# Parallel Computing in TensorFlow

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### **TensorFlow Strategies**

- MirroredStrategy
- TPUStrategy
- MultiWorkerMirroredStrategy
- CentralStorageStrategy
- ParameterServerStrategy
- OneDeviceStrategy

## **Parallel Training of CNN on MNIST**

#### Find Devices

```
from tensorflow.python.client import device_lib
device_lib.list_local_devices()
```

#### For example, my server has 1 CPU and 4 GPUs:

- /device:CPU:0
- /device:GPU:0
- /device:GPU:1
- /device:GPU:2
- /device:GPU:3

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```
# number of processors
m = strategy.num_replicas_in_sync
print('Number of devices: {}'.format(m))
```

Number of devices: 4

```
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import tensorflow datasets as tfds
datasets, info = tfds.load(name='mnist',
                           with info=True,
                            as supervised=True)
mnist train = datasets['train'].map(scale).cache()
mnist test = datasets['test'].map(scale)
```

```
BUFFER_SIZE = 10000
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#### **Build Neural Network**

```
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense
with strategy.scope():
    model = keras.Sequential()
    model.add(Conv2D(32, 3, activation='relu', input shape=(28, 28, 1)))
    model.add(MaxPooling2D())
    model.add(Conv2D(64, 3, activation='relu'))
    model.add(MaxPooling2D())
    model.add(Flatten())
    model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
    model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```

### **Build Neural Network**

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None,	26, 26, 32)	320
<pre>max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)</pre>	(None,	13, 13, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None,	11, 11, 64)	18496
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2	(None,	5, 5, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None,	1600)	0
dense (Dense)	(None,	64)	102464
dense_1 (Dense)	(None,	10)	650

Total params: 121,930

Trainable params: 121,930 Non-trainable params: 0

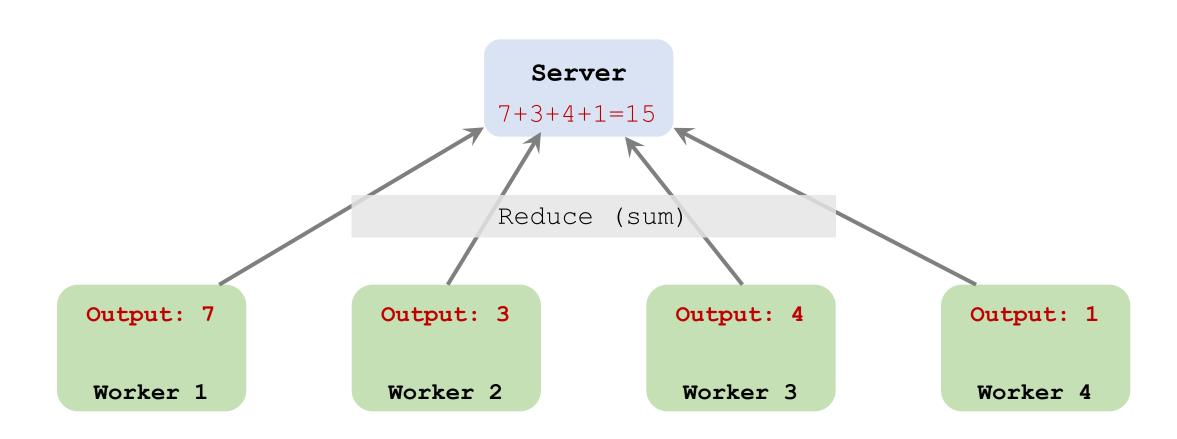
### Compile the Model

#### Train the Model

```
model.fit(data train, epochs=10)
Epoch 1/10
Epoch 2/10
Epoch 3/10
Epoch 4/10
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 6/10
Epoch 7/10
Epoch 8/10
Epoch 9/10
Epoch 10/10
```

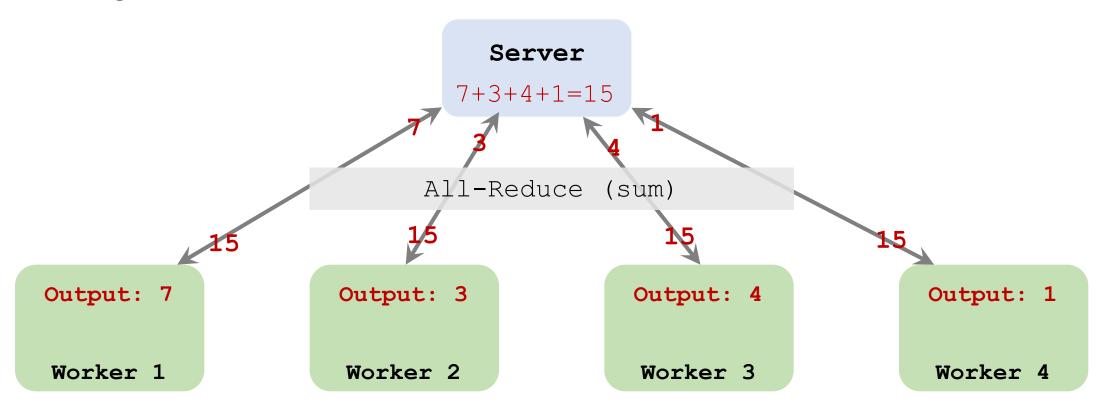
#### **Evaluate the Model on Test Set**

• Reduce: The server gets the result of reduce (e.g., sum, mean, count.)

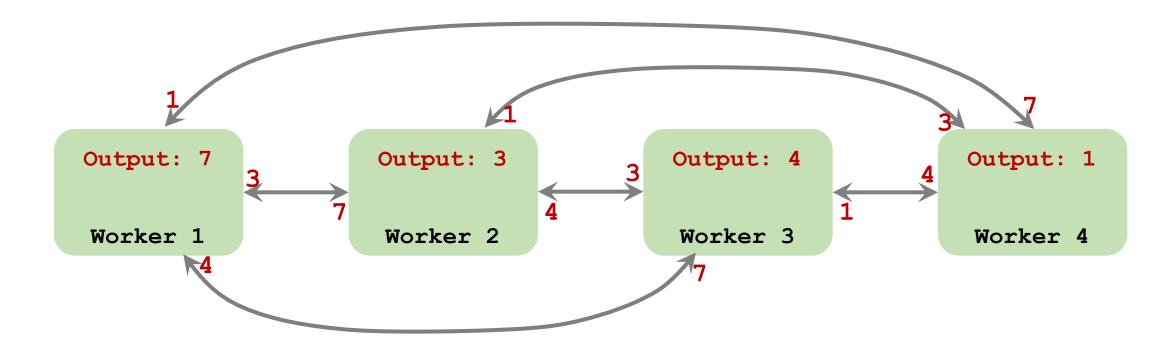


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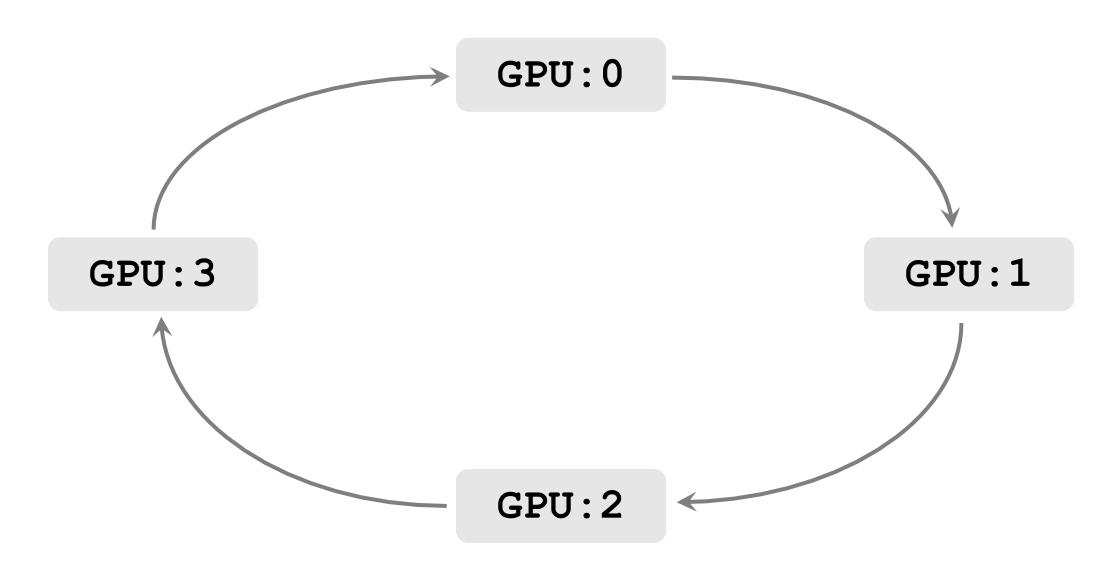
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  - E.g., ring all-reduce (this lecture.)



GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

GPU:3

 $\mathbf{g}_3$ 

GPU:1

 $\mathbf{g}_1$ 

GPU:2

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

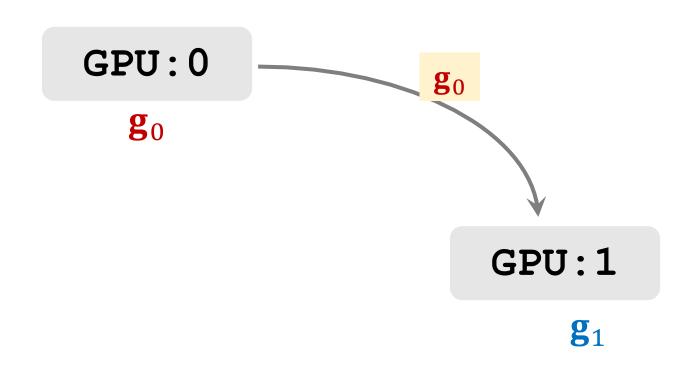
**GPU: 3** 

**g**<sub>3</sub>

GPU:1

 $g_1$ 

**Goal:** Compute  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g_0} + \mathbf{g_1} + \mathbf{g_2} + \mathbf{g_3}$  and send it to all the GPUs.



GPU:3

 $\mathbf{g}_3$ 

GPU:2

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{GPU:0} \\ \textbf{g}_0 \\ \\ \textbf{GPU:1} \\ \\ \textbf{g}_0 + \textbf{g}_1 \\ \end{array}$ 

GPU:3

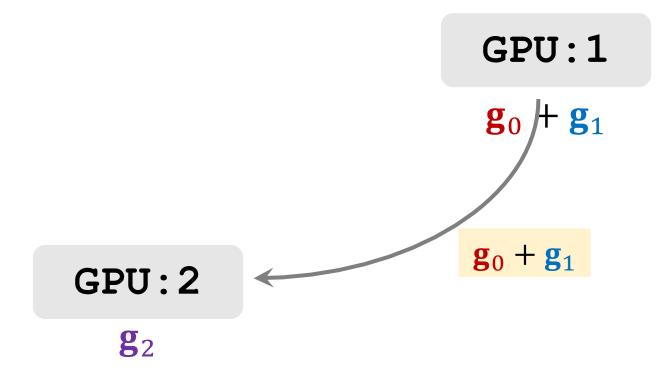
 $\mathbf{g}_3$ 

GPU:2

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

GPU:3

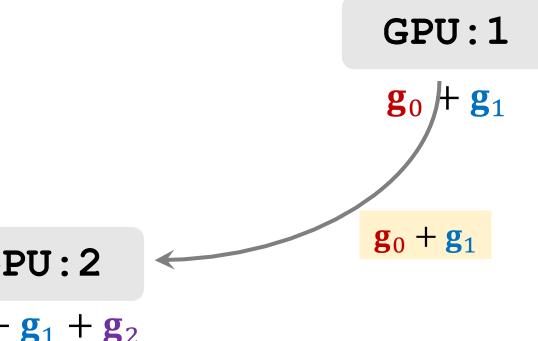


GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

GPU:3

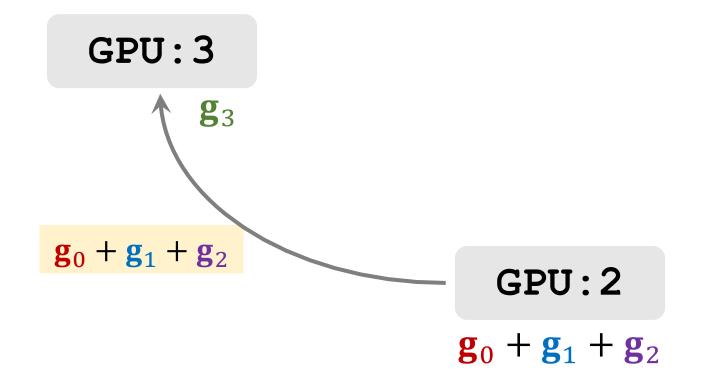
 $\mathbf{g}_3$ 



$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 



GPU:1

 $g_0 + g_1$ 

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

GPU:3

$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{g}_3$$

$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$

GPU:2

$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$

$$g_0 + g_1$$

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{g}_0$ 

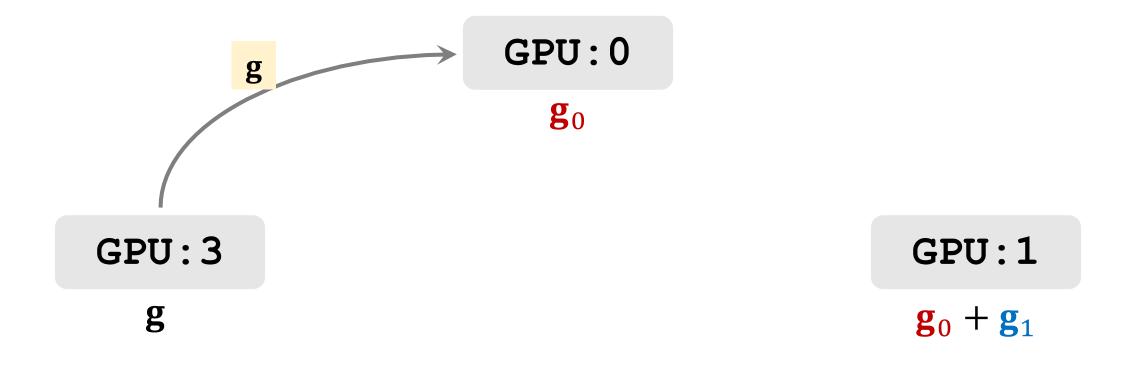
GPU:3

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{g}_3$$

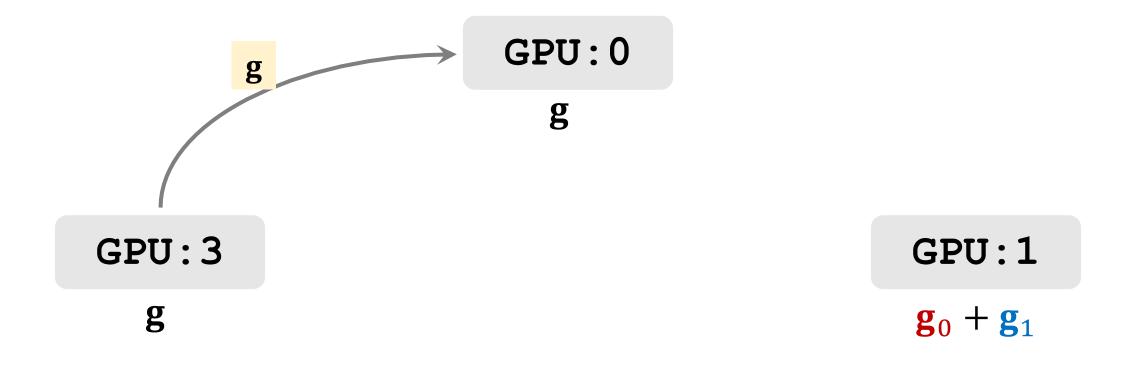
GPU:1

$$g_0 + g_1$$

$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$



$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$



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GPU:0 g GPU:1 g<sub>0</sub> + g<sub>1</sub>

GPU:3

g

$$\mathbf{g}_0 + \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{g}_2$$

GPU:0
g
GPU:1
g

GPU:3

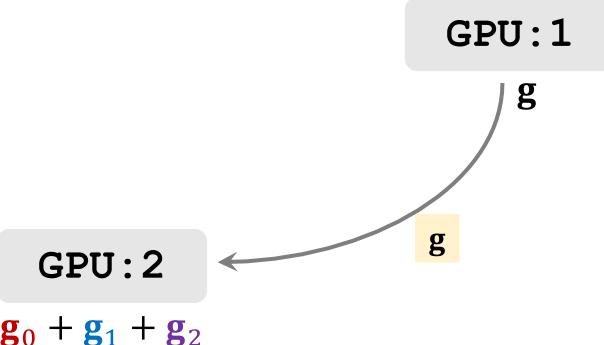
g

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GPU:0

GPU:3

g



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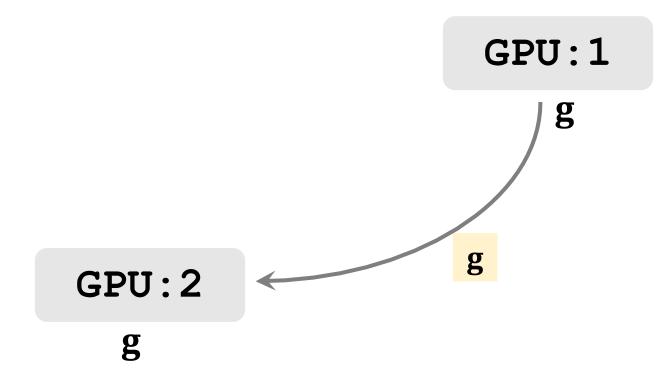
### Ring All-Reduce (Naïve Approach)

GPU:0

g

GPU:3

g



# Ring All-Reduce (Naïve Approach)

GPU:0

 $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$ .

GPU:3

 $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$ .

GPU:1

 $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$ .

GPU:2

 $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$ .

# What's wrong with the naïve approach?

GPU:3

- Most computer networks are idle.
- Communication time:  $\frac{md}{b}$ .
  - *m*: number of GPUs.
  - *d*: number of parameters.
  - b: network bandwidth.

GPU:0

GPU:1

GPU:2

GPU:0

$$\mathbf{g}_0 = [\mathbf{a}_0; \ \mathbf{b}_0; \ \mathbf{c}_0; \ \mathbf{d}_0]$$

GPU:1

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = [\mathbf{a}_1; \ \mathbf{b}_1; \ \mathbf{c}_1; \ \mathbf{d}_1]$$

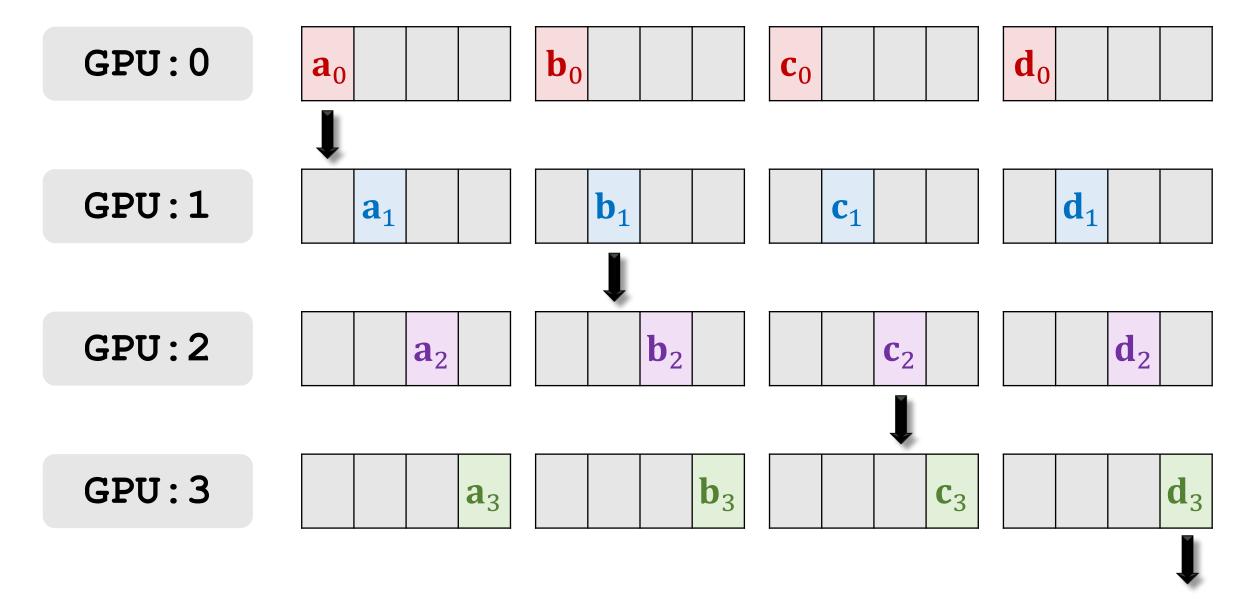
GPU:2

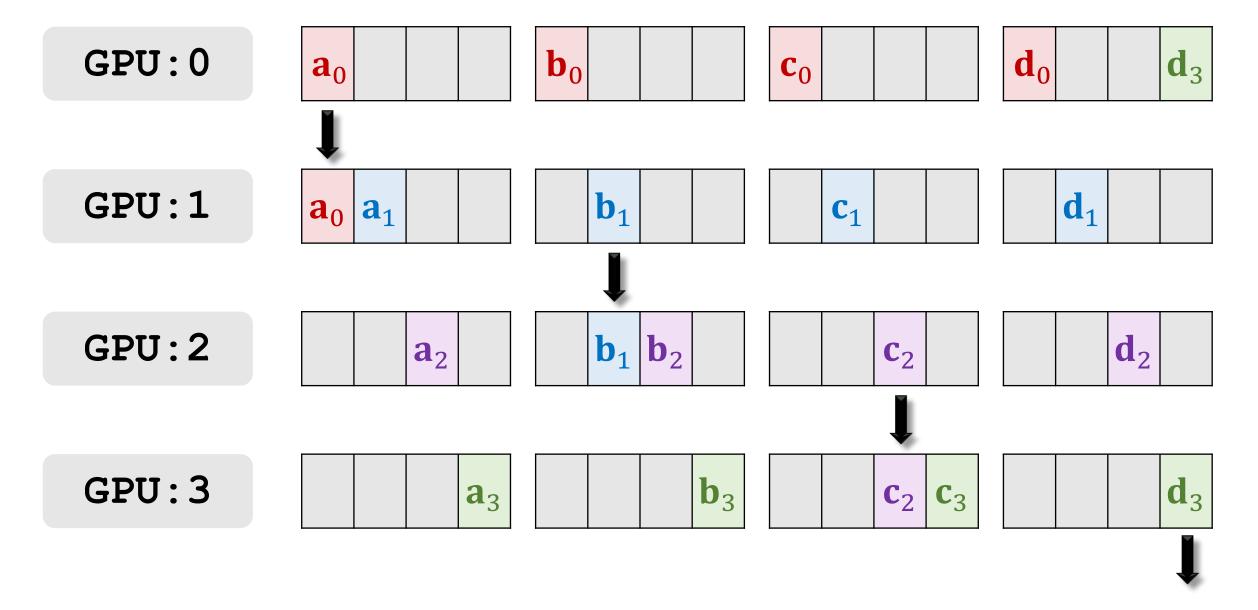
$$\mathbf{g}_2 = [\mathbf{a}_2; \ \mathbf{b}_2; \ \mathbf{c}_2; \ \mathbf{d}_2]$$

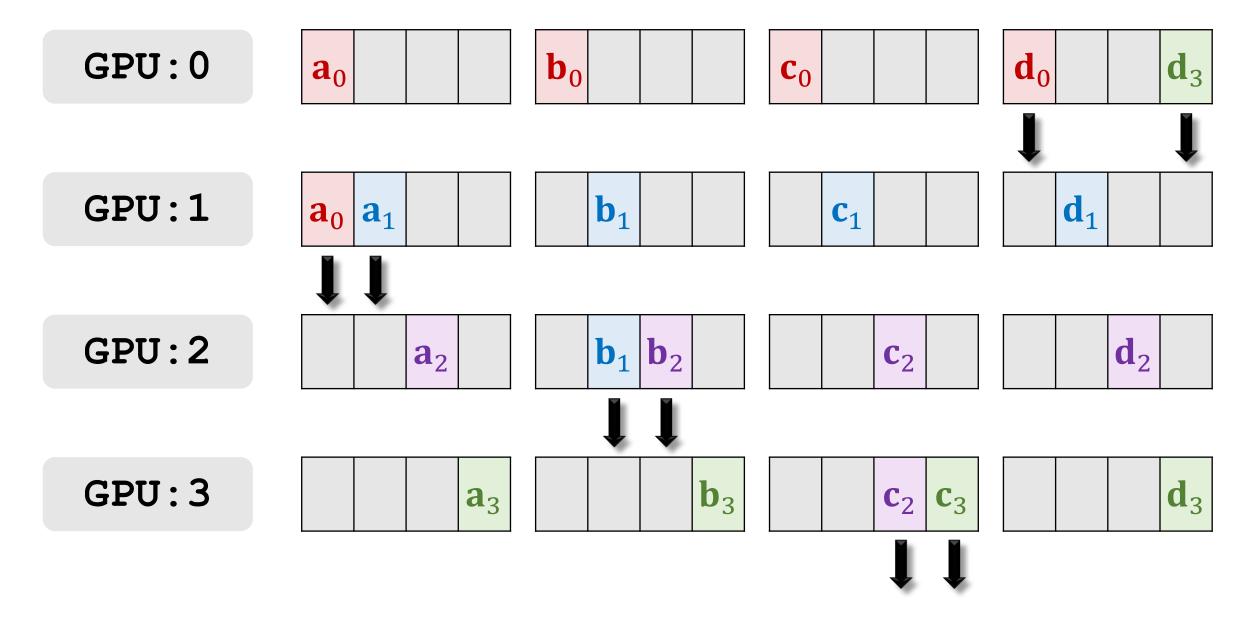
GPU:3

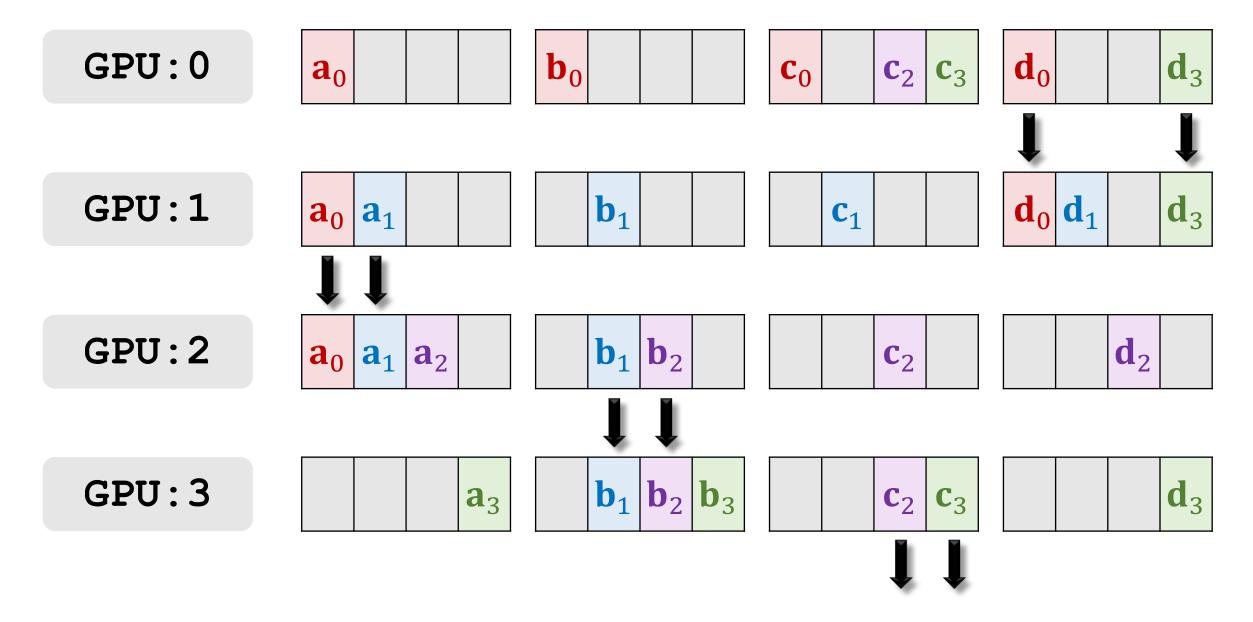
$$\mathbf{g}_3 = [\mathbf{a}_3; \ \mathbf{b}_3; \ \mathbf{c}_3; \ \mathbf{d}_3]$$

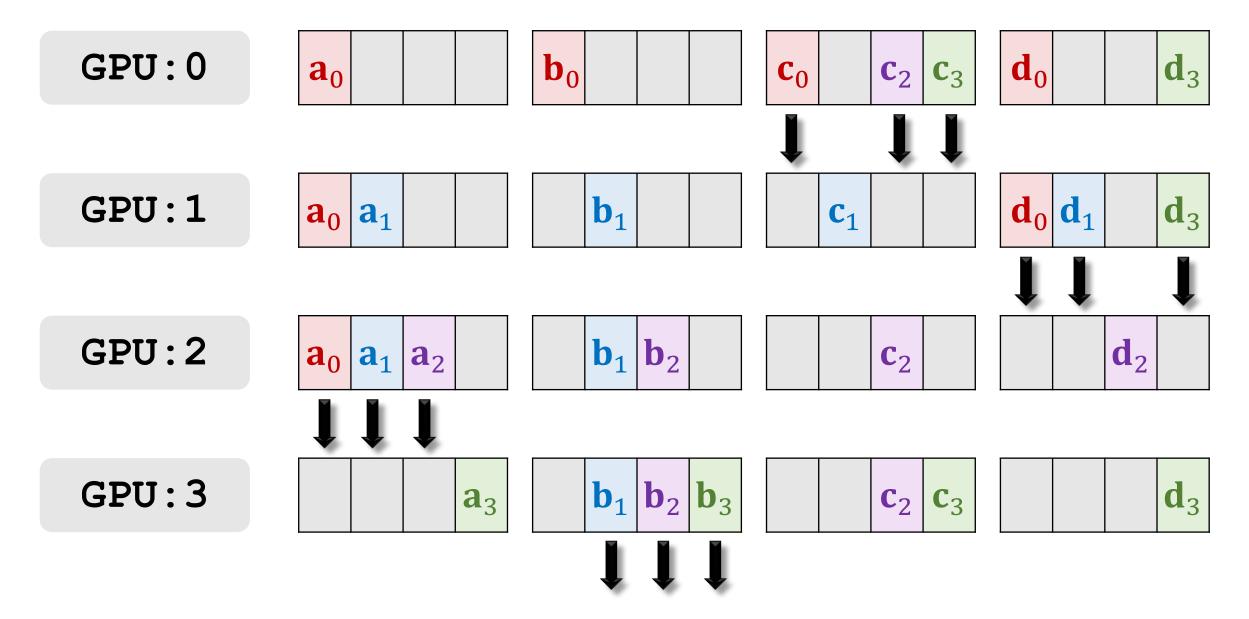
GPU:0	<b>a</b> <sub>0</sub>	<b>b</b> <sub>0</sub>	<b>c</b> <sub>0</sub>	d <sub>0</sub>
GPU:1		b <sub>1</sub>		d <sub>1</sub>
GPU:2	$\mathbf{a}_2$	<b>b</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>c</b> <sub>2</sub>	$\mathbf{d}_2$
GPU:3	a <sub>3</sub>	<b>b</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>c</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>d</b> <sub>3</sub>

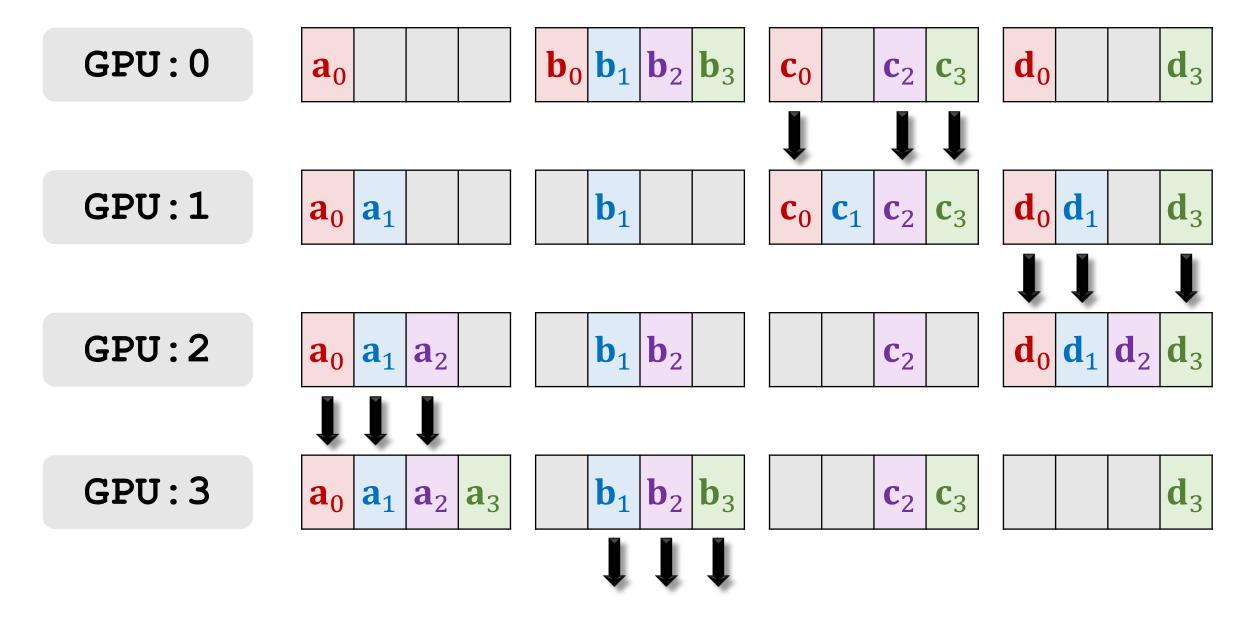












GPU:0

**a**<sub>0</sub>

 $\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_3$ 

 $|\mathbf{c}_0|$   $|\mathbf{c}_2|$   $|\mathbf{c}_3|$ 

 $|\mathbf{d}_0|$   $|\mathbf{d}_3|$ 

GPU:1

 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0 & \mathbf{a}_1 \end{vmatrix}$ 

 $|\mathbf{b}_1|$ 

 $\mathbf{c_0} \mathbf{c_1} \mathbf{c_2} \mathbf{c_3}$ 

 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{d}_0 & \mathbf{d}_1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{d}_3 & \mathbf{d}_3 \end{vmatrix}$ 

GPU:2

 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{vmatrix}$ 

 $\mathbf{b_1} \mathbf{b_2}$ 

**c**<sub>2</sub>

 $\mathbf{d}_0 \mathbf{d}_1 \mathbf{d}_2 \mathbf{d}_3$ 

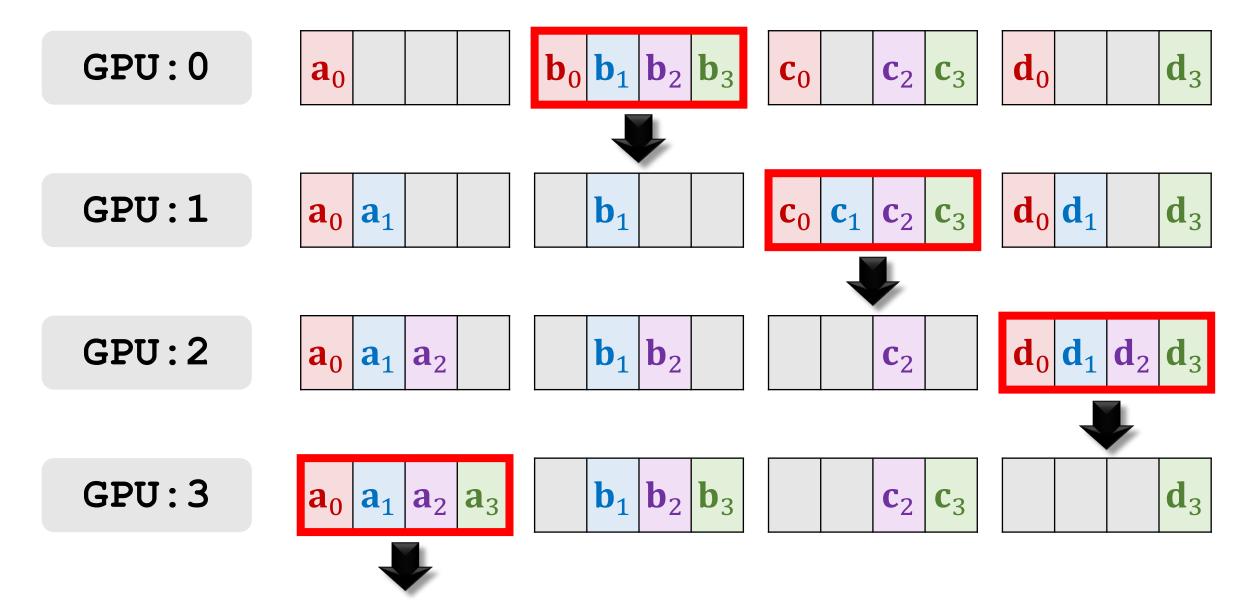
GPU:3

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 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{vmatrix}$ 

 $\mathbf{c}_2$   $\mathbf{c}_3$ 

 $\mathbf{d}_3$ 



 $|\mathbf{b_0}|\mathbf{b_1}|\mathbf{b_2}|\mathbf{b_3}|$ GPU: 0  $\mathbf{d}_0$  $\mathbf{d}_3$  $\mathbf{c}_2$  $\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$  $\mathbf{b_0} \mathbf{b_1} \mathbf{b_2} \mathbf{b_3}$ GPU:1  $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1}$  $\mathbf{d}_3$  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1$ GPU:2  $|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2$  $|\mathbf{c}_2|$  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1 |$  $\mathbf{a}_2$  $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$  $|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2|\mathbf{b}_3$ GPU:3  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1$  $\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$ 

GPU: 0  $\mathbf{b_0} \mathbf{b_1} \mathbf{b_2} \mathbf{b_3}$  $\mathbf{d}_0$  $\mathbf{d}_3$  $|a_0|a_1|a_2|a_3|$  $\mathbf{c}_2$  $|\mathbf{b}_0|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2|\mathbf{b}_3|$ GPU:1  $\mathbf{d}_0 \mathbf{d}_1$  $\mathbf{d}_3$  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1$  $\mathbf{c}_2$  $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$ GPU:2  $|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2$  $\mathbf{a}_0 |\mathbf{a}_1|$  $\mathbf{a}_2$ GPU:3  $|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2|\mathbf{b}_3$  $\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1$  $\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$ 

GPU:0



 $\mathbf{b_0} \mathbf{b_1} \mathbf{b_2} \mathbf{b_3}$ 

 $|\mathbf{c}_0|$   $|\mathbf{c}_2|$   $|\mathbf{c}_3|$ 

GPU:1

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$$

 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_0 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_3 \end{vmatrix}$ 

 $|\mathbf{c}_0| \mathbf{c}_1 |\mathbf{c}_2| \mathbf{c}_3$ 

 $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{d}_0 & \mathbf{d}_1 & \mathbf{d}_3 \end{vmatrix}$ 

GPU:2

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_3$ 

 $\mathbf{c}_0 \mid \mathbf{c}_1 \mid \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \mathbf{c}_3$ 

 $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$ 

1

**GPU: 3** 

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$$

 $\mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_3$ 

 $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$ 



 $\mathbf{b_0} | \mathbf{b_1} | \mathbf{b_2} | \mathbf{b_3} |$ GPU: 0  $\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$  $\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_3$ GPU:1  $\mathbf{c_0} \mathbf{c_1} \mathbf{c_2}$  $\mathbf{d}_0 \mathbf{d}_1$  $\mathbf{d}_3$ **a**<sub>2</sub> **a**<sub>3</sub>  $\mathbf{b_0} \mathbf{b_1} \mathbf{b_2} \mathbf{b_3}$ GPU:2  $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$  $\mathbf{c}_0 | \mathbf{c}_1 | \mathbf{c}_2 |$  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1$  $\mathbf{a}_2$  $|\mathbf{b}_1|\mathbf{b}_2|\mathbf{b}_3|$ GPU:3  $\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$  $\mathbf{a}_0 | \mathbf{a}_1$  $\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$ 

GPU:0

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_0 & \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{c}_0 & \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{vmatrix}$$





GPU:1

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$$

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$$\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$$

1

GPU:2

$$\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_3$$

$$\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_3$$

$$\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$$



**GPU: 3** 

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$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b}_0 & \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c_0} \mathbf{c_1} \mathbf{c_2} \mathbf{c_3}$$

$$\mathbf{d_0} \mathbf{d_1} \mathbf{d_2} \mathbf{d_3}$$



# **Comparisons**

#### **Naïve Algorithm**

- Most computer networks are idle.
- Communication time:  $\frac{md}{b}$ .
  - m: number of GPUs.
  - *d*: number of parameters.
  - b: network bandwidth.

#### **Efficient Algorithm**

- No idle computer network.
- Communication time:  $\frac{d}{b}$ .
  - *d*: number of parameters.
  - b: network bandwidth.

Thank you!