Double-precision Matrix Multiply on CUDA

Parallel Computation (CSE 260), Assignment 2

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0.1 Assumptions

The following assumptions apply within this work.

- All matrices are square matrices.
- All matrices consist of double-precision floating point values (64-bit doubles).

0.2 Notation

In this work, we use the following notation and variable names.

- n is the size of one dimension of the matrices involved. I.e., every matrix has n^2 values.
- When referring to matrices, A and B denote the source matrices and C denotes the target matrix, i.e. AB = C.
- b_i , b_j and b_k denote the block size for each dimension i, j, and k, respectively¹.

1 Runtime Environment

We optimized our DGEMM implementation for a specific runtime environment. All benchmarks and performance results are based on the following hardware and software.

1.1 Hardware

1.2 Software

2 Basic Algorithm

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¹We tried multiple levels of blocking and it is evident from the context which level of blocking we are referring to.

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for i = 0 .. n - 1
for j = 0 .. n - 1
    cij = C[i*n + j]

    for k = 0 .. n - 1
        cij += A[i*n+k] * B[k*n+j]

    C[i*n+j] = cij
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Figure 1: Naive matrix multiplication algorithm.