  - Weak vs. strong scaling
  - CPU time vs. wall time
  - Bandwidth
- Communication overhead
  - Latency
  - Bisection
  - Contention
- Energy usage
  - Energy (work) vs. power (rate)
  - Power caps
  - Dynamic voltage frequency scaling
- Debuggers
- Analysis tools
  - Hardware counters
  - Timer resolution
  - Sampling
  - Overhead
  - Perturbation
  - Skid
  - Tool frameworks
  - Performance modeling
  - Roofline model
  - Autotuning

System architectures

- Naming
  - Flat namespaces
  - Hierarchical namespaces
  - IPv4, IPv6, and DNS
  - Partitioned global address spaces (PGAS)
  - Overlay networks
  - Distributed hash tables
    - Virtual address space
    - Finger / lookup tables
    - Chord
- Synchronization
  - Message passing
  - Clocks
    - Physical
    - Lamport clocks
    - Vector clocks
    - NTP
  - Barriers
  - Consensus protocols
    - Transactions
    - Elections
    - One-phase vs. two-phase
    - Paxos
- Replication and consistency
  - Partial vs. total orderings
  - Data-centric
    - Continuous
    - Sequential
    - Causal
  - Client-centric
    - Monotonic reads
    - Monotonic writes
    - Read-your-writes
    - Writes-follow-reads
  - Distributed version control
- CAP theorem
  - Consistency
    - Strong
    - Eventual
    - Weak
  - Availability
    - Active / passive
    - Active / active
  - Partition tolerance
- Soft vs. hard failure
- Permanent vs. intermittent vs. transient faults
- MTBF and FIT
- Failure types
  - Crash
  - Omission
  - Timing
  - Response
  - Arbitrary (Byzantine)
- Failure handling
  - Detection
  - Prevention
  - Avoidance
  - Recovery
  - Techniques
    - DMR vs. TMR
    - Checksums / hashes
    - Hamming codes
    - Reed-Solomon codes
    - Checkpointing

Distributed issues

- Attacks
  - Brute force password cracking
  - Replay attacks
  - Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Principle of least privilege
  - Trust
  - Policies
- Encryption
  - One-way hash functions
  - Cryptographic systems
  - Symmetric vs. asymmetric
  - MDS / SHA
  - DES / RSA
- Authentication
  - Shared-key challenge/response
  - Needham-Schroeder
  - Kerberos
  - Key exchange parties
  - Diffie-Helman key exchange
  - Certificate authorities
- Authorization
  - Firewalls
  - Access control lists
  - LDAP and AD
- Auditing
  - Append-only logs
  - Blockchains (Bitcoin)
- Design issues
  - File-level vs. block-level
  - Remote access vs. upload/download
  - Centralized vs. decentralized
  - Symmetric vs. asymmetric
  - Striping
- Remote procedure calls
  - Function stubs
  - Parameter marshalling
  - Synchronous vs. asynchronous
- Networked file systems
  - Exports
  - Mounts
  - Static vs. automatic
- Protocols
  - NFS
  - AFS
  - GoogleFS
  - Lustre
  - Bittorrent
  - Freenet
- Scheduling
  - SLURM
- Monitoring
- Load balancing
- Checkpoint/restart

- Task vs. data decomposition
- Shared-memory vs. distributed-memory
- Spatial vs. temporal
  - NUMA effects
  - Locality
    - Caching
    - Mirroring
  - Content delivery networks
  - Space-filling curves
- Partitioning
- Communication
- Aggregation
- Mapping
- Foster's methodology

- Naturally ("embarrassingly") parallel
- Reduction trees
- Nearest-neighbor
- Producer/consumer
- Map/reduce
- Pipelines and streams
- Collective operations
  - Broadcast
  - Reduction
  - Scatter
  - Gather
  - Allgather
  - Allreduce
  - All-to-all
- Sparse vs. dense
- Linear system solvers
- Matrix operations
  - Linear algebra

- SISD
- SIMD
- MIMD
- SPMD
- Flynn's taxonomy
- von Neumann bottleneck
- Pipelining instructions
- Superscalar processing
- Speculative execution
- Vector processing
- Instruction-level parallelism
- Pthreads
- Java threads
- Windows threads
- OpenMP
- Shared memory
- GPUs / GPGPUs
- CUDA
- OpenACC
- Coprocessors and accelerators

- Intel Phi
- Sunway
- Manycore
- OpenMPI and MPICH
- Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous
- Hybrid w/ accelerators
- Bus
- Crossbar switches
- Star
- Ring
- Grid / Mesh
- Torus
- Hypercube
- Fat trees
- Ethernet
- InfiniBand
- OmniPath
- Interconnects
- Distributed clusters

- Supercomputers
- End-to-end principle
- Sockets
- OSI model
- QoS concerns
- Circuit switching vs. packet switching
- Unicast
- Multicast
- Broadcast
- Routing
- Wide-area networks
- IP / DNS
- TCP / UDP
- HTTP / HTML
- SSL / TLS
- Web protocols
- NTP
- XML / SOAP / JSON
- Peer-to-peer
  - BitTorrent
  - Tor
  - Freenet

- Infrastructure-as-a-service
- Type-1 vs. type-2 hypervisors
- Virtual machines
- Containers / Docker
- Virtualization
- Clouds
- Amazon AWS
- Work-sharing
- Condor
- Grids
- GIMPS
- Memory-centric
- Neuromorphic
- Quantum
- Optical
- Novel architectures