

Please No more CUDA!

Nvidia C++ CUDA fundamentals Course Review

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1 Introduction to CUDA

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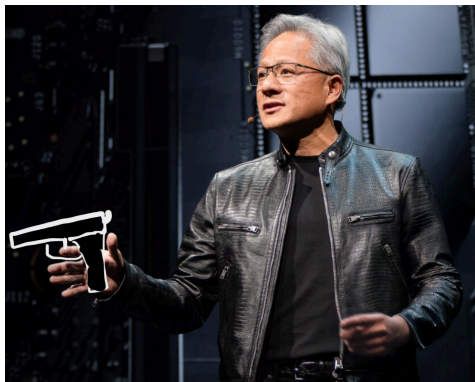
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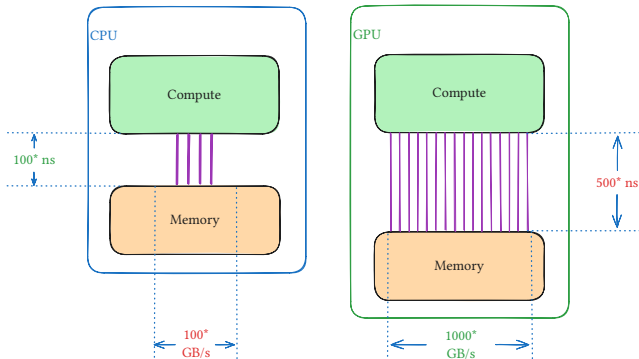
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GPU vs CPU



A car might be quicker if you're moving four people, but a bus will probably get forty people there faster.

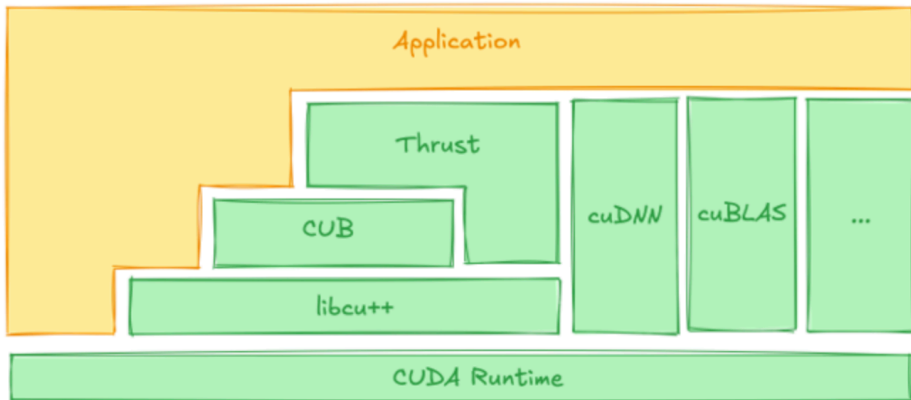


Copying a single byte is five times faster on a CPU. But when it comes to copying gigabytes of data, the GPU can do it ten times faster than the CPU

The Software Stack



Rests upon CUDA runtime – Interface with GPU. Libraries (thrust, Cub, libcu++, cuDNN etc..) simplify programming.



Pythonic Alternatives to CUDA



- CuPy - Numpy-like package for Nvidia GPUs.
- PyCUDA - Direct access to the CUDA API from Python.

My final thoughts.



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