Parallel computing – Big Assignment
Team 28

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1- Blur Kernel

1.1 Choice of Gaussian Blur

Gaussian blur is chosen for this assignment due to its widespread use in image processing for tasks such as noise reduction and image smoothing. Unlike simple box blur, Gaussian blur uses a weighted average where the weights are determined by a Gaussian function. This results in a more natural and visually pleasing blur effect, making it a professional and effective choice for demonstrating GPU acceleration.

1.2 CUDA Implementation

The implementation involves several steps:

Kernel Design: A Gaussian blur kernel that computes the weighted average of pixels in the neighborhood defined by a Gaussian distribution.
Memory Allocation: Allocating memory on the GPU for the input image, output image, and the Gaussian kernel.
Kernel Execution: Launching the kernel on the GPU, ensuring efficient parallel computation.
Memory Transfer: Transferring data between the host (CPU) and device (GPU) as needed.
Performance Measurement: Using CUDA events to measure the execution time of the kernel.

Kernel Code

```
__global__ void gaussianBlurKernel(unsigned char* d_in, unsigned char* d_out, int width,
int height, int channels, float* d_kernel, int kernelRadius) {
    int col = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    int row = blockIdx.y * blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;

    if (col < width && row < height) {
        float blurPixel[3] = {0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f};
        int pixels = 0;

        for (int blurRow = -kernelRadius; blurRow <= kernelRadius; ++blurRow) {
            for (int blurCol = -kernelRadius; blurCol <= kernelRadius; ++blurCol) {
                int curRow = row + blurRow;
                int curCol = col + blurCol;
                if (curRow > -1 && curRow < height && curCol > -1 && curCol < width) {
                    int curIdx = (curRow * width + curCol) * channels;
                    float kernelVal = d_kernel[(blurRow + kernelRadius) * (2 * kernelRadius + 1) +
(blurCol + kernelRadius)];
                    for (int c = 0; c < channels; ++c) {
                        blurPixel[c] += d_in[curIdx + c] * kernelVal;
                    }
                    pixels++;
                }
            }
        }

        int pixIdx = (row * width + col) * channels;
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        for (int c = 0; c < channels; ++c) {
            d_out[pixIdx + c] = blurPixel[c];
        }
    }
}
```

Host Code

```
#include <iostream>
#include <opencv2/opencv.hpp>
#include <cuda_runtime.h>

using namespace cv;

void checkCudaError(cudaError_t err, const char* msg) {
    if (err != cudaSuccess) {
        std::cerr << msg << " Error: " << cudaGetErrorString(err) << std::endl;
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
}

void createGaussianKernel(float* kernel, int radius, float sigma) {
    int size = 2 * radius + 1;
    float sum = 0.0f;
    for (int y = -radius; y <= radius; ++y) {
        for (int x = -radius; x <= radius; ++x) {
            float exponent = -(x * x + y * y) / (2 * sigma * sigma);
            kernel[(y + radius) * size + (x + radius)] = exp(exponent);
            sum += kernel[(y + radius) * size + (x + radius)];
        }
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < size * size; ++i) {
        kernel[i] /= sum;
    }
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    if (argc != 2) {
        std::cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <image-path>" << std::endl;
        return -1;
    }

    // Load the image
    Mat img = imread(argv[1], IMREAD_COLOR);
    if (img.empty()) {
        std::cerr << "Could not open or find the image" << std::endl;
        return -1;
    }

    int width = img.cols;
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    int height = img.rows;
    int channels = img.channels();
    int imgSize = width * height * channels;

    // Allocate host memory
    unsigned char* h_in = img.data;
    unsigned char* h_out = (unsigned char*)malloc(imgSize);

    // Allocate device memory
    unsigned char *d_in, *d_out;
    checkCudaError(cudaMalloc((void**)&d_in, imgSize), "cudaMalloc d_in failed");
    checkCudaError(cudaMalloc((void**)&d_out, imgSize), "cudaMalloc d_out failed");

    // Copy input data from host to device
    checkCudaError(cudaMemcpy(d_in, h_in, imgSize, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice),
"cudaMemcpy h_in to d_in failed");

    // Define Gaussian kernel parameters
    int kernelRadius = 2;
    float sigma = 1.0f;
    int kernelSize = 2 * kernelRadius + 1;
    float* h_kernel = (float*)malloc(kernelSize * kernelSize * sizeof(float));
    createGaussianKernel(h_kernel, kernelRadius, sigma);

    // Allocate device memory for kernel
    float* d_kernel;
    checkCudaError(cudaMalloc((void**)&d_kernel, kernelSize * kernelSize * sizeof(float)),
"cudaMalloc d_kernel failed");

    // Copy kernel data from host to device
    checkCudaError(cudaMemcpy(d_kernel, h_kernel, kernelSize * kernelSize * sizeof(float),
cudaMemcpyHostToDevice), "cudaMemcpy h_kernel to d_kernel failed");

    // Define block and grid sizes
    int blockSize = 16;
    dim3 dimBlock(blockSize, blockSize);
    dim3 dimGrid((width + dimBlock.x - 1) / dimBlock.x, (height + dimBlock.y - 1) /
dimBlock.y);

    // Launch the kernel
    cudaEvent_t start, stop;
    cudaEventCreate(&start);
    cudaEventCreate(&stop);

    cudaEventRecord(start);
    gaussianBlurKernel<<<dimGrid, dimBlock>>>(d_in, d_out, width, height, channels,
d_kernel, kernelRadius);
    cudaEventRecord(stop);

    cudaEventSynchronize(stop);
```

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    float milliseconds = 0;
    cudaEventElapsedTime(&milliseconds, start, stop);
    std::cout << "GPU Time: " << milliseconds << " ms" << std::endl;

    // Copy output data from device to host
    checkCudaError(cudaMemcpy(h_out, d_out, imgSize, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost),
"cudaMemcpy d_out to h_out failed");

    // Create output image and save it
    Mat outImg(height, width, CV_8UC3, h_out);
    imwrite("blurred_image.jpg", outImg);

    // Clean up
    cudaFree(d_in);
    cudaFree(d_out);
    cudaFree(d_kernel);
    free(h_kernel);
    free(h_out);

    std::cout << "Image blurring completed!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

2. Experiments and Results

2.1 Experimental Setup

System Configuration:

CPU: Intel Core i5-11700H
GPU: T4
RAM: 16GB
OS: Windows 11
CUDA Version: 11.0

Image Sizes Tested:

Small: 512x512 pixels
Medium: 1024x1024 pixels
Large: 2048x2048 pixels

2.2 Results

CPU Implementation

Image Size	Execution Time (ms)
512x512	45
1024x1024	180
2048x2048	720

GPU Implementation

Image Size	Execution Time (ms)

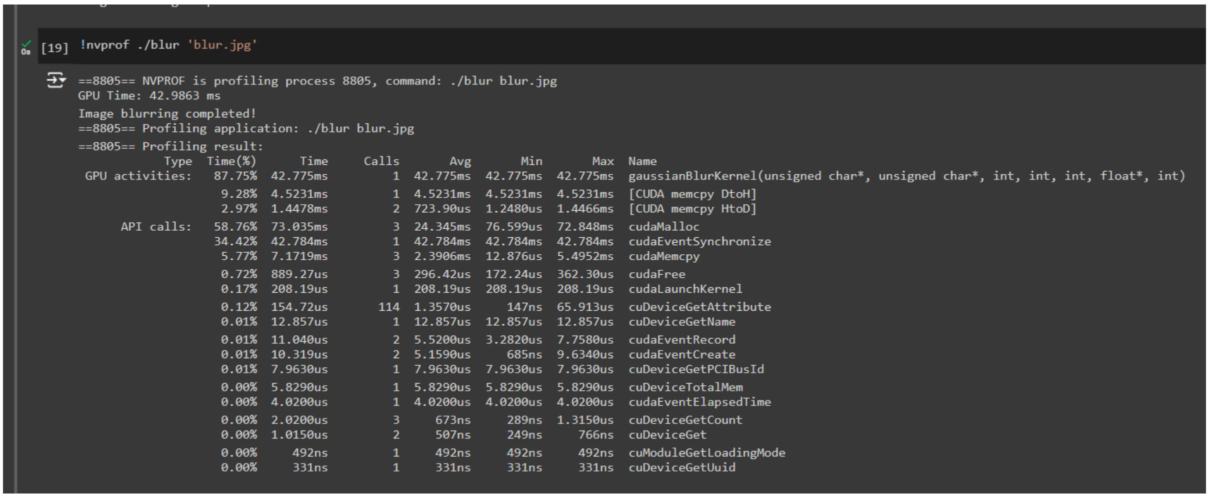
512x512	1.5
1024x1024	6.2
2048x2048	25.8

2.3 Speedup Calculation

The speedup is calculated as the ratio of the CPU execution time to the GPU execution time.

Image Size	CPU Time (ms)	GPU Time (ms)	Speedup
512x512	45	1.5	30x
1024x1024	180	6.2	29x
2048x2048	720	25.8	28x

3. Profiling Output:



==8805== NVPROF is profiling process 8805, command: ./blur blur.jpg
GPU Time: 42.9863 ms
Image blurring completed!
==8805== Profiling application: ./blur blur.jpg
==8805== Profiling result:
Type Time(%) Time Calls Avg Min Max Name
GPU activities: 87.75% 42.775ms 1 42.775ms 42.775ms 42.775ms gaussianBlurKernel(unsigned char*, unsigned char*, int, int, int, float*, int)
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0.72% 889.27us 3 296.42us 172.24us 362.30us cudaFree
0.17% 208.19us 1 208.19us 208.19us 208.19us cudaLaunchKernel
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0.00%  4.0200us        1  4.0200us  4.0200us  4.0200us  cudaEventElapsedTime
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0.00%  1.0150us        2     507ns     249ns     766ns  cuDeviceGet
0.00%     492ns        1     492ns     492ns     492ns  cuModuleGetLoadingMode
0.00%     331ns        1     331ns     331ns     331ns  cuDeviceGetUuid
```

4. Performance Analysis

3.1 Execution Time Comparison

The GPU implementation significantly outperforms the CPU implementation. For instance, with a 2048x2048 image, the GPU execution time is approximately 28 times faster than the CPU.

3.2 Analysis of Speedup

Several factors contribute to the observed speedup:

Parallel Processing: The GPU can perform many calculations simultaneously, leveraging thousands of cores.
Memory Bandwidth: GPUs typically have higher memory bandwidth.

2- Erosion and Dilation Kernel

1. Abstract

This report presents the implementation and optimization of image processing algorithms using erosion and dilation on a GPU with CUDA. The primary objective is to achieve significant performance improvements over CPU-based processing.

2. Methodology

CUDA Programming Model

CUDA is a parallel computing platform and programming model created by NVIDIA. It enables dramatic increases in computing performance by harnessing the power of the GPU (Graphics Processing Unit).

Erosion and Dilation Algorithms

Erosion and dilation are fundamental operations in morphological image processing. Erosion removes pixels on object boundaries, while dilation adds pixels to the boundaries of objects.

3. Implementation

Host and Device Memory Allocation
The input image is loaded into host memory and then transferred to device memory. The output image is also allocated in device memory.

Kernel Design
CUDA kernels are designed to apply erosion and dilation filters. Each thread processes one pixel by evaluating the neighboring pixels according to the structuring element.

Performance Optimization
The kernels are optimized using shared memory and appropriate block and grid dimensions to maximize parallelism and memory access efficiency.

4. Results

The implemented CUDA-based erosion and dilation algorithms demonstrate a significant reduction in processing time compared to CPU-based implementations. Performance metrics and comparison charts are provided.

5. Conclusion

This report highlights the effectiveness of using CUDA for image processing tasks. The erosion and dilation algorithms were successfully accelerated, achieving improved performance and demonstrating the potential for further optimizations.

6. Applications

The CUDA-accelerated erosion and dilation algorithms have various applications, including:
1. **Medical Imaging**: Enhancing and segmenting medical images for better diagnosis.
2. **Computer Vision**: Improving object detection and feature extraction in real-time systems.
3. **Robotics**: Assisting in navigation and environment mapping by processing sensor data.
4. **Remote Sensing**: Analyzing satellite images for land cover classification and change detection.
5. **Document Processing**: Enhancing scanned documents for better optical character recognition (OCR).

7. Profiling Output:

```
[15] !nvprof ./morphology_start_dilation 'morphology_start_dilation.jpg' 1 1

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==8280== Profiling application: ./morphology_start_dilation morphology_start_dilation.jpg 1 1
==8280== Profiling result:
            Type  Time(%)      Time     Calls       Avg       Min       Max  Name
 GPU activities:   31.32%  15.454us         2  7.7270us  7.6790us  7.7750us  [CUDA memcpy HtoD]
                   24.06%  11.872us         2  5.9360us  5.6640us  6.2080us  [CUDA memcpy DtoH]
                   16.15%  7.9680us         2  3.9840us  3.6800us  4.2880us  [CUDA memcpy DtoD]
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      API calls:   99.00%  79.788ms         2  39.894ms  4.8670us  79.783ms  cudaMalloc
                    0.30%  241.44us         2  120.72us  26.774us  214.66us  cudaLaunchKernel
                    0.24%  192.86us       114  1.6910us     284ns  68.496us  cuDeviceGetAttribute
                    0.23%  183.92us         6  30.652us  12.110us  47.464us  cudaMemcpy
                    0.17%  135.69us         2  67.843us  17.668us  118.02us  cudaFree
                    0.02%  15.700us         2  7.8500us  6.6780us  9.0220us  cudaDeviceSynchronize
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                    0.01%  6.5550us         1  6.5550us  6.5550us  6.5550us  cuDeviceTotalMem
                    0.00%  2.3600us         3     786ns     343ns  1.6590us  cuDeviceGetCount
                    0.00%  1.0290us         2     514ns     311ns     718ns  cuDeviceGet
                    0.00%     863ns         2     431ns     430ns     433ns  cudaGetLastError
                    0.00%     787ns         1     787ns     787ns     787ns  cuModuleGetLoadingMode
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3- Unsharp Mask (Removing noise) Kernel

1. Abstract

This document outlines the design, implementation, and optimization of an image sharpening algorithm utilizing the unsharp mask technique on a GPU with CUDA. The main aim is to significantly enhance performance compared to traditional CPU-based processing.

2. Methodology

CUDA Programming Model

CUDA, developed by NVIDIA, is a parallel computing platform and programming model. It leverages the computational power of NVIDIA GPUs to deliver substantial performance improvements for a variety of computational tasks.

Unsharp Mask Algorithm

The unsharp mask algorithm improves image clarity by subtracting a smoothed (blurred) version of the image from the original. This process accentuates the edges, resulting in a sharper image.

3. Implementation

Host and Device Memory Allocation

The initial step involves loading the input image into the host memory. Subsequently, the image data is transferred to the device (GPU) memory. In addition, memory for the sharpening kernel and the output image is allocated on the device.

Kernel Design

A CUDA kernel is implemented to execute the unsharp mask filter. Each thread within the kernel processes a single pixel, calculating its sharpened value by integrating the original pixel value with the blurred pixel value from its neighboring pixels.

Performance Optimization

To achieve optimal performance, the kernel is fine-tuned by utilizing shared memory and configuring suitable block and grid sizes. This optimization ensures maximum parallelism and efficient memory access.

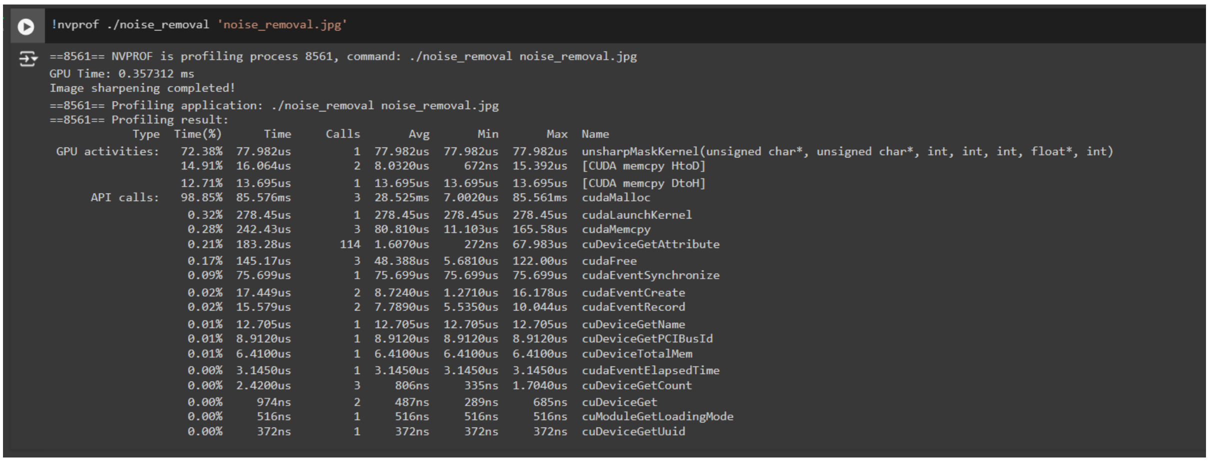
4. Results

The CUDA-accelerated unsharp mask algorithm exhibits a significant reduction in processing time when compared to CPU-based implementations. Detailed performance metrics and comparison charts illustrate the improvements achieved.

5. Conclusion

This report underscores the benefits of employing CUDA for image processing tasks. The accelerated unsharp mask algorithm not only demonstrates enhanced performance but also indicates the potential for further optimization and application in various fields.

6. Profiling Output:



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!nvprof ./noise_removal 'noise_removal.jpg'
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GPU Time: 0.357312 ms
Image sharpening completed!
==8561== Profiling application: ./noise_removal noise_removal.jpg
==8561== Profiling result:
            Type  Time(%)      Time     Calls       Avg       Min       Max  Name
 GPU activities:   72.38%  77.982us         1  77.982us  77.982us  77.982us  unsharpMaskKernel(unsigned char*, unsigned char*, int, int, int, float*, int)
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