# ELEC522 - Fall 2022

# **Project 3: Using Vitis HLS to Implement Matrix Multiplication**

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#### Use the Vitis HLS tool to design a matrix multiplication system:

1. C++ code for 4x4 matrix multiplication:

Here I modify the Lab 1 C++ code to adapt it to my 4x4 matrix multiplication, just use the three for loop function to calculate the result matrix, I also write a diagram in the code to visualize the process.

(a) Screen capture of 4x4 matrixmul c++ code.

Figure 1.

(b) Screen capture of original Directive. (No optimization for Directive)

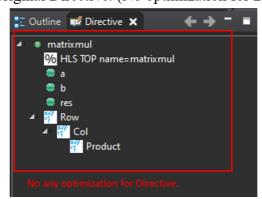


Figure 2.

(c) Screen capture of 4x4 matrixmul testbench c++ code.

```
ixmul.cpp 🖟 matrixmul_test.cpp 🗶
                             a_t in_mat_a[4][4] = {
                         {11, 12, 13, 14},
{14, 15, 16, 17},
111
121
131
141
151
161
171
181
202
212
223
244
252
262
272
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293
                         {17, 18, 19, 20},
{20, 21, 22, 23}
                         {21, 22, 23, 24},
{24, 25, 26, 27},
{27, 28, 29, 30},
{30, 31, 32, 33}
                  // Generate the expected result
                // Generate the expected result
// Iterate over the rows of the A matrix
for(int i = 0; i < MAT_A_ROWS; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < MAT_B_COLS; j++) {
        sw_result[i][j] = in_mat_a[i][j] * in_mat_b[i][j];
        // Iterate over the columns of the B matrix
        sw_result[i][j] = 0;
        // Do the inner product of a row of A and col of B
        for(int k = 0; k < MAT_B_ROWS; k++) {
            sw_result[i][j] += in_mat_a[i][k] * in_mat_b[k][j];
        }
}</pre>
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                       # HW_COSIM
                  matrixmul(in_mat_a, in_mat_b, hw_result);
                 // Print result matrix
cout << "{" << endl;</pre>
                 //cout << setw(6);

for (int i = 0; i < MAT_A_ROWS; i++) {

  cout << "{";

  for (int j = 0; j < MAT_B_COLS; j++) {
              ifdef HW_COSIM
                               W_COSIM
cout << hw_result[i][j];
// Check HW result[against SW
if (hw_result[i][j] != sw_result[i][j]) {
  err_cnt++;
  cout << "*";</pre>
                                 cout << sw_result[i][j];</pre>
                                 if (j == MAT_B_COLS - 1)
    cout << "}" << endl;
else</pre>
                  cout << "}" << endl;
                  fdef HW_COSIM
   if (err_cnt)
    cout << "ERROR: " << err_cnt << " mismatches detected!" << endl;</pre>
                         cout << "Test passed." << endl;</pre>
```

Figure 3.

(d) Screen capture of 4x4 matrixmul .h file.

```
C matrixmul.h X
F: > VLSI > project3_v1 > C matrixmul.h
      #ifndef __MATRIXMUL_H__
      #define __MATRIXMUL_H__
      #include <cmath>
      using namespace std;
  8
      // Uncomment this line to compare TB vs HW C-model and/or RTL
      //#define HW_COSIM
      #define MAT_A_ROWS 4
       #define MAT_A_COLS 4
      #define MAT_B_ROWS 4
      #define MAT_B_COLS 4
      typedef short mat_a_t;
      typedef short mat_b_t;
      typedef short result_t;
      void matrixmul(
            mat_a_t a[MAT_A_ROWS][MAT_A_COLS],
            mat_b_t b[MAT_B_ROWS][MAT_B_COLS],
            result_t res[MAT_A_ROWS][MAT_B_COLS]);
       #endif // __MATRIXMUL_H__ not defined
```

Figure 4.

(e) Screen capture of C simulation result.

```
c matrixmul.cpp
           c matrixmul_test.cpp
                        matrixmul_csim.log X
 2 INFO: [SIM 4] CSIM will launch GCC as the compiler.
    Compiling ../../../matrixmul_test.cpp in debug mode
    Compiling ../../../matrixmul.cpp in debug mode
    Generating csim.exe
 7 {1290,1340,1390,1440}
 8 {1596,1658,1720,1782}
 9 {1902,1976,2050,2124}
10 {2208,2294,2380,2466}
11 7
12 Test passed.
13 INFO: [SIM 1] CSim done with 0 errors.
```

Figure 5.

2. Optimization C++ code for 4x4 matrix multiplication:

First, I've tried many optimization directives to configure the synthesis results, and PIPELINE is the most common method for the optimization process in this case.

As professor mentioned in the lecture, pipelining the inner-most loop gives the smallest hardware with generally acceptable throughput, pipelining the upper-levels of the hierarchy unrolls all sub-loops and can create many more operations to schedule, but typically gives the highest performance design in terms of throughput and latency.

In conclusion, I choose pipelining the sub-inner loop, to get a better balance between system throughput and hardware resource costs, my constraint configurations as shown in *Figure 6*.

(a) Screen capture of my first optimization method. (PIPELINE II = 2)

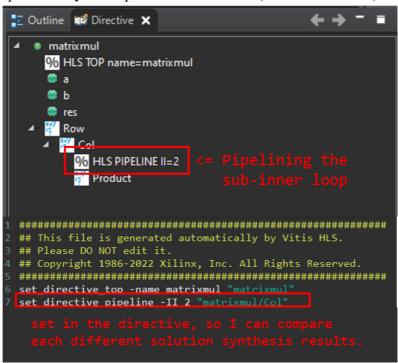


Figure 6.

(b) Screen capture of pipelining the sub-inner loop synthesis result.

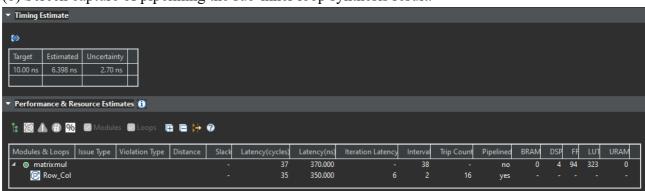


Figure 7.

(c) Screen capture of pipelining the sub-inner loop cosimulation result.

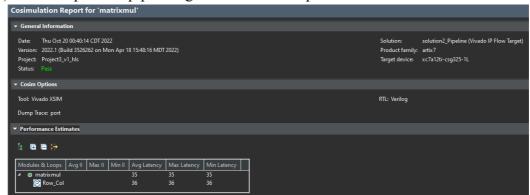


Figure 8.

(d) Screen capture of pipelining the sub-inner loop schedule viewer result.

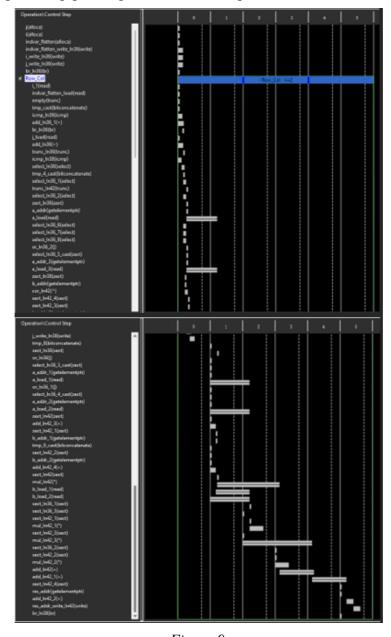


Figure 9.

(e) Screen capture of compare the default result and pipelining sub-inner loop result.

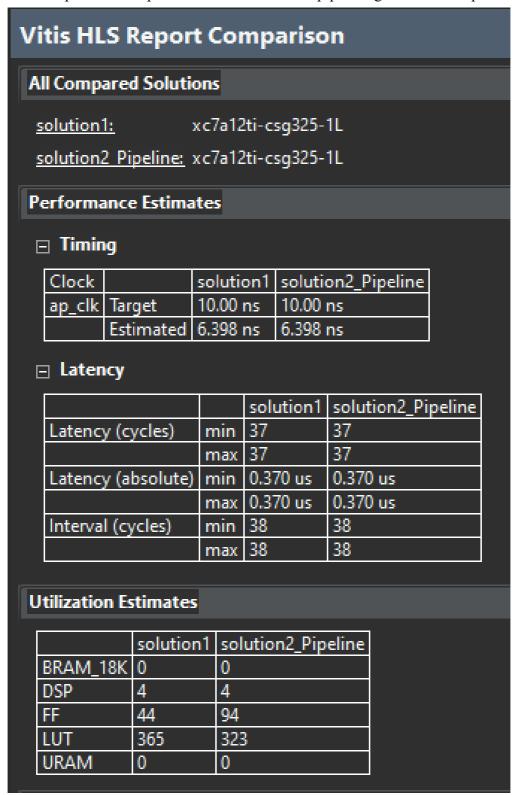


Figure 10.

As you can see from the *Figure 10*, we reduce the hardware resource costs from **365 LUT** to **323 LUT**, but latency didn't change.

Second, instead of pipelining the sub-inner loop, this time I reshape the input matrix, so that these data can be read at the same time after splitting, then do the pipeline operations later, this method should get a better latency result, since we let the data read at the same time.

(a) Screen capture of my second optimization method. (ARRAY RESHAPE)

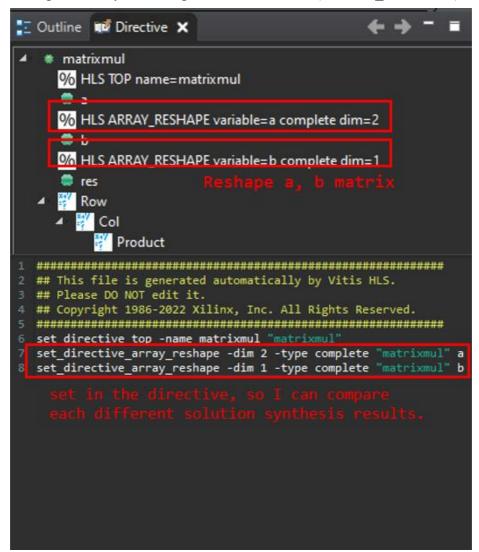


Figure 11.

(b) Screen capture of array reshape synthesis result.

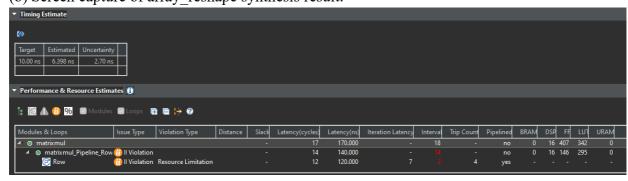


Figure 12.

(c) Screen capture of array reshape cosimulation result.

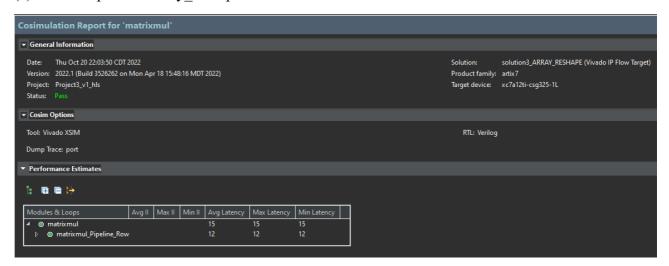


Figure 13.

(d) Screen capture of array\_reshape schedule viewer result.

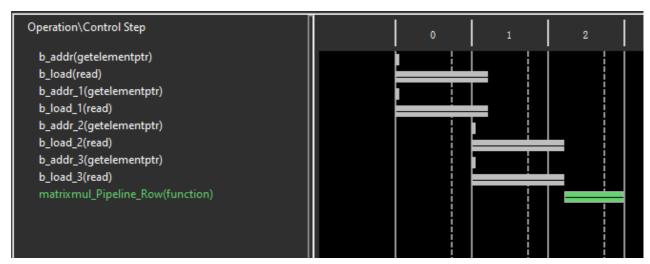


Figure 14.

As you can see from the *Figure 14*, schedule viewer results show that we reduced many operations, because we reduce the number of block RAM consumed while providing parallel access to the data.

(e) Screen capture of compare the default result, pipelining sub-inner loop result and array reshape result.

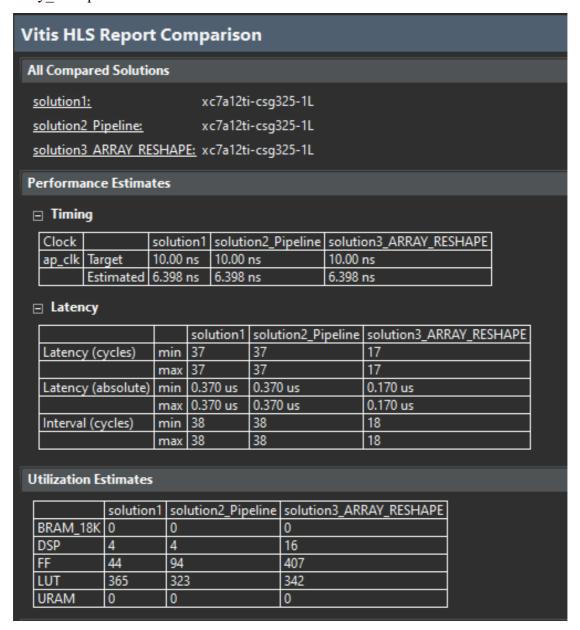


Figure 15.

As you can see from the *Figure 15*, we reduce throughput and latency from **37** cycles to **17** cycles, but hardware resource increase from **4 DSP** to **16 DSP** and **44 F**F to **407 FF**.

#### 3. My final optimization method:

Finally, I used professor recommend optimization methods to my directives, and I successfully reduce the hardware resource costs, and a acceptable throughput and latency.

(a) Screen capture of final directive.

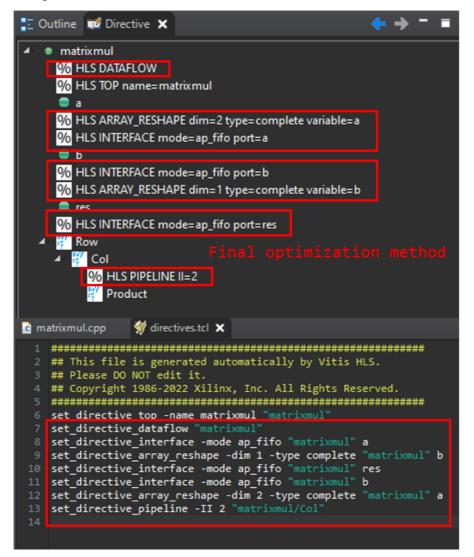


Figure 16.

(b) Screen capture of final optimization synthesis result.

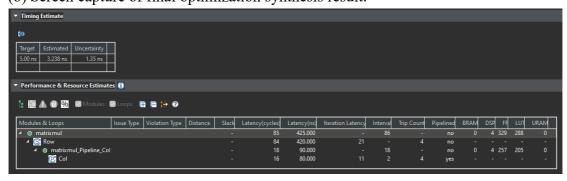


Figure 17.

(c) Screen capture of compare the default result, pipelining sub-inner loop result, array reshape result and final optimization result.

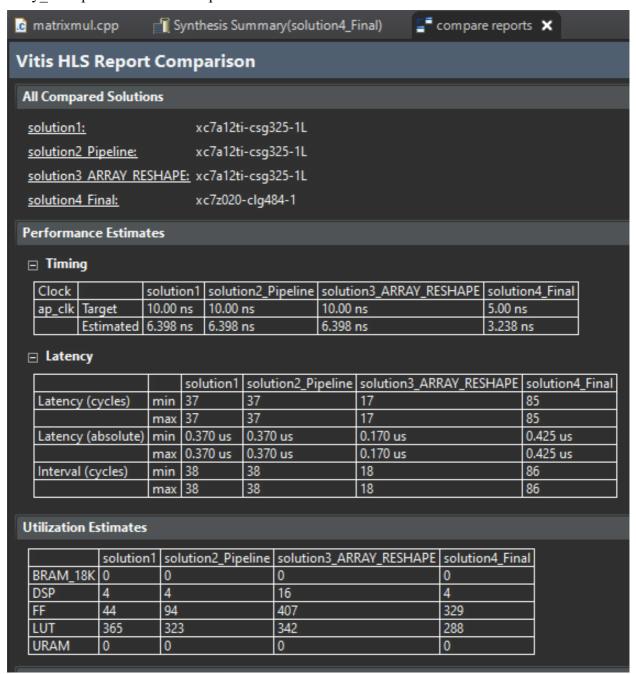


Figure 18.

## **Model Composer:**

1. Matrix multiplication system architecture in model composer

I designed this matrix multiplication with 8 inputs for a, b matrix, also 5 Boolean values set and 7 output, but only res\_din will output the matrix multiply result, as shown in *Figure 19*.

(a) Screen capture of my matrix multiplication system architecture. (Model composer)

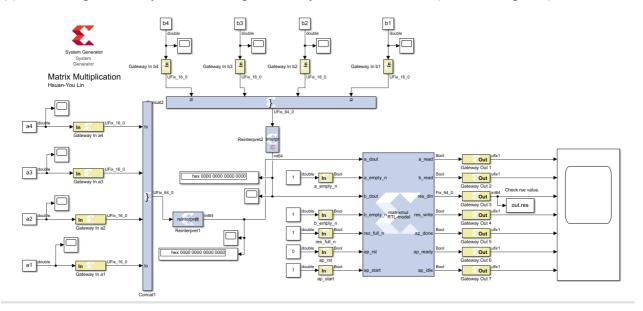


Figure 19.

2. Random input matrix m-code file:

The input matrix will randomly generate for a and b matrix, as shown in Figure 21.

(a) Screen capture of random input matrix in command window.

>> Input_Matrix					
A I	Input	Matrix	::		
	3	6	5	9	
	8	6	3	3	
	9	2	9	7	
	10	9	8	7	
В 1	Input	Matrix	<b>:</b> :		
	2	3	5	6	
	5	9	7	4	
	3	9	9	5	
	8	4	7	8	
A*B Matrix result:					
	123	144	165	139	
	79	117	130	111	
	111	154	189	163	
	145	211	234	192	
fx >>					

Figure 20.

(b) Screen capture of my random input matrix m-code.

```
Input_Matrix.m × Output_Matrix.m × Continuous_Input_Matrix.m × Continuous_Output_Matrix.m × +
      % MATLAB developed at the Rice University.
       % Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.
3
      % Hsuan-You (Shaun) Lin (Oct. 20, 2022)
4
5
      % Program to build random input data for 4x4 Matrix Multiplication.
 6
      % Clears all variables previously assigned.
8 -
      clear
      % Closes all graphs and windows open.
9
10 -
      close all
11
12 -
      matrix size = 4;
13
      % Generating first set of random matrices to be inserted to HLS block
14
15 -
      a = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
16 -
      b = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
      al_t = [zeros(4,1); a(1,1); a(2,1); a(3,1); a(4,1); zeros(9,1)];
18 -
      a2 t = [zeros(4,1); a(1,2); a(2,2); a(3,2); a(4,2); zeros(9,1)];
19 -
      a3_t = [zeros(4,1); a(1,3); a(2,3); a(3,3); a(4,3); zeros(9,1)];
20 -
      a4_t = [zeros(4,1); a(1,4); a(2,4); a(3,4); a(4,4); zeros(9,1)];
21
22 -
      b1_t = [b(1,1); b(1,2); b(1,3); b(1,4); zeros(18,1)];
23 -
      b2 t = [b(2,1); b(2,2); b(2,3); b(2,4); zeros(18,1)];
24 -
      b3 t = [b(3,1); b(3,2); b(3,3); b(3,4); zeros(18,1)];
25 -
      b4_t = [b(4,1); b(4,2); b(4,3); b(4,4); zeros(18,1)];
26
      27
28 -
      al = timeseries(al_t);
      a2 = timeseries(a2 t);
29 -
      a3 = timeseries(a3_t);
30 -
31 -
      a4 = timeseries(a4_t);
32 -
      bl = timeseries(bl_t);
33 -
      b2 = timeseries(b2_t);
34 -
      b3 = timeseries(b3 t);
     b4 = timeseries(b4_t);
35 -
36
      *******************
37 -
      disp("A Input Matrix:");
38 -
      disp(a);
39 -
      disp("B Input Matrix:");
40 -
      disp(b);
41 -
      result = a * b;
42 -
      disp("A*B Matrix result:");
43 -
      disp(result);
```

Figure 21.

#### 3. Output Matrix m-code file:

In professor's example used Fix\_16 for HLS result output, but I used FIX\_64 for the output, then decode hex to dec number easier to visualize the result, as shown in *Figure 23*.

(a) Screen capture of output matrix result in command window.

Figure 22.

(b) Screen capture of output matrix m-code.

```
Input_Matrix.m × Output_Matrix.m × Continuous_Input_Matrix.m × Continuous_Output_Matrix.m × +
        % MATLAB developed at the Rice University.
       % Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.
 2
 3
       % Hsuan-You (Shaun) Lin (Oct. 20, 2022)
 4
 5
       % Program to show output data for 4x4 Matrix Multiplication.
 6
 7 -
       matrix_size = 4;
 8
 9 -
       arr = getdatasamples(out.res, [13:16]);
10 -
       c = dec2hex(arr, matrix size^2);
11
12 -
       cl1 = hex2dec(c(1, 13:16));
13 -
       c12 = hex2dec(c(1, 9:12));
14 -
       c13 = hex2dec(c(1, 5:8));
15 -
       c14 = hex2dec(c(1, 1:4));
16 -
       c21 = hex2dec(c(2, 13:16));
17 -
       c22 = hex2dec(c(2, 9:12));
18 -
       c23 = hex2dec(c(2, 5:8));
19 -
       c24 = hex2dec(c(2, 1:4));
20 -
       c31 = hex2dec(c(3, 13:16));
21 -
       c32 = hex2dec(c(3, 9:12));
       c33 = hex2dec(c(3, 5:8));
23 -
       c34 = hex2dec(c(3, 1:4));
24 -
       c41 = hex2dec(c(4, 13:16));
25 -
       c42 = hex2dec(c(4, 9:12));
26 -
       c43 = hex2dec(c(4, 5:8));
       c44 = hex2dec(c(4, 1:4));
27 -
28
29 -
       result_after_sim = [cl1, cl2, cl3, cl4;
30
                           c21, c22, c23, c24;
31
                           c31, c32, c33, c34;
32
                           c41, c42, c43, c44];
33 -
      disp("Matrix result after simulation:");
34 -
       disp(result_after_sim);
```

Figure 23.

As you can see from the workspace, the out.res saved result in 12~16 clock, so I set this range in my m-code, then decode them.

(c) Screen capture of out.res from workspace.

out.res					
Time series name:					
Time	Data:1				
0	0				
1	0				
2	0				
3	0				
4	0				
5	0				
6	0				
7	0				
8	0				
9	0				
10	0				
11	0				
12	3.9126e+16				
13	3.1244e+16				
14	4.5881e+16				
15	5.4044e+16				
16	5.4044e+16				

Figure 24.

#### 4. System Generator - Resources:

In my Vitis HLS project, I not only used PIPELINE and Array\_reshape optimization methods, I also used DATAFLOW and ap\_fifo.

(a) Screen capture of system generator resources analyzer result.

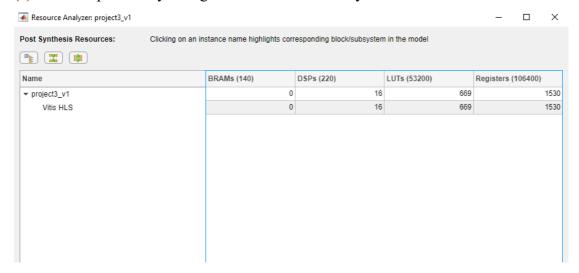


Figure 25.

(b) Screen capture of system generator completed generation.

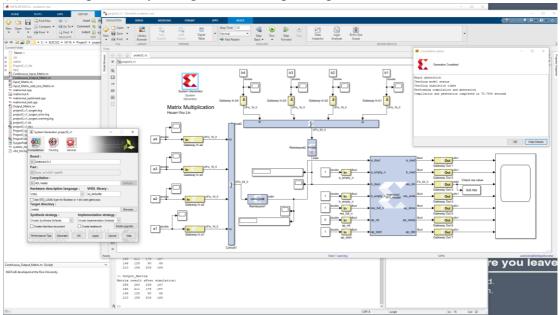


Figure 26.

## Continuous Matrix Multiplication:

1. Continuous random input/output matrix m-code file:

We just need to modify the original random input matrix, add the continuous matrix after 1<sup>st</sup> matrix, as shown in *Figure 27*, and the result shown in *Figure 28*.

(a) Screen capture of my continuous random input matrix m-code.

```
Input_Matrix.m × Output_Matrix.m × Continuous_Input_Matrix.m × Continuous_Output_Matrix.m × +
       % MATLAB developed at the Rice University.
2
       % Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.
3
       % Hsuan-You (Shaun) Lin (Oct. 20, 2022)
5
       % Program to build random continuous input data for 4x4 Matrix Multiplication.
6
7
       % Clears all variables previously assigned.
8 -
9
       % Closes all graphs and windows open.
10 -
       close all
11
12 -
       matrix size = 4;
13
       % Generating first set of random matrices to be inserted to HLS block
14
15 -
       a_lst = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
16 -
       b_lst = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
17
       a_2nd = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
19 -
       b_2nd = randi([1 10], matrix_size);
20
       al_t = [zeros(4,1); a_lst(1,1); a_lst(2,1); a_lst(3,1); a_lst(4,1);
21 -
22
           zeros(1,1); a_2nd(1,1); a_2nd(2,1); a_2nd(3,1); a_2nd(4,1); zeros(15,1)];
23 -
      a2_t = [zeros(4,1); a_1st(1,2); a_1st(2,2); a_1st(3,2); a_1st(4,2);
24
           zeros(1,1); a_2nd(1,2); a_2nd(2,2); a_2nd(3,2); a_2nd(4,2); zeros(15,1)];
25 -
       a3_t = [zeros(4,1); a_lst(1,3); a_lst(2,3); a_lst(3,3); a_lst(4,3);
26
           zeros(1,1); a_2nd(1,3); a_2nd(2,3); a_2nd(3,3); a_2nd(4,3); zeros(15,1)];
27 -
      a4_t = [zeros(4,1); a_lst(1,4); a_lst(2,4); a_lst(3,4); a_lst(4,4);
28
           zeros(1,1); a_2nd(1,4); a_2nd(2,4); a_2nd(3,4); a_2nd(4,4); zeros(15,1)];
29
30 -
      bl t = [b lst(1,1); b lst(1,2); b lst(1,3); b lst(1,4);
31
          b 2nd(1,1); b 2nd(1,2); b 2nd(1,3); b 2nd(1,4); zeros(15,1)];
32 -
      b2_t = [b_1st(2,1); b_1st(2,2); b_1st(2,3); b_1st(2,4);
          b 2nd(2,1); b 2nd(2,2); b 2nd(2,3); b 2nd(2,4); zeros(15,1)];
33
      b3 t = [b lst(3,1); b lst(3,2); b lst(3,3); b lst(3,4);
34 -
          b_2nd(3,1); b_2nd(3,2); b_2nd(3,3); b_2nd(3,4); zeros(15,1)];
35
36 -
      b4_t = [b_1st(4,1); b_1st(4,2); b_1st(4,3); b_1st(4,4);
37
          b_2nd(4,1); b_2nd(4,2); b_2nd(4,3); b_2nd(4,4); zeros(15,1)];
      ***************
       % Constructing the inputs to be inserted to the HLS block
40 -
      al = timeseries(al t);
41 -
      a2 = timeseries(a2_t);
42 -
       a3 = timeseries(a3 t);
43 -
       a4 = timeseries(a4_t);
44 -
       bl = timeseries(bl_t);
45 -
       b2 = timeseries(b2_t);
46 -
       b3 = timeseries(b3 t);
47 -
      b4 = timeseries(b4_t);
48
       49 -
       disp("1st A Input Matrix:");
50 -
       disp(a lst);
51 -
       disp("1st B Input Matrix:");
52 -
       disp(b lst);
      result1 = a_lst * b_lst;
disp("lst A * B Matrix result:");
53 -
54 -
55 -
       disp(result1);
56
57 -
      disp("2nd A Input Matrix:");
58 -
      disp(a_2nd);
       disp("2nd B Input Matrix:");
      disp(b_2nd);
       result2 = a_2nd * b_2nd;
62 -
       disp("2nd A * B Matrix result:");
63 -
       disp(result2);
```

Figure 27.

(b) Screen capture of continuous input matrix in command window.

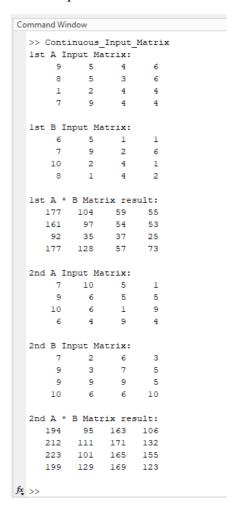


Figure 28.

(c) Screen capture of output matrix result in command window.

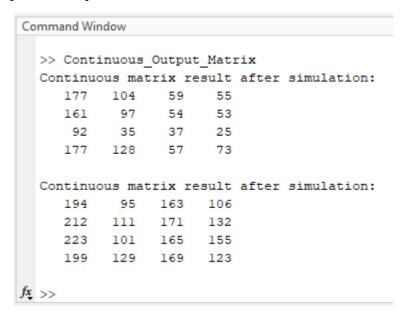


Figure 29.

(d) Screen capture of output matrix m-code.

```
| Input_Matrix.m | X | Output_Matrix.m | X | Continuous_Input_Matrix.m | X | Continuous_Output_Matrix.m | X | + |
            % MATLAB developed at the Rice University.
% Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.
           % Hsuan-You (Shaun) Lin (Oct. 20, 2022)
           % Program to show continuous output data for 4x4 Matrix Multiplication.
           matrix_size = 4;
           number_of_matrix = 2;
for count = 0:(number_of_matrix - 1)
    arr = getdatasamples(out.res,[((matrix_size)^2-3) + 5 * count : (matrix_size)^2 + 5 * count]);
    c=dec2hex(arr, matrix_size^2);
                 cll =hex2dec(c(1, 13:16));
                c11 =hex2dec(c(1, 13.10))
c12 =hex2dec(c(1, 9:12));
c13 =hex2dec(c(1, 5:8));
                 c14 =hex2dec(c(1, 1:4));
c21 =hex2dec(c(2, 13:16));
                 c22 =hex2dec(c(2, 9:12));
c23 =hex2dec(c(2, 5:8));
                 c24 =hex2dec(c(2, 1:4));
                 c31 =hex2dec(c(3, 13:16));
c32 =hex2dec(c(3, 9:12));
c33 =hex2dec(c(3, 5:8));
                 c34 =hex2dec(c(3, 1:4));
c41 =hex2dec(c(4, 13:16));
                 c42 =hex2dec(c(4, 9:12));
                c43 =hex2dec(c(4, 5:8));
c44 =hex2dec(c(4, 1:4));
                 result_after_sim = [c11, c12, c13, c14;
                                              c21, c22, c23, c24;
                                              c31, c32, c33, c34;
c41, c42, c43, c44];
                 disp("Continuous matrix result after simulation:");
                 disp(result_after_sim);
```

Figure 30.

### Hardware co-simulation:

1. Co-Simulation matrix multiplication system in model composer

After successfully generate the system in JTAG compilation mode, I connect the input and output into gray block system, to simulate the system in Zedboard as shown in *Figure 31*.

(a) Screen capture of co-simulation matrix multiplication system architecture (model composer)

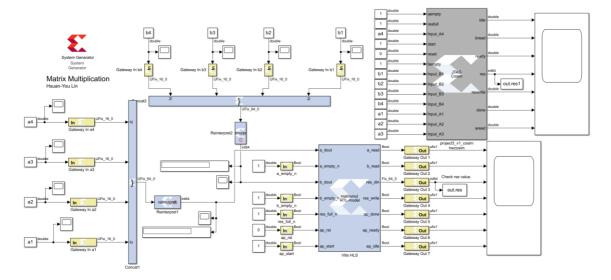


Figure 31.

(b) Screen capture of co-simulation resources analyzer.

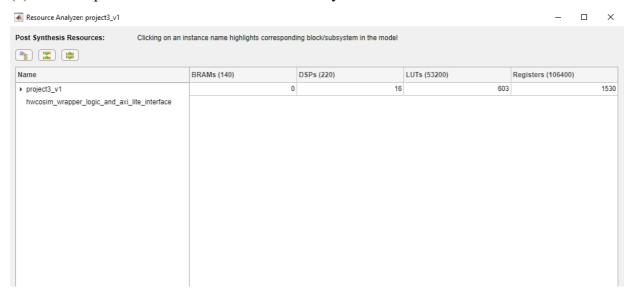


Figure 32.

## Compare result:

Compared to the Project2, I think use Vitis HLS is more easier to develop the system, because we can use C/C++ which is more familiar to us, and we can also simply add the optimization methods into directives.