Pre-Class Questions:

Consider the following naive row-based N x N matmul (matrix multiplication):

for (i = 0; i < N; i++){

for (j = 0; j < N; j++){

tmp = 0

for (k = 0; k < N; k++)

tmp += A[i,k] \* B[k,j]

}

C[i,j] = tmp

}

Suppose data is in double-precsion floating point. We are interested in

estimating the memory-based arithmetic intensity (AI) of this code. The

memory-based AI is defined that (# flops) / (# bytes transferred between memory

and cache), and depends on the cache size. Suppose the cache uses a

least-recently-used (LRU) policy for deciding which data to flush when moving

something into an already-full cache.

1. Suppose 16N is significantly larger than the size of our L3 cache. What is

the memory-based AI of this code? (Hint: What is the memory-based AI of just the

innermost loop?)

For the following calculations(question1~3) assume that N>>1 so we roughly make that  and . Also, we assume each multiplication over double-precision float is 1 flop.

For each inner loop (loop over k), we have to read 2\*N numbers into cache, each number is at size 8 Bytes(size of double). And we did 2\*N(N multiply and N plus) flops. For the following loops, since 16N is significantly larger than the cache, so each loop, all the numbers used for the loop have been kicked out of memory. So we have to reload it into cache. So the overall AI=2\*N/8\*2\*N =1/8

Overall, we have to make O(N3) flops, and we need to write O(N2) into C. So the write into C is negligible. So AI1= 1/8

2. Now suppose that the cache is substantially larger than 16N, but

substantially smaller than 8N^2. What is the AI now?

For the first inner loop(loop over k), we have to read 2\*N numbers into cache. And we did N flops. But from the second loop, we have all the A[i,:] in the memory, we still need to load all the B[:,j] into memory since they have never been loaded. So for each loop (except for the 1st one), we need to move N doubles into the cache. and we does 2\*N flops in the inner round. So AI=2\*N/8\*N =1/4

Overall, we have to make O(N3) flops, So we need to do O(4\*N3)= O(N3) read of A and B, and we need to write O(N2) into C. So the write into C is negligible. So AI= AI2=1/4

3. Now suppose the cache is large enough to hold all of A, B, and C. What is the

AI now? (Hint: Writing to a byte of memory not already in the cache incurs two

memory transfers: one to move the data to the cache for writing, and one to move

the written data back to main memory.)

We need to read all numbers into Memory and write the numbers in C. So overall, we need to read 3\*N2 read and write N2numbers, each at size 8 Bytes. We have N3 operations. So we have AI3 =2\*N3/((3+1)\*8\*N2)=N/16

4. Cache overflowing. On my CPU (Intel i7-4700 HQ), L1, L2, and L3 caches are 32

KB, 256 KB, and 6 MB respectively. What is the largest problem size N that will

fit in each cache? What is the arithmetic intensity associated with each problem

size?

We need the cache to be at size 3\*8\*N2 So the largest N at size to fit into the L1 cache is SQRT(1024\*32/24)=36

the largest N at size to fit into the L2 cache is SQRT(1024\*256/24)=104

the largest N at size to fit into the L3 cache is SQRT(1024\*6\*1024/24) =512

5. My CPU has 4 cores, each of which can do 8 fused multiply-adds per cycle, has

a clock rate of 2.4 GHz, and a memory bandwidth of 25.6 GB/s. At what arithmetic

intensity does my machine become CPU-bound?

In 1s, your CPU can do 4cores\* 8 flop/(core\*cycle) \* 2.4 G cycle/s = 76.8 Gflops

So the CPU bound of AI is 76.8 Gflops/25.6GB/s = 3

6. So, for what size range for N will naive matmul be CPU-bound on my machine?

For case in question 1 and 2, the CPU bound will never be reached, So for case in question 3 when N/16>3 which is when N >48, the naive mat-mul will be CPU-bound on your machine. And when N reaches size of 512, the size of problem will exceed the case 3 limit. So it’s 3~512.

7. So, what will a plot of Flops/sec vs N look like?

(Notice that our assumption  does not hold when N is so small, so there may be a little different from the real situation when N is small)

