

# L14: Multi-Thread & Multi-Core

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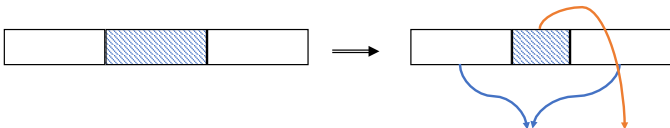
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# Encountering Amdahl's Law

Speedup due to enhancement E is

$$\text{Speedup w/ E} = \frac{\text{Exec time w/o E}}{\text{Exec time w/ E}}$$

Suppose that enhancement E accelerates a fraction  $F$  ( $F < 1$ ) of the task by a factor  $S$  ( $S > 1$ ) and the remainder of the task is unaffected



$$\text{ExTime w/ E} = \text{ExTime w/o E} * ((1-F) + F/S)$$

$$\text{Speedup w/ E} = 1 / ((1-F) + F/S)$$

## Example 1: Amdahl's Law

Consider an enhancement which runs 20 times faster but which is only usable 25% of the time.

Speedup w/ E =

What is its usable only 15% of the time?

Speedup w/ E =

1.  $1/ (.75 + .25/20) = 1.31$

2.  $1/ (.85 + .15/20) = 1.17$

## Example 2: Amdahl's Law

Consider summing 10 scalar variables and two 10 by 10 matrices (matrix sum) on 10 processors

Speedup w/ E =

What if there are 100 processors ?

Speedup w/ E =

What if the matrices are 100 by 100 (or 10,010 adds in total) on 10 processors?

Speedup w/ E =

What if there are 100 processors ?

Speedup w/ E =

1.  $1/(\.091 + \.909/10) = 1/0.1819 = 5.5$   
 $10/110 \text{ operations} = 0.091$
2.  $1/(\.091 + \.909/100) = 1/0.10009 = 10.0$
3.  $1/(\.001 + \.999/10) = 1/0.1009 = 9.9$   
 $10/10010 \text{ operations} = 0.000999$
4.  $1/(\.001 + \.999/100) = 1/0.01099 = 91$