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1. [10 pt] You are given an array of n records, each containing the x and y coordinates of a house. You are also given the x and y coordinates of a railroad station. Design a parallel algorithm to find the house closest to the railroad station (as the crow flies). Draw a task/channel diagram to show primitive tasks.

2. [10 pt] Suppose we have chosen a block agglomeration of n elements (labeled $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$) to p processes (labeled $0, 1, \dots, p - 1$) in which process i is responsible for elements $\lfloor in/p \rfloor$ through $\lfloor (i + 1)n/p \rfloor - 1$. How many elements will be handled by the last process?
3. [10 pt] For a problem size of interest, 6% of the operations of a parallel program are inside I/O functions that are executed on a single processor. What is the minimum number of processors needed in order for the parallel program to exhibit a speedup of 10?

4. [10 pt] Assume `grid_comm` is a communicator with a Cartesian topology that organizes processes into a 2D grid. Write a code segment that partitions the process grid into columns. At the end of the code segment, each process's value of `col_comm` should be a communicator containing the calling process and all other processes in the same column of the process grid, but no others.
5. [10 pt] Assigning one process at a time to each worker allowed us to balance workload in the manager/worker paradigm. Give an example where this scheme may run into problems.