

Minutes of Honours Progress Meeting - 2013/08/30

1 Attendance

Present:

Benjamin Hugo
Heinrich Strauss
Prof. James Gain

Unavailable:

Brandon Talbot
Dr. Patrick Marais

(Prof. James Gain's Office, Building 18, UCT Upper Campus)
from 12h30 to 13h00

2 Agenda

Progress on Zero-Length Encoder (Heinrich)

- Still needs work. To be completed by the weekend.
- SSE/AVX(2) progress and GPU versions not started.
- (concern raised by Prof. Gain)

Progress on Predictive Encoder (Benjamin)

- Working, but insufficient performance.
- Tested on hex.uct.ac.za HPC cluster (ICTS) (still poor throughput)
- SSE/AVX(2) version in progress and GPU version not started.
- Current performance (parallel):
- Compression @~0.25GB/s, Decompression @~0.59GB/s
- Ratio: 0.9 - 0.91
- (tested on Core i5 [Sandy Bridge], 4-Cores)

Progress on Huffman Encoder (Brandon; via Benjamin)

- Working, but needs final optimisation for parallelisation.
- SSE/AVX(2) version in progress and GPU version not started.

3 Post Meeting Action Items

Action: Focus on implementation over write-up

Assigned To: Project Team

Deadline: Until implementations done.

Action: Heinrich must have a working parallel version by this weekend

Assigned To: Heinrich

Deadline: This weekend

4 Decisions Made

Predictive compression:

Prof. Gain recommends that the parallel prefix sum approach should be aborted. We will focus on a block-based approach from this point forward.

5 Further Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for 06 September 2013.