High-level parallel programming using Chapel

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Basic Facts about Chapel

- Parallel programming language developed with programmer productivity in mind
- Originally Cray's project under DARPA's High Productivity Computing Systems program
- Suitable for shared- or distributed memory systems
- Installs easily on Linux and Mac OS; use Cygwin to install on Windows

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Why Chapel?

- Flexible syntax; only need to teach features that you need
- Provides high-level operations
- Designed with parallelism in mind

Schedule

- Part I: 1:30-3:00
  - Why Chapel?
  - Algorithms
  - Hands on time
- Part II: 3:30-5:00
  - Programming languages
  - Parallel programming
  - Hands on time
  - Summary / discussion

Flexible Syntax

- Supports scripting-like programs:

```
writeln("Hello World!");
```

- Also provides objects and modules

Provides High-level Operations

- Reductions

  Ex: x = + reduce A   //sets x to sum of elements of A

  Also valid for other operators (min, max, *, ...)
- Scans

  Like a reduction, but computes value for each prefix

  A = [1, 3, 2, 5];

  B = + scan A;   //sets B to [1, 1+3=4, 4+2=6, 6+5=11]

Your Presenters are...

- Enthusiastic Chapel users
- Interested in high-level parallel programming
- Educators who use Chapel with students
- **NOT connected to Chapel development team**

Provides High-level Operations (2)

- Function promotion:

  B = f(A); //applies f elementwise for any function f
- Includes built-in operators:

  C = A + 1;

  D = A + B;

  E = A * B;

  ...

Chapel Resources

- Materials for this workshop

  http://faculty.knox.edu/dbunde/teaching/chapel/SC13/
- Our tutorials

  http://faculty.knox.edu/dbunde/teaching/chapel/

  http://cs.colby.edu/kgburke/?resource=chapelTutorial
- Chapel website (tutorials, papers, language specification)

  http://chapel.cray.com
- Mailing lists (on SourceForge)

Designed with Parallelism in Mind

- Operations on previous slides parallelized automatically
- Create asynchronous task w/ single keyword
- Built-in synchronization for tasks and variables

Accessing Practice Systems (during SC only)

- We have practice accounts set up for use during the workshop
- Get handout from one of the instructors

Installing Chapel Yourself

- Instructions (http://chapel.cray.com/download.html)
  - Download: http://sourceforge.net/projects/chapel
  - Unzip file
  - Enter chapel-1.8 directory and invoke make
  - source util/setchplenv.csh or util/setchplenv.sh to set environment variables
- For multiuser installations (e.g. in /usr/local):
  http://faculty.knox.edu/dbunde/teaching/chapel/install.html

"Hello World" in Chapel

- Create file hello.chpl containing
  writeln("Hello World!");
- Compile with
  chpl –o hello hello.chpl
- Run with
  ./hello

Algorithms:
Easy implementation of parallelism

Variables and Constants

- Variable declaration format:
  [config] var/const identifier : type;

```
var x : int;
const pi : real = 3.14;
config const numSides : int = 4;
```

Using Chapel in Algorithms

- Give students a quick (~1 lecture) introduction to Chapel syntax and provide tutorials
- Teach what you need - goal is not language coverage

Serial Control Structures

- if statements, while loops, and do-while loops are all pretty standard
- Difference: Statement bodies must either use braces or an extra keyword:

```
if(x == 5) then y = 3; else y = 1;
while(x < 5) do x++;
```

Example: Reading until eof

```
var x : int;
while stdin.read(x) {
    writeln("Read value ", x);
}
```

For Loops

- Ranges also used in for loops:

```
for i in 1..10 do statement;
for i in 1..10 {
  loop body
}
```

- Can also use array or anything iterable

Procedures/Functions

```
proc addOne(in val : int, inout val2 : int) : int {
    val2 = val + 1;
    return val + 1;
}
```

Annotations: arg_type (points to "in"); argument (points to "val"); omit for generic function (points to ": int" of val2); return type (omit if none or if can be inferred) (points to ": int" return type)

Parallel Loops

- Two kinds of parallel loops:

```
forall i in 1..10 do statement;  //omit do w/ braces
coforall i in 1..10 do statement;
```

- forall creates 1 task per processing unit
- coforall creates 1 per loop iteration
  - Used when each iteration requires lots of work and/or they must be done in parallel

Arrays

- Indices determined by a range:

```
var A : [1..5] int;            //declares A as array of 5 ints
var B : [-3..3] int;           //has indices -3 thru 3
var C : [1..10, 1..10] int;  //multi-dimensional array
```

- Accessing individual cells:

```
A[1] = A[2] + 23;
```

- Arrays have runtime bounds checking

Asynchronous Tasks

- Easy asynchronous task creation:

```
begin statement;
```

- Easy fork-join parallelism:

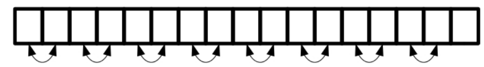
```
cobegin {
  statement1;
  statement2;
  ...
}     //creates task per statement and waits here
```

Sync blocks

- sync blocks wait for tasks created inside it
- These are equivalent:

sync {	cobegin {
begin statement1;	statement1;
begin statement2;	statement2;
...	...
}	}

Algorithms Project: BubbleSort



- Instead of left-to-right, test all pairs in two steps!
- Two nested forall loops (in sequence) inside a for loop

Analysis of Algorithms

- Chapel material
  - Assign basic tutorial
  - Teach forall & cobegin (also algorithmic notation)
- Projects
  - Partition integers
  - BubbleSort
  - MergeSort
  - Nearest Neighbors

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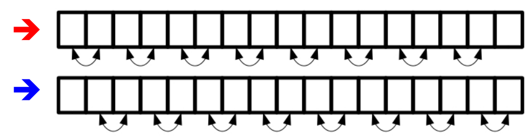

```
for i in 0..n-1 {
    forall k in 0..n/2
        //compare 2k to 2k+1 (maybe swap)
    forall k in 0..n/2-1
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}
```

Algorithms Project: List Partition

- Partition a list to two equal-summing halves.
- Brute-force algorithm (don't know P vs NP yet)
- Questions:
  - What are longest lists you can test?
  - What about in parallel?
- Trick: enumerate possibilities and use forall

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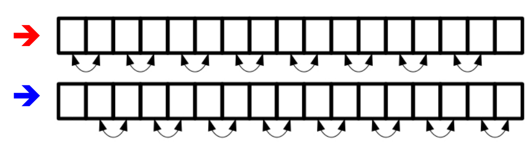

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$\lim_{p \to n} T(n,p) = O(n)$

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Algorithms Project: Nearest Neighbors

- Find closest pair of (2-D) points.
- Two algorithms:
  - Brute Force
    - (use a forall like bubbleSort)
  - Divide-and-Conquer
    - (use cobegin)
    - A bit tricky
- Value of parallelism: much easier to program the brute-force method

Algorithms: Reductions

Summing values in an array

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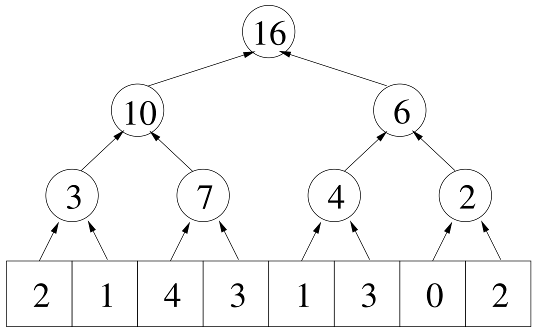

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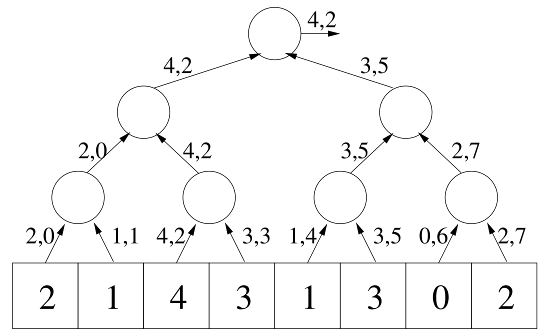

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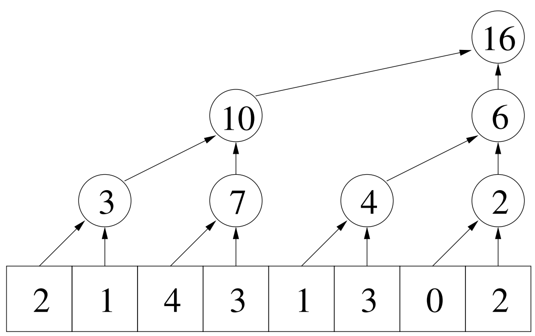

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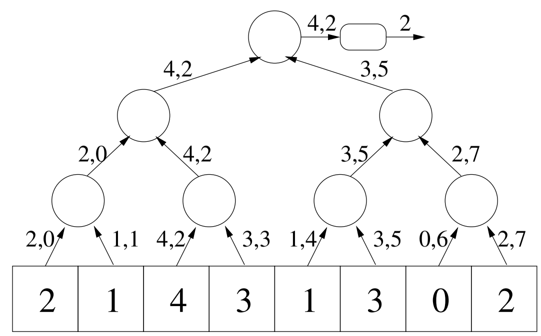
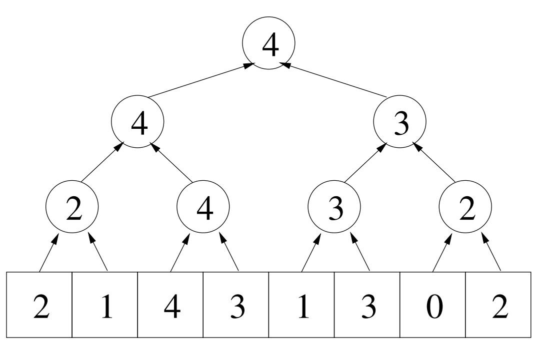


Finding max of an array



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  (value, index)
- Combine: Combine 2 tallies
  take whichever pair has larger value
- Reduce-gen: Generate result from tally
  return the index

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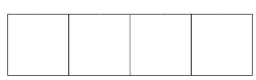
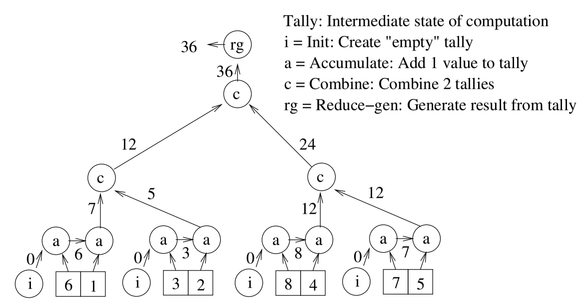


Parallel reduction framework



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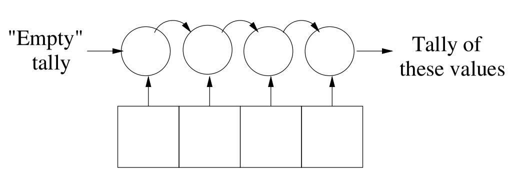

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Can go beyond these...

- indexOf (find index of first occurrence)
- sequence alignment [Srinivas Aluru]
- n-body problem [Srinivas Aluru]

Relationship to dynamic programming

- Challenges in dynamic programming:
  - What are the table entries?
  - How to compute a table entry from previous entries?
- Challenges in reduction framework:
  - What is the tally?
  - How to compute a new tallies from previous ones?

Reductions in Chapel

- Express reduction operation in single line:
  `var s = + reduce A;   //A is array, s gets sum`
- Supports +, *, ^ (xor), &&, ||, max, min, ...
- minloc and maxloc return a tuple with value and its index:
  `var (val, loc) = minloc reduce A;`

Classes in Chapel

```
class Circle {
    var radius : real;
    proc area() : real {
        return 3.14 * radius * radius;
    }
}

var c1, c2 : Circle;     //creates 2 Circle references
c1 = new Circle(10);     /* uses system-supplied constructor
                            to create a Circle object
                            and makes c1 refer to it */
c2 = c1;                 //makes c2 refer to the same object
delete c1;               //memory must be manually freed
```

Reduction example

- Can also use reduce on function plus a range
- Ex: Approximate π/2 using $\int_{-1}^{1}\sqrt{1-x^2}\,dx$:

```
config const numRect = 10000000;
const width = 2.0 / numRect;          //rectangle width
const baseX = -1 - width/2;
const halfPI = + reduce [i in 1..numRect]
     (width * sqrt(1.0 – (baseX + i*width)**2));
```

Inheritance

```
class Circle : Shape {     //Circle inherits from Shape
    ...
}

var s : Shape;
s = new Circle(10.0);   //automatic cast to base class
var area = s.area();    /* call recipient determined
                           by object's dynamic type */
```

Defining a custom reduction

- Create object to represent intermediate state
- Must support
  - accumulate: adds a single element to the state
  - combine: adds another intermediate state
  - generate: converts state object into final output

Example "custom" reduction

```
class MyMin : ReduceScanOp { //finds min element (equiv. to built-in "min")
    type eltType;                          //type of elements
    var soFar : eltType = max(eltType);    //minimum so far

    proc accumulate(val : eltType) {
        if(val < soFar) { soFar = val; }
    }

    proc combine(other : MyMin) {
        if(other.soFar < soFar) { soFar = other.soFar; }
    }

    proc generate() { return soFar; }
}
```

And that's not all... (scans)

- Instead of just getting overall value, also compute value for every prefix

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- Useful answering queries like
  "What is the sum of elements 2 thru 7?"
  = sum[7] – sum[1]

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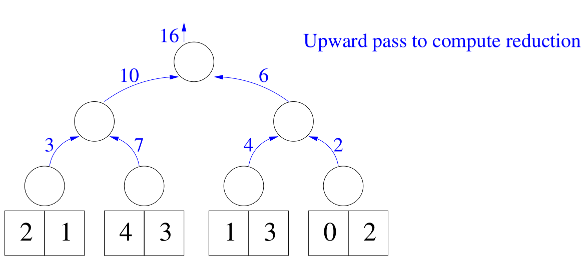

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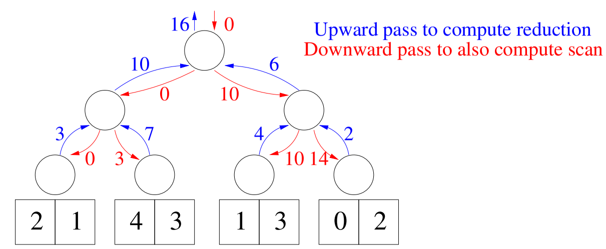
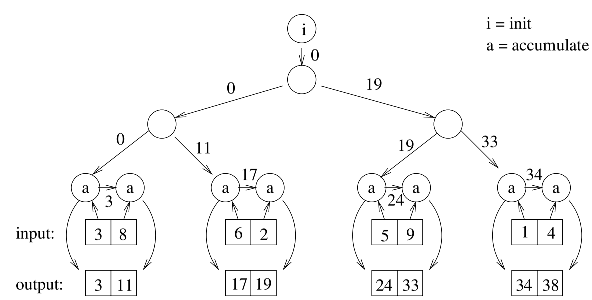


Downward pass with function labels



Presenting reductions

- Using reductions with standard functions
  - Optionally including scans
- Defining your own reductions

First hands on time

http://faculty.knox.edu/dbunde/teaching/chapel/SC13/exercises.html

PL: Task Generation

```
var total = 0;
for i in 1..100 do total += i;

writeln(''Sum is '', total, ''.'');
```

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Programming languages

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var timer: Timer;
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timer.start();
for i in 1..100 do total += i;
timer.stop();

writeln(''Sum is '', total, ''.'');
writeln(''That took '', timer.elapsed(), '' seconds.'');
```

Programming Languages

- High-Performance Computing as Paradigm
- Lots of design choices in Chapel to discuss:
  - Task Creation (instead of Threads) with 'begin'.
  - Task Synchronicity with 'sync' and cobegin
  - Parallel loops: forall and coforall
  - Thread safety using variable 'sync'
  - reduce overcomes bottleneck

PL: Task Generation

Now let's use another thread!

```
use Time;
var timer: Timer;
var total = 0;
var highTotal = 0;
var lowTotal = 0;
timer.start();
begin ref(highTotal) {
    for i in 51..100 do highTotal += i;
}
for i in 1..50 do lowTotal += i;
total = lowTotal + highTotal;
timer.stop();

writeln(''Sum is '', total, ''.'');
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Note: ref(highTotal) at begin

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```

Result: faster, but sometimes incorrect.

PL: Synchronization

Incorrect: top thread may not finish.

Chapel provides a solution: sync

```
sync {
   begin {
      …
   }
   begin {
      …
   }
   …
}
```

PL: Synchronization

Use sync:

```
...
timer.start();
sync {
   begin ref(highTotal) {
      for i in 51..100 do highTotal += i;
   }
   begin ref(lowTotal) {
      for i in 1..50 do lowTotal += i;
   }
}
total = lowTotal + highTotal;
...
```

PL: Syntactic Sugar

Ask students: How common is this?

```
sync {
   begin {
      //single line of code
   }
   begin {
      //another single line
   }
   . . .
   begin {
      //even yet another single line
   }
}
```

So, what did language designers do?

PL: Syntactic Sugar

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Ask: Why doesn't this work?

PL: sync bottleneck and reduce

- sync causes a bottleneck:
  - Running time still technically linear.
- Reductions:
  - Divide-and-conquer solution
  - Simplify with 'reduce' keyword!

PL: HPC Concepts

- Why doesn't it work?
  - Race conditions
  - Atomicity
  - Synchronization solutions

PL: Projects

- Matrix Multiplication
  - Matrix-vector multiplication in class
  - Different algorithms:
    - Column-by-column
    - One entry at a time
- Collatz conjecture testing
  - Generate lots of tasks (coforall)
  - How to synchronize?

PL: forall

One solution: synchronized variables

```
var sum : sync int;
sum = 0;
forall i in 1..100 {
  sum += i;
}
writeln("Sum is: ", sum, ".");
```

PL: Takeaways

- Lots of language features to discuss!
- Learning HPC ↔ Motivates Syntax
- Students love it!

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Range Operation Examples

```
var someNaturals: range = 0..50;
var someEvens = someNaturals by 2;
        (someEvens: 0, 2, 4, ..., 48, 50)
var someOdds = someEvens align 1;
        (someOdds: 1, 3, 5, 7, ..., 47, 49)
var fewerOdds = someOdds # 6;
        (fewerOdds: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)
```

Other Cool Range Things

- Can create “infinite” ranges:

  var naturals: range = 0..;

- Ranges in the “wrong order” are auto-empty:

  var nothing: range = 2..-2;

- Otherwise, negatives are just fine

Chapel Domains

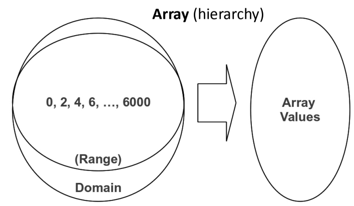
- What is a domain?
- How are domains used?
- Operations on domains
- Example: Game of Life

Chapel Domains

- Domain: index set
  - Used to simplify addressing
  - Every array has a domain to hold its indices
  - Can include ranges or be sparse
- Example:

```
var A: [1..10] int; //indices are 1, 2, ..., 10
...
for i in A.domain {
    //do something with A[i]
}
```

Chapel Domains



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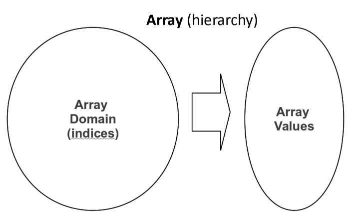

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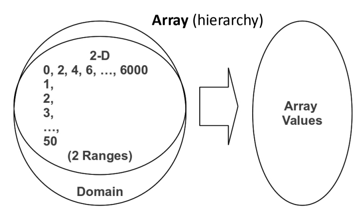

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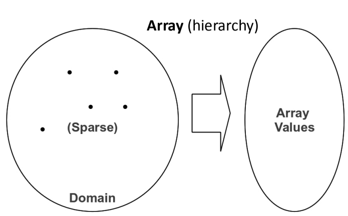

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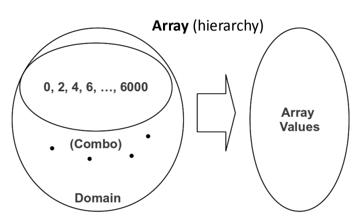


Chapel Domains

- Domain Declaration:
  - var D: domain(2) = {0..m, 0..n};
    - D is 2-D domain with (m+1) x (n+1) entries
  - var A: [D] int;
    - A is an array of integers with D as its domain

Domains vs. Ranges

- Despite how similar they seem so far, domains and ranges are different
  - Domains remain tied to arrays so that resizing the domain resizes the array:

```
var R : range = 1..10;
var A : [R] int;
R = 0..10;      //no effect on array
A[0] = 5;       //runtime error
```

```
var D : domain(1) = {1..10};
var A : [D] int;
D = 0..10;      //resizes array
A[0] = 5;       //ok
```

- Domains are more general; some are not sets of integers

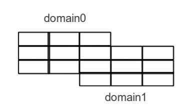
Chapel Domains

- Domain Declaration:
  - var D: domain(2) = {0..m, 0..n};
    - D is 2-D domain with (m+1) x (n+1) entries
  - var A: [D] int;
    - A is an array of integers with D as its domain

Why is this useful?

Domain Slices (Intersection)

domain0: {0..2, 1..3}
domain1: {1..3, 3..5}



Chapel Domains

- Changing D changes A automatically!
- D = {1..m, 0..n+1}
  decrements height; increments width!
  (adds zeroes)

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

→

4	5	6	0
7	8	9	0

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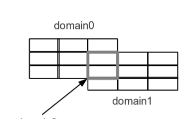

domain2: {1..2, 3..3}

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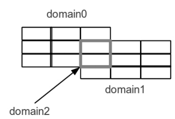

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Domains: Unbounded Game of Life

- Example of
  – Domain operations
  – One domain for multiple arrays
  – Changing domain for arrays
- Rules:
  – Each cell is either dead or alive
  – Adjacent to all 8 surrounding cells
  – Dead cell ➔ Living if exactly 3 living neighbors
  – Living cell ➔ Dead if not exactly 2 or 3 living neighbors

Unbounded? How?

- Plan: board starts with small living area, but can grow!
  – Start with 4x4 board

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//alive: 1; dead: 0
var lifeArray: [gameDomain] int;          //defaults to zeroes
```

Game of Life: Implementing Rules

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//returns whether there will be life at (x, y) next round
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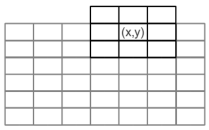


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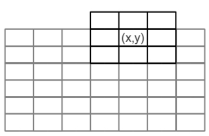


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    //the survival/reproduction rules for the Game of Life
    if 2 <= neighborSum && neighborSum <= 3 && currentBoard[x, y] == 1 {
            return 1;
    } else if currentBoard[x, y]== 0 && neighborSum == 3 {
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    } else { return 0; }
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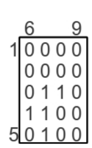

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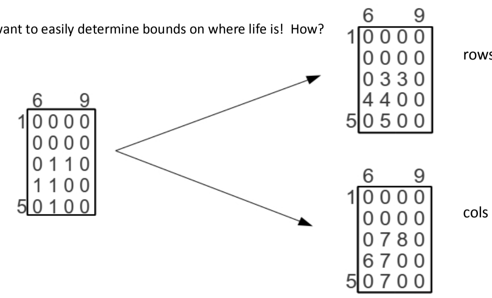

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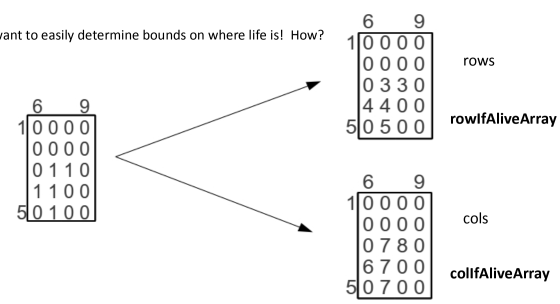

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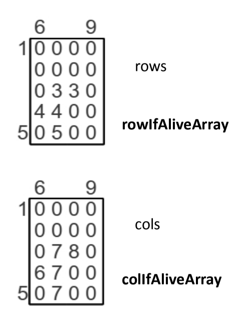

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rows — **rowIfAliveArray**

	6			9
1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	3	3	0
	4	4	0	0
5	0	5	0	0

cols — **colIfAliveArray**

	6			9
1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	7	8	0
	6	7	0	0
5	0	7	0	0

Game of Life: Supporting Boards

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//later on, use simple reductions:
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	3	**3**	**3**	3
	4	**4**	3	3
5	3	**5**	3	3

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1	7	7	7	7
	7	7	7	7
	7	**7**	**8**	7
	6	**7**	7	7
5	7	**7**	7	7

Game of Life: Initial Life

	0					5
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	1	1	1	0
	0	1	0	0	1	0
	0	0	0	0	1	0
	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0

```
//default values are 0 (no life) and 1 (life)
//following locations start alive:
lifeArray[minLivingRow, minLivingColumn + 1] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow, minLivingColumn + 2] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow, minLivingColumn + 3] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow + 1, minLivingColumn] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow + 1, minLivingColumn + 3] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow + 2, minLivingColumn + 3] = 1;
lifeArray[minLivingRow + 3, minLivingColumn + 2] = 1;
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   if array[x, y] == 1 {
         return x;
   }
   //determine and return the middle row index
   var rowRange = array.domain.dim(1);

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Parallel programming

Game of Life: Main Loop

```
for round in 1..numRounds {
    forall (i , j) in gameDomain {            //set the elements of the next life array
        nextLifeArray[i,j] = lifeValueNextRound(i,j, lifeArray);
    }
    forall (i , j) in gameDomain {            //set the "location if alive" arrays
        rowIfAliveArray[i,j] = rowIfAlive(i,j, nextLifeArray);
        columnIfAliveArray[i,j] = columnIfAlive(i,j, nextLifeArray);
    }

    //reset the bounds with reductions
    maxLivingRow = max reduce rowIfAliveArray;
    minLivingRow = min reduce rowIfAliveArray;
    maxLivingColumn = max reduce columnIfAliveArray;
    minLivingColumn = min reduce columnIfAliveArray;

    //reset the game domain, including buffer of no life
    gameDomain = {(minLivingRow-1)..(maxLivingRow+1),
                  (minLivingColumn-1)..(maxLivingColumn+1)};
    lifeArray = nextLifeArray;
}
```

My experience

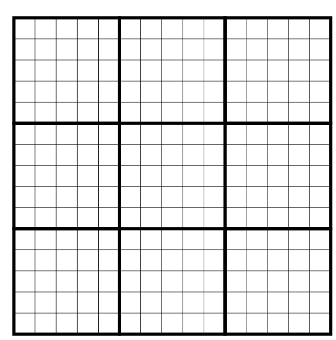
- Course to explore HPC overall
  (apps, machines, system software, programming)
- Talked about Chapel (and ZPL) in contrast to MPI

Game of Life: Add writeln and Go!

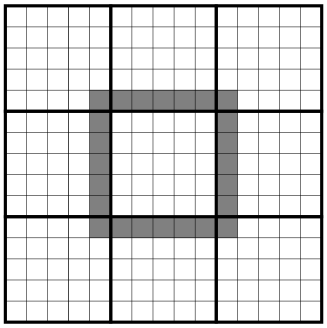
- Add print statements for each iteration of the loop and watch it go
- I added a printLifeArray function
- Final version available at:

  https://dl.dropbox.com/u/43416022/SC13/GameOfLife.chpl

Game of Life in MPI



Game of Life in MPI



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Much harder than I thought

- Even a strong student struggled with code that sent messages to another instance of itself
  - Seemed like challenge of distributed memory environment
  - Weak OO background?

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- Can move computation to data:
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Global-view

- Specify entire computation rather than one node's (local) view of it

```
var adjacentDomain : domain(2) = {x-1..x+1, y-1..y+1};
var neighborDomain = adjacentDomain[currentBoard.domain];

var neighborSum = + reduce currentBoard[neighborDomain];
neighborSum = neighborSum - currentBoard[x, y];
```

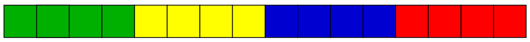
Separate from parallelism

- Serial but multi-locale:
```
on Locales[0] do function1();
on Locales[1] do function2();
```
- Parallel *and* multi-locale:
```
cobegin {
    on Locales[0] do function1();
    on Locales[1] do function2();
}
```

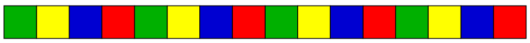
Managing data distribution

- Domain maps say how arrays are mapped

var A : [D] int dmapped Block(boundingBox=D)



var A : [D] int dmapped Cyclic(startIdx=1)



Second hands on time

http://faculty.knox.edu/dbunde/teaching/chapel/SC13/exercises.html

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Summary / discussion

Take home: Parallel course

- Can demonstrate standard concepts
- Particularly suited to demonstrate global-view and locality management
- Lots of possible reading material to expose research element

How else might you use Chapel?

- Operating Systems
  - Easy thread generation for scheduling projects
- Software Design
  - Some parallel design patterns have lightweight Chapel implementations
- Artificial Intelligence
  (or other courses w/ computationally-intense projects)
- Independent Projects

Caveats

- Still in development
  - Error messages thin
  - New versions every 6 months
  - Not many libraries
  - (Students thought this was awesome!)
- No development environment
  - Command-line compilation in Linux

Conclusions

- Chapel is easy to pick up
- Chapel can be used in many courses
- Loads of features, but...
- Flexible depth of material
- Students will dig in!

Your Feedback

- What are your impressions of Chapel?
- How likely are you to adopt Chapel?
  - What course(s) will you use it in?
- What resources would help you adopt it?
  - Kyle has a bunch and is happy to share!!!

Thanks!

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