

NVIDIA Jetson Nano Project

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I. INTRODUCTION

Machine learning and artificial intelligence are both becoming a larger part of today's world with seemingly endless applications in all sectors such as agriculture, business, and many more. While it has great use cases and problem solving capabilities, machine learning requires a great amount of computing power with some algorithms pushing even the most high level cards to their limits. This need for high computational power is not always feasible, especially in situations where low power consumption is required. To help deal with this requirement of low power consumption machine learning platforms, companies like Nvidia and Raspberry Pi have created their line up of embedded heterogeneous systems such as the Nvidia Jetson series and Raspberry Pi series. Embedded systems, single motherboard computers that have components with distinct parts, such as the Jetson Nano and Raspberry Pi 4 have the goal of providing decent performance at a very low power consumption [1]. By doing this and designing specifically for machine learning, as the Jetson line up has, these embedded platforms create a low power and portable option for machine learning that could become a very important part in the future of artificial intelligence as a whole [1].

II. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

A. NVIDIA Jetson Nano Performance

The three main platforms utilized in research regarding embedded machine learning include: the Raspberry Pi 4, the Nvidia Jetson Nano, and the Nvidia Jetson TX2. As shown in the figure below, the Raspberry Pi 4 has the lowest cost but also has the lowest performance, while the Nvidia Jetson TX2 provides the highest performance with by far the highest cost. Meanwhile, the Nvidia Jetson Nano is priced around 50 dollars above the Raspberry Pi yet still provides a relatively large amount of performance. This gives the Jetson Nano the highest price to performance among the three cards and is part of the reason why many researchers use it as their platform of choice.

	Raspberry Pi 4	Jetson Nano	Jetson TX2
Performance	13.5 GFLOPS	472 GFLOPS	1.3 TFLOPS
CPU	Quad-core ARM Cortex-A72 64-bit (1.5 GHz)	Quad-Core ARM Cortex-A57 64-bit (1.42 GHz)	Quad-Core ARM Cortex-A57 (2 GHz) + Dual-Core NVIDIA Denver2 (2 GHz)
GPU	Broadcom Video Core VI (32-bit)	NVIDIA Maxwell w/ 128 CUDA core (921 MHz)	NVIDIA Pascal 256 CUDA cores (1300 MHz)
Power under load	2.56W - 7.30W	5W - 10W	7.5W - 15W
Price	\$35	\$89	\$399

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B. Demonstrated Applications

There are many applications for the Nvidia Jetson Nano, but most of the projects employing the Nano involve image recognition. For example, researchers in Hong-Kong wanted to make a way for a computer to translate Hong-Kong sign language so deaf people can better communicate with others. Since they wanted this device to be portable, the usual high powered computing hardware was not an option for this application, so the researchers chose to utilize the Nvidia Jetson Nano [5]. Using a 3D CNN algorithm with a resolution input of 480 x 640 and a sampling rate of 30 fps, the researchers were able to achieve an accuracy of 93.3% with a total response time of 5.82 seconds [5]. This is a perfect application of the Nvidia Jetson Nano and shows what doors it can open in the world of machine learning.

Researchers have also been exploring the option of utilizing the Nvidia Jetson platform to drive autonomous robots with LiDAR and optical positioning tracking [2]. However, since this requires a lot of processing power, the researchers opted to utilize the larger Nvidia Jetson TX2 rather than the Nano. They tested algorithms including: ORB-SLAM2, VISO2, RTAB-MAP, SPTAM, and ZED-VO, and briefly described how each

algorithm works and how they are applied to the robot [2]. The researchers concluded that “ORB-SLAM2 and RTAB-MAP” provided the most performance, but they did acknowledge that it may be necessary to consider changing the source code of the algorithms to help increase speed on the Nvidia Jetson platform [2].

C. Future Research

There have been many projects involving Nvidia Jetson platforms, which have all shown the exceptional performance of the devices, but they have also described room for improvement. This room for improvement extends to both the software and hardware. In terms of software, many researchers recommend exploring the option of changing the source code of algorithms to perform better on the Jetson platform [2]. While this will require a good amount of effort, it could prove to be worth it with large gains in performance. In terms of hardware, many researchers have recommended circuit level improvements such as smaller feature sizes to increase integration density and non-volatile memories to achieve near-zero idle power [4]. Researchers have also recommended microarchitecture improvements such as closer integration between the CPU and GPU to reduce data-transfer overheads [4].

Other researchers have suggested more general changes such as making the process of developing software on the Nvidia Jetson platform easier [3]. Currently, in order to optimize for the Nvidia Jetson, developers have to rewrite large amounts of their application for each processor [3]. They also suggest enabling better dynamic frequency scaling to allow the Jetson to change frequency for applications to optimize for both performance and power consumption. Lastly, the Jetson should also improve the memory bandwidth at low frequencies, which has been found to bottleneck programs that run at lower operating frequencies [3].

These options may take a lot of work to implement, but their performance benefit may prove to be worth it. In future research, the practicality of these options should be explored and researchers should demonstrate whether their performance increase is worth the effort.

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This is a rather rushed rough draft, as shown by how the ending of the background information better fits at the end of the document under future research, but we had to include future research in our literature review.