BEng Project Daybook

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- Search for essays about LU decomposition on DiscoverEd and IEEE.
- Write the mission statement.

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• Learn the basic grammar of C++.

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• Learn something about the memory allocation in C++.

Typically, all memory needs were determined before program execution by defining the variables needed. Therefore, it is not recommended to use dynamic array, although some compiler like gcc allows the dynamic array initialization.

In C, we usually use ==malloc== to allocate memory. However, in C++, ==new== and ==delete== are used.

```
int *a;
a = new int[10];
```

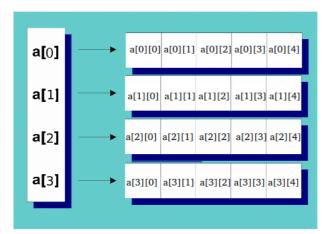
Dynamic 2D array

Although dynamic array is not allowed, C++11 allows the below initialization if the row length is a compile time constant.

```
auto arr2d = new int [nrows][CONSTANT];
```

If not, we can use the code below, which creates an array of pointers to arrays to allow 2D syntax like contiguous 2D arrays.

```
int** a = new int*[rowCount];
for(int i = 0; i < rowCount; ++i)
   a[i] = new int[colCount];</pre>
```



Although this method gives us the desired indexing syntax, it is doubly inefficient: big and slow both in space and time. It creates a dynamic array of pointers, then initializing each pointer to its own, independent dynamic array. Each "row" in the matrix is a separately allocated dynamic array. Making a heap allocation is expensive both in time and space. The allocator takes time to make the allocation, sometimes running O(n) algorithms to do it. And the allocator "pads" each of your row arrays with extra bytes for bookkeeping and alignment. That extra space costs...well...extra space. The deallocator will also take extra time when you go to deallocate the matrix, painstakingly free-ing up each individual row allocation.

The better solution is to allocate your whole matrix as a single dynamic array, then use (slightly) clever indexing math of your own to access cells.

```
class Matrix
{
```

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Time in C++

The chrono library, a flexible collection of types that track time with varying degrees of precision.

```
#include <chrono>
std::chrono::steady_clock::time_point begin = std::chrono::steady_clock::now();
std::chrono::steady_clock::time_point end = std::chrono::steady_clock::now();

std::cout << "Time difference = " << std::chrono::duration_cast<std::chrono::microseconds>(end - begin).count() << "
[µs]" << std::endl;
std::cout << "Time difference = " << std::chrono::duration_cast<std::chrono::nanoseconds> (end - begin).count() << "
[ns]" << std::endl;</pre>
```

Class std::chrono::steady_clock represents a monotonic clock. The time points of this clock cannot decrease as physical time moves forward and the time between ticks of this clock is constant. This clock is not related to wall clock time (for example, it can be time since last reboot), and is most suitable for measuring intervals.

Random Number

• Mersenne Twister 19937 generator A Mersenne Twister pseudo-random generator of 32-bit numbers with a state size of 19937 bits.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <random>
int main()
{
    int seed = 2021;

    std::random_device rd;
    std::mt19937 gen(seed);
    std::uniform_int_distribution<unsigned> distrib(1, 10);

    std::cout << distrib(gen);

    return 0;
}</pre>
```

oneAPI

Setup oneAPI in VSCode according to the official document.

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Subsystem for Windows -- WSL2

• Install wsl2 - ubuntu 20.04 LTS according to the official document.

```
sudo apt install build-essential cmake zliblg
```

• CUDA installation in ubuntu.

Install Clang in wsl2 according to the official document.

· XShell connect for wsl2

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
sudo apt autoremove --purge openssh-server -y && sudo apt install openssh-server -y
sudo vim /etc/ssh/sshd_config
# change port to 2222
sudo service ssh --full-restart
```

Then use Xshell to connect the Subsystem.

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If you want to move WSL2 Linux distro(Ubuntu) from C: drive D: below are the steps.

Export Ubuntu

```
mkdir D:\backup
wsl --export Ubuntu D:\backup\ubuntu.tar
```

Unregister the same distribution to remove it from the C: drive:

```
wsl --unregister Ubuntu
```

Import Ubuntu

```
mkdir D:\wsl
wsl --import Ubuntu D:\wsl\ D:\backup\ubuntu.tar
```

By default Ubuntu will use root as the default user, to switch back to previous user. Go to the Ubuntu App Folder run command to set default user.

```
cd %userprofile%\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps
ubuntu.exe config --default-user <username>
```

Modify the method of install clang in Ubuntu

The installation of clang from source code would cause some strange problem. It almost takes me about 100Gb space. In fact, ubuntu distribution provides the easy way to install clang through apt. The detail step can be found here.

```
wget -O - https://apt.llvm.org/llvm-snapshot.gpg.key|sudo apt-key add -
sudo add-apt-repository "deb http://apt.llvm.org/focal/ llvm-toolchain-focal-13 main"
sudo apt update
# LLVM
sudo apt-get install libllvm-13-ocaml-dev libllvm13 llvm-13 llvm-13-dev llvm-13-doc llvm-13-examples llvm-13-runtime
# Clang and co, the package python-clang-13 may be unavailable
sudo apt-get install clang-13 clang-tools-13 clang-13-doc libclang-common-13-dev libclang-13-dev libclang-13 clang-
format-13 python-clang-13 clangd-13
# libfuzzer
sudo apt-get install libfuzzer-13-dev
# lldb
sudo apt-get install 11db-13
# 11d (linker)
sudo apt-get install 11d-13
# libc++
sudo apt-get install libc++-13-dev libc++abi-13-dev
# OpenMP
sudo apt-get install libomp-13-dev
# libclc
sudo apt-get install libclc-13-dev
```

```
# libunwind sudo apt-get install libunwind-13-dev

sudo apt-get install liblvm-13-ocaml-dev liblvm13 llvm-13 llvm-13-dev llvm-13-doc llvm-13-examples llvm-13-runtime clang-13 clang-tools-13 clang-13-doc libclang-common-13-dev libclang-13-dev libclang-13 clang-format-13 clangd-13 libfuzzer-13-dev lldb-13 lld-13 libc++-13-dev libc++abi-13-dev libomp-13-dev libclc-13-dev libunwind-13-dev
```

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Basic use of clang

- Compile C The compilation of C language is performed by command clang-13.
- Compile C++ The compilation of C language is performed by command clang++-13.

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Today, I move the project to wsl and setup clang in Ubuntu.

Vector

The vector template class is similar to the string class in that it is a dynamic array. You can set the size of a vector object during runtime, and you can append new data to the end or insert new data in the middle. Basically, it's an alternative to using new to create a dynamic array. Actually, the vector class does use new and delete to manage memory, but it does so automatically.

```
#include <vector>
...
using namespace std;
vector<int> vi; // create a zero-size array of int
int n;
cin >> n;
vector<double> vd(n); // create an array of n doubles
```

Аггау

The vector class has more capabilities than the built-in array type, but this comes at a cost of slightly less efficiency. If all you need is a fixed-size array, it could be advantageous to use the built-in type. However, that has its own costs of lessened convenience and safety.

```
#include <array>
...
using namespace std;
array<int, 5> ai; // create array object of 5 ints
array<double, 4> ad = {1.2, 2.1, 3.43. 4.3};
```

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LU decomposition

In numerical analysis and linear algebra, lower–upper (LU) decomposition or factorization factors a matrix as the product of a lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix. The product sometimes includes a permutation matrix as well. LU decomposition can be viewed as the matrix form of Gaussian elimination. Computers usually solve square systems of linear equations using LU decomposition, and it is also a key step when inverting a matrix or computing the determinant of a matrix.

The basic procedure is shown in the figure below. We can calculate the coefficients according to the order of colour.

We can see from the figure that elements of the same color can be calculated parallelly. For example, $\frac{11} u_{12} u_{13}$ and $\frac{14}{s}$ can be obtained at the same time. After we obtain $\frac{11}{s}$, we can simultaneously get the value of the first column, that is to say $\frac{121} u_{13}$ and $\frac{14}{s}$.

The prerequisite of LU decomposition can be seen here.

• Create a 2D array

```
vector<vector<double>> matrix(SIZE, vector<double>(SIZE));
```

• Pass a 2D array to function

```
void LUdecomposition(vector<vector<double>> &a, vector<vector<double>> &l, vector<vector<double>> &u);
```

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• Read and write the basic LU decomposition code in C++ and time it, seen in here. This method is also called Doolittle decomposition.

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Explore some other methods to realize LU decomposition.

· Crout matrix decomposition

The Crout matrix decomposition algorithm differs slightly from the Doolittle method. Doolittle's method returns a unit lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix, while the Crout method returns a lower triangular matrix and a unit upper triangular matrix.

The code can be seen here.

· Tridiagonal matrix algorithm

In numerical linear algebra, the tridiagonal matrix algorithm, also known as the Thomas algorithm (named after Llewellyn Thomas), is a simplified form of Gaussian elimination that can be used to solve tridiagonal systems of equations. A tridiagonal system for n unknowns may be written as

 $a_{i}x_{i-1}+b_{i}x_{i}+c_{i}x_{i+1}=d_{i},$ where $a_1=0$ and $c_{n}=0$.

By Gaussian elimination, we only need to eliminate one elements per step. The procedure is shown below. $\ \end{cases} \$ beta_1=b_1,\quad y_1=d_1;\ l_i=\frac{a_i}{\beta_i-1},\quad y_i=d_i-l_iy_{i-1}\quad (i=2,3,\dots,n) \end{cases} \$ Then, we can obtain the following result. \$\\end{cases} \end{cases} \$ C_{1} & & 0 & y_1 & \beta_2 & C_{2} & & y_2 & \beta_3 & \beta_3 & \beta_4 & \beta_5 & \beta_6 & \beta_

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Pivot element

The pivot or pivot element is the element of a matrix, or an array, which is selected first by an algorithm (e.g. Gaussian elimination, simplex algorithm, etc.), to do certain calculations. In the case of matrix algorithms, a pivot entry is usually required to be at least distinct from zero, and often distant from it; in this case

finding this element is called pivoting. Pivoting may be followed by an interchange of rows or columns to bring the pivot to a fixed position and allow the algorithm to proceed successfully, and possibly to reduce round-off error. It is often used for verifying row echelon form.

Pivoting might be thought of as swapping or sorting rows or columns in a matrix, and thus it can be represented as multiplication by permutation matrices. However, algorithms rarely move the matrix elements because this would cost too much time; instead, they just keep track of the permutations.

Overall, pivoting adds more operations to the computational cost of an algorithm. These additional operations are sometimes necessary for the algorithm to work at all. Other times these additional operations are worthwhile because they add numerical stability to the final result.

- In the case of Gaussian elimination, the algorithm requires that pivot elements not be zero. Interchanging rows or columns in the case of a zero pivot element is necessary.
- In Gaussian elimination, it is generally desirable to choose a pivot element with large absolute value. This improves the numerical stability.

Implement LU decomposition with partial pivoting The strategy we use for swapping rows in step k is to find the largest element in column k below (and including) the diagonal — the so-called pivot element — and swap its row with row k. This process is referred to as partial (row) pivoting. Partial column pivoting and complete (row and column) pivoting are also possible, but not very popular.

During coding, I think it is not suitable to swap the rows as it will cost much memory to store and move the array. Therefore, I use the pointers to point to the certain row.

```
vector<double> *pivot[SIZE];
```

To sort the first column of the 2D array, I define the following template.

The complete code can be seen here.

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Eigen Library

Eigen is a C++ template library for linear algebra: matrices, vectors, numerical solvers, and related algorithms.

You can download Eigen from here.

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• Meeting Blas library, SIMD, Godbolt, addressSanitzer

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Call program in C++

The **popen()** function shall execute the command specified by the string command. It shall create a pipe between the calling program and the executed command, and shall return a pointer to a stream that can be used to either read from or write to the pipe.

FILE *popen(const char *command, const char *mode);

```
#include <string>
#include <iostream>
#include <array>
```

```
int main()
{
    std::string command("ls");
    std::array<char, 128> buffer;
    std::string result;
    std::cout << "Opening reading pipe" << std::endl;</pre>
    FILE* pipe = popen(command.c_str(), "r");
    if (!pipe)
        std::cerr << "Couldn't start command." << std::endl;</pre>
        return 0;
    while (fgets(buffer.data(), 128, pipe) != NULL) {
        std::cout << "Reading..." << std::endl;</pre>
        result += buffer.data();
    auto returnCode = pclose(pipe);
    std::cout << result << std::endl;</pre>
    std::cout << returnCode << std::endl;</pre>
    return 0:
}
```

To open the popen multiple times, just assign pipe=popen(command.c_str(), "r").

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regex in C++

A regular expression or regex is an expression containing a sequence of characters that define a particular search pattern that can be used in string searching algorithms, find or find/replace algorithms, etc. Regexes are also used for input validation. From C++11 onwards, C++ provides regex support by means of the standard library via the header.

• regex_match()

Returns whether the target sequence matches the regular expression rgx. The target sequence is either s or the character sequence between first and last, depending on the version used. See here as an example.

regex_search()

Returns whether some sub-sequence in the target sequence (the subject) matches the regular expression rgx (the pattern). The target sequence is either s or the character sequence between first and last, depending on the version used.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <regex>
#include<string.h>
using namespace std;
int main()
    //string to be searched
    string mystr = "She sells sea shells in the sea shore";
    // regex expression for pattern to be searched
    regex regexp("s[a-z]+");
    // flag type for determining the matching behavior (in this case on string objects)
    smatch m;
    // regex_search that searches pattern regexp in the string mystr
    regex_search(mystr, m, regexp);
    cout<<"String that matches the pattern:"<<endl;</pre>
    for (auto x : m)
       cout << x << " ";
    return 0;
```

Iterative search

The function regex_serach() stops after the first match is found. In order to find all the matches, we need to iterate the string.

```
string::const_iterator searchStart(str.cbegin());
```

See here as an example.

Implementation - Read stdout from popen and calculate average running time

Now we have obtain the stdout from popen, we can just use the regex to find the digits in the stdout. As it is of string type, we use function stoi() to change it to int type. Some similar functions are also available, which convert string to different types of data: stoi(),stol(),stol(),stol(),stod()

Here I use vector2D2.cpp as an example to calculate its average running time in nanoseconds. The code can be seen here.

Command line arguments in C++

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) { /* ... */ }
```

- argc (ARGument Count) is int and stores number of command-line arguments passed by the user including the name of the program. So if we pass a value to a program, value of argc would be 2 (one for argument and one for program name)
- The value of argc should be non negative.
- argy(ARGument Vector) is array of character pointers listing all the arguments.
- If argc is greater than zero, the array elements from argv[0] to argv[argc-1] will contain pointers to strings.
- argv[0] is the name of the program , After that till argv[argc-1] every element is command -line arguments.

See here and here as examples.

When pharsing the command arguments, we should pay attention to the string literal. We should not directly compare string literal like "abc" == str, else it would generate the warning warning: result of comparison against a string literal is unspecified (use an explicit string comparison function instead) [-Wstring-compare].

To convert string literal to basic string, we can use the following expression.

```
std::string{"--size"};
\\ Then we can compare two strings like this
 if (std::string{"--size"}.compare(argv[1]) == 0 \mid \mid std::string{"-t"}.compare(argv[1]) == 0) \\
    size = std::stoi(argv[2]);
```

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Modify sorting method

Before, I use the lambda function [&v](size_t i1, size_t i2) { return v[i1] > v[i2]; } to sort the 2D vector v. It is really a waste of resource as when pivoting, we only need to sort the elements in the first column. Therefore, I change the lambda function to

```
[&v](size_t i1, size_t i2) { return v[i1][0] > v[i2][0]
```

Improve pivoting method

Referring to the this picture, as we can see we that the pivoting only change the order of rows. Therefore, instead of using the confusing double pointers, we can just improve the index method in the function that processes the LU decomposition.

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Average Time

Run this file and use this python file to do the data analysis, we can get the following results.

Unit Upper Matrix

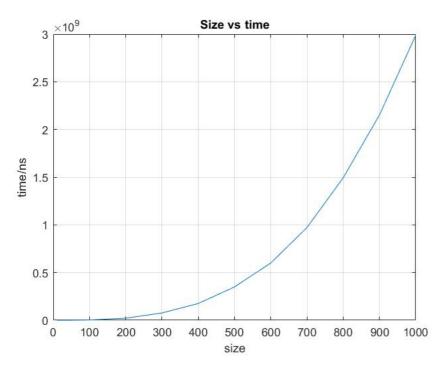
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• U	nit Lower Matrix	x									

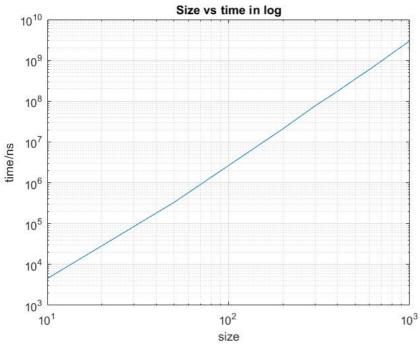
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1000	3113208100	2988923000	3269425400	3286484600	3148100500	2992652400	2055030200	202/08///00	3067201200	2082538000	- 3

We can see that generating the unit lower matrix takes only half of the time used to generating unit upper matrix.

Plotting size vs. time





Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800
Min/ns	4200	325400	2.6079e+06	2.02028e+07	7.02289e+07	1.69538e+08	3.37447e+08	5.87493e+08	9.45789e+08	1.4328e+09
Max/ns	5500	344700	2.7748e+06	2.20007e+07	9.23483e+07	1.87164e+08	3.80535e+08	6.29523e+08	1.01735e+09	1.58730e+09
Average/ns	4510	330980	2.64886e+06	2.11262e+07	7.65326e+07	1.75259e+08	3.49224e+08	5.99978e+08	9.72344e+08	1.49411e+09
Std	366.515	7136.88	48600.8	665218	6.52e+06	5.47941e+06	1.36531e+07	1.52711e+07	2.83089e+07	4.968e+07

The raw data can be seen here.

Complie this file and benchmark it.

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800
Min/ns	6900	351600	2.6485e+06	1.99546e+07	6.82955e+07	1.6605e+08	3.30141e+08	5.76617e+08	9.46854e+08	1.39773e+09
Max/ns	7400	433400	3.0041e+06	2.14507e+07	7.29326e+07	1.74053e+08	3.48167e+08	6.13007e+08	1.01966e+09	1.49614e+09
Average/ns	7050	367440	2.76871e+06	2.05085e+07	7.03571e+07	1.69232e+08	3.37246e+08	5.88005e+08	9.76316e+08	1.44798e+09
Std	190.029	24797.8	126962	564074	1.50051e+06	2.59775e+06	6.96796e+06	1.14664e+07	2.26643e+07	3.71105e+07

We can see from this table, for smaller matrix, direct calculation without pivoting takes shorter time. However, when the matrix becomes larger, applying pivoting seems to take shorter time.

Applying Pivoting with Optimiaztion

Code Generation Options -00, -01, -02, -03, -Ofast, -0s, -0g, -0, -04Specify which optimization level to use:

- -O0 Means "no optimization": this level compiles the fastest and generates the most debuggable code.
- -O1 Somewhere between -O0 and -O2.
- -O2 Moderate level of optimization which enables most optimizations.
- -O3 Like -O2, except that it enables optimizations that take longer to perform or that may generate larger code (in an attempt to make the program run faster).
- · -Ofast Enables all the optimizations from -O3 along with other aggressive optimizations that may violate strict compliance with language standards.
- -Os Like -O2 with extra optimizations to reduce code size.
- -Oz Like -Os (and thus -O2), but reduces code size further.
- -Og Like -O1. In future versions, this option might disable different optimizations in order to improve debuggability.
- -O Equivalent to -O1.
- -O4 and higher: Currently equivalent to -O3

Here, I just use -O1 -O2 and -O3 to compare their optimization performance, using the pivoting version.

-01

Generated program file size: 239,792 bytes.

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Min/ns	1600	35200	276300	2.5227e+06	9.1234e+06	2.13975e+07	4.25958e+07	7.32642e+07	1.17447e+08	1.76958e+08	2.53
Max/ns	11600	35800	405200	2.9081e+06	9.5569e+06	2.42021e+07	4.43788e+07	7.83985e+07	1.2809e+08	1.95221e+08	2.65
Average/ns	2710	35400	294150	2.72036e+06	9.26022e+06	2.25599e+07	4.37749e+07	7.58599e+07	1.21271e+08	1.83169e+08	2.59
Std	3124.26	176.383	39683.5	130428	128625	883427	632262	1.67641e+06	3.17307e+06	5.90221e+06	4.42

For -O1 optimization, although it is the lowest level optimization which may even be disabled in future versions, it still can have a huge improvement on the code running speed.

-02

Generated program file size: 246,592 bytes.

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Min/ns	1700	34000	263400	2.4344e+06	8.8094e+06	2.17311e+07	4.36713e+07	7.40188e+07	1.18953e+08	1.76504e+08	2.53
Max/ns	2300	48900	486300	2.7194e+06	9.2639e+06	2.56107e+07	5.50271e+07	8.57368e+07	1.37359e+08	1.82409e+08	2.6
Average/ns	1820	35550	286630	2.54913e+06	9.00811e+06	2.28296e+07	4.63671e+07	7.85138e+07	1.2542e+08	1.79779e+08	2.57
Std	175.119	4690.95	70158.5	96246.8	140801	1.46566e+06	3.58374e+06	4.01635e+06	7.2362e+06	2.14714e+06	3.08

 $For -O2\ optimization, we can see that it\ only\ improves\ a\ little\ bit\ compared\ with\ -O1\ optimiazation.$ For matrix of small size, it may even take longer time that -O1.

-O3

Generated program file size: 239,664 bytes.

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Min/ns	1700	35200	272300	2.4862e+06	9.1195e+06	2.26536e+07	4.41742e+07	7.38106e+07	1.18794e+08	1.79443e+08	2.5

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Max/ns	2000	45300	287100	2.9811e+06	9.898e+06	2.75894e+07	6.2371e+07	8.64118e+07	1.35811e+08	1.95474e+08	2.68
Average/ns	1820	36490	275000	2.65022e+06	9.46781e+06	2.44977e+07	4.76217e+07	7.84136e+07	1.25075e+08	1.85405e+08	2.64
Std	91.8937	3101.06	4470.89	173349	230121	1.65124e+06	5.68526e+06	3.63261e+06	5.61578e+06	4.75985e+06	3.1

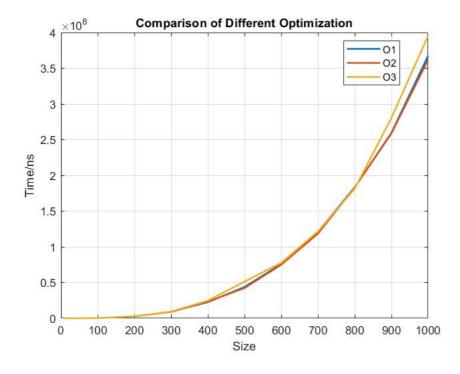
-O3 optimization does not actually optimizes the program better. On the contrary, it even takes longer time than -O2 optimization, or even -O1 optimization.

-Os

Generated program file size: 234,952 bytes.

	Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
	Min/ns	1600	33700	265200	2.4934e+06	8.5937e+06	2.13379e+07	4.16037e+07	7.26023e+07	1.16742e+08	1.75238e+08	2.5
	Max/ns	1700	33900	345600	2.6767e+06	9.5606e+06	2.49337e+07	4.62225e+07	7.69927e+07	1.30668e+08	1.82161e+08	2.70
	Average/ns	1630	33810	279760	2.56172e+06	8.91332e+06	2.29585e+07	4.41619e+07	7.52562e+07	1.21375e+08	1.78978e+08	2.57
-	Std	48.3046	73.7865	23717.4	61534.3	291454	1.24339e+06	1.4083e+06	1.47241e+06	4.50567e+06	2.14677e+06	5.24

The performance of -Os optimization is very similar to -O2 optimization. However, it reduces the size of the generated program by about 5kb.



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Compile with different standard

C++11

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Min/ns	1700	34800	270600	2.5062e+06	8.6776e+06	2.10601e+07	4.154e+07	7.46669e+07	1.17799e+08	1.80553e+08	2.51
Max/ns	2000	66700	351900	2.6425e+06	9.2882e+06	2.47463e+07	4.43749e+07	7.7746e+07	1.26106e+08	1.93509e+08	2.70
Average/ns	1790	38120	287350	2.56744e+06	9.01914e+06	2.24233e+07	4.32516e+07	7.63582e+07	1.20325e+08	1.83182e+08	2.60
Std	87.5595	10042.7	24365.8	42555.1	224584	1.21243e+06	965939	1.03681e+06	2.58775e+06	3.81194e+06	5.28

C++14

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	9
Min/ns	1700	34600	271600	2.5254e+06	8.668e+06	2.1762e+07	4.17012e+07	7.24273e+07	1.17847e+08	1.78933e+08	2.549
Max/ns	2000	34900	325600	2.7572e+06	9.5465e+06	2.59562e+07	4.4946e+07	7.86332e+07	1.29241e+08	2.02413e+08	2.721
Average/ns	1750	34770	285810	2.61206e+06	9.1346e+06	2.31099e+07	4.30997e+07	7.54767e+07	1.20593e+08	1.85676e+08	2.621
Std	97.1825	105.935	19387	70620.6	326047	1.47201e+06	1.26094e+06	2.14597e+06	3.40838e+06	6.79542e+06	6.966

C++17

Refer here

C++20

Size	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	
Min/ns	1600	33900	264800	2.3803e+06	8.8654e+06	2.08456e+07	4.14196e+07	7.35763e+07	1.16468e+08	1.76526e+08	2.53
Max/ns	1900	43800	328400	4.0596e+06	9.3003e+06	2.22409e+07	4.7719e+07	7.71021e+07	1.19692e+08	1.83057e+08	2.67
Average/ns	1710	34980	277150	2.63536e+06	8.99809e+06	2.13074e+07	4.33129e+07	7.50939e+07	1.1805e+08	1.79617e+08	2.60
Std	73.7865	3100.47	18870.7	502715	136289	393494	1.87443e+06	1.15114e+06	997693	2.16933e+06	4.42

We can see that the standard version of C++ has limited impact on the running speed.

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Prepare for the first presentation

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Cleaning up the code.

• Create the header file for all the files. Defined some functions

```
// Normal LU decomposition without pivoting
void LUdecomposition(std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &a, std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &1,
std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &u)

// LU decomposition with partial pivoting
void LUPivot(std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &a, std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &1,
std::vector<std::vector<double>>> &u)

// Index sort the first column of a 2D matrix
template <typename T>
std::vector<size_t> sort_indexes(const std::vector<std::vector<T>>> &v)
```

• Fix a problem with previous code.

In the file legthcolor: blue; In the file legthcolor: blue; when generating the random matrix, I constantly used the fixed seed, which may bring out much coincidence when measuring the average time. To fix it, I choose to randomly generating the seed as I have done before, by useing the command

```
int seed = std::time(0);
```

When I use the random seed, the average running time increases by about 20%.

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Change the pipe output method.

Set the output of the program that is called inside the master program to the text file using the output redirection.

- ">": overwrite the file.
- ">>": Append write to the previous file.

After changing the output method, the average time drop down again to what I have measured here before changing the seed. This is mainly because the program does not need to read the stdout from pipe anymore.

Looking for some library

- SuiteSpare
- Lapacke
- Eigen3

sudo apt install libsuitesparse-dev libmpfr-dev libmpfrc++-dev libsuperlu-dev

Try to create a class for matrix

- Create a class called Matrix in here.
- Overload the output stream for easy output.

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Looking for method to deploy sparse matrix

Found an example here

- HLS
- Datatype
- Circuit Matrix

Clean up the code again

- Create a data folder to store all the experiment data.
- Create a folder LU to store the header file for LU decomposition.
- Create folder **try** and **archive** to store some cpp files which are used to try some features of cpp.

Improve the measure method

Instead of compiling the source code to program, I choose to measure the time directly in program by calling the function. Therefore, I need to clear the vector when I change the size of the matrix. Using the code below:

```
matrix.clear();
1.clear();
u.clear();
matrix.resize(size, std::vector<double>(size));
1.resize(size, std::vector<double>(size));
u.resize(size, std::vector<double>(size));
```

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Vitis HLS

• Learn the basic use of HLS

vitis_hls Command

To use vitis_hls command, we should first open the Vitis HLS 2021.2 Command Prompt from the start window.

• add_files

Adds design source files to the current project.

```
add_files [OPTIONS] <src_files>
```

• cosim_design

Executes post-synthesis co-simulation of the synthesized RTL with the original C/C++-based test bench.

```
cosim_design [OPTIONS]
```

Options

- O: Enables optimized compilation of the C/C++ test bench and RTL wrapper. This increases compilation time, but results in better runtime
 performance.
- -argv: The is passed onto the main C/C++ function.
- csim_design

Compiles and runs pre-synthesis C/C++ simulation using the provided C/C++ test bench.

```
csim_design [OPTIONS]
```

Options

- -O: Enables optimized compilation of the C/C++ test bench. This increases compilation time, but results in better runtime performance.
- -argy: Specifies the argument list for the behavioral test bench. The is passed onto the main() C/C++ function of the test bench.
- · csynth_design

Synthesizes the Vitis HLS project for the active solution.

The command can be executed only in the context of an active solution. The elaborated design in the database is scheduled and mapped onto RTL, based on any constraints that are set.

csynth_design [OPTIONS]

Options

Vitis HLS Coding Styles

Unsupported C/C++ Constructs

While Vitis HLS supports a wide range of the C/C++ languages, some constructs are not synthesizable, or can result in errors further down the design flow. This section discusses areas in which coding changes must be made for the function to be synthesized and implemented in a device.

To be synthesized:

- The function must contain the entire functionality of the design.
- None of the functionality can be performed by system calls to the operating system.
- The C/C++ constructs must be of a fixed or bounded size.
- $\bullet\,$ The implementation of those constructs must be unambiguous.

System Calls

System calls cannot be synthesized because they are actions that relate to performing some task upon the operating system in which the C/C++ program is running.

Vitis HLS ignores commonly-used system calls that display only data and that have no impact on the execution of the algorithm, such as printf() and fprintf(stdout,). In general, calls to the system cannot be synthesized and should be removed from the function before synthesis. Other examples of such calls are getc(), time(), sleep(), all of which make calls to the operating system.

Dynamic Memory Usage

Any system calls that manage memory allocation within the system, for example, malloc(), alloc(), and free(), are using resources that exist in the memory of the operating system and are created and released during runtime. To be able to synthesize a hardware implementation the design must be fully self-contained, specifying all required resources.

Memory allocation system calls must be removed from the design code before synthesis. Because dynamic memory operations are used to define the functionality of the design, they must be transformed into equivalent bounded representations.

Pointer Limitations

- General Pointer Casting Vitis HLS does not support general pointer casting, but supports pointer casting between native C/C++ types.
- Pointer Arrays Vitis HLS supports pointer arrays for synthesis, provided that each pointer points to a scalar or an array of scalars. Arrays of pointers cannot
 point to additional pointers.
- Function Pointers Function pointers are not supported.

Standard Template Libraries

Many of the C++ Standard Template Libraries (STLs) contain function recursion and use dynamic memory allocation. For this reason, the STLs cannot be synthesized by Vitis HLS. The solution for STLs is to create a local function with identical functionality that does not feature recursion, dynamic memory allocation, or the dynamic creation and destruction of objects.

Data Types

Vitis HLS supports the synthesis of all standard C/C++ types, including exact-width integer types.

- (unsigned) char, (unsigned) short, (unsigned) int
- (unsigned) long, (unsigned) long long
- (unsigned) intN_t (where N is 8, 16, 32, and 64, as defined in stdint.h)
- float, double

Exact-width integers types are useful for ensuring designs are portable across all types of system.

C++ Classes and Templates

C++ classes are fully supported for synthesis with Vitis HLS. The top-level for synthesis must be a function. A class cannot be the top-level for synthesis. To synthesize a class member function, instantiate the class itself into function. Do not simply instantiate the top-level class into the testbench.

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Inverse matrix and LU decomposition

Actually, the inverse matrix can also be calculated from LU decomposition, and MATLAB also calculates the inverse matrix by LU decomposition. See here

Algorithms

inv performs an LU decomposition of the input matrix (or an LDL decomposition if the input matrix is Hermitian). It then uses the results to form a linear system whose solution is the matrix inverse inv(X). For sparse inputs, inv(X) creates a sparse identity matrix and uses backslash, $X \neq x$

To calculate the inverse matrix using LU decomposition, we can follow the procedure below.

 $\$ A=LU\Rightarrow A^{-1}=\left(LU \right) ^{-1}=U^{-1}L^{-1} \$\$

Therefore, we can first obtain the lower matrix *L* and upper matrix *U* first. Then find the inverse matrix of the two matrices respectively, \$L_{inv}\$ and \$U_{inv}\$. In this substitution, we let the right-hand vector to be all ones. That is to say:

 $$\ \end{aligned} \&L_{11}y_1&_=1\ \&L_{21}y_1+L_{22}y_2&_=1\ \&\piom\{L_{31}}\ \end{aligned} $$ L_{n1}y_1+L_{nn}y_n&_=1\ \end{aligned} $$$

Then apply forward substitution for L and back substitution for U to get the inverse matrix for them.

Forward substitution: $\frac{c_i}{\left(i,j\right)}=\left(i,j\right)}=\left(i,j\right)^{-1}{\left(i,j$

 $Backward substitution: $\hspace{1.9cm} U_{inv}\left(i,j \right)_{\left(i,j\right)^{-1}&\&,i=j\\ \&_{i,j}^{-1}&\&,i=j\\ \&_{i,j}^{-1}&\&,i=j\\ \&_{i,j}^{-1}&\&_{i$

Then multiply them together, we can get the inverse matrix.

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· Write some codes in HLS

```
#include <hls vector.h>
#include "ap_int.h"
typedef ap_uint<4> sizet;
const int SIZE = 5;
void LUdecomposition(hls::vector<hls::vector<double,SIZE>,SIZE> &a, hls::vector<hls::vector<double,SIZE>,SIZE> &1,
hls::vector<hls::vector<double,SIZE>,SIZE> &u)
    // Decomposing matrix into Upper and Lower
    // triangular matrix
    sizet n = SIZE;
    for (sizet i = 0; i < n; i++)
        // Upper Triangular
        for (sizet k = i; k < n; k++)
            // Summation of L(i, j) * U(j, k)
            double sum = 0;
            for (sizet j = 0; j < i; j++)
                sum += (l[i][j] * u[j][k]);
            // Evaluating U(i, k)
            u[i][k] = a[i][k] - sum;
        // Lower Triangular
        for (sizet k = i; k < n; k++)
            if (i == k)
                l[i][i] = 1; // Diagonal as 1
                // Summation of L(k, j) * U(j, i)
                double sum = 0;
                for (sizet j = 0; j < i; j++)
                    sum += (1[k][j] * u[j][i]);
                // Evaluating L(k, i)
                l[k][i] = (a[k][i] - sum) / u[i][i];
            }
        }
```

}

Here, I can only set the size of the matrix to be small. Otherwise, it will pop up an error: ERROR: [HLS 214-256] in function 'LUdecomposition(hls::vector<hls::vector<double, 10ul>, 10ul>&, hls::vector<double, 10ul>, 10ul>&, hls::vector<double, 10ul>, 10ul>&)': Unsupported aggregate pragma/directive on variable 'a' as the bit-width after aggregation (6400) is larger than 4096

Therfore, for size of 3, we have:

All Compared Solutions

solution1: xcvu11p-flga2577-1-e

Performance Estimates

Timing

Clock		solution1
ap_clk	Target	10.00 ns
	Estimated	7.170 ns

Latency

		solution1
Latency (cycles)	min	13
	max	13
Latency (absolute)	min	0.130 us
	max	0.130 us
Interval (cycles)	min	14
	max	14

Utilization Estimates

	solution1
BRAM_18K	0
DSP	11
FF	9639
LUT	70527
URAM	0

Resource Usage Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
SLICE	-
LUT	-
FF	-
DSP	-
SRL	-
BRAM	-

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Final Timing Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
CP required	-
CP achieved post-synthesis	-



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For size of 4, we have:

All Compared Solutions

solution1: xcvu11p-flga2577-1-e

Performance Estimates

Timing

Clock		solution1
ap_clk	Target	10.00 ns
	Estimated	7.158 ns

Latency

		solution1
Latency (cycles)	min	?
	max	?
Latency (absolute)	min	?
	max	?
Interval (cycles)	min	?
	max	?

Utilization Estimates

	solution1
BRAM_18K	0
DSP	11
FF	16981
LUT	80336
URAM	0

Resource Usage Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
SLICE	-
LUT	-
FF	-
DSP	-
SRL	-
BRAM	-
SRL	-

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Final Timing Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
CP required	-
CP achieved post-synthesis	-
CP achieved post-implementation	-

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For size of **5**, we have:

All Compared Solutions

solution1: xcvu11p-flga2577-1-e

Performance Estimates

• Timing

Clock		solution1
ap_clk	Target	10.00 ns
	Estimated	7.158 ns

Latency

		solution1
Latency (cycles)	min	21
	max	21
Latency (absolute)	min	0.210 us
	max	0.210 us
Interval (cycles)	min	22
	max	22

Utilization Estimates

	solution1
BRAM_18K	0
DSP	11
FF	23423
LUT	95015
URAM	0

Resource Usage Implementation

solution1
verilog
-
-
-
-
-
-

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Final Timing Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
CP required	-
CP achieved post-synthesis	-
CP achieved post-implementation	-

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For size of **6**, we have:

All Compared Solutions

solution1: xcvu11p-flga2577-1-e

Performance Estimates

Timing

Clock		solution1
ap_clk	Target	10.00 ns
	Estimated	7.158 ns

Latency

		solution1
Latency (cycles)	min	25
	max	25
Latency (absolute)	min	0.250 us
	max	0.250 us
Interval (cycles)	min	26
	max	26

Utilization Estimates

	solution1
BRAM_18K	0
DSP	11
FF	29286
LUT	103868
URAM	0

Resource Usage Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
SLICE	-
LUT	-
FF	-
DSP	-
SRL	-
BRAM	-

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Final Timing Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
CP required	-
CP achieved post-synthesis	-
CP achieved post-implementation	-

Need to run vivado synthesis/implementation to populate the real data for "-"

For size of **7**, we have:

All Compared Solutions

solution1: xcvu11p-flga2577-1-e

Performance Estimates

Timing

Clock		solution1
ap_clk	Target	10.00 ns
	Estimated	7.158 ns

Latency

		solution1
Latency (cycles)	min	29
	max	29
Latency (absolute)	min	0.290 us
	max	0.290 us
Interval (cycles)	min	30
	max	30

Utilization Estimates

	solution1
BRAM_18K	0
DSP	11
FF	40681
LUT	133850
URAM	0

Resource Usage Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
SLICE	-
LUT	-
FF	-
DSP	-
SRL	-
BRAM	-

Need to run vivado synthesis/implementation to populate the real data for "-"

Final Timing Implementation

	solution1
RTL	verilog
CP required	-
CP achieved post-synthesis	-
CP achieved post-implementation	-

Need to run vivado synthesis/implementation to populate the real data for "-"

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Pipeline Constraint Violation

- **Description** This message reports that the design is violating the user-specified constraint.
- Explanation The II violation message is issued when the tool cannot satisfy the user-specified hard constraint. II violation conceptually occurs because of the hardware dependencies generated by the HLS from user code when the function/loop is pipelined with II=1. These dependencies are the same as the processor dependencies as explained in this wiki.

These dependencies can be categorized into three sections:

1. **Memory dependencies** Memory dependencies arise when there is memory port contention. This contention only occurs if the loop is pipelined with II=1 and the number of access per loop iteration > 2. This limitation of memory ports is a hardware limit of a storage resource - BRAM/URAM.

- 2. **Data dependencies** A data dependence is a property of the program, where the current instruction uses the value produced by an earlier instruction. There are 3 main scenarios where these dependencies can arise.
 - The current loop iteration uses the value generated by an earlier loop iteration. and this value takes N cycles to be generated by the earlier iteration. This prevents the current iteration starting at the next cycle.

```
float a;
float b;
for(...)
{
    #pragma HLS pipeline II=1
    val *= a*b;
}
```

- The current loop iteration uses the value generated by an earlier loop iteration but in infrequent terms. and this value takes N cycles to be generated by the earlier iteration. This prevents the current iteration starting at the next cycle.
- The current loop iteration exit condition uses the value generated by an earlier loop iteration. and this value takes N cycles to be generated by the earlier iteration. This prevents the current iteration starting at the next cycle. The following code snippet shows the behavior.

```
float a;
float b;
for(...)
{
    #pragma HLS pipeline II=1
    if(val==3.69)
        break;
val *= a*b;
}
```

3. False dependencies

pragma HLS array partition

Description

Partitions an array into smaller arrays or individual elements and provides the following:

- Results in RTL with multiple small memories or multiple registers instead of one large memory.
- Effectively increases the amount of read and write ports for the storage.
- Potentially improves the throughput of the design.
- Requires more memory instances or registers.

Syntax

```
#pragma HLS array_partition variable=<name> type=<type> factor=<int> dim=<int>
```

- $\bullet \ \ variable = < \texttt{name} > : A \ required \ argument \ that \ specifies \ the \ array \ variable \ to \ be \ partitioned.$
- type=<type>: Optionally specifies the partition type. The default type is complete. The following types are supported:
 - cyclic. Cyclic partitioning creates smaller arrays by interleaving elements from the original array. The array is partitioned cyclically by putting one element into each new array before coming back to the first array to repeat the cycle until the array is fully partitioned. For example, if factor=3 is used:
 - Element 0 is assigned to the first new array
 - Element 1 is assigned to the second new array.
 - Element 2 is assigned to the third new array.
 - Element 3 is assigned to the first new array again.
 - block: Block partitioning creates smaller arrays from consecutive blocks of the original array. This effectively splits the array into N equal blocks, where N is the integer defined by the factor= argument.
 - complete: Complete partitioning decomposes the array into individual elements. For a one-dimensional array, this corresponds to resolving a memory
 into individual registers. This is the default <type>.
- factor=<int>: Specifies the number of smaller arrays that are to be created. For complete type partitioning, the factor is not specified. For block and cyclic partitioning, the factor= is required.
- dim=<int>: Specifies which dimension of a multi-dimensional array to partition. Specified as an integer from 0 to <N>, for an array with <N> dimensions:
 - o If a value of 0 is used, all dimensions of a multi-dimensional array are partitioned with the specified type and factor options.
 - Any non-zero value partitions only the specified dimension. For example, if a value 1 is used, only the first dimension is partitioned.

pragma HLS loop_tripcount

Description

When manually applied to a loop, specifies the total number of iterations performed by a loop.

The LOOP_TRIPCOUNT pragma or directive is for analysis only, and does not impact the results of synthesis.

The Vitis HLS tool reports the total latency of each loop, which is the number of clock cycles to execute all iterations of the loop. Therefore, the loop latency is a function of the number of loop iterations, or tripcount.

Syntax

```
#pragma HLS loop_tripcount min=<int> max=<int> avg=<int>
```

- max=<int>: Specifies the maximum number of loop iterations.
- min=<int>: Specifies the minimum number of loop iterations.
- avg=<int>: Specifies the average number of loop iterations.

Examples

In the following example, loop_1 in function foo is specified to have a minimum tripcount of 12, and a maximum tripcount of 16:

```
void foo (num_samples, ...) {
int i;
...
loop_1: for(i=0;i< num_samples;i++) {
    #pragma HLS loop_tripcount min=12 max=16
...
result = a + b;
}
}</pre>
```

pragma HLS unroll

You can unroll loops to create multiple independent operations rather than a single collection of operations. The UNROLL pragma transforms loops by creating multiples copies of the loop body in the RTL design, which allows some or all loop iterations to occur in parallel.

Loops in the C/C++ functions are kept rolled by default. When loops are rolled, synthesis creates the logic for one iteration of the loop, and the RTL design executes this logic for each iteration of the loop in sequence. A loop is executed for the number of iterations specified by the loop induction variable. The number of iterations might also be impacted by logic inside the loop body (for example, *break* conditions or modifications to a loop exit variable). Using the UNROLL pragma you can unroll loops to increase data access and throughput.

The UNROLL pragma allows the loop to be fully or partially unrolled. Fully unrolling the loop creates a copy of the loop body in the RTL for each loop iteration, so the entire loop can be run concurrently. Partially unrolling a loop lets you specify a factor N, to create N copies of the loop body and reduce the loop iterations accordingly.

To unroll a loop completely, the loop bounds must be known at compile time. This is not required for partial unrolling.

Loop unrolling by a factor of 2 effectively transforms the code to look like the following code where the break construct is used to ensure the functionality remains the same, and the loop exits at the appropriate point.

```
for(int i = 0; i < X; i++) {
   pragma HLS unroll factor=2
   a[i] = b[i] + c[i];
}</pre>
```

\$\$ \Downarrow \$\$

```
for(int i = 0; i < X; i += 2) {
    a[i] = b[i] + c[i];
    if (i+1 >= X) break;
    a[i+1] = b[i+1] + c[i+1];
}
```

Syntax

```
#pragma HLS unroll factor=<N> region skip_exit_check
```

• factor=<N>: Specifies a non-zero integer indicating that partial unrolling is requested. The loop body is repeated the specified number of times, and the iteration information is adjusted accordingly. If factor= is not specified, the loop is fully unrolled.

- skip_exit_check: Optional keyword that applies only if partial unrolling is specified with factor=. The elimination of the exit check is dependent on whether the loop iteration count is known or unknown:
 - Fixed bounds

No exit condition check is performed if the iteration count is a multiple of the factor. If the iteration count is not an integer multiple of the factor, the tool:

- Prevents unrolling.
- Issues a warning that the exit check must be performed to proceed.
- Variable bounds

The exit condition check is removed. You must ensure that: - The variable bounds is an integer multiple of the factor. - No exit check is in fact required.

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Install Vitis in Ubuntu

Installation

```
sudo ./Xilinx_Unified_2021.2_1021_0703_Lin64.bin
```

Problem

Stuck at "Generating installed device list" at the final processing. In order to solve this, I follow the instruction here, installing the following packages at restart the installation.

```
sudo apt install python3-pip libtinfo5 libncurses5 libstdc++6:i386 libgtk2.0-0:i386 dpkg-dev:i386 opencl-headers
```

Updated Solution

After finishing installation, I find that Xilinx will provide a setup bash file installLibs.sh for Vitis. That bash file would install some necessary library packages for Vitis. I copied that in case that I would reinstall it some day.

```
### AIE Tools prerequisite libraries
apt-get update | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y libc6-dev-i386 net-tools | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y graphviz | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y make | tee -a $logFile
### Vitis Tools prerequisite libraries
apt-get install -y unzip | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y g++ | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y libtinfo5 | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y xvfb | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y git | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y libncursesw5 | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y libncursesw5 | tee -a $logFile
apt-get install -y libc6-dev-i386 | tee -a $logFile
```

• Download XRT for Embedded Platforms

Can be found here

I downloaded the ZCU104 Base 2021.2 ZCU104 Base 2021.2(ZIP - 47.29 MB).

For the common images, I selected the ZYNQMP common image (TAR/GZIP - 1.56 GB).

The 'common image' packages contain a prebuilt Linux kernel and root file system.

After downloading the common images, unzip the file and run the bash file sdk.sh inside it.

```
sudo ./sdk.sh
```

Updated Solution Download the xrt library from here and install all of them with

```
sudo dpkg -i ./*.deb
```

• Vitis Documentation

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KLU

KLU stands for Clark Kent LU, since it is based on Gilbert-Peierls' algorithm, a non-supernodal algorithm, which is the predecessor to SuperLU, a supernodal algorithm. KLU is a sparse high performance linear solver that employs hybrid ordering mechanisms and elegant factorization and solve algorithms. It achieves high quality fill-in rate and beats many existing solvers in run time, when used for matrices arising in circuit simulation.

SparseLU

Dense matrices are typically represented by a two dimensional array. The zeros of a sparse matrix should not be stored if we want to save memory. This fact makes a two dimensional array unsuitable for representing sparse matrices. Sparse matrices are represented with a different kind of data structure. They can be represented in two different data structures: **column compressed form** or **row compressed form**.

• A column compressed form consists of three vectors Ap, Ai and Ax. Ap consists of column pointers. It is of length \$n+1\$. The start of column k of the input matrix is given by Ap[k]. Ai consists of row indices of the elements. This is a zero based data structure with row indices in the interval [0,n). Ax consists of the actual numerical values of the elements.

Thus the elements of a column k of the matrix are held in Ax [Ap [k]...Ap [k+1]). The corresponding row indices are held in Ai [Ap [k]...Ap[k+1]).

A row compressed format stores a row pointer vector Ap, a column indices vector Ai and a value vector Ax. For example, the matrix \$\$ \left[\begin{matrix} 5& 0& 0\ 4& 2& 0\ 3& 1& 8\ \end{matrix} \right] \$\$ when represented in column compressed format will be:

```
Ap: 0 3 5 6
Ai: 0 1 2 1 2 2
Ax: 5 4 3 2 1 8
```

and for row compressed format, it will be

```
Ap: 0 1 3 6
Ai: 0 0 1 0 1 2
Ax: 5 4 2 3 1 8
```

Gilbert-Peierls' Algorithm

Symbolic Analysis

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Vitis Tutorial

Building and Running on a Data-Center Platform (U200)

• Setting up the environment\

```
source /tools/Xilinx/Vitis/2021.2/settings64.sh
source /opt/xilinx/xrt/setup.sh
export PLATFORM_REPO_PATHS=/opt/xilinx/platforms/xilinx_u200_gen3x16_xdma_1_202110_1
export VITIS_LIBS=/home/ethan/Vitis_Libraries
```

Targeting Software Emulation

• To build for software emulation, enter the following commands:

```
cd <Path to the cloned repo>/Getting_Started/Vitis/example/u200/sw_emu

g++ -Wall -g -std=c++11 ../../src/host.cpp -o app.exe -I${XILINX_XRT}/include/ -L${XILINX_XRT}/lib/ -lOpenCL -lpthread
-lrt -lstdc++
emconfigutil --platform xilinx_u200_gen3x16_xdma_1_202110_1 --nd 1
v++ -c -t sw_emu --config ../../src/u200.cfg -k vadd -I../../src ../../src/vadd.cpp -o vadd.xo
v++ -l -t sw_emu --config ../../src/u200.cfg ./vadd.xo -o vadd.xclbin
```

• Building for software emulation is quick and shouldn't take more than a minute or two. After the build process completes, you can launch the software emulation run as follows:

```
export XCL_EMULATION_MODE=sw_emu
./app.exe
```

Targeting Hardware Emulation

• To build for hardware emulation, enter the following commands:

```
cd ../hw_emu
g++ -Wall -g -std=c++l1 ../../src/host.cpp -o app.exe -I${XILINX_XRT}/include/ -L${XILINX_XRT}/lib/ -lOpenCL -lpthread
-lrt -lstdc++
emconfigutil --platform xilinx_u200_gen3x16_xdma_1_202110_1 --nd 1
v++ -c -t hw_emu --config ../../src/u200.cfg -k vadd -I../../src ../../src/vadd.cpp -o vadd.xo
v++ -l -t hw_emu --config ../../src/u200.cfg ./vadd.xo -o vadd.xclbin
```

• Building for hardware emulation takes about 5 or 6 minutes. After the build process completes, you can launch the hardware emulation run as follows.

```
export XCL_EMULATION_MODE=hw_emu
./app.exe
```

Targeting Hardware

• To build for the hardware, enter the following commands:

```
cd ../hw

g++ -Wall -g -std=c++l1 ../../src/host.cpp -o app.exe -I${XILINX_XRT}/include/ -L${XILINX_XRT}/lib/ -lOpenCL -lpthread
-lrt -lstdc++
v++ -c -t hw --config ../../src/u200.cfg -k vadd -I../../src ../../src/vadd.cpp -o vadd.xo
v++ -l -t hw --config ../../src/u200.cfg ./vadd.xo -o vadd.xclbin
```

Opening the Run Summary with Vitis Analyzer

• Run the following command from the run directory containing the results you want to analyze:

```
vitis_analyzer ./xrt.run_summary
```

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SuiteSpare

Complie & Install KLU

Go to the root directory of SuiteSpare and run

```
make
make install INSTALL=<PATH>
```

Or if we only want to install part of it, go to the specific directory and install it. For example, if we want to only install KLU:

```
cd KLU
make
make install INSTALL=<PATH>
```

As KLU has the dependencies: AMD, COLAMD, BTF, and SuiteSparse_config we also need to make install them.

Basic use of KLU

KLU Common object

The klu common object (klu_l_common for the SuiteSparse_long version) contains user-definable parameters and statistics returned from KLU functions. This object appears in every KLU function as the last parameter.

• KLU Symbolic object

KLU performs its sparse LU factorization in two steps. The first is purely symbolic, and does not depend on the numerical values. This analysis returns a *klu_symbolic* object (*klu_l_symbolic* in the SuiteSparse long version). The Symbolic object contains a pre-ordering which combines the block triangular form with the fill-reducing ordering, and an estimate of the number of nonzeros in the factors of each block. Its size is thus modest, only proportional to **n**, the dimension of **A**. It can be reused multiple times for the factorization of a sequence of matrices with identical nonzero pattern.

Note: a nonzero in this sense is an entry present in the data structure of A; such entries may in fact be numerically zero.

KLU Numeric object

The Numeric object contains the numeric sparse LU actorization, including the final pivot permutations. To solve a linear system, both the **Symbolic** and **Numeric** objects are required.

· klu defaults: set default parameters

This function sets the default parameters for KLU and clears the statistics. It may be used for either the real or complex cases. A value of 0 is returned if an error occurs, 1 otherwise. This function must be called before any other KLU function can be called.

```
#include "klu.h"
int ok;
klu_common Common;
ok = klu_defaults (&Common);
```

· klu analyze: order and analyze a matrix

The following usage returns a *Symbolic* object that contains the fill-reducing ordering needed to factorize the matrix **A**. A **NULL** pointer is returned if a failure occurs. The error status for this function, and all others, is returned in *Common.status*. These functions may be used for both real and complex cases. The **AMD** ordering is used if *Common.ordering* = 0, **COLAMD** is used if it is 1, the natural ordering is used if it is 2, and the user-provided *Common.user_ordering* is used if it is 3.

```
#include "klu.h"
int n, Ap [n+1], Ai [nz];
klu_symbolic *Symbolic;
klu_common Common;
Symbolic = klu_analyze (n, Ap, Ai, &Common);
```

klu analyze given: order and analyze a matrix

In this routine, the fill-reducing ordering is rovided by the user (Common.ordering is ignored). Instead, the row permutation **P** and column ermutation **Q** are used. These are integer arrays of size n. If NULL, a natural ordering is used (so to provide just a column ordering, pass **Q** as non-**NULL** and **P** as **NULL**). A **NULL** pointer is returned if an error occurs. These functions may be used for both real and complex cases.

• klu_factor: numerical factorization

The *klu_factor* function factorizes a matrix, using a sparse left-looking method with threshold partial pivoting. The inputs **Ap** and **Ai** must be unchanged from the previous call to *klu_analyze* that created the Symbolic object. A **NULL** pointer is returned if an error occurs.

```
#include "klu.h"
int Ap [n+1], Ai [nz];
double Ax [nz], Az [2*nz];
klu_symbolic *Symbolic;
klu_numeric *Numeric;
klu_common Common;
Numeric = klu_factor (Ap, Ai, Ax, Symbolic, &Common); /* real */
Numeric = klu_z_factor (Ap, Ai, Az, Symbolic, &Common); /* complex */
```

· klu solve: solve a linear system

Solves the linear system $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, using the Symbolic and Numeric objects. The right-hand side B is overwritten with the solution on output. The array \mathbf{B} is stored in column major order, with a leading dimension of \mathbf{ldim} , and \mathbf{nrhs} columns. Thus, the real entry bij is stored in B[i+j]dim], where I if successful, 0 if an error occurs.

```
#include "klu.h"
int ldim, nrhs, ok;
double B [ldim*nrhs], Bz [2*ldim*nrhs];
klu_symbolic *Symbolic;
klu_numeric *Numeric;
klu_common Common;
ok = klu_solve (Symbolic, Numeric, ldim, nrhs, B, &Common); /* real */
ok = klu_z_solve (Symbolic, Numeric, ldim, nrhs, Bz, &Common); /* complex */
```

· klu extract: extract the LU factorization

This function extracts the LU factorization into a set of data structures suitable for passing back to MATLAB, with matrices in conventional compressed-column form. The *klu_sort* function should be called first if the row indices should be returned sorted. The factorization is returned in caller-provided arrays; if any of them are NULL, that part of the factorization is not extracted (this is not an error). Returns 1 if successful, 0 otherwise.

The sizes of Li, Lx, and Lz are Numeric->lnz, Ui, Ux, and Uz are of size Numeric->unz, and Fi, Fx, and Fz are of size Numeric->nzoff.

This function is not required to solve a linear system with KLU. KLU does not itself make use of the extracted LU factorization returned by this function.

```
#include "klu.h"
int ok, Lp [n+1], Li [lnz], Up [n+1], Ui [unz], Fp [n+1], Fi [nzoff], P [n], Q [n], R [n];
double Lx [lnz], Lz [lnz], Ux [unz], Uz [unz], Fx [nzoff], Fz [nzoff], Rs [n];
klu_symbolic *Symbolic;
klu_numeric *Numeric;
klu_common Common;
ok = klu_extract (Numeric, Symbolic,
Lp, Li, Lx, Up, Ui, Ux, Fp, Fi, Fx, P, Q, Rs, R, &Common); /* real */
ok = klu_z_extract (Numeric, Symbolic,
Lp, Li, Lx, Lz, Up, Ui, Ux, Uz, Fp, Fi, Fx, Fz, P, Q, Rs, R, &Common); /* complex */
```

Some examples of KLU

Solve equation
 See code here.

Run make klu simple to complie.

Import sparse matrix and solve
 See code here

Run make klu solve to complie.

• Extract LU decomposition

See code here

Run make klu extract to compile.

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MatrixMarket

```
[1]R. Boisvert, R. Pozo, and K. Remington, "The Matrix Market Exchange Formats: Initial Design," Mar. 1997, Available: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/2630533_The_Matrix_Market_Exchange_Formats_Initial_Design
```

Matrix Market Exchange Formats

Coordinate Format

A file format suitable for representing general sparse matrices. Only nonzero entries are provided, and the coordinates of each nonzero entry is given explicitly. This is illustrated in the example below.

Array Format

A file format suitable for representing general dense matrices. All entries are provided in a pre-defined (column-oriented) order.

MM coordinate format is suitable for representing sparse matrices. Only nonzero entries need be encoded, and the coordinates of each are given explicitly. This is illustrated in the following example of a real 5x5 general sparse matrix.

\$\$ \left[\begin{matrix} 1& 0& 0& 0& 0 \ 0& 10.5& 0& 0& 0\ 0& 0& 00.015& 0& 0\ 0& 250.5& 0& -280& 33.32\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 12\end{matrix}\right]\$\$

In MM coordinate format this could be represented as follows. %%MatrixMarket matrix coordinate real general

```
\mbox{\ensuremath{\$}} This ASCII file represents a sparse MxN matrix with L
% nonzeros in the following Matrix Market format:
% |%%MatrixMarket matrix coordinate real general | <--- header line
% |% comments
                                                      |-- 0 or more comment lines
용 | 용
                                                  | <--+
                                                  | <--- rows, columns, entries
                                                  | <--+
      I1 J1 A(I1, J1)
용 |
    I2 J2 A(I2, J2)
      I3 J3 A(I3, J3)
                                                       |-- L lines
용 |
                                                  | <--+
    IL JL A(IL, JL)
```

ANSI C library for Matrix Market I/O

Reading a Matrix Market file can be broken into three basic steps:

```
1. use mm_read_banner() to process the 1st line of file and identify the matrix type
```

- 2. use a type-specific function, such as mm_read_mtx_crd_size() to skip the optional comments and process the matrix size information
- 3. use a variant of scanf () to read the numerical data, one matrix entry per line

Saving a matrix from an internal data structure to a Matrix Market file is a similar process:

```
1. use mm_write_banner() to create the 1st line of the Matrix Market file
```

- 2. (optional) add '%' delimited comments
- 3. use a type-specific function, such as $\texttt{mm_write_mtx_crd_size} \ () \ \ \text{to record the matrix size information}$
- 4. use a variant of printf() to write the numerical data, one matrix entry per line

Library:

- mmio.h
- mmio.c

MatrixMarket I/O Functions for Matlab

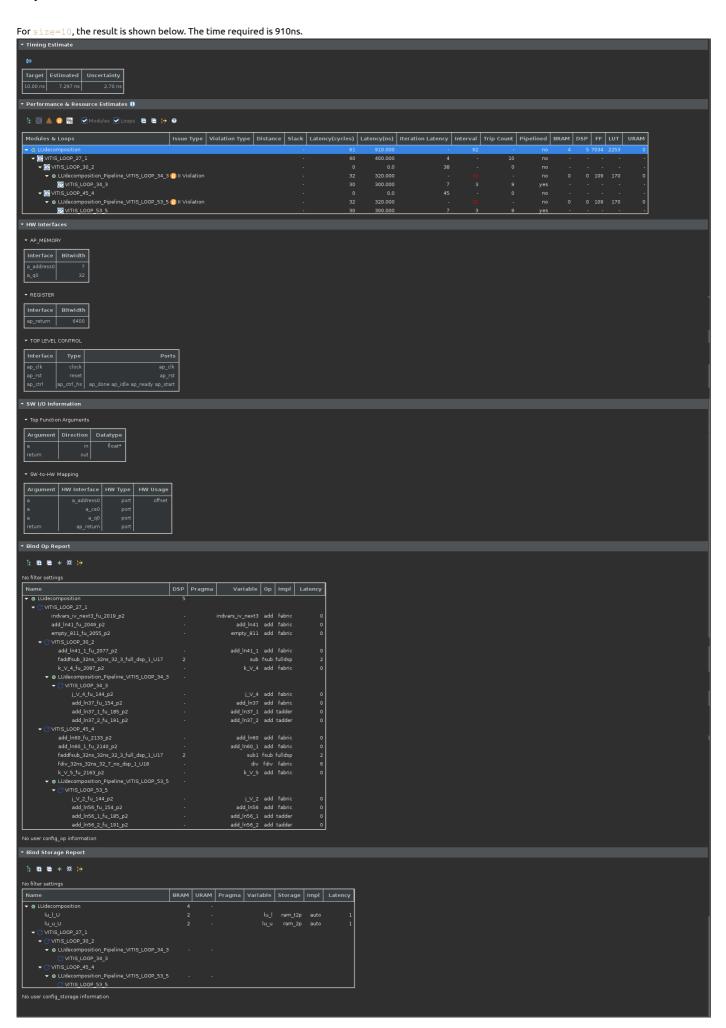
Matrix Market provides Matlab® M-files for three basic Matrix Market file I/O functions: mminfo, mmread, and mmwrite.

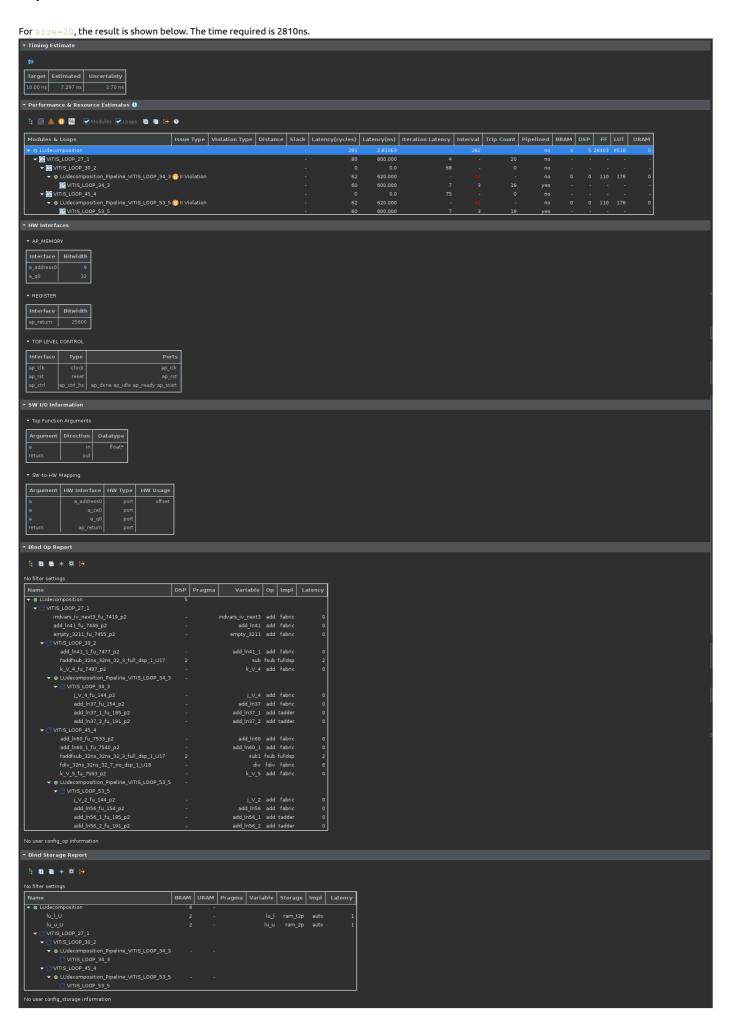
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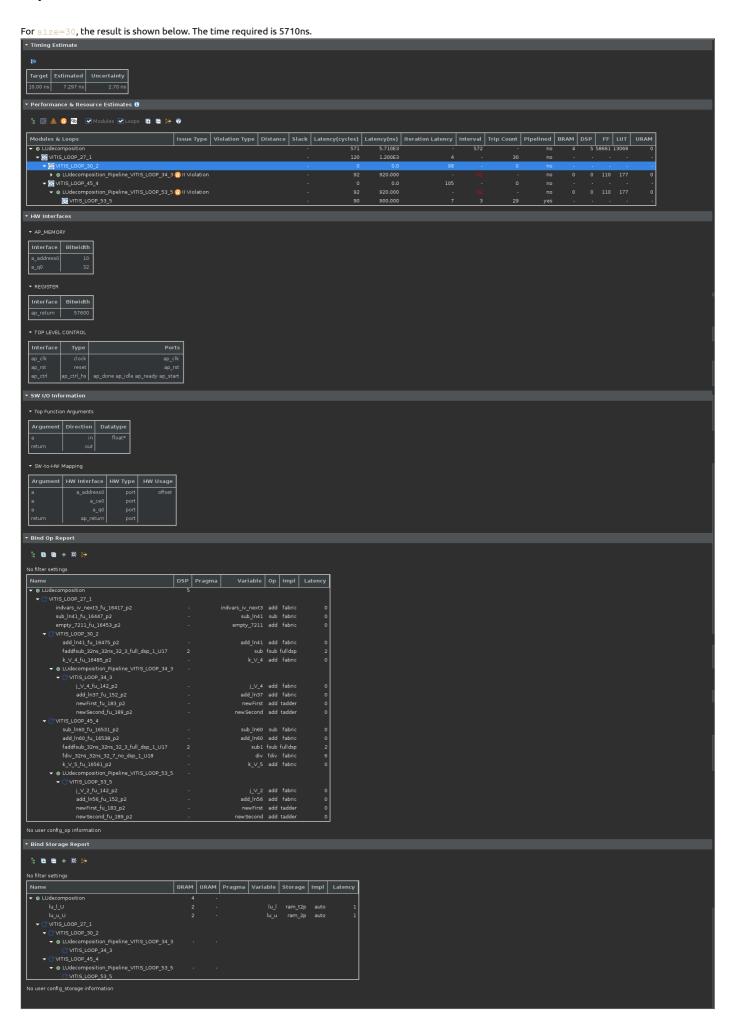
Update HLS file

To return LU result, the struct is needed

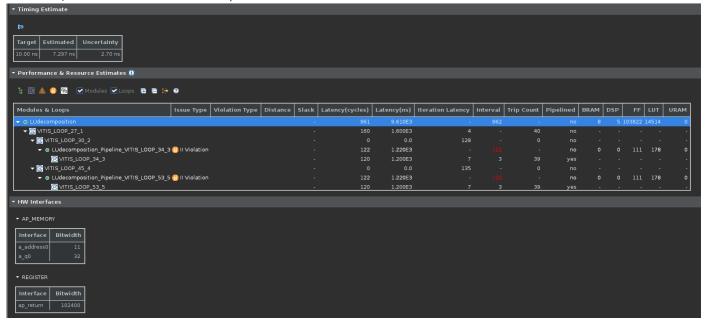
```
typedef struct{
  float 1[SIZE][SIZE];
  float u[SIZE][SIZE];
} matrix_lu;
```



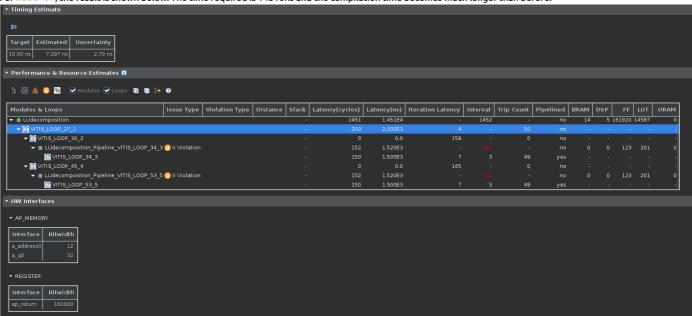




For size=40, the result is shown below. The time required is 9610ns.



For size=50, the result is shown below. The time required is 14510ns and the compilation time becomes much longer than before.

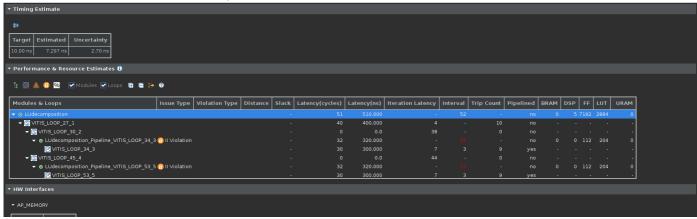


Array Partition

```
#pragma HLS ARRAY_PARTITION variable=lu.l factor=5 type=block
#pragma HLS ARRAY_PARTITION variable=lu.u factor=5 type=block
```

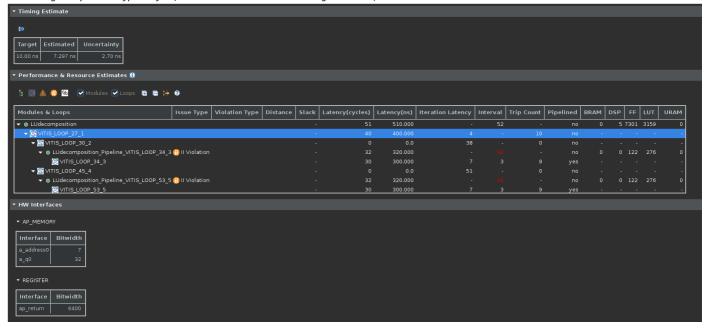
This command partitions the two elements of size 10 of the return structure variable 1u into 5 subarrays with block partitions.

For size=10, the result is shown below. The time required is 510ns.

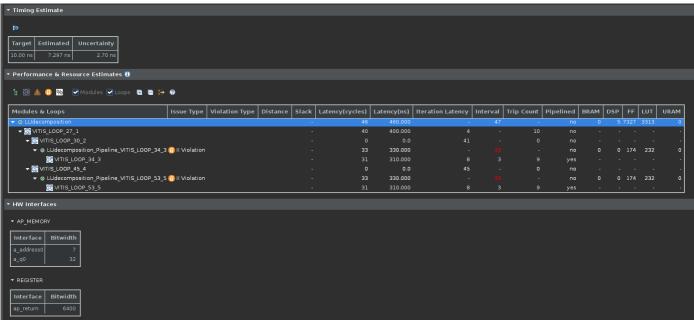




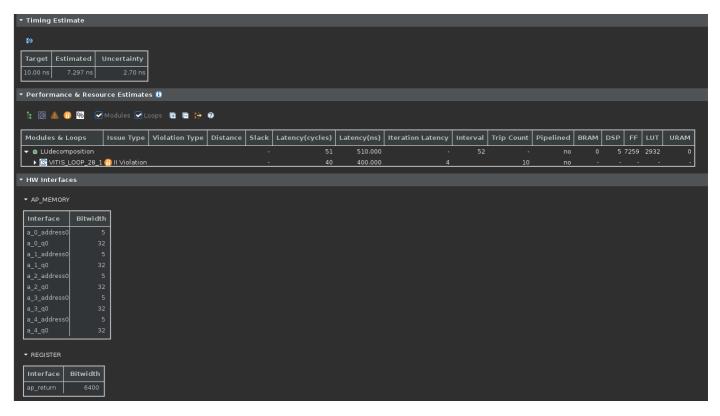
If we change the partition type to cyclic, the estimated time does not change. However, it will use more resources than block method.



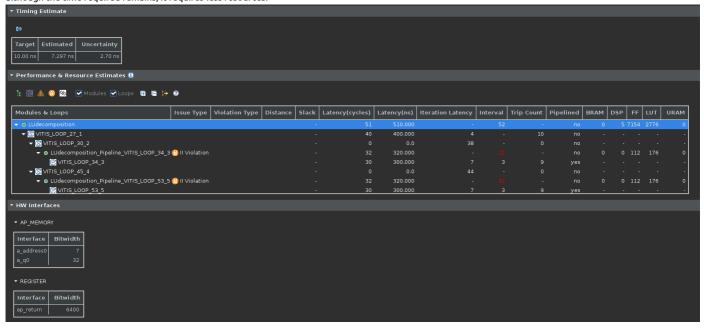
Now we switch back to block method and change the factor to 10. The result is shown below. We can see that the time required decrease and the resources usage increases a little bit.



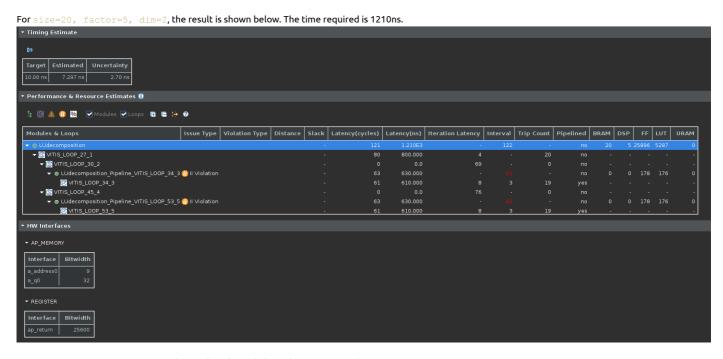
Change the factor back to 5 and let the input array a be partitioned as well, we can get the following result. The time needed remains unchanged but more resources are required.



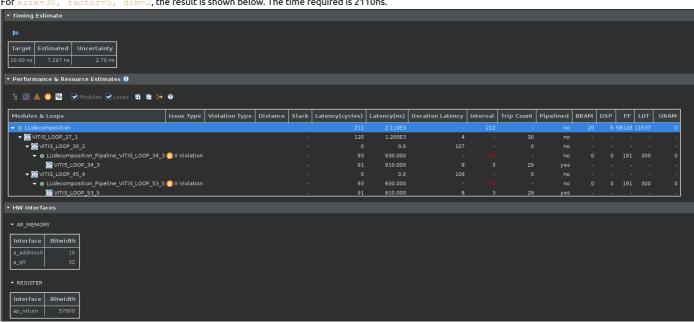
Delete partitioned a and add dim=2 to the command, which partitions dimension two of the two-dimensional array. The result is shown below. We can see that although the time required remains, it requires less resources.



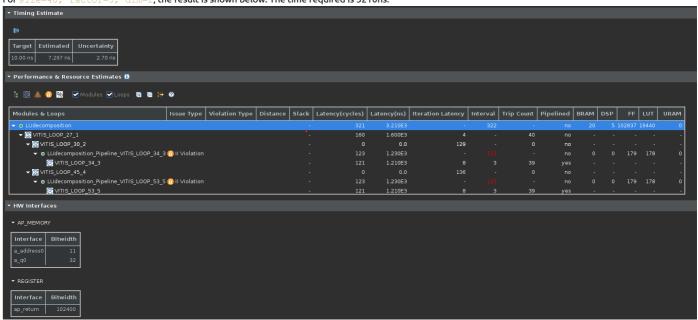
For $\dim=1$, the results are the same as without the \dim argument.



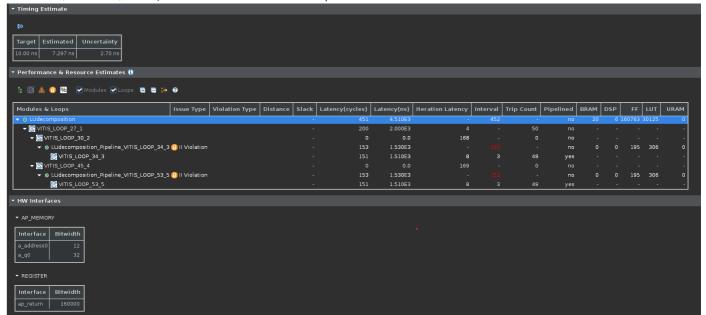
factor=5, dim=2, the result is shown below. The time required is 2110ns.



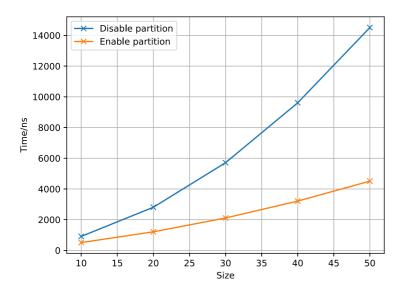
dim=2, the result is shown below. The time required is 3210ns.



For size=50, factor=5, dim=2, the result is shown below. The time required is 4510ns.



Comparison



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```
INFO: [IP_flow 19-1686] Generating 'Simulation' target for IP 'lu_kernel_sitofp_32ns_32_5_no_dsp_1_ip'...
ERROR: '2201112057' is an invalid argument. Please specify an integer value.
    while executing
"rdi::set_property core_revision 2201112057 {component component_1}"
    invoked from within
"set_property core_revision $Revision $core"
    (file "run_ippack.tcl" line 1612)
INFO: [Common 17-206] Exiting Vivado at Tue Jan 11 20:57:59 2022...
ERROR: [IMPL 213-28] Failed to generate IP.
```

INFO: [HLS 200-111] Finished Command export_design CPU user time: 23.4 seconds. CPU system time: 1.52 seconds. Elapsed time: 48.34 seconds; current allocated memory: 7.418 MB.

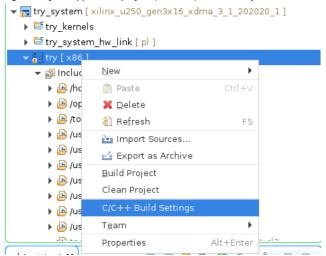
Solution

Adding Libraries and Library Paths to Vitis

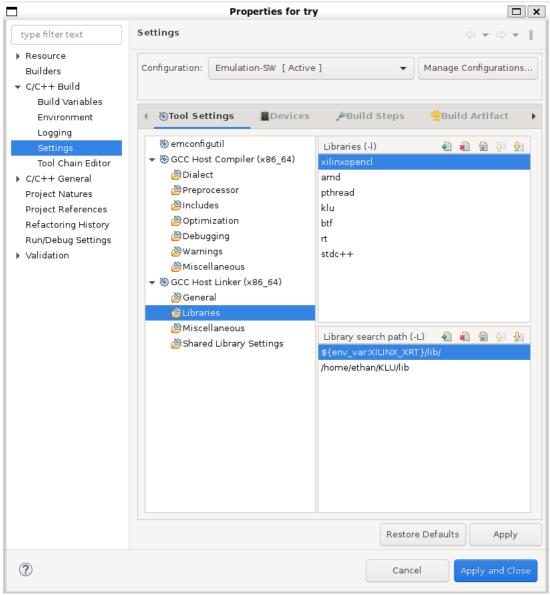
You can add libraries and library paths for Application projects. If you have a custom library to link against, you should specify the library path and the library name to the linker.

To set properties for your Application project:

1. Right-click your Application project (Host one) and select C/C++ Build Settings. Alternatively, select Properties and navigate to C/C++ Build > Settings.



2. Expand the target linker section and select the libraries to which you want to add the custom library path and library name.



3. We can also add the header search path from the option $\emph{GCC Host Compiler/Includes}.$

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Runtime Initialization & Device Configuration

```
// OPENCL HOST CODE AREA START
// get_xil_devices() is a utility API which will find the xilinx
// platforms and will return list of devices connected to Xilinx platform
auto devices = xcl::get_xil_devices();
// read binary file() is a utility API which will load the binaryFile
// and will return the pointer to file buffer
auto fileBuf = xcl::read_binary_file(binaryFile);
cl::Program::Binaries bins{{fileBuf.data(), fileBuf.size()}};
bool valid_device = false;
for (unsigned int i = 0; i < devices.size(); i++)
    auto device = devices[i];
    // Creating Context and Command Queue for selected Device
    OCL_CHECK(err, context = cl::Context(device, nullptr, nullptr, nullptr, &err));
    OCL_CHECK(err, q = cl::CommandQueue(context, device, CL_QUEUE_PROFILING_ENABLE, &err));
    std::cout << "Trying to program device[" << i << "]: " << device.getInfo<CL_DEVICE_NAME>() << std::endl;</pre>
    cl::Program program(context, {device}, bins, nullptr, &err);
    if (err != CL_SUCCESS)
        std::cout << "Failed to program device[" << i << "] with xclbin file!\n";</pre>
    }
    else
```

```
std::cout << "Device[" << i << "]: program successful!\n";
   OCL_CHECK(err, krnl_vector_add = cl::Kernel(program, "lu_kernel", &err));
   valid_device = true;
   break; // we break because we found a valid device
}

if (!valid_device)
{
   std::cout << "Failed to program any device found, exit!\n";
   exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}</pre>
```

Buffer Allocation

Setup Kernel Argument

```
OCL_CHECK(err, err = krnl_vector_add.setArg(0, buffer_in1));
OCL_CHECK(err, err = krnl_vector_add.setArg(1, buffer_output1));
OCL_CHECK(err, err = krnl_vector_add.setArg(2, buffer_output2));
OCL_CHECK(err, err = krnl_vector_add.setArg(3, size));
```

Writing Buffers to FPGA Memory

```
// Copy input data to device global memory
OCL_CHECK(err, err = q.enqueueMigrateMemObjects({buffer_in1}, 0 /* 0 means from host*/));
```

Running the Accelerators

```
cl::Event event;
uint64_t nstimestart, nstimeend;

// Launch the Kernel

// For HLS kernels global and local size is always (1,1,1). So, it is

// recommended

// to always use enqueueTask() for invoking HLS kernel

OCL_CHECK(err, err = q.enqueueTask(krnl_vector_add, nullptr, &event));
```

Running the Accelerators (Out-of-order)

```
// Alternative out-of-order queue events control
cl::Event event_sp;
q.enqueueTask(krnl_vector_add, NULL, &event_sp);
clWaitForEvents(1, (const cl_event *) &event_sp);
```

Reading Buffers from FPGA Mem

```
// Copy Result from Device Global Memory to Host Local Memory
OCL_CHECK(err, err = q.enqueueMigrateMemObjects({buffer_output1, buffer_output2}, CL_MIGRATE_MEM_OBJECT_HOST));
q.finish();
OCL_CHECK(err, err = event.getProfilingInfo<uint64_t>(CL_PROFILING_COMMAND_START, &nstimestart));
OCL_CHECK(err, err = event.getProfilingInfo<uint64_t>(CL_PROFILING_COMMAND_END, &nstimeend));
// OPENCL HOST CODE AREA END
auto lu_time = nstimeend - nstimestart;
// Compare the results of the Device to the simulation
std::cout << "L:\n";</pre>
```

```
print(source_hw_l.data(), SIZE, SIZE);
std::cout << "U:\n";
print(source_hw_u.data(), SIZE, SIZE);</pre>
```

FPGA Acceleration

See Host Code here.

See Kernel Code here.

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Gilbert-Peierls' algorithm

Gilbert-Peierls left-looking algorithm factors the matrix column-by-column from left to right.

```
L=I; // I=identity matrix
for k=1:N
b = A(:,k); // kth column of A
x = L \ b; // \ is Lx=b solve
U(1:k) = x(1:k);
L(k+1:N) = x(k+1:N) / U(k,k);
end;
// return L and U as result
```

For Sparse matrix, we can implement the algorithm with the following code. See here.

```
void SparseLU(int *Ap, int *Ai, double *Ax, int *Lp, int *Li, double *Lx, int *Up, int *Ui, double *Ux)
{
   int countL = 1, countU = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < squareSize; i++)
       Lp[i] = i;
       Li[i] = i;
       Lx[i] = 1;
   for (i = 0; i < squareSize; i++)
       double b[squareSize], x[squareSize];
       for (int j = 0; j < squareSize; j++)
           b[j] = 0;
           x[j] = 0;
       std::cout << i << std::endl;
       if (Ap[i] != Ap[i + 1])
           for (int j = Ap[i]; j < Ap[i + 1]; j++)
               b[Ai[j]] = Ax[j];
       }
           // Lp[i] = 0;
           Up[i] = 0;
           continue:
       for (int j = 0; j < squareSize; j++)
            for (int k = 0; k \le j; k++)
                double sum = 0;
                for (int t = Lp[k]; t < Lp[k + 1]; t++)
                   if (Li[t] == j)
                       sum += Lx[Li[t]] * x[k];
           x[j] = b[j] - sum;
       for (int j = 0; j \le i; j++)
            if (std::abs(x[j]) < 1e-6)
               continue;
```

```
else
            {
                Ui[countU] = j;
                Ux[countU++] = x[j];
        Up[i + 1] = countU;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < squareSize; j++)
            if (std::abs(x[j]) < 1e-6)
                continue;
            else
            {
                Li[countL] = j;
                Lx[countL++] = x[j] / Ux[Up[i + 1] - 1];
        Lp[i + 1] = countL;
        if (i < squareSize - 1)</pre>
            Li[countL] = i + 1;
           Lx[countL++] = 1;
}
```

Block LU Decomposition

 $$$ \left[\left[\left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) \right] = \left[\left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) \right] $$ \left[\left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) \right] $$ \left[\left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) \right] $$ \left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) $$ \left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) $$ \left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{22} \right) $$ \left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{21} A_{21} A_{22} \right) $$ \left(\sum_{11} A_{21} A_{$

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Improve Gilbert-Peierls' algorithm

As the elements in the ${\bf L}$ and ${\bf U}$ is fixed, we can preallocate the indexes using the function below.

See here for more detail.

```
void analyse(int *Ap, int *Ai, int *Up, int *Ui, int *Lp, int *Li, double *Lx, int *lnz, int *unz, int n)
    for (int i = 0, count = 0; i < n; i++)
        for (int j = Ap[i]; j < Ap[i + 1]; j++)
            if (Ai[j] < i)
               Ui[*unz] = Ai[count];
                (*unz)++;
            else if (Ai[j] == i)
               Li[*lnz] = i;
               Lx[(*lnz)++] = 1;
               Ui[(*unz)++] = i;
            }
            else
               Li[*lnz] = Ai[count];
               (*lnz)++;
            count++;
       Lp[i + 1] = *lnz;
       Up[i + 1] = *unz;
}
```

Implement in Vitis

Host code.

Kernel code.

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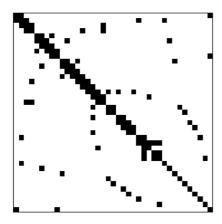
Benchmark

File here

First, we use a small 5x5 sparse matrix with 12 nonzeros to test. Run for ten times and it takes about **0.9us** to decompose on average.

Then, we use a 10x10 sparse matrix with 24 to test. Run for ten times and it takes about 2.9us to decompose on average.

Then, we try a little large matrix HB/bcspwr01. It is a 39x39 matrix with 131 nonzeros. Run for ten times and it takes about **61.5us** to decompose on average. It is much longer that the 5x5 sparse matrix.



With KLU

KLU itself is more stable. For the 5x5 sparse matrix, it takes about 2.3us to decompose on average.

For the 10x10 sparse matrix, it takes about **2.9us** to decompose on average.

For the HB/bcspwr01 matrix, it takes about 3us. Only 0.3us longer that the size of 5.

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Emulation on FPGA

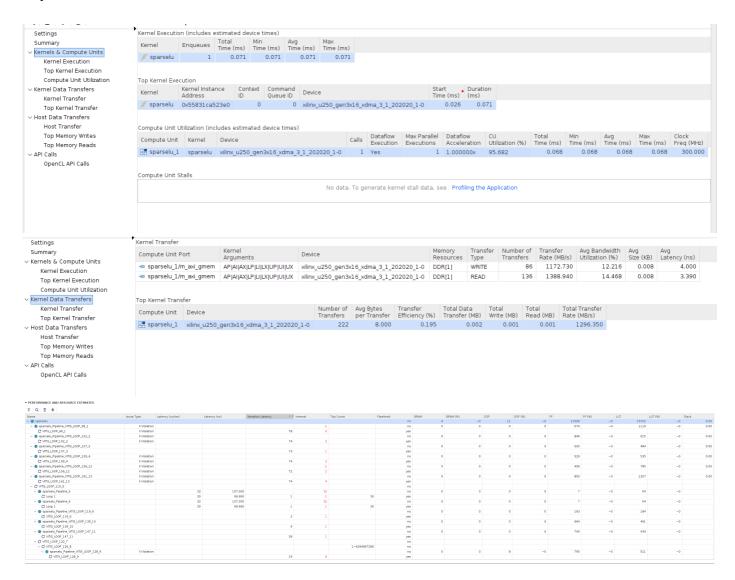
The reason that the simulation exited unexpectedly previously is that the memory migration error. As the kernel requires 10 arguments in total, shown below, not only the first four arguments are initialized, part of the other parameters are also initialized, which also are needed to transfer to the kernel.

```
void sparselu(int squareSize, int *AP, int *AI, double *AX, int *LP, int *LI, double *LX, int *UP, int *UI, double
*UX)
```

Therefore, the memory migration should be written as:

```
OCL_CHECK(err, err = q.enqueueMigrateMemObjects({buffer_output1, buffer_output2, buffer_output3, buffer_output4,
buffer_output5, buffer_output6}, CL_MIGRATE_MEM_OBJECT_HOST));
```

Emulation Result



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Improved - Reachability

The main reason that what I have written is much slower is that it does not know the data index in a row. Therefore, when implementing the Gilbert-Peierls, especially when solving \$\$ x=L\backslash A(:,k) \$\$ Much of the time is spent on searching for data when may exist in a certain row.

Therefore, to solve this problem, we need to have a knowledge about how the data is distributed.

Let us say we are computing column k of L and U. Let $G = G(L_k)$ be the directed graph of L with k-1 vertices representing the already computed k-1 columns. $G(L_k)$ has an edge $j \to i$ iff $l_{ij} \neq 0$. Let $\beta = \{i | b_i \neq 0\}$ and $X = \{i | x_i \neq 0\}$ Now the elements of X is given by

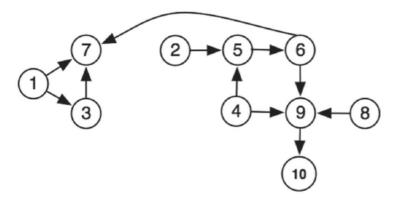
$$X = Reach_{G(L)}(\beta) \tag{2-22}$$

The nonzero pattern of X is computed by the determining the vertices that are reachable from the vertices of the set β . The reachability problem can be solved using a classical depth first search in $G(L_k)$ from the vertices of the set β . If $b_j \neq 0$, then $x_j \neq 0$. In addition if $L_{ij} \neq 0$, then $x_i \neq 0$ even if $b_i = 0$. This is because a $L_{ij} * x_j$ contributes to a nonzero in the equation when we solve for x_i . During the depth first search, Gilbert-Peierls' algorithm computes the topological order of X. This topological ordering is useful for eliminating unknowns in the Numerical factorization step.

For example, if we have a matrix like this

1							•		
	2		•						
•		3			•				
			4		•			•	
	•		•	5			•		
				•	6				
•		•			•	7			
							8		
			•					9	
							•		10

We can derive its reachability

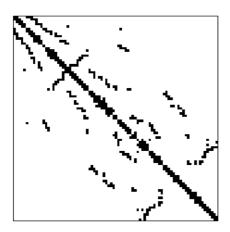


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Improved timing method

Using <chrono> timing method in C++ instead of <time.h> is C, Benchmark the code.

For the HB/ash85 matrix, which is 85x85 with 523 entries, it will take my code about 30us to finish.



For KLU, it will take about 3.2us to finish.

This result is better than the timing result is ${\mathbb C}.$

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Unroll loop in Kernel

Loop Unrolling The compiler can also unroll a loop, either partially or completely to perform multiple loop iterations in parallel. This is done using the pragma HLS unroll. Unrolling a loop can lead to a very fast design, with significant parallelism. However, because all the operations of the loop iterations are executed in parallel, a large amount of programmable logic resource are required to implement the hardware. As a result, the compiler can face challenges dealing with such a large number of resources and can face capacity problems that slow down the kernel compilation process. It is a good guideline to unroll loops that have a small loop body, or a small number of iterations.

```
vadd: for(int i = 0; i < 20; i++) {
#pragma HLS UNROLL
c[i] = a[i] + b[i];
}</pre>
```

In the preceding example, you can see pragma HLS UNROLL has been inserted into the body of the loop to instruct the compiler to unroll the loop completely. All 20 iterations of the loop are executed in parallel if that is permitted by any data dependency.

Completely unrolling a loop can consume significant device resources, while partially unrolling the loop provides some performance improvement while using fewer hardware resources.

My code

In my code, I apply the unroll pragma during the data reading from the global memory as well as the writing to memory process.

In addition, I also apply unroll for the last two steps of the Gilbert-Peierls' algorithm, i.e.

```
L=I; // I=identity matrix
for k=1:N
b = A(:,k); // kth column of A
x = L \ b; // \ is Lx=b solve
U(1:k) = x(1:k); <--
L(k+1:N) = x(k+1:N) / U(k,k); <--
end;
// return L and U as result</pre>
```

With unroll, we can see that the kernel time decreases from 71us to 50us.



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Further deep in KLU

To implement KLU factorization in FPGA, I find that the function

mainly performs the factorization process in KLU.

This function mainly takes 6 parameters, where the first three is the input matrix, KLU_symbolic *Symbolic is the result from symbolic analysis, KLU_numeric *Numeric is the factorization result, and KLU_numeric *Numeric stores the control parameters of the factorization.

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PLRAM

PLRAM is small shared memory which is built using the on-chip memory resources of the FPGA fabric. It is intended to provide a small amount of data storage that application kernels can share and access rapidly (lowest latency). PLRAM behaves just like the DDR memory resources managed by the Vitis memory subsystem.

PLRAM can be assigned to a buffer by using sp tags in the mmult.ofg file along with the port name and kernel name.

```
[connectivity]
sp=mmult_1.a:PLRAM[0]
sp=mmult_1.b:DDR[0]
sp=mmult_1.c:PLRAM[1]
```

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Write a small program that can read .mtx matrix file from matrix market. See here

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PLRAM Config

We can use a Tcl script to configure the PLRAM before system linking occurs. The use of the Tcl script can be enabled on the v++ command line as follows:

```
# Setup PLRAM
sdx_memory_subsystem::update_plram_specification [get_bd_cells /memory_subsystem] PLRAM_MEM00 { SIZE 2M AXI_DATA_WIDTH
512
SLR_ASSIGNMENT SLR0 READ_LATENCY 10 MEMORY_PRIMITIVE URAM}

sdx_memory_subsystem::update_plram_specification [get_bd_cells /memory_subsystem] PLRAM_MEM01 { SIZE 2M AXI_DATA_WIDTH
512
SLR_ASSIGNMENT SLR1 READ_LATENCY 10 MEMORY_PRIMITIVE URAM}

validate_bd_design -force
save_bd_design
```

In the example above, PLRAM_MEM00 is changed to be 2 MB in size and composed of UltraRAM; PLRAM_MEM01 is changed to be 2 MB in size and composed of UltraRAM.

PLRAM can be assigned to a buffer by using sp tags in the vadd.cfg file along with the port name and kernel name.

```
[connectivity]
sp=vadd_1.in1:PLRAM[0]
sp=vadd_1.in2:PLRAM[1]
sp=vadd_1.out:PLRAM[1]
```

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Warning message

The II Violation in module 'lu_Pipeline_VITIS_LOOP_84_1' (loop 'VITIS_LOOP_84_1'): Unable to schedule bus request operation ('gmem_load_3_req', klu_kernel.cpp:88) on port 'gmem' (klu_kernel.cpp:88) due to limited memory ports (II = 1). Please consider using a memory core with more ports or partitioning the array.

Explanation

This message informs that the resource is being accessed multiple times in a single cycle which results in a resource conflict and performance degradation.

In the below code, the resource conflict is showing in two scenarios:

- At the interface: In the sfunc1, the inputs a and b are mapped to the same bundle gmem which maps to a single AXI Interface port. For more information, see AXI4 Master Interface. When both the inputs a and b are accessed at the same time, this results in a resource conflict and results in performance degradation. You would see the above warning message:
- In the local array AuxBuffer: The same resource conflict issue is seen with the array. Here would be the below warning message:

```
Message
WARNING: [HLS 200-885] Unable to schedule 'load' operation ('AuxBuffer1_load_7', ./kernel.c:39) on array 'AuxBuffer1',
./kernel.c:59 due to limited memory ports. Please consider using a memory core with more ports or partitioning the
array 'AuxBuffer1'.
Resolution: For help on HLS 200-885 see www.xilinx.com/html_docs/xilinx2020_1/hls-guidance/200-885.html
```

Solution

When there are resource conflict issues because of multiple loads and store. The user needs to increase the number of ports or a different resource.

A solution to the array is to increase the number of ports that can be accessed in one cycle. You can either:

- Partition the array as shown in the following code.
- Refactor the code to use multiple data in one signle cycle.

```
accel_label0 : for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
{</pre>
```

```
#pragma HLS pipeline II = 1
    int AuxBuffer1[N];
#pragma HLS array_partition complete varialbe=AuxBuffer1
    sfunc1(Iter, in1, in2, AuxBuffer1);
    sfunc3(Iter, AuxBuffer1, output);
}
```

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Mapping Kernel Ports to Memory

The link phase is when the memory ports of the kernels are connected to memory resources which include DDR, HBM, and PLRAM. By default, when the *clbin file is produced during the v++ linking process, all kernel memory interfaces are connected to the same global memory bank (or gmem). As a result, only one kernel interface can transfer data to/from the memory bank at one time, limiting the performance of the application due to memory access.

While the Vitis compiler can automatically connect CU to global memory resources, you can also manually specify which global memory bank each kernel argument (or interface) is connected to. Proper configuration of kernel to memory connectivity is important to maximize bandwidth, optimize data transfers, and improve overall performance. Even if there is only one compute unit in the device, mapping its input and output arguments to different global memory banks can improve performance by enabling simultaneous accesses to input and output data.

Important: Up to 15 kernel interfaces can be connected to a single global memory bank. Therefore, if there are more than 15 memory interfaces, then you must explicitly perform the memory mapping as described here, using the --conectivity. sp option to distribute connections across different memory banks.

The following example is based on the Kernel Interfaces example code. Start by assigning the kernel arguments to separate bundles to increase the available interface ports, then assign the arguments to separate memory banks:

1. In C/C++ kernels, assign arguments to separate bundles in the kernel code prior to compiling them:

```
void cnn( int *pixel, // Input pixel
  int *weights, // Input Weight Matrix
  int *out, // Output pixel
  ... // Other input or Output ports

#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi port=pixel offset=slave bundle=gmem
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi port=weights offset=slave bundle=gmem1
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi port=out offset=slave bundle=gmem
```

```
Note that the memory interface inputs pixel and weights are assigned different bundle names in the example above, while out is bundled with pixel. This creates two separate interface ports.

Important: You must specify bundle= names using all lowercase characters to be able to assign it to a specific memory bank using the `--connectivity.sp` option.
```

2. Edit a config file to include the --connectivity. sp option, and specify it in the v++ command line with the --config option, as described in Vitis Compiler Command. For example, for the cnn kernel shown above, the connectivity.sp option in the config file would be as follows:

```
[connectivity]
#sp=<compute_unit_name>.<argument>:<bank name>
sp=cnn_1.pixel:DDR[0]
sp=cnn_1.weights:DDR[1]
sp=cnn_1.out:DDR[2]
```

Where:

<compute_unit_name> is an instance name of the CU as determined by the connectivity.nk option, described in Creating Multiple Instances of a Kernel, or is
simply <kernel_name>_1 if multiple CUs are not specified.

<argument> is the name of the kernel argument. Alternatively, you can specify the name of the kernel interface as defined by the HLS INTERFACE pragma for C/C++ kernels, including m_axi_and the bundle name. In the cnn kernel above, the ports would be m_axi_gmem and m_axi_gmem1.

Tip: For RTL kernels, the interface is specified by the interface name defined in the kernel.xml file.

<bank_name> is denoted as DDR[0], DDR[1], DDR[2], and DDR[3] for a platform with four DDR banks. You can also specify the memory as a contiguous range of banks, such as DDR[0:2], in which case XRT will assign the memory bank at run time.

Some platforms also provide support for PLRAM, HBM, HP or MIG memory, in which case you would use PLRAM[0], HBM[0], HP[0] or MIG[0]. You can use the platforminfo utility to get information on the global memory banks available in a specified platform. Refer to platforminfo Utility for more information.

In platforms that include both DDR and HBM memory banks, kernels must use separate AXI interfaces to access the different memories. DDR and PLRAM access can be shared from a single port.

Important: Customized bank assignments might also need to be reflected in the host code in some cases, as described in Assigning DDR Bank in Host Code.

Connecting Directly to Host Memory

The PCIe® Slave-Bridge IP is provided on some data center platforms to let kernels access directly to host memory. Configuring the device binary to connect to memory requires changing the link specified by the --connectivity.sp command below. It also requires changes to the accelerator card setup and your host application as described at Host-Memory Access in the XRT documentation.

```
[connectivity]
## Syntax
##sp=<cu_name>.<interface_name>:HOST[0]
sp=cnn_1.m_axi_gmem:HOST[0]
```

In the command syntax above, the CU name and interface name are the same, but the bank name is hard-coded to HOST[0].

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Example: Vitis Hardware Acceleration on Cholesky Algorithm

The kernel code can be seen here

We can see it uses INTERFACE pragma.

```
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi offset = slave bundle = gmem0 port = matrixA latency = 64 \
   num_read_outstanding = 16 num_write_outstanding = 16 \
   max_read_burst_length = 64 max_write_burst_length = 64 depth = 256
```

INTERFACE Pragma The INTERFACE pragma specifies the physical adapters for the kernel C ports and how they attach to the platform during what's referred to as "interface synthesis" in HLS.

These physical adapters and their associated RTL implementation are derived from the following:

- Any function-level protocol that is specified: Function-level protocols, also called block-level I/O protocols, provide signals to control when the function starts operation, and indicate when function operation ends, is idle, and is ready for new inputs. The implementation of a function-level protocol is: Specified by the values ap_ctrl_none, ap_ctrl_hs or ap_ctrl_chain. The ap_ctrl_hs block-level I/O protocol is the default. Are associated with the function name.
- Function arguments: Each function argument can be specified to have its own port-level (I/O) interface protocol, such as valid handshake (ap_vld), or acknowledge handshake (ap_ack). Port-level interface protocols are created for each argument in the top-level function and the function return, if the function returns a value. The default I/O protocol created depends on the type of C argument. After the block-level protocol has been used to start the operation of the block, the port-level I/O protocols are used to sequence data into and out of the block.
- Global variables accessed by the top-level function, and defined outside its scope:
- If a global variable is accessed, but all read and write operations are local to the function, the resource is created in the RTL design. There is no need for an I/O port in the RTL. If the global variable is expected to be an external source or destination, specify its interface in a similar manner as standard function arguments. See the Examples below.

When the INTERFACE pragma is used on sub-functions, only the register option can be used. The option is not supported on sub-functions. TIP: The Vivado High-Level Synthesis (HLS) tool automatically determines the I/O protocol used by any sub-functions. You cannot control these ports except to specify whether the port is registered.

Specifying Burst Mode

When specifying burst-mode for interfaces, using the max_read_burst_length or max_write_burst_length options (as described in the Syntax section) there are limitations and related considerations that are derived from the AXI standard:

The burst length should be less than, or equal to 256 words per transaction, because ARLEN & AWLEN are 8 bits; the actual burst length is AxLEN+1. In total, less than 4 KB is transferred per burst transaction. Do not cross the 4 KB address boundary. The bus width is specified as a power of 2, between 32-bits and 512-bits (i.e. 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 bits) or in bytes: 4, 8, 16, 32, 64.

Given the 4 KB limit, the maximum burst length for a single transaction for a bus width of:

- 32-bits is 256 words for 1024 total bytes transferred per transaction.
- 64-bits is 256 words for 2048 total bytes transferred per transaction.
- 128-bits is 256 words for 4096 total bytes transferred per transaction.
- 256-bits is 128 words for 4096 total bytes transferred per transaction.
- 512-bits is 64 words for 4096 total bytes transferred per transaction.

Note: The actual transactions are design dependent, for example, pipelined accesses from a for-loop of 100 iterations when max_read_burst_length or max_write_burst_length is set to 128, will not fill the max burst length. However, if accesses are longer than the specified maximum burst length, some accesses will be split into smaller bursts.

For example, a pipelined for-loop with 100 accesses and max_read_burst_length or max_write_burst_length set to 64, will be split into 2 transactions, one of the max burst length (or 64) and one transaction of the remaining data (burst of length 36 words).

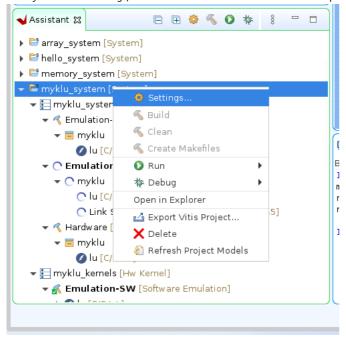
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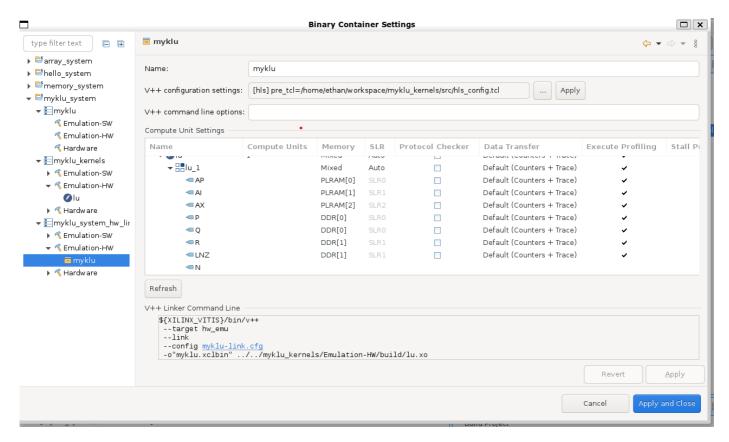
```
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = AP max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = AI max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem1
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = AX max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem2
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = P max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem3
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = Q max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem4
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = R max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem5
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = LNZ max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem6
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi depth = 2048 port = B max_read_burst_length = 64 offset = slave bundle = gmem7
```

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To implement PLRAM, instead of writing a .ofg file in the src folder and add the --config ../src/klu_kernel.ofg command in the C/C++ Building Settings, this does not work as I have tried a lot of time

I finally find the GUI settings, located in the Assistant tab on the left bottom panel, shown in the figure below





Here, I can config all the memory ports of the kernel.

The V++ configuration settings can config all the configuration command in HLS.

Configuration Commands

The configuration commands let you configure the Vitis HLS tool to control the results of synthesis and simulation, specify defaults for pragmas and directives, and specify the outputs generated by default. The commands must be run in the interactive mode, vitis_hls -i, or can be run as a script using the -f option as described in (vitis_hls Command)[https://docs.xilinx.com/r/oK7qoHuV~Mn874fOMSk49Q/53dIzTJI4BqtNtevN28_zw].

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Profiler - valgrind

Installation

```
sudo apt-get install valgrind
pip install gprof2dot
```

Basic usage

If you normally run your program like this:

```
myprog arg1 arg2
```

Use this command line:

```
valgrind --leak-check=yes myprog arg1 arg2
```

Memcheck is the default tool. The --leak-check option turns on the detailed memory leak detector.

Your program will run much slower (eg. 20 to 30 times) than normal, and use a lot more memory. Memcheck will issue messages about memory errors and leaks that it detects.

Callgrind

Callgrind is a profiling tool that records the call history among functions in a program's run as a call-graph. By default, the collected data consists of the number of instructions executed, their relationship to source lines, the caller/callee relationship between functions, and the numbers of such calls. Optionally, cache simulation and/or branch prediction (similar to Cachegrind) can produce further information about the runtime behavior of an application.

As with Cachegrind, you probably want to compile with debugging info (the -g option) and with optimization turned on.

To start a profile run for a program, execute:

```
valgrind --tool=callgrind [callgrind options] your-program [program options]
```

 $To \ change \ the \ output \ file \ name, use \ the \ option \ -- call \ grind-out-file = <file>. For \ example, \ -- call \ grind-out-file = call \ grind-out-file = <file>.$

To specify a certain function, use the option below --toggle-collect=<function>. For example, --toggle-collect=klu_factor(int*, int*, double*, klu_symbolic*, klu_numeric*, klu_common_struct*)

Interpreting callgrind data

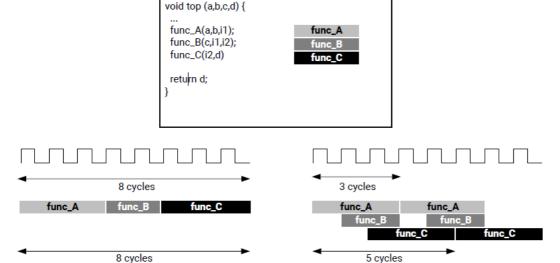
```
gprof2dot.py --format=callgrind --output=out.dot ./callgrind.out
dot -Tsvg -o output.svg
```

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pragma HLS dataflow

Description

The DATAFLOW pragma enables task-level pipelining as described in Exploiting Task Level Parallelism: Dataflow Optimization, allowing functions and loops to overlap in their operation, increasing the concurrency of the RTL implementation and increasing the overall throughput of the design.



(A) Without Dataflow Pipelining

(B) With Dataflow Pipelining

When the DATAFLOW pragma is specified, the HLS tool analyzes the dataflow between sequential functions or loops and creates channels (based on ping pong RAMs or FIFOs) that allow consumer functions or loops to start operation before the producer functions or loops have completed. This allows functions or loops to operate in parallel, which decreases latency and improves the throughput of the RTL.

Syntax

Place the pragma in the C source within the boundaries of the region, function, or loop.

```
#pragma HLS dataflow [disable_start_propagation]
```

• disable_start_propagation: Optionally disables the creation of a start FIFO used to propagate a start token to an internal process. Such FIFOs can sometimes be a bottleneck for performance.

pragma HLS dependence

Description

Vitis HLS detects dependencies within loops: dependencies within the same iteration of a loop are loop-independent dependencies, and dependencies between different iterations of a loop are loop-carried dependencies. The DEPENDENCE pragma allows you to provide additional information to define, negate loop dependencies, and allow loops to be pipelined with lower intervals.

Syntax

Place the pragma within the boundaries of the function where the dependence is defined.

```
#pragma HLS dependence variable=<variable> <class> <type> <direction> distance=<int> <dependent>
```

- class=[array | pointer]: Optionally specifies a class of variables in which the dependence needs clarification. Valid values include array or pointer.
- type=[inter | intra]: Valid values include intra or inter. Specifies whether the dependence is:
 - intra: Dependence within the same loop iteration. When dependence <type> is specified as intra, and <dependent> is false, the HLS tool might move
 operations freely within a loop, increasing their mobility and potentially improving performance or area. When <dependent> is specified as true, the
 operations must be performed in the order specified.
 - inter: dependence between different loop iterations. This is the default <type>. If dependence <type> is specified as inter, and <dependent> is false, it allows the HLS tool to perform operations in parallel if the function or loop is pipelined, or the loop is unrolled, or partially unrolled, and prevents such concurrent operation when <dependent> is specified as true.
- direction=[RAW | WAR | WAW]: This is relevant for loop-carry dependencies only, and specifies the direction for a dependence:
 - RAW (Read-After-Write true dependence): The write instruction uses a value used by the read instruction.
 - WAR (Write-After-Read anti dependence): The read instruction gets a value that is overwritten by the write instruction.
 - WAW (Write-After-Write output dependence): Two write instructions write to the same location, in a certain order.

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Move variables that is defined at the top of function to the local for loop.

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```
config_interface -m_axi_max_widen_bitwidth 512 -m_axi_min_bitwidth 512
```

pragma HLS stream

Description

By default, array variables are implemented as RAM:

- Top-level function array parameters are implemented as a RAM interface port.
- General arrays are implemented as RAMs for read-write access.
- · Arrays involved in sub-functions, or loop-based DATAFLOW optimizations are implemented as a RAM ping pong buffer channel.

If the data stored in the array is consumed or produced in a sequential manner, a more efficient communication mechanism is to use streaming data as specified by the STREAM pragma, where FIFOs are used instead of RAMs.

Syntax

Place the pragma in the C source within the boundaries of the required location.

```
#pragma HLS stream variable=<variable> type=<type> depth=<int>
```

Where:

- $\bullet \ \ \text{variable=<} \ \text{variable>: Specifies the name of the array to implement as a streaming interface.}$
- depth=<int>: Relevant only for array streaming in DATAFLOW channels. By default, the depth of the FIFO implemented in the RTL is the same size as the array specified in the C code. This option lets you modify the size of the FIFO to specify a different depth.
- type=<arg>: Specify a mechanism to select between FIFO, PIPO, synchronized shared (shared), and un-synchronized shared (unsync). The supported types include:
 - $\circ~$ fifo: A FIFO buffer with the specified depth.
 - pipo: A regular Ping-Pong buffer, with as many "banks" as the specified depth (default is 2).
 - shared: A shared channel, synchronized like a regular Ping-Pong buffer, with depth, but without duplicating the array data. Consistency can be ensured
 by setting the depth small enough, which acts as the distance of synchronization between the producer and consumer.

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Interfaces for Vitis Kernel Flow

The Vitis kernel flow provides support for compiled kernel objects (.xo) for software control from a host application and by the Xilinx Run Time (XRT). As described in Kernel Properties in the Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation, this flow has very specific interface requirements that Vitis HLS must meet.

Vitis HLS supports memory, stream, and register interface paradigms where each paradigm follows a certain interface protocol and uses the adapter to communicate with the external world.

- · Memory Paradigm (m_axi): the data is accessed by the kernel through memory such as DDR, HBM, PLRAM/BRAM/URAM
- Stream Paradigm (axis): the data is streamed into the kernel from another streaming source, such as video processor or another kernel, and can also be streamed out of the kernel.
- Register Paradigm (s axilite): The data is accessed by the kernel through register interfaces and accessed by software as register reads/writes.

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Loop Flatten

In the RTL implementation, it costs a clock cycle to move between loops in the loop hierarchy. Flattening nested loops allows them to be optimized as a single loop. This saves clock cycles, potentially allowing for greater optimization of the loop body logic.

- · Perfect loop nests
 - Only the innermost loop has loop body content.
 - There is no logic specified between the loop statements.
 - All loop bounds are constant.
- Semi-perfect loop nests
 - Only the innermost loop has loop body content.
 - There is no logic specified between the loop statements.
 - The outermost loop bound can be a variable.
- · Imperfect loop nests
 - When the inner loop has variables bounds (or the loop body is not exclusively inside the inner loop), try to restructure the code, or unroll the loops in the loop body to create a perfect loop nest.

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Schedule Viewer

The Schedule Viewer provides a detailed view of the synthesized RTL, showing each operation and control step of the function, and the clock cycle that it executes in. It helps you to identify any loop dependencies that are preventing parallelism, timing violations, and data dependencies.

The Schedule Viewer is displayed by default in the Analysis perspective. You can open it from the Module Hierarchy window by right-clicking a module and selecting Open Schedule Viewer from the menu.

In the Schedule Viewer,

- The left vertical axis shows the names of operations and loops in the RTL hierarchy. Operations are in topological order, implying that an operation on line n can only be driven by operations from a previous line, and will only drive an operation in a later line. Depending upon the type of violations found the Schedule Viewer shows additional information for each operation:
 - Resource limitation: displays the type of operation(read/write), type of memory used(RAM_1p or RAM_2p). In the image below the vecIn is a memory
 which is a dual port ram and trying to perform 3 reads in a single iteration. This causes an II violation because of a resource limitation and the tool is
 highlighting the operation which is scheduled in the next cycle of the load operation.
 - Dependency: displays information related to iterations which have a loop carried dependency. For example, a read transaction could have a dependency
 on a prior write value.
- The top horizontal axis shows the clock cycles in consecutive order.
- The vertical dashed line in each clock cycle shows the reserved portion of the clock period due to clock uncertainty. This time is left by the tool for the Vivado back-end processes, like place and route.
- Each operation is shown as a gray box in the table. The box is horizontally sized according to the delay of the operation as percentage of the total clock cycle. In case of function calls, the provided cycle information is equivalent to the operation latency.
- Multi-cycle operations are shown as gray boxes with a horizontal line through the center of the box.
- The Schedule Viewer also displays general operator data dependencies as solid blue lines. As shown in the figure below, when selecting an operation you can see solid blue arrows highlighting the specific operator dependencies. This gives you the ability to perform detailed analysis of data dependencies. The green dotted line indicates an inter-iteration data dependency.
- Memory dependencies are displayed using golden lines.

• In addition, lines of source code are associated with each operation in the Schedule Viewer report. Right-click the operation to use the Goto Source command to open the input source code associated with the operation.

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Managing Pipeline Dependencies

Vitis HLS constructs a hardware datapath that corresponds to the C/C++ source code.

When there is no pipeline directive, the execution is sequential so there are no dependencies to take into account. But when the design has been pipelined, the tool needs to deal with the same dependencies as found in processor architectures for the hardware that Vitis HLS generates.

Typical cases of data dependencies or memory dependencies are when a read or a write occurs after a previous read or write.

A read-after-write (RAW), also called a true dependency, is when an instruction (and data it reads/uses) depends on the result of a previous operation.

```
I1: t = a * b;
I2: c = t + 1;
```

The read in statement I2 depends on the write of t in statement I1. If the instructions are reordered, it uses the previous value of t.

A write-after-read (WAR), also called an anti-dependence, is when an instruction cannot update a register or memory (by a write) before a previous instruction has read the data.

```
I1: b = t + a;
I2: t = 3;
```

The write in statement I2 cannot execute before statement I1, otherwise the result of b is invalid.

A write-after-write (WAW) is a dependence when a register or memory must be written in specific order otherwise other instructions might be corrupted.

```
I1: t = a * b;
I2: c = t + 1;
I3: t = 1;
```

The write in statement I3 must happen after the write in statement I1. Otherwise, the statement I2 result is incorrect.

A read-after-read has no dependency as instructions can be freely reordered if the variable is not declared as volatile. If it is, then the order of instructions has to be maintained.

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Stack & Heap

It has always been debate about heap allocation or stack allocation performance in C/C++ code (or in other programming language). We all know that stack allocation means that assembly just needs to increment stack pointer and that's it. How ever in case of heap, there is lot more going on. The memory allocator needs to ask kernel for some free page, needs to partition the page properly, with time fragmentation may occur, etc. Thus with one word to say, lot of work. But there are very few if any benchmarks available on the web for real comparison about the results with one or another technique and how really it affects that execution speed.

Now time is come for some real benchmark for stack allocation versus heap allocation. The test scenario is following:

In the loop allocate memory blocks with 10 different chunks with different total sizes. Fill the chunks with some data. Measure the data and provide some output (to avoid compiler optimizations for doing nothing). Free memory.

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```
[14:44:02] Block-level synthesis in progress, 0 of 9 jobs complete, 6 jobs running.
[14:44:32] Block-level synthesis in progress, 0 of 9 jobs complete, 6 jobs running.
[14:45:29] Block-level synthesis in progress, 0 of 9 jobs complete, 6 jobs running.
[14:45:32] Block-level synthesis in progress, 0 of 9 jobs complete, 6 jobs running.
[14:45:32] Run vpl: FINISHED. Run Status: synth ERROR
WARNING: [VPL 60-732] Link warning: No monitor points found for BD automation.
ERROR: [VPL 60-1328] Vpl run 'vpl' failed
WARNING: [VPL 60-142] Unable to read data from
'/home/ethan/workspace/myklu_system_hw_link/Hardware/myklu.build/link/vivado/vpl/output/generated_reports.log',
generated reports will not be copied.
ERROR: [VPL 60-806] Failed to finish platform linker
INFO: [v++ 60-1442] [14:45:40] Run run_link: Step vpl: Failed
```

```
Time (s): cpu = 00:03:15; elapsed = 00:05:44. Memory (MB): peak = 2059.449; gain = 0.000; free physical = 5267; free virtual = 6339

ERROR: [v++ 60-661] v++ link run 'run_link' failed

ERROR: [v++ 60-626] Kernel link failed to complete

ERROR: [v++ 60-703] Failed to finish linking

INFO: [v++ 60-1653] Closing dispatch client.

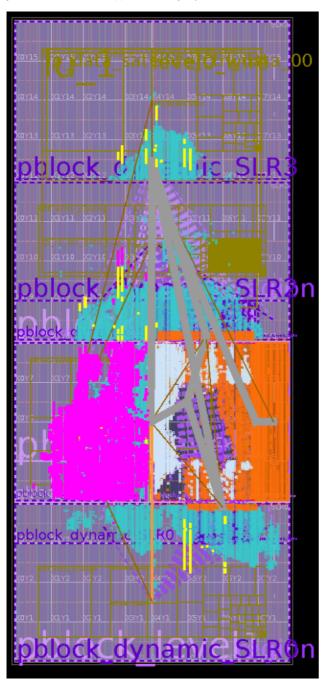
make: *** [makefile:62: myklu.xclbin] Error 1
```

Reason: Running out of memory

Migrate to native Ubuntu

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Using PLRAM as global memory and linking them from all over the chip, this is bad practice as the kernel will be placed in an SLR and to get to a particular memory you will have to cross SLR(s), which is very expensive in terms of resources and performance.



Reading multiple right hand side B matrix

```
char *strtok(char *str, const char *delim)
```

char *strtok(char *str, const char *delim) breaks string str into a series of tokens using the delimiter delim.

```
for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
{
    if (fgets(num, 150, f) == NULL)
    {
        printf("Inconsistent line number\n");
        return 1;
    }

    char *pch;
    pch = strtok(num, " ");
    b[i] = atof(pch);
    for (int j = 1; j < N; j++)
    {
        pch = strtok(NULL, " ");
        b[i + M * j] = atof(pch);
    }
}</pre>
```

int nrhs: number of right hand side b is in column-oriented form, with leading dimension n.

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1. Generate bitsream

Benchmark on CPU

nrhs	1	5	10	15	20	25	
Solving Time/us	6.6	7.2	9.3	12.1	14	15.5	

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Cannot login to ETH server, under maintaince

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Run emulation in Command Line

 $The \ executable \ file \ is \ at \ \verb|myKLU/Emulation-SW/myKLU. The \ xclbin \ is \ \verb|myKLU/Emulation-SW/myKLU. Xclbin. | \ is \ myKLU/Emulation-SW/myKLU. \ is \ myKLU. \ is \ myKLU.$

1. Software Emulation

```
export XCL_EMULATION_MODE=sw_emu
./myKLU myKLU.xclbin
```

It also requires a file called *emconfig.json* to configure the emulation.

2. Hardware Emulation

```
export XCL_EMULATION_MODE=hw_emu
./myKLU myKLU.xclbin
```

Require emconfig.json as well.

3. Hardware Emulation First, unset the $\emph{XCL_EMULATION_MODE}$ Then run

```
./myKLU myKLU.xclbin
```

Profiling

First, create the xrt.ini file, and add the required options. The xrt.ini file configures Xilinx Runtime (XRT) to support a variety of features for debug, emulation, and reporting, that can be enabled at runtime. These features can be enabled when needed and disabled to improve performance and reduce application resource consumption.

```
[Debug]
profile=true
```

timeline_trace=true
data_transfer_trace=fine

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