L10: Dense Linear Algebra on **GPUs**

CS6963



Administrative Issues

- · Next assignment, triangular solve
 - Due 5PM, Friday, March 5
 - handin cs6963 lab 3 <probfile>"
- Project proposals (discussed today)
 - Due 5PM, Wednesday, March 17 (hard deadline)
 - A few minutes at end of class to help form groups



Outline

- Triangular solve assignment
- Project
 - Ideas on how to approach
 - Construct list of questions

Reading:

Paper: Volkov, V., and Demmel, J. W. 2008.

Benchmarking GPUs to tune dense linear algebra, SCO8, November 2008.

Paper link: http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1413402

Talk link: http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~volkov/volkov08sc08talk.pdf

Volkov code:

http://forums.nvidia.com/index.php?

showtopic=47689&st=40&p=314014&#entry314014



Triangular Solve (STRSM)

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for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
  for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
      if (B[j*n+k] = 0.0f)
           for (i = k+1; i < n; i++)
            B[j*n+i] = A[k*n+i]*B[j*n+k];
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Equivalent to:

cublasStrsm('l' /* left operator */, 'l' /* lower triangular */, 'N' /* not transposed */, 'u' /* unit triangular */, N, N, alpha, d_A, N, d_B, N);

See: http://www.netlib.org/blas/strsm.f



Assignment

- Details:
 - Integrated with simpleCUBLAS test in SDK
 - Reference sequential version provided
- 1. Rewrite in CUDA
- 2. Compare performance with CUBLAS 2.0 library



Performance Issues?

- · + Abundant data reuse
- · Difficult edge cases
- - Different amounts of work for different < j,k> values
- - Complex mapping or load imbalance



Reminder: Outcomes from Last Year's Course

- Paper and poster at Symposium on Application Accelerators for High-Performance Computing http://saahpc.ncsa.illinois.edu/09/ (May 4, 2010 submission deadline)

 - Poster: <u>Assembling Large Mosaics of Electron Microscope Images using GPU</u> Kannan Venkataraju, Mark Kim, Dan Gerszewski, James R. Anderson, and
 - Paper:
 - GPU Acceleration of the Generalized Interpolation Material Point Method
 Wei-Fan Chiang, Michael DeLisi, Todd Hummel, Tyler Prete, Kevin Tew,
 Mary Hall, Phil Wallstedt, and James Guilkey
- Poster at NVIDIA Research Summit http://www.nvidia.com/object/gpu_tech_conf_research_summit.html Poster #47 - Fu, Zhisong, University of Utah (United States)
 Solving Eikonal Equations on Triangulated Surface Mesh with CUDA
- Posters at Industrial Advisory Board meeting
- · Integrated into Masters theses and PhD dissertations
- Jobs and internships



Projects

- · 2-3 person teams
- · Select project, or I will guide you
 - From your research
 - From previous classes
 - Suggested ideas from faculty, Nvidia (ask me)
- Example (published):
 - http://saahpc.ncsa.illinois.edu/09/papers/Chiang_paper.pdf (see prev slide)
- Steps
 - 1. Proposal (due Wednesday, March 17)
 - 2. Design Review (in class, April 5 and 7)
 - 3. Poster Presentation (last week of classes)
 - 4. Final Report (due before finals)



1. Project Proposal (due 3/17)

- Proposal Logistics:
 - Significant implementation, worth 55% of grade
 - Each person turns in the proposal (should be same as other team members)
- Proposal:
 - 3-4 page document (11pt, single-spaced)
 - Submit with handin program:
 - "handin cs6963 prop <pdf-file>"



- Content of Proposal
 Team members: Name and a sentence on expertise for each member
- II. Problem description
- What is the computation and why is it important?
- Abstraction of computation: equations, graphic or pseudo-code, no more than 1 page

III. Suitability for GPU acceleration

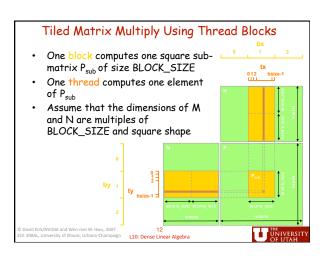
- Amdahl's Law: describe the inherent parallelism. Argue that it is close to 100% of computation. Use measurements from CPU execution of computation if possible.
- Synchronization and Communication: Discuss what data structures may need to be protected by synchronization, or communication through
- Copy Overhead: Discuss the data footprint and anticipated cost of copying to/from host memory.

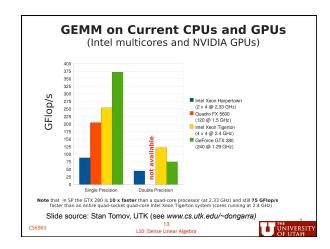
IV. Intellectual Challenges

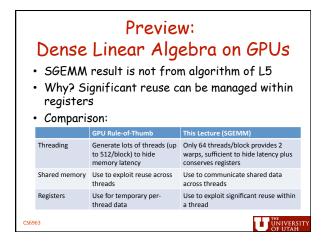
- Generally, what makes this computation worthy of a project?
- Point to any difficulties you anticipate at present in achieving high



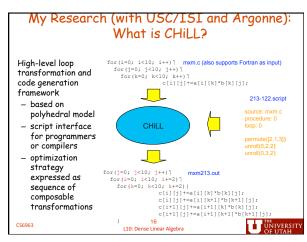
Reminder from L5: Matrix Multiplication in C // Matrix multiplication on the (CPU) host in double precision void MatrixMulOnHost(float* M, float* N, float* P, int Width) $$\begin{split} &\text{for (int } i=0; i<\text{Width; } *+i) \\ &\text{for (int } i=0; j<\text{Width; } *+j) \\ &\text{ double sum } =0; \\ &\text{ for (int } k=0; k<\text{Width; } *+k) \\ &\text{ double a = M[i * width * k]; } \\ &\text{ double } b=\text{N[i * width * j]; } \\ &\text{ sum } +a*b; \end{split}$$ P[i * Width + j] = sum; UNIVERSITY OF LITAH

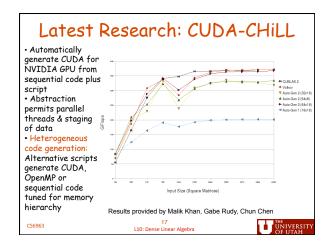


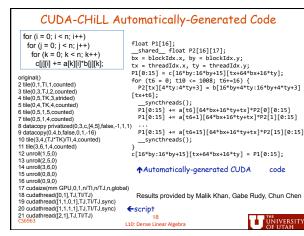












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Final Result: Copy C to registers, B to shared memory and unroll

Steps 1 through 4 tile (for computation, data)
--Copy the 'c" array usage to registers
5. copy_to_registers("kt", "c", "tx", "ty")
6. copy_to_shared("ty", "b")
--Unroll_two innermost loop levels fully
7. unroll_to_depth(2)

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C goes into registers, "t" to right the for (i = 0; i < n; i++) for (i = 0; i < n; i+
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Next Class

- See Khan/Rudy poster on Friday!
- More complex dense linear algebra
- Some specific global synchronization strategies to support these

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