# Implementing BLAS Operation using OpenMP

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# Chapter 1

# Introduction

Linear algebra is a vital tool in the toolbox for various applications, from solving a simple equation to the art of Deep Learning algorithm or Genomics. The impact can felt across modern-day inventions or day to day life. Many tried to optimize these routines by hand-coding them in the assembly or the compiler intrinsics to squeeze every bit of performance out of the CPU; some chip manufacturers provide library specific to their chip. A few high-quality libraries, such as Intel's MKL, OpenBLAS, Flame's Blis, Eigen, and more, each one has one common problem, they are architecture-specific. They need to be hand-tuned for each different architecture.

There three ways to implement the routines and each one has its shortcomings:

- 1. Hand code them in assembly and try to optimize them for each architecture.
- 2. Use the compiler intrinsics.
- 3. Simply code them and let the compiler optimize.

## 1.1 Hand-tuned Assembly

Hand-coded assembly gives high performance due to more control over registers, caches, and instructions used, but that comes with its issues, which we exchange for performance:

- Need a deep understanding of the architecture
- Maintenance of the code
- It violates the DRY principle because we need to implement the same algorithm for a different architecture
- Development time is high
- Debugging is hard
- Unreadable code
- Sometimes lead to micro-optimization or worst performance than the compiler

Intel's MKL, OpenBLAS and Flame's Blis comes under this category

# 1.2 Compiler Intrinsics

The compiler intrinsics is one layer above the assembly, and we lose control over which register to use. If an intrinsic has multiple representations, then we do not know which instruction will emit. There are the following issues with this approach:

• Need the knowledge of intrinsic

- Maintenance of the code much better than assembly but not great
- DRY principle achieved with little abstraction
- Development time is better than assembly but not great
- Debugging is still hard
- Unreadable code if not careful
- May lead to micro-optimization or worst performance than the compiler

Eigen uses the compiler intrinsics, and they fixed and avoided some of the above problems with the right abstraction.

## 1.3 Compiler Dependent Optimization

The compiler has many tools for optimizing code: loop-unrolling,

auto-vectorization, inlining functions, etc. We will rely on code vectorization heavily, but auto-vectorization may or may not be applied if the compiler can infer enough information from the code. To avoid unreliable auto-vectorization, we will use **OpenMP** for explicit vectorization, an open standard and supported by powerful compilers. The main issues are:

- Performance depends on the compiler
- No control over vector instructions or registers
- Auto-vectorization may fail

Boost.uBLAS depends on the auto-vectorization, which does not guarantee the code will vectorize.

#### 1.4 BLAS Routines

There are four BLAS routines that we will implement using **OpenMP**, which uses explicit vectorization and parallelization using threads. Each routine has its chapter, and there we go much deeper with performance metrics.

- 1. Vector-Vector Inner Product (?dot)
- 2. Vector-Vector Outer Product (?ger)
- 3. Matrix-Vector Product or Vector-Matrix Product (?gemv)
- 4. Matrix-Matrix Product (?gemm)

#### 1.5 Machine Model

The machine model that we will follow is similar to the model defined in the [Low et al., 2016], which takes modern hardware into mind. Such as vector registers and a memory hierarchy with multiple levels of set-associative data caches. However, we will ignore vector registers because we let the **OpenMP** handle the registers, and we do not have any control over them. However, we will add multiple cores where each core has at least one cache level that not shared among the other cores. The only parameter we need to put all our energy in is the cache hierarchy and how we can optimize the cache misses.

All the data caches are set-associative and we can characterize them based on the four parameter defined bellow:

 $C_{L_i}$ : cache line of the  $i^{th}$  level

 $W_{L_i}$ : associative degree of the  $i^{th}$  level

 $N_{L_i}$ : Number of sets in the  $i^{th}$  level

 $S_{L_i}$ : size of the  $i^{th}$  level in Bytes

$$S_{L_i} = C_{L_i} W_{L_i} N_{L_i} \tag{1.1}$$

Let the  $S_{data}$  be the width of the type in Bytes.

We are assuming that the cache replacement policy for all cache levels is **LRU**, which also assumed in the [Low et al., 2016] and the cache line is same for all the cache levels. For most of the case, we will try to avoid the associative so that we could derive a simple equation containing the cache size only from the equation 1.1.

## 1.6 Performance Metrics

#### 1.6.1 FLOPS

It represents the number of floating-point operations that a processor can perform per second. The higher the Flops are, the faster it achieves the floating-point specific operations, but we should not depend on the flops all the time because it might be deceiving. Moreover, it does not paint the whole picture.

$$FLOPS = \frac{Number\ of\ Operation}{Time\ taken} \tag{1.2}$$

## 1.6.2 Speedup

The speedup tells us how much performance we were able to get when compared to the existing implementation. If it is more significant than one, then reference implementation performs better than the existing implementation; otherwise, if it is less than one, reference implementation performs worse than the existing implementation.

$$Speedup = \frac{Flops_{reference}}{Flops_{existing}} \tag{1.3}$$

### 1.6.3 Speed-down

The speed down is the inverse of the speedup, and if it is below one, then we performing better than the existing implementation; otherwise, we are performing worse.

$$Speeddown = \frac{Flops_{existing}}{Flops_{reference}} \tag{1.4}$$

#### 1.6.4 Peak Utilization

This tells us how much CPU we are utilizing for floating-point operations when the CPU can compute X amount of floating-point operations.

$$Peak\ Utilization = \frac{Flops}{Peak\ Performance} \times 100 \tag{1.5}$$

Peak Performance can be calculated using the formula defined on the [FLOPS, 2021]

$$Peak\ Performance = Frequency \times Cores \times \frac{FLOPS}{Cycle}$$
 (1.6)

# 1.7 System Information

Processor	2.3 GHz 8-Core Intel Core i9
Architecture	x86
L1 Cache	8-way, 32KiB
L2 Cache	4-way, 256KiB
L3 Cache	16-way, 16MiB
Cache Line	64B
Single-Precision(FP32)	32 FLOPs per cycle per core
Double-Precision(FP64)	16 FLOPs per cycle per core
Peak Performance(FP32)	588.8 GFLOPS
Peak Performance(FP64)	294.4 GFLOPS

# 1.8 Compiler Information

Compiler	Apple clang version 12.0.0 (clang-1200.0.32.29)
Compiler Flags	-march=native -ffast-math -Xclang -fopenmp -O3
C++ Standard	20

# 1.9 library Version

Intel MKL	2020.0.1
Eigen	3.3.9
OpenBLAS	0.3.13
BLIS	0.8.0

# Chapter 2

# Vector-Vector Inner Product

This operation takes the equal length of the sequence and gives the algebraic sum of the product of the corresponding entries.

Let x and y be the vectors of length n, then

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x \cdot y = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (x_i \times y_i) \tag{2.1}$$

$$y \cdot x = x \cdot y \tag{2.2}$$

Equation 2.2 can be easily proven using equation 2.1.

$$y \cdot x = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (y_i \times x_i)$$

We know that multiplication on a scalar is commutative. Using this fact, we can say

$$y \cdot x = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (x_i \times y_i)$$

From the equation 2.1

$$y \cdot x = x \cdot y$$

# 2.1 Calculating Number of Operations

Using equation 2.1, we fill the below table

Name	Number
Multiplication	n
Addition	n-1

 ${\it Total \ Number \ of \ Operations} = {\it Number \ of \ Multiplication} + {\it Number \ of \ Addition}$ 

Total Number of Operations = n + (n - 1)

Total Number of Operations = 2n - 1

# 2.2 Algorithm

## Algorithm 1: Inner Product SIMD Function

```
// a is the pointer to the first vector

// b is the pointer to the second vector

// n is the length of the vectors

Function simd_loop (a, b, n):
sum \leftarrow 0
#pragma omp simd reduction(+:sum)
for i \leftarrow 0 to n by 1 do
|sum \leftarrow sum + a[i] \times b[i]
end
return sum
end
```

#### Algorithm 2: Dot Product

```
Input: c, a, b, max\_threads, n
// a and b are pointer to the vectors
//\ c is the pointer to the output
//\ n is the size of the vectors
// max_threads is the user provided thread count
begin
    \begin{array}{c} number\_el\_L_1 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}} \rfloor \\ number\_el\_L_2 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{S_{L_2}}{S_{data}} \rfloor \\ block_1 \leftarrow 2 \times number\_el\_L_1 \end{array}
    block_2 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{number\_el\_L_1}{2} \rfloor
block_3 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{number\_el\_L_2}{2} \rfloor
sum \leftarrow 0
     omp\_set\_num\_threads(max\_threads)
     if n < block_1 then
        sum \leftarrow simd\_loop(a, b, n)
     end
     else if n < block_3 then
         min\_threads \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{n}{block_2} \rfloor
         num\_threads \leftarrow max(1, max(min\_threads, max\_threads))
          omp\_set\_num\_threads(num\_threads)
          #pragma omp parallel for schedule(static) \
           reduction(+:sum)
          for i \leftarrow 0 to n by block_2 do
          ib \leftarrow min(block_2, n-i) \ sum \leftarrow sum + simd\_loop(a+i, b+i, ib)
         end
     end
     else
          #pragma omp parallel reduction(+:sum)
              for i \leftarrow 0 to n by block_3 do
                   ib \leftarrow min(block_3, n-i)
                   ai \leftarrow a + i
                   bi \leftarrow b + i
                   #pragma omp for schedule(dynamic)
                    for j \leftarrow 0 to ib by block_2 do
                        jb \leftarrow min(block_2, ib - j)
                        sum \leftarrow sum + simd\_loop(ai + j, bi + j, jb)
                   end
              end
          end
     end
     c \leftarrow sum
end
```

The algorithm fragmented into three sections, and each part represents cache hierarchy.

## 2.2.1 The First Section

This section handles the data when the vector's length is less than the  $S_{L_1}$ . Here, we do not touch the threads because the overhead incurred is significant to paralysis the performance, and we get the worst performance compared with no thread or other libraries. When the whole data can fit in the  $L_1$  cache, it is best not to use threads. We move to the next section when the cache misses large enough to compensate for the thread overhead.

According to the **Amdahl's Law**, we know

$$Speedup_N = \frac{1}{p + \frac{1-p}{N}} - O_N \tag{2.3}$$

p is the proportion of execution time for code that is not parallelizable, where  $p \in [0,1]$ 

1-p is the proportion of execution time for code that is parallelizable

N is the number of processor cores or number of threads, where  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$ 

 $O_N$  is the overhead incurred due to the N thread

Using the equation 2.3 for N = 1, we know the  $Speedup_1 = 1$  since the program is already running on the thread, and we do not need to spawn another thread. Therefore the thread overhead incurred is none ( $O_1 = 0$ ).

In order to perform better than the single-threaded program, we need the  $Speedup_N$  to exceed the  $Speedup_1$  and N > 1. We can now get the lower bound using the fact and the relationship between the vectors' length and the thread overhead.

 $Speedup_N > Speedup_1$ 

From the equation 2.3, we get

$$\frac{1}{p+\frac{1-p}{N}}-O_N>1$$

$$\begin{split} O_N &< \frac{1}{p + \frac{1-p}{N}} - 1 \\ O_N &< \frac{N}{Np + 1 - p} - 1 \\ O_N &< \frac{N}{1 + p(N-1)} - 1 \\ O_N &< \frac{(N-1) - p(N-1)}{1 + p(N-1)} \\ O_N &< \frac{(N-1)(1-p)}{1 + p(N-1)} \\ O_N &< \frac{1-p}{\frac{1}{(N-1)} + p} \end{split}$$

Let  $\frac{1}{N-1}$  be  $C_N$  and  $C_N \leq 1$ , where N > 1

$$O_N < \frac{1-p}{C_N + p} \tag{2.4}$$

We know  $p \in [0, 1]$ . Now, we get

$$0 \le \frac{1-p}{C_N + p} \le \frac{1}{C_N}$$
$$0 \le O_N < \frac{1}{C_N}$$
$$0 \le O_N < N - 1$$

Therefore,  $O_N \in [0, N-1)$ . We can theorise that p must be a function of Block  $(B_1)$ .

$$p \propto B_1$$
$$p = kB_1$$

where k is the proportionality constant. Now, replace p in the equation 2.4

$$O_N < \frac{1}{\frac{C_N + kB_1}{1 - kB_1}}$$

As we  $B_1$  increase then  $1 - kB_1$  decrease and  $C_N + kB_1$  also increase, which over all decrease the overhead  $(O_N)$ Thread Overhead



The  $B_1$ 's lower bound found to be the number of elements that can be fit inside the  $L_1$  cache through the experimental data. This phenomenon happens because the vectors' elements cannot fit inside the cache, and cache misses increase, dominating the thread overhead.

$$B_1 \ge \frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}}$$

However, the optimal block size for this section found to be twice the vectors' elements that can put inside the cache.

$$B_1 = \frac{2S_{L_1}}{S_{data}} (2.5)$$

#### Experimental Data for $B_1$





	Block[Single]	Block[Double]
Lower Bound	8192 (8K)	4096 (4K)
Optimal	16384 (16K)	8192 (8K)

## 2.2.2 The Second Section

Here, the cache misses is large enough to dominate the thread overhead, and the thread can provide speedup more significant than a single thread. To quench the data demand for each thread, we fit both vectors' elements inside the  $L_1$  cache, and the accumulator always is inside the register—the whole  $L_1$  cache used for vectors. The advantage of the threads come in handy because most of the CPU architecture provides a private  $L_1$  cache, which owned by each core, and as the inner product is an independent operation, no two elements are dependent on each other for the result. Each private  $L_1$  cache can fetch a different part of the sequence and run in parallel without waiting for the result to come from another thread, because of which there is no need to invalidate the cache. Once the data comes inside the  $L_1$  cache, it will compute a fragment of the sequence and keeps the accumulated result in the register and then fetch another part. In the end, it will combine all the partial results into one final result.

$$S_{L_1} = S_{data}(Block\ of\ the\ first\ vector + Block\ of\ the\ second\ vector)$$

From the equation 2.1, we can infer that the block of both vectors must be equal to give the optimal block size.

 $B_2 = Block \ of \ the \ first \ vector = Block \ of \ the \ second \ vector$ 

$$S_{L_1} = S_{data}(B_2 + B_2)$$
  
$$S_{L_1} = 2S_{data}B_2$$

$$B_2 = \frac{S_{L_1}}{2S_{data}} \tag{2.6}$$

#### Experimental Data for $B_2$





	Block[Single]	Block[Double]
Theoretical Optimal	4096 (4K)	2048 (2K)
Experimental Optimal	4096 (4K)	2048 (2K)

#### 2.2.3 The Third Section

Here, once the data starts to exceed the  $L_2$  cache or even  $L_3$  cache, we use the CPU architecture's prefetch feature. This section may or may not affect some architecture; if the  $L_2$  cache is also private for different cores, it will prefetch the data and fill it, and when it goes inside the loop, which utilizes the threads will fetch the data into the L1 cache from the  $L_2$  cache. If the  $L_2$  shared among all the cores, the gain might be minimal or see no gain in speedup. With the same logic we used to derive equation 2.6, we can use it here also.

$$S_{L_2} = S_{data}(Block\ of\ the\ first\ vector + Block\ of\ the\ second\ vector)$$

From the equation 2.1, we can infer that the block of both vectors must be equal to give the optimal block size.

 $B_3 = Block \ of \ the \ first \ vector = Block \ of \ the \ second \ vector$ 

$$S_{L_2} = S_{data}(B_3 + B_3)$$
$$S_{L_2} = 2S_{data}B_3$$

$$B_3 = \frac{S_{L_2}}{2S_{data}} \tag{2.7}$$

# Experimental Data for $B_2$





(a) Single-Precision

(b) Double-Precision

	Block[Single]	Block[Double]
Theoretical Optimal	32768 (32K)	16384 (16K)
Experimental Optimal	$\geq 30 \text{K} \text{ and } \leq 40 \text{K}$	$\geq 16 \text{K} \text{ and } \leq 20 \text{K}$

# 2.3 Performance Plots and Speedup Summary

# **2.3.1** Range[Start: 2, End: 2<sup>20</sup>, Step: 1024]

Performance measurements of ?dot implementations





Sorted performance measurements of ?dot implementations





#### Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS. Tensor ?dot implementation





## ${\bf Comparison~of~the~Boost.uBLAS.Tensor~?dot~implementation~[semilogy]}$





# Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS.Tensor ?dot implementation [sorted]

## (a) Single-Precision

(b) Double-Precision



Table 2.1: Speedup Summary For Single-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	96
OpenBLAS	98	95
Eigen	99	96
Blis	98	96
Intel's MKL	62	0

Implementation	${f Speed-down} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	35	0

Table 2.2: Speedup Summary For Double-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2} \ [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	97
OpenBLAS	99	75
Eigen	99	97
Blis	99	98
Intel's MKL	88	1

Implementation	${f Speed-down} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	9	0

# **2.3.2** Range[Start: 32, End: 16382, Step: 32]

## Performance measurements of ?dot implementations





Sorted performance measurements of ?dot implementations





#### Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS. Tensor ?dot implementation





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# Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS.Tensor ?dot implementation [sorted]

## (a) Single-Precision

# (b) Double-Precision





Table 2.3: Speedup Summary For Single-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	7
OpenBLAS	97	6
Eigen	99	13
Blis	98	1
Intel's MKL	94	5

Implementation	${f Speed-down} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	1	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	3	0

Table 2.4: Speedup Summary For Double-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	97
OpenBLAS	99	38
Eigen	99	6
Blis	99	3
Intel's MKL	71	2

Implementation	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	3	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	26	0

# 2.4 Performance Metrics

Range[Start: 2, End:  $2^{20}$ , Step: 1024]

Table 2.5: GFLOPS For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	85.9582	54.7368
Boost.uBLAS	20.4992	13.2452
Intel's MKL	99.87	58.5317
OpenBLAS	36.2821	15.7624
Blis	40.9594	15.7895
Eigen	29.0721	13.0817

Table 2.6: GFLOPS For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	48.9481	23.7548
Boost.uBLAS	11.586	5.58147
Intel's MKL	54.1943	25.1467
OpenBLAS	15.5243	10.1211
Blis	9.18747	6.43665
Eigen	9.7007	5.45126

Table 2.7: Utilization [%] For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	14.5989	9.29634
Boost.uBLAS	3.48153	2.24953
Intel's MKL	16.9616	9.94085
OpenBLAS	6.16204	2.67703
Blis	6.95641	2.68164
Eigen	4.93751	2.22176

Table 2.8: Utilization [%] For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	16.6264	8.06888
Boost.uBLAS	3.93547	3.93547
Intel's MKL	18.4084	8.54167
OpenBLAS	5.27318	3.43787
Blis	3.12074	2.18636
Eigen	3.29507	1.85165

Table 2.9: Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor) For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	3.08878	8.6454
Intel's MKL	0.931885	0.971519
OpenBLAS	1.76191	2.88331
Blis	2.21467	2.83157
Eigen	2.8202	7.68346

 ${\bf Table~2.10:~Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor)~For~Double-Precision}$ 

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	5.58372	4.4268
Intel's MKL	0.95572	1.00273
OpenBLAS	2.57905	2.4175
Blis	5.12564	3.82981
Eigen	6.42996	4.38639

# Chapter 3

# Outer Product

The outer product is an expansion operation. Two vectors give a matrix containing the vectors' dimensions; the dimensions where the two vectors were having one dimension and transform it into two-dimension.

Let x and y be the vectors of length n and m respectively.

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \ y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = x \otimes y^T \tag{3.1}$$

Or

$$A = x \otimes y^T + A \tag{3.2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} y_0 & y_1 & \dots & y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \times y_0 & x_0 \times y_1 & \dots & x_0 \times y_n \\ x_1 \times y_0 & x_1 \times y_1 & \dots & x_1 \times y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n \times y_0 & x_n \times y_1 & \dots & x_n \times y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Where A is the resultant matrix of dimensions n and m.

The routine **?ger** implements the equation 3.2, so we are doing the same. Once we implement the operation for one layout, another layout found using the exact implementation by rearranging the inputs. For example, if the implementation uses the column-major layout, then the row-major can be obtained by taking the matrix's transpose or exchanging the vectors

Taking the transpose on the both side in equation 3.2.

$$A^T = (x \otimes y^T + A)^T$$

Transpose on the matrix addition is distributive, so we get

$$A^T = (x \otimes y^T)^T + A^T$$

We can transpose inside the outer product, but the vectors exchange their position and transpose self-cancellation operation.

$$A^T = y \otimes x^T + A^T \tag{3.3}$$

If A is a column-major then  $A^T$  is must be row-major and vice-versa.

# 3.1 Calculating Number of Operations

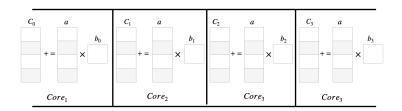
Using equation 3.1, we fill the below table

Name	Number
Multiplication	$n \times m$
Addition	0

```
Total Number of Operations = Number of Multiplication + Number of Addition Total Number of Operations = n \times m + 0 Total Number of Operations = n \times m
```

# 3.2 Algorithm





(a) Block Diagram

#### Algorithm 3: Outer Product SIMD Function

#### Algorithm 4: Vector-Vector Outer Product

```
Input: c, wc, a, na, b, nb, max\_threads
// a and b are vectors
/\!/ c is the pointer to the output matrix
// na is the size of the vector a
// nb is the size of the vector b
// wc is the leading dimension of the matrix c
// max_threads is the user provided thread count
begin
    MinSize \leftarrow 256
    \begin{array}{c} number\_el\_L_2 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{S_{L_2}}{S_{data}} \rfloor \\ upper\_limit \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{number\_el\_L_2 - na}{na} \rfloor \end{array}
    num\_threads \leftarrow max(1, min(upper\_limit, max\_threads))
    omp\_set\_num\_threads(num\_threads)
    \#pragma omp parallel for if(nb > MinSize)
      for i \leftarrow 0 to nb by 1 do
         aj \leftarrow a
        bj \leftarrow b+i

cj \leftarrow b+i \times wc

outer\_simd\_loop(cj, aj, bj, na)
    end
end
```

Here, we start threads if the second vector's size exceeds 256 because to avoid thread overhead for a small vector. The number is not concrete, so it can be any value until it small enough, or we can remove it. There is a problem we have to give a thought about and solve. This problem arises when multiple threads try to fetch the data, and if the data not found, it will evict the cached data using LRU policy. If the evicted data is still in use and it does not find the data will again evict and may or may not propagate to the other cores.

To avoid the cache eviction problem, we decrease the threads spawned if the data cannot fit inside the cache.

Let the length of the first vector be n and a small chunk of the second vector be  $m_c$ .

 $S_{L_2}$  = a block of matrix + length of the first vector

We are not trying to fit the second vector because each core can put the element from the second vector inside the register and access each column of the resultant matrix and the whole first vector. This algorithm is performing a rank-1 update in each core.

$$S_{L_2} = S_{data}(n \times m_c + n)$$
  
$$n \times m_c = \frac{S_{L_2}}{S_{data}} - n$$

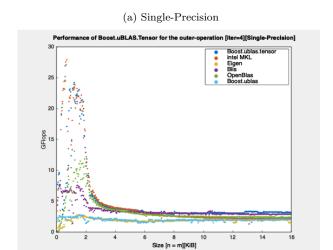
$$m_c = \frac{S_{L_2}}{S_{data} \times n} - 1 \tag{3.4}$$

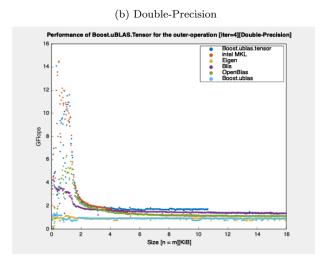
As the n increase, the block  $m_c$  decreases. We control the second vector's blocks through the outer loop, where we divide the second vector through threads, and each thread contains a single element. Therefore, the  $m_c$  block drops below the maximum allowed threads, we start to spawn  $m_c$  amount of threads.

$$num\_threads = max(1, min(m_c, max\_threads))$$
(3.5)

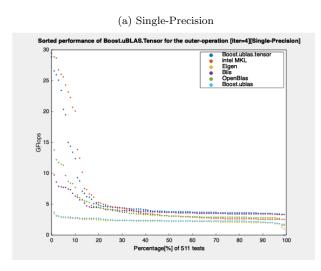
# 3.3 Performance Plots and Speedup Summary

Performance measurements of ?ger implementations





Sorted performance measurements of ?ger implementations





#### Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS. Tensor ?ger implementation





# $Comparison\ of\ the\ Boost.uBLAS.Tensor\ ?ger\ implementation\ [semilogy]$





# Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS.Tensor ?ger implementation [sorted]







## (b) Double-Precision



Table 3.1: Speedup Summary For Single-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	50
OpenBLAS	99	11
Eigen	99	52
Blis	98	12
Intel's MKL	95	2

Implementation	$oxed{ ext{Speed-down} \geq 1 \ [\%]}$	$oxed{ Speed-down \geq 2 \ [\%] }$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	2	0

Table 3.2: Speedup Summary For Double-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2} \ [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	99	71
OpenBLAS	99	8
Eigen	99	74
Blis	99	8
Intel's MKL	94	2

Implementation	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq 1  [\%]$	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq \textbf{2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	0	0
Intel's MKL	3	0

# 3.4 Performance Metrics

Range[Start: 32, End: 16382, Step: 32]

Table 3.3: GFLOPS For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	26.9675	5.00698
Boost.uBLAS	2.82578	2.01385
Intel's MKL	27.9	4.89873
OpenBLAS	13.1052	3.4242
Blis	8.35253	3.52469
Eigen	5.24754	1.84399

Table 3.4: GFLOPS For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	14.1047	2.17063
Boost.uBLAS	1.34503	0.925927
Intel's MKL	14.4913	2.0621
OpenBLAS	6.35947	1.54396
Blis	4.81067	1.66087
Eigen	3.01793	0.926035

Table 3.5: Utilization [%] For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	4.58008	0.850371
Boost.uBLAS	0.479922	0.342027
Intel's MKL	4.73845	0.831985
OpenBLAS	2.22575	0.581555
Blis	1.41857	0.598622
Eigen	0.580557	0.328019

Table 3.6: Utilization [%] For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	4.79099	0.737305
Boost.uBLAS	0.456872	0.314513
Intel's MKL	4.92232	0.700442
OpenBLAS	2.16015	0.524444
Blis	1.63406	0.564155
Eigen	1.02511	0.31455

 ${\bf Table~3.7:~Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor)~For~Single-Precision}$ 

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	9.54339	2.48627
Intel's MKL	0.966577	1.0221
OpenBLAS	2.05777	1.46224
Blis	3.22867	1.42055
Eigen	7.88912	2.59245

 ${\it Table~3.8:~Speedup (Boost.uBLAS.Tensor)~For~Double-Precision}$ 

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	10.4865	2.34428
Intel's MKL	0.973321	1.05263
OpenBLAS	2.2179	1.40588
Blis	2.93196	1.30692
Eigen	4.67363	2.344

# Chapter 4

# Matrix-Vector Product

When we take the product of the matrix and the vector, it will result in a vector. The product is a contraction operation, which means that the matrix's dimension reduced from two to one. To apply the contraction, then the length of one of the matrix dimensions must be the same as the vector's length.

Let the A be the matrix with dimensions m and n, and the length of the vector x be n.

The resultant vector y will have the dimension m.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m0} & a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = Ax + y$$

$$Av = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & \dots & a_{0n} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m0} & a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=0}^n a_{0i} x_i \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_{1i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_{mi} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vdots \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_{mi} x_i$$

$$\vdots \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_{mi} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector times matrix can calculated by taking the transpose on the both sides.

$$y^{T} = (Ax + y)^{T}$$
$$y^{T} = (Ax)^{T} + y^{T}$$
$$y^{T} = x^{T}A^{T} + y^{T}$$

The column-major and row-major layout for the vector in the memory is non-distinguishable. Hence, we can use this fact and we get  $x = x^T$ . If A is the column-major layout then  $A^T$  is the row-major layout and vice-versa.

$$y = xA^T + y (4.2)$$

## 4.1 Calculating Number of Operations

Using equation 4.1 or 4.2, we fill the below table

Name	Number
Multiplication	$m  ext{ or } n$
Addition	m-1 or $n-1$

# 4.2 Algorithm

The matrix-vector product has two different algorithms: Column-Major and Row-Major. We need to handle two different layouts differently. The Row-Major has the most straightforward algorithm because the row elements lay contiguously in the memory, which improves the cache locality compared against Column-Major, where the row elements placed with a specific stride and hinder the cache locality.

### 4.2.1 Column-Major

```
Algorithm 5: Matrix-Vector Product SIMD Function
```

```
// c is the pointer to the output vector
// a is the pointer to the input matrix
// b is the pointer to the input vector
// block is the block of the output vector
// w is the leading dimension of the matrix
// simd\_loop_N is a function where N signifies the amount of the unrolling done
Function simd\_loop_N (c, a, b, block, w):

#pragma omp simd
for i \leftarrow 0 to block by 1 do
c[i] \leftarrow c[i] + A[i + w * 0] * b[0];
c[i] \leftarrow c[i] + A[i + w * 1] * b[1];
\vdots
c[i] \leftarrow c[i] + A[i + w * N] * b[N];
end
end
```

#### Algorithm 6: Matrix-Vector Product Loop

```
// \boldsymbol{c} is the pointer to the output vector
// \boldsymbol{a} is the pointer to the input matrix
/\!/ b is the pointer to the input vector
// n_a is the size of the column of the matrix a
// w_a is the leading dimension of the matrix a
// n_b is the size of the vector b
//\ block is the block of the output vector
// main\_loop_N is a function where N signifies the amount of the unrolling done
Function main\_loop_N (c, a, n_a, w_a, b, n_b, block):
   if n_b == 0 then
    | return;
    \mathbf{end}
   ai \leftarrow a
   bi \leftarrow b
   ci \leftarrow c
    #pragma omp for schedule(dynamic)
     for i \leftarrow 0 to n_a by block do
       aj \leftarrow ai + i
       bj \leftarrow bi
       cj \leftarrow ci + i
       ib \leftarrow min(block, na - i)
       for j \leftarrow 0 to n_b by 1 do
           ak \leftarrow a + j \times N \times wa
           bk \leftarrow bk + j \times N
           ck \leftarrow cj
           simd\_loop_N(ck, ak, bk, ib, w_a)
       end
   \quad \text{end} \quad
end
```

#### Algorithm 7: Matrix-Vector Product

```
Input: c, a, n_a, w_a, b, n_b, max\_threads
//\ c is the pointer to the output vector
// a and b are pointer to the matrix
//\ b are pointer to the vector
// n_a is the size of the column of the matrix a
// w_a is the leading dimension of the matrix a
// n_b is the size of the vector b
// max_threads is the user provided thread count
     omp\_set\_num\_threads(max\_threads)
     number\_el\_L_1 \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}} \rfloorhalf\_block \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{number\_el\_L_1}{2} \rfloor
     max\_size \leftarrow max(na, nb)
     small\_block \leftarrow 2^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} // Where 2^k is a power of two representation of number\_el\_L_1
    \begin{aligned} block_2 \leftarrow max(1, \frac{small\_size}{2^{\lfloor \frac{max\_size}{1024} \rfloor}}) \\ \textbf{if} \ n_a > number\_el\_L_1 \ \textbf{then} \end{aligned}
     | block_1 \leftarrow half\_block
     end
     else
     | block_1 \leftarrow small\_block
     end
     n_{rem} \leftarrow n_b - (block_2 \times \lfloor \frac{n_b}{block_2} \rfloor) // This equation gives the remainder
     #pragma omp parallel
          main\_loop_1(c, a, w_a, n_a, b, n_{rem}, block_1)
          at \leftarrow a + w_a \times n_{rem}
          bt \leftarrow b + n_{rem}
         main\_loop_{block_2}(c, at, w_a, n_a, bt, n_{iter}, block_1)
     end
end
```

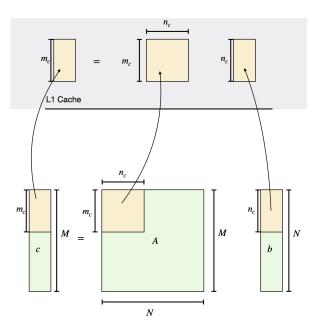
The Column-Major product is quite tricky and complicated if we cannot control the instruction set. The row elements are x strides away from each other and paralyse the cache predictor or cache locality. The cache predictor brings the cache line size elements from memory, which are place contiguously. Each element in the result vector is the product of the matrix's row vector and the whole vector.

For OpenMP to do its magic, we need to fill the  $L_1$  cache with the result vector block, block of the input vector's matrix and block. We divide the load through the threads, where each thread has its private cache, and they calculate a small block of the result vector without hindering the other vectors. The result vector calculation is done by dividing it into smaller chunk or block and handing over the block to each thread, which removes the dependency within the different blocks and eradicates the data races and synchronization. The loop which manages the block for the result vectors must be multithreaded, and each thread needs to fill the  $L_1$  cache with the output vector and a column vector of the matrix as large as it can so that the registers can fetch the blocks as fast as possible from the cache rather than fetching from memory, which adds an overhead to the performance. To fit the output vector, the matrix and the vector, we previously discussed fact and the 4.1 for the variable convention; we derive the following equation.

$$S_{L_1} = S_{data}(m_c n_c + m_c + n_c) (4.3)$$

For the small length of the result vector, which is less than the L1 cache size, to maximize the block in the L1 cache, the row block and column block must be identical,  $m_c = n_c$ , which makes the matrix a square matrix.

Figure 4.1: Matrix-Vector Block Diagram



Let  $m_c = n_c = B_{small}$ 

$$\begin{split} S_{L_1} &= S_{data}(m_c n_c + m_c + n_c) \\ S_{L_1} &= S_{data}(B_{small} \times B_{small} + B_{small} + B_{small}) \\ S_{L_1} &= S_{data}(B_{small}^2 + 2B_{small}) \end{split}$$

$$B_{small}^2 + 2B_{small} = \frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}} (4.4)$$

 $B_{small}^2$  is much larger than the  $2B_{small}$  in 4.4, so we can ignore the smaller term.

$$B_{small}^2 = \frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}}$$

We can represent  $\frac{S_{L_1}}{S_{data}}$  in form of power of two because we know both  $S_{L_1}$  and  $S_{data}$  are power of two. Therefore, the division must produce a power of two. Let the exponent of two be k, which gives us

$$B_{small}^2 = 2^k$$
 
$$B_{small} = 2^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} \tag{4.5}$$

The equation 4.5 is only valid if the length of the output vector is less than the  $L_1$  cache.

## 4.2.2 Row-Major

#### Algorithm 8: Matrix-Vector Product SIMD Function

```
// a is the pointer to the input matrix

// b is the pointer to the input vector

// n_b is the block of the output vector

Function simd\_loop\ (a,\ b,\ n_b):

sum \leftarrow 0

#pragma omp simd

for i \leftarrow 0 to n_b by 1 do

|sum \leftarrow sum + a[i] \times b[i]

end

return sum

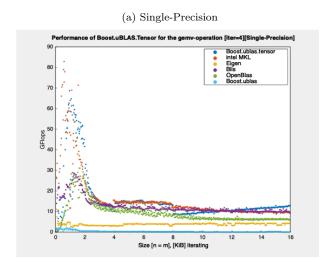
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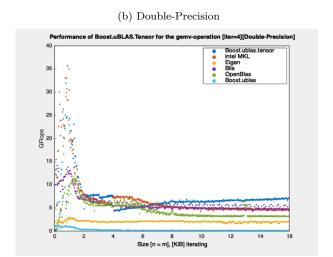
### Algorithm 9: Matrix-Vector Product

```
Input: c, a, n_a, w_a, b, n_b, max\_threads
/\!/ c is the pointer to the output vector
// a and b are pointer to the matrix
//\ b are pointer to the vector
// n_a is the size of the column of the matrix a
// w_a is the leading dimension of the matrix a
// n_b is the size of the vector b
// max_threads is the user provided thread count
begin
   omp\_set\_num\_threads(max\_threads)
   ai \leftarrow a
   bi \leftarrow b
   ci \leftarrow c
   #pragma omp parallel for schedule(static)
    for i \leftarrow 0 to n_a by 1 do
       aj \leftarrow ai + i * w_a
       bj \leftarrow bi
       cj \leftarrow ci + i
      cj \leftarrow simd\_loop(aj, bj, n_b)
   end
end
```

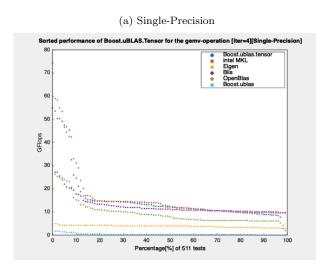
# 4.3 Performance Plots and Speedup Summary For Column-Major

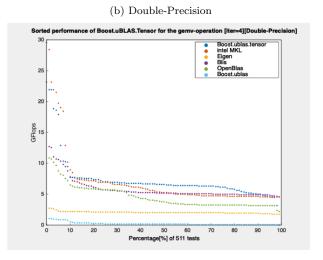
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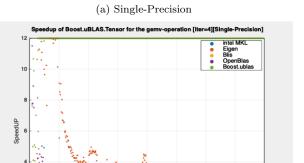


Sorted performance measurements of ?gemv implementations

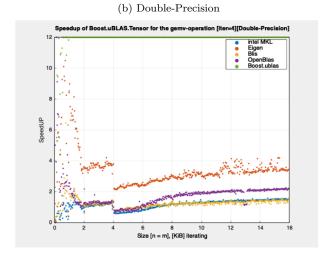




## Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS.Tensor ?gemv implementation

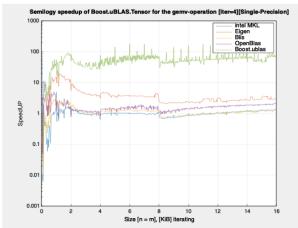


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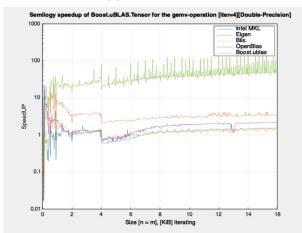


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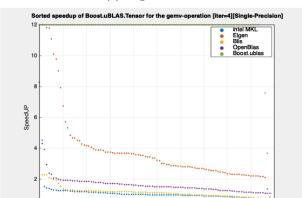


#### (b) Double-Precision



## Comparison of the Boost.uBLAS.Tensor ?gemv implementation [sorted]

#### (a) Single-Precision



#### (b) Double-Precision

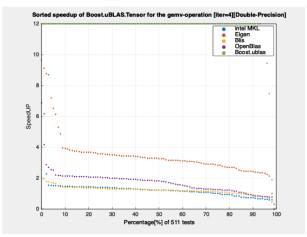


Table 4.1: Speedup Summary For Single-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speedup} \geq {f 2} \; [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	97	97
OpenBLAS	98	8
Eigen	97	96
Blis	65	5
Intel's MKL	52	1

Implementation	${f Speed-down} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	1	1
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	1	1
Blis	33	1
Intel's MKL	46	1

Table 4.2: Speedup Summary For Double-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	98	97
OpenBLAS	87	31
Eigen	98	97
Blis	82	0
Intel's MKL	75	2

Implementation	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq 1 \ [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	11	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	16	1
Intel's MKL	23	0

# 4.4 Performance Metrics For Column-Major

 $\mathbf{Range}[\mathbf{Start:}\ 32,\ \mathbf{End:}\ 16382,\ \mathbf{Step:}\ 32]$ 

Table 4.3: GFLOPS For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	68.657	15.4648
Boost.uBLAS	1.88885	0.36405
Intel's MKL	82.9976	16.2728
OpenBLAS	31.0462	9.46484
Blis	28.7954	12.5415
Eigen	11.2304	3.85244

Table 4.4: GFLOPS For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	35.6327	7.39512
Boost.uBLAS	1.19679	0.254521
Intel's MKL	34.9999	6.91274
OpenBLAS	12.4044	4.59443
Blis	14.1552	5.86746
Eigen	4.72151	2.07815

Table 4.5: Utilization [%] For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	11.6605	2.62649
Boost.uBLAS	0.320797	0.0618291
Intel's MKL	14.0961	2.76373
OpenBLAS	5.2728	1.60748
Blis	4.89052	2.13
Eigen	1.90734	0.654287

Table 4.6: Utilization [%] For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	12.1035	2.51193
Boost.uBLAS	0.406518	0.0864542
Intel's MKL	11.8886	2.34808
OpenBLAS	4.21346	1.56061
Blis	4.80814	1.99302
Eigen	1.60378	0.705893

Table 4.7: Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor) For Single-Precision

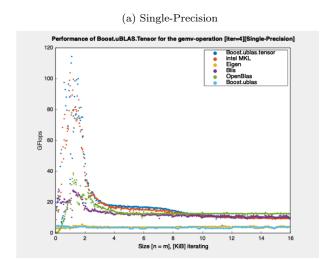
Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	36.3486	42.4797
Intel's MKL	0.827217	0.950343
OpenBLAS	2.21144	1.63392
Blis	2.38431	1.23309
Eigen	6.1135	4.01427

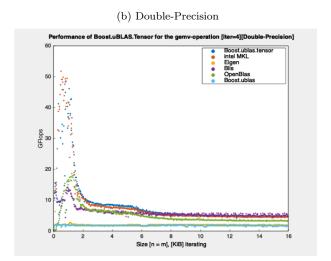
 ${\it Table~4.8:~Speedup (Boost.uBLAS.Tensor)~For~Double-Precision}$ 

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	29.7735	29.055
Intel's MKL	1.01808	1.06978
OpenBLAS	2.87258	1.60958
Blis	2.51729	1.26036
Eigen	7.54688	3.55852

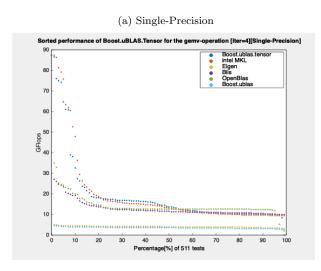
# 4.5 Performance Plots and Speedup Summary For Row-Major

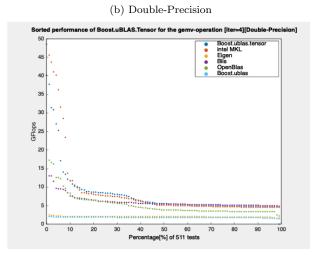
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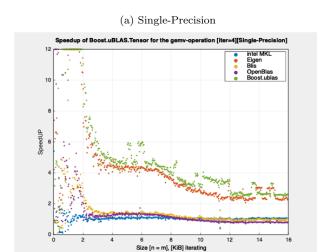


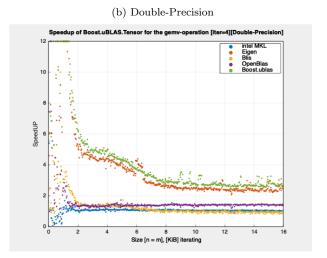
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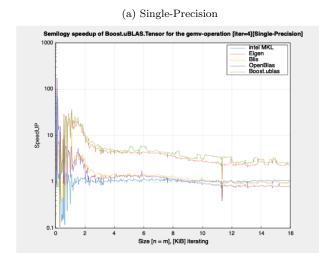


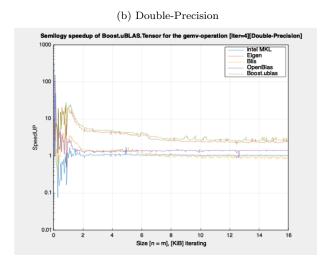
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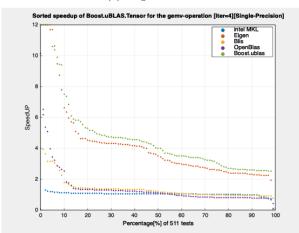




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#### (a) Single-Precision

#### (b) Double-Precision



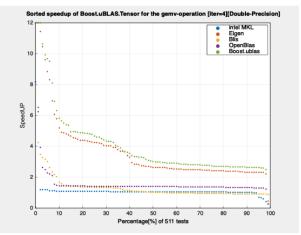


Table 4.9: Speedup Summary For Single-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	98	98
OpenBLAS	56	10
Eigen	98	97
Blis	73	9
Intel's MKL	88	1

Implementation	${f Speed-down} \geq 1 \; [\%]$	${f Speed-down \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	42	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	25	0
Intel's MKL	10	0

Table 4.10: Speedup Summary For Double-Precision

Implementation	${\bf Speedup} \geq 1  [\%]$	${f Speedup \geq 2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	98	98
OpenBLAS	98	7
Eigen	98	98
Blis	59	9
Intel's MKL	92	1

Implementation	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq 1 \ [\%]$	$\textbf{Speed-down} \geq \textbf{2}  [\%]$
Boost.uBLAS	0	0
OpenBLAS	0	0
Eigen	0	0
Blis	39	0
Intel's MKL	6	1

# 4.6 Performance Metrics For Row-Major

Range[Start: 32, End: 16382, Step: 32]

Table 4.11: GFLOPS For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	114.495	19.4496
Boost.uBLAS	4.86818	3.62716
Intel's MKL	103.86	19.2955
OpenBLAS	39.0813	14.0183
Blis	28.5224	12.8971
Eigen	8.70003	4.11144

Table 4.12: GFLOPS For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	48.6174	8.13646
Boost.uBLAS	2.19048	1.82291
Intel's MKL	51.6863	8.51818
OpenBLAS	18.6354	5.19158
Blis	14.9491	6.06728
Eigen	6.28753	2.04718

Table 4.13: Utilization [%] For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	19.4456	3.30327
Boost.uBLAS	0.826797	0.616026
Intel's MKL	17.6393	3.27708
OpenBLAS	6.63744	2.38082
Blis	4.84416	2.1904
Eigen	1.47759	0.698275

Table 4.14: Utilization [%] For Double-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS.Tensor	16.5141	2.76374
Boost.uBLAS	0.744048	0.619195
Intel's MKL	17.5565	2.89341
OpenBLAS	6.32996	1.76344
Blis	5.07782	2.0609
Eigen	2.13571	0.695374

Table 4.15: Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor) For Single-Precision

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	23.5192	5.36222
Intel's MKL	1.1024	1.00799
OpenBLAS	2.92968	1.38745
Blis	4.01423	1.50807
Eigen	13.1604	4.73061

 ${\bf Table~4.16:~Speedup(Boost.uBLAS.Tensor)~For~Double-Precision}$ 

Implementation	Max	Average
Boost.uBLAS	22.1949	4.46344
Intel's MKL	0.940624	0.955187
OpenBLAS	2.60887	1.56724
Blis	3.25219	1.34104
Eigen	7.73235	3.97447

# Chapter 5

# **Matrix-Matrix Product**

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