Cloud Infrastructure And Services (CS3204)

Assignment 4: Virtual Machine

1. A brief description of the application you developed.

The application developed for this assignment is a Matrix Multiplication program in Python. It multiplies two matrices each of $n \times n$ size. The size varies from 2 to 150. The program also calculates the time taken for each multiplication task performed on matrices of given size.

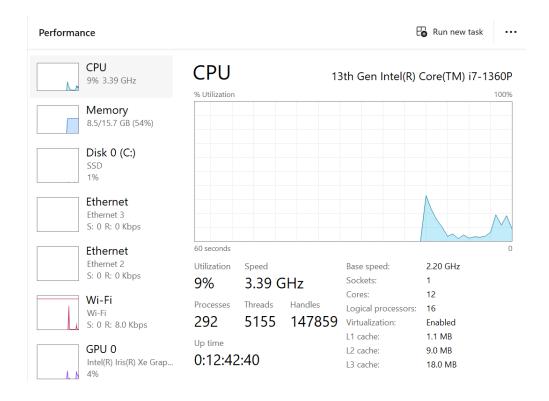
2. A brief overview of the virtual machine software you installed.

The application used for Virtual Machine is Oracle Virtualbox Manager (7.1.4). The operating system on the VM is Ubuntu (64 bit).

3. Specification of the host OS, guest OS, and host machine and (e.g., CPU model and type, RAM, etc). Also you should provide the information on the resources allocated to the VM.

The specifications of Host OS, Guest OS, and Host Machine are as follows:

Host OS: Windows 11
Host Machine Specifications:



Guest OS: Ubuntu (64 bit) Guest OS Type: Linux VM Specifications:

General

Name: trial

Operating System: Ubuntu (64-bit)

System

Base Memory: 6440 MB

Processors: 4

Boot Order: Floppy, Optical, Hard Disk Acceleration: Hyper-V Paravirtualization

Display

Video Memory: 16 MB
Graphics Controller: VMSVGA
Remote Desktop Server: Disabled
Recording: Disabled

Storage

Controller: IDE

IDE Secondary Device 0: [Optical Drive] Empty

Controller: SATA

SATA Port 0: trial.vdi (Normal, 25.00 GB)

Audio 🔎

Host Driver: Default Controller: ICH AC97

Network

Adapter 1: Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (NAT)

⊘ USB

USB Controller: OHCI, EHCI Device Filters: 0 (0 active)

Shared folders

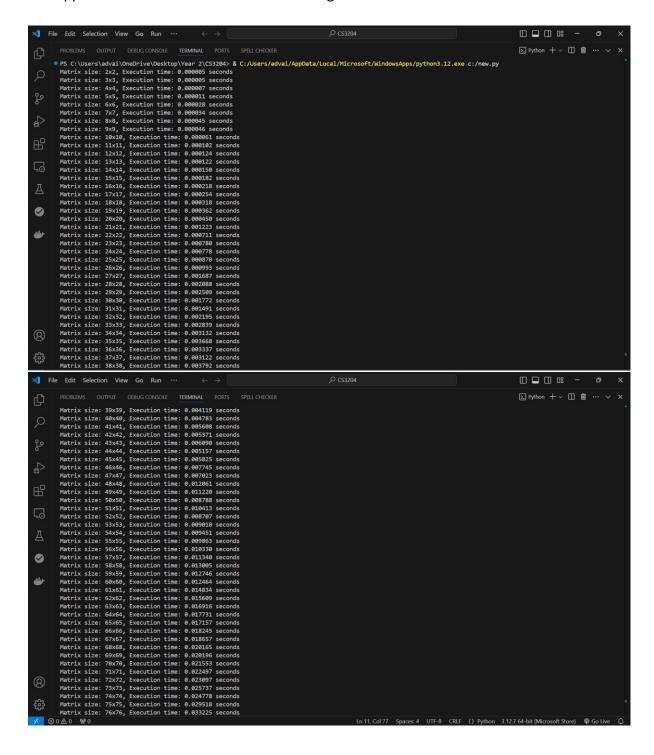
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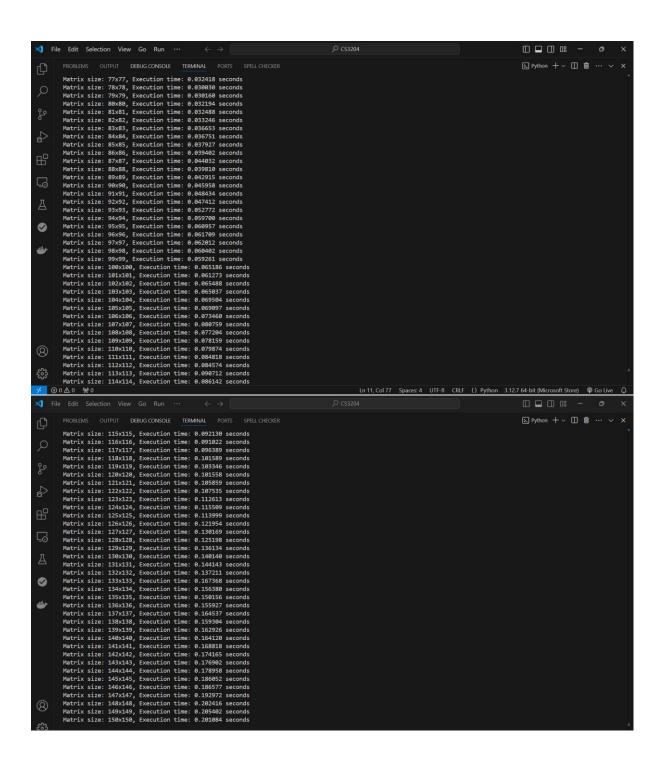
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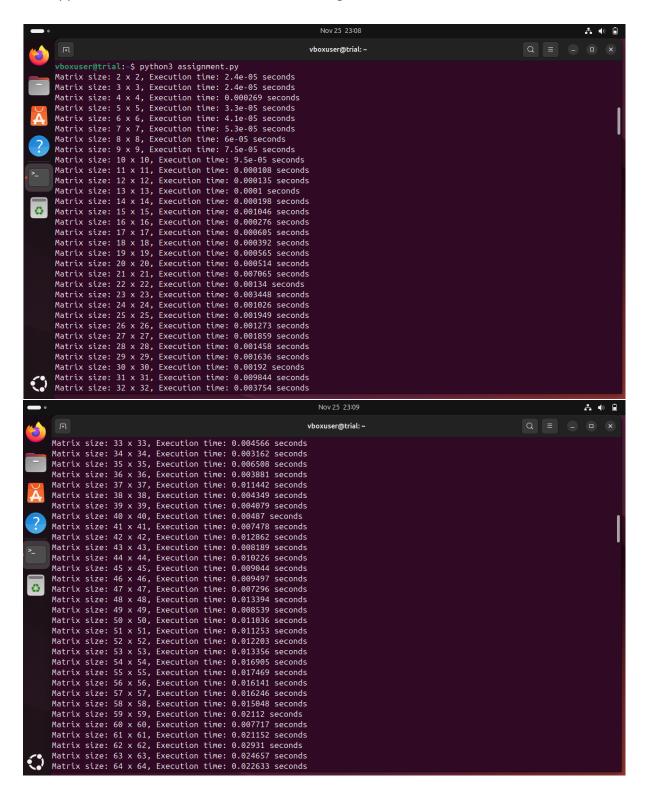
 A comparative analysis of the execution results between the host machine and the virtual machine environment, supported by screenshots, graphs, and any relevant data.

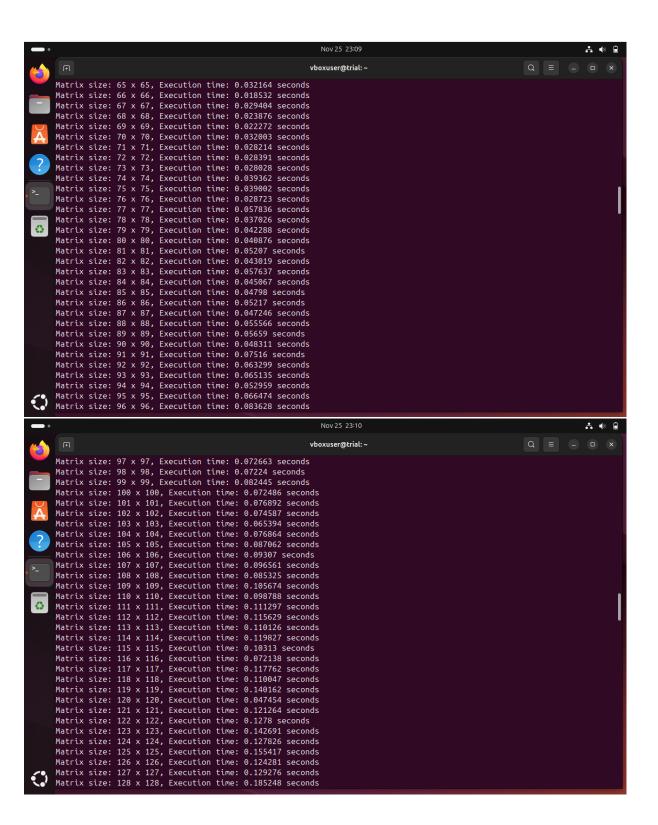
The application runtime on Host machine using VS Code is as follows:

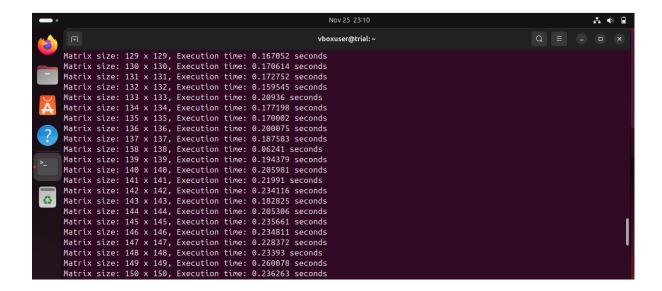




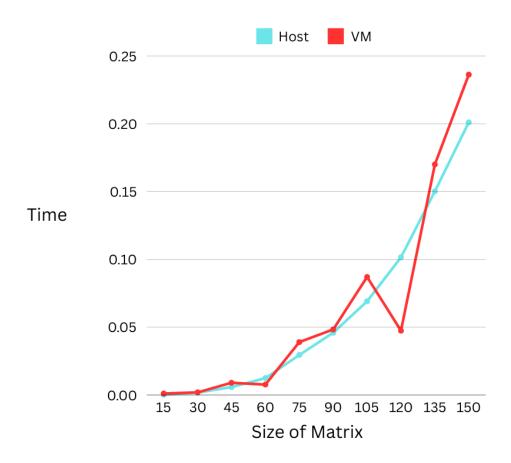
The application runtime on Virtual Machine using terminal is as follows:







Analysis of both executions:



Size Of Matrix	Virtual Machine	Host
15	0.00104	0.00018
30	0.00192	0.00177
45	0.00904	0.00582
60	0.00771	0.01246
75	0.03900	0.02951
90	0.04831	0.04595
105	0.08706	0.06909
120	0.04745	0.10155
135	0.17000	0.15015
150	0.23626	0.20108

^{**} Graph and Table subject to values mentioned in the same only. Please see screenshots attached as well. **

As depicted through the graph and table, the host machine has outperformed the VM in all cases apart from matrix size 60 and 120. This is due to several factors: -

- 1. Host Machine has direct access to hardware while VM requires a hypervisor to do so.
- 2. VMs require additional processing for the hypervisor to emulate hardware and manage resources, adding to latency.
- 3. VMs share the Host's resource (CPU, RAM, I/O) allocation, which determines the performance.
- 4. VMs involve frequent context switching between VM and host processes.
- 5. Disk and network operations are often slower due to virtualization layers.
- 6. Hypervisor enforces security and isolation between VMs, limiting the performance.

5. Your personal reflections on the experience of setting up the virtual machine. Discuss any challenges you encountered and insights you gained.

The only issue while setting up the virtual machine that I personally faced was to select the right configuration for the graphics card and the right specifications. Allocating huge number of resources is not always a good thing because ultimately, the VM is using the computer's resources. Striking the right balance in allocating resources is the key.

A few version related issues and beginner level issues persisted, mostly hanging of the VM. But once fixed, it works as required.