

## PROGRAMMING TIPS

1) for absolute beginners: start programming with Octave M-scripts ( high-level, ultra-easy-to-learn, scientific language ) or Python

2) useful links for smartphone/PineA64+/OrangePi C++ users:

- original C++ official site, and online compiler

- <http://www.cplusplus.com/>

- <http://www.cpp.sh/>

- tutorials with online compiler on multicore platform session:

- <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/index.htm>

- [http://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile\\_cpp11\\_online.php](http://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile_cpp11_online.php)

3) for data processing beginners ( GB of scalars and vectors processing experience ) in sequential C++, parallel CUDA C:

- use **vector** container ( read&process chunks of data ); for pseudorandom accesses use **map** container ( `unordered_map` – faster, `map` – self sorting during creation via iterator ); quite intuitive and good results are for `vector< vector< float > >` - `vecD` ( vector in D-dimensions ),

- acceptable results are for sortMapD: **map< T, unordered\_map< T, vector< float > >\*** >

- FRAGMENT** and organise data:

- only small fragments of data with low programming instructions are fast

- commonly only small fragments are trivially attainable

- fragmented data are simpler to compute in parallel:

- NORMALIZE** data:

- one can use fastest datatypes which are commonly `FLOAT` ( `uint16_t` are basicly for counters – use `auto`, or iterators ), and store only an additional median value to on-air normalized data

- `FLOAT` considerations:

- data storage precision:  $\pm 1000$  variable value ( better are  $\pm 100$  )

- accumulative computation accuracy max iteration = 100

- variable comparisons ( `err: 1.1==1.1!!!` );

- `global float floatErr = 10e-5;`

- `( 1.1 – floatErr < 1.1 )&&( 1.1 + floatErr > 1.1 )`

- pro: use CPU register described in `06_registerGlobal`

- PARALLELIZE** computations:

- quite simple sequential parallelism on multicore CPU: GNU parallel scripts,

- quite simple parallelism on GPU: accelerated libraries like Thrust ( `thrust::device_vector` - omit expensive transfers for small data size ),

- computations of vectors with size bigger than 8000 elements are faster only on GPU

- UNCOMPRESS** to RAM:

- tip from prof. Starzynski from Warsaw University: „faster for bigger data”

- applicable from few MB's data size, can reduce used PCIe bandwidth in CPU-GPU transfers,

4) C++ offline documentation could be accessible via `cppman` package:

- `#sudo apt-get install cppman`

- `#cppman -c` `#offline download / update`

- `#cppman -m true` `#set cppman instead of #man in #vim`

- a) `#cppman vector`

- b) `#cppman std::vector`

- c) `#man std::vector`