
CS 267 Applications of Parallel Computers

Hierarchical Methods for the N-Body problem

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Big Idea

- Suppose the answer at each point depends on data at all the other points
 - Electrostatic, gravitational force
 - Solution of elliptic PDEs
 - Graph partitioning
- Seems to require at least $O(n^2)$ work, communication
- If the dependence on “distant” data can be compressed
 - Because it gets smaller, smoother, simpler...
- Then by compressing data of groups of nearby points, can cut cost (work, communication) at distant points
 - Apply idea recursively: cost drops to $O(n \log n)$ or even $O(n)$
- Examples:
 - Barnes-Hut or Fast Multipole Method (FMM) for electrostatics/gravity/...
 - Multigrid for elliptic PDE
 - Multilevel graph partitioning (METIS, Chaco,...)

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Particle Simulation

```
t = 0
while t < t_final
  for i = 1 to n      ... n = number of particles
    compute f(i) = force on particle i
  for i = 1 to n
    move particle i under force f(i) for time dt ... using F=ma
  compute interesting properties of particles (energy, etc.)
  t = t + dt
end while
```

- $f(i) = \text{external_force} + \text{nearest_neighbor_force} + \text{N-Body_force}$
 - External_force is usually embarrassingly parallel and costs $O(N)$ for all particles
 - external current in Sharks and Fish
 - Nearest_neighbor_force requires interacting with a few neighbors, so still $O(N)$
 - van der Waals, bouncing balls
 - N-Body_force (gravity or electrostatics) requires all-to-all interactions
 - $f(i) = \sum_{k \neq i} f(i,k)$... $f(i,k) = \text{force on } i \text{ from } k$
 - $f(i,k) = c \cdot v / |v|^3$ in 3 dimensions or $f(i,k) = c \cdot v / |v|^2$ in 2 dimensions
 - v = vector from particle i to particle k , c = product of masses or charges
 - $|v|$ = length of v
 - Obvious algorithm costs $O(n^2)$, but we can do better...

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What do commercial and CSE applications have in common?

Motif/Dwarf: Common Computational Methods (Red Hot → Blue Cool)

	Embed	SPEC	DB	Games	ML	HPC	Health	Image	Speech	Music	Browser
1 Finite State Mach.	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
2 Combinational	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
3 Graph Traversal	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
4 Structured Grid	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
5 Dense Matrix	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
6 Sparse Matrix	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
7 Spectral (FFT)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
8 Dynamic Prog	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
9 N-Body	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
10 MapReduce	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
11 Backtrack/ B&B	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
12 Graphical Models	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
13 Unstructured Grid	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

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Applications (1/2)

° Astrophysics and Celestial Mechanics - 1992

- Intel Delta = 1992 supercomputer, 512 Intel i860s
- **17 million particles**, 600 time steps, 24 hours elapsed time
 - M. Warren and J. Salmon
 - Gordon Bell Prize at Supercomputing **1992**
- Sustained **5.2 GigaFlops** = 44K Flops/particle/time step
- 1% accuracy
- Direct method (17 Flops/particle/time step) at 5.2 Gflops would have taken 18 years, 6570 times longer

° Vortex particle simulation of turbulence – 2009

- Cluster of 256 NVIDIA GeForce 8800 GPUs
- **16.8 million particles**
 - T. Hamada, R. Yokota, K. Nitadori, T. Narumi, K. Yasuki et al
 - Gordon Bell Prize for Price/Performance at Supercomputing **2009**
- Sustained **20 TeraFlops**, or **\$8/GigaFlop**

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Applications (2/2)

- ° Molecular Dynamics
- ° Plasma Simulation
- ° Electron-Beam Lithography Device Simulation
- ° Hair ...
 - www.fxguide.com/featured/brave-new-hair/
 - graphics.pixar.com/library/CurlyHairA/paper.pdf

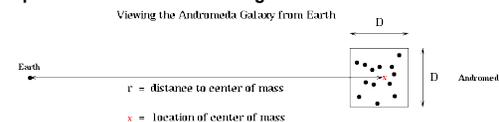
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Reducing the number of particles in the force sum

- ° All later divide and conquer algorithms use same intuition
- ° Consider computing force on earth due to all celestial bodies
 - Look at night sky, # terms in force sum \geq number of visible stars
 - Oops! One “star” is really the Andromeda galaxy, which contains billions of real stars
 - Seems like a lot more work than we thought ...
- ° Don't worry, ok to approximate all stars in Andromeda by a single point at its center of mass (CM) with same total mass (TM)
 - D = size of box containing Andromeda, r = distance of CM to Earth
 - Require that D/r be “small enough”



- Idea not new: Newton approximated earth and falling apple by CMs

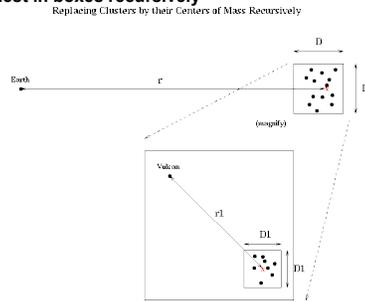
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What is new: Using points at CM recursively

- From Andromeda's point of view, Milky Way is also a point mass
- Within Andromeda, picture repeats itself
 - As long as $D1/r1$ is small enough, stars inside smaller box can be replaced by their CM to compute the force on Vulcan
 - Boxes nest in boxes recursively



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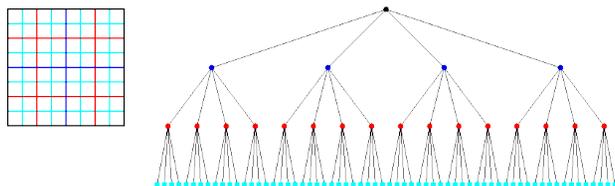
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Quad Trees

- Data structure to subdivide the plane
 - Nodes can contain coordinates of center of box, side length
 - Eventually also coordinates of CM, total mass, etc.
- In a **complete** quad tree, each nonleaf node has 4 children

A Complete Quadtree with 4 Levels



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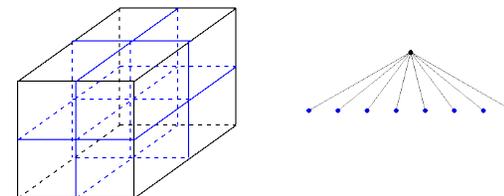
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Oct Trees

- Similar Data Structure to subdivide space

2 Levels of an Octree



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Using Quad Trees and Oct Trees

- ° All our algorithms begin by constructing a tree to hold all the particles
- ° Interesting cases have nonuniformly distributed particles
 - In a complete tree most nodes would be empty, a waste of space and time
- ° Adaptive Quad (Oct) Tree only subdivides space where particles are located

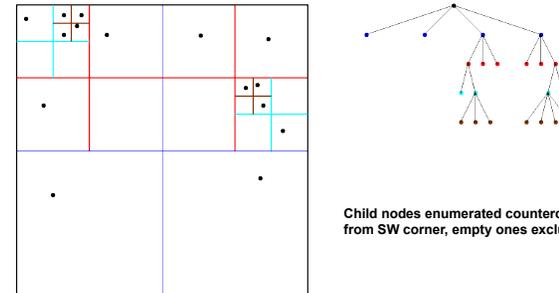
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Example of an Adaptive Quad Tree

Adaptive quadtree where no square contains more than 1 particle



In practice, have $q > 1$ particles/square; tuning parameter

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Adaptive Quad Tree Algorithm (Oct Tree analogous)

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Procedure Quad_Tree_Build
Quad_Tree = {empty}
for j = 1 to N          ... loop over all N particles
  Quad_Tree_Insert(j, root)  ... insert particle j in QuadTree
endfor
... At this point, each leaf of Quad_Tree will have 0 or 1 particles
... There will be 0 particles when some sibling has 1

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Procedure Quad_Tree_Insert(j, n) ... Try to insert particle j at node n in Quad_Tree
if n an internal node          ... n has 4 children
  determine which child c of node n contains particle j
  Quad_Tree_Insert(j, c)
else if n contains 1 particle  ... n is a leaf  Easy change for q > 1 particles/leaf
  add n's 4 children to the Quad_Tree
  move the particle already in n into the child containing it
  let c be the child of n containing j
  Quad_Tree_Insert(j, c)
else
  ... n empty
  store particle j in node n
end

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Cost of Adaptive Quad Tree Construction

- ° Cost $\leq N * \text{maximum cost of Quad_Tree_Insert}$
 $= O(N * \text{maximum depth of Quad_Tree})$
- ° Uniform Distribution of particles
 - Depth of Quad_Tree = $O(\log N)$
 - Cost $\leq O(N * \log N)$
- ° Arbitrary distribution of particles
 - Depth of Quad_Tree = $O(\# \text{ bits in particle coords}) = O(b)$
 - Cost $\leq O(b N)$

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Barnes-Hut Algorithm

- “A Hierarchical $O(n \log n)$ force calculation algorithm”, J. Barnes and P. Hut, Nature, v. 324 (1986), many later papers
- Good for low accuracy calculations:

$$\text{RMS error} = (\sum_k \| \text{approx } f(k) - \text{true } f(k) \|^2 / \| \text{true } f(k) \|^2 / N)^{1/2} \sim 1\%$$

(other measures better if some true $f(k) \sim 0$)
- High Level Algorithm (in 2D, for simplicity)

- 1) Build the QuadTree using QuadTreeBuild
 - ... already described, cost = $O(N \log N)$ or $O(bN)$
- 2) For each node = subsquare in the QuadTree, compute the CM and total mass (TM) of all the particles it contains
 - ... “post order traversal” of QuadTree, cost = $O(N \log N)$ or $O(bN)$
- 3) For each particle, traverse the QuadTree to compute the force on it, using the CM and TM of “distant” subsquares
 - ... core of algorithm
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 - ... cost depends on accuracy desired but still $O(N \log N)$ or $O(bN)$

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Step 2 of BH: compute CM and total mass of each node

... Compute the CM = Center of Mass and TM = Total Mass of all the particles
... in each node of the QuadTree
(TM, CM) = Compute_Mass(root)

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function ( TM, CM ) = Compute_Mass( n ) ... compute the CM and TM of node n
if n contains 1 particle
    ... the TM and CM are identical to the particle's mass and location
    store ( TM, CM ) at n
    return ( TM, CM )
else ... "post order traversal": process parent after all children
    for all children c(j) of n ... j = 1,2,3,4
        ( TM(j), CM(j) ) = Compute_Mass( c(j) )
    endfor
    TM = TM(1) + TM(2) + TM(3) + TM(4)
    ... the total mass is the sum of the children's masses
    CM = ( TM(1)*CM(1) + TM(2)*CM(2) + TM(3)*CM(3) + TM(4)*CM(4) ) / TM
    ... the CM is the mass-weighted sum of the children's centers of mass
    store ( TM, CM ) at n
    return ( TM, CM )
endif
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Cost = $O(\# \text{ nodes in QuadTree}) = O(N \log N)$ or $O(bN)$

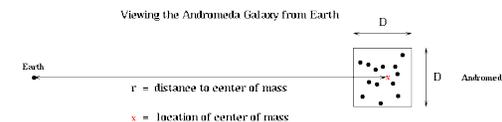
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Step 3 of BH: compute force on each particle

- For each node = square, can approximate force on particles outside the node due to particles inside node by using the node's CM and TM
- This will be accurate enough if the node is “far away enough” from the particle
- For each particle, use as few nodes as possible to compute force, subject to accuracy constraint
- Need criterion to decide if a node is far enough from a particle
 - D = side length of node
 - r = distance from particle to CM of node
 - θ = user supplied error tolerance < 1
 - Use CM and TM to approximate force of node on box if $D/r < \theta$



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Computing force on a particle due to a node

- Suppose node n , with CM and TM, and particle k , satisfy $D/r < \theta$
- Let (x_k, y_k, z_k) be coordinates of k , m its mass
- Let (x_{CM}, y_{CM}, z_{CM}) be coordinates of CM
- $r = ((x_k - x_{CM})^2 + (y_k - y_{CM})^2 + (z_k - z_{CM})^2)^{1/2}$
- G = gravitational constant
- Force on $k \approx G * m * TM * (x_{CM} - x_k, y_{CM} - y_k, z_{CM} - z_k) / r^3$

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Details of Step 3 of BH

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... for each particle, traverse the QuadTree to compute the force on it
for k = 1 to N
  f(k) = TreeForce( k, root )
  ... compute force on particle k due to all particles inside root (except k)
endfor

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function f = TreeForce( k, n )
  ... compute force on particle k due to all particles inside node n (except k)
  f = 0
  if n contains one particle (not k) ... evaluate directly
    f = force computed using formula on last slide
  else
    r = distance from particle k to CM of particles in n
    D = size of n
    if D/r < theta ... ok to approximate by CM and TM
      compute f using formula from last slide
    else ... need to look inside node
      for all children c of n
        f = f + TreeForce( k, c )
      end for
    end if
  end if
end if

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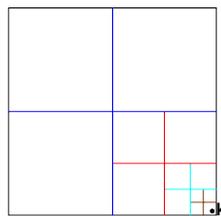
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Analysis of Step 3 of BH

- Correctness follows from recursive accumulation of force from each subtree
 - Each particle is accounted for exactly once, whether it is in a leaf or other node
- Complexity analysis
 - Cost of $\text{TreeForce}(k, \text{root}) = O(\text{depth in QuadTree of leaf containing } k)$
 - Proof by Example (for $\theta > 1$):
 - For each undivided node = square, (except one containing k), $D/r < 1 < \theta$
 - There are 3 nodes at each level of the QuadTree
 - There is $O(1)$ work per node
 - Cost = $O(\text{level of } k)$
 - Total cost = $O(\sum_k \text{level of } k) = O(N \log N)$
 - Strongly depends on θ

Sample Barnes-Hut Force estimation
For particle in lower right corner
Assuming $\theta > 1$



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Fast Multiple Method (FMM)

- “A fast algorithm for particle simulation”, L. Greengard and V. Rokhlin, J. Comp. Phys. V. 73, 1987, many later papers
 - Many awards
- Differences from Barnes-Hut
 - FMM computes the *potential* at every point, not just the force
 - FMM uses more information in each box than the CM and TM, so it is both more accurate and more expensive
 - In compensation, FMM accesses a fixed set of boxes at every level, independent of D/r
 - BH uses fixed information (CM and TM) in every box, but # boxes increases with accuracy. FMM uses a fixed # boxes, but the amount of information per box increase with accuracy.
- FMM uses two kinds of expansions
 - **Outer expansions** represent potential outside node due to particles inside, analogous to (CM, TM)
 - **Inner expansions** represent potential inside node due to particles outside; *Computing this for every leaf node is the computational goal of FMM*
- First review potential, then return to FMM

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Gravitational/Electrostatic Potential

- FMM will compute a compact expression for potential $\phi(x,y,z)$ which can be evaluated and/or differentiated at any point
- In 3D with x,y,z coordinates
 - Potential = $\phi(x,y,z) = -1/r = -1/(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$
 - Force = $-\text{grad } \phi(x,y,z) = -(\partial\phi/\partial x, \partial\phi/\partial y, \partial\phi/\partial z) = -(x,y,z)/r^3$
- In 2D with x,y coordinates
 - Potential = $\phi(x,y) = \log r = \log(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$
 - Force = $-\text{grad } \phi(x,y) = -(\partial\phi/\partial x, \partial\phi/\partial y) = -(x,y)/r^2$
- In 2D with $z = x+iy$ coordinates, $i = \sqrt{-1}$
 - Potential = $\phi(z) = \log |z| = \text{Real}(\log z)$
 - ... because $\log z = \log |z|e^{i\theta} = \log |z| + i\theta$
 - Drop $\text{Real}()$ from calculations, for simplicity
 - Force = $-(x,y)/r^2 = -z / |z|^2$
- Later: Kernel Independent FMM

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2D Multipole Expansion (Taylor expansion in $1/z$) (1/2)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) &= \text{potential due to } z_k, k=1, \dots, n \\ &= \sum_k m_k * \log |z - z_k| \\ &= \text{Real}(\sum_k m_k * \log(z - z_k)) \\ &\quad \dots \text{ since } \log z = \log |z|e^{i\theta} = \log |z| + i\theta \\ &\quad \dots \text{ drop Real() from now on} \\ &= \sum_k m_k * [\log(z) + \log(1 - z_k/z)] \\ &\quad \dots \text{ how logarithms work} \\ &= M * \log(z) + \sum_k m_k * \log(1 - z_k/z) \\ &\quad \dots \text{ where } M = \sum_k m_k \\ &= M * \log(z) - \sum_k m_k * \sum_{e \geq 1} (z_k/z)^e / e \\ &\quad \dots \text{ Taylor expansion converges if } |z_k/z| < 1 \\ &= M * \log(z) - \sum_{e \geq 1} z^{-e} \sum_k m_k z_k^e / e \\ &\quad \dots \text{ swap order of summation} \\ &= M * \log(z) - \sum_{e \geq 1} z^{-e} \alpha_e \\ &\quad \dots \text{ where } \alpha_e = \sum_k m_k z_k^e / e \quad \dots \text{ called Multipole Expansion} \end{aligned}$$

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2D Multipole Expansion (Taylor expansion in $1/z$) (2/2)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) &= \text{potential due to } z_k, k=1, \dots, n \\ &= \sum_k m_k * \log |z - z_k| \\ &= \text{Real}(\sum_k m_k * \log(z - z_k)) \\ &\quad \dots \text{ drop Real() from now on} \\ &= M * \log(z) - \sum_{e \geq 1} z^{-e} \alpha_e \quad \dots \text{ Taylor Expansion in } 1/z \\ &\quad \dots \text{ where } M = \sum_k m_k = \text{Total Mass and} \\ &\quad \dots \alpha_e = \sum_k m_k z_k^e / e \\ &\quad \dots \text{ This is called a Multipole Expansion in } z \\ &= M * \log(z) - \sum_{r \geq e \geq 1} z^{-e} \alpha_e + \text{error}(r) \\ &\quad \dots r = \text{number of terms in Truncated Multipole Expansion} \\ &\quad \dots \text{ and error}(r) = -\sum_{r < e} z^{-e} \alpha_e \\ &\quad \bullet \text{ Note that } \alpha_1 = \sum_k m_k z_k = \text{CM} * M \\ &\quad \text{so that } M \text{ and } \alpha_1 \text{ terms have same info as Barnes-Hut} \\ &\quad \bullet \text{ error}(r) = O(\{\max_k |z_k| / |z|\}^{r+1}) \quad \dots \text{ bounded by geometric sum} \end{aligned}$$

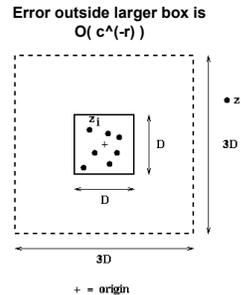
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Error in Truncated 2D Multipole Expansion

- $\text{error}(r) = O(\{\max_k |z_k| / |z|\}^{r+1})$
- Suppose $\max_k |z_k| / |z| \leq c < 1$, so $\text{error}(r) = O(c^{r+1})$
- Suppose all particles z_k lie inside a D -by- D square centered at origin
- Suppose z is outside a $3D$ -by- $3D$ square centered at the origin
- $c = (D/\sqrt{2}) / (1.5 * D) \sim .47 < .5$
 - each term in expansion adds 1 bit of accuracy
 - 24 terms enough for single precision, 53 terms for double precision
- In 3D, can use spherical harmonics or other expansions



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Outer(n) and Outer Expansion

$$\phi(z) \sim M * \log(z - z_n) - \sum_{r \geq e \geq 1} (z - z_n)^{-e} \alpha_e$$

- $\text{Outer}(n) = (M, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r, z_n)$
 - Stores data for evaluating potential $\phi(z)$ outside node n due to particles inside n
 - z_n = center of node n
 - Error small for z outside dotted line in previous plot
 - Cost of evaluating $\phi(z)$ is $O(r)$, independent of the number of particles inside n
 - Cost grows linearly with desired number of bits of precision $\sim r$
- Will be computed for each node in QuadTree
- Analogous to (TM, CM) in Barnes-Hut
 - M and α_1 same information as Barnes-Hut

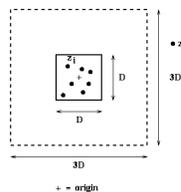
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Inner(n) and Inner Expansion

- $\text{Outer}(n)$ used to evaluate potential outside node n due to particles inside n
- $\text{Inner}(n)$ will be used to evaluate potential inside node n due to particles outside n
 - $\sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \beta_e * (z - z_n)^e$
 - z_n = center of node n , a D -by- D box
 - $\text{Inner}(n) = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r, z_n)$
 - Particles outside n must lie outside $3D$ -by- $3D$ box centered at z_n



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Top Level Description of FMM

- (1) Build the QuadTree
- (2) Call *Build_Outer(root)*, to compute outer expansions of each node n in the QuadTree
 - ... Traverse QuadTree from bottom to top,
 - ... combining outer expansions of children
 - ... to get out outer expansion of parent
- (3) Call *Build_Inner(root)*, to compute inner expansions of each node n in the QuadTree
 - ... Traverse QuadTree from top to bottom,
 - ... converting outer to inner expansions
 - ... and combining them
- (4) For each leaf node n , add contributions of nearest particles directly into $\text{Inner}(n)$
 - ... final $\text{Inner}(n)$ is desired output: expansion for potential at each point due to all particles

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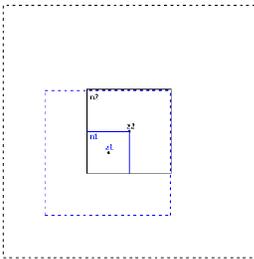
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Step 2 of FMM: Outer_shift: converting Outer(n₁) to Outer(n₂) (1/3)

- For step 2 of FMM (as in step 2 of BH) we want to compute Outer(n) cheaply from Outer(c) for all children c of n
- How to combine outer expansions around different points?
 - $\phi_k(z) \sim M_k * \log(z-z_k) - \sum_{r \geq e \geq 1} (z-z_k)^{-e} \alpha_{ek}$ expands around z_k , $k=1,2$
 - First step: make them expansions around same point
- n_1 is a child (subsquare) of n_2
- $z_k = \text{center}(n_k)$ for $k=1,2$
- Outer(n_1) expansion accurate outside blue dashed square, so also accurate outside black dashed square
- So there is an Outer(n_2) expansion with different α_k and center z_2 which represents the same potential as Outer(n_1) outside the black dashed box

Using Outer_Shift to convert Outer(n₁) to Outer(n₂)



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Outer_shift: Details (2/3)

- Given expansion centered at z_1 (= child)

$$\phi_1(z) = M_1 * \log(z-z_1) + \sum_{r \geq e \geq 1} (z-z_1)^{-e} \alpha_{e1}$$
- Solve for M_2 and α_{e2} in expansion centered at z_2 (= parent)

$$\phi_1(z) \sim \phi_2(z) = M_2 * \log(z-z_2) + \sum_{r \geq e \geq 1} (z-z_2)^{-e} \alpha_{e2}$$
- Get $M_2 = M_1$ and each α_{e2} is a linear combination of the α_{e1}
 - multiply r-vector of α_{e1} values by a fixed r-by-r matrix to get α_{e2}
- $(M_2, \alpha_{12}, \dots, \alpha_{r2}, z_2) = \text{Outer_shift}(\text{Outer}(n_1), z_2)$
= desired Outer(n_2)

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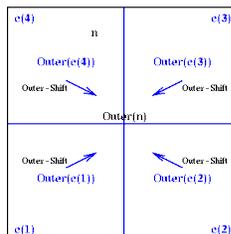
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Step 2 of FMM: compute Outer(n) for each node n in QuadTree (3/3)

... Compute Outer(n) for each node of the QuadTree
outer = Build_Outer(root)

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function ( M,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, z_n$  ) = Build_Outer( n ) ... compute outer expansion of node n
if n is a leaf ... it contains 1 (or a few) particles
  compute and return Outer(n) = ( M,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r, z_n$  ) directly from
  its definition as a sum
else ... "post order traversal": process parent after all children
  Outer(n) = 0
  for all children c(k) of n ... k = 1,2,3,4
    Outer( c(k) ) = Build_Outer( c(k) )
    Outer(n) = Outer(n) +
      Outer_shift( Outer(c(k)), center(n) )
    ... just add component by component
  endfor
  return Outer(n)
end if
```

Inner Loop of Build_Outer



Cost = O(# nodes in QuadTree) = O(N)
same as for Barnes-Hut

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Top Level Description of FMM

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 - ... Traverse QuadTree from bottom to top,
 - ... combining outer expansions of children
 - ... to get out outer expansion of parent
- Call Build_Inner(root), to compute inner expansions of each node n in the QuadTree
 - ... Traverse QuadTree from top to bottom,
 - ... converting outer to inner expansions
 - ... and combining them
- For each leaf node n, add contributions of nearest particles directly into Inner(n)
 - ... final Inner(n) is desired output: expansion for potential at each point due to all particles

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Step 3 of FMM: Computing Inner(n) from other expansions

◦ Which other expansions?

- As few as necessary to compute the potential accurately
- Inner expansion of $p = \text{parent}(n)$ will account for potential from particles far enough away from parent (**red nodes** below)
- Outer expansions will account for potential from particles in boxes at same level in **Interaction Set** (nodes labeled **i** below)

Interaction_Set(n) for the Fast Multipole Method



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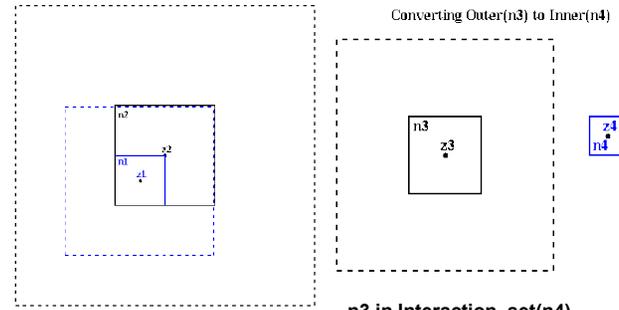
Step 3 of FMM: Compute Inner(n) for each n in QuadTree

◦ Need $\text{Inner}(n_1) = \text{Inner_shift}(\text{Inner}(n_2), n_1)$

◦ Need $\text{Inner}(n_4) = \text{Convert}(\text{Outer}(n_3), n_4)$

Converting Inner(n2) to Inner(n1)

Converting Outer(n3) to Inner(n4)



$n_2 = \text{parent}(n_1)$

n_3 in $\text{Interaction_set}(n_4)$

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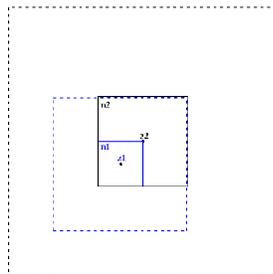
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Step 3 of FMM: $\text{Inner}(n_1) = \text{Inner_shift}(\text{Inner}(n_2), n_1)$

◦ $\text{Inner}(n_k) =$

$$(\beta_{0k}, \beta_{1k}, \dots, \beta_{rk}, z_k)$$

Converting Inner(n2) to Inner(n1)



◦ Inner expansion = $\sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \beta_{ek} * (z - z_k)^e$

◦ Solve $\sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \beta_{e1} * (z - z_1)^e = \sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \beta_{e2} * (z - z_2)^e$

for β_{e1} given z_1, β_{e2} , and z_2

◦ $(r+1) \times (r+1)$ matrix-vector multiply

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Step 3 of FMM: $\text{Inner}(n_4) = \text{Convert}(\text{Outer}(n_3), n_4)$

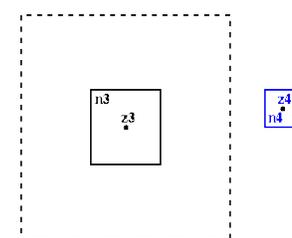
◦ $\text{Inner}(n_4) =$

$$(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r, z_4)$$

◦ $\text{Outer}(n_3) =$

$$(M, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r, z_3)$$

Converting Outer(n3) to Inner(n4)



◦ Solve $\sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \beta_{e4} * (z - z_4)^e = M * \log(z - z_3) + \sum_{0 \leq e \leq r} \alpha_{e3} * (z - z_3)^{-e}$

for β_{e4} given z_4, α_{e3} , and z_3

◦ $(r+1) \times (r+1)$ matrix-vector multiply

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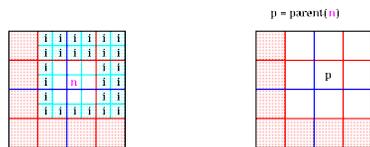
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Step 3 of FMM: Computing Inner(n) from other expansions

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- Which other nodes?
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 - Convert(Outer(i), center(n)) will account for potential from particles in boxes at same level in Interaction Set (nodes labeled i below)

Interaction_Set(n) for the Fast Multipole Method



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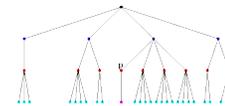
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Step 3 of FMM: Interaction Set

- Interaction Set = { nodes i that are children of a neighbor of parent(n), such that i is not itself a neighbor of n}
- For each i in Interaction Set, Outer(i) is available, so that Convert(Outer(i), center(n)) gives contribution to Inner(n) due to particles in i
- Number of i in Interaction Set is at most $6^2 - 3^2 = 27$ in 2D
- Number of i in Interaction Set is at most $6^3 - 3^3 = 189$ in 3D

Interaction_Set(n) for the Fast Multipole Method



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Step 3 of FMM: Compute Inner(n) for each n in QuadTree

... Compute Inner(n) for each node of the QuadTree
 outer = Build_Inner(root)

```
function (  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r, z_n$  ) = Build_Inner( n ) ... compute inner expansion of node n
p = parent(n) ... p=nil if n = root
Inner(n) = Inner_shift( Inner(p), center(n) ) ... Inner(n) = 0 if n = root
for all i in Interaction_Set(n) ... Interaction_Set(root) is empty
    Inner(n) = Inner(n) + Convert( Outer(i), center(n) )
    ... add component by component
end for
for all children c of n ... complete preorder traversal of QuadTree
    Build_Inner( c )
end for
```

$$\text{Cost} = O(\# \text{ nodes in QuadTree}) \\ = O(N)$$

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Top Level Description of FMM

- (1) Build the QuadTree
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 - ... to get out outer expansion of parent
- (3) Call Build_Inner(root), to compute inner expansions of each node n in the QuadTree
 - ... Traverse QuadTree from top to bottom,
 - ... converting outer to inner expansions
 - ... and combining them
- (4) For each leaf node n, add contributions of nearest particles directly into Inner(n)
 - ... if 1 node/leaf, then each particles accessed once,
 - ... so cost = O(N)
 - ... final Inner(n) is desired output: expansion for potential at each point due to all particles

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Outline

- Motivation
 - Obvious algorithm for computing gravitational or electrostatic force on N bodies takes $O(N^2)$ work
- How to reduce the number of particles in the force sum
 - We must settle for an approximate answer (say 2 decimal digits, or perhaps 16 ...)
- Basic Data Structures: Quad Trees and Oct Trees
- The Barnes-Hut Algorithm (BH)
 - An $O(N \log N)$ approximate algorithm for the N-Body problem
- The Fast Multipole Method (FMM)
 - An $O(N)$ approximate algorithm for the N-Body problem
- **Parallelizing BH, FMM and related algorithms**

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Parallelizing Hierarchical N-Body codes

- Barnes-Hut, FMM and related algorithms have similar computational structure:
 - 1) Build the QuadTree
 - 2) Traverse QuadTree from leaves to root and build outer expansions (just (TM,CM) for Barnes-Hut)
 - 3) Traverse QuadTree from root to leaves and build any inner expansions
 - 4) Traverse QuadTree to accumulate forces for each particle
- **One parallelization scheme will work for them all**
 - Based on D. Blackston and T. Suel, Supercomputing 97
 - UCB PhD Thesis, David Blackston, "Pbody"
 - Autotuner for N-body codes
 - Assign regions of space to each processor
 - Regions may have different shapes, to get load balance
 - Each region will have about N/p particles
 - Each processor will store part of Quadtree containing all particles (=leaves) in its region, and their ancestors in Quadtree
 - Top of tree stored by all processors, lower nodes may also be shared
 - Each processor will also store adjoining parts of Quadtree needed to compute forces for particles it owns
 - Subset of Quadtree needed by a processor called the **Locally Essential Tree (LET)**
 - Given the LET, all force accumulations (step 4) are done in parallel, without communication

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Programming Model - BSP

- **BSP Model = Bulk Synchronous Programming Model**
 - All processors compute; barrier; all processors communicate; barrier; repeat
- **Advantages**
 - easy to program (parallel code looks like serial code)
 - easy to port (MPI, shared memory, TCP network)
- **Possible disadvantage**
 - Rigidly synchronous style might mean inefficiency?
- **OK with few processors; communication costs low**
 - FMM 80% efficient on 32 processor Cray T3E
 - FMM 90% efficient on 4 PCs on slow network
 - FMM 85% efficient on 16 processor SGI SMP (Power Challenge)
 - Better efficiencies for Barnes-Hut, other algorithms

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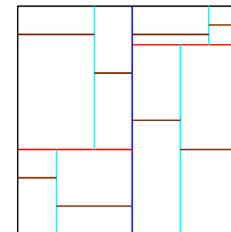
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Load Balancing Scheme 1: Orthogonal Recursive Bisection (ORB)

- Warren and Salmon, Supercomputing 92
- **Recursively split region along axes into regions containing equal numbers of particles**
- **Works well for 2D, not 3D (available in Pbody)**

Orthogonal Recursive Bisection

Partitioning for 16 procs:



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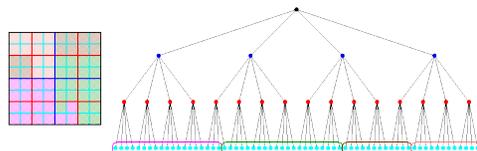
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Load Balancing Scheme 2: Costzones

- ° Called Costzones for Shared Memory
 - PhD thesis, J.P. Singh, Stanford, 1993
- ° Called "Hashed Oct Tree" for Distributed Memory
 - Warren and Salmon, Supercomputing 93
- ° We will use the name Costzones for both; also in Pbody
- ° Idea: partition QuadTree instead of space
 - Estimate work for each node, call total work W
 - Arrange nodes of QuadTree in some linear order (lots of choices)
 - Assign contiguous blocks of nodes with work W/p to processors
 - Works well in 3D

Using costzones to layout a quadtree on 4 processors
Leaves are color-coded by processor color



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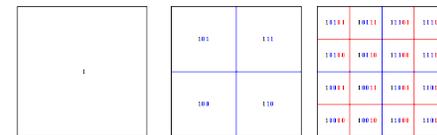
Linearly Ordering Quadtree nodes for Costzones (1/2)

- ° Hashed QuadTrees (Warren and Salmon)
- ° Assign unique key to each node in QuadTree, then compute $\text{hash}(\text{key})$ to get integers that can be linearly ordered
- ° If (x,y) are coordinates of center of node, interleave bits to get key
 - Put 1 at left as "sentinel"
 - Nodes near root of tree have shorter keys

Building a key for a hashed Quadtree

$x = 100101$ $y = 110001$
key = 1 11 01 00 10 00 11

Assigning Keys to Quadtree Nodes



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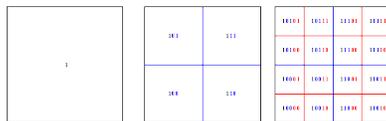
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Linearly Ordering Quadtree nodes for Costzones (2/2)

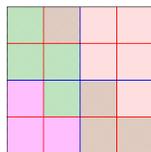
- ° Assign unique key to each node in QuadTree, then compute $\text{hash}(\text{key})$ to get a linear order
- ° key = interleaved bits of x,y coordinates of node, prefixed by 1

Assigning Keys to Quadtree Nodes



- ° $\text{Hash}(\text{key}) = \text{bottom } h \text{ bits of key (eg } h=4)$
- ° Assign contiguous blocks of $\text{hash}(\text{key})$ to same processors

Assigning Hash Table Entries to 4 Processors



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Determining Costzones in Parallel

- ° Not practical to compute QuadTree, in order to compute Costzones, to then determine how to best build QuadTree
- ° Random Sampling:
 - All processors send small random sample of their particles to Proc 1
 - Proc 1 builds small Quadtree serially, determines its Costzones, and broadcasts them to all processors
 - Other processors build part of Quadtree they are assigned by these Costzones
- ° All processors know all Costzones; we need this later to compute LETs
- ° As particles move, may need to occasionally repeat construction, so should not be too slow

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Computing Locally Essential Trees (LETs)

- Warren and Salmon, 1992; Liu and Bhatt, 1994
- Every processor needs a subset of the whole QuadTree, called the LET, to compute the force on all particles it owns
- Shared Memory
 - Receiver driven protocol
 - Each processor reads part of QuadTree it needs from shared memory on demand, keeps it in cache
 - Drawback: cache memory appears to need to grow proportionally to P to remain scalable
- Distributed Memory
 - Sender driven protocol
 - Each processor decides which other processors need parts of its local subset of the Quadtree, and sends these subsets

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Locally Essential Trees in Distributed Memory

- How does each processor decide which other processors need parts of its local subset of the Quadtree?
- Barnes-Hut:
 - Let j and k be processors, n a node on processor j; Does k need n?
 - Let $D(n)$ be the side length of n
 - Let $r(n)$ be the shortest distance from n to any point owned by k
 - If either
 - (1) $D(n)/r(n) < \theta$ and $D(\text{parent}(n))/r(\text{parent}(n)) \geq \theta$, or
 - (2) $D(n)/r(n) \geq \theta$
 then node n is part of k's LET, and so proc j should send n to k
 - Condition (1) means (TM,CM) of n can be used on proc k, but this is not true of any ancestor
 - Condition (2) means that we need the ancestors of type (1) nodes too
- FMM
 - Simpler rules based just on relative positions in QuadTree

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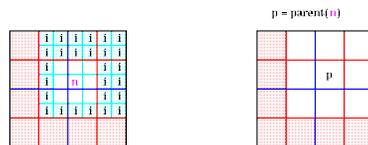
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Interaction_Set(n) for the Fast Multipole Method



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Performance Results - 1

- 512 Proc Intel Delta
 - Warren and Salmon, Supercomputing 92, Gordon Bell Prize
 - 8.8 M particles, uniformly distributed
 - .1% to 1% RMS error, Barnes-Hut
 - 114 seconds = 5.8 Gflops
 - Decomposing domain 7 secs
 - Building the OctTree 7 secs
 - Tree Traversal 33 secs
 - Communication during traversal 6 secs
 - Force evaluation 54 secs
 - Load imbalance 7 secs
 - Rises to 160 secs as distribution becomes nonuniform

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Performance Results - 2

° Cray T3E

- Blackston, 1999
- 10^{-4} RMS error
- General 80% efficient on up to 32 processors
- Example: 50K particles, both uniform and nonuniform
 - preliminary results; lots of tuning parameters to set

	Uniform		Nonuniform	
	1 proc	4 procs	1 proc	4 procs
Tree size	2745	2745	5729	5729
MaxDepth	4	4	10	10
Time(secs)	172.4	38.9	14.7	2.4
Speedup		4.4		6.1
Speedup vs $O(n^2)$		>50		>500

° Ultimate goal - portable, tunable code including all useful variants

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Performance Results - 3



Optimizing and Tuning the Fast Multipole Method for Multicore and Accelerator Systems

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George Biros, Richard Vuduc

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
– Sam Williams, Lenny Oliker

° Presented at IPDPS 2010

° Source: Richard Vuduc

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Summary

► First cross-platform single-node multicore study of tuning the fast multipole method (FMM)

- Explores data structures, SIMD, multithreading, mixed-precision, and tuning
- Show
 - 25x speedups on Intel Nehalem –
 - 2-sockets x 4-cores/socket x 2-thr/core = 16 threads
 - 9.4x on AMD Barcelona
 - 2-sockets x 4-cores/socket x 1-thr/core = 8 threads
 - 37.6x on Sun Victoria Falls
 - 2-sockets x 8-cores/socket x 8-thr/core = 128 threads

► Surprise? Multicore ~ GPU in performance & energy efficiency for the FMM

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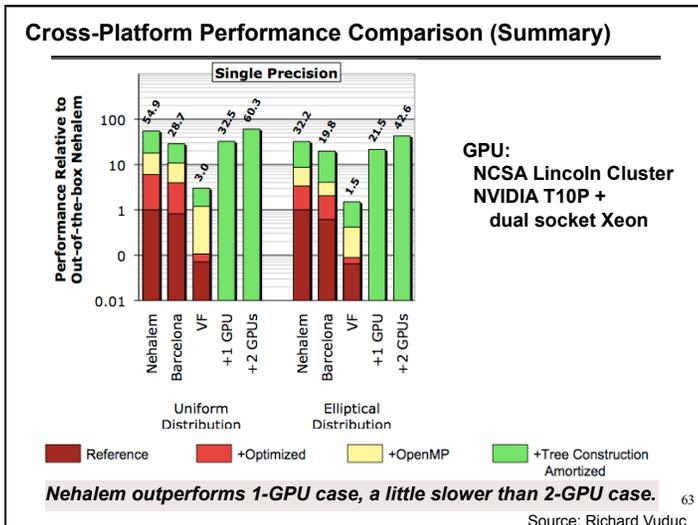
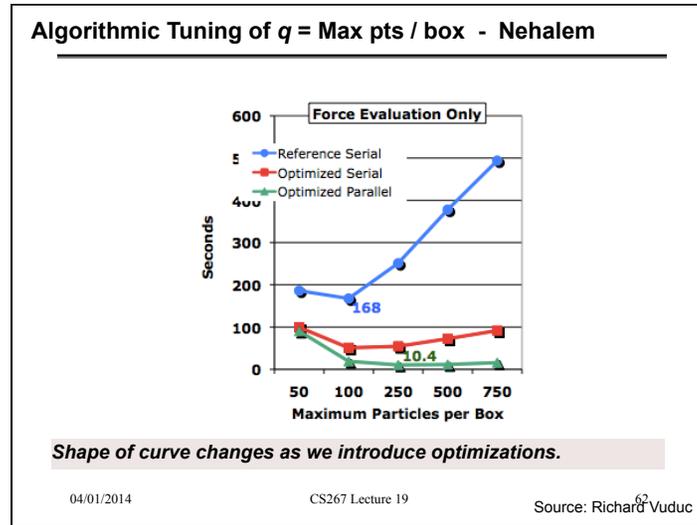
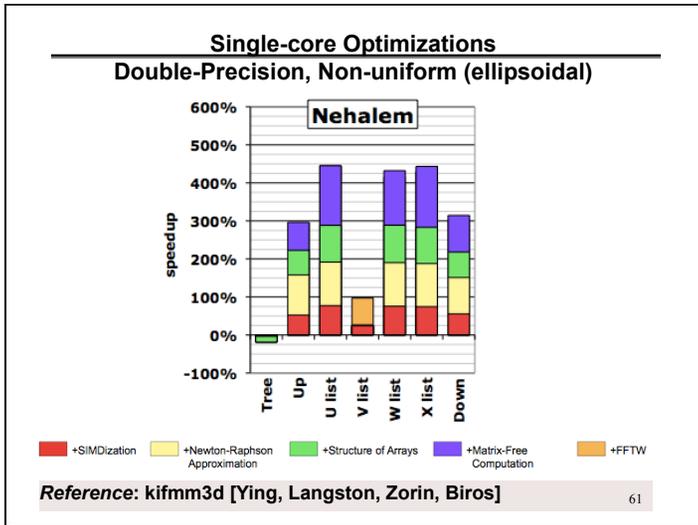
Optimizations tried (manual and autotuning)

- Uses KIFMM = Kernel Independent FMM
 - Applies to “any” kernel, not just gravity/electrostatics
 - Requires subroutine to evaluate kernel, builds own expansions
 - Ex: (modified) Laplace, Stokes
 - FFT used to build expansions; tunable
- Single-core, manually coded & tuned
 - Low-level: SIMD vectorization (x86)
 - Numerical: $rsqrtps$ + Newton-Raphson (x86)
 - Data: Structure reorg. (transpose or “SOA”)
 - Traffic: Matrix-free via interprocedural loop fusion
 - FFTW plan optimization
- OpenMP parallelization
- Algorithmic tuning of max particles per box, q

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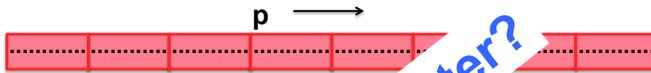


Minimizing Communication in N-Body Problem

- ° Hierarchical Methods
 - Reducing arithmetic good for reducing communication too!
 - Deriving communication lower bounds is an open problem
 - Answer is approximate, so lower bound may depend on desired accuracy
 - Lower bound may also depend on particle distribution
 - Open problem (probably hard)
- ° Direct methods
 - Thm: Suppose p processors compute interactions among n particles, using local memories of size M . If each processor does an equal amount of work (n^2/p interactions) then the number of words that a processor must communicate is $\Omega(n^2/p/M)$, and the number of messages is $\Omega(n^2/p/M^2)$
 - If not computing all n^2 interactions (eg cutoff distance), replace n^2 by #interactions in Thm
 - For which values of M is this attainable?

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Traditional (Naive n^2) Nbody Algorithm
(using a 1D decomposition)

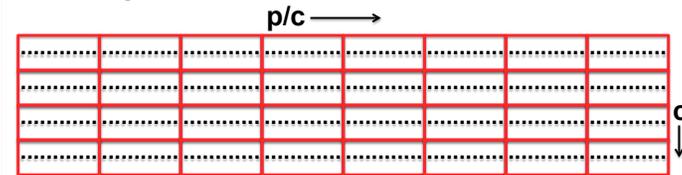


- Given n particles, p processors $\rightarrow O(n/p)$ memory
- Each processor has n/p particles
- Algorithm: shift copies of particles to the left p times, calculating all pairwise forces
- Communication Bandwidth: $O(n)$ words
 - Lower bound $= O(n^2/p)/M = O(n)$, attained
- Communication latency: $O(p)$ messages
 - Lower bound $= O(n^2/p)/M^2 = O(p)$, attained

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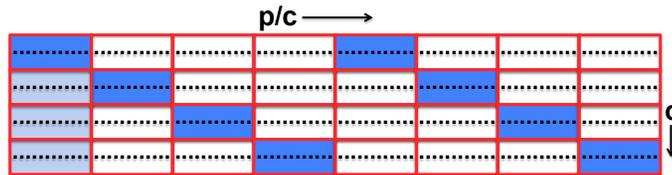
Can we do better?

Communication Avoiding Version
(using a "1.5D" decomposition: assume memory for c copies)
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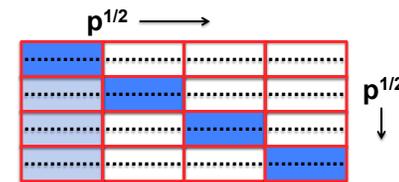
- Divide p into c groups. Replicate particles in each group
- Make a copy of each group of n^*c/p particles
- Pass copy to the $0^{th} \dots c-1^{st}$ neighbor depending on row
- Main Algorithm: for p/c^2 steps
 - Compute pairwise for owned vs. shifted particles
 - Shift copy of n^*c/p particles to c^{th} neighbor
- Reduce across c to produce final value for each particle

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- Divide p into c groups. Replicate particles in each group.
 - Memory: $M = O(n^*c/p)$ particles per processor
- Make, pass copies: Latency: $O(\log c)$ Bandwidth: $O(n^*c/p)$
- Main Algorithm: for p/c^2 steps
 - Per step, Latency: $O(1)$ Bandwidth: $O(n^*c/p)$
 - Overall, Latency: $O(p/c^2) = O((n^2/p)/M^2)$
Bandwidth: $O(n/c) = O((n^2/p)/M)$
- Attains Bandwidth, latency lower bound for $1 < c < p^{1/2}$

Communication Avoiding Version
(2D decomposition is Limit)
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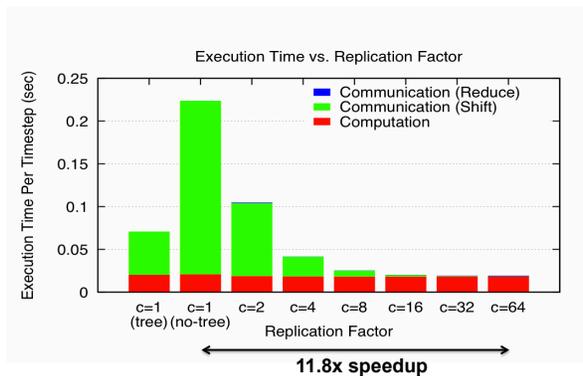


- Limit is when $c = p^{1/2}$
 - Memory: $M = O(n/p^{1/2})$
 - Startup/Finish: Latency: $O(\log c) = O(\log p)$;
Bandwidth $O(n/p^{1/2})$
- Main part of Algorithm has 1 step
 - Latency: $O(1)$ Bandwidth: $O(n/p^{1/2})$

Same as "parallelizing in the force direction" in NAMD [Plimpton95]

N-Body Speedups on IBM-BG/P (Intrepid) 8K cores, 32K particles

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How general are these
communication lower bounds
and optimal algorithms?

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Recall optimal sequential Matmul

◦ Naïve code

for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$, $C(i,j) += A(i,k)*B(k,j)$

◦ “Blocked” code

for $i1 = 1:b:n$, for $j1 = 1:b:n$, for $k1 = 1:b:n$

for $i2 = 0:b-1$, for $j2 = 0:b-1$, for $k2 = 0:b-1$

$i = i1+i2$, $j = j1+j2$, $k = k1+k2$

$C(i,j) += A(i,k)*B(k,j)$

} $b \times b$ matmul

◦ Thm: Picking $b = M^{1/2}$ attains lower bound:

#words_moved = $\Omega(n^3/M^{1/2})$

◦ Where does $1/2$ come from?

New Thm applied to Matmul

◦ for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$, $C(i,j) += A(i,k)*B(k,j)$

◦ Record array indices in matrix Δ

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix}$$

◦ Solve LP for $x = [x_i, x_j, x_k]^T$: $\max 1^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq 1$

• Result: $x = [1/2, 1/2, 1/2]^T$, $1^T x = 3/2 = S$

◦ Thm: #words_moved = $\Omega(n^3/M^{S-1}) = \Omega(n^3/M^{1/2})$

Attained by block sizes $M^{x_i}, M^{x_j}, M^{x_k} = M^{1/2}, M^{1/2}, M^{1/2}$

New Thm applied to Direct N-Body

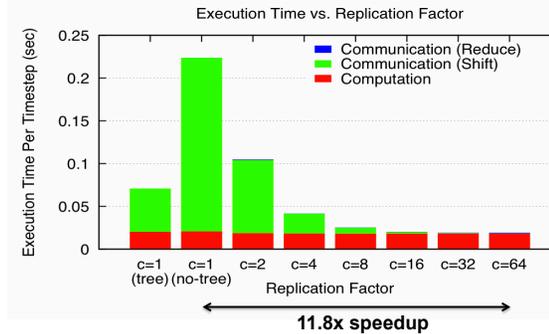
- ° for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, $F(i) += \text{force}(P(i), P(j))$
- ° Record array indices in matrix Δ

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} & i & j \\ 1 & 0 & F \\ 1 & 0 & P(i) \\ 0 & 1 & P(j) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ° Solve LP for $x = [x_i, x_j]^T$: $\max 1^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq 1$
 - Result: $x = [1, 1]$, $1^T x = 2 = S$
- ° Thm: $\#words_moved = \Omega(n^2/M^{S-1}) = \Omega(n^2/M^1)$
 Attained by block sizes $M^{x_i}, M^{x_j} = M^1, M^1$

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New Thm applied to Random Code

- ° for $i1=1:n$, for $i2=1:n$, ..., for $i6=1:n$
 - $A1(i1, i3, i6) += \text{func1}(A2(i1, i2, i4), A3(i2, i3, i5), A4(i3, i4, i6))$
 - $A5(i2, i6) += \text{func2}(A6(i1, i4, i5), A3(i3, i4, i6))$
- ° Record array indices in matrix Δ

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} & i1 & i2 & i3 & i4 & i5 & i6 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & A1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & A2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & A3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & A3, A4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & A5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & A6 \end{pmatrix}$$
- ° Solve LP for $x = [x_1, \dots, x_6]^T$: $\max 1^T x$ s.t. $\Delta x \leq 1$
 - Result: $x = [2/7, 3/7, 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 4/7]$, $1^T x = 15/7 = S$
- ° Thm: $\#words_moved = \Omega(n^6/M^{S-1}) = \Omega(n^6/M^{8/7})$
 Attained by block sizes $M^{2/7}, M^{3/7}, M^{1/7}, M^{2/7}, M^{3/7}, M^{4/7}$

Approach to generalizing lower bounds

- ° Matmul
 - for $i=1:n$, for $j=1:n$, for $k=1:n$,
 $C(i, j) += A(i, k) * B(k, j)$
 - => for (i, j, k) in $S = \text{subset of } Z^3$
 Access locations indexed by $(i, j), (i, k), (k, j)$
- ° General case
 - for $i1=1:n$, for $i2 = i1:m$, ... for $ik = i3:i4$
 $C(i1+2*i3-i7) = \text{func}(A(i2+3*i4, i1, i2, i1+i2, \dots), B(\text{pnt}(3*i4)), \dots)$
 $D(\text{something else}) = \text{func}(\text{something else}), \dots$
 - => for $(i1, i2, \dots, ik)$ in $S = \text{subset of } Z^k$
 Access locations indexed by "projections", eg
 $\Phi_C(i1, i2, \dots, ik) = (i1+2*i3-i7)$
 $\Phi_A(i1, i2, \dots, ik) = (i2+3*i4, i1, i2, i1+i2, \dots), \dots$

General Communication Bound

- Def: Hölder-Brascamp-Lieb Linear Program (HBL-LP) for s_1, \dots, s_m :
for all subgroups $H < Z^k$, $\text{rank}(H) \leq \sum_j s_j \cdot \text{rank}(\varphi_j(H))$
- Thm: Given a program with array refs given by φ_j , choose s_j to minimize $s_{\text{HBL}} = \sum_j s_j$ subject to HBL-LP. Then
 $\# \text{words_moved} = \Omega(\# \text{iterations} / M^{\text{sHBL}-1})$
 - Proof depends on recent result in pure mathematics by Christ/Tao/Carbery/Bennett

Is this bound attainable? (1/2)

- But first: Can we write it down?
 - One inequality per subgroup $H < Z^k$, but still finitely many!
 - Thm: (bad news) Writing down all inequalities equivalent to Hilbert's 10th problem over Q (conjectured to be undecidable)
 - Thm: (good news) Can decidably write down a subset of the constraints with the same solution s_{HBL}
 - Thm: (better news) Can write it down explicitly in many cases of interest
 - Ex: when all $\varphi_j = \{\text{subset of indices}\}$

Is this bound attainable? (2/2)

- Depends on loop dependencies
- Best case: none, or reductions (matmul)
- Thm: When all $\varphi_j = \{\text{subset of indices}\}$, dual of HBL-LP gives optimal tile sizes:
HBL-LP: minimize $1^T s$ s.t. $s^T \Delta \geq 1^T$
Dual-HBL-LP: maximize $1^T x$ s.t. $\Delta^* x \leq 1$
Then for sequential algorithm, tile i_j by M^{x_j}
- Ex: Matmul: $s = [1/2, 1/2, 1/2]^T = x$
- Extends to unimodular transforms of indices

Ongoing Work

- Develop algorithm to compute lower bound in general
- Automate generation of approximate LPs
- Extend "perfect scaling" results for time and energy by using extra memory
- Have yet to find a case where we cannot attain lower bound – can we prove this?
- Incorporate into compilers

Proof of Communication Lower Bound on $C = A \cdot B$ (1/5)

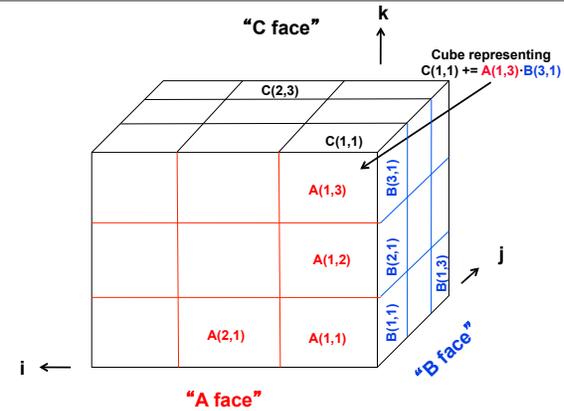
- Proof from Irony/Toledo/Tiskin (2004)
- Think of instruction stream being executed
 - Looks like “ ... add, load, multiply, store, load, add, ... ”
 - Each load/store moves a word between fast and slow memory
 - We want to count the number of loads and stores, given that we are multiplying n -by- n matrices $C = A \cdot B$ using the usual $2n^3$ flops, possibly reordered assuming addition is commutative/associative
 - Assuming that at most M words can be stored in fast memory
- Outline:
 - Break instruction stream into segments, each with M loads and stores
 - Somehow bound the maximum number of flops that can be done in each segment, call it F
 - So $F \cdot \# \text{ segments} \geq T = \text{total flops} = 2 \cdot n^3$, so $\# \text{ segments} \geq T / F$
 - So $\# \text{ loads \& stores} = M \cdot \# \text{ segments} \geq M \cdot T / F$

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Proof of Communication Lower Bound on $C = A \cdot B$ (2/5)



- If we have at most $2M$ “A squares”, “B squares”, and “C squares” on faces, how many cubes can we have?

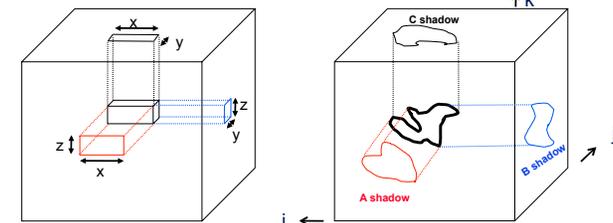
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Proof of Communication Lower Bound on $C = A \cdot B$ (3/5)

- Given segment of instruction stream with M loads & stores, how many adds & multiplies (F) can we do?
 - At most $2M$ entries of C , $2M$ entries of A and/or $2M$ entries of B can be accessed
- Use geometry:
 - Represent n^3 multiplications by $n \times n \times n$ cube
 - One $n \times n$ face represents A
 - each 1×1 subsquare represents one $A(i,k)$
 - One $n \times n$ face represents B
 - each 1×1 subsquare represents one $B(k,j)$
 - One $n \times n$ face represents C
 - each 1×1 subsquare represents one $C(i,j)$
 - Each $1 \times 1 \times 1$ subcube represents one $C(i,j) += A(i,k) \cdot B(k,j)$
 - May be added directly to $C(i,j)$, or to temporary accumulator

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Proof of Communication Lower Bound on $C = A \cdot B$ (4/5)



cubes in black box with side lengths x , y and z
 $= x \cdot y \cdot z$
 $= (xz \cdot zy \cdot yx)^{1/2}$
 $= (\#A_{\square S} \cdot \#B_{\square S} \cdot \#C_{\square S})^{1/2}$

(i,k) is in **A shadow** if (i,j,k) in 3D set
 (j,k) is in **B shadow** if (i,j,k) in 3D set
 (i,j) is in **C shadow** if (i,j,k) in 3D set

Thm (Loomis & Whitney, 1949)
 # cubes in 3D set = Volume of 3D set
 $\leq (\text{area(A shadow)} \cdot \text{area(B shadow)} \cdot \text{area(C shadow)})^{1/2}$

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Proof of Communication Lower Bound on $C = A \cdot B$ (5/5)

- Consider one “segment” of instructions with M loads, stores
- Can be at most $2M$ entries of A, B, C available in one segment
- Volume of set of cubes representing possible multiply/adds in one segment is $\leq (2M \cdot 2M \cdot 2M)^{1/2} = (2M)^{3/2} \equiv F$
- # Segments $\geq \lfloor 2n^3 / F \rfloor$
- # Loads & Stores = $M \cdot \# \text{Segments} \geq M \cdot \lfloor 2n^3 / F \rfloor$
 $\geq n^3 / (2M)^{1/2} - M = \Omega(n^3 / M^{1/2})$
- Parallel Case: apply reasoning to one processor out of P
 - # Adds and Muls $\geq 2n^3 / P$ (at least one proc does this)
 - $M = n^2 / P$ (each processor gets equal fraction of matrix)
 - # “Load & Stores” = # words moved from or to other procs
 $\geq M \cdot (2n^3 / P) / F = M \cdot (2n^3 / P) / (2M)^{3/2} = n^2 / (2P)^{1/2}$

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