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# The Thrust Library

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Thrust is the CUDA analog of the Standard Template Library (STL) of C++. It comes with any installation of CUDA 4.2 and above and features:

- ▶ Dynamic data structures
- ▶ An encapsulation of GPU/CPU communication, memory management, and other low-level tasks.
- ▶ High-performance GPU-accelerated algorithms such as sorting and reduction

Brief history:

- ▶ Emerged from Komrade (deprecated) in 2009
- ▶ Maintained primarily by Jared Hoberock and Nathan Bell of NVIDIA.

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```
#include <thrust/host_vector.h>
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <iostream>

int main(void){

    // H has storage for 4 integers
    thrust::host_vector<int> H(4);

    // initialize individual elements
    H[0] = 14;
    H[1] = 20;
    H[2] = 38;
    H[3] = 46;

    // H.size() returns the size of vector H
    std::cout << "H has size " << H.size() << std::endl;

    // print contents of H
    for(int i = 0; i < H.size(); i++)
        std::cout << "H[" << i << "] = " << H[i] << std::endl;

    // resize H
    H.resize(2);
    std::cout << "H now has size " << H.size() << std::endl;

    // Copy host_vector H to device_vector D
    thrust::device_vector<int> D = H;

    // elements of D can be modified
```

# vector1.cu //

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```
D[0] = 99;  
D[1] = 88;  
  
// print contents of D  
for(int i = 0; i < D.size(); i++)  
    std::cout << "D[" << i << "] = " << D[i] << std::endl;  
  
// H and D are automatically deleted when the function returns  
return 0;  
}
```

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```
[landau@impact1 vector1]$ make  
nvcc vector1.cu -o vector1  
[landau@impact1 vector1]$ ./vector1  
H has size 4  
H[0] = 14  
H[1] = 20  
H[2] = 38  
H[3] = 46  
H now has size 2  
D[0] = 99  
D[1] = 88  
[landau@impact1 vector1]$
```

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- ▶ Thrust takes care of `malloc()`, `cudaMalloc()`, `free()`, and `cudaFree()` for you without sacrificing performance.
- ▶ The “`=`” operator does a `cudaMemcpy()` if one vector is on the host and one is on the device.
- ▶ `thrust::` and `std::` clarify the *namespace* of the function after the double colon. For example, we need to distinguish between `thrust::copy()` and `std::copy()`.
- ▶ The “`<<`” operator sends a value to an output stream, an alternative to `printf()`.

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```
#include <thrust/host_vector.h>
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/copy.h>
#include <thrust/fill.h>
#include <thrust/sequence.h>
#include <iostream>

int main(void){
    // initialize all ten integers of a device_vector to 1
    thrust::device_vector<int> D(10, 1);

    // set the first seven elements of a vector to 9
    thrust::fill(D.begin(), D.begin() + 7, 9);

    // initialize a host_vector with the first five elements of D
    thrust::host_vector<int> H(D.begin(), D.begin() + 5);

    // set the elements of H to 0, 1, 2, 3, ...
    thrust::sequence(H.begin(), H.end());

    // copy all of H back to the beginning of D
    thrust::copy(H.begin(), H.end(), D.begin());

    // print D
    for(int i = 0; i < D.size(); i++)
        std::cout << "D[" << i << "] = " << D[i] << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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```
[landau@impact1 vector2]$ make
nvcc vector2.cu -o vector2
[landau@impact1 vector2]$ ./vector2
D[0] = 0
D[1] = 1
D[2] = 2
D[3] = 3
D[4] = 4
D[5] = 9
D[6] = 9
D[7] = 1
D[8] = 1
D[9] = 1
[landau@impact1 vector2]$
```

# Assignment

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- ▶ `thrust::copy()` copies a section of one vector into a section of another.
- ▶ `thrust::fill()` sets a range of elements to some fixed value.
- ▶ `thrust::sequence()` assigns equally-spaced values to a section of a vector.

# The Vector Template Classes

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- ▶ Declaring vectors:
  - ▶ `thrust::device_vector<T> D;` creates a vector D with entries of data type T on the device.
  - ▶ The analogous declaration for host vectors is `thrust::host_vector<T> H;`.
- ▶ An object D of the vector template class includes the following features:
  - ▶ A dynamic linear array of elements of type T.
  - ▶ Two *iterators*:
    - ▶ `D.begin()`
    - ▶ `D.end()`

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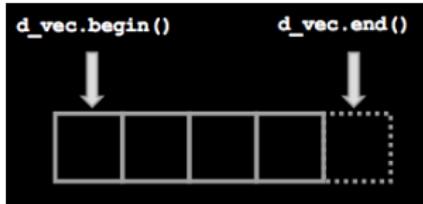
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An iterator is a pointer with a C++ wrapper around it. The wrapper contains additional information, such as whether the vector is stored on the host or the device.

```
// allocate device vector
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec(4);

d_vec.begin(); // returns iterator at first element of d_vec
d_vec.end(); // returns iterator one past the last element of d_vec

// [begin, end) pair defines a sequence of 4 elements
```



# Iterators act like pointers.

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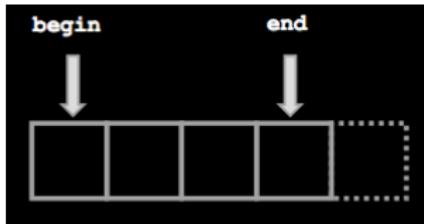
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```
// allocate device vector
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec(4);

thrust::device_vector<int>::iterator begin = d_vec.begin();
thrust::device_vector<int>::iterator end = d_vec.end();

int length = end - begin; // compute the length of the vector
end = d_vec.begin() + 3; // define a sequence of 3 elements
```



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```
// allocate device vector
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec(4);

thrust::device_vector<int>::iterator begin = d_vec.begin();

*begin = 13; // same as d_vec[0] = 13;
int temp = *begin; // same as temp = d_vec[0];

begin++; // advance iterator one position

*begin = 25; // same as d_vec[1] = 25;
```

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```
int N = 10;

// raw pointer to device memory
int * raw_ptr;
cudaMalloc((void **) &raw_ptr, N * sizeof(int));

// wrap raw pointer with a device_ptr
thrust::device_ptr<int> dev_iter(raw_ptr); // dev_iter is now an
     iterator pointing to device memory
thrust::fill(dev_iter, dev_iter + N, (int) 0); // access device memory
     through device_ptr

dev_iter[0] = 1;

// free memory
cudaFree(raw_ptr);
```

# Unwrap iterators to extract pointers.

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```
// allocate device vector
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec(4);

// obtain raw pointer to device vector's memory
int * ptr = thrust::raw_pointer_cast(&d_vec[0]); // use ptr in a CUDA C
    kernel
my_kernel<<<N/256, 256>>>(N, ptr);

// Note: ptr cannot be dereferenced on the host!
```

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# constant\_iterator

A `constant_iterator` is a pointer with some constant value associated with it.

```
#include <thrust/iterator/constant_iterator.h>
...
// create iterators
thrust::constant_iterator<int> first(10);
thrust::constant_iterator<int> last = first + 3;

first[0]; // returns 10
first[1]; // returns 10
first[100]; // returns 10

// sum of [first , last)
thrust::reduce(first , last); // returns 30 (i.e. 3 * 10)
```

A `counting_iterator` is a pointer with the value `some_constant + offset` associated with it.

```
#include <thrust/iterator/counting_iterator.h>
...
// create iterators
thrust::counting_iterator<int> first(10);
thrust::counting_iterator<int> last = first + 3;

first[0]; // returns 10
first[1]; // returns 11
first[100]; // returns 110

// sum of [first , last)
thrust::reduce(first , last); // returns 33 (i.e. 10 + 11 + 12)
```

# transform\_iterator I

A `transform_iterator` is a pointer with the value `some_function(vector_entry)` associated with it.

```
#include <thrust/iterator/transform_iterator.h>
...
thrust::device_vector <int> vec(3);
vec[0] = 10;
vec[1] = 20;
vec[2] = 30;

// create iterator
thrust::transform_iterator <int> first =
    thrust::make_transform_iterator(vec.begin(), negate<int>());

thrust::transform_iterator <int> last =
    thrust::make_transform_iterator(vec.end(), negate<int>());

first[0] // returns -10
first[1] // returns -20
first[2] // returns -30

thrust::reduce(first, last); // returns -60 (i.e. -10 + -20 + -30)

//same thing:
thrust::reduce(
    thrust::make_transform_iterator(
        vec.begin(), negate<int>()),
    thrust::make_transform_iterator(
```

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```
vec.end(), negate<int>());
```

# permutation\_iterator I

A `permutation_iterator` is a pointer associated with a permuted vector.

```
#include <thrust/iterator/permutation_iterator.h>
...
thrust::device_vector<int> map(4);
map[0] = 3;
map[1] = 1;
map[2] = 0;
map[3] = 5;

thrust::device_vector<int> source(6);
source[0] = 10;
source[1] = 20;
source[2] = 30;
source[3] = 40;
source[4] = 50;
source[5] = 60;

typedef thrust::device_vector<int>::iterator indexIter;

thrust::permutation_iterator<indexIter, indexIter> pbegin =
    thrust::make_permutation_iterator(
        source.begin(), map.begin())

thrust::permutation_iterator<indexIter, indexIter> pend =
    thrust::make_permutation_iterator(
        source.end(), map.end())

int p0 = pbegin[0] // source[map[0]] = 40
```

# permutation\_iterator II

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```
int p1 = pbegin[1] // source[map[1]] = 20
int sum = thrust::reduce(pbegin, pend)

/* sum =
 * source[map[0]] + source[map[1]] + source[map[2]] + source[map[3]] =
 * source[3] + source[1] + source[0] + source[5] =
 * 40 + 20 + 10 + 60 =
 * 130 */
```

# zip\_iterator I

A `zip_iterator` is a pointer associated with a vector of tuples.

```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/tuple.h>
#include <thrust/iterator/zip_iterator.h>
#include <iostream>

#include <thrust/iterator/zip_iterator.h>

int main(){
    thrust::device_vector<int> int_v(3);
    int_v[0] = 0; int_v[1] = 1; int_v[2] = 2;

    thrust::device_vector<float> float_v(3);
    float_v[0] = 0.0; float_v[1] = 1.0; float_v[2] = 2.0;

    thrust::device_vector<char> char_v(3);
    char_v[0] = 'a'; char_v[1] = 'b'; char_v[2] = 'c';

    // typedef these iterators for shorthand
    typedef thrust::device_vector<int>::iterator IntIterator;
    typedef thrust::device_vector<float>::iterator FloatIterator;
    typedef thrust::device_vector<char>::iterator CharIterator;

    // typedef a tuple of these iterators
    typedef thrust::tuple<IntIterator, FloatIterator, CharIterator>
        IteratorTuple;
```

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```
// typedef the zip_iterator of this tuple
typedef thrust::zip_iterator<IteratorTuple> Ziplterator;

// finally, create the zip_iterator
Ziplterator iter(thrust::make_tuple(int_v.begin(), float_v.begin(),
    char_v.begin()));

*iter; // returns (0, 0.0, 'a')
iter[0]; // returns (0, 0.0, 'a')
iter[1]; // returns (1, 1.0, 'b')
iter[2]; // returns (2, 2.0, 'c')

thrust::get<0>(iter[2]); // returns 2
thrust::get<1>(iter[0]); // returns 0.0
thrust::get<2>(iter[1]); // returns 'b'

// iter[3] is an out-of-bounds error
}
```

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Containers are fancy data storage classes used in the Standard Template Library (STL), the CPU C++ analogue of Thrust. Examples of containers include:

- ▶ `vector`
- ▶ `deque`
- ▶ `list`
- ▶ `tack`
- ▶ `queue`
- ▶ `priority_queue`
- ▶ `set`
- ▶ `multiset`
- ▶ `map`
- ▶ `multimap`
- ▶ `biset`

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```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/copy.h>
#include <list>
#include <vector>

int main(void){
    // create an STL list with 4 values
    std::list<int> stl_list;
    stl_list.push_back(10);
    stl_list.push_back(20);
    stl_list.push_back(30);
    stl_list.push_back(40);

    // initialize a device_vector with the list
    thrust::device_vector<int> D(stl_list.begin(), stl_list.end());

    // copy a device_vector into an STL vector
    std::vector<int> stl_vector(D.size());
    thrust::copy(D.begin(), D.end(), stl_vector.begin());

    return 0;
}
```

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- ▶ A transformation is the application of a function to each element within a range of elements in a vector. The results are stored as a range of elements in another vector.
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ `thrust::fill()`
  - ▶ `thrust::sequence()`
  - ▶ `thrust::replace()`
  - ▶ `thrust::transform()`

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```
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/transform.h>
#include <thrust/sequence.h>
#include <thrust/copy.h>
#include <thrust/fill.h>
#include <thrust/replace.h>
#include <thrust/functional.h>
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {
    // allocate three device_vectors with 10 elements
    thrust::device_vector<int> X(10);
    thrust::device_vector<int> Y(10);
    thrust::device_vector<int> Z(10);

    // initialize X to 0,1,2,3, ...
    thrust::sequence(X.begin(), X.end());

    // compute Y = -X
    thrust::transform(X.begin(), X.end(), Y.begin(), thrust::negate<int>());
}

// fill Z with twos
thrust::fill(Z.begin(), Z.end(), 2);

// compute Y = X mod 2
thrust::transform(X.begin(), X.end(), Z.begin(),
                 Y.begin(), thrust::modulus<int>());

// replace all the ones in Y with tens
```

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```
thrust::replace(Y.begin(), Y.end(), 1, 10);
// print Y
thrust::copy(Y.begin(), Y.end(), std::ostream_iterator<int>(std::cout,
    "\n"));
return 0;
}
```

## Output:

```
[landau@impact1 transformations]$ make
nvcc transformations.cu -o transformations
[landau@impact1 transformations]$ ./transformations
0
10
0
10
0
10
0
10
0
10
0
10
[landau@impact1 transformations]$
```

```
int sum = thrust::reduce(D.begin(), D.end(),
    (int) 0, thrust::plus<int>());
int sum = thrust::reduce(D.begin(), D.end(),
    (int) 0);
int sum = thrust::reduce(D.begin(), D.end())
```

- ▶ The third argument is the starting value of the reduction.
- ▶ The fourth argument is the binary operation that defines the kind of reduction.

# Counting

Another reduction: use `thrust::count()` to count the number of times a value appears in a vector

```
#include <thrust/count.h>
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
...
// put three 1s in a device_vector
thrust::device_vector<int> vec(5,0);

vec[1] = 1;
vec[3] = 1;
vec[4] = 1;

// count the 1s
int result = thrust::count(vec.begin(), vec.end(), 1);
// result is three
```

A scan, also called a prefix-sum, applies a function to multiple sub-ranges of a vector and returns the result in a vector of the same size. The default function is addition.

```
#include <thrust/scan.h>
...
int data[6] = {1, 0, 2, 2, 1, 3};
thrust::inclusive_scan(data, data + 6, data);

/* data[0] = data[0]
 * data[1] = data[0] + data[1]
 * data[2] = data[0] + data[1] + data[2]
 * ...
 * data[5] = data[0] + data[1] + ... + data[5]
 */

// data is now {1, 1, 3, 5, 6, 9}
```

There are *exclusive scans* in addition to *inclusive scans*:

```
#include <thrust/scan.h>
...
int data[6] = {1, 0, 2, 2, 1, 3};
thrust::exclusive_scan(data, data + 6, data);

/* data[0] = 0
 * data[1] = data[0]
 * data[2] = data[0] + data[1]
 * ...
 * data[5] = data[0] + data[1] + ... + data[4]
 */

// data is now {0, 1, 1, 3, 5, 6}
```

# Reordering

The “Reordering” utilities provides subletting and partitioning tools:

- ▶ `thrust::copy_if()`: copy the elements that make some logical function return true.
- ▶ `thrust::partition()`: reorder a vector such that values returning true precede values returning false.
- ▶ `thrust::remove()` and `remove_if()`: remove elements that return false.
- ▶ `thrust::unique()`: remove duplicates in a vector.

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```
#include <thrust/partition.h>

struct is_even{
    __host__ __device__ bool operator()(const int x){
        return (x % 2) == 0;
    }
};

int main(){
    int A[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
    const int N = sizeof(A)/sizeof(int);
    thrust::partition(A, A + N,
                      is_even());

    // A is now {2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 3, 7, 1, 9, 5}
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < N; ++i){
        std::cout << "A[" << i << "] = " << A[i] << std::endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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`thrust::sort():`

```
#include <thrust/sort.h>
...
const int N = 6;
int A[N] = {1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
thrust::sort(A, A + N);
// A is now {1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8}
```

`thrust::sort_by_key():`

```
#include <thrust/sort.h>
...
const int N = 6;
int keys[N] = { 1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
char values[N] = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'};
thrust::sort_by_key(keys, keys + N, values);
// keys is now { 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8}
// values is now {'a', 'c', 'b', 'e', 'f', 'd'}
```

# thrust::stable\_sort()

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```
:  
  
#include <thrust/sort.h>  
...  
const int N = 6;  
int keys[N] = { 1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};  
char values[N] = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'};  
thrust::sort_by_key(keys, keys + N, values);  
// keys is now { 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8}  
// values is now {'a', 'c', 'b', 'e', 'f', 'd'}
```

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These slides, a tentative syllabus for the whole lecture series,  
and all example code are available at  
<https://github.com/wlandau/gpu>.

After logging into your home directory on impact1, type:

```
git clone https://github.com/wlandau/gpu
```

into the command line to download all the materials.

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