





Exercise 1: Getting Started with ASTRA-sim



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Agenda

Time (CET)	Time (ET)	Topic	Presenter
15:00 – 16:00	9:00 - 10:00	Introduction to Distributed Deep Learning Training Platforms	Tushar Krishna
16:00 – 17:00	10:00 - 11:00	ASTRA-sim	Saeed Rashidi
17:00 – 17:10	11:00 – 11:10	Break	
17:10 – 17:50	11:10 – 11:50	Demo and Exercises	William Won and Taekyung Heo
17:50 – 18:00	11:50 – 12:00	Extensions and Future Development	Tushar Krishna and Saeed Rashidi

Tutorial Website

includes agenda, slides, ASTRA-sim installation instructions (via source + docker image) https://astra-sim.github.io/tutorials/asplos-2022

Attention: Tutorial is being recorded

Objective

- Installing ASTRA-sim
 - Download
 - Compilation
- Writing Input Files
 - Network
 - System
 - Workload
- Running ASTRA-sim
 - Running ASTRA-sim
 - Understanding Results

Downloading ASTRA-sim

Prerequisite: Check dependency installations

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https://astra-sim.github.io/tutorials/asplos-2022/installation
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- (1) Clone ASTRA-sim tutorials GitHub repository
- \$ git clone https://github.com/astra-sim/tutorials.git
- \$ cd tutorials/asplos2022/
- (2) Run setup script
 - \$./clone_astra_sim.sh

Compiling ASTRA-sim

- (1) Go to **Exercise 1** directory
- \$ cd exercise_1/

- (2) Compile ASTRA-sim
 - \$./build.sh

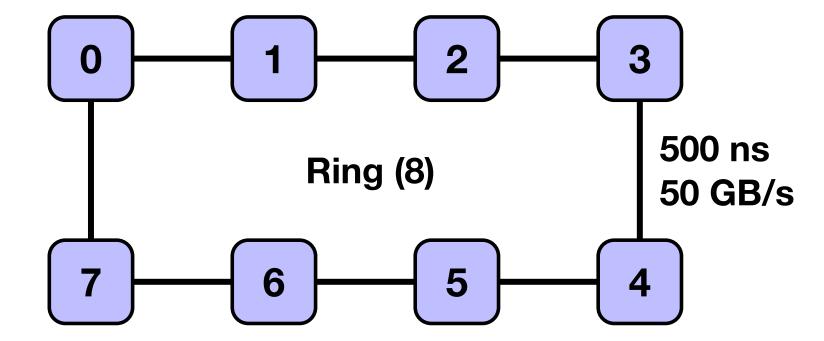
Exercise: Ring All-Reduce

Objective:

- (1) We will configure an 8-NPU Ring
- (2) And run 1 MB All-Reduce on it

Configurations: Network

- Ring topology with 8 NPUs
- 500 ns (latency), 50 GB/s (bandwidth)
- 2 links per NPU



Configurations: Network

inputs/ring.json

Configurations: System

inputs/ring.txt

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LIFO chunk scheduling policy
scheduling-policy: LIFO
                                                        10ns delay per NPU
endpoint-delay: 10 ◀
                                                        1 active chunks
active-chunks-per-dimension: 1
                                                        4 chunks per collective
preferred-dataset-splits: 4
                                                        fast simulation when symmetric
boost-mode: 1
all-reduce-implementation: ring -
                                                        ring All-Reduce Algorithm
                                                        ring All-Gather Algorithm
all-gather-implementation: ring -
                                                        ring Reduce-Scatter Algorithm
reduce-scatter-implementation: ring -
                                                        direct All-to-All Algorithm
all-to-all-implementation: direct ←
                                                       collective optimiation
collective-optimization: localBWAware
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Configurations: System

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inputs/ring.txt
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all-gather-implementation: ring
reduce-scatter-implementation: ring
all-to-all-implementation: direct
collective-optimization: localBWAware
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Configurations: Workload

inputs/all_reduce.txt

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MICRO ← training loop

1 ← #layers

allreduce -1 1 NONE 0 1 NONE 0 1 ALLREDUCE 1048576 1 ← layer data
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Metadata		Forward		Input grad		Weight grad			Layer		
Layer Name	(rsvd.)	Compute Time	Comm. Type	Comm. size	Compute Time	Comm. Type	Comm. Size	Compute Time	Comm. Type	Comm. Size	Delay
allreduce	-1	1	NONE	0	1	NONE	0	1	ALLREDUCE	1048576	1

1 MB

Running ASTRA-sim

Run ASTRA-sim

\$./exercise_1.sh

Running ASTRA-sim

45,681 ns (45.681 μs) all passes finished at time: 45681, id of first layer: allreduce path to create csvs is: /usr/scratch/will/tutorials/asplos2022/exercise_1/result/ success in openning file **** Time to exit: Sun Feb 27 06:46:51 2022 all-reduce Collective implementation: ring reduce-scatter Collective implementation: ring all-gather Collective implementation: ring all-to-all Collective implementation: direct Collective optimization: localBWAware Total sim duration: 0:0 hours Total streams injected: 4 Total streams finished: 4 Percentage of finished streams: 100 % **** Exiting

Understanding Results

result/tutorial result.csv

