Image Processing using CUDA

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# Project background and purpose

## Introduction

Image processing is a large part of computing as its used in many sectors for various applications such as medical imagery, computer vision and easing the process of gathering data from an image. Tho image processing can be done on the CPU, the parallelised nature of the GPU tends to expedite the process.

CUDA is a closed source API that allows you to write code that will run on the GPU. It was developed by Nvidia for Nvidia GPUs. It can be interfaced using many different programming languages such as C++, Python, Fortran and others.

## Objectives

This project will recreate commonly used image processing algorithms on both the CPU and GPU to compare both the performance difference as well as the differences between the final output of the algorithms. All the data collected as well as the algorithms themselves will be put into a document explaining how the algorithms work.

## Scope

This project will not deal with loading and saving images. For this purpose I will using a dedicated library what already has that functionality built in.

## Deliverables

The culmination of this project is a document containing my findings as well as an explanation of the code I wrote.

## Constraints

CUDA requires a CUDA-compatible GPU. For this purpose, I will be using my personal laptop which contains a CUDA-compatible GPU.

# Project rationale and operation

## Project benefits

This project will help better the understanding between algorithms that run on the CPU and the GPU as well as understanding the benefits of moving certain procedures to the GPU form the CPU and keeping other on the CPU.

## Project operation

For this project I will implement the waterfall methodology of production. I’ll designate the order I will make my algorithms and document my finings after testing/running.

## Options

There is a variety of languages that I can use to program CUDA such as C++, python and others. There are also many different libraries for those languages that enable the loading of images as well as image processing like OpenCV and Cimg.

## Risk analysis

What risks might affect the outcome of your project or its stakeholders? How severe are they, and what steps will you take to mitigate against them?

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## Resources required

For this project I require a computer with a Nvidia GPU. I have access to the such computer at home and in case of the machine getting broken I also have access to the High Performance lab at the university.

# Project methodology and outcomes

## Initial project plan

## Tasks and milestones

Present a realistic task list for the entire project, broken down to a suitable level of detail. Indicate milestones against which progress can be monitored. Make sure you include all the deliverables you mentioned earlier.

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## Schedule Gantt chart

Present a Gantt chart showing a schedule for all tasks, milestones and deliverables. Show dependencies amongst tasks. If you are intending to use SCRUM or other agile methods, be sure to go to the lectures involving project planning. Your time plan should cover the entire period of your project (and will therefore include the PDD preparation as a task and the PDD itself as a deliverable).

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## Project control

How will you manage the project day-to-day? How will its performance be monitored? How will you judge if it has been successful?

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## Project evaluation

How will you evaluate the project’s artefacts and overall outcomes? What user evaluation will you do? Do not underestimate the importance of this, and include clear details of how you will do the evaluation.

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# References

List any sources you have used for your background and introduction here. Make sure you use the proper referencing format.

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# Appendix a

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