CS 6023 - GPU Programming Convolution Operation

14/09/2018

Setting and Agenda

So far we have looked at vector addition, matrix multiplication, histogram computation

We will look at another popular operation: Convolution

Acknowledgement: Nvidia teaching kit

Standard continuous time convolution

Convolution system with input

$$x (x(t) = 0, t < 0)$$

transfer function $h(t)$
and output y is given as

$$y(t) = \int_0^t h(\tau)x(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_0^t h(t-\tau)x(\tau)d\tau$$

For discrete time convolution

$$y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{n} h[m]x[n-m] = \sum_{m=0}^{n} h[n-m]x[m]$$

Applications of convolution

- EE/ME: Modelling linear time invariant (LTI) systems
- Probability: computing the probability distributions of sum of two independent random variables
- Acoustics/Signal processing: filters on input signals
- Image processing: Edge detection, blurring, sharpening, etc.
 - => Deep learning

Small modifications

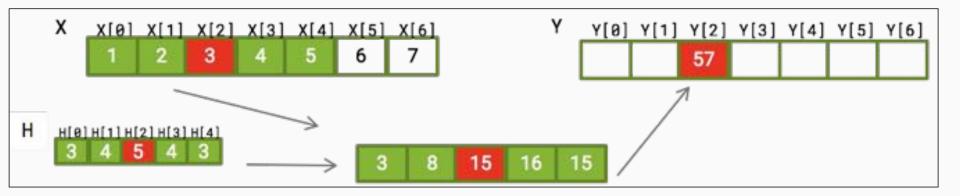
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$$y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{n} h[m]x[n-m] = \sum_{m=0}^{n} h[n-m]x[m]$$

- Changes:
 - Assume finite support of kernel function / transfer function, typically
 odd number so say (2k + 1)
 - Center kernel around the point at which we are computing output
 - Flip kernel function

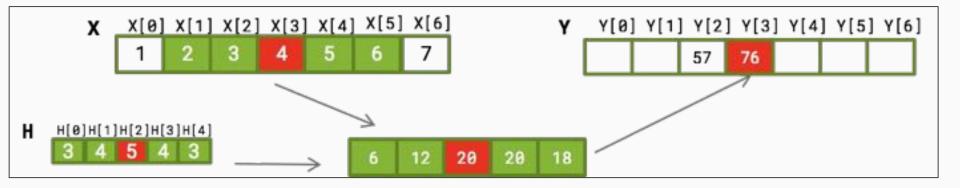
$$y[n] = \sum_{m=n-k}^{n+k} h'[m]x[m]$$

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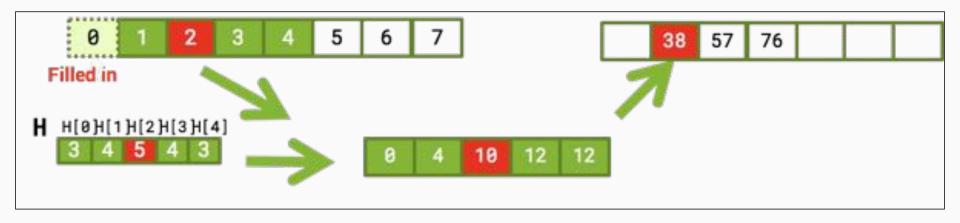
- Kernel size is 5, input size is 6
- Calculate Y[2]
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Example - what happens in the boundary



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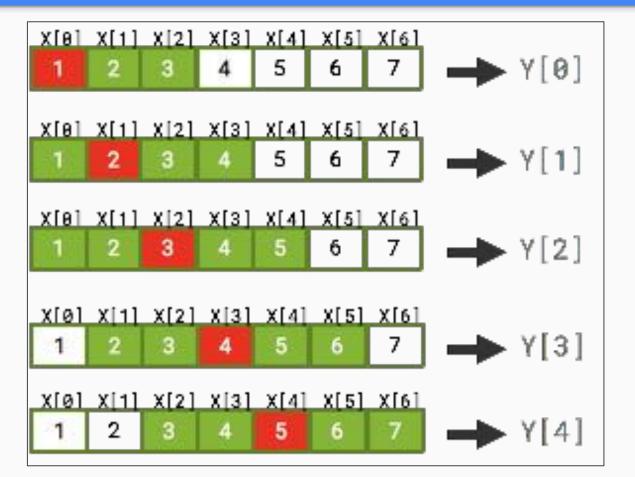
Basic version - Each thread computes one output index

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        float *Y, int Kernel_Width, int Width)
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    float Yvalue = 0:
    int X_start_point = i - (Kernel_Width/2);
    for (int j = 0; j < Kernel_Width; j++) {
        if (X_start_point + j >= 0 && X_start_point + j < Width) {</pre>
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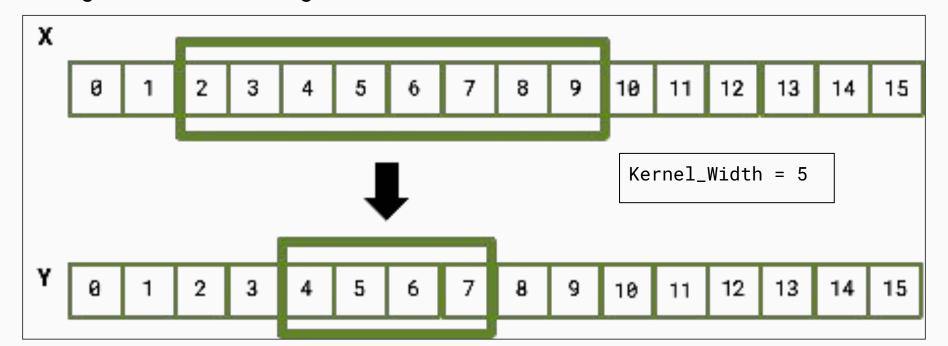
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What can we do to improve performance further?

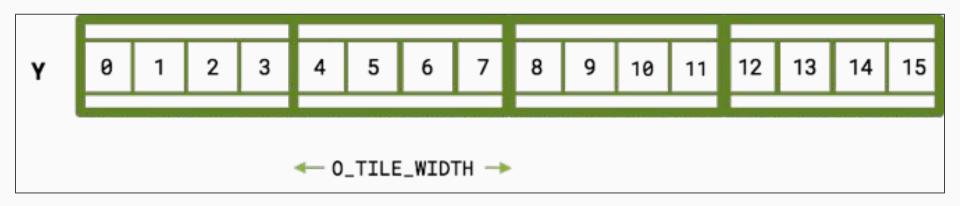


A block's access pattern

- Suppose each block to calculate T consecutive values of the output
- It needs to access T + Kernel_Width 1 number of input elements,
 again we are assuming an odd sized Kernel_Width

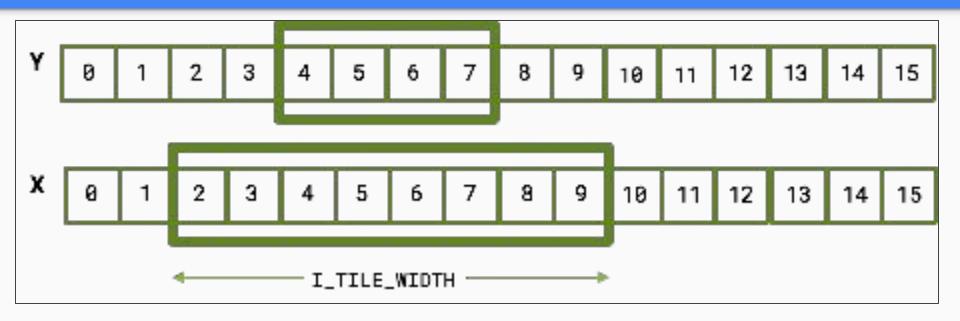


We are defining "Output" Tiles Too



- In this case O_TILE_WIDTH = 4
- Typically, O_TILE_WIDTH is significantly larger than KERNEL_WIDTH

Two kinds of tiles



How do we size the blocks? What does each thread in a block do?

Two block design options

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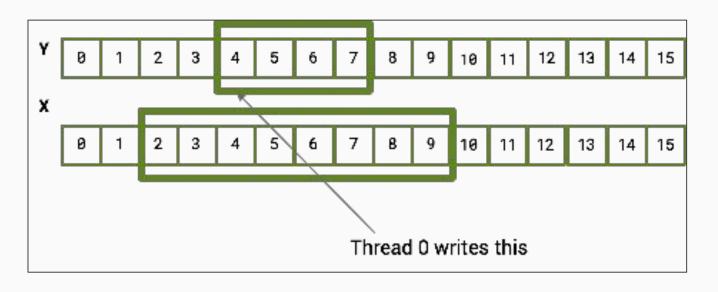
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 - => Control divergence
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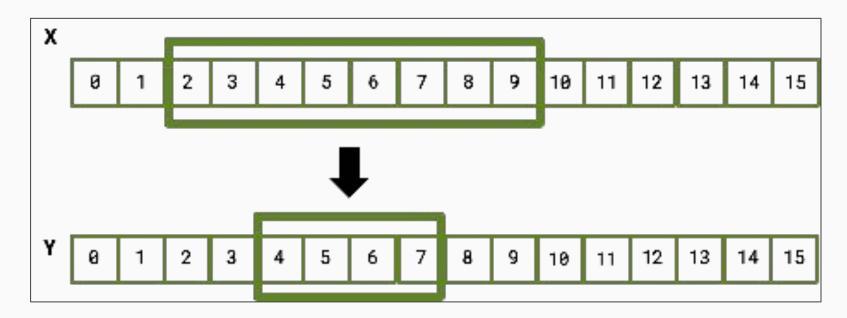
How will you distribute the loads?

Pseudocode

- Distribute loading of X amongst threads
- Load input tile into shared memory
- Synchronize
- Compute each output value
 - o Do we use shared memory?
 - O Do we use atomics?

Computational intensity with tiling

- Consider an output tile of size O_Tile_Width and kernel of size
 Kernel_Width
- What is the fraction of memory loads (only X) avoided by tiling?



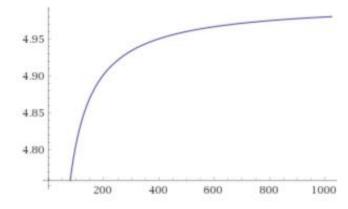
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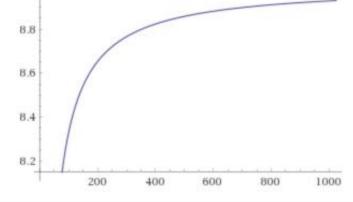
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- Bandwidth reduction = O_Tile_Width * Kernel_Width
 O_Tile_Width + Kernel_Width 1

Bandwidth reduction

O_Tile_Width	16	32	64	128	256
Kernel_Width = 5	4.0	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.9
Kernel_Width = 9	6.0	7.2	8.0	8.5	8.7





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It is read a very large number of times and never changed.

One option: read it to shared memory.

But ends up consuming shared memory capacity (duplicated per block)

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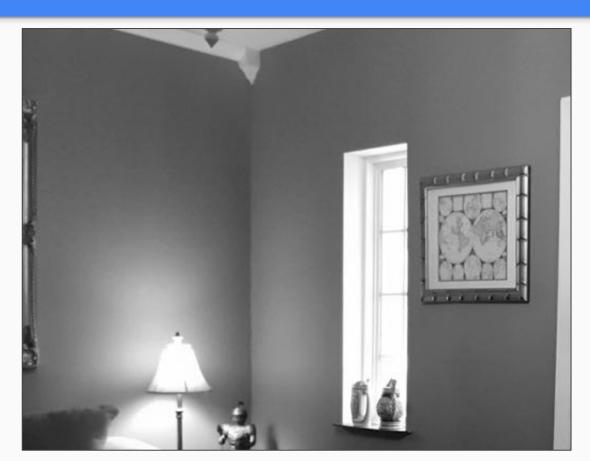
- CUDA devices provide constant memory which can be cached
 - Cached values are accessible by threads in all blocks
 - Moderately high memory bandwidth
- However, to qualify for caching, we need to provide compiler explicit qualifier of const __restrict__

Restrict qualifier

- restrict qualifier is available in other languages (including C/C++)
- Required to avoid performance hit from pointer aliasing
- Without the restrict qualifier, the compiler may assume pointers could point to the same memory and thus reload values multiple times
- Example: In the code below, compiler may reload c[i] because it is not sure if c and a point to the same address

```
void example(float *a, float *b, float *c, int i) {
    a[i] = a[i] + c[i];
    b[i] = b[i] + c[i];
}
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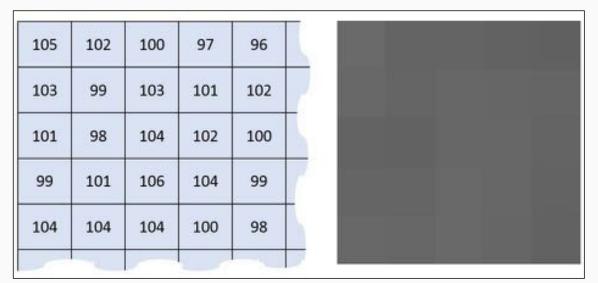
- Input X is two-dimensional
- Kernel H is two-dimensional
- Output Y is also thus two-dimensional
- Very common in image processing



Consider a 2d matrix representing a black and white image

Each point represents the grayness of that point (0 - 255)

http://machinelearninguru.com/computer_vision/basics/convolution/image_convolution_1.html



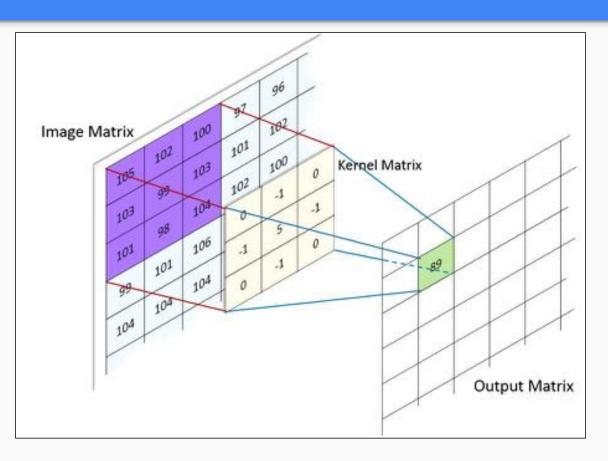
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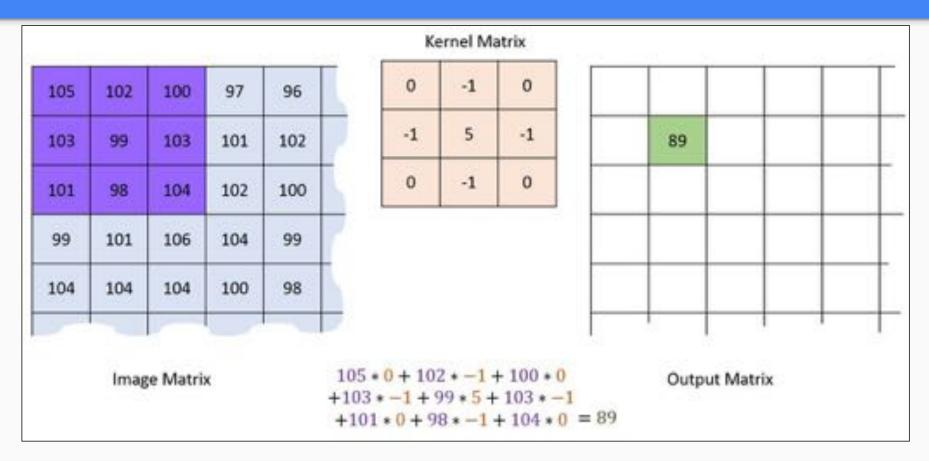
For 2d convolution, the convolutional kernel is 2d

This specific kernel implements sharpening

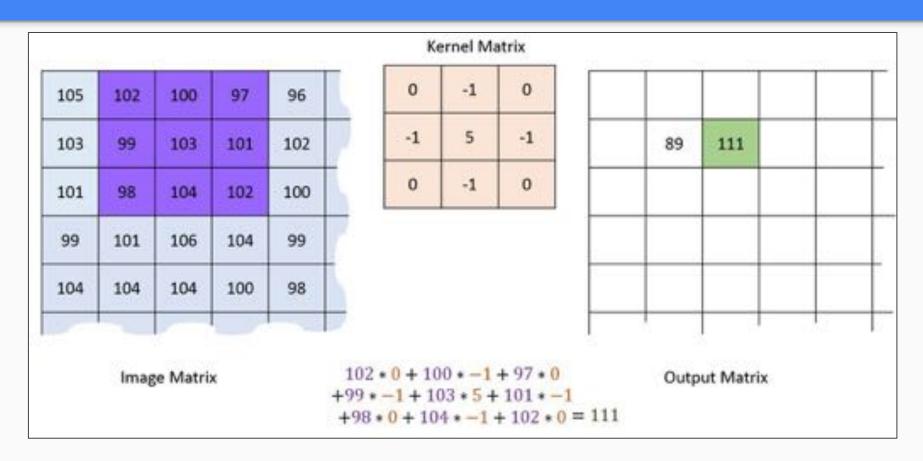


At each point in the output matrix, kernel is centered and multiplied pointwise with the input matrix and added

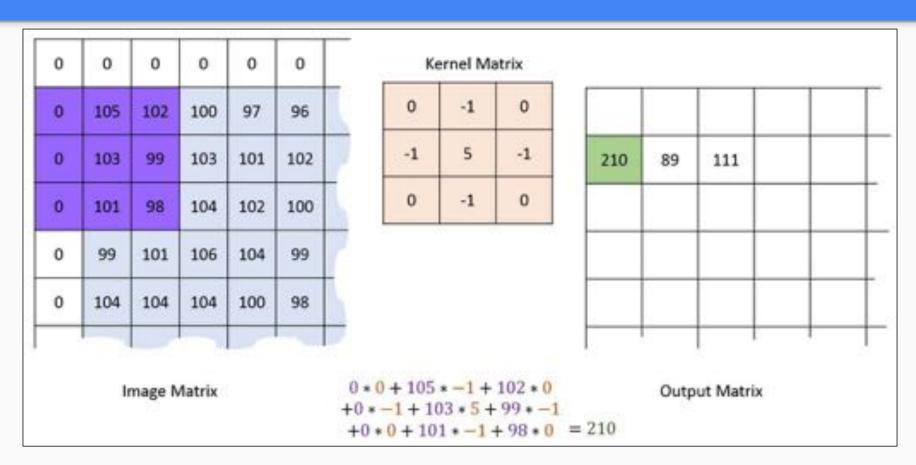
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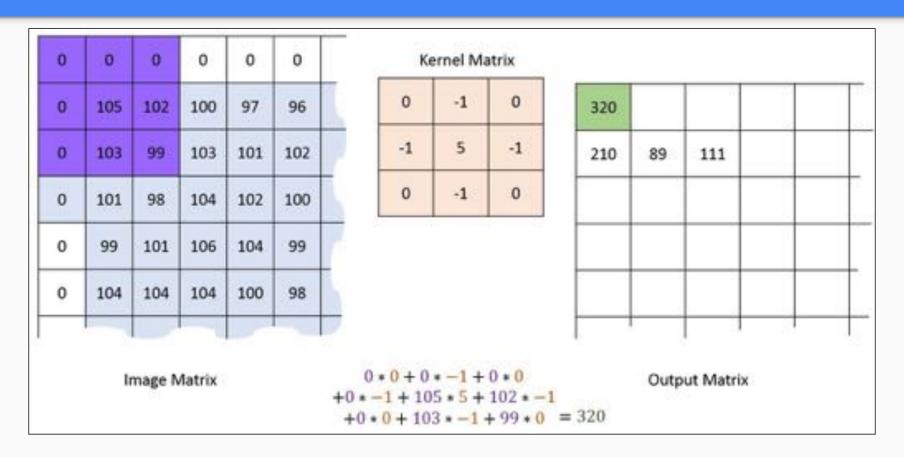
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2d convolutions - Result of sharpen kernel





After convolution

Original

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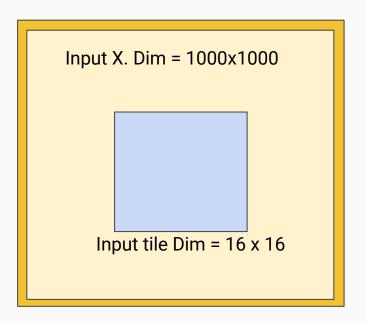
Other kernels - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_(image_processing)

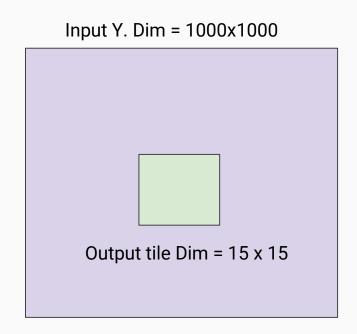
Operation	Kernel	Image result		
Identity	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		Box blur (normalized)	$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Edge detection	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Gaussian blur 3 x 3 (approximation)	$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	Gaussian blur 5 x 5 (approximation)	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	Unsharp masking 5 x 5	\[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \] \[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \]
Sharpen	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		Based on Gaussian blur with amount as 1 and threshold as 0 (with no image mask)	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

How to parallelize

- Like in 1d convolution, we should use shared memory
- What are the options for tile sizing
- Show that with tiling:
 - not only operational intensity increases
 - but access patterns become coalesced
- Assume output stationary with tile-size = 0_TILE_SIZE

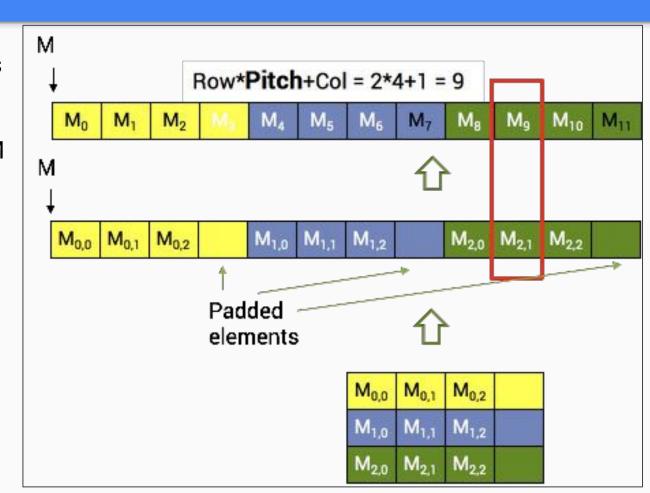
Memory access pattern of a thread





One more trick with matrix loading

- Pad matrices by zeros to ensure their sizes are multiples of DRAM bursts
- Applies in other algos also
- Sometimes
 automatically done by
 compiler



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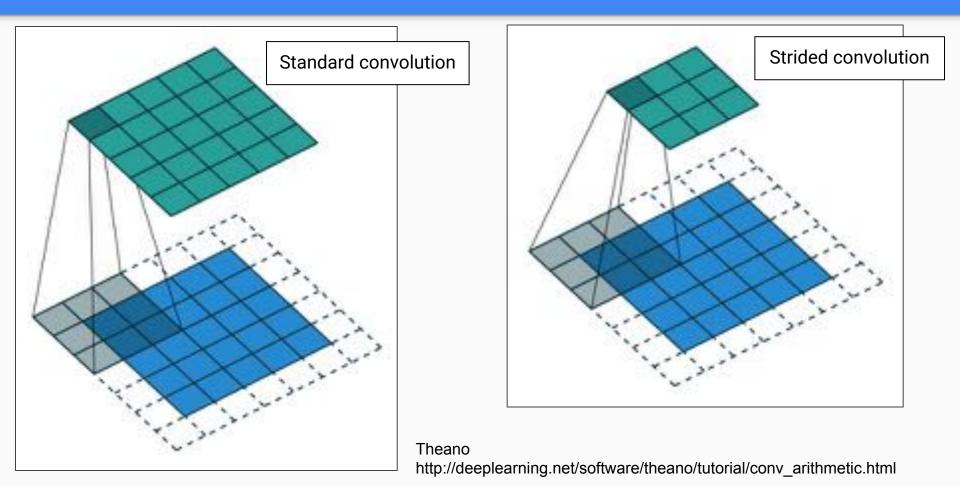
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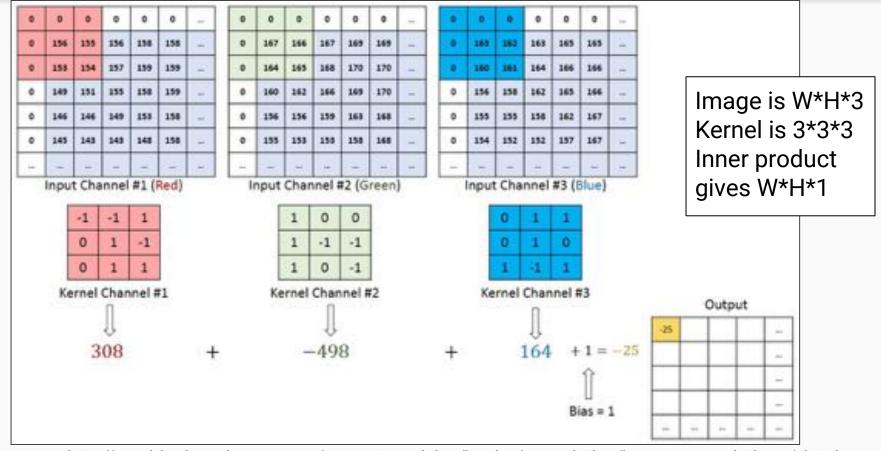
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Kernel_Width = 5	11.1	16	19.7	22.1	15 10 5 10 20 30 40 50 60
Kernel_Width = 9	20.3	36	51.8	64	60 50 40 30 20

Strided convolutions



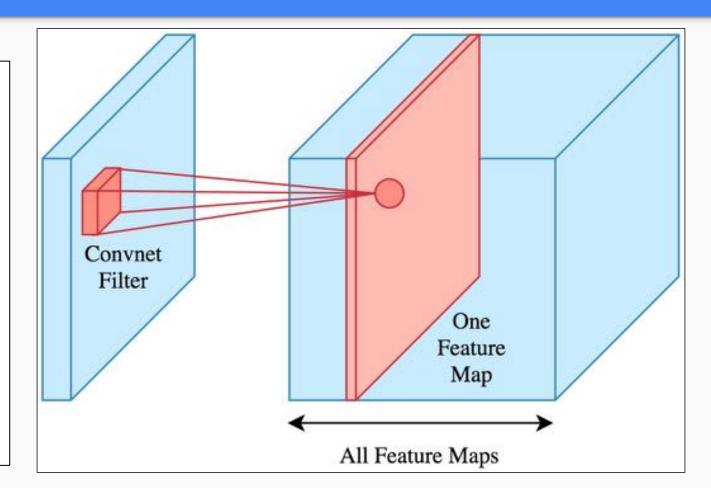
Multi-channel convolution: 3 channel RGB



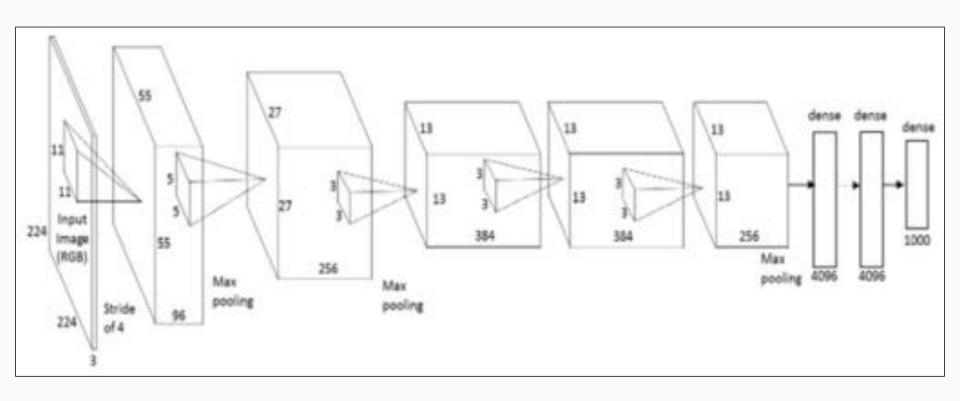
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Many channel convolution

In deep neural networks, channels are obtained by stacking the results of convolution operation on many kernels

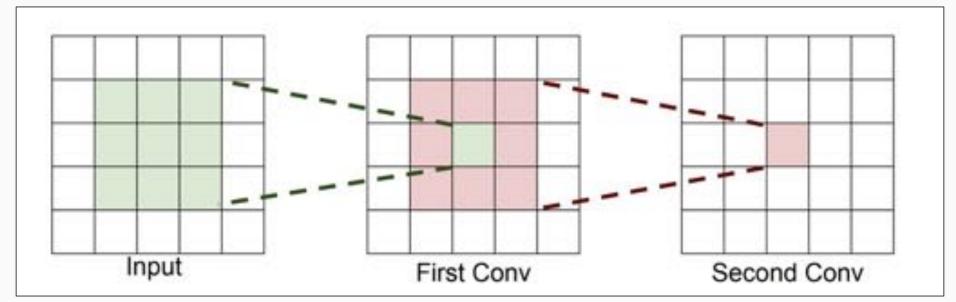


A Deep Learning Model



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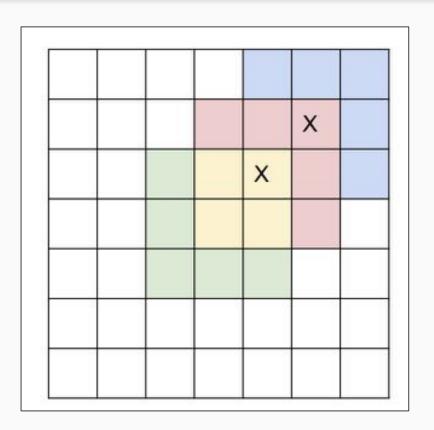


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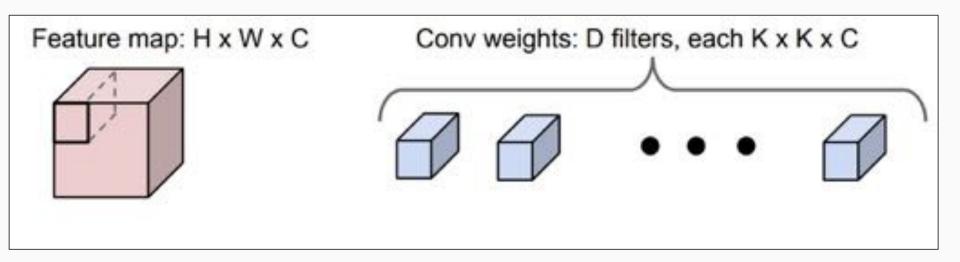
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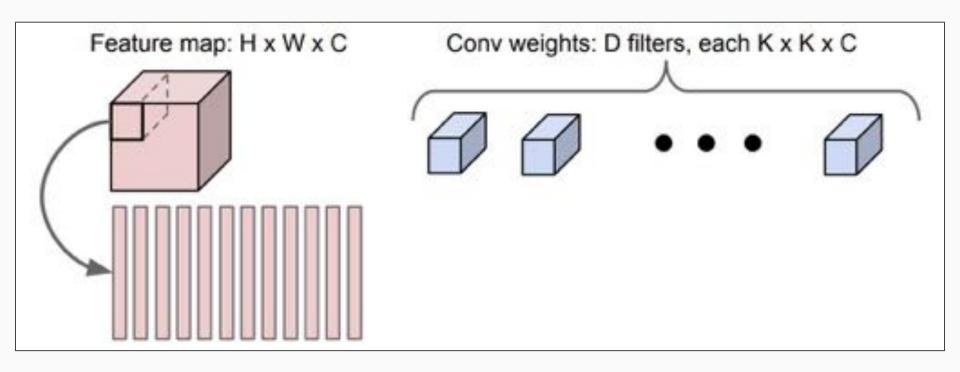
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- Answer: 7x7

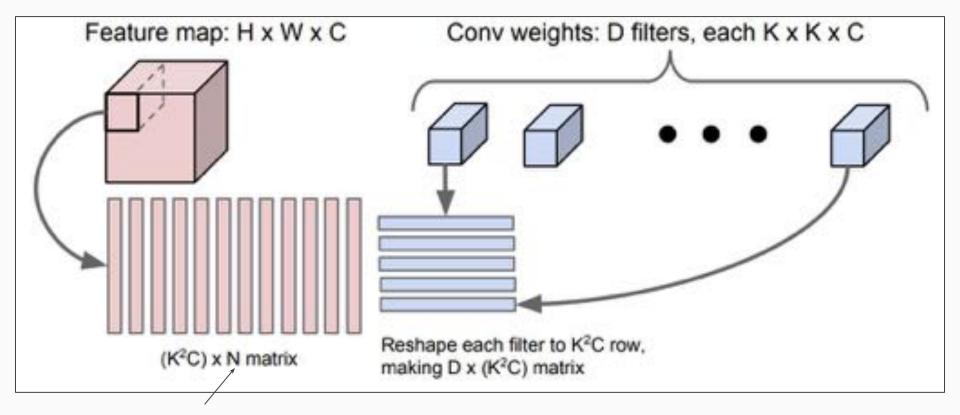
- Effect: Instead of K² x 49
 parameters we have 3 x K² x 9
 parameters.
 - => Fewer parameters and more non-linearity



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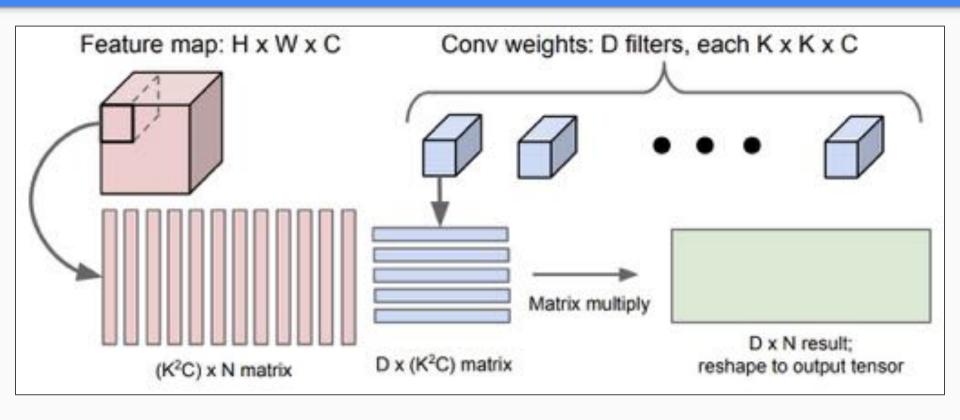


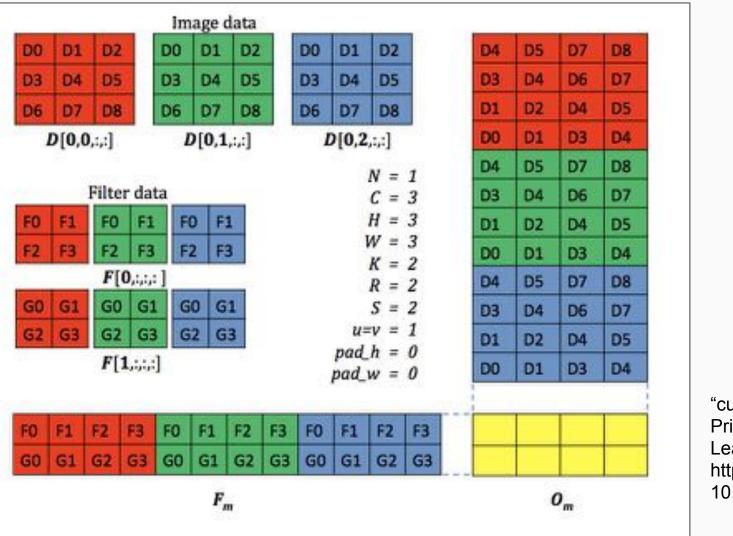




N is the number of K² slices in H x W

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"cuDNN: Efficient Primitives for Deep Learning", https://arxiv.org/pdf/14 10.0759.pdf

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 - Transformation step: Eg. im2col on CUDA from Caffe

Another approach - Using Fast Fourier Transform

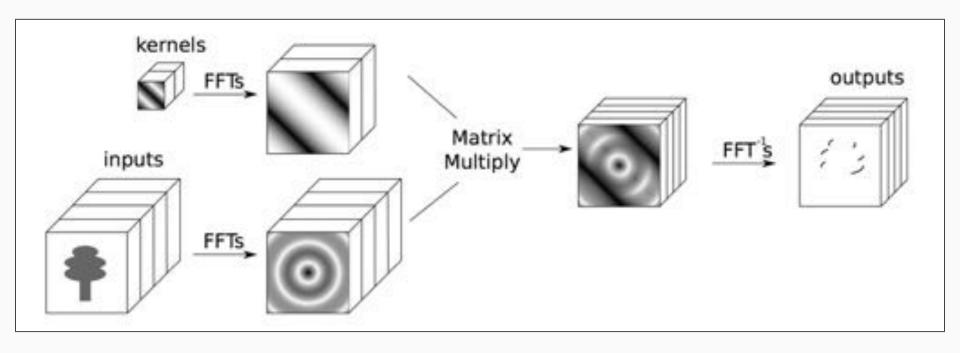
Convolution theorem

- \circ Convolutions in the spatial domain are equivalent to point-wise multiplications in Fourier transforms $f*g=\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(f)\cdot\mathcal{F}(g))$
- For the case of finite sequences, we can take discrete fourier and inverse fourier transforms

Complexity

- Given an image of size N x N and kernel of size K x K, the standard method uses $(N K + 1)^2 \times K^2$ multiplications = $O(N^2K^2)$ for typical K
- With FFT: Complexity of each FFT is $O(2N^2 \log N)$ and point-wise multiplication takes $O(N^2)$. Thus overall $O(N^2 \log N)$.
- FFT complexity independent of K because, fourier transform taken on the same support for both kernel and image => Does not benefit from small K

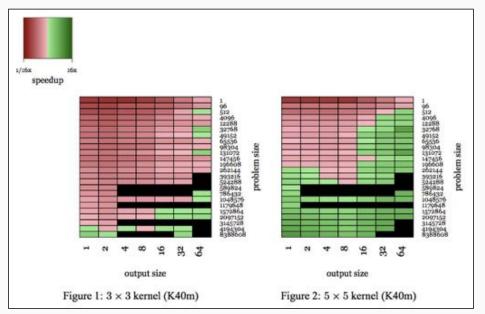
Convolutions with FFT

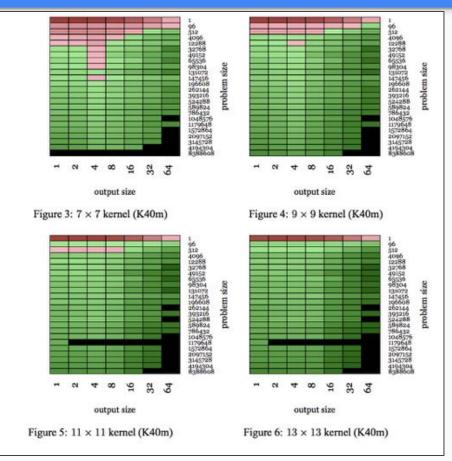


"Fast Training of Convolutional Networks through FFTs", https://arxiv.org/pdf/1312.5851.pdf

FFT performance vs standard convolution

Larger improvement for larger kernel sizes. Does not work for 3x3. Does not work for stride length > 1





FAST CONVOLUTIONAL NETS WITH fbfft: A GPU PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Algorithmic approaches to convolution

- Similar to Strassen's Algorithm for matrix multiplication
 - Standard matrix multiplication of NxN matrices takes O(N³) ops
- Consider a simple multiplication problem
 - \circ P = (a + ib) x (c + id) = (ac bd) + i(bc +ad)
 - 4 multiplications
 - Can we do better
- Define $m_1 = (a + b)(c d), m_2 = bc, m_3 = ad$
 - \circ Then P = $(m_1 m_2 + m_3) + i(m_2 + m_3)$
 - 3 multiplications

Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$$
 $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in R^{2^n \times 2^n}$

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_{1,1} &= \mathbf{A}_{1,1}\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{1,2}\mathbf{B}_{2,1} \ \mathbf{C}_{1,2} &= \mathbf{A}_{1,1}\mathbf{B}_{1,2} + \mathbf{A}_{1,2}\mathbf{B}_{2,2} \ \mathbf{C}_{2,1} &= \mathbf{A}_{2,1}\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2}\mathbf{B}_{2,1} \ \mathbf{C}_{2,2} &= \mathbf{A}_{2,1}\mathbf{B}_{1,2} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2}\mathbf{B}_{2,2} \end{aligned}$$

Standard algorithm 8 multiplications and 2 additions

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_1 &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2})(\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_2 &:= (\mathbf{A}_{2,1} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2})\mathbf{B}_{1,1} \\ \mathbf{M}_3 &:= \mathbf{A}_{1,1}(\mathbf{B}_{1,2} - \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_4 &:= \mathbf{A}_{2,2}(\mathbf{B}_{2,1} - \mathbf{B}_{1,1}) \\ \mathbf{M}_5 &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{1,2})\mathbf{B}_{2,2} \\ \mathbf{M}_6 &:= (\mathbf{A}_{2,1} - \mathbf{A}_{1,1})(\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{B}_{1,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_7 &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,2} - \mathbf{A}_{2,2})(\mathbf{B}_{2,1} + \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \end{aligned}$$

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Strassen algorithm
7 multiplications and 18
additions/subtractions

Matrix multiplication algorithms

Complexity of matrix multiplication of N x N matrices is $O(N^{\omega})$

Year	ω <	
< 1969	3	
1969	2.81	Strassen
1978	2.79	Pan
1979	2.78	Bini et al
1981	2.55	Schonhage
1982	2.50	Pan; Romani; CW
1987	2.48	Strassen
1987	2.38	CW

Figure 1: Historical improvements in bounding ω

Similarly, for convolution operation - Winograd algorithm

Takes 6 multiplications in the standard approach

$$F(2,3) = egin{bmatrix} d_0 & d_1 & d_2 \ d_1 & d_2 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} g_0 \ g_1 \ g_2 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \ m_2 - m_3 - m_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_1 = (d_0 - d_2)g_0$$
 $m_2 = (d_1 + d_2)\frac{g_0 + g_1 + g_2}{2}$ $m_4 = (d_1 - d_3)g_2$ $m_3 = (d_2 - d_1)\frac{g_0 - g_1 + g_2}{2}$

With Winograd algo, we need 4 multiplications
+ 2 multiplications
with constants

[&]quot;Fast Algorithms for Convolutional Neural Networks", https://arxiv.org/pdf/1509.09308.pdf

Applying similar fast algorithms for convolution

N is the batch size (number of images simultaneously convolved)

N	cuDNN		F(2x	Carrie	
	msec	TFLOPS	msec	TFLOPS	Speedup
1	12.52	3.12	5.55	7.03	2.26X
2	20.36	3.83	9.89	7.89	2.06X
4	104.70	1.49	17.72	8.81	5.91X
8	241.21	1.29	33.11	9.43	7.28X
16	203.09	3.07	65.79	9.49	3.09X
32	237.05	5.27	132.36	9.43	1.79X
64	394.05	6.34	266.48	9.37	1.48X

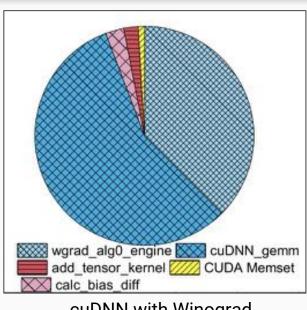
Table 5. cuDNN versus $F(2 \times 2, 3 \times 3)$ performance on VGG Network E with fp32 data. Throughput is measured in Effective TFLOPS, the ratio of direct algorithm GFLOPs to run time.

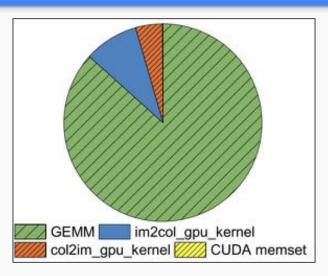
N	cu	cuDNN		F(2x2,3x3)		
	msec	TFLOPS	msec	TFLOPS	Speedup	
1	14.58	2.68	5.53	7.06	2.64X	
2	20.94	3.73	9.83	7.94	2.13X	
4	104.19	1.50	17.50	8.92	5.95X	
8	241.87	1.29	32.61	9.57	7.42X	
16	204.01	3.06	62.93	9.92	3.24X	
32	236.13	5.29	123.12	10.14	1.92X	
64	395.93	6.31	242.98	10.28	1.63X	

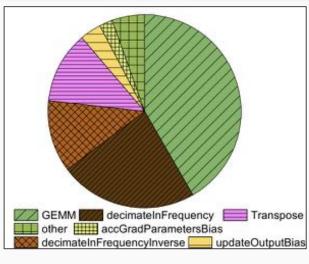
Table 6. cuDNN versus $F(2 \times 2, 3 \times 3)$ performance on VGG Network E with fp16 data.

[&]quot;Fast Algorithms for Convolutional Neural Networks", https://arxiv.org/pdf/1509.09308.pdf

Comparison of different approaches







cuDNN with Winograd

Caffe with GEMM/im2col

fbfft with FFT inner product

Runtime breakdowns of convolutional layers in different implementations

Performance Analysis of GPU-based Convolutional Neural Networks, https://www2.seas.gwu.edu/~howie/publications/GPU-CNN-ICPP16.pdf

Dynamic Shared Memory

Static Shared Memory

```
__global__ void staticReverse(int *d, int n)
  __shared__ int s[64];
  int t = threadIdx.x;
 int tr = n-t-1;
 s[t] = d[t]:
 __syncthreads();
 d[t] = s[tr];
cudaMemcpy(d_d, a, n*sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
staticReverse<<<1,n>>>(d_d, n);
cudaMemcpy(d, d_d, n*sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
```

Dynamic Shared Memory

```
__global__ void dynamicReverse(int *d, int n)
  extern __shared__ int s[];
 int t = threadIdx.x;
 int tr = n-t-1;
 s[t] = d[t]:
 __syncthreads();
 d[t] = s[tr]:
cudaMemcpy(d_d, a, n*sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
dynamicReverse<<<1,n,n*sizeof(int)>>>(d_d, n);
cudaMemcpy(d, d_d, n * sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
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Dynamic Shared Memory

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__global__ void dynamicReverse(int *d, int n)
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```

- 1. Declare the shared array with extern qualifier
- 2. Declare the shared array as unsized
- 3. The invocation of the kernel has a third parameter that gives the size of the shared memory per block in bytes

cudaMemcpy(d_d, a, n*sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
dynamicReverse<<<1,n,n*sizeof(int)>>>(d_d, n);
cudaMemcpy(d, d_d, n * sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);