

Week 5

ReLU

- Vectorize over rows
- Load vector and compare with zero
- Use pytorch as golden model
 - Compute the result with pytorch
 - Store the correct result in memory before running simulation
 - Compare with the simulation result
- First verify the program with Spike, then run the hardware simulation


```
25 void relu(float *mat, int row, int col) {
26     size_t vlmax = vsetvlmax_e32m1();
27
28     for (int i = 0; i < row; i++) {
29         for (int j = 0; j < col; j++) {
30             int vl = vlmax;
31             if (j + vlmax > col) vl = col - j;
32
33             vfloat32m1_t vec = vle32_v_f32m1(&mat[i * col + j], vl);
34             vec = vfmax_vf_f32m1(vec, 0, vl);
35             vse32_v_f32m1(&mat[i * col + j], vec, vl);
36
37             j += vl;
38         }
39     }
40 }
```

```
def relu(mat):
    act = nn.ReLU()
    return act(torch.from_numpy(mat)).numpy().astype(np.float32)

row = 256
col = 1024

# Generate inputs
mat = rand_matrix(row, col)
o = np.zeros((row, col)).astype(np.float32)
o_gold = relu(mat)
```

LayerNorm

- Vectorize over columns
 - `vec(i)`: load one element from each row
- Three steps:
 - Mean calculation
 - Variance calculation
 - Apply to the elements
- In debugging


```
// =====  
// mean calculation  
// =====  
partial_sum = vfmv_v_f32m1(0, vl);  
  
for (int j = 0; j < col; j++) {  
+---- 4 lines: stride load: in[i * col + j] ~ in[i+vl][j].....  
}  
  
partial_sum = vfddiv_vf_f32m1(partial_sum, col, vl);  
vse32_v_f32m1(&mean[i], partial_sum, vl);  
  
// =====  
// variance calculation  
// =====  
partial_sum = vfmv_v_f32m1(0.00001, vl);  
  
for (int j = 0; j < col; j++) {  
+---- 10 lines: vfloat32m1_t vec_x = vlse32_v_f32m1(&mat[i * col +  
}  
partial_sum = vfddiv_vf_f32m1(partial_sum, col, vl);  
// 1/sqrt(var)  
partial_sum = vfrsqrt7_v_f32m1(partial_sum, vl);  
vse32_v_f32m1(&var[i], partial_sum, vl);  
  
// =====  
// apply to the elements  
// =====  
for (int j = 0; j < col; j++) {  
+---- 10 lines: vfloat32m1_t vec_var = vlse32_v_f32m1(&var[i], vl);  
}  
  
i += vl;  
}
```

Taylor Series

- Taylor expansion around a point a:

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(x-a) + f'' \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} + f^{(3)} \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

- For exponential equation: ($q = x - a$, 6-stage for float)

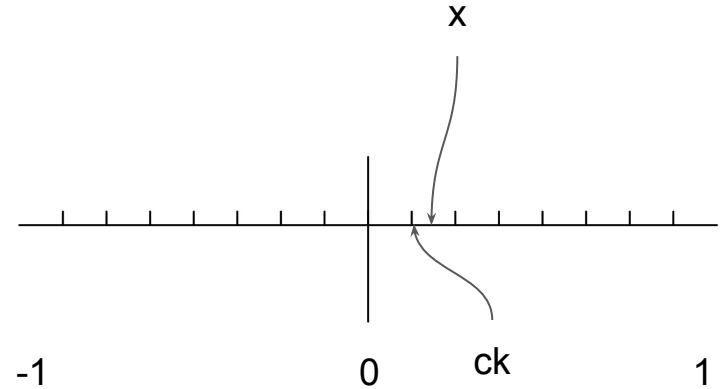
$$e^x = e^a \left[1 + q + \frac{q^2}{2} + \frac{q^3}{6} + \frac{q^4}{24} + \frac{q^5}{120} + \frac{q^6}{720} \right]$$

$$e^x = e^a \left[1 + q \left(1 + q \left(\frac{1}{2} + q \left(\frac{1}{2} + q \left(\frac{1}{6} + q \left(\frac{1}{24} + q \left(\frac{1}{120} + q \frac{1}{720} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right]$$

- choose $a = 0$ (power series), for k-stage series: $(k+1)$ MAC OPs
- Disadvantage: more stages are needed for values much larger than 0 (a).

Table-Lookup Algorithms for $\exp(x)$

- f : function, I : domain of interest, c_j : break points $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, tabulates $f(c_j)$
- Reduction:
 - choose a breakpoint c_k close to x
 - $r = R(x, c_k) = (x - c_k)$
- Approximation:
 - e^r
 - $p(r) \approx f(r)$, p is usually a polynomial (power series)
- Reconstruction:
 - $f(r) = e^x = e^{c_k} * e^{(x - c_k)}$



Other Methods

- Parabolic Synthesis $f_{org}(x) \approx s_1(x) \times s_2(x) \times \dots \times s_n(x)$
 - Normalized input output (0, 1)
 - Different sub-functions can be run in parallel
- CORDIC Algorithm
 - Replace multiplication with add, sub, shift
 - Use theta that $\tan(\theta) = 2^{-i}$
 - Example: 60 deg
 - $0 + 45 + 26.525 - 14.036 + 7.125 - 3.576 = 61.078$
 - $\exp(x) = \sinh(x) + \cosh(x)$

Sub-function	Corresponding coefficient
$s_1(x) = x + (c_1 \times (x - x^2))$	$c_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_{org}(x)}{x} - 1$
$s_2(x) = 1 + (c_2 \times (x - x^2))$	$c_2 = 4 \times (f_1(0.5) - 1)$
$s_{30}(x) = 1 + (c_{30} \times (x_3 - x_3^2))$ $s_{31}(x) = 1 + (c_{31} \times (x_3 - x_3^2))$ $x_3 = 2 \times x - \lfloor 2 \times x \rfloor$	$c_{30} = 4 \times (f_2(0.25) - 1)$ $c_{31} = 4 \times (f_2(0.75) - 1)$
$s_{40}(x) = 1 + (c_{40} \times (x_4 - x_4^2))$ $s_{41}(x) = 1 + (c_{41} \times (x_4 - x_4^2))$ $s_{42}(x) = 1 + (c_{42} \times (x_4 - x_4^2))$ $s_{43}(x) = 1 + (c_{43} \times (x_4 - x_4^2))$ $x_4 = 4 \times x - \lfloor 4 \times x \rfloor$	$c_{40} = 4 \times (f_{30}(0.125) - 1)$ $c_{41} = 4 \times (f_{31}(0.375) - 1)$ $c_{42} = 4 \times (f_{32}(0.625) - 1)$ $c_{43} = 4 \times (f_{33}(0.875) - 1)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i-1} \\ y_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} \quad R_i(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_i) & -\sin(\theta_i) \\ \sin(\theta_i) & \cos(\theta_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2(\theta_i)}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan(\theta_i) \\ \tan(\theta_i) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_i = K_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2^{-i} \\ 2^{-i} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i-1} \\ y_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K(n) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} K_i = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2^{-2i}}} \quad K = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K(n) \approx 0.6072529350088812561694$$

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