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Cuda Parallelization

About Problem Statement

Genetic Algorithms (GAs) are adaptive heuristic search algorithms that belong to the larger part of evolutionary algorithms. Genetic algorithms are based on the ideas of natural selection and genetics.

These are intelligent exploitation of random search provided with historical data to direct the search into the region of better performance in solution space.

Genetic algorithms simulate the process of natural selection which means those species who can adapt to changes in their environment are able to survive and reproduce and go to next generation. In simple words, they simulate "survival of the fittest" among individual of consecutive generation for solving a problem. Each generation consist of a population of individuals and each individual represents a point in search space and possible solution. Each individual is represented as a class object. In class object there is string which is analogous to the Chromosome.

Serial C++ Code

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// C++ program to create target string, starting from random string using
Genetic Algorithm
#include "iostream"
#include "vector"
#include "time.h"
#include "algorithm"
using namespace std;
// Number of individuals in each generation
#define POPULATION_SIZE 1000
// #define POPULATION_SIZE 500000
int generation = 0;
// Valid Genes
const string GENES =
   "`~1!2@3#4$5%6^7&8*9(0)-_+QWERTYUIOPASDFGHJKLZXCVBNMqwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm[
{]}\;:'\",./?< >";
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// Target string to be generated
const string TARGET = "Random Generation...";
// Create random genes for mutation
   int len = GENES.size();
   return GENES[rand()%len];
// create chromosome or string of genes
string create_gnome() {
   int len = TARGET.size();
   string gnome = "";
   for(int i=0; i<len; i++)</pre>
       gnome += mutated genes();
   return gnome;
// Class representing individual in population
   public:
       string chromosome;
       int fitness;
       Individual(string chromosome);
Individual::Individual(string chromosome) {
   this->chromosome = chromosome;
   int len = TARGET.size();
   int offspring fitness = 0;
   // #pragma omp parallel for shared(TARGET, chromosome) reduction(+:fitness)
   for(int i=0; i<len; i++) {</pre>
       if(chromosome[i] != TARGET[i]){
           offspring fitness++;
   this->fitness = offspring fitness;
};
// Overloading < operator</pre>
   return ind1->fitness < ind2->fitness;
// Driver code
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double start_time, end_time;
  int threads;
  srand(time(0));
  vector<Individual*> population(POPULATION_SIZE);
  bool found = false;
  // create initial population
  for(int i=0; i<POPULATION_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
       string gnome = create_gnome();
       population[i] = new Individual(gnome);
  while(!found) {
      // sort the population in increasing order of fitness score
       sort(population.begin(), population.end(), compare);
       // if the individual having lowest fitness score ie. 0 then we know that
we have reached to the target and break the loop
       if(population[0]->fitness <= 0){</pre>
           found = true;
           break;
       // Otherwise generate new offsprings for new generation
       vector<Individual*> new_generation(POPULATION_SIZE);
       // Perform Elitism, that mean 10% of fittest population goes to the next
generation
       int s = (10*POPULATION_SIZE)/100;
       for(int i=0; i<s; i++){
           new_generation[i] = population[i];
       // From 50% of fittest population, Individuals will mate to produce
offspring
       int right = (50*POPULATION SIZE)/100;
       for(int i=s; i<POPULATION_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
           // int r = random_num(0, right);
           int r = rand()%(right+1);
           Individual* parent1 = population[r];
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// r = random_num(0, right);
           r = rand()\%(right+1);
           Individual* parent2 = population[r];
           // chromosome for offspring
           string child_chromosome = "";
           string chromosome = parent1->chromosome;
           int len = chromosome.size();
           for(int i = 0;i<len;i++) {</pre>
               // random probability
               float p = (rand()\%101)/100;
               // if prob is less than 0.45, insert gene from parent 1
               if(p < 0.45)
                   child chromosome += chromosome[i];
               // if prob is between 0.45 and 0.90, insertgene from parent 2
               else if(p < 0.90)
                   child_chromosome += parent2->chromosome[i];
               // otherwise insert random gene(mutate), for maintaining
diversity
                   child_chromosome += mutated_genes();
           // create new Individual(offspring) using generated chromosome for
offspring
           Individual* offspring = new Individual(child_chromosome);
           new_generation[i] = offspring;
       population = new_generation;
       cout<< "Generation: " << generation << "\t";</pre>
       cout<< "String: "<< population[0]->chromosome <<"\t";</pre>
       cout<< "Fitness: "<< population[0]->fitness << "\n";</pre>
       generation++;
   cout<< "Generation: " << generation << "\t";</pre>
   cout<< "String: "<< population[0]->chromosome <<"\t";</pre>
   cout<< "Fitness: "<< population[0]->fitness << "\n";</pre>
```

```
return 0;
}
```

Flat Profile of Serial Code

Call Graph of Serial Code

Profiling Inference

From the above flat table we can clearly see functions like Individual::cal_fitness(), Individual::mate(Individual), random_num(int, int) taking a maximum amount of time like 15.35%, 10.23% and 9.48% respectively.

So, according to functional profiling if we somehow parallelise these functions we can reduce total execution time.

One more important thing we can observe is that these functions are not doing much work, the whole program is all about creating a vector of population and iterating over it again and again and finding the most suitable individual. This is very similar to array computation so we need to focus more on dividing vectors into chunks and assigning each chunk to workers/grids.

Parallel Cuda Code

```
// C++ program to create target string, starting from random string using
Genetic Algorithm
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <cuda.h>
#include <curand.h>
#include <curand kernel.h>
using namespace std;
// Number of individuals in each generation
#define POPULATION SIZE 1
// #define POPULATION SIZE 500000
int generation = 0;
// Valid Genes
#define GENES
"`~1!2@3#4$5%6^7&8*9(0)- +QWERTYUIOPASDFGHJKLZXCVBNMqwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcv
// Target string to be generated
#define targetSize 20
// // Create random genes for mutation
// char mutated_genes() {
//
       int len = GENES.size();
       return GENES[rand()%len];
// // create chromosome or string of genes
// string create_gnome() {
// int len = TARGET.size();
     string gnome = "";
     for(int i=0; i<len; i++)</pre>
           gnome += mutated_genes();
//
       return gnome;
// Class representing individual in population
   public:
       int fitness;
```

```
char chromosome[targetSize];
        _device__ _host__ Individual(char *chromosome);
};
Individual::Individual(char *chromosome) {
   // this->chromosome = chromosome;
   for (int i=0; chromosome[i] != '\setminus 0'; i++) {
       this->chromosome[i] = chromosome[i];
   // int len = TARGET.size();
   int offspring_fitness = 0;
   for(int i=0; i<targetSize; i++) {</pre>
       if(chromosome[i] != TARGET[i]){
           offspring_fitness++;
   this->fitness = offspring_fitness;
};
// Overloading < operator</pre>
bool compare(Individual* ind1, Individual* ind2) {
   return ind1->fitness < ind2->fitness;
 _device__ float generate(curandState* globalState, int ind) {
   //int ind = threadIdx.x;
   curandState localState = globalState[ind];
  float RANDOM = curand_uniform( &localState );
  globalState[ind] = localState;
  return RANDOM;
_global__ void setup_kernel ( curandState * state, unsigned long seed ) {
  int id = threadIdx.x;
   curand_init ( seed, id, 0, &state[id] );
// curandState* globalState for generating random...
global void population kernel(Individual **population, curandState
   // printf("Hello..");
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int index = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * 5;  // M is number of
blocks..
   int number;
   int id = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
   // create initial population
   // for(int i=0; i<POPULATION_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
          char gnome[targetSize];
          for(int j=0; j<targetSize; j++){</pre>
   //
              number = generate(globalState, id)*genesSize;
   //
              gnome[j] = GENES[number];
   //
          population[i] = new Individual(gnome);
   //
          // for(int j=0; j<targetSize; j++){</pre>
                 printf("%c", population[i]->chromosome[j]);
          //
   //
          // printf(" --- Fitness %d\n", population[i]->fitness);
   // // printf("\nComplete., %d", population[0]->fitness);
   if(index < POPULATION_SIZE){</pre>
       char gnome[targetSize];
       for(int j=0; j<targetSize; j++){</pre>
           number = generate(globalState, id)*genesSize;
           gnome[j] = GENES[number];
        population[index] = new Individual(gnome);
       for(int j=0; j<targetSize; j++){</pre>
           printf("%c", population[index]->chromosome[j]);
       printf(" --- Fitness %d\n", population[index]->fitness);
   printf("Completed...\n");
```

```
// Driver code
   // cout << "\nfine";</pre>
   int size = POPULATION_SIZE * sizeof(Individual);
   // Individual **population;
                                         // host copies
   Individual* population[size];
   Individual **d_population;  // host copies
   // allocate space for host...
   // population = (Individual **)malloc(size);
                                                                /////
   // allocate space for device copies
   cudaMalloc((void **)&d_population, size);
   curandState* devStates;
   cudaMalloc (&devStates, POPULATION_SIZE * sizeof(curandState));
   srand(time(∅));
   /** ADD THESE TWO LINES **/
   int seed = rand();
   setup_kernel<<<2, 5>>>(devStates, seed);
   /** END ADDITION **/
   // Launch kernel on GPU with N blocks
   population_kernel<<<1,1>>>>(d_population, devStates);
   cudaDeviceSynchronize();
   // copy result back to host..
   cudaMemcpy(population, d_population, 2&size, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
   cout << "\nfine..\n";</pre>
   cout << "fine2";</pre>
   // cout << "Value " << population[0]->fitness;
   // for(int index=0; index<POPULATION_SIZE; index++){</pre>
   // cout << "Inside..\n";</pre>
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for(int j=0; j<targetSize; j++){</pre>
   //
   //
              cout << population[index]->chromosome[j];
  //
          cout << " --- Fitness " << population[index]->fitness << endl;</pre>
  // int threads;
  // bool found = false;
  // // create initial population
  // for(int i=0; i<POPULATION_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
          // string gnome = create_gnome();
          int len = targetSize;
   //
          string gnome = "";
  //
          for(int i=0; i<len; i++)</pre>
  //
              gnome += GENES[rand()%genesSize];
  //
          // population[i] = new Individual(gnome);
  // }
  // while(!found) {
  //
          // sort the population in increasing order of fitness score
          sort(population.begin(), population.end(), compare);
  //
          // if the individual having lowest fitness score ie. 0 then we
know that we have reached to the target and break the loop
          if(population[0]->fitness <= 0){</pre>
   //
              found = true;
  //
              break;
  //
          // Otherwise generate new offsprings for new generation
          vector<Individual*> new generation(POPULATION SIZE);
  //
          // Perform Elitism, that mean 10% of fittest population goes to
the next generation
```

```
//
          int s = (10*POPULATION SIZE)/100;
  //
          for(int i=0; i<s; i++){
              new generation[i] = population[i];
  //
  //
          // From 50% of fittest population, Individuals will mate to
produce offspring
  //
          int right = (50*POPULATION_SIZE)/100;
   //
          for(int i=s; i<POPULATION_SIZE; i++) {</pre>
  //
              // int r = random_num(0, right);
              int r = rand()%(right+1);
  //
              Individual* parent1 = population[r];
   //
              // r = random_num(0, right);
              r = rand()\%(right+1);
              Individual* parent2 = population[r];
  //
  //
              // chromosome for offspring
              string child_chromosome = "";
   //
              string chromosome = parent1->chromosome;
  //
              int len = chromosome.size();
              for(int i = 0;i<len;i++) {
   //
                  // random probability
                  float p = (rand()\%101)/100;
                  // if prob is less than 0.45, insert gene from parent 1
                  if(p < 0.45)
  //
                      child_chromosome += chromosome[i];
  //
                  // if prob is between 0.45 and 0.90, insertgene from
parent 2
                  else if(p < 0.90)
                      child_chromosome += parent2->chromosome[i];
   //
                  // otherwise insert random gene(mutate), for maintaining
diversity
                  else
  //
                      child chromosome += mutated genes();
              // create new Individual(offspring) using generated
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```
chromosome for offspring
               Individual* offspring = new Individual(child_chromosome);
   //
   //
               new generation[i] = offspring;
   //
   //
          population = new_generation;
          cout<< "Generation: " << generation << "\t";</pre>
   //
          cout<< "String: "<< population[0]->chromosome <<"\t";</pre>
   //
          cout<< "Fitness: "<< population[0]->fitness << "\n";</pre>
          generation++;
   // }
   // cout<< "Generation: " << generation << "\t";</pre>
   // cout<< "String: "<< population[0]->chromosome <<"\t";</pre>
   // cout<< "Fitness: "<< population[0]->fitness << "\n";</pre>
  return 0;
```

Results

Result is not returning back to the host from the device.

Current kernel code is working fine and giving its desired correct output, but for some reason the result is not being returned to the host.

Code is working with Class Objects and c++ vectors or strings but the cuda kernel doesn't support classes and vectors and strings in the kernel for that I have to change the whole code according to kernel oriented C.

As stated in profiling code is very similar to vector computation for random number generation is very important but unfortunately cuda kernel doesn't support that also, i have to manually write different kernels to create a random number based on the current threads and blocks number to generate a random integer.

I am creating host and device copies of the initial population array which is a double pointer i.e an array containing pointers. It is correctly being passed in the population kernel and doing its computation on array but for some reason it is not copying its new updated array back to its host copy. I have tried many different solutions found in internet sources like changing the data type and pointer type but nothing is working.