Advanced Compilation Topics

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Advanced topics

- Static Compilation
  - → All work is done ahead of time
- Just-in-Time Compilation
  - → Compile parts of program at run time
- Profile-based optimization
  - → Use run-time profile to guide optimization
- Run-time optimization
  - → Include multiple options in binary
- Compiling for GPUs
  - → Handle specialized libraries & algorithms
- Compiling for low power
  - → Reducing power usage

Just-In-Time (JIT) Compilation

- Approach
  - → Compile portions of code (or entire program) at run time
  - → Compilation time becomes execution time
- Combination of compiler & interpreter
  - → Achieve speed of compiled code
  - → Take advantage of benefits of interpreter
- Advantages
  - → Can target specific architecture (e.g., Xeon vs x86)
  - → Can perform optimizations on dynamically linked library code
  - → Can run compiler in soapbox for safety
- Java extensively uses JIT
  - → Transforms Java source into Java byte code
  - → Byte code is more compact than source code
  - → JIT compilation on byte code is simpler / faster than on Java source

Profile-based Compilation

- Approach
  - → Compiler inserts instrumentation in program
  - → Run instrumented program on representative input → profile
  - → Recompile using profile to guide optimization → optimized code
- Advantages
  - → Can obtain more information than static analysis
    - Identify frequently executed code
    - Identify likely result of conditional branches
    - Estimate loop iterations
  - → No run time overhead for final optimized code
- Disadvantages
  - → Longer compilation / optimization process
  - → Actual application behavior may not match representative input

Run-time Optimization

- Approach
  - → Compiler identifies important conditions in code
  - → Compiler then generates for each condition
    - Run time test for condition
    - Multiple versions of code optimized for different condition, or optimized code that can be parameterized at run time
  - → Program dynamically selects version (or changes parameters) at run time
- Advantages
  - → Resulting programs can adapt at run time to a variety of conditions
- Approach can be extended to "compiling" binary files
  - → Applying run-time optimization to binaries directly w/o source

Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)

CPUs	GPUs
Lots of instructions little data ▪ Out of order exec ▪ Branch prediction	Few instructions lots of data ▪ SIMD ▪ Hardware threading
Reuse and locality	Little reuse
Task parallel	Data parallel
Needs OS	No OS
Complex sync	Simple sync
Latency machines	Throughput machines

Compiling for GPUs

- Approach
  - → GPUs can compute vector / stream operations in parallel
    - Using special libraries (e.g. CUDA) to copy / process data
    - Requires programs for both CPU & GPU
  - → Compiler can simplify process of generating GPU code
    - PGI compiler relies on user-inserted annotations to specify parallel region, vector operations
- Advantages
  - → Supercomputer-like FP performance on commodity processors
- Disadvantages
  - → Performance tuning difficult
  - → Large speed gap between compiler-generated and hand-tuned code

Compiling for GPUs – Matrix Multiplication Example

- Original Fortran

```
do i = 1,n
  do j = 1,m
    do k = 1,p
      a(i,j) = a(i,j) + b(i,k)*c(k,j)
    enddo
  enddo
enddo
```


Compiling for GPUs – Matrix Multiplication Example

- Annotated Fortran for PGI compiler (compiled to CUDA)

```
!$acc region
  !$acc do parallel
  do j=1,m
    do k=1,p
      !$acc do parallel, vector(2)
     do i=1,n
       a(i,j) = a(i,j) + b(i,k)*c(k,j)
     enddo
    enddo
  enddo
!$acc end region
```


Compiling for GPUs – Matrix Multiplication Example

- Hand-written GPU code using CUDA

```
__global__ void
matmulKernel( float* C, float* A, float* B, int N2, int N3 ){
  int bx = blockIdx.x,  by = blockIdx.y;
  int tx = threadIdx.x, ty = threadIdx.y;
  int aFirst = 16 * by * N2;
  int bFirst = 16 * bx;
  float Csub = 0;

  for( int j = 0; j < N2; j += 16 ) {
    __shared__ float Atile[16][16], Btile[16][16];
    Atile[ty][tx] = A[aFirst + j + N2 * ty + tx];
    Btile[ty][tx] = B[bFirst + j*N3 + b + N3 * ty + tx];

    __syncthreads();

     for( int k = 0; k < 16; ++k )
       Csub += Atile[ty][k] * Btile[k][tx];

     __syncthreads();
  }

  int c = N3 * 16 * by + 16 * bx;
  C[c + N3 * ty + tx] = Csub;
}
```


Compiling for GPUs – Matrix Multiplication Example

- Hand-written CPU code using CUDA

```
void
matmul( float* A, float* B, float* C,
        size_t N1, size_t N2, size_t N3 ){
  void *devA, *devB, *devC;
  cudaSetDevice(0);

  cudaMalloc( &devA, N1*N2*sizeof(float) );
  cudaMalloc( &devB, N2*N3*sizeof(float) );
  cudaMalloc( &devC, N1*N3*sizeof(float) );

  cudaMemcpy( devA, A, N1*N2*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );
  cudaMemcpy( devB, B, N2*N3*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );

  dim3 threads( 16, 16 );
  dim3 grid( N1 / threads.x, N3 / threads.y);

  matmulKernel<<< grid, threads >>>( devC, devA, devB, N2, N3 );

  cudaMemcpy( C, devC, N1*N3*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost );
  cudaFree( devA );
  cudaFree( devB );
  cudaFree( devC );
}
```

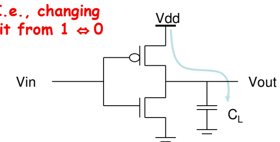

Power-Aware Computing

Cooking an egg on the CPU

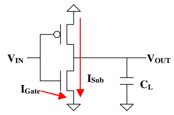
Power Issues in Microprocessors

Capacitive (Dynamic) Power

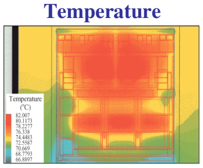
I.e., changing bit from 1 ⇔ 0



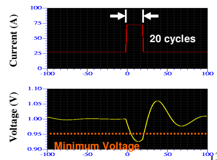
Static (Leakage) Power



Temperature



Di/Dt (Vdd/Gnd Bounce)



Code Optimizations for Low Power

- Most code optimizations reduce power use
  - → Code executing fewer instructions use less power
- Other optimizations affect power, not performance
  - → Reorder instructions
    - Reduce switching effect at functional units and I/O buses
  - → Operand swapping
    - Swap the operands at the input of multiplier
    - Result is unaltered, but power changes significantly!
  - → Use processor-specific instruction styles
    - On ARM the default int type is ~ 20% more efficient than char or short (sign/zero extension)
  - → Use processor-specific features
    - Shut off unused registers to save power
    - Reduce voltage to save power when performance not needed