CS 380 - GPU and GPGPU Programming
Lecture 18: Stream Computing and GPGPU

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Reading Assignment #11 (until Nov 12)

Read (required):

- **Brook for GPUs: Stream Computing on Graphics Hardware**
  Ian Buck et al., SIGGRAPH 2004
  http://graphics.stanford.edu/papers/brookgpu/

- **Matrix Multiplication example in CUDA book**
  (Chapter 5, CUDA Memories)

Read (optional):

- **The Imagine Stream Processor**
  Ujval Kapasi et al.

- **Merrimac: Supercomputing with Streams**
  Bill Dally et al.
Types of Parallelism

Bit-Level Parallelism (70s and 80s)
- Doubling the word size 4, 8, 16, 32-bit (64-bit ~2003)

Instruction-Level Parallelism (mid 80s-90s)
- Instructions are split into stages → multi stage pipeline
- Superscalar execution, …

Data Parallelism
- Multiple processors execute the same instructions on different parts of the data

Task Parallelism
- Multiple processors execute instructions independently
From GPU to GPGPU

1990s Fixed function graphics-pipeline used for more general computations in academia (e.g., rasterization, z-buffer)

2001 Shaders changed the API to the graphics cards

2004 Brook for GPUs changed the terminology

Since then:

- ATI’s Stream SDK (originally based on Brook)
- NVIDIA’s CUDA (together with Brook developers)
- OpenCL (platform independent)
- GLSL Compute Shaders (platform independent)
Stream Programming Abstraction

Goal: SW programming model that matches data parallelism

Streams
• Collection of data records
• All data is expressed in streams

Kernels
• Inputs/outputs are streams
• Perform computation on streams (each data record is processes independently)
• Can be chained together

Courtesy John Owens
Why Streams?

- Exposing parallelism
  - Data parallelism
  - Task parallelism

```java
for(i = 0; i<size; i++)
{
    a[i] = 2*b[i];
}
```

```java
for(each a, b)
{
    a = 2*b;
}
```

```java
for(i = 0; i<size; i++)
{
    a[i] = a[i+1]*2;
}
```

```java
for(each a)
{
    // ???
}
```

- Multiple stream elements can be processed in parallel
- Multiple tasks can be processed in parallel
- Predictable memory access pattern
- Optimize for throughput of all elements, not latency of one
- Processing many elements at once allows latency hiding
Brook for GPUs:
Stream Computing on Graphics Hardware

Ian Buck, Tim Foley, Daniel Horn, Jeremy Sugerman, Kayvon Fatahalian, Mike Houston, and Pat Hanrahan

Computer Science Department
Stanford University
domain specific solutions

Application

Graphics API

GPU

map directly to graphics primitives

requires extensive knowledge of GPU programming
building an abstraction

- general GPU computing question
  - can we simplify GPU programming?
  - what is the correct abstraction for GPU-based computing?
  - what is the scope of problems that can be implemented efficiently on the GPU?
contributions

• Brook stream programming environment for GPU-based computing
  – language, compiler, and runtime system

• virtualizing or extending GPU resources

• analysis of when GPUs outperform CPUs
GPU programming model

each fragment shaded independently
  – no dependencies between fragments
    • temporary registers are zeroed
    • no static variables
    • no read-modify-write textures
  – multiple “pixel pipes”
GPU = data parallel

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**data parallelism**
  – support ALU heavy architectures
  – hide memory latency

[Torborg and Kajiya 96, Anderson et al. 97, Igehy et al. 98]
Brook language

stream programming model

- enforce data parallel computing
  - streams
- encourage arithmetic intensity
  - kernels
design goals

- general purpose computing
  GPU = general streaming-coprocessor
- GPU-based computing for the masses
  no graphics experience required
  eliminating annoying GPU limitations
- performance
- platform independent
  ATI & NVIDIA
  DirectX & OpenGL
  Windows & Linux
Brook language

C with streams

- streams
  - collection of records requiring similar computation
    - particle positions, voxels, FEM cell, ...

        Ray r<200>;
        float3 velocityfield<100,100,100>;

- data parallelism
  - provides data to operate on in parallel
Brook language
kernels

- functions applied to streams
  - similar to for_all construct

```c
kernel void foo (float a<> , float b<> ,
                 out float result<> ) {
    result = a + b;
}

float a<100> ;
float b<100> ;
float c<100> ;
foo(a,b,c);
```

for (i=0; i<100; i++)
  c[i] = a[i]+b[i];
kernels

- kernels arguments
  - input/output streams

```plaintext
kernel void foo (float a<>,
                 float b<>,
                 out float result<>) {
    result = a + b;
}
```
kernels

- kernels arguments
  - input/output streams
  - gather streams

```c
kernel void foo (..., float array[]) {
    a = array[i];
}
```
kernels

- kernels arguments
  - input/output streams
  - gather streams
  - iterator streams

```cpp
kernel void foo (..., iter float n<> ) {
    a = n + b;
}
```
kernels

- kernels arguments
  - input/output streams
  - gather streams
  - iterator streams
  - constant parameters

```c
kernel void foo (...) float c ) {
    a = c + b;
}
```
Brook language

kernels

- Ray Triangle Intersection

```c
kernel void krmIntersectTriangle(Ray ray, Triangle tris[],
                                  RayState oldraystate, GridTrilist trilist[],
                                  out Hit candidatehit)
{
    float idx, det, inv_det;
    float3 edge1, edge2, pvec, tvec, qvec;
    if(oldraystate.state.y > 0) {
        idx = trilist[oldraystate.state.w].trilnum;
        edge1 = tris[idx].v1 - tris[idx].v0;
        edge2 = tris[idx].v2 - tris[idx].v0;
        pvec = cross(ray.d, edge2);
        det = dot(edge1, pvec);
        inv_det = 1.0f / det;
        tvec = ray.o - tris[idx].v0;
        candidatehit.data.y = dot(tvec, pvec) * inv_det;
        qvec = cross(tvec, edge1);
        candidatehit.data.z = dot(ray.d, qvec) * inv_det;
        candidatehit.data.x = dot(edge2, qvec) * inv_det;
        candidatehit.data.w = idx;
    } else {
        candidatehit.data = float4(0, 0, 0, -1);
    }
}
```
reductions

- reductions
  - compute single value from a stream

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float a<100>;
float r;

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```
r = a[0];
for (int i=1; i<100; i++)
  r += a[i];
```
reductions

- reductions
  - associative operations only
    \[(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)\]
  - sum, multiply, max, min, OR, AND, XOR
  - matrix multiply
  - permits parallel execution

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SIGGRAPH 2004
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for (int i=0; i<5; i++)
    r[i] = a[i*4];
for (int j=1; j<4; j++)
    r[i] += a[i*4 + j];
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Brook language

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Brook language

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**Brook language**

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Brook language

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foo(a[0], b[0], c[0])
foo(a[2], b[0], c[1])
foo(a[4], b[1], c[2])
foo(a[6], b[1], c[3])
foo(a[8], b[2], c[4])
foo(a[10], b[2], c[5])
foo(a[12], b[3], c[6])
foo(a[14], b[3], c[7])
foo(a[16], b[4], c[8])
foo(a[18], b[4], c[9])
```

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Brook language

matrix vector multiply

kernel void mul (float a<> , float b<> ,
               out float result<> ) {
        result = a*b;
    }

reduce void sum (float a<>,
                reduce float result<> ) {
        result += a;
    }

float matrix<20,10> ;
float vector<1, 10> ;
float tempmv<20,10> ;
float result<20, 1> ;

mul(matrix,vector,tempmv);
sum(tempmv,result);

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system outline

brcc
- source to source compiler
- generate CG & HLSL code
- CGC and FXC for shader assembly
- virtualization

brt
- Brook run-time library
- stream texture management
- kernel shader execution
eliminating GPU limitations

treating texture as memory
  - limited texture size and dimension
  - compiler inserts address translation code

float matrix<8096,10,30,5>;
applications

ray-tracer

segmentation

fft edge detect

linear algebra
summary

GPU-based computing for the masses

bioinformatics

rendering

simulation

statistics
**What is Brook+?**

**Brook** is an extension to the C-language for stream programming originally developed by Stanford University.

**Brook+** is an implementation by AMD of the Brook GPU spec on AMD's compute abstraction layer with some enhancements.
Example

```c
kernel void sum(float a<>, float b<>, out float c<>)
{
    c = a + b;
(30,580,745,700)
}

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    int i, j;
    float a<10, 10>;
    float b<10, 10>;
    float c<10, 10>;

    float input_a[10][10];
    float input_b[10][10];
    float input_c[10][10];

    for(i=0; i<10; i++) {
        for(j=0; j<10; j++) {
            input_a[i][j] = (float) i;
            input_b[i][j] = (float) j;
        }
    }

    streamRead(a, input_a);
    streamRead(b, input_b);
    sum(a, b, c);
    streamWrite(c, input_c);
    ...
}
```

Kernels – Program functions that operate on stream elements

Streams – Collection of data elements of the same type which can be operated on in parallel.

Brook+ access functions
Brook+ Compiler

Converts Brook+ files into C++ code. Kernels, written in C, are compiled to AMD’s IL code for the GPU or C code for the CPU.
**Brook+ Runtime**

IL code is executed on the GPU. The backend is written in CAL.
**Brook+ Features**

Brook+ is an extension to the Brook for GPUs source code.

Features of Brook for GPUs relevant to modern graphics hardware are maintained.

Kernels are compiled to AMD’s IL.

Runtime uses CAL for the GPU backend.

Original CPU backend also included.
Brook+ Release

Brook+ package:
- Compiler and runtime binaries
- Source code and build environments
- Sample applications

Source code released under the BSD License.

Project will also reside on SourceForge.net.
Brook+ Moving Forward

Double precision - FireStream 9170
Mem-export (scatter)
Graphics API interoperability
Multi-GPU support
Other operating systems (Linux, Vista, 64-bit)
Thank you.

• John Owens
• Ian Buck et al.
• AMD