ESE532:
System-on-a-Chip Architecture

Day 2: January 18, 2017
Analysis, Metrics, and Bottlenecks

Work Preclass
Lecture start 3:05pm

Today

- Throughput
- Latency
- Bottleneck
- Initiation Interval
- Computation as a Graph
  – As a sequence?
- Critical Path
- 90/10 Rule
- Amdahl's Law

Today: Analysis

- How do we quickly estimate what's possible?
  – Before (with less effort than) developing a complete solution
- How should we attack the problem?
  – Achieve the performance, energy goals?
- Where should we spend our time?

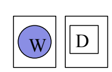
Message for Day

- Identify the Bottleneck
  – May be in compute, I/O, memory ,data movement
- Focus and reduce/remove bottleneck
  – More efficient use of resources
  – More resources
- Repeat

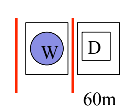
Latency vs. Throughput

- **Latency:** Delay from inputs to output(s)
- **Throughput:** Rate at which can produce new set of outputs
  – (alternately, can introduce new set of inputs)

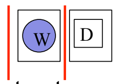
Preclass
Washer/Dryer Example



- 1 Washer Takes 30 minutes
- 1 Dryer Takes 60 minutes
- Cleaning Throughput?
- How long to do one load of wash?
  – → Wash latency



Pipeline Concurrency

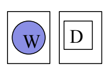


- Break up the computation graph into stages
  - Allowing us to
    - reuse resources for new inputs (data),
    - while older data is still working its way through the graph
      - Before it has exited graph
  - Throughput > (1/Latency)
- Relate liquid in pipe
  - Doesn't wait for first drop of liquid to exit far end of pipe before accepting second drop

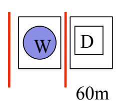
Bottleneck

- What is the rate limiting item?
  - Resource, computation, ….

Preclass Washer/Dryer Example



- 1 Washer Takes 30 minutes
  - Isolated throughput 20 shirts/hour
- 1 Dryer Takes 60 minutes
  - Isolated throughput 10 shirts/hour
- Where is bottleneck in our cleaning system?



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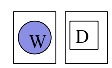
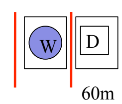
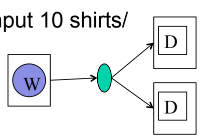


- 1 Washer $500
  - Isolated throughput 20 shirts/hour
- 1 Dryer $500
  - Isolated throughput 10 shirts/hour
- How do we increase throughput with $500 investment

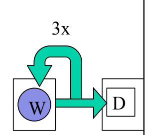


Preclass Washer/Dryer Example

- 1 Washer $500
  - Isolated throughput 20 shirts/hour
- 2 Dryers $500
  - Isolated single dryer throughput 10 shirts/hour
- Latency?
- Throughput?



Preclass Stain Example

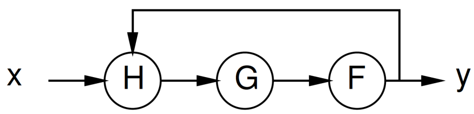


- 1 Washer Takes 30 minutes
  - Isolated throughput 20 shirts/hour
- 1 Dryer Takes 60 minutes
  - Isolated throughput 10 shirts/hour
- Shirt need 3 wash cycles
- Latency?
- Throughput (assuming share)?
- Throughput (one shirt at a time)?

Preclass Cycle

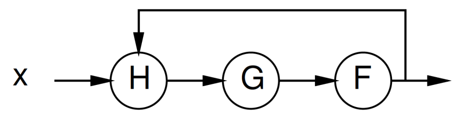
- F, G, H – each 1 cycle, throughput 1/cycle
- Latency of y_i from y_{i-1} ?
- Throughput? (rate of production of y_i's)

$$y_i = F(G(H(x_i, y_{i-1})))$$



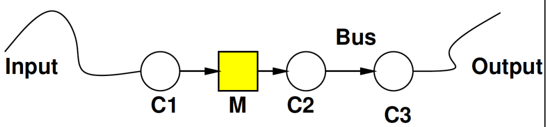
Initiation Interval (II)

- Cyclic dependencies can limit throughput
- Due to dependent cycles,
  – May not be able to initiate a new computation on every cycle
- II – cycles (delay) before can initiate
- Throughput = 1/II



Bottleneck

- Maybe be anywhere in path
  – I/O, compute, memory, data movement



Bottleneck

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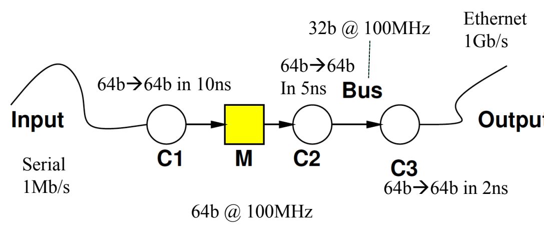

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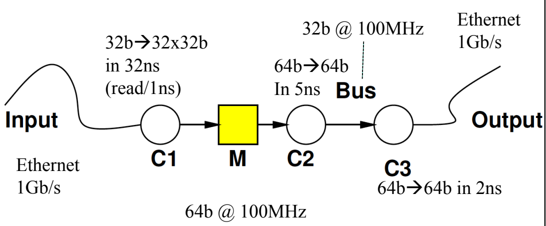

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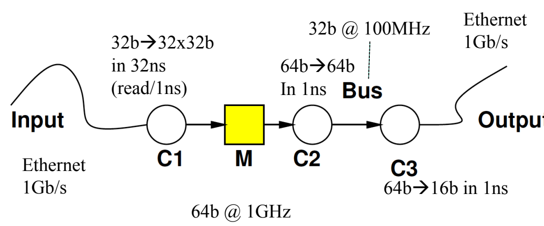

Feasibility / Limits

- First things to understand
  - Obvious limits in system?
- Impossible?
- Which aspects will demand efficient mapping?
- Where might there be spare capacity

Generalizing

Computation as Graph

- Shown "simple" graphs (pipelines) so far

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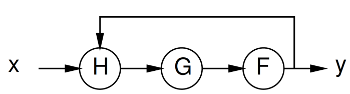
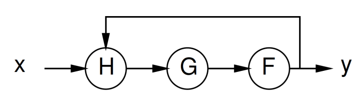


Computation as Sequence

- Shown "simple" graphs (pipelines) so far

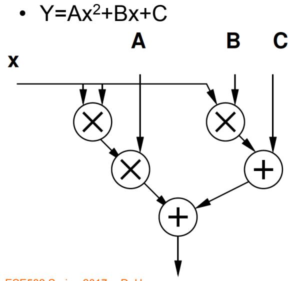
$$y_i = F(G(H(x_i, y_{i-1})))$$

- For (i=1 to N)
  - X=readX()
  - T1=H(x,y)
  - T2=G(T1)
  - Y=F(T2)
  - writeY(Y)



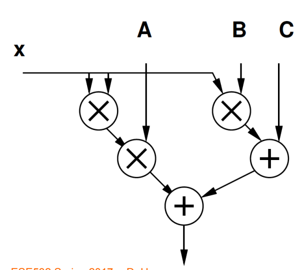
Computation as Graph

- $Y=Ax^2+Bx+C$



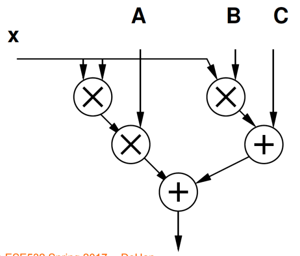
T1=x*x
T2=A*T1
T3=B*x
T4=T2+T3
Y=C+T4

Computation as Graph



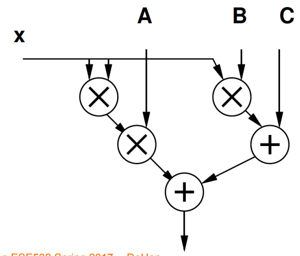
- Nodes have multiple input/ output edges
- Edges may fanout
  - Results go to multiple successors

Computation as Graph



- How complicate our identification of latency, throughput, bottlenecks?

Computation as Graph

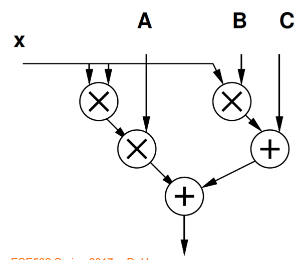


- Latency multiply = 3
- Latency add = 1
- Latency from B to output?
- Latency from x to output?
  - Through Ax^2 ?
  - Through Bx ?

Delay in Graphs

- There are multiple paths from inputs to outputs
- Need to complete all of them to produce outputs
- Limited by longest path
- **Critical path:** longest path in the graph

Computation as Graph



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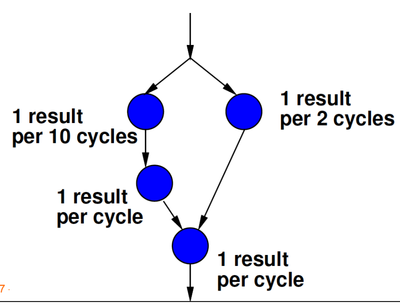
- Critical Path?

Bottleneck

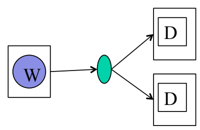
- Where is the bottleneck?



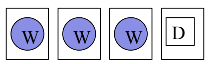
Time and Space

Space-Time

- In general, we can spend resources to reduce time
  - Increase throughput



Three wash stain removal case



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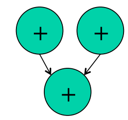
Space Time

- Computation
  - A=x0+x1
  - B=A+x2
  - C=B+x3
- Adder takes one cycle
- Throughput on one adder?
- Throughput on 3 adders?



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Dependencies and S-T

- Dependencies may limit throughput acceleration
  - Give benefit less than 1/space

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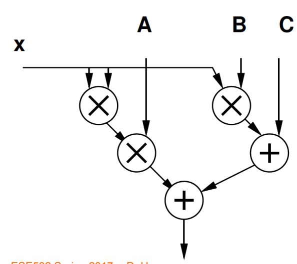
Computation as Graph



- Latency multiply = 3
- Thput mult = 1/3
- Space multiply = 3
- Latency add = 1
- Space add = 1
- Thput and Space
  - 3 mul, 2 add

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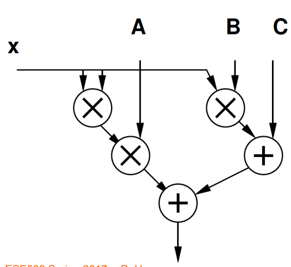
Computation as Graph



- Latency multiply = 3
- Thput mult = 1/3
- Space multiply = 3
- Latency add = 1
- Space add = 1
- Thput and Space
  - 1 mul, 1 add
  - Where is bottleneck?

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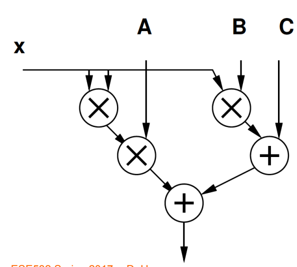
Computation as Graph



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Two Bounds

(still in Time and Space)

Bounds

- Useful to have bounds on solution
- Two:
  - CP: Critical Path
    - Sometimes call it “Latency Bound”
  - RB: Resource Bound
    - Sometimes call it “Throughput Bound” or “Compute Bound”

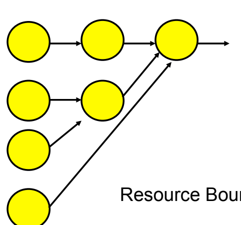
Critical Path Lower Bound

- Critical path assuming infinite resources
- Certainly cannot finish any faster than that

Resource Capacity Lower Bound

- Sum up all capacity required per resource
- Divide by total resource (for type)
- Lower bound on compute
  - (best can do is pack all use densely)
  - Ignores data dependency constraints

Example



Critical Path

Resource Bound (2 resources)

Resource Bound (4 resources)

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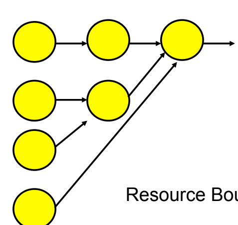

Critical Path 3

Resource Bound (2 resources) 7/2=4

Resource Bound (4 resources) 7/4=2

90/10 Rule (of Thumb)

- Observation that code is not used uniformly
- 90% of the time is spent in 10% of the code
- Knuth: 50% of the time in 2% of the code
- Implications
  - There will typically be a bottleneck
  - We don't need to optimize everything
  - We don't need to uniformly replicate space to achieve speedup
  - Not everything needs to be accelerated

Amdahl's Law

- If you only speedup Y(%) of the code, the most you can accelerate your application is 1/(1-Y)
- T_{before} = 1*Y + 1*(1-Y)
- Speedup by factor of S
- T_{after}=(1/S)*Y+1*(1-Y)
- Limit S→infinity T_{before}/T_{after}=1/(1-Y)

Amdahl's Law

- T_{before} = 1*Y + 1*(1-Y)
- Speedup by factor of S
- T_{after}=(1/S)*Y+1*(1-Y)
- Y=70%
  - Possible speedup (S→infinity) ?
  - Speedup if S=10?

Amdahl's Law

- If you only speedup Y(%) of the code, the most you can accelerate your application is 1/(1-Y)
- Implications
  - Amdhal: good to have a fast sequential processor
  - Keep optimizing
    - T_{after}=(1/S)*Y+1*(1-Y)
    - For large S, bottleneck now in the 1-Y

Optimizing Designs

Optimization

- Find Bottleneck
- Remove
- Repeat

How Remove?

- Use Resources more efficiently
  - Is bottleneck resource fully used?
  - Compress I/O, data transferred
    - Spend more compute to reduce data
- Add Resources
  - Exploit Space-Time

When Stop?

- Runs fast enough
  - Meets real-time
  - Bottleneck is outside of computation
    - Maybe in the human?
- Exhaust resources
- Exhaust parallelism

Big Ideas

- Identify the Bottleneck
  - May be in compute, I/O, memory ,data movement
- Focus and reduce/remove bottleneck
  - More efficient use of resources
  - More resources

Admin

- Reading for Day 3 on canvas
- HW1 due Friday