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Bulk-Synchronous Parallel ML

Examples of a high-level parallel language and a cost based methodology



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The BSML language

The BSML « spirite »

Bugs grow faster than Moore's law. (G. Berry)

- → High-level language \Rightarrow > lines of code \Rightarrow > number of bugs
- ➤ Certified library ⇒ ➤ number of bugs
- Small is beautiful. (R. H. Bisseling)

>BSML only use 5 primitives...

Who would drive a non-deterministic car ? (G. Berry)

Propriety of confluence of the semantic of BSML

French Proverb : « All the roads go to Roma » But the better way is to choose the shorter

> One can give BSP costs to BSML programs

> Different of concurrent programming : cost and confluence

The BSP model



Characterized by:

- **P** Number of processors
- r Processors speed
- L Global synchronization
- g Phase of communication (1 word at most sent of received by each processor)

Model of execution

Beginning of the super-step i

Local computing on each processor

Global (collective) communications between processors

Global synchronization : exchanged data available for the next super-step

 $Cost(i) = (max_{0 \le x < p} W^{x}_{i}) + h_{i} \times g + L$



A libertarian model 🥠

No master :

- ➢ Homogeneous power of the nodes
- ➢ Global (collective) decision procedure instead

No god :

- Confluence (no divine intervention)
- Cost predictable
- Scalable performances
- Practiced but confined



The BSML language

Structured parallelism as an explicit parallel extension of the High level (functional) language **ML**

- **BSP cost** predictions
- Implemented as a parallel library for the "Objective Caml" language

Using a parallel data structure called **parallel vector**

Using 5 parallel primitives :

Outside vector : classical O'Caml code with calls to the parallel primitives

Inside vector : classical O'Caml code



Parallel primitives of BSML

Asynchronous primitives: ➤ Creation of a vector (creation of local values) mkpar : (int → α) → α par ➤ Parallel point-wize application

- **apply** : $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ par $\rightarrow \alpha$ par $\rightarrow \beta$ par
- Synchronous and communications primitives:
 - Communications
 - **put** : (int $\rightarrow \alpha$) par \rightarrow (int $\rightarrow \alpha$) par
 - Projection of local values (to be replicated) **proj**: α par \rightarrow (int \rightarrow α)



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Example let v1 = mkpar (fun pid $a \rightarrow a*pid$) and v2 = mkpar (fun $_\rightarrow 5$) in apply v1 v2



Usefull Functions

Simple computations :

(* val replicate : $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$.par *) let replicate x = mkpar (fun _ \rightarrow x)

(* val apply2 : ($\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma$) par $\rightarrow \alpha$ par $\rightarrow \beta$ par $\rightarrow \gamma$ par *) let apply2 f v1 v2 = apply (apply f v1) v2

(* val parfun : $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha par \rightarrow \beta par *$) let parfun f v = apply (replicate f) v

Execution of BSML programs

Two modes : sequential and parallel ones



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Primitives synchrones

put : (int $\rightarrow \alpha$) par \rightarrow (int $\rightarrow \alpha$) par

6		1	2	3	_	0	1	2	3
put	None	Some v ₂	None	None		None	None	None	Some v ₁
	None	None	Some v ₅	None		Some v ₂	None	Some v ₃	Some v ₄
	None	Some v ₃	None	None		None	Some v ₅	None	None
	Some v ₁	Some v ₄	None	None		None	None	None	None
)				-			

proj : α par \rightarrow (int $\rightarrow \alpha$)





Usefull functions

Patterns of communication :

(* val replicate_total_exchange: α par $\rightarrow \alpha$ list *) let replicate_total_exchange vec = List.map (proj vec) (list_procs())

```
(* val bcast_direct : int →α par →α par *)
let bcast_direct root vv =
  let mkmsg = applyat root (fun v dst →Some v) (fun _ dst →None) vv
  in parfun noSome (apply (put mkmsg) (replicate root))
```

Parallel composition

- Multi-programming
- **Several programs** on the same machine
 - Primitive of parallel composition: Superposition
- **Divide-and-conquer** BSP algorithms

Parallel Superposition

super : (unit $\rightarrow \alpha$) \rightarrow (unit $\rightarrow \beta$) $\rightarrow \alpha \times \beta$

super $\mathbf{E}_1 \quad \mathbf{E}_2 \rightarrow (\mathbf{E}_1(), \mathbf{E}_2())$

Fusion of communications/synchronisations using super-threads

Keep the BSP model

Pure functional semantics

Parallel Superposition



Example, prefixes calculus

scan: $\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$ par $\rightarrow \alpha$ par

scan e (+) $< v_0$, ..., $v_{p-1} >$

 $= \langle e, v_0 + v_1, ..., v_0 + v_1 + ... + v_{p-1} \rangle$

Code in BSML :

let scan_direct op e vv =
 let mkmsg pid v dst=if dst<pid then None else Some v in
 let procs_lists= mkpar (fun pid →from_to 0 pid) in
 let rcv_msgs= put (apply (mkpar mkmsg) vv) in
 let values= parfun2 List.map (parfun (compose noSome) rcv_msgs) procs_lists in
 applyat 0 (fun _ →e) (List.fold_left op e) values</pre>



Classical log(p) super-steps method :



 $Cost = log(p) \times (Time(op)+Size(d)\times g+L)$

BSML code of this method :

```
let scan logp op e vec =
 let rec scan aux n vec =
  if n \ge (bsp p()) then (applyat 0 (fun \rightarrow e) (fun x \rightarrow x) vec) else
   let msg = mkpar (fun pid v dst\rightarrow
     if ((dst=pid+n)or(pid mod (2*n)=0))\&\&(within bounds (dst-n))
      then Some v else None)
   and senders = mkpar (fun pid\rightarrownatmod (pid-n) (bsp p()))
   and op' = fun x y\rightarrowmatch y with Some y'\rightarrowop y' x | None \rightarrowx in
    let vec' = apply (put (apply msg vec)) senders in
    let vec''= parfun2 op' vec vec' in
     scan aux (n*2) vec'' in
 scan aux 1 vec
```

Divide-and-conquer method :



BSML code of this method :

```
let scan super op e vec =
 let rec scan' fst lst op vec =
  if fst>=lst then vec
   else
    let mid = (fst+lst)/2 in
    let vec' = super mix mid (super (fun()→scan' fst mid op vec)
                                         (fun() \rightarrow scan'(mid+1) | st op vec)) in
    let msg vec = apply (mkpar(fun i v\rightarrow
      if i=mid
        then (fun dst\rightarrowif inbounds (mid+1) lst dst then Some v else None)
      else (fun dst\rightarrow None))) vec
    and parop = parfun2(fun x y\rightarrowmatch x with None\rightarrowy|Some v\rightarrowop v y) in
    parop (apply(put(msg vec'))(mkpar(fun i→mid))) vec' in
  applyat 0 (fun \_ \rightarrow e) (fun x \rightarrow x) (scan' 0 (bsp p()-1) op vec)
```

A cost based methology

- BSML is a safe high-order parallel language
- BSP model allows cost analysis of programs
 - Methodology :
 - 1) Program your sequential algorithm in ML
 - 2) Program one or more parallel algorithms in ML
 - 3) Choose the best follow your BSP parameters ; depending of
 - 1. Number of processor
 - 2. Architecture of your network, nodes, etc.
 - 3. Library of communication (MPI, TCP/IP in O'CAML, PUB, etc.)
- We need (easy to write using different h-relations) to bench our BSP parameters in BSML 29/102

Our parallel machine

Cluster of PCs

- ➢ Pentium IV 2.8 Ghz
- ≻ 512 Mb RAM
- A front-end Pentium IV 2.8 Ghz, 512 Mb RAM
- Gigabit Ethernet cards and switch,
- Ubuntu 7.04 as OS



Our BSP Parameters 'L'



How to read bench

- There are many manners to publish benchs :
- > Tables
- Graphics

The goal is to say *« it is a good parallel method, see my benchs »* but it is often easy to arrange the presentation of the graphics to hide the problems

- Using graphics (from the simple to hide to the hardest) :
- 1) Increase size of data and see for some number of processors
- 2) Increase number of processors to a typical size of data
- 3) Acceleration, i.e, Time(seq)/Time(par)
- 4) Efficienty, i.e, Acceleration/Number of processors
- 5) Increase number of processors and size of the data

Increase number of processors



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Acceleration

Typical accelerations Ideal Good parallel program Superlinear acceleration Good parallel program Most parallel programs Acceleration Number of processors


Increase data and processors



More complicated examples

N-body problem

Presentation

- We have a set of body
 - ➤ coordinate in 2D or 3D
 - ➢ point masse
- The classic N-body problem is to calculate the gravitational energy of N point masses that is : N = N

$$E = -\sum_{\substack{i=1\\i\neq j}}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{m_i \times m_j}{r_i - r_j}$$

- Quadratique complexity...
- In practice, N is very big and sometime, it is impossible to keep the set in the main memory

Parallel methods

- Each processor has a sub-part of the original set
 - Parallel method one each processsor :
 - 1) compute local interactions
 - 2) compute interactions with other point masses
 - 3) parallel prefixes of the local interactions
 - For 2) simple parallel methods :
 - using a total exchange of the sub-sets
 - using a systolic loop



Systolic loop in BSML

(* val systolic: $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \beta par \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow \alpha par \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \gamma *)$ let systolic f op vec init = let rec calc n v res = if n=0 then res else let newv=Bsmlcomm.shift_right v in calc (n-1) newv (op res (parfun2 f vec newv)) in calc (bsp p()) vec init

Cost of the systolic method :

$$N \times \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{l} + 2 \times N + \frac{N}{\mathbf{p}} \times N + \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{l}$$







Sieve of Eratosthenes

Presentation

- Classic : find the prime number by enumeration
- Pure functional implementation using list
- Complexity : n×log(n)/log(log(n))
- We used :
 - elim:int list int int list which deletes from a list all the integers multiple of the given parameter
 - ➢ final elim:int list →int list →int list iterates elim
 - Seq_generate:int →int →int list which returns the list of integers between 2 bounds
 - Select:int →int list →int list which gives the first prime numbers of a list.

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		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Prime numbers
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
5	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	
f	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	
	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	
	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	
l	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	
	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	

Parallel methods

- Simple Parallel methods :
 - ➤ using a kind of scan
 - \succ using a direct sieve
 - \succ using a recursive one
- Different partitions of data
 - \succ per block (for scan) :



Scan version

Method using a scan :

- Each processor computes a local sieve (the processor 0 contains thus the first prime numbers)
- ➤ then our scan is applied and we eliminate on processor i the integers that are multiple of integers of processors i-1, i-2, etc.
- Cost : as a scan (logarithmic)

Direct version

• Method :

- ➤ each processor computes a local sieve
- > then integers that are less to \sqrt{n} are globally exchanged and a new sieve is applied to this list of integers (thus giving prime numbers)
- each processor eliminates, in its own list, integers that are multiples of this first primes

Inductive version

- Recursive method by induction over n :
 - >We suppose that the inductive step gives the \sqrt{n} th first primes
 - ➤ we perform a total exchange on them to eliminates the non-primes.
 - ➤ End of this induction comes from the BSP cost: we end when n is small enough so that the sequential methods is faster than the parallel one

$$Cost(n) = \frac{\sqrt{m} \times m}{\log(m)} + \sqrt{n} \times \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{l} + Cost(\sqrt{n})$$

$$Cost(n) = \frac{\sqrt{n} \times n}{\log(n)}$$
 if BSP cost > complexity

Induction version in BSML

```
let rec eratosthene n =
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if (fin_recursion n) then apply (mkpar distribution) (replicate (seq_eratosthene n))
else
```

```
let carre_n = int_of_float (sqrt (float_of_int n)) in
let prems_distr = eratosthene carre_n in
let listes = mkpar (fun pid →local_generation2 n carre_n pid) in
let echanges = replicate_total_exchange prems_distr in
let prems = (List.fold_left (List.merge compare) [] echanges) in
parfun (final_elim prems) listes
let eratosthene_rec n =
applyat 0 (fun l→2::3::5::7::l) (fun l→l) (eratosthene n)
```

Parallel Eratosthene's sieve



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Accelerations for Parallel Eratosthene's sieve



Efficienties for parallel Eratosthene's sieve



Parallel sample sorting

Presentation

- Each processor has listed set of data (array, list, *etc.*)The goal is that :
 - \succ data on each processor are ordored.
 - > data on processor *i* are smaller than data on processor i+1
 - ➤ good balancing
- Parallel sorting is not very efficient due to too many communications
- But usefull and more efficient than gather all the data in one processor and then sort them



Local sort of samples (each processor)

1,3,4,7,8,9,13,14,15,19,20,21

1,7,14,20,4,9,13,21,3,8,15,19

1,3,4,7,8,9,13,14,15,19,20,21

1,7,14,20,4,9,13,21,3,8,15,19

1,7,14,etc.



```
Parallel Sorting in BSML
let bsp sample sort compare seq sort select merge samples to be send
                              get merge block vec =
let p=bsp p() in
 (* merge the sending blocks at the end *)
let final merge f =
 let rec final n tmp =
   if n=p then tmp else final (n+1) (merge block compare tmp (f n))
  in final 1 (f 0)
in
 (* Super-step 1 *)
 let vec sort = parfun (seq sort compare) vec in
 let primary sample = parfun (select p) vec sort in
  let totex prim sample = replicate total exchange primary sample in
  (* Super-step 2 *)
 let scd sample = select p (merge samples compare totex prim sample) in
 let elts to send = parfun (to be send compare p scd sample) vec sort in
  let to send = put (parfun get elts to send) in
  (* Super-step 3 *)
   parfun final merge to send
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```

Sequential and parallel sorting of polygons



Parallel sorting of polygons



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Matrix multiplication

Naive parallel algorithm

• We have two matrices A and B of size n×n

• We supose
$$p = \sqrt{p} \times \sqrt{p}$$

Each matrice is distributed by blocs of size $m = \frac{n}{\sqrt{p}}$

That is, element A(i,j) is on processor $(\frac{j}{m}) \times \sqrt{p} + \frac{i}{m}$



Two gets

Read data from another processor :

(* get_from : (int \rightarrow int) $\rightarrow \alpha$ par $\rightarrow \alpha$ par *) let get_from f parv = let comms = put(apply (mkpar (fun me v pid \rightarrow if me=(f pid) then Some v else None)) parv) in apply (mkpar (fun me rcv \rightarrow match (rcv (f me)) with None \rightarrow failwith "Cas_impossible_!" | Some v \rightarrow v)) comms

Read twice = just a superposition of 2 get_from

Mult in BSML

begin Mult(C,A,B)
let
$$m = \frac{n}{\sqrt{p}}$$
 in
let $p_i = pid \mod \sqrt{p}$ and $p_j = \frac{pid}{\sqrt{p}}$ and $C_q = [0]$ in
for $0 \le l < \sqrt{p}$ do
begin
let $a = A_{((p_i+p_j+l) \mod \sqrt{p}) \times \sqrt{p}+p_i}$
and $b = B_{((p_i+p_j+l) \mod \sqrt{p})+p_j \times \sqrt{p}}$ in
 $C_{pid} \leftarrow C_{pid} \oplus a \otimes b$
end
end Mult
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Dense matrix multiplication



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Performances for dense matrix multiplication (N=400)





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Data-Parallel Skeletons

Algorithm Skeletons

- Skeletons encapsulate basic parallel programming patterns in a well understood and structured approach
- Thus, skeletons are a set of functions which have 2 semantics : sequential and parallel ones.
- In general, skeletons work one list of data : a stream in the parallel semantics
- Typical examples : pipeline, farm, *etc*.
- Data-parallel skeletons are design for work on data and not one the stream of data
- Data-parallel skeletons has been design for lists, trees, etc. 74/102

Our Skeletons

- Work on lists : each processor has a sub-list
 Map : application of a function on list of data : map f [x₁, x₂,..., x_n] = [(f x₁), (f x₂),..., (f x_n)] mapidx f [x₁, x₂,..., x_n] = [(f 1 x₁), (f 2 x₂),..., (f n x_n)]
- Zip : combines elements of two lists of equal length with a binary operation :

 $zip \oplus [x_1, \ldots, x_n] [y_1, \ldots, y_n] = [x_1 \oplus y_1, \ldots, x_n \oplus y_n]$ Reduce and scan

Rpl : creates a new list containing n times element x

Distributable Homomorphism
Distributable Homomorphism
Dh : know as butterfly skeleton and used to express
a special class of divide-and-conquer algorithms
Récursive définition :

$$dh \oplus \otimes [x_1, \dots, x_n] = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

where :
 $y_i = \begin{cases} u_i \oplus v_i & \text{if } i \le n/2 \\ u_{i-n/2} \otimes v_{i-n/2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
and
 $u = dh \oplus \otimes [x_1, \dots, x_{n/2}] \\ v = dh \oplus \otimes [x_{n/2+1}, \dots, x_n] \end{cases}$



• Which is also a parallel point of view...



Parallel Implementation

Currently, naive implementation : suppose 2¹ processors (even, you need to manage bording data)
Recursive implementation using superposition
BSP Cost = logarithmic number of super-step with at most 2^(1-p) data communicated
Application : Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT) and Tridiagonal System Solver (TDS)

Code of Dh

```
let dh oplus omult fl =
let rec tmp n1 n2 n vec =
  if n=1 then vec else
   let n'=n/2 in
   let n1'=n1+n' and n2'=n1+n'-1 in
   let vec' = super mix (n1'-1) (super (fun () \rightarrow tmp n1 n2' n' vec)
                                            (fun () \rightarrow tmp n1' n2 n' vec)) in
   let msg=mkpar (fun pid v \rightarrow
                       if pid<n1'
                        then (fun dst \rightarrow if dst=(pid+n') then Some v else None)
                       else (fun dst \rightarrow if dst=(pid-n') then Some v else None))
in
   let send=put (apply msg vec') in
   let rcv = mkpar (fun pid f a \rightarrow if pid < n1'
                                 then match (f (pid+n')) with
                                          Some b \rightarrow List.map2 oplus a b
                                        | None \rightarrow a
                                  else match (f (pid-n')) with
                                          Some b \rightarrow \text{List.map2} omult b a
                                         None \rightarrow a) in
   apply2 rcv send vec'
  in (tmp 0 (bsp p()-1) (bsp p()) (parfun (local_dh oplus omult) fl
```

Fast Fourier Transformation

Presentation

Usefull in many numeric applications
Définition (n=2^l) :

fft
$$[x_1, \ldots, x_n] = [y_1, \ldots, y_n]$$

where $y_i = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x_k \omega_n^{ki}$

and
$$\omega_n = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1/n}}$$

Skeleton implementation
Recursive computation :

 $y_i = (\mathbf{FFT} \ x)_i = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{FFT} \ u)_i \oplus_{i,n} (\mathbf{FFT} \ v)_i & \text{if } i < n/2 \\ (\mathbf{FFT} \ u)_{i-n/2} \otimes_{i-n/2,n} (\mathbf{FFT} \ v)_{i-n/2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

where $a \oplus_{i,n} b = a + \omega_n^i b$ and $a \otimes_{i,n} b = a - \omega_n^i b$

where
$$u = [x_0, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}]$$
 and $v = [x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}]$
Operator: $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ i_1 \\ n_1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ i_2 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \oplus_{i_1, n_1} x_2 \\ i_1 \\ 2n_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Skeleton code :

let fft l = map fst $(dh \oplus \otimes (mapidx \text{ triple } l))$ where : triple $x_i = (x_i, i, 1)$



Fast Fourier Transformation





Fast Fourier Transformation for 2^17 complexes





Fast Fourier Transformation for 2^15 complexes to 2^19 complexes



Tridiagonal System Solver

Presentation

- Usefull in many applications
- $A \times x = b$ where A is sparce matrix representing coefficients, x a vector of unknowns and b a right-hand-side vector.
- The only values of A unequal to 0 are on the main diagonal, as well as directly above and below it
- Can be implemented using dh as FFT but just other operators...

Tridiagonal System Solver











Tridiagonal System Solver for 2^15 floats to 2^19 floats



Conclusion and future works

Conclusion

BSML=BSP+ML

safe high-level parallel language

- **Easy** to write parallel programs
- allow a cost based methodology
- Some typical example, data-parallel skeletons and benchs
- Many work on operational semantics to ease properties

What is « off »

As a library for O'Caml, BSML has many lacks of safety :

- \succ nested of parallel vector is allow
- Problem of determinism with some side effects
- some functions of O'Caml standard library can break the model of execution
- ▶ ...
- Need of a full language :
 - new type system (ongoing work)
 - Implementation using continuation (transformation of source's code with the help of a type checker) for the superposition (ongoing work)
 - create our own standard library to delete « dangerous functions » (easy but boring work)

Future works

Implementation of parallel skeletons (management of tasks) using the superposition ?

Implementation of bigger algorithms for better benchmarks of BSML

- BSP model-checking of high-level Petri-nets (M-nets). The main difficult : find a non-trivial algorithm as the community of concurrent programming does. Possible but need more theoretical optimisations...
- Libraries for matrices (by Sovanna Tan) and graphs (ongoing work)
- More symbolic computations...(Knuth-Bendix, on going work)

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Thanks for your attention