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Overeager pulling from `wake_wide()` in interrupt heavy workloads

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Symptom

How to reproduce?

- Interrupt-heavy workloads: YCSB, iPerf, etc.
- Bind IRQs to a specific socket/NUMA node
 - Network performance is very sensitive to having IRQs routed to the “wrong” socket because a PCI bus is usually connected to one socket. Some even reported up to [2x](#) slower performance

Tasks are constantly getting pulled to the socket/NUMA node that IRQs are bound to while leaving other sockets nearly idle.

- Within each socket, loads are fairly balanced
- Spreading out tasks more **evenly** across sockets can improve performance numbers from YCSB benchmark under light load.



Heavy Load

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06:24:34 PM CPU    %usr  %nice  %iwait  %irq  %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice  %idle
06:24:37 PM all    49.03  0.00   8.46    0.00  0.00   3.34    0.00   0.00   39.17
06:24:37 PM 0     67.93  0.00  11.03   0.00  0.00   4.83    0.00   0.00  16.21
06:24:37 PM 1     69.34  0.00   9.76    0.00  0.00   4.53    0.00   0.00  16.38
06:24:37 PM 2     68.06  0.00  11.11   0.00  0.00   3.82    0.00   0.00  17.01
06:24:37 PM 3     69.73  0.00   9.52    0.00  0.00   4.08    0.00   0.00  16.67
06:24:37 PM 4     68.62  0.00  10.69   0.00  0.00   4.14    0.00   0.00  16.55
06:24:37 PM 5     69.31  0.00  10.00   0.00  0.00   3.79    0.00   0.00  16.90
06:24:37 PM 6     67.13  0.00  11.42   0.00  0.00   4.15    0.00   0.00  17.30
06:24:37 PM 7     69.55  0.00  12.11   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.34
06:24:37 PM 8     71.09  0.00  10.88   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   8.00  18.03
06:24:37 PM 9     69.73  0.00  11.90   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.37
06:24:37 PM 10    70.65  0.00  11.60   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  17.75
06:24:37 PM 11    70.55  0.00  11.30   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.15
06:24:37 PM 12    70.10  0.00  11.68   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.21
06:24:37 PM 13    70.55  0.00  11.30   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.15
06:24:37 PM 14    69.97  0.00  11.60   0.00  0.00   0.00    0.00   0.00  18.43
06:24:37 PM 15    53.56  0.00   9.83   0.00  0.00  34.92   0.00   0.00   1.69
06:24:37 PM 16    55.74  0.00   8.45   0.00  0.00  33.78   0.00   0.00   2.03
06:24:37 PM 17    53.87  0.00   7.74   0.00  0.00  37.04   0.00   0.00   1.35
06:24:37 PM 18    53.22  0.00   7.46   0.00  0.00  37.97   0.00   0.00   1.36
06:24:37 PM 19    55.41  0.00   8.11   0.00  0.00  35.14   0.00   0.00   1.35
06:24:37 PM 20    56.27  0.00   7.80   0.00  0.00  34.58   0.00   0.00   1.36
06:24:37 PM 21    56.23  0.00   8.42   0.00  0.00  34.01   0.00   0.00   1.35
06:24:37 PM 22    55.70  0.00   7.72   0.00  0.00  35.23   0.00   0.00   1.34
06:24:37 PM 23    73.04  0.00  12.29   0.00  0.00   3.75   0.00   0.00  10.92
06:24:37 PM 24    30.93  0.00   5.84   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  63.23
06:24:37 PM 25    28.52  0.00   6.19   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.29
06:24:37 PM 26    29.69  0.00   5.46   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.85
06:24:37 PM 27    28.42  0.00   6.51   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.07
06:24:37 PM 28    29.31  0.00   5.52   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.17
06:24:37 PM 29    29.49  0.00   6.44   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.07
06:24:37 PM 30    29.21  0.00   5.15   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.64
06:24:37 PM 31    29.55  0.00   5.15   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.29
06:24:37 PM 32    27.99  0.00   6.83   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.19
06:24:37 PM 33    29.21  0.00   5.84   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.95
06:24:37 PM 34    28.42  0.00   5.82   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.75
06:24:37 PM 35    28.87  0.00   5.50   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.64
06:24:37 PM 36    29.01  0.00   6.48   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.51
06:24:37 PM 37    29.15  0.00   5.76   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.08
06:24:37 PM 38    27.65  0.00   6.14   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  66.21
06:24:37 PM 39    27.74  0.00   6.16   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  66.10
06:24:37 PM 40    30.17  0.00   5.42   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.41
06:24:37 PM 41    28.77  0.00   5.82   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.41
06:24:37 PM 42    28.57  0.00   6.12   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.31
06:24:37 PM 43    29.59  0.00   5.78   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.63
06:24:37 PM 44    28.72  0.00   5.54   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.74
06:24:37 PM 45    28.77  0.00   5.48   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.75
06:24:37 PM 46    27.68  0.00   6.57   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.74
06:24:37 PM 47    28.91  0.00   7.82   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  63.27
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06:24:37 PM 48    75.93  0.00  11.53   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  12.54
06:24:37 PM 49    76.53  0.00  11.56   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  11.90
06:24:37 PM 50    76.01  0.00  11.15   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  12.84
06:24:37 PM 51    76.19  0.00  11.22   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  12.59
06:24:37 PM 52    74.74  0.00  12.63   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  12.63
06:24:37 PM 53    75.43  0.00  11.26   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.31
06:24:37 PM 54    73.81  0.00  12.93   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.27
06:24:37 PM 55    75.09  0.00  11.95   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  12.97
06:24:37 PM 56    75.26  0.00  11.34   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.40
06:24:37 PM 57    74.74  0.00  11.60   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.65
06:24:37 PM 58    73.97  0.00  12.67   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.36
06:24:37 PM 59    73.56  0.00  12.54   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.90
06:24:37 PM 60    75.51  0.00  11.22   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.27
06:24:37 PM 61    74.32  0.00  11.99   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.70
06:24:37 PM 62    75.25  0.00  10.85   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  13.90
06:24:37 PM 63    72.16  0.00  10.65   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  17.18
06:24:37 PM 64    70.21  0.00  11.64   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.15
06:24:37 PM 65    71.33  0.00  10.24   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.43
06:24:37 PM 66    71.58  0.00  10.27   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.15
06:24:37 PM 67    70.21  0.00  10.62   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  19.18
06:24:37 PM 68    70.55  0.00  10.62   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.84
06:24:37 PM 69    70.00  0.00  11.03   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.97
06:24:37 PM 70    70.21  0.00  10.96   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  18.84
06:24:37 PM 71    71.43  0.00  10.88   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  17.69
06:24:37 PM 72    31.74  0.00   8.19   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  60.07
06:24:37 PM 73    27.74  0.00   6.51   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.75
06:24:37 PM 74    30.17  0.00   8.47   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  61.36
06:24:37 PM 75    29.59  0.00   6.12   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.29
06:24:37 PM 76    29.59  0.00   6.12   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.29
06:24:37 PM 77    29.15  0.00   6.10   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.75
06:24:37 PM 78    27.68  0.00   6.57   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.74
06:24:37 PM 79    28.33  0.00   6.48   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.19
06:24:37 PM 80    28.62  0.00   9.66   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  61.72
06:24:37 PM 81    29.21  0.00   5.59   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.29
06:24:37 PM 82    28.03  0.00   5.54   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  66.44
06:24:37 PM 83    28.91  0.00   5.78   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.31
06:24:37 PM 84    28.52  0.00   5.84   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.64
06:24:37 PM 85    28.91  0.00   6.12   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.97
06:24:37 PM 86    28.67  0.00   6.14   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.19
06:24:37 PM 87    28.18  0.00   5.84   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.98
06:24:37 PM 88    27.78  0.00   5.90   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  66.32
06:24:37 PM 89    29.45  0.00   5.48   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.07
06:24:37 PM 90    28.03  0.00   6.92   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.05
06:24:37 PM 91    28.18  0.00   6.53   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.29
06:24:37 PM 92    28.87  0.00   5.84   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.29
06:24:37 PM 93    28.62  0.00   5.17   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  66.21
06:24:37 PM 94    28.91  0.00   6.12   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  64.97
06:24:37 PM 95    29.79  0.00   5.14   0.00  0.00   0.00   0.00   0.00  65.07
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Cause

CFS wakeups actively pull wakee tasks

- Frequent wakeups from network ISR
- Due to the network IRQ binding, waking CPUs are mostly the ones network IRQs are bound to.
- Work against periodic and idle load balancing

`select_task_rq_fair()` has a two-pass process determining whether to wake affine or not

- `wake_wide()` is the first pass, a heuristic that makes sense if waker and wakee are related.
- In our cases, waker task is not the one wakes the wakee. It's just happened to be on the CPU when the interrupt comes in.
- `Wake_wide()` returns 0 because waker and wakee have similar `wakee_flips` numbers.
- We notice `wake_wide()` is the more dominate factor than the second pass, `wake_affine()`



Fix?

Questions to be answered:

1. When should we pull for interrupts?
 - Ultimately who has the warmer cache? The scheduler currently doesn't have the necessary information to make a good decision
 - Can we allow the userspace to have a preference?
2. Currently `wake_wide()` doesn't make sense for wakeups from ISRs. Can we have a better heuristic for interrupts?