

# Implementation

## 1. Structure

The program implement rendering in cuda by converting `render` to a kernel, which renders one pixel per threads. In addition, the `3x3` anti-aliasing loops' first layer is unrolled by specifying `m` to the kernel and launching it 3 times. Then, another kernel `_convert_pixel` is used to convert floating point colors to uint8 pixel values.

## 2. Parrtition

Each block has 2D `32x8=256` threads, corresponding to a `32x8` pixels region. And the whole image is splitted to `ceil(w/32) x ceil(h/8)` blocks.

## 3. Optimization

The main optimization is to turn on `-use_fast_math` flag in the compiler and use float instead of double. Then, I also converted many operations to their fused version. For example:

- `A * B + C -> __fmaf(A, B, C)`
- `s = sin(T), c = cos(T) -> __sincosf(T, &s, &c)`

Another small trick is to turn off PNG compression for reduced sequential runtime.

# Analysis

## 1. GPU kernel execution

Kernel			Time(%)	Time	Calls
Avg	Min	Max			
render_pixel			98.98%	2.33286s	3
777.62ms	763.78ms	791.09ms			
Copy device buffer to host			0.98%	23.175ms	1
23.175ms	23.175ms	23.175ms			
convert_pixel			0.02%	456.09us	1
456.09us	456.09us	456.09us			
Initialize float device buffer			0.01%	310.24us	1
310.24us	310.24us	310.24us			
Copy global varaibles to device			0.00%	8.3520us	9
928ns	896ns	960ns			

## 2. Nsight Compute

Under different settings of threads (`32x4`, `32x8`, `32x16`), the throughput of SM all reach ~80%, so the computation is bounded by ALU and adjusting the partition won't help.

## 3. Additional analysis

IO can help a lot.

## Conclusion

1. It's hard to optimize the arithmetic operations.
2. You are amazing.