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## A fast parallel high-precision summation algorithm based on AccSumK

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a new parallel accurate algorithm called PAccSumK for computing summation of floating-point numbers. It is based on AccSumK algorithm. In the experiment, for the summation problems with large condition numbers, our algorithm outperforms the PSumK algorithm in terms of accuracy and computing time. The reason is that our algorithm is based on a more accurate algorithm called AccSumK algorithm compared to the SumL algorithm used in PSumK. The proposed parallel algorithm in this paper is designed to compute a result as if computed internally in  $K$ -fold the working precision. Numerical results are presented showing the performance and the accuracy of our new parallel algorithm for calculating summation.

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## 1. Introduction and motivation

In this paper, we present a new parallel algorithm to compute a sum of floating-point numbers with high accuracy. Since summation is one of the most basic tasks in numerical analysis, getting fast and accurate algorithms is an important problem. Moreover, computing accurate summation has numerous applications in numerical analysis and scientific computing.

The authors (Rump, Ogita and Oishi) presented an accurate sum algorithm called AccSumK [1,2] using so-called “error-free transformations”. Given a vector of floating-point numbers with exact sum  $s$ , their algorithm calculates a  $K$ -fold faithful rounding of  $s$ . The algorithm is fast for mildly conditioned sums with slowly increasing computing time proportional to the logarithm of the condition number. The algorithm is fast, not only in terms of the number of floating-point operations but also in terms of measured computing time on a serial computer. But it is not a parallel algorithm. The authors (Yamanaka, Ogita, Rump and Oishi) presented a parallel algorithm PSumK [3]. The PSumK algorithm is based on the SumL [3] and SumK [4] algorithms. However, the accuracy of SumL depends on the condition number of the sum whereas the accuracy of AccSumK is independent of the condition number. For ill-conditioned problems, the AccSumK algorithm is more accurate than the SumL algorithm.

Based on the above observations on AccSumK and PSumK, we develop a parallelizing method to used AccSumK into a new parallel algorithm called PAccSumK.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we briefly review the error-free transformations and the algorithm AccSumK for accurate summation proposed in [1,2]. In Section 3, we develop parallel algorithm PAccSumK,

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which is based on AccSumK algorithm. We propose an analysis of the error bounds of the proposed algorithm. This makes it possible to confirm that the proposed parallel algorithm achieves a result as if computed in  $K$ -fold the working precision. In Section 4, we present results of numerical experiments showing the performance and the accuracy of the proposed algorithm PAccSumK. Finally, we conclude the paper and propose some future work.

Throughout the paper, floating-point addition, subtraction and multiplication are counted as one floating-point operation (flop). Moreover, we use MATLAB-style notation for describing algorithms.

## 2. Accurate summation algorithm AccSumK

In this section, we use the same notation as in [2,3] and we recall some results and algorithms described in [1–4]. The set of floating-point numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{F}$ , and  $\mathbb{U}$  denotes the set of subnormal floating-point numbers together with zero and the two normalized floating-point numbers of smallest nonzero magnitude. Throughout this paper, we assume floating-point arithmetic adhering to IEEE standard 754 [5]. Let  $p = (p_i) \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and let  $\text{fl}(\cdot)$  be the result of floating-point operations, where all operations inside parentheses are executed by ordinary floating-point arithmetic in rounding-to-nearest. We denote by  $u$  the machine epsilon, and the underflow unit by  $\eta$ , that is the smallest positive (denormalized) floating-point number. In IEEE standard 754 double precision  $u = 2^{-53}$  and  $\eta = 2^{-1074}$ .

Let us denote  $s$  and  $S$  by

$$s := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i, \quad S := \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i|.$$

The condition number of the summation of the vector  $p$  is defined by

$$\text{cond}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i\right) := \frac{S}{|s|}, \quad s \neq 0.$$

A computed result  $\text{Res}$  of the summation of  $p = (p_i)$  is said to be computed in  $K$ -fold precision if it satisfies [4]

$$|\text{Res} - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i| \leq u|s| + (\varphi u)^K \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i|, \tag{1}$$

with a moderate constant  $\varphi$ . The second term on the right-hand side of (1) reflects computation  $K$ -fold precision, and the first one rounding back into working precision.

Because “unit in the last place” (ulp) depends on the floating-point format and needs extra care in the underflow range. It is useful to use the “unit in the first place” (ufp) defined in [2] by

$$0 \neq r \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{ufp}(r) := 2^{\lfloor \log_2 |r| \rfloor}, \tag{2}$$

where  $\text{ufp}(0) := 0$ .

In order to explain faithful rounding, the definition of floating-point predecessor and successor is required.

$\text{pred}(r) := \max\{f \in \mathbb{F} : f < r\}$  and  $\text{succ}(r) := \min\{f \in \mathbb{F} : f < r\}$ .

**Definition 1** ([2]). A floating-point number  $f \in \mathbb{F}$  is called a faithful rounding of a real number  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  if

$$\text{pred}(f) < r < \text{succ}(f). \tag{3}$$

We denote this by  $f \in \square(r)$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  this implies  $f = r$ .

**Definition 2** ([2]). A sequence  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathbb{F}$  is called a ( $K$ -fold) faithful rounding of  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  if

$$f_i \in \square\left(s - \sum_{v=1}^{i-1} f_v\right) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k. \tag{4}$$

Following [6], we define  $\gamma_n$  as

$$\gamma_n := \frac{nu}{1 - nu}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

When using  $\gamma_n$ , we implicitly assume that  $nu < 1$ .

Let  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)^T \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Then it holds that [6]

$$\tilde{s} := \text{fl}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i\right) \Rightarrow |\tilde{s} - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i| \leq \gamma_{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i|. \tag{5}$$

Note that (5) is valid for any order of addition in the summation. Recently, it was shown that  $\gamma_n$  can be replaced by  $nu$ , and the restriction on  $n$  can be removed [7–10].

The algorithm AccSumK is based on the error-free transformations of addition and/or multiplication of two floating-point numbers.

We first recall a fast algorithm for adding two floating-point numbers. It requires only 3 flops. When  $|a| \geq |b|$ , Algorithm 2.1 is an error-free transformation that satisfies  $x + y = a + b$  with  $x = \text{fl}(a + b)$ ,  $|y| \leq u \cdot \text{ufp}(x)$ .

**Algorithm 2.1** ([11]). Compensated summation of two floating-point numbers.

```
function [x, y] = FastTwoSum(a, b)
    x = fl(a + b)
    q = fl(x - a)
    y = fl(b - q)
```

Choose a split to extract a vector into a sum of higher order parts and a vector of lower order parts.

**Algorithm 2.2** ([2]). Error-free vector transformation extracting high order part.

```
function [tau, p'] = ExtractVector(sigma, p)
    tau = 0
    for i = 1:n
        q_i = fl((sigma + p_i) - sigma)
        p_i = fl(p_i - q_i)
        tau = fl(tau + q_i)
    end for
```

**Algorithm 2.3** ([2]). Computation of  $2^{\lceil \log_2 |p| \rceil}$  for  $p \neq 0$ .

```
function L = NextPowerTwo(p)
    q = u^-1 * p
    L = fl(|(q + p) - q|)
    if L == 0
        L = |p|
    end if
```

**Theorem 1** ([2]). Let  $L$  be the result of Algorithm 2.3 (NextPowerTwo) applied to a nonzero floating-point number  $p$ . If no overflow occurs, then  $L = 2^{\lceil \log_2 |p| \rceil}$ .

**Remark 1** ([2]).  $L = 2^{\lceil \log_2 |p| \rceil}$  is satisfied in the presence of underflow, and use Algorithm 2.3 (NextPowerTwo) so that only basic floating-point operations are necessary.

We let the input vector  $p$  be  $p^{(0)}$  and the output vector  $p$  be  $p^{(m)}$ . The main part of the summation algorithm is Algorithm 2.4. It transforms the input vector  $p^{(0)}$  into two floating-point numbers  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  representing the high order part of the sum and a vector  $p^{(m)}$  of low order parts. The transformation is error-free, i.e.,  $s := \sum p_i^{(0)} = \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \sum p_i^{(m)}$ . Moreover,  $\text{fl}(\tau_1 + \tau_2 + \sum p_i^{(m)})$  is a faithfully rounded result of  $s$  (see [1]).

**Algorithm 2.4** ([2]). Transformation of vector  $p$  plus  $\varrho$  with check for zero.

```
function [tau_1, tau_2, p, sigma] = Transform(p, rho)
    mu = max(|p_i|)
    if mu == 0, tau_1 = rho, tau_2 = 0, return, end if
    M = NextPowerTwo(length(p_0)+2)
    sigma' = 2^M * NextPowerTwo(mu)
    t' = rho
    repeat
        t = t'; sigma = sigma'
        [tau, p] = ExtractVector(sigma, p)
        t' = fl(t + tau)
        if t' == 0, [tau_1, tau_2, p] = Transform(p, 0); return; end if
        sigma' = fl(2^M * u * sigma)
    until sigma <= 1/2 * u^-1 * eta or |t'| >= fl(2^{2M+1} * u * sigma)
    [tau_1, tau_2] = FastTwoSum(t, tau)
```

The following Algorithm 2.5 establishes an approximation of  $K$ -fold accuracy.

**Algorithm 2.5** ([2]). Error-free vector transformation including faithful rounding.

```
function [res, R, p'] = TransformK(p, rho)
    [tau_1, tau_2, p', sigma] = Transform(p, rho)
```

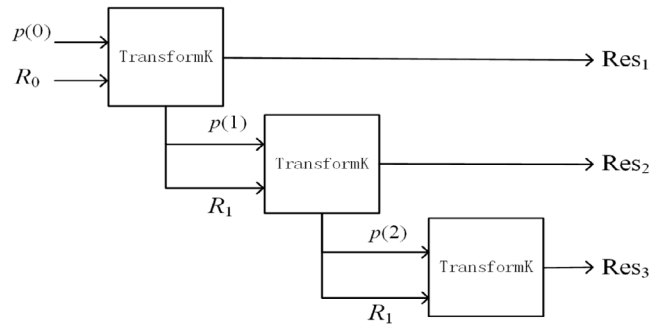


Fig. 1. Outline of AccSumK for  $K = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res} &= \text{fl}(\tau_1 + (\tau_2 + (\sum_{i=1}^n p_i'))) \\ R &= \text{fl}(\tau_2 - (\text{res} - \tau_1)) \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 2.6 computes a result of  $K$ -fold accuracy, stored in a non-overlapping result vector Res of length  $K$ .

**Algorithm 2.6** ([2]). Accurate summation with faithful rounding and result of  $K$ -fold accuracy.

```
function Res = AccSumK(p, K)
    p(0) = p, R0 = 0
    for k = 1 : K
        [Resk, Rk, p(k)] = TransformK(p(k-1), Rk-1)
        if Resk ∈ U, Resk+1...K = 0, return; end if
    end for
```

Fig. 1 illustrates an outline of AccSumK for  $K = 3$ .

**Theorem 2** ([2]). Let  $p$  be a vector of  $n$  floating-point numbers. Define  $M := \lceil \log_2(n + 2) \rceil$ , and assume  $2^{2M}u \leq 1$ . Let  $1 \leq K \in \mathbb{N}$  be given, and let Res be the results vector of Algorithm 2.6 (AccSumK) applied to  $p$  and  $K$ .

Then,  $\text{Res}_1, \dots, \text{Res}_K$  is a faithful rounding of  $s$ . Furthermore,

$$s = \sum_{v=1}^k \text{Res}_v + R_k + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{(k)} \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq K, \tag{6}$$

Abbreviate  $\hat{\text{Res}} := \sum_{k=1}^K \text{Res}_k$ . Then  $\text{Res}_k \in \mathbb{U}$  for some  $1 < k < K$  implies  $\hat{\text{Res}} = s$ , and  $\text{Res}_k \notin \mathbb{U}$  implies

$$|s - \hat{\text{Res}}| < 2u^k \text{ufp}(s) \leq 2u^k |s|, \tag{7}$$

and

$$|s - \hat{\text{Res}}| < 2u^k \text{ufp}(\text{Res}_1) \leq 2u^k |\text{Res}_1|. \tag{8}$$

**Remark 2** ([2]). AccSumK needs  $(4m + 5K + 3)n + \mathcal{O}(m + K)$  flops if the “repeat-until” loop in the first extraction TransformK is executed  $m$  times.

Next, we briefly review some algorithms used in the SumK and SumL algorithms. The following Algorithm 2.7 is proposed by Knuth. It needs 6 flops.

**Algorithm 2.7** ([12]). Error-free transformation of the sum of two floating-point numbers.

```
function [x, y] = TwoSum(a, b)
    x = fl(a + b)
    q = fl(x - a)
    y = fl(((a - (x - q)) + (b - q)))
```

Using the TwoSum algorithm, it can be extended to the error-free transformation of vector summation.

**Algorithm 2.8** ([4]). Error-free vector transformation with respect to the summation.

```
function q = VecSum(p)
    q1 = p1
    for i = 2 : n
        [qi, qi-1] = TwoSum(pi, qi-1)
    end for
```

In [4], the authors (Ogita, Rump and Oishi) developed an algorithm SumK, which calculates the summation using VecSum iteratively.

**Algorithm 2.9** ([4]). Summation  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  for  $p \in \mathbb{F}^n$  as in  $K$ -fold precision by  $(K - 1)$ -fold error-free vector transformation.

```

function res = SumK(p, K)
    for i = 1 : K - 1
        p = VecSum(p)
    end for
    res = fl( $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$ )
    
```

The error bounds of the result res by SumK are given as follows [4]:

**Theorem 3** ([4]). Let res be the result obtained by SumK, then

$$|\text{res} - s| \leq (u + 3\gamma_{n-1}^2)|s| + \gamma_{2(n-1)}^K S. \tag{9}$$

Moreover, if  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\left| \frac{\text{res} - s}{s} \right| \leq u + 3\gamma_{n-1}^2 + \gamma_{2(n-1)}^K \text{cond}\left(\sum p_i\right). \tag{10}$$

In [3], the authors developed a summation algorithm SumL whose result is represented by an array of  $L$  floating-point numbers.

**Algorithm 2.10** ([3]). Summation  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  for  $p \in \mathbb{F}^n$  as in  $L$ -fold precision whose result is represented by a sum of  $L$  floating-point numbers.

```

function q = SumL(p, L)
    for k = 1 : L - 1
        p(1 : n - k + 1) = VecSum(p(1 : n - k + 1))
        q_k = p_{n-k+1}
    end for
    q_L = fl( $\sum_{i=1}^{n-L+1} p_i$ )
    
```

For later use, we present an error bound and inequality for SumL.

**Theorem 4** ([3]). Let  $q$  be the result obtained by Algorithm 2.10 (SumL), abbreviate  $\hat{q} := \sum_{k=1}^L q_k$ , then

$$|\hat{q} - s| \leq \gamma_{n-1}^L S, \tag{11}$$

Moreover, if  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\left| \frac{\hat{q} - s}{s} \right| \leq \gamma_{n-1}^L \text{cond}\left(\sum p_i\right). \tag{12}$$

Algorithm 2.10 also satisfies the following inequality:

$$\sum_{k=1}^L |q_k| \leq (1 + \gamma_{2(n-1)})S. \tag{13}$$

**Remark 3.** Let  $L = K$ , divide the right term of (11) by the right term of (7), we can get

$$\frac{\gamma_{n-1}^K S}{2u^K |s|} \approx \frac{(n-1)^K}{2} \text{cond}\left(\sum p_i\right). \tag{14}$$

From (14) we know that the error bounds of AccSumK are smaller than that of SumL.

### 3. Parallel algorithm

In this section, we will develop parallel algorithm for calculating sum internally in  $K$ -fold working precision. It is based on the AccSumK algorithm, which is named PAccSumK.

Suppose the number of CPUs to be  $P \geq 2$  on a distributed memory system. Then the CPUs can be numbered  $id$  from 1 to  $P$ , so  $1 \leq id \leq P$ .

PAccSumK is the same algorithm as PSumK [3], but the difference is that we use the AccSumK algorithm instead of SumL and SumK.

Next, we present here the concrete algorithm of PAccSumK.

**Algorithm 3.1** (*PAccSumK*). A parallel algorithm based on the AccSumK algorithm.

```
function Res = PAccSumK(p, K, P)
    c = ⌈n/P⌉, c1 = n - c(P - 1)
    % parallel private (index1, index2)
    if id == 1
        index1 = 1 : c1
    else
        index1 = c1 + c(id - 2) + 1 : c1 + c(id - 1)
    end
    index2 = K(id-1)+1 : K · id
    q(index2) = AccSumK(p(index1),K)
    % end parallel
    Res = AccSumK(q, K)
```

**Remark 4.** When the AccSumK algorithm in the parallel part of Algorithm 3.1 is replaced with the SumL algorithm, and the AccSumK algorithm in the serial part is replaced with the SumK algorithm, it is the PSumK algorithm. In PSumK, computational cost for the parallelized part is  $(6K - 5)c$  flops and the rest requires  $(6K - 5)(PK - 1)$  flops [3]. When the AccSumK algorithm in Algorithm 3.1 is replaced with the SumL algorithm, we call it PSumL. In PSumL, computational cost for the parallelized part is  $(6K - 5)c$  flops and the rest requires  $(6K - 5)PK$  flops. This is a unified framework, the parallel part and the serial part can use different summation algorithms, we focus on the PAccSumK algorithm.

In PAccSumK, computational cost for the parallelized part is  $(4m + 5K + 3)c + \mathcal{O}(m + K)$  flops and the rest requires  $(4m + 5K + 3)(PK) + \mathcal{O}(m + K)$  flops. Therefore, the theoretical parallel efficiency in terms of the flops count becomes as follows:

$$r_1 = \frac{(4m + 5K + 3)c + \mathcal{O}(m + K)}{(4m + 5K + 3)c + \mathcal{O}(m + K) + (4m + 5K + 3)(PK) + \mathcal{O}(m + K)} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \frac{PK}{c}}.$$

If  $c \gg PK$ , then  $r_1$  approaches to one.

We present the following theorem for PAccSumK.

**Theorem 5.** Let Res be the result obtained by Algorithm 3.1 (PAccSumK), abbreviate  $\hat{\text{Res}} := \sum_{k=1}^K \text{Res}_k$ . Define  $c := \lceil \frac{n}{P} \rceil$ ,  $M' := \lceil \log_2(c + 2) \rceil$ , and assume  $2^{2M'} u \leq 1$ . Let  $1 \leq K \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. Then the following inequality holds:

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| < 2u^K |s| + (1 + 2u^K)2u^K S. \tag{15}$$

Moreover, if  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\left| \frac{\hat{\text{Res}} - s}{s} \right| < 2u^K + (1 + 2u^K)2u^K \text{cond}\left(\sum p_i\right). \tag{16}$$

Fig. 2 illustrates an outline of PAccSumK for  $K = 3$  and  $P = 3$ .

**Proof.** From the definition of vectors  $p, p^{(id)}, q$  and  $q^{(id)}$ , we collect the following relations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} = s, \tag{17}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |p_i| = \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} |p_i^{(id)}| = S, \tag{18}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j = \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{k=1}^K q_k^{(id)}, \tag{19}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{PK} |q_j| = \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{k=1}^K |q_k^{(id)}|. \tag{20}$$

Then

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| = \left| \hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j + \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j - s \right| \leq \left| \hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j \right| + \left| \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j - s \right|. \tag{21}$$

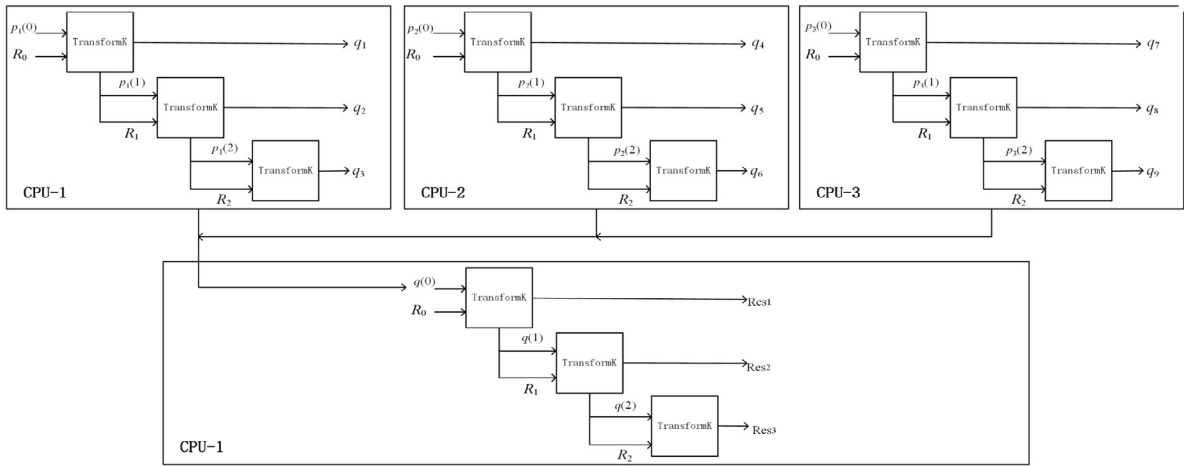


Fig. 2. Outline of PAccSumK for  $K = 3$  and  $P = 3$ .

Here, using  $\text{Res} = \text{AccSumK}(q, K)$  and (7) yields

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j| < 2u^K \left| \sum_{i=1}^{PK} q_i \right| \leq 2u^K (|\sum_{i=1}^{PK} q_i - s| + |s|), \tag{22}$$

Inserting (22) into (21), we have

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| < 2u^K |s| + (1 + 2u^K) \left| \sum_{i=1}^{PK} q_i - s \right|. \tag{23}$$

It follows by (17) and (19) that

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j - s \right| = \left| \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{k=1}^K q_k^{(id)} - \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} \right| \leq \sum_{id=1}^P \left| \sum_{k=1}^K q_k^{(id)} - \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} \right|. \tag{24}$$

Here, recalling that  $q^{(id)} = \text{AccSumK}(p^{(id)}, K)$  and using (7), we have

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{PK} q_j - s \right| < \sum_{id=1}^P (2u^K \left| \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} \right|) \leq 2u^K S. \tag{25}$$

Inserting (25) into (23), we finally have

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| < 2u^K |s| + (1 + 2u^K) 2u^K S,$$

which proves (15) and divided by  $|s|$  also proves (16).  $\square$

Theorem 5 and (1) mean the result Res is obtained by PAccSumK as if computed internally in  $K$ -fold working precision. In fact, we can construct  $p$  such that the right-hand side equation of (25) holds.

**Remark 5.** The PAccSumK algorithm does not share the same accuracy as AccSumK. Indeed, the accuracy of PAccSumK depends on the condition number of the problem and so is not a  $K$ -fold faithful rounding. Because Res is the  $K$ -fold faithful rounding of  $q$ , which will produce an error,  $q^{(id)}$  is the  $K$ -fold faithful rounding of  $p^{(id)}$ , and each process will also produce an error, Res is not the  $K$ -fold faithful rounding of  $p$ .

In order to compare PAccSumK and PSumK, we quote the following theorem for PSumK.

**Theorem 6 ([3]).** Let res be the result obtained by PSumK. Define  $c := \lceil \frac{n}{p} \rceil$ . Suppose  $2 \max\{c, PK\}u < 1$ . Then the following inequality holds:

$$|\text{res} - s| \leq (u + 3\gamma_{PK-1}^2) |s| + \phi_1 S, \tag{26}$$

where  $\phi_1 := (1 + u + 3\gamma_{PK-1}^2) \gamma_{c-1}^K + (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)}) \gamma_{2(PK-1)}^K$ .

Moreover, if  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\left| \frac{\text{res} - s}{s} \right| \leq u + 3\gamma_{PK-1}^2 + \phi_1 \text{cond} \left( \sum p_i \right). \tag{27}$$

The second term at the right end (15) is smaller than the second term at the right end (26), therefore, when  $K$  is the same, PAccSumK can solve problems with larger condition numbers than PSumK. The first term at the right end (15) is also smaller than the first term at the right end (26). The error of the algorithm is dominated by the second term.

In order to compare PAccSumK and PSumL, we present the following theorem for PSumL.

**Theorem 7.** Let Res be the result obtained by PSumL, abbreviate  $\hat{\text{Res}} := \sum_{k=1}^L \text{Res}_k$ . Define  $c := \lceil \frac{n}{p} \rceil$ . Suppose  $2 \max\{c, PK\}u < 1$ . Then the following inequality holds:

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| \leq \{\gamma_{c-1}^L + (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)})\gamma_{n-1}^L\}S. \tag{28}$$

Moreover, if  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\left| \frac{\hat{\text{Res}} - s}{s} \right| \leq \{\gamma_{c-1}^L + (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)})\gamma_{n-1}^L\} \text{cond} \left( \sum p_i \right). \tag{29}$$

**Proof.** We have

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| = \left| \hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j + \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j - s \right| \leq \left| \hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j \right| + \left| \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j - s \right|. \tag{30}$$

Here, using Res=SumL( $q, L$ ) and (11) yields

$$\left| \hat{\text{Res}} - \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j \right| \leq \gamma_{n-1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{PL} |q_i|, \tag{31}$$

Inserting (31) into (30), we have

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^{PL} q_i - s \right| + \gamma_{n-1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{PL} |q_i|. \tag{32}$$

It follows by (17) and (19) that

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j - s \right| = \left| \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{k=1}^L q_k^{(id)} - \sum_{id=1}^P \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} \right| \leq \sum_{id=1}^P \left| \sum_{k=1}^L q_k^{(id)} - \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} p_i^{(id)} \right|. \tag{33}$$

Here, recalling that  $q^{(id)} = \text{SumL}(p^{(id)}, L)$  and using (11), we have

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{PL} q_j - s \right| \leq \sum_{id=1}^P (\gamma_{c_{id}-1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} |p_i^{(id)}|) \leq \gamma_{c-1}^L S. \tag{34}$$

Furthermore, applying (13) to the right-hand side of (20) and using (18) yield

$$\sum_{j=1}^{PL} |q_j| = \sum_{id=1}^P \left( \sum_{j=1}^L |q_j^{(id)}| \right) \leq \sum_{id=1}^P ((1 + \gamma_{2(c_{id}-1)}) \sum_{i=1}^{c_{id}} |p_i^{(id)}|) \leq (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)})S. \tag{35}$$

Inserting (35) and (34) into (32), we finally have

$$|\hat{\text{Res}} - s| \leq \{\gamma_{c-1}^L + (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)})\gamma_{n-1}^L\}S,$$

which proves (28) and divided by  $|s|$  also proves (29).  $\square$

Let  $L = K$ , divide the right term in (29) by the second term on the right in (16).

$$\frac{\gamma_{c-1}^K + (1 + \gamma_{2(c-1)})\gamma_{n-1}^K}{(1 + 2u^K)2u^K} \approx \frac{(c - 1)^K + (n - 1)^K}{2}. \tag{36}$$

From (36) we know that the error bounds of PAccSumK are smaller than that of PSumL. The error bounds of PAccSumK are less than PSumL because the error bounds of AccSumK are less than SumL. We can also see that the error bounds of PAccSumK have nothing to do with the number of sums  $n$ , while the error bounds of PSumL are related to  $n$ . In example 4 of our numerical results section, we take  $n = 2002, K = 7, P = 6$ , therefore, the second term in the error bounds of PAccSumK is approximately  $6.42 \times 10^{22}$  times smaller than the error bounds of PSumL.



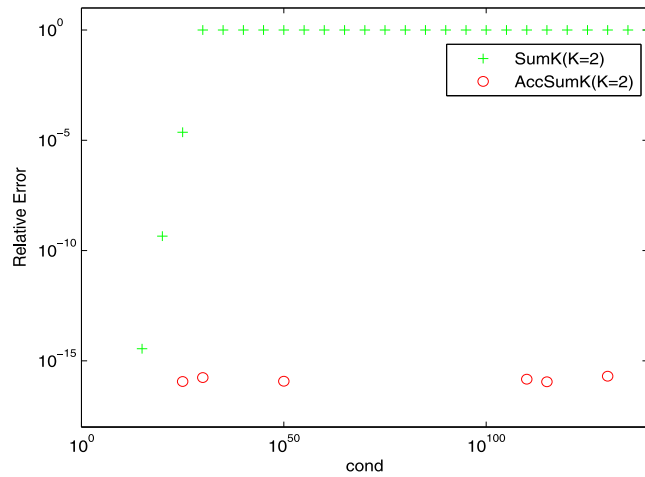


Fig. 3. Relative error image of serial algorithm.

#### 4. Numerical results

The following parallel experiment is performed on Sugon HPC cluster with 424 compute nodes, consisting of two 14-core Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6162 2.60 GHz processors each (28 cores per node). Nodes are connected by Intel Omni-Path high-speed computing network. The peak performance of the whole system is 980 Tflops/s, and the memory is 96 GB. The OS used by the cluster is Redhat7.2. The MPI library used for this experiment is Intel MPI. Accuracy is evaluated by relative error  $e = |res - s|/|s|$ , where  $res$  is an estimate of  $s$ . For PAccSumK, the terms  $Res_k$  are non-overlapping, then  $res$  is equal to the sum of the array elements calculated by the ordinary summation algorithm. For PSumL, we sort  $Res_k$  by magnitude and sum in decreasing order [13]. If the output of the algorithm is a floating-point number, then  $res$  is equal to the output of the algorithm,  $s$  is the exact value calculated by the MPFR library [14] or known. When not stated separately, PAccSumK always takes  $K = 3$ .

##### 4.1. Example 1

We use Algorithm 4.2 in [3] to generate arbitrarily ill-conditioned sum data. First generating ill-conditioned dot product data, the ill-conditioned sum data length is  $2n$  generated from the dot product data of length  $n$ , and then the algorithm TwoProduct is used to convert the ill-conditioned dot product data of length  $n$  to the ill-conditioned sum data of length  $2n$  through error-free transformation. Finally, randomly disturbing  $2n$  summation data can generate ill-conditioned sum data with different condition numbers. Fig. 3 is the relative error image of AccSumK and SumK. SumK is the serial version of PSumK. In this example, we use  $K = 2$  to complete on the MATLAB platform. From Fig. 3 we can see that the AccSumK algorithm is more accurate than SumK algorithm.

##### 4.2. Example 2

We use Algorithm 6.1 in [4] to generate arbitrarily ill-conditioned sum data. Convert the ill-conditioned dot product data into ill-conditioned sum data in the same way as in Example 1.

The following are some experimental results and analysis of experimental results.

Fig. 4 is the relative error image of different condition numbers when 4 processes and 10 processes are used, and the summation scale is 200 and 2000 respectively. PSum is the result of parallel recursive summation algorithm [3]. The test results show that PAccSumK has higher accuracy than PSum. For using different processes, the relative error results of PAccSumK are almost equal so that the images overlap, and PSum is quite different for the results of using different processes.

Fig. 5 is the CPU time image of the algorithm under different condition numbers when using 4 processes and 10 processes, and the summation scale is 200 and 2000 respectively. The PAccSumK algorithm uses more CPU time than the PSum algorithm.

Taking the PSum algorithm as a comparison benchmark, the calculation time of the algorithm is averaged, and then the ratio is calculated. The calculation time ratio of the PAccSumK is shown in Table 1.

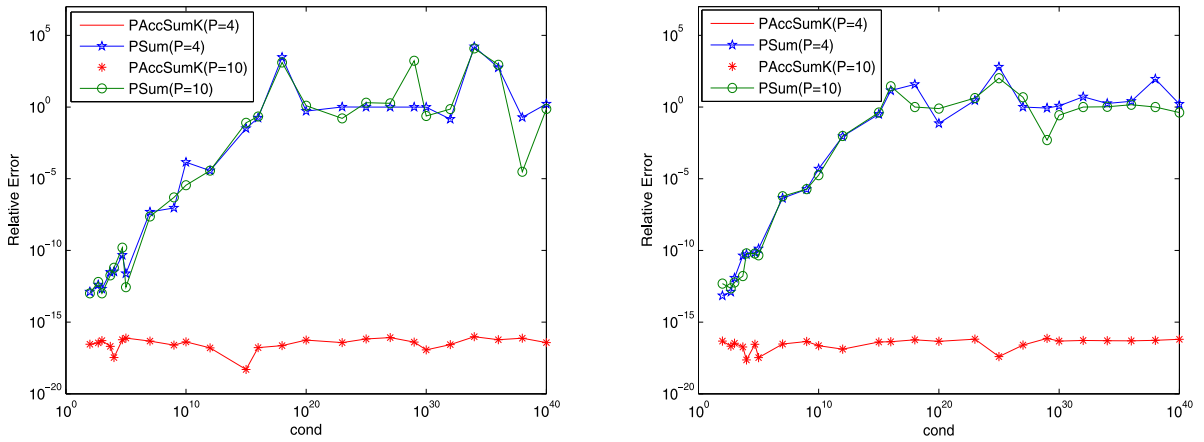


Fig. 4. Relative error images (left  $n = 200$ ) (right  $n = 2000$ ).

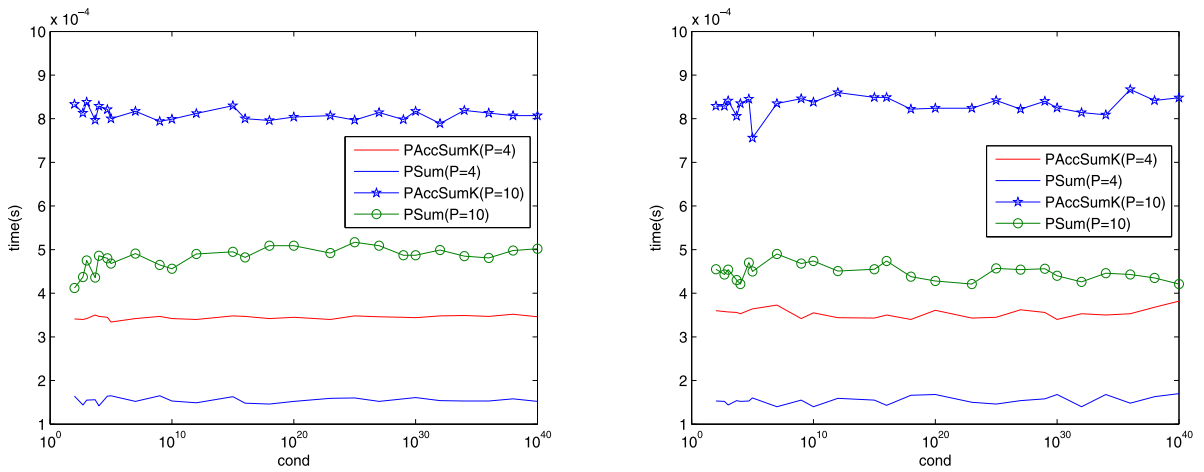


Fig. 5. CPU time (left  $n = 200$ ) (right  $n = 2000$ ).

**Table 1**  
4 processes calculation time ratio.

Algorithm	$n = 200$		$n = 2000$	
	PSum	PAccSumK	PSum	PAccSumK
Time ratio	1	2.222	1	2.298

### 4.3. Example 3

We use the same data generation method as the ReproBLAS library [15], i.e.  $p_i = \sin(2.0 * \pi * (i/n - 0.5))$ , compare the relative error and CPU time of different processes, and compare the relative error and CPU time in different input data sizes.

Fig. 6(a) uses the process number of 2, 4, 8, 10, 16 and 20 to calculate the relative error when  $n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$ , the purpose is to compare the relative errors when using different number of processes. It can be seen from the image that the PAccSumK algorithm uses different processes to obtain almost the same summation result on the same set of summation data, so the relative error curve overlap. PSum got inaccurate results, PAccSumK obtains high-precision results. Fig. 6(b) and (c) use process numbers of 4, 8, 10, and 20 when  $n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  and  $n = 3 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  calculate relative error, the purpose is to compare the relative error of the same process number on different  $n$ , the same process number has slightly different curves on the sum data of different  $n$ . PSum got inaccurate results, PAccSumK obtains high-precision results.

In terms of CPU time, from Fig. 7 we can observe PAccSumK algorithm takes more time than the PSum algorithm.

Taking the PSum algorithm as a comparison benchmark, the calculation time of the algorithm is averaged, and then the ratio is calculated. The calculation time ratio of the PAccSumK is shown in Table 2.

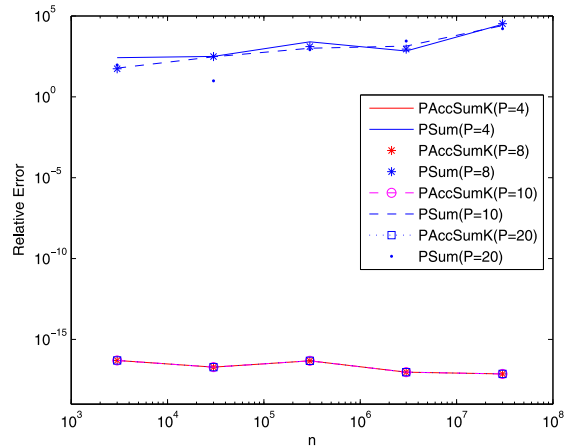
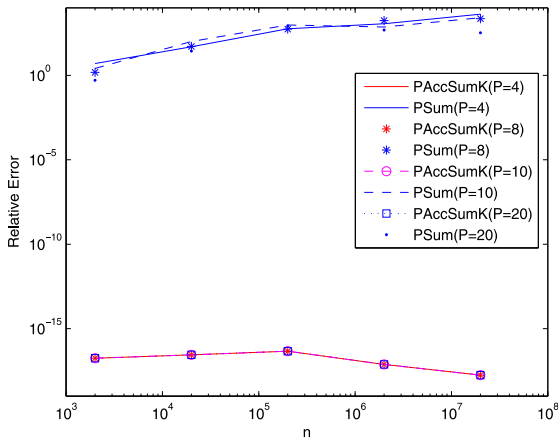
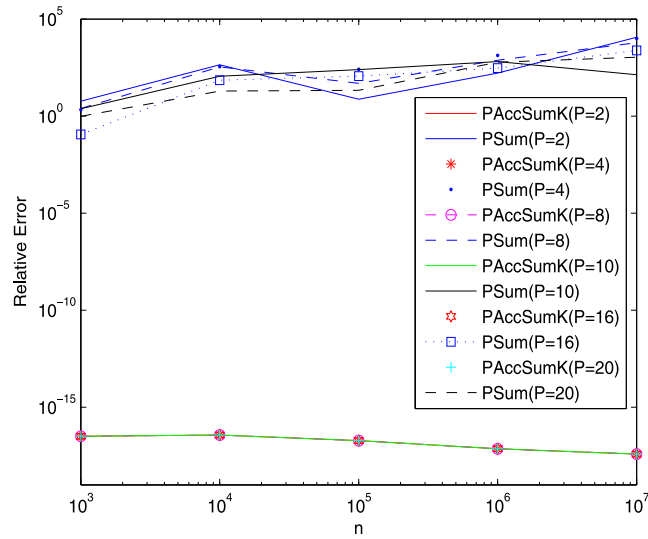


Fig. 6. Relative error image (a)  $n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$ , (b)  $n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  and (c)  $n = 3 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$ .

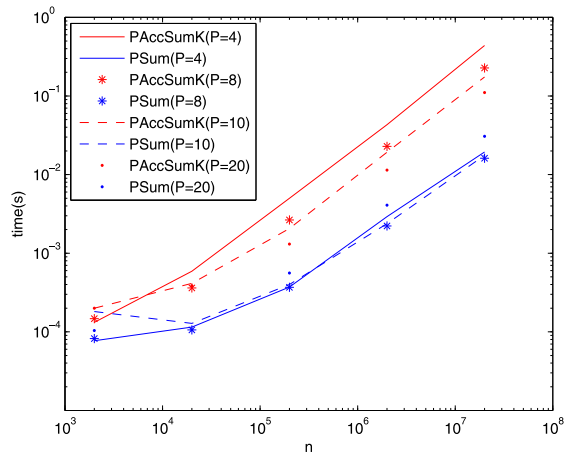
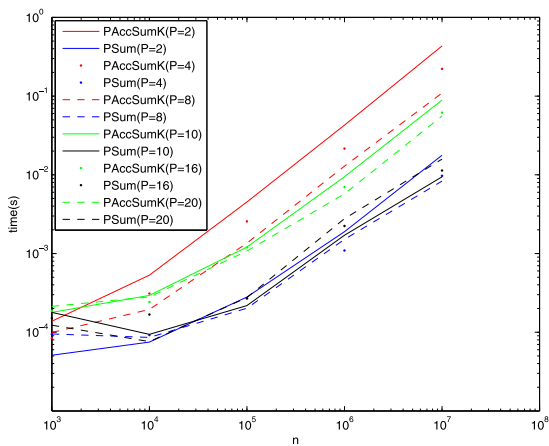


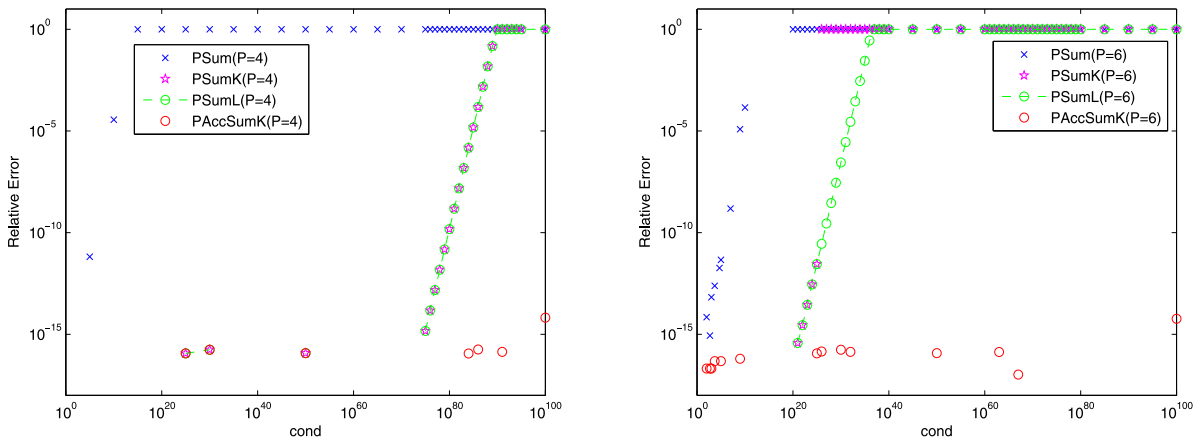
Fig. 7. CPU time (left  $n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$ ) (right  $n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$ ).

**Table 2**  
4 processes' calculation time ratio.

Algorithm	$n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$		$n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$	
	PSum	PAccSumK	PSum	PAccSumK
Time ratio	1	21.834	1	21.352

**Table 3**  
Calculation time ratio.

PAccSumK	$n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$	$n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$
$p = 2$	1	-
$p = 4$	0.510	1
$p = 8$	0.256	0.518
$p = 10$	0.207	0.403
$p = 16$	0.146	-
$p = 20$	0.130	0.254



**Fig. 8.** Relative error image (a)  $P = 4$ , (b)  $P = 6$ .

Table 3 shows the calculation speed of PAccSumK using different processes on  $n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  and  $n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  scale sum data,  $n = 1 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  sum data is based on the number of processes as 2,  $n = 2 \times 10^i, i = 3, \dots, 7$  sum data is based on the number of processes 4 as a benchmark to calculate the acceleration when using other processes.

It can be seen from Table 3 that the CPU time used by the PAccSumK algorithm is approximately inversely proportional to the number of processes used.

4.4. Example 4

We use the same ill-conditioned sum data as in Example 1

The speed-up ratio  $R_1$  and the parallel efficiency  $R$  are defined by

$$R_1 := \frac{T_1}{T_p} \text{ and } R := \frac{R_1}{P}.$$

where  $T_p$  means the elapsed time in case of using  $P$  CPUs. From  $R_1$ , we can see the scalability of the algorithms. If the floating-point operations are perfectly parallelized, then it holds that

$$T_p := C + \frac{T_1}{P},$$

where  $C$  denotes the elapsed time for the parallelization overhead.

The following are some experimental results and analysis of experimental results.

Fig. 8(a) is the relative error image under different condition numbers when using 4 processes and  $K = 7$ , Fig. 8(b) is the relative error image under different condition numbers when using 6 processes and  $K = 7$ . This experiment uses the `mpi_intelmpi-2017.4.239`. The test results show that PAccSumK is more accurate than the other three parallel summation algorithms.

Fig. 9(a) and (b) are the relative error images of PSumK when using `mpi_mpich2-gnu-1.5` and `mpi_mpich-gnu-3.3.1`, respectively. Using `mpi_openmpi-gnu-2.0.4` will get a result similar to Fig. 9(a).

Fig. 10 is the CPU time image when  $n = 10^6, P = 4$ , and  $K = 7$ . PAccSumK algorithm is 1.7574 times slower than PSum algorithm. PAccSumK algorithm is 1.4140 times faster than PSumK algorithm. PAccSumK algorithm is 1.4263 times faster than PSumL algorithm.

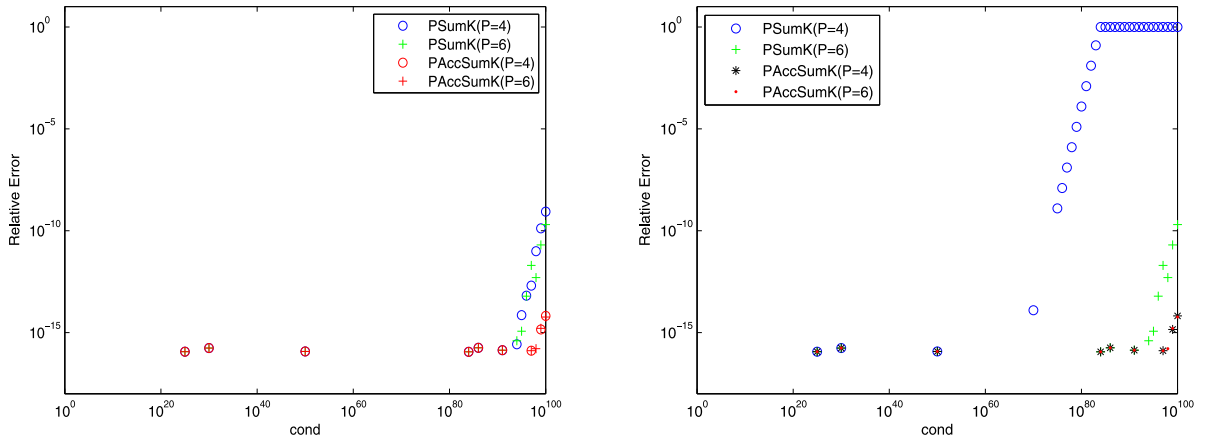


Fig. 9. Relative error image (a) *mpi\_mpich2 - gnu - 1.5*, (b) *mpi\_mpich - gnu - 3.3.1*.

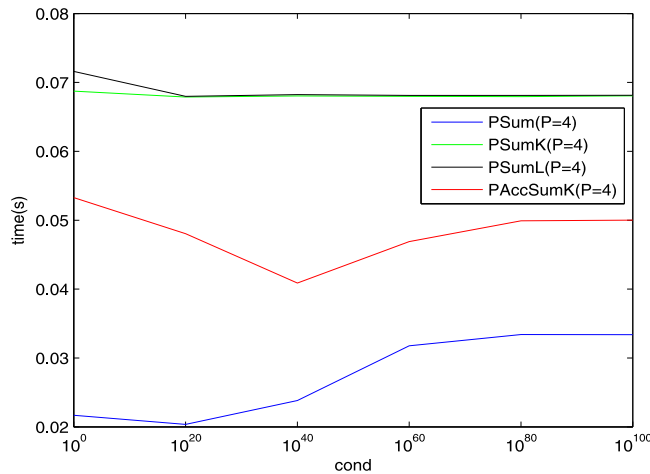


Fig. 10. CPU time image.

Next, we evaluate how tight the error bound for PAccSumK in Theorem 5 is in practice. To do this, we set  $n = 2002$  and vary the condition number  $cond$  from 1 to  $10^{140}$  in Algorithm 4.2 [3], the exact result of sum is equal to  $cond^{-1}$ . The error bounds (16) and true relative errors of the results obtained by PAccSumK for  $K = 2, 4, 8$  in case of  $P = 6$  are displayed in Fig. 11. In Fig. 11, the lines labeled 'exp.' for each  $K$  denote the experimental error corresponding to  $K$ , the lines labeled 'est.' for each  $K$  denote the error bounds (16) corresponding to  $K$ .

Finally, we evaluate the elapsed time and parallel efficiency of PAccSumK for  $n = 10^6$  and  $n = 10^7$ . For both cases we set  $cond = 1 \cdot 10^{100}$  in Algorithm 4.2 and vary  $K = 7, 8, 9$  in PAccSumK. The general rule to choose  $K$  is based on (16) if the condition number and the expected accuracy are known. Here, we give an example to choose  $K$ . Suppose we calculate in double precision, we need the relative error between the approximate solution and the exact solution to meet the machine accuracy, in this example,  $cond = 1 \cdot 10^{100}$ , we can calculate  $K \approx 7.29$ . Therefore, in this example, we choose  $K = 7$ . The elapsed times of PAccSumK for both cases are displayed in Table 4. Moreover, Figs. 12 and 13 illustrate the scalability and the parallel efficiency of PAccSumK compared with AccSumK for  $n = 10^6$  and  $n = 10^7$ , respectively.

From Table 4, Figs. 12 and 13, we can observe the following facts:

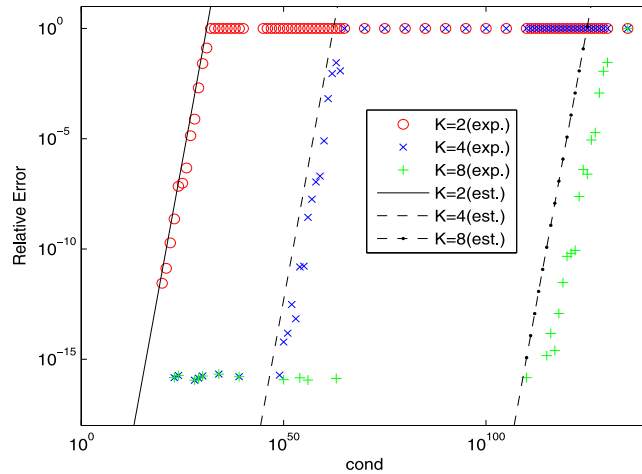
- As the number of processes increases, the speed-up ratio increases approximately linearly, indicating that the PAccSumK algorithm has better scalability;
- In both scales,  $K = 7$  has the highest speed-up ratio and parallel efficiency. Under the premise that the results can be obtained with high accuracy, it is best to take  $K = 7$  in this example;

### 5. Conclusions and future work

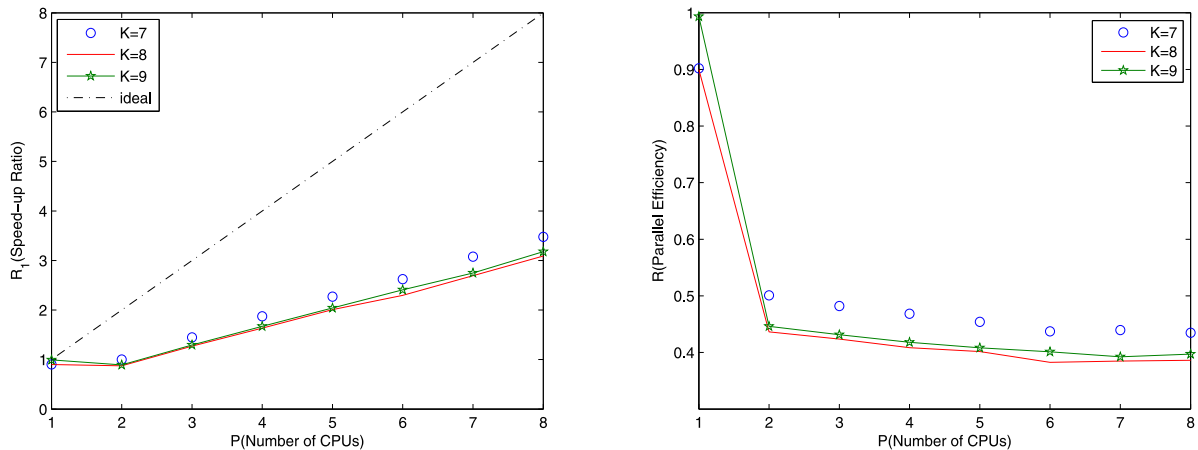
In this paper, we proposed the parallel algorithm for accurate sum. We proved that our proposed algorithm achieved a result as if computed with  $K$ -fold the working precision. By the numerical experiments, we confirmed that the proposed

**Table 4**  
Elapsed time (s) of PAccSumK for  $n = 10^6$  and  $n = 10^7$ .

P	$n = 10^6$			$n = 10^7$		
	K = 7	K = 8	K = 9	K = 7	K = 8	K = 9
1	0.110874	0.111125	0.110715	1.205098	1.204358	1.205449
2	0.099828	0.114573	0.123293	1.012866	1.156458	1.241574
3	0.069137	0.078671	0.084988	0.662176	0.785140	0.813300
4	0.053373	0.061192	0.065804	0.511626	0.572070	0.613447
5	0.044033	0.049782	0.053883	0.402653	0.460468	0.494046
6	0.038121	0.043568	0.045704	0.339094	0.386915	0.421356
7	0.032498	0.037115	0.040046	0.290361	0.333394	0.356951
8	0.028750	0.032369	0.034621	0.258213	0.293973	0.315831



**Fig. 11.** Error bounds and true relative errors of the results by PAccSumK for  $K = 2, 4, 8$  ( $n = 2002, P = 6$ ).



**Fig. 12.** Scalability (left) and parallel efficiency (right) of PAccSumK for  $n = 10^6$ .

parallel algorithm works effectively on our computer environment. For the summation problem with large condition number, PAccSumK performs better than PSumK and PSumL in terms of accuracy and time. In practical applications, large condition number sequences often appear in the case of massive cancellation, for example, in computational geometry [16]. In practice, the proposed algorithm frequently gives more accurate results than the theoretical error bounds.

In the future, we plan to replace the ordinary summation and dot product of linear equations solver with high-precision summation and dot product in order to obtain a high-precision linear equations solver. We also plan to use AccSumK algorithm to obtain a parallel high-precision reproducible summation algorithm.

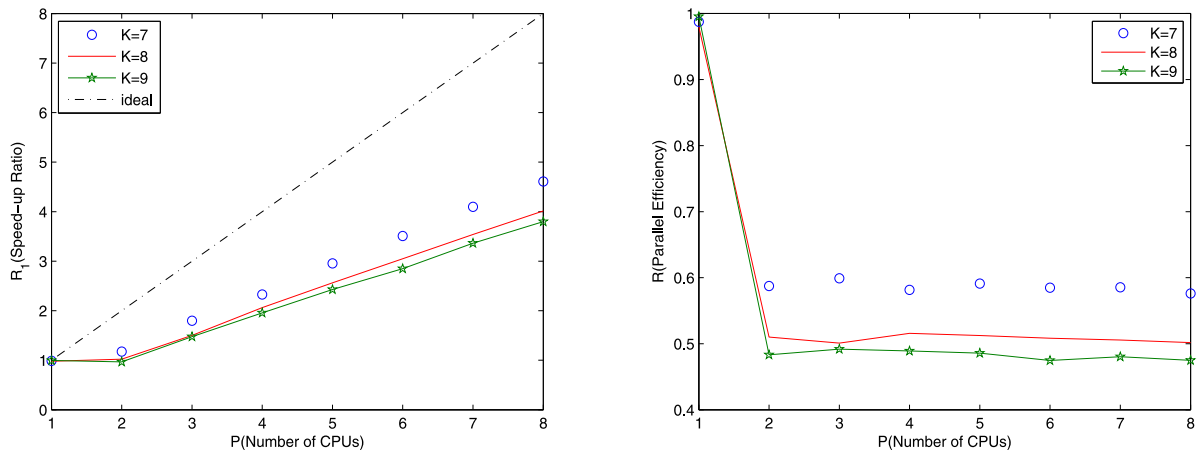


Fig. 13. Scalability (left) and parallel efficiency (right) of PAccSumK for  $n = 10^7$ .

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