Elements of correction for the exercises of CS2101A Lab 3

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1 Exercise 1

@everywhere function fib(n)
    if (n < 2) then
        return n
    else
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    end
end

function runningtime(f,n)
    tic()
    y = f(n)
    t = toc()
    t
end

N = 12

## We store the timings for the serial runs in T_1
T_1 = [runningtime(fib,35+i) for i=1:N]

## In fib_approximate, n is the input index and t is the threshold
@everywhere function fib_parallel(n, t)
    if (n < t) then
        return fib(n)
    else
        x = @spawn fib_parallel(n-1, t)
        y = fib_parallel(n-2, t)
        return fetch(x) + y
    end
end
function runningtime(f,n,t)
    tic()
    y = f(n,t)
    t = toc()
    t
end

H = 16

[ (35+i,30+t) for i=1:N, t=1:2:H]

## We store the timings for the parallel runs in T_4
## (my laptop has four cores): we use 8 different thresholds
T_4 = [runningtime(fib_parallel,35+i,30+t) for i=1:N, t=1:2:H]

## The array S stores the speedup ratios
S = [T_1[i] / T_4[i, iceil(t/2)] for i=1:N, t=1:2:H]

using Winston

Sizes = [35+i for i=1:N]
C1 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,1] for i=1:N])
C2 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,2] for i=1:N])
C3 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,3] for i=1:N])
C4 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,4] for i=1:N])
## We plot for speedup curves in one frame
p=FramedPlot()
add(p, C1, C2)
add(p, C3, C4)

C5 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,5] for i=1:N])
C6 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,6] for i=1:N])
C7 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,7] for i=1:N])
C8 = Winston.Curve(Sizes, [S[i,8] for i=1:N])
## We plot for speedup curves in a second frame
p2=FramedPlot()
add(p2, C5, C6)
add(p2, C7, C8)

## The first four curves seem to give better results

2 exercise 2

function mmult(A,B)

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(M,N) = size(A);
C = zeros(M,M);
for i=1:M
    for j=1:M
        for k=1:M
            C[i,j] += A[i,k]*B[k,j];
        end
    end
end
C;

for d in [500,1000,1500,2000]
a=rand(d,d)
b=rand(d,d)
@time mmult(a,b)
end
elapsed time: 0.3470189571380615 seconds
elapsed time: 3.170802116394043 seconds
elapsed time: 23.14421010017395 seconds
elapsed time: 62.64995193481445 seconds

Theoretically, the number of arithmetic operations required to multiply two square matrices of order \( n \) is proportional to \( n^3 \). Hence, one could expect that the running time for \( n = 1000 \) should be \( 8 = (1000/500)^3 \) times that for \( n = 500 \). But the above experimental results show a ratio close to 10. This is due to the high rate of cache misses in the naive algorithm for matrix multiplication. We saw in class better algorithms for this operation, in particular one based on a blocking strategy.

3 exercise 3

function qsort!(a,lo,hi)
    i, j = lo, hi
    while i < hi
        pivot = a[(lo+hi)>>1]
        while i <= j
            while a[i] < pivot; i = i+1; end
            while a[j] > pivot; j = j-1; end
            if i <= j
                a[i], a[j] = a[j], a[i]
                i, j = i+1, j-1
            end
        end
    if lo < j; qsort!(a,lo,j); end
end
lo, j = i, hi
end
return a
end

function sortperf(n)
    qsort!(rand(n), 1, n)
end

issorted(sortperf(5000)) ## to test whether your alog is correct
## should be true

[@time sortperf(2^e*1000000) for e=[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7]]

elapsed time: 0.2307720184326172 seconds
elapsed time: 0.21168804168701172 seconds
elapsed time: 0.4441850185394287 seconds
elapsed time: 0.912261962890625 seconds
elapsed time: 1.9140989780426025 seconds
elapsed time: 3.977203130722046 seconds
elapsed time: 8.138957023620605 seconds
elapsed time: 16.79548597358154 seconds

Theoretically, the number of integer comparisons required to sort a list of
n integers (using quick-sort) is proportional to $O(n \log(n))$. Hence, one could
expect that the running time for $n = 2^7 1000000$ should be 7/3 times that
for $n = 2^6 1000000$. (To verify this claim approximate 1000 with $2^{10}$.) And,
indeed, the above experimental results show a ratio close to 2. This is due to
the relatively low rate of cache misses in quick sort algorithms.