FYSS5120 Efficient Numerical Programming - Demo 6

Drop solutions before the demo session to the Nextcloud box (link) Please indicate clearly your name in the file name, so that I can tell who solved what.

1. Parallelization in Distributed Memory Machines

The sample code mpi4py_eigvals.py (link to directory) uses MPI parallelism from module mpi4py. mpi4py requires a system-level MPI installation, such as OpenMPI, Microsoft MPI or Intel MPI, which provide mpiexec or mpirun. Roughly speaking, mpi4py gives you means to code your problem in a parallel fashion, and the system-level MPI knows how to execute that code in your hardware. Run the code mpi4py_eigvals.py.

2. Parallelization in Shared memory Machines

Rewrite mpi4py_eigvals.py to use the module multiprocessing.Pool for shared memory environment. It's best to write the multiprocessing.Pool version in a separate file. Run a speed comparison to the MPI version. An example of multiprocessing.Pool is multi_pool.py (link to directory). Check also that the results are independent of parallelization.

3. Voluntary:

MPIRE is a multiprocessing library for Python (see link to github page or the the blog post by Sybren Jansen (link to blog @towardsdatascience.com)) MPIRE claims to be faster than multiprocessing. The syntax of WorkerPool in MPIRE is almost the same as multiprocessing.Pool. Installation: Either git clone the github package or use pip,

\$ python -m pip install mpire

Modify your code to use either multiprocessing.Pool or WorkerPool in MPIRE, and compare their speeds. Add a progress bar to the MPIRE version.

MPIRE map() collects NumPy arrays to chunks, see link. As a result, task() may get arrays shaped (25,300,00), while expecting a single (300,300) array input. To prevent this, you can, for example, convert NumPy arrays to lists before using MPIRE map(). Another possibility is to use MPIRE's make_single_arguments.