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Torsion Part I

Connection Part II

6 Bench for HPC

6.1 Introduction

In this section aims at providing basic but reliable guidlines to produce fast and mannagable code for our algorithms

Most compilers with which you are probably familiar are standalone programs which take as input some source code text and compile it into machine code (or some other target representation).

cach miss : une donnée n'est pas dans le cache

[Dre07] [Aka12]

L1 = 64kB L2 = 512kB L3 = 4096kB

6.2 Languages

- Csharp - Julia - C++ - Intel MKL - OpenBLAS

6.3 From syntax to processor

A short story about how a code is translated to get machin instructions

6.4 Memory allocation and garbage collection

Toutes les syntaxes ne sont pas égales en terme de gestion de la mémoire. Le problème, c'est le passage de la GC qui est couteux en temps. Donc il faut essayer de minimiser l'utilisation mémoire. Idéalement le problème peut rester dans le cache du processeur (mémoire d'accès bcp plus rapide que la RAM). Donc la meilleur stratégie consiste à pré-allouer les tableaux et à faire des opération "in-place" au maximum, c'est à dire d'écraser les donner au fur et à mesure du calcul.

Par ailleurs les accès mémoires sont lents. Plus la taille du problème reste petite, plus le problème peut être résolu en restant dans le cache. (latency).

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/4087280/approximate-cost-to-access-various-caches-and-main-memory

MOST CPU's today uses the memory on multiple level. Generally the memory at the proximity of CPU is costly and less, whereas the memory at the distance (wire distance) is bigger, slower and cheap [1]. Today getting the computer in market with 8GB DRAM is cheap, but L1/L2 cache of such computer is very small in terms of 10's of KB's and few MB's respectively. The access time of L1 (that is generally SRAM) is few cycles whereas L2 is few 10's cycles and accessing main memory is considered a bad programming if accessed too frequently. The access time is huge and in terms of 100's of cycles. So optimizing the code to run and access L1 Instruction and Data cache is the simplest way to optimizing the code.

On remarque que l'allocation mémoire est très différente d'une fonction à l'autre. Il est important de privilégier des opération "in-place" pour contenir l'allocation mémoire, sinon on risque de déclencher la GC qui est couteuse.

sqrt Float64	$\mathrm{CPU}\ (\mathrm{ns/el})$	Allocation (Bytes)
Allocation	4	8,112
Julia vectorized	9	8,080
Julia broadcast	13	8,352
Julia broadcast!	7	16
Julia map	100	48,000
Julia map!	92	48,000
VML (allocation)	6	8,080
VML (in-place)	4	0

Table 6.1 – Memory allocations for various methods computing sqrt(a) for $n = 10^4$

Les temps CPU sont indicatifs car le bench est fait sur une durée caractéristique trop courte

Ici on met en évidence la non linéarité du coût d'allocation par élément d'un tableau de taille n. On remarque que la différence entre le coût de sqrt et le coût de l'allocation est constante : c'est le coût de sqrt hors allocation. Attention, cette notion est "language dependent" car les allocations sont gérées par la GC.

Remarque, on trouverait sans doute la même chose pour MKL, à cause du marshalling : le coût d'appel à une fonction C est supérieur à celui d'une fonction managée (cf HPC .Net)

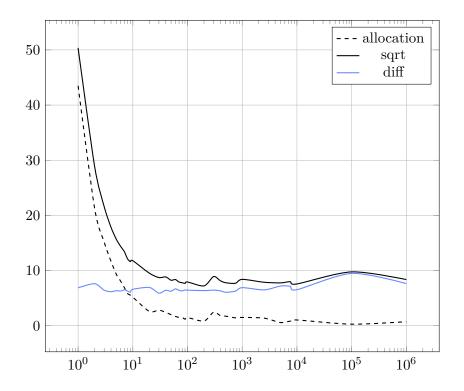


Figure 6.1 – Nonlinear cost of CPU time in ns/el of memory allocation for arrays (Float64).

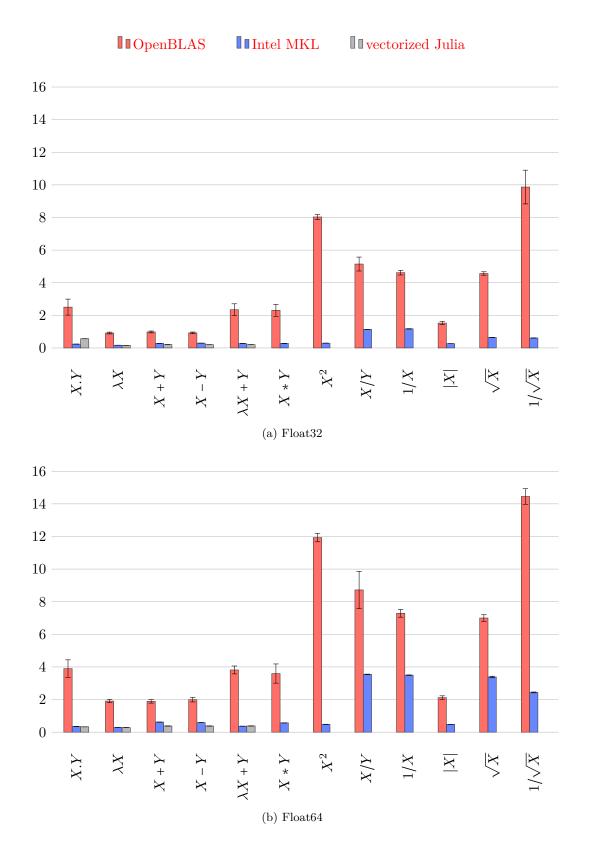


Figure 6.2 – Absolute CPU time in ns/element for n=1e4 elements. Error bars indicate 95% condifience interval.

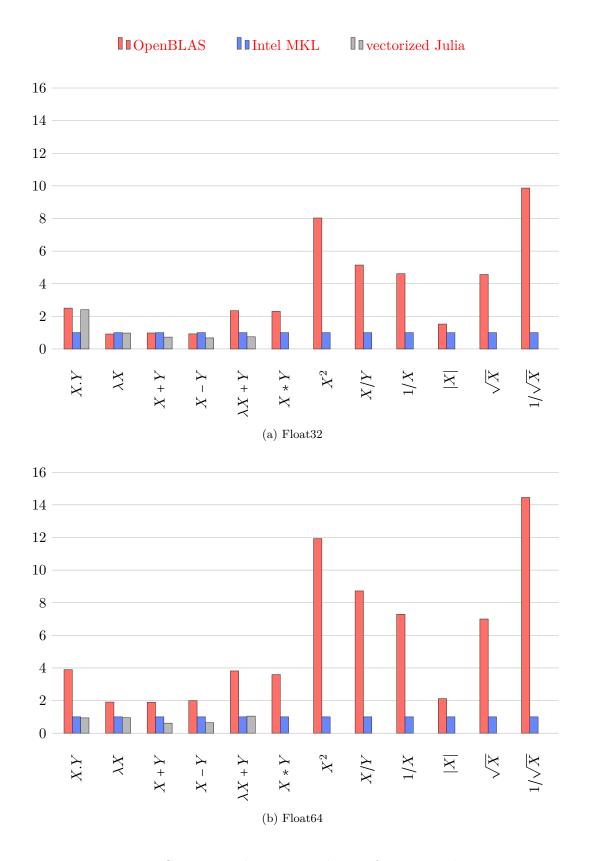


Figure 6.3 – CPU time relative to Intel MKL for n=1e4 elements.

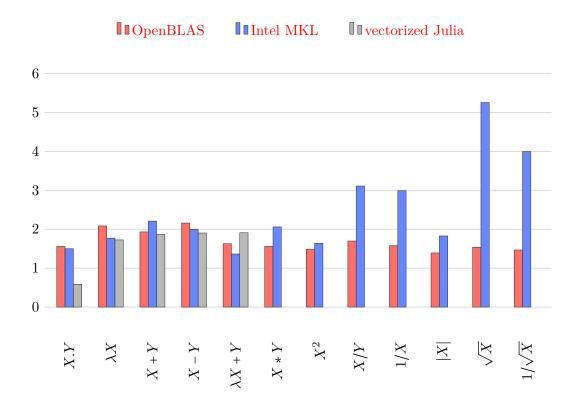


Figure 6.4 – CPU time relative to Intel MKL for n = 1e4 elements.

profiling: https://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-vtune-amplifier-xe

SIMD: http://www.drdobbs.com/architecture-and-design/simd-enabled-vector-types-with-c/240168888

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```
using VML
    # wrap functions to avoid global scoping while testing
    function sqrt_jvectorized{T<:Number}(a::Vector{T})</pre>
4
        sqrt(a)
5
6
    function sqrt_jbroadcast{T<:Number}(a::Vector{T})</pre>
        broadcast(sqrt,a)
8
9
    function sqrt_jbroadcast!{T<:Number}(dest::Vector{T}, a::Vector{T})</pre>
10
        broadcast!(sqrt,dest,a)
11
12
    function sqrt_jmap{T<:Number}(a::Vector{T})</pre>
13
        map!(sqrt,a)
14
15
    function sqrt_jmap!{T<:Number}(dest::Vector{T}, a::Vector{T})</pre>
16
        map!(sqrt,dest,a)
17
18
    function sqrt_jloop{T<:Number}(dest::Vector{T},a::Vector{T})</pre>
19
         @inbounds for i in eachindex(a) dest[i]=sqrt(a[i]) end
20
^{21}
    end
^{22}
    function sqrt_bench()
^{23}
        # define vector size and floating precision
^{24}
        n = 1_{000}
25
        T = Float64
26
        # allocate vectors
27
        dest = ones(T,n)
28
        @time a = rand(T,n)
29
        # bench
30
31
        gc()
        gc_enable(false)
^{32}
        @time sqrt_jvectorized(a)
33
        @time sqrt_jbroadcast(a)
34
        @time sqrt_jbroadcast!(dest,a)
35
        @time sqrt_jmap(a)
36
        @time sqrt_jmap!(dest,a)
37
        @time VML.sqrt(a)
38
39
        @time VML.sqrt!(dest,a)
40
        gc_enable(true)
41
    end
^{42}
    sqrt_bench()
43
```

Listing 1 – Example from external file

```
using DataFrames, VML
2
    function sqrt_bench()
3
4
        # vector size
5
        N = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,
6
              10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100,200,300,400,500,750,
 7
              1_000,2_500,5_000,7_500,10_000,100_000,1_000_000]
8
        \# dataframe for results
10
        df = DataFrame(N=[],ALLOC=Float64[],JULIA=Float64[],MKL=Float64[])
11
12
        @inbounds for i in 1:length(N)
13
            T = Float64
14
            n = N[i]
15
            a = rand(T,n)
16
            dest = zeros(T,n)
17
18
            # evaluate sqrt and allocation
19
            \# for small n Qelapsed applies to a bunch of evaulations
20
            nrep = 1000
^{21}
            ncycle = 10_000 \div n + 1
^{22}
23
            # trigger garbage collection
24
            gc()
25
            talloc = 0.0; talloc = 0.0; tsqrt = 0.0
26
            for j in 1:nrep
27
                talloc += @elapsed for k in 1:ncycle Vector{T}(n) end
28
                 tsqrt += @elapsed for k in 1:ncycle sqrt(a) end
            end
30
31
            # scale results (ns/element)
32
            talloc = talloc / nrep / ncycle / n * 1e9
33
            tsqrt = tcpu / nrep / ncycle / n * 1e9
34
35
             # write results
36
37
            push!(df,[n,talloc, tsqrt])
        end
38
39
40
    end
41
    sqrt_bench()
^{42}
```

Listing 2 – Example from external file