CS575(Introduction To Parallel Programming) Project5

Project Title: CUDA Monte Carlo(Project 5)

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The code was run on the DGX system. I also tried to compile the code on the Rabbit System. The probability is always around 42.%.

The Table of Performance

BLOCKSIZE		NUMTRIALS	PERFORMANCE
	16	1024	35.7143
	16	2048	74.0741
	16	4096	160
	16	8192	250
	16	16384	571.4286
	16	32768	980.8429
	16	65536	2033.7637
	16	131072	2994.1519
	16	262144	4498.6271
	16	524288	6021.3157
	16	1048576	7246.3512
	16	2097152	7894.9523
	16	4194304	8892.2662
	16	8388608	9204.4943
	16	16777216	9388.6075
	32	1024	22.7273
	32	2048	62.!
	32	4096	148.1483
	32	8192	258.064
	32	16384	470.588
	32	32768	1030.181
	32	65536	1921.200
	32	131072	3202.502
	32	262144	5863.994
	32	524288	8747.4642
	32	1048576	11928.649
	32	2097152	14454.344
	32	4194304	16416.833
	32	8388608	17674.2176
	32	16777216	18361.923
	64	1024	35.7143
	64	2048	66.666
	64	4096	133.333
	64	8192	285.7143

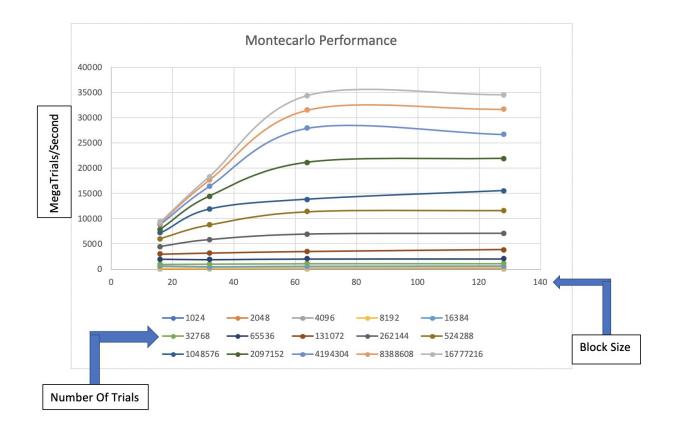
BLOCKSIZE		NUMTRIALS	PERFORMANCE
	64	16384	551.7241
	64	32768	1117.9039
	64	65536	2077.079
	64	131072	3497.8652
	64	262144	6977.8536
	64	524288	11417.4217
	64	1048576	13861.2517
	64	2097152	21188.4899
	64	4194304	27947.1224
	64	8388608	31572.2041
	64	16777216	34357.0123
	128	1024	37.037
	128	2048	71.4286
	128	4096	142.8571
	128	8192	296.2963
	128	16384	592.5926
	128	32768	1125.2747
	128	65536	2091.9305
	128	131072	3867.7997
	128	262144	7135.8884
	128	524288	11669.5158
	128	1048576	15544.5921
	128	2097152	21955.1095
	128	4194304	26711.2295
	128	8388608	31744.2479
	128	16777216	34519.8837

The Graph of the Performance and the number of Trials



The blue line which represents the performance for the 16 block size is much lower than other lines which represent other block sizes. I believe the cause for that is that a Warp contains 32 threads ,and 16 threads(half of a Warp) is unused and wasted when the block size is only 16. Therefore, the block size should be at least 32 which is a Warp size so that a good performance can be achieved. The gray and yellow lines which represent the performance of the 64 and 128 block size respectively have almost the same results. I opine that the reason is that the performance may have hit the maximum level. In other words, the blocks are run by the SMs(Streaming Multiprocessors) and SMs have a limited number of cores on them and all the cores are used when the block sizes are 64 and 128.

The Graph of the Performance and the Block Size



The performance in the Project5 achieved by using the CUDA is much better than that in the Project1 achieved by not using CUDA. In the Project1, a relatively small number of cores could be used in the Project1 because GPU where there are a considerable number of available cores to be used was not used. In the Project5, GPU was used and so many threads were used that each data in the array was operated on by individual threads in parallel. That is the reason why the Performance in the Project5 is very great and why the GPU should be used.