## Lecture 10: Introduction to OpenMP (Part 2)

#### Performance Issues I

- C/C++ stores matrices in row-major fashion.
- Loop interchanges may increase cache locality

#### • Parallelize outer-most loop

#### Performance Issues II

- Move synchronization points outwards. The inner loop is parallelized.
- In each iteration step of the outer loop, a parallel region is created. This causes parallelization overhead.

#### Performance Issues III

• Avoid parallel overhead at low iteration counts

```
{
    ...
    #pragma omp parallel for if(M > 800)
    for(j=0;j< M; j++)
    {
        aa[j] =alpha*bb[j] + cc[j];
    }
}</pre>
```

#### C++: Random Access Iterators Loops

• Parallelization of random access iterator loops is supported

```
void iterator_example(){
  std::vector vec(23);
  std::vector::iterator it;

  #pragma omp parallel for default(none) shared(vec)
  for(it=vec.begin(); it< vec.end(); it++)
  {
    // do work with it //
  }
}</pre>
```

#### **Conditional Compilation**

Keep sequential and parallel programs as a single source code

```
#if def OPENMP
#include "omp.h"
#endif
Main()
#ifdef _OPENMP
  omp set num threads(3);
#endif
      for(i=0;i< N; i++)
           #pragma omp parallel for
           for(j=0;j< M; j++)
              A[i][j] = B[i][j] + C[i][j];
```

#### Be Careful with Data Dependences

 Whenever a statement in a program reads or writes a memory location and another statement reads or writes the same memory location, and at least one of the two statements writes the location, then there is a data dependence on that memory location between the two statements. The loop may not be executed in parallel.

```
for(i=1;i< N; i++)
{
    a[i] = a[i] + a[i-1];
}
```

a[i] is written in loop iteration i and read in loop iteration i+1. This loop can not be executed in parallel. The results may not be correct.

#### Classification of Data Dependences

- A data dependence is called loop-carried if the two statements involved in the dependence occur in different iterations of the loop.
- Let the statement executed earlier in the sequential execution be loop S1 and let the later statement be S2.
  - <u>Flow dependence</u>: the memory location is written in S1 and read in S2. S1 executes before S2 to produce the value that is consumed in S2.
  - <u>Anti-dependence</u>: The memory location is read in S1 and written in S2.
  - <u>Output dependence</u>: The memory location is written in both statements S1 and S2.

• Anti-dependence

```
for(i=0;i< N-1; i++)
{
    x = b[i] + c[i];
    a[i] = a[i+1] + x;
}</pre>
```

Parallel version with dependence removed

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared (a, a2)
for(i=0; i < N-1; i++)
        a2[i] = a[i+1];
#pragma omp parallel for shared (a, a2) lastprivate(x)
for(i=0;i< N-1; i++)
{
        x = b[i] + c[i];
        a[i] = a2[i] + x;
}</pre>
```

```
for(i=1;i< m; i++)
    for(j=0;j<n;j++)
{
        a[i][j] = 2.0*a[i-1][j];
}</pre>
```

```
for(i=1;i< m; i++)
#pragma omp parallel for
    for(j=0;j<n;j++)
{
        a[i][j] = 2.0*a[i-1][j];
}</pre>
```

# Poor performance, it requires m-1 fork/join steps.

```
#pragma omp parallel for private (i)
for(j=0;j< n; j++)
    for(i=1;i<m;i++)
{
        a[i][j] = 2.0*a[i-1][j];
}</pre>
```

Invert loop to yield better performance.

• Flow dependence is in general difficult to be removed.

X = 0.0; for(i=0;i< N; i++) { X = X + a[i]; }

• Elimination of induction variables.

```
idx = N/2+1; isum = 0; pow2 = 1;
for(i=0;i< N/2; i++)
{
    a[i] = a[i] + a[idx];
    b[i] = isum;
    c[i] = pow2;
    idx++; isum += i; pow2 *=2;
}</pre>
```

• Parallel version

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared (a,b)
for(i=0;i< N/2; i++)
{
    a[i] = a[i] + a[i+N/2];
    b[i] = i*(i-1)/2;
    c[i] = pow(2,i);
}</pre>
```

Remove flow dependence using loop skewing

```
for(i=1;i< N; i++)
{
    b[i] = b[i] + a[i-1];
    a[i] = a[i]+c[i];
}</pre>
```

• Parallel version

• A flow dependence that can in general not be remedied is a recurrence:

```
for(i=1;i< N; i++)
{
    z[i] = z[i] + l[i]*z[i-1];
}</pre>
```

#### **Recurrence:** LU Factorization of Tridiagonal Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0} & c_{0} & & & \\ b_{1} & a_{1} & c_{1} & & \\ & b_{2} & a_{2} & c_{2} & & \\ & & b_{3} & a_{3} & c_{3} & & \\ & & b_{4} & a_{4} & c_{4} & & \\ & & & b_{5} & a_{5} & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ \ell_{1} & 1 & & & \\ & \ell_{2} & 1 & & \\ & & \ell_{3} & 1 & & \\ & & & \ell_{4} & 1 & \\ & & & & \ell_{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_{0} & c_{0} & & & \\ d_{1} & c_{1} & & & \\ & & d_{2} & c_{2} & & \\ & & & d_{4} & c_{4} & \\ & & & & d_{4} & c_{4} & \\ & & & & d_{5} & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = LU$$

- Tx=LUx=Lz=b, z=Ux.
- Proceed as follows:
- L**z=b**, U**x=z**
- Lz=b is solved by:

```
z[0] = b[0];
for(i=1;i< n; i++)
{
     z[i] = b[i] - l[i]*z[i-1];
}
```

- Cyclic reduction probably is the best method to solve tridiagonal systems
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Data dependence diagram

Functions alpha, beta, delta may be executed in parallel

#### Worksharing sections Directive

sections directive enables specification of task parallelism

Sections construct gives a different structured block to each thread.
 #pragma omp sections [clause list]

 private (list)
 firstprivate (list)
 lastprivate (list)
 reduction (operator: list)
 nowait

#pragma omp section
 structured\_block
#pragma omp section
 structured\_block

```
#include "omp.h"
#define N 1000
int main(){
  int i;
  double a[N], b[N], c[N], d[N];
  for(i=0; i<N; i++){
    a[i] = i*2.0;
    b[i] = i + a[i] * 22.5;
  #pragma omp parallel shared(a,b,c,d) private(i)
    #pragma omp sections nowait
       #pragma omp section
         for(i=0; i<N;i++) c[i] = a[i]+b[i];
                                                               Two tasks are
       #pragma omp section
                                                                 computed
         for(i=0; i<N;i++) d[i] = a[i]*b[i];
                                                                concurrently
        By default, there is a barrier at the end of the
         sections. Use the "nowait" clause to turn of
                         the barrier.
```

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```
#include "omp.h"
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
ł
#pragma omp sections
      #pragma omp section
        v=alpha();
      #pragma omp section
        w=beta();
#pragma omp sections
      #pragma omp section
        x=gamma(v,w);
      #pragma omp section
        y=delta();
     printf("%g\n", epsilon(x,y));
}
```

#### Synchronization I

- Threads communicate through shared variables. Uncoordinated access of these variables can lead to undesired effects.
  - E.g. two threads update (write) a shared variable in the same step of execution, the result is dependent on the way this variable is accessed. This is called a race condition.
- To prevent race condition, the access to shared variables must be synchronized.
- Synchronization can be time consuming.
- The barrier directive is set to synchronize all threads. All threads wait at the barrier until all of them have arrived.

### Synchronization II

- Synchronization imposes order constraints and is used to protect access to shared data
- High level synchronization:
  - critical
  - atomic
  - barrier
  - ordered
- Low level synchronization
  - flush
  - locks (both simple and nested)

#### Synchronization: critical

• Mutual exclusion: only one thread at a time can enter a critical region.

```
double res;
                                                      critical region
#pragma omp parallel
   double B;
    int i, id, nthrds;
                                                                               time
    id = omp_get_thread_num();
    nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
     for(i=id; i<niters; i+=nthrds){</pre>
       B = some_work(i);
                                                Threads wait here: only one thread
        #pragma omp critical
                                                at a time calls consume(). So this is
        consume(B,res);
                                                 a piece of sequential code inside
                                                          the for loop.
```

```
sum = 0;
#pragma omp parallel shared(n,a,sum) private(TID,sumLocal)
  ł
     TID = omp_get_thread_num();
     sumLocal = 0;
     #pragma omp for
       for (i=0; i<n; i++)
          sumLocal += a[i];
     #pragma omp critical (update_sum)
      ł
       sum += sumLocal;
       printf("TID=%d: sumLocal=%d sum = %d\n",TID,sumLocal,sum);
      }
 } /*-- End of parallel region --*/
```

#pragma omp parallel

```
#pragma omp for nowait shared(best_cost)
for(i=0; i<N; i++){
    int my_cost;
    my_cost = estimate(i);
    #pragma omp critical </pre>
```

```
{
```

```
if(best_cost < my_cost)
    best_cost = my_cost;</pre>
```

Only one thread at a time executes if() statement. This ensures mutual exclusion when accessing shared data. Without critical, this will set up a **race condition**, in which the computation exhibits nondeterministic behavior when performed by multiple threads accessing a shared variable

#### Synchronization: atomic

- atomic provides mutual exclusion but only applies to the load/update of a memory location.
- This is a lightweight, special form of a critical section.
- It is applied only to the (single) assignment statement that immediately follows it.

```
...
#pragma omp parallel
{
double tmp, B;
....
#pragma omp atomic
{
X+=tmp;
}
}
```

Atomic only protects the update of X.

```
int ic, i, n;
ic = 0;
#pragma omp parallel shared(n,ic) private(i)
for (i=0; i++, i<n)
    {
        #pragma omp atomic
        ic = ic + 1;
    }
```

"ic" is a counter. The atomic construct ensures that no updates are lost when multiple threads are updating a counter value.  Atomic construct may only be used together with an expression statement with one of operations: +, \*, -, /, &, ^, |, <<, >>.

```
int ic, i, n;
ic = 0;
#pragma omp parallel shared(n,ic) private(i)
for (i=0; i++, i<n)
    {
        #pragma omp atomic
        ic = ic + bigfunc();
    }
```

• The atomic construct does not prevent multiple threads from executing the function bigfunc() at the same time.

#### Synchronization: barrier

Suppose each of the following two loops are run in parallel over i, this may give a wrong answer.

There could be a data race in a[].

To avoid race condition:

- NEED: All threads wait at the barrier point and only continue when all threads have reached the barrier point.
   Barrier syntax:
- #pragma omp barrier



#### Synchronization: barrier

#### barrier: each threads waits until all threads arrive

```
#pragma omp parallel shared (A,B,C) private (id)
  id=omp get thread num();
  A[id] = big calc1(id);
  #pragma omp barrier
                                                           Implicit barrier at
  #pragma omp for
                                                             the end of for
      for(i=0; i<N;i++){C[i]=big calc3(i,A);}
                                                               construct
  #pragma omp for nowait
      for(i=0;i<N;i++) {B[i]=big_calc2(i,C);}</pre>
   A[id]=big calc4(id);
                                                            No implicit barrier
                                                              due to nowait
      Implicit barrier at the end of
            a parallel region
```

#### When to Use Barriers

- If data is updated asynchronously and data integrity is at risk
- Examples:
  - Between parts in the code that read and write the same section of memory
  - After one timestep/iteration in a numerical solver
- Barriers are expensive and also may not scale to a large number of processors

#### "master" Construct

- The "master" construct defines a structured block that is only executed by the master thread.
- The other threads skip the "master" construct. No synchronization is implied.
- It does not have an implied barrier on entry or exit.
- The lack of a barrier may lead to problems.

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    ...
    #pragma omp master
    {
        exchange_information();
    }
    #pragma omp barrier
    ...
}
```

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(a,b) private(i)
 ſ
    #pragma omp master
     ł
       a = 10:
       printf("Master construct is executed by thread %d\n",
               omp_get_thread_num());
     }
    #pragma omp barrier
    #pragma omp for
     for (i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
          b[i] = a;
} /*-- End of parallel region --*/
printf("After the parallel region:\n");
for (i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
     printf("b[%d] = %d\n",i,b[i]);
```

Master construct to initialize the data

### "single" Construct

- The "single" construct builds a block of code that is executed by only one thread (not necessarily the master thread).
- A barrier is implicitly set at the end of the single block (the barrier can be removed by the *nowait* clause)



```
#pragma omp parallel shared(a,b) private(i)
ł
   #pragma omp single
   ſ
      a = 10;
      printf("Single construct executed by thread %d\n",
             omp_get_thread_num());
   }
   /* A barrier is automatically inserted here */
   #pragma omp for
   for (i=0; i<n; i++)
       b[i] = a;
} /*-- End of parallel region --*/
   printf("After the parallel region:\n");
   for (i=0; i<n; i++)
       printf("b[%d] = %d\n",i,b[i]);
```

• Single construct to initialize a shared variable

#### Synchronization: ordered

 The "ordered" region executes in the sequential order

```
#pragma omp parallel private (tmp)
{
   ...
  #pragma omp for ordered reduction(+:res)
  for(i=0;i<N;i++)
     tmp = compute(i);
   #pragma ordered
     res += consum(tmp);
  do other things();
   ...
}
```

#### Synchronization: Lock routines

- A lock implies a memory fence of all thread visible variables.
- These routines are used to guarantee that only one thread accesses a variable at a time to avoid race conditions.
- C/C++ lock variables must have type "omp\_lock\_t" or "omp\_nest\_lock\_t".
- All lock functions require an argument that has a pointer to omp\_lock\_t or omp\_nest\_lock\_t.
- Simple Lock routines:
  - omp\_init\_lock(omp\_lock\_t\*); omp\_set\_lock(omp\_lock\_t\*); omp\_unset\_lock(omp\_lock\_t\*);

omp\_test\_lock(omp\_lock\_t\*); omp\_destroy\_lock(omp\_lock\_t\*);

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#### **General Procedure to Use Locks**

- 1. Define the lock variables
- 2. Initialize the lock via a call to omp\_init\_lock
- 3. Set the lock using omp\_set\_lock or omp\_test\_lock. The latter checks whether the lock is actually available before attempting to set it. It is useful to achieve asynchronous thread execution.
- 4. Unset a lock after the work is done via a call to omp\_unset\_lock.
- 5. Remove the lock association via a call to omp\_destroy\_lock.

#### Locking Example



- The protected region contains the update of a shared variable
- One thread acquires the lock and performs the update
- Meanwhile, other threads perform some other work
- When the lock is released again, the other threads perform the update



## Runtime Library Routines

- Routines for modifying/checking number of threads
  - omp\_set\_num\_threads(int n);
  - int omp\_get\_num\_threads(void);
  - int omp\_get\_thread\_num(void);
  - int omp\_get\_max\_threads(void);
- Test whether in active parallel region
  - int omp\_in\_parallel(void);
- Allow system to dynamically vary the number of threads from one parallel construct to another
  - omp\_set\_dynamic(int set)
    - set = true: enables dynamic adjustment of team sizes
    - set = false: disable dynamic adjustment
  - int omp\_get\_dynamic(void)
- Get number of processors in the system
  - int omp\_num\_procs(void); returns the number of processors online

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### Default Data Storage Attributes

- A shared variable has a single storage location in memory for the whole duration of the parallel construct. All threads that reference such a variable accesses the same memory. Thus, reading/writing a shared variable provides an easy mechanism for communicating between threads.
  - In C/C++, by default, all program variables except the loop index become shared variables in a parallel region.
  - Global variables are shared among threads
  - C: File scope variables, static variables, dynamically allocated memory (by malloc(), or by new).
- A private variable has multiple storage locations, one within the execution context of each thread.
  - Not shared variables
    - Stack variables in functions called from parallel regions are private.
    - Automatic variables within a statement block are private.
  - This holds for pointer as well. Therefore, do not assign a private pointer the address of a private variable of another thread. The result is not defined.

```
/** main file **/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
double A[100];
int main(){
    int index[50];
    #pragma omp parallel
        work(index);
    printf("%d\n", index[0]);
}
```

/\*\* file 1 \*\*/ #include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

extern double A[100]; void work(int \*index){ double temp[50]; static int count;

• Variables "A", "index" and "count" are shared by all threads.

}

• Variable "temp" is local (or private) to each thread.

#### Changing Data Storage Attributes

- Clauses for changing storage attributes
  - "shared", "private", "firstprivate"
- The final value of a private inside a parallel "for" loop can be transmitted to the shared variable outside the loop with:
  - "lastprivate"
- The default attributes can be overridden with:
  - Default(private|shared|none)
- All data clauses listed here apply to the parallel construct region and worksharing construct region except "shared", which only applies to parallel constructs.

#### **Private Clause**

- "private (variable list)" clause creates a new local copy of variables for each thread.
  - Values of these variables are not initialized on entry of the parallel region.
  - Values of the data specified in the private clause can no longer be accessed after the corresponding region terminates (values are not defined on exit of the parallel region).



#### Firstprivate Clause

• firstprivate initializes each private copy with the corresponding value from the master thread.



#### Lastprivate Clause

- Lastprivate clause passes the value of a private variable from the last iteration to a global variable.
  - It is supported on the work-sharing loop and sections constructs.
  - It ensures that the last value of a data object listed is accessible after the corresponding construct has completed execution.
  - In case use with a work-shared loop, the object has the value from the iteration of the loop that would be last in a "sequential" execution.

```
/*** useless implementation ***/
int main(){
    int tmp = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for firstprivate(tmp) lastprivate(tmp)
    for (int j=0; j<5;j++)
        tmp += j;
    printf("%d\n", tmp);
}

"tmp" is defined as its value at the "last
        sequential" iteration, i.e, j = 5.</pre>
```

#### **Correct Usage of Lastprivate**

```
/*** correct usage of lastprivate ***/
int main(){
    int a, j;
#pragma omp parallel for private(j) lastprivate(a)
    for (j=0; j<5;j++)
    {
        a = j + 2;
        printf("Thread %d has a value of a = %d for j = %d\n",
            omp_get_thread_num(), a, j);
    }
    printf("value of a after parallel = %d\n", a);
}</pre>
```

Tread 0 has a value of a = 2 for j = 0Tread 2 has a value of a = 4 for j = 2Tread 1 has a value of a = 3 for j = 1Tread 3 has a value of a = 5 for j = 3Tread 4 has a value of a = 6 for j = 4value of a after parallel = 6

### **Default Clause**

- C/C++ only has default(shared) or default(none)
- Only Fortran supports default(private)
- Default data attribute is default(shared)
   Exception: #pragma omp task
- Default(none): no default attribute for variables in static extent. Must list storage attribute for each variable in static extent. Good programming practice.

#### Lexical (static) and Dynamic Extent I

- Parallel regions enclose an arbitrary block of code, sometimes including calls to another function.
- The lexical or static extent of a parallel region is the block of code to which the parallel directive applies.
- The dynamic extent of a parallel region extends the lexical extent by the code of functions that are called (directly or indirectly) from within the parallel region.
- The dynamic extent is determined only at runtime.

#### Lexical and Dynamic Extent II





```
void caller(int *a, int n) {
int i,j,m=3;
#pragma omp parallel for
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {</pre>
  int k=m;
  for (j=1; j<=5; j++) {</pre>
    callee(&a[i], &k, j);
  }
}
void callee(int *x, int *y, int
   z) {
  int ii;
  static int cnt;
  cnt++;
  for (ii=1; ii<z; ii++) {</pre>
    *x = *y + z;
  }
}
```

Var	Scope	Comment
а	shared	Declared outside parallel construct
n	shared	same
i	private	Parallel loop index
j	shared	Sequential loop index
m	shared	Declared outside parallel construct
k	private	Automatic variable/parallel region
х	private	Passed by value
*x	shared	(actually a)
У	private	Passed by value
*у	private	(actually k)
Z	private	(actually j)
ii	private	Local stack variable in called function
cnt	shared	Declared static (like global)

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#### Threadprivate

- Threadprivate makes global data private to a thread
  - C/C++: file scope and static variables, static class members
  - Each thread gives its own set of global variables, with initial values undefined.
- Different from private
  - With private clause, global variables are masked.
  - Threadrpivate preserves global scope within each thread.
  - Parallel regions must be executed by the same number of threads for global data to persist.
- Threadprivate variables can be initialized using copyin clause or at time of definition.

If all of the conditions below hold, and if a threadprivate object is referenced in two consecutive (at run time) parallel regions, then threads with the same thread number in their respective regions reference the same copy of that variable:

- Neither parallel region is nested inside another parallel region.
- The number of threads used to execute both parallel regions is the same.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "omp.h"
```

```
int *pglobal;
#pragma omp threadprivate(pglobal)
```

Threadprivate directive is used to give each thread a private copy of the global pointer pglobal.

```
int main(){
```

```
""
#pragma omp parallel for private(i,j,sum,TID) shared(n,length,check)
for (i=0; i<n;i++)
{
    TID = omp_get_thread_num();
    if((pglobal = (int*) malloc(length[i]*sizeof(int))) != NULL) {
        for(j=sum=0; j < length[i];j++) pglobal[j] = j+1;
        sum = calculate_sum(length[i]);
        printf("TID %d: value of sum for I = %d is %d\n", TID,i,sum);
        free(pglobal);
    } else {
        printf("TID %d: not enough memory : length[%d] = %d\n", TID,i,length[i]);
     }
</pre>
```

```
/* source of function calculate_sum() */
extern int *pglobal;
int calculate_sum(int length){
    int sum = 0;
    for (j=0; j<length;j++)
    {
        sum += pglobal[j];
    }
}</pre>
```

}

}

return (sum);

```
#include <omp.h>
static int sum0=0;
#pragma omp threadprivate (sum0)
int main()
\{ \text{ int sum } = 0; \}
  int i ;
  . . .
  for ( . . . )
#pragma omp parallel
   £
  sum0 = 0;
  #pragma omp for
    for (i = 0; i \le 1000; i++)
       sum0 = sum0 + . . .
  #pragma omp critical
     sum = sum + sum0:
} /* end of parallel region */
```

• Each thread has its own copy of sum0, updated in a parallel region that is called several times. The values for sum0 from one execution of the parallel region will be available when it is next started.

### **Copyin Clause**

 Copyin allows to copy the master thread's threadprivate variables to corresponding threadprivate variables of the other threads.

int global[100];
#pragma omp threadprivate(global)

```
int main(){
    for(int i= 0; i<100; i++) global[i] = i+2; // initialize data
#pragma omp parallel copyin(global)</pre>
```

/// parallel region, each thread gets a copy of global, with initialized value

### **Copyprivate Clause**

- Copyprivate clause is supported on the single directive to broadcast values of privates from one thread of a team to the other threads in the team.
  - The typical usage is to have one thread read or initialize private data that is subsequently used by the other threads as well.
  - After the single construct has ended, but before the threads have left the associated barrier, the values of variables specified in the associated list are copied to the other threads.
  - Do not use copyprivate in combination with the nowait clause.

```
#include "omp.h"
Void input_parameters(int, int); // fetch values of input parameters
int main(){
    int Nsize, choice;
    #pragma omp parallel private(Nsize, choice)
    {
        #pragma omp single copyprivate (Nsize, choice)
        input_parameters(Nsize, choice);
        do_work(Nsize, choice);
    }
```

## **Flush Directive**

- OpenMP supports a shared memory model.
  - However, processors can have their own "local" high speed memory, the registers and cache.
  - If a thread updates shared data, the new value will first be saved in register and then stored back to the local cache.
  - The update are thus not necessarily immediately visible to other threads.



### **Flush Directive**

The flush directive is to make a thread's temporary view of shared data consistent with the value in memory.

- #pragma omp flush (list)
- Thread-visible variables are written back to memory at this point.
- For pointers in the list, note that the pointer itself is flushed, not the object it points to.

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