Making Woody Parallel

Applying Parallel Computing to decision trees

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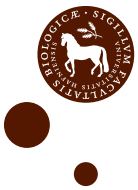


Introduction

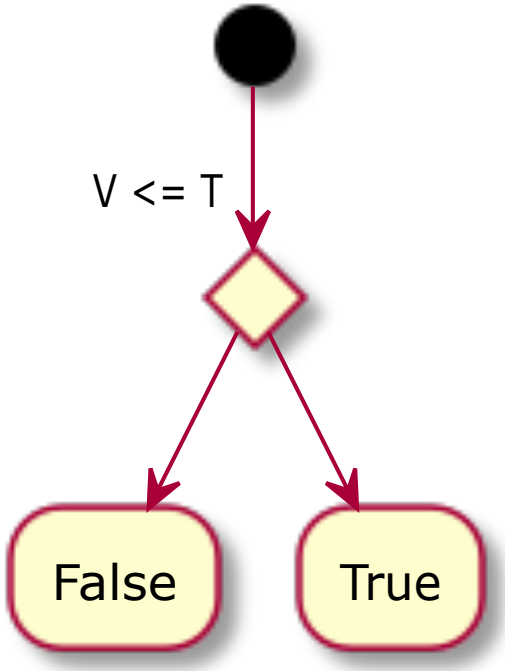
- What is Woody?
- Decision trees and Machine Learning

Working with Woody

Decision tree evaluation

A decision tree consists of nodes. Non-leaf nodes consist of a conditional check, where:

- V: Feature
  value checked for this node
- T: Threshold value of the
  node that is checked against



Working with Woody

Extracting from Woody

1. Python library run against a dataset
2. Split data into training and test set
3. Fit on training set to create a forest of trees
4. Run predictions with test set on this forest

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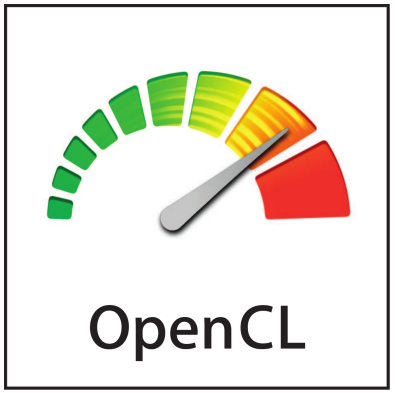
Interoperation of Woody and Futhark



Run as a library or run stand-alone?

Working with Woody

Tree and test data encoding for Futhark

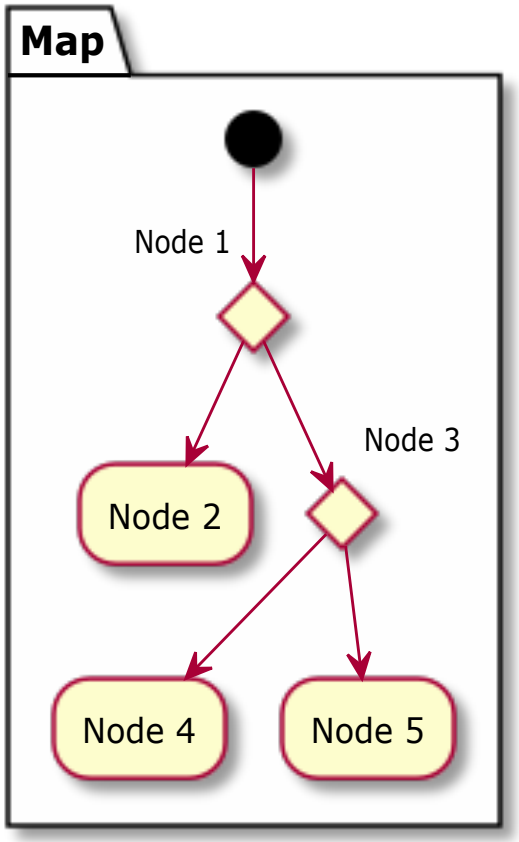
In order to pass the tree and test data from Woody to Futhark, we encoded each as a series of flat arrays.

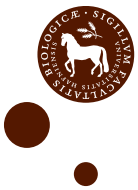
- `treeLeftid`
- `treeRightid`
- `treeFeature`
- `treeThres_or_leaf`

- `Xtest`
- `nXtest`
- `dXtest`

Writing Futhark

Basic Futhark implementation





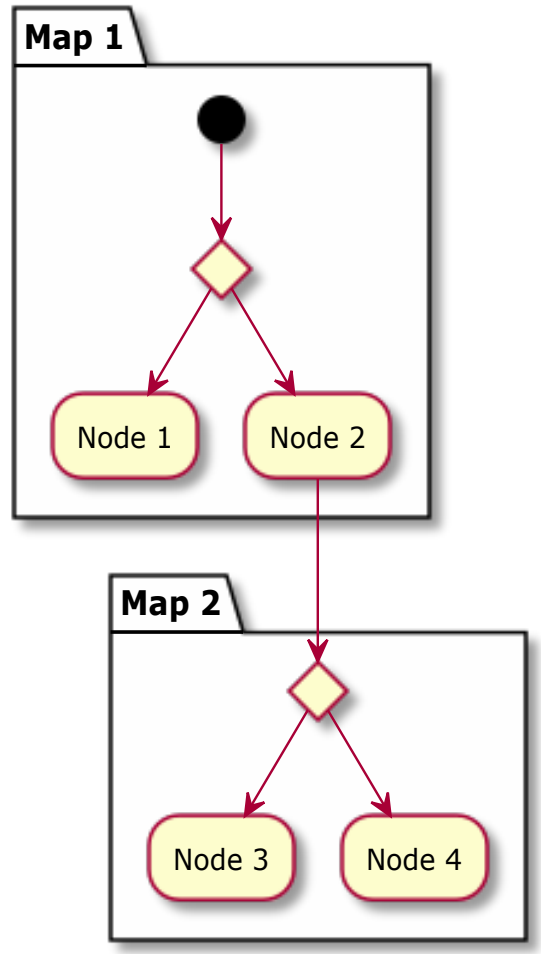
Writing Futhark

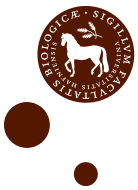
Basic Futhark implementation


```
unsafe map (\ i ->
let idx = if dindices > 0 then indices[i] else i
let row_start = idx * dXtest
in loop node_id = TREE_ROOT_ID
      while treeLeftid[node_id] != TREE_CHILD_ID_NOT_SET do
            if Xtest[row_start + treeFeature[node_id]] <= treeThres_or_leaf[
                  node_id]
              then treeLeftid[node_id]
              else treeRightid[node_id]
           ) (iota n_preds)
```

Writing Futhark

Layered Futhark implementation





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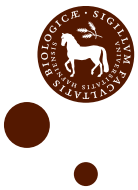
Layered Futhark implementation


```
loop node_array for row in iota(depth) do
    unsafe map (\ (node_id, data_row_start) ->
                  if (treeLeftid[node_id] != 0)
                     then (if Xtest[data_row_start + treeFeature[node_id]] <=
                               treeThres_or_leaf[node_id]
                           then treeLeftid[node_id]
                           else treeRightid[node_id])
                     else node_id)
                     (zip node_array data_row_starts)
```

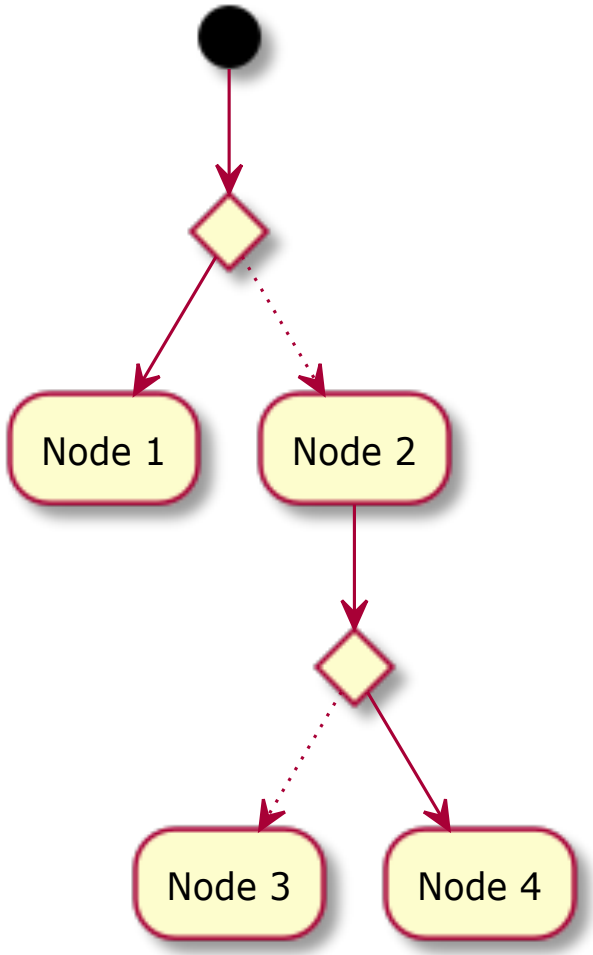


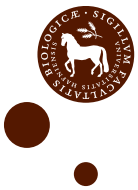
Writing Futhark
Filtering Futhark implementation

- Layered provides a structured way of iterating over layers
- Many passes end early
- These are still considered by the maps

Writing Futhark

Treesolver Precompute





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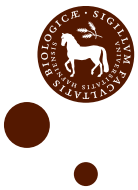
Treesolver Precompute


```
let next_node
  (row: []f64)
  ((left, right, feature, thres) : (i32, i32, i32, f64)) : i32 =
  if row[feature] <= thres then left else right

let make_next_tree
   (tree: [](i32, i32, i32, f64))
   (row : []f64) : []i32 =
   map (next_node row) tree

let traverse
   (next_nodes: []i32): i32 =
   let (last, current) = (0, next_nodes[0])
   let (result, _) = loop (last, current) while current != 0 do (current, next_nodes
         [current])
   in result

let nodes = zip4 treeLeftid treeRightid treeFeature treeThres_or_leaf
let rows = unflatten nXtest dXtest Xtest

let next_nodes = unsafe map (make_next_tree nodes) rows

in unsafe map traverse next_nodes
```



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Treesolve Matrix


```
let repeated_criteria = flatten (replicate nXtest treeFeature)
let repeated_offsets = flatten (map (\ i -> replicate treelength i) (steps 0 nXtest
    dXtest))
let flcr = map2 (+) repeated_offsets repeated_criteria
let scattered_features = unsafe map (\ i -> Xtest[i]) flcr
let threshold_result = map2 (<=) scattered_features (flatten (replicate nXtest
    treeThres_or_leaf))
let left_or_right = (\ b l r -> if b then l else r)
let repeatedLeft = flatten (replicate nXtest treeLeftid)
let repeatedRight = flatten (replicate nXtest treeRightid)
let directions = map3 left_or_right threshold_result repeatedLeft repeatedRight

in unsafe map traverse (unflatten nXtest treelength directions)
```

Experiment
Experimental Setup

To evaluate our Futhark implementation, we performed various comparisons with the woody implementation.
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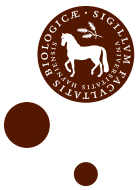
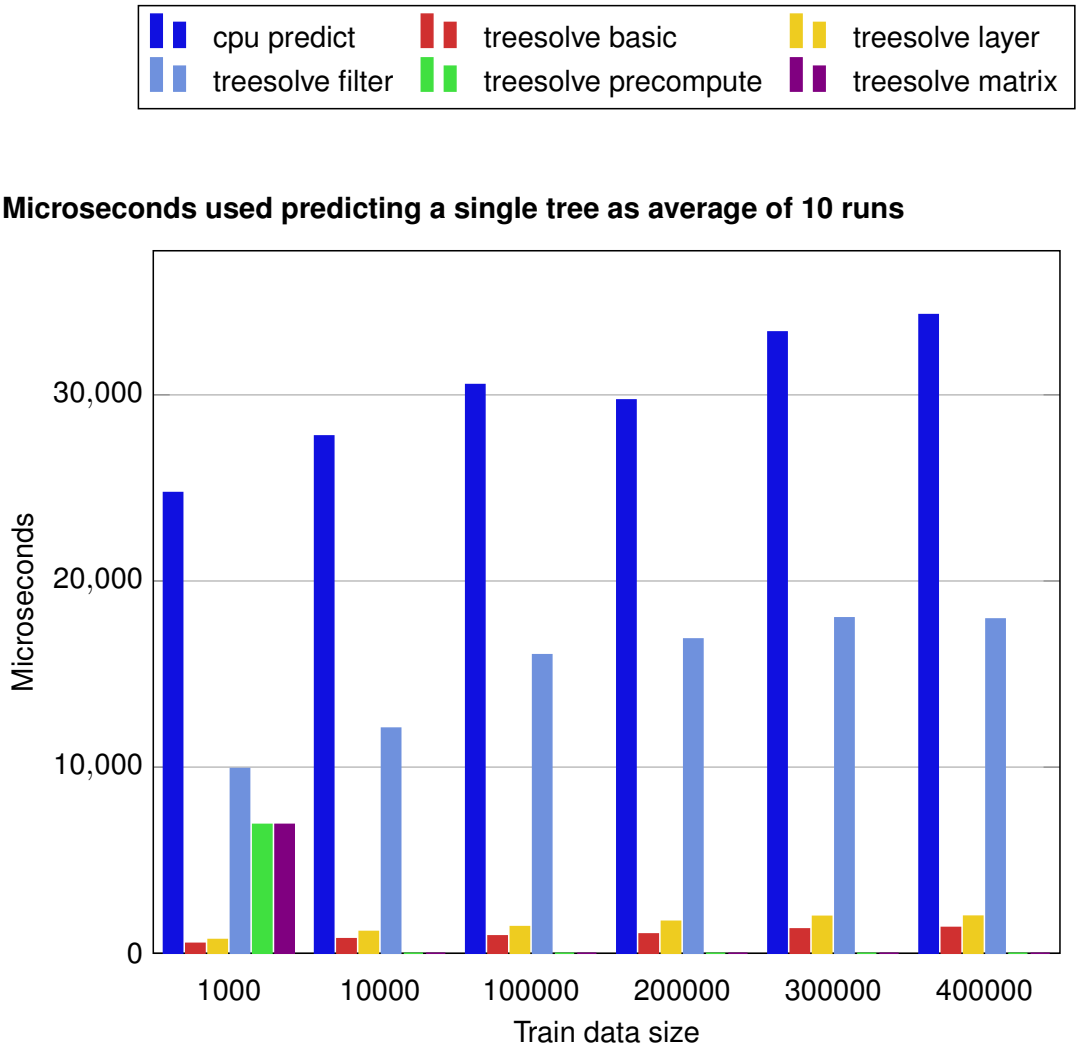


Experiment

Results: Varying train data size



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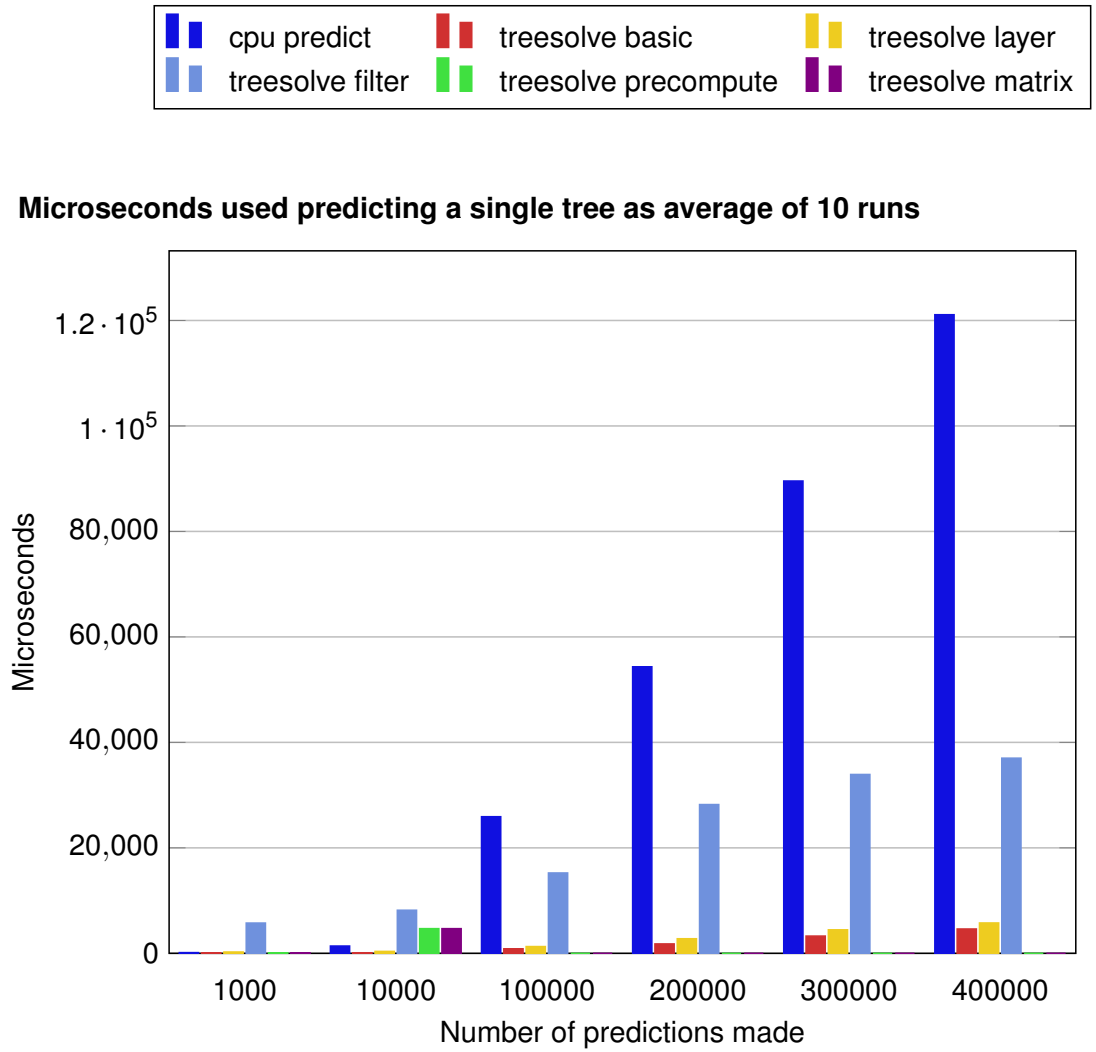
Results: Varying number of predictions



Experiment
Evaluation

- Basic and layer are fast.
- GPU code scales better with bigger tests

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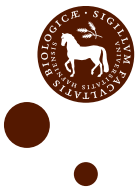
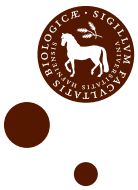
Future Research

- Matrix and Precompute might be promising
- GPU code scales better with bigger tests



Conclusion

We have proposed a number of approaches to parallelising the evaluation of decision trees using Futhark. Our findings show that as a whole this parallelisation is promising for the performance of decision tree evaluation on large datasets.



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