

 worksheet.md

# CSE141L Lab 3 Caching Optimizations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

- Complete this worksheet while reading/working through the lab write up. The worksheet doesn't make sense without the lab.
- The point values are listed for each question. Altering the size of the cells will cost you 1 point. There are 75 points total for the write up portion of the lab.

## Cache and dataset characteristics

**P1 (4pt)** Find out the dimensions (number of data elements) of the following tensors/vectors used in `fc_layer_t::activate` for the cifar100 dataset and fill the following table

Tensor/Vector	Number of Data Elements
in	_____
out	_____
weights	_____
activation_input	_____

**P2 (4pt)** Calculate the size (in Bytes) of the following tensors/vectors used in `fc_layer_t::activate` for the cifar100 dataset and fill the following table

Tensor/Vector	Size in Bytes
in	_____
out	_____
weights	_____
activation_input	_____

**P3 (4pt)** Refer to the lecture slides to find the cache sizes for the skylake processor we are using for this class.

Cache level	Size in Bytes
L1 Cache	_____
L2 Cache	_____
L3 Cache	_____

**P4 (4pt)** How much of each of these data structures used in `fc_layer_t::activate()` will fit in the L1 and L2 cache?

tensor	% that'll fit in L1	% that'll fit in L2
--------	---------------------	---------------------

tensor	% that'll fit in L1	% that'll fit in L2
in	_____	_____
out	_____	_____
weights	_____	_____
activation_input	_____	_____

## Understanding Tensor\_t

Given `tensor_t<double> foo(tdsiz(4,3,5,7))` , answer the following (double are 8 bytes):

P1 (1pt) How many elements are there in `foo` ?

P2 (1pt) What's the linear index of element (1,1,1,1)?

P3 (1pt) How far apart are elements that differ by 1 in each dimension?

dim.	distance in bytes	distance in linear index
x		
y		
z		
b		

## Tier 1: Reordering and Tiling loops in `fc_layer_t::activate`

P1 (4pt) Change the order of loops from `b i n` to `b n i` in `fc_layer_t::activate` and report the speedup.

Speedup after loop reordering : \_\_\_\_\_

P2 (4pt) Block the loop `n` in `fc_layer_t::activate` with the tile sizes 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 and fill out the table below.

Dataset	Step size	Blocked implementation time	Speedup vs step size == 1
cifar100	1	_____	_____
cifar100	2	_____	_____
cifar100	4	_____	_____
cifar100	8	_____	_____
cifar100	16	_____	_____

P3 (4pt) In a single line graph, plot the speed up against the different block sizes for blocking the loop `n` in `fc_layer_t::activate` . Block size is the independent variable.

Your graph here

**P4 (4pt)** Consider the blocksize which gave maximum speedup in the previous question P4 and fill out the following table

1. Base implementation time : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Implementation time of your optimized solution : \_\_\_\_\_
3. Base implementation L1 misses : \_\_\_\_\_
4. Your fastest solution L1 misses : \_\_\_\_\_

## Tier 2: Optimizing calc\_grads

**P1 (4pt)** Change the order of loops from `b i n` to `b n i` in the the triply-nested loop in `fc_layer_t::calc_grads` and report the speedup.

Speedup after loop reordering : \_\_\_\_\_

**P2 (4pt)** Block loop `n` in the the triply-nested loop in `fc_layer_t::calc_grads` with different step sizes and fill out the following table.

Function	Step size	Base implementation time	Blocked implementation time	Speedup
calc_grads	_____	_____	_____	_____
calc_grads	_____	_____	_____	_____
calc_grads	_____	_____	_____	_____
calc_grads	_____	_____	_____	_____
calc_grads	_____	_____	_____	_____

**P3 (4pt)** In a single line plot, plot performance vs. block size for blocking the loop `n` in the the triply-nested loop in `fc_layer_t::calc_grads` and return block size that gives maximum speedup. Block size is the independent vairable.

Your graph here

Best block size : \_\_\_\_\_

## Tier 3: Applying More Optimizations

**P1 (5pt)** Give a brief description of two additional loops you tried blocking. Report the speedup you achieved for each one.

Your answer here

**P2 (5pt)** Give a brief description of an additional optimization you implemented to speedup training.

Your answer here

## Lab Reflection

---

Follow this link 24 hours before or after the due date to fill out the reflection survey. It is worth 5% of your lab grade.

<https://forms.gle/VUkpAdC6gUQC94Fd8>

## Addendum

---

(2pt) For your best version of each function, write out loop

nesting order and tile sizes you used.

For example, for  
`do\_stabilize\_tile\_y\_1()` in `example/stabilize.cpp` you would  
write.

```
this_frame, pixel_yy[2], offset_x, offset_y, pixel_x, pixel_y
```

The [2] means that the pixel\_yy loop is broken into tiles of size 2.

**Note** There is not a correct answer, we just want to know what you did.

**activate()**

**calc\_grads()**

**fix\_gradients()**