



Parallel Computing

Lab 4 - Convolution

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The observed results were tested on output block dimensions of 16 x 16.

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|  | | Kernel 1 | | Kernel 2 | | Kernel 3 | |
| Constant | Normal | Constant | Normal | Constant | Normal |
| 512x256 images | Averaging Filter  3x3 | 213.89us | 232.83us | 210.91us | 241.12us | 220.87us | 240.61us |
| Averaging Filter  9x9 | 1.6298ms | 1.8487ms | 1.2887ms | 1.6507ms | 1.7210ms | 1.5615ms |
| 2000x1500  images | Averaging Filter  3x3 | 4.5195ms | 5.1809ms | 4.7189ms | 5.8547ms | 4.8305ms | 5.3571ms |
| Averaging Filter  9x9 | 33.984ms | 39.688ms | 26.769ms | 35.751ms | 32.113ms | 37.574ms |

Notes & conclusions:

* Increasing the filter or the input image dimensions results in increasing the overall kernel time, despite the used technique.
* In case of increasing the filter dimensions, k2 & k3 are both severely affected, but k2 responds to that increase better, as the block dimensions match the input tile, providing an increased number of threads, each loading their *only* shared memory element, in contrast to k3, where each thread loads more than one shared memory element, causing an overhead and slowing down the process.
* Using constant memory increases the performance of a kernel, almost all the time, since the filter is cached.
* Kernel 2, where the block dimension matches the input tile, provides an overall better performance.

# Kernel (1)

First, we have Tried to use the 3Darray to CUDA, but we have faced some **challenges forced us to use the linearized version again:**

1. The Kernel worked well for small image, but in case of large images the compilation passed but when running the .out file nothing is executed [It Fails in step of Memory allocation]

We found out that this static allocation is done in the stack which is small that can’t be used to hold all this data.

**Unsigned char image [HEIGHT][WIDTH] [CHANNELS]**

1. We need the Image Dimensions to be available at compilation which isn’t partial instead we need to take the image dimensions form the first image read from the input directory.

For Constant Memory Allocation we first use 2D Static Indexing but still same problem to use different filters we need to change the filter dim in the code and recompile which is time consuming, so we used Static allocation with max limit 400.

A screenshot of a computer screen

Description automatically generated

## Padding:

Without Padding we just Added Boundary Conditions for out-of-range input. The output was the same size as input because initially we allocated with this, but we got the outer frame to be zero [Default Value]

We added Ghost Cells [No Thing to Be Done]

A computer screen with colorful text

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A cartoon of a child

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No Black Border ☺☺ Mask is Grey [Averaged]

Same results applied to Kernel 2 and Kernel 3.