CME 212: Assignment 6

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The profiling has been performed using the tool CProfile. The top 5 in the list have been shown here.

Profiling Python 'only' implementation

```
29303807 function calls (29301565 primitive calls) in 465.674 seconds
  Ordered by: internal time
  List reduced from 2242 to 20 due to restriction <20>
  ncalls tottime percall cumtime percall filename:lineno(function)
 4304 262.876
7055798 171.048
                    0.061 460.022
                                      0.107 piv.py:19(XCorr)
                                      0.000 {method 'reduce' of 'numpy.ufunc' objects}
                     0.000 171.048
                   0.000 197.330 0.000 /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/numpy/core/
 7019288
          13.015
fromnumeric.py:1621(sum)
 7019288
                   0.000 179.193
                                      0.000 /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/numpy/core/
            8.358
_methods.py:23(_sum)
                     0.000
 7121713
          5.159
                           5.159
                                      0.000 {isinstance}
```

The elapsed time shown by the code was: 463.54 sec

It can be seen from the profile output that the major chunk of the time in the code is spent in executing the XCorr function. Time is also spent on the reduce method which was also concluded to be mainly called from the XCorr function. This is expected as well since this function involves the most number of computations. Hence it was chosen to write this function as a C Extension.

Profiling Python with C extension implementation

```
1228831 function calls (1226589 primitive calls) in 8.554 seconds
  Ordered by: internal time
  List reduced from 2243 to 20 due to restriction <20>
  ncalls tottime percall cumtime percall filename:lineno(function)
                   0.001
                           4.215 0.001 { pivcext.XCorr}
    4304
          4.215
                             4.918
0.432
            0.441
                    0.110
                                      1.229 piv.py:152(Pass)
                                      0.000 {method 'reduce' of 'numpy.ufunc' objects}
   79590
            0.432
                    0.000
                             2.181 0.545 piv.py:324(LocalFilter)
            0.364
                  0.091
    8616
                    0.000
            0.221
                             1.068 0.000 /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/numpy/lib/
nanfunctions.py:613(nanvar)
```

The elapsed time shown by the code was: 7.42 sec

As it can be seen from these results that XCorr was indeed the bottleneck. Although it's still the bottleneck the overall performance is ~62x faster.

All the results were obtained on corn12 machine.