# **GPU Programming**

Parallel Patterns

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    ......
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▶ Now what?

#### **Parallel Patterns**

- ► Think at a higher level than individual CUDA kernels
- Specify what to compute, not how to compute it
- Let programmer worry about algorithm
  - Defer pattern implementation to someone else
- Common Parallel Computing Scenarios
  - lacktriangleright Many parallel threads need to generate a single result ightarrow
    - Reduce
  - lacktriangleright Many parallel threads need to partition data ightarrow
    - Split
  - lacktriangleright Many parallel threads produce variable output / thread ightarrow
    - Compact / Expand
  - Parallel prefix sum, a.k.a,
    - scan

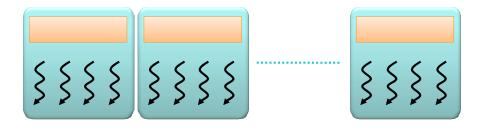
# **Primordial CUDA Pattern: Blocking**

- Partition data to operate in well-sized blocks
  - Small enough to be staged in shared memory
  - Assign each data partition to a thread block
  - No different from cache blocking!
- Provide several performance benefits
  - Have enough blocks to keep processors busy
  - Working in shared memory cuts memory latency dramatically
  - Likely to have coherent access patterns on load/store to shared memory
- All CUDA kernels are built this way
  - Blocking may not matter for a particular problem, but you're still forced to think about it
  - ▶ Not all kernels require \_\_shared\_\_ memory
  - All kernels do require registers
- All of the parallel patterns we'll discuss have CUDA implementations that exploit blocking in some fashion

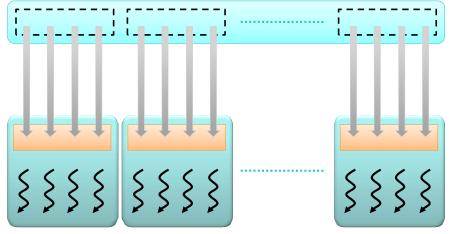
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1. Partition data into subsets that fit into shared memory



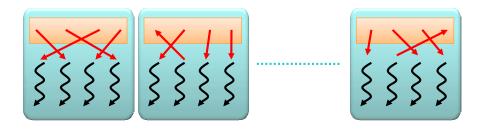


2. Handle each data subset with one thread block

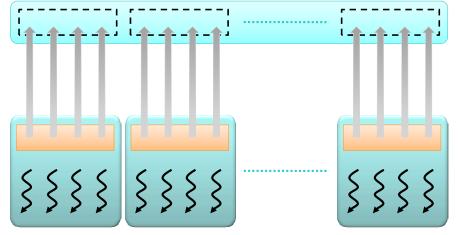


Load the subset from global memory to shared memory, using multiple threads to exploit memory-level parallelism





4. Perform the computation on the subset from shared memory



5. Copy the result from shared memory back to global memory

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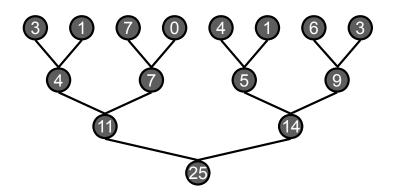
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- Reduce vector to a single value
  - ▶ Via an associative operator (+, ×, min/max, AND/OR, ...)
  - CPU: sequential implementation
    - ▶ for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i) ...
  - ► GPU: "tree"-based implementation

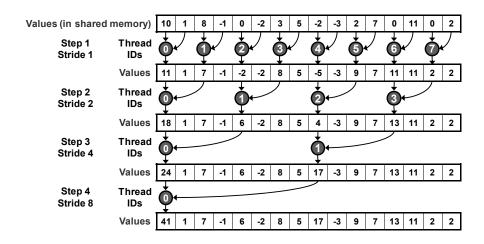


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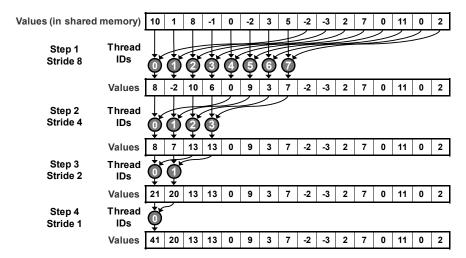
Reduction via serial iteration

```
float sum(float *data, int n)
{
  float result = 0;
  for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    result += data[i];
  }
  return result;
}</pre>
```

# Parallel Reduction Interleaved



# Parallel Reduction Contiguous



#### **CUDA Reduction – Per-block**

```
__global__ void block_sum(float *input, float *results, size_t n)
 extern shared float sdata[];
 int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x; int tx = threadIdx.x;
 // load input into shared memory
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 syncthreads();
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```
__global__ void do_i_halt(int *input)
{
    int i = .....
    if(input[i]) {
        .....
        __syncthreads();
    }
}
```

#### **CUDA Reduction**

#### The first option: launch the kernel twice

```
// global sum via per-block reductions
float sum(float *d input, size t n)
 size t block size = ...;
 size t num blocks = n/block size + (n%block size==0)?0:1;
 // allocate per-block partial sums plus a final total sum
 float *d sums = 0;
 cudaMalloc((void**)&d sums, sizeof(float) * (num blocks + 1));
 // reduce per-block partial sums
  int smem_sz = block_size*sizeof(float);
 block sum << num blocks, block size, smem sz>>> (d input, d sums, n);
  // reduce partial sums to a total sum
 block sum <<<1.block size.smem sz>>>
           (d sums, d sums + num blocks, num blocks);
  // copy result to host
  float result = 0:
 cudaMemcpy(&result, d_sums+num_blocks, ...);
 return result;
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  - ▶ Time complexity:  $O(\frac{N}{P})$
  - Compared with O(N) for sequential reduction

## The Second Option

#### Use atomic operator atomicAdd

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 // finally, thread 0 writes the result
 // NOTE: atomicAdd(float*, float) only work on Fermi above
 if(threadIdx.x == 0) {
   atomicAdd(&(results[0]), sdata[0]);
```

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   results[blockIdx.x] = sdata[0];
 // --> next slide
```

## How about this kernel? (cont.)

```
__qlobal__ void block_sum(float *input, float *results, size_t n, size_t num_blocks)
 // <-- from previous slide
 // Let the first block to reduce the partial sums to the final sum.
 if(blockIdx.x == 0) {
   x=0:
   if (tx < num blocks)
     x=results[tx];
   sdata[tx] = x:
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# What is all-prefix-sums?

#### **Definition**

The all-prefix-sums operation takes a binary associative operator  $\oplus$ , and an array of n elements

$$[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}]$$

and returns the array

$$[a_0,(a_0\oplus a_1),\ldots,(a_0\oplus a_1\oplus a_2\oplus\cdots\oplus a_{n-2}\oplus a_{n-1})].$$

## **Example**

If  $\oplus$  is addition, then the all-prefix-sums operation on the array [3,1,7,0,4,1,6,3],

would return

## Pseudo code

```
out[0] = in[0];
for (j=1; j<n; j++) {
   out[j] = out[j-1] operator in[j];
}</pre>
```

#### **Exclusive Scan (Prescan)**

#### **Definition**

The exclusive scan operation takes a binary associative operator  $\oplus$  with identity I, and an array of n elements

$$[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}]$$

and returns the array

$$[I, a_0, (a_0 \oplus a_1), \dots, (a_0 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_2 \oplus \dots \oplus a_{n-2})].$$

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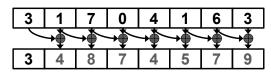
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```
out[0] = I;
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}</pre>
```

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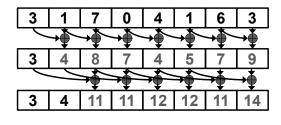
Assume array is already in shared memory



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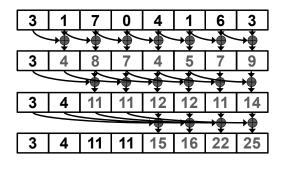
Iterate log(n) times. Each thread adds value  $\emph{stride}$  elements away to its own value



Iteration 1, n-2 threads

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Iteration *i*, *n-2<sup>i</sup>* threads

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Note that this algorithm operates in-place: no need for double buffering

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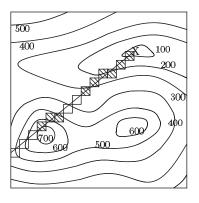
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# Line-of-Sight



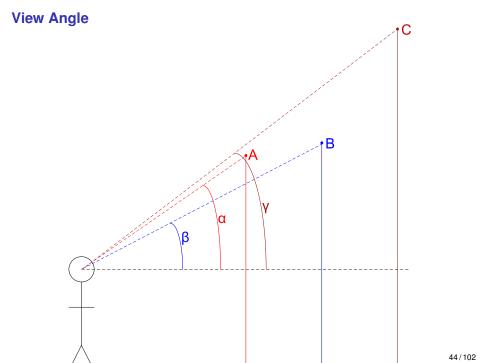
#### **Problem**

Given (1) a terrain map in the form of a grid of altitude and an observation point X on the grid, and (2) the distance between interesting points and the observation point, find which points are visible from X.

Altitude vector

Distance vector

	0	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	
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# Solving Line-of-Sight Given

Altitude vector

 100
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### **Steps**

Vector of difference of altitude

 0
 50
 100
 200
 300
 250
 300
 400
 500
 600
 550
 500
 400

Vector of angle

0 0.5 0.5 0.67 0.75 0.5 0.5 0.57 0.625 0.67 0.55 0.45 0.33

Max-Scan of vector of angle

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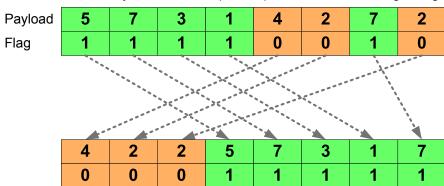
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► Given an array of true and false elements (and payloads)

Payload	5	7	3	1	4	2	7	2
Flag	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0

#### **Split Operation**

- Given an array of true and false elements (and payloads)
- Return an array with all false (or true) elements at the beginning



# A Similar Operation – Compact

- Given an array of true and false elements (and payloads)
- Remove all false elements

Payload 5 3 4 0 Flag

- ▶ Determine the new index for each element and then permute
  - ► False elements, i.e., elements with flag 0
    - Invert the flags and execute a prescan with integer addition
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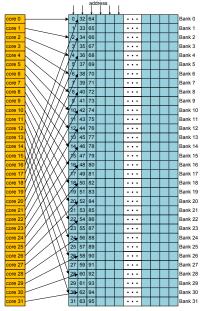
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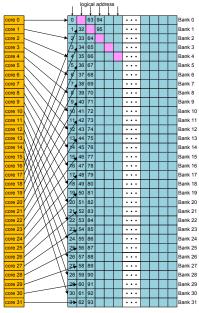
#### **Shared Memory Banks – Two Way Conflict Detail**



# Shared Memory Banks – Relocation of Data in Shared Memory

logical address												
core 0	0	Ť	63	94	Ť	Ť						Bank 0
core 1	1	32	П	95							Н	Bank 1
core 2	2	33	64							Г	Т	Bank 2
core 3	3	34	65							Т	Т	Bank 3
core 4	4	35	66									Bank 4
core 5	5	36	67									Bank 5
core 6	6	37	68									Bank 6
core 7	7	38	69									Bank 7
core 8	8	39	70									Bank 8
core 9	9	40	71									Bank 9
core 10	10	41	72								П	Bank 10
core 11	11	42	73									Bank 11
core 12	12	43	74				• • •			П	П	Bank 12
core 13	13	44	75				• • •					Bank 13
core 14	14	45	76									Bank 14
core 15	15	46	77				• • •					Bank 15
core 16	16	47	78				• • •					Bank 16
core 17	17	48	79				• • •					Bank 17
core 18	18	49	80				• • •					Bank 18
core 19	19	50	81				• • •					Bank 19
core 20	20	51	82				• • •					Bank 20
core 21	21	52	83				• • •					Bank 21
core 22	22	53	84				• • •					Bank 22
core 23	23	54	85				• • •					Bank 23
core 24	24	55	86				• • •					Bank 24
core 25	25	56	87				• • •				┖	Bank 25
core 26	26	57	88				• • •					Bank 26
core 27	27	58	89				• • •					Bank 27
core 28	28	59	90				• • •					Bank 28
core 29	29	60	91				• • •					Bank 29
core 30	30	61	92				• • •					Bank 30
core 31	31	62	93				• • •					Bank 31

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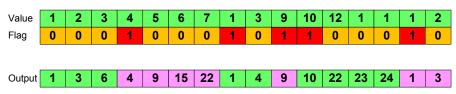
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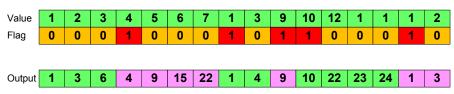
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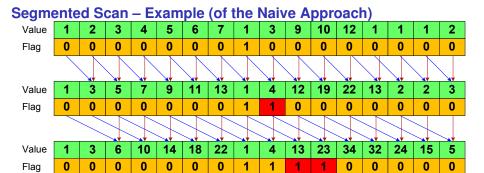


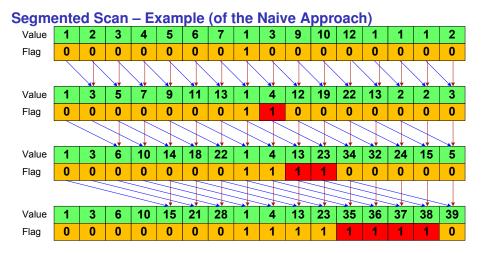
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  - ► Deal with the segments one by one
  - Do many scans at once, no matter their sizes

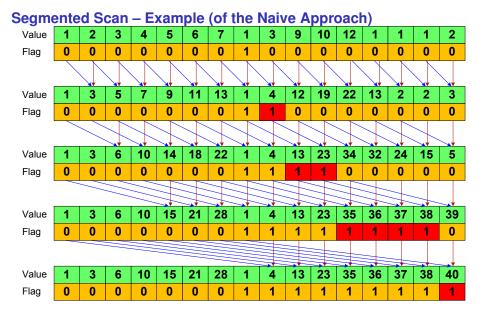
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Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	3	9	10	12	1	1	1	2
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  - See "Scan Primitives for GPU Computing" by Sengupta, Harris, Zhang, and Owens

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## Sort

- Useful for almost everything
- Optimized versions for the GPU already exist
- Two examples
  - Radix sort
  - Quick sort

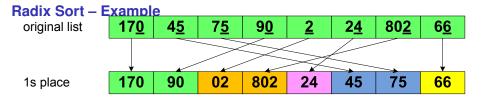
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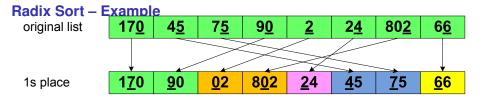
#### **Definition**

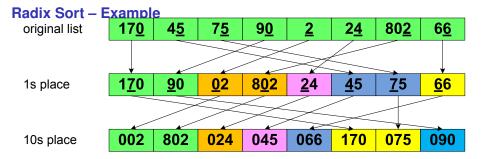
- Sort integers by processing individual digits, by comparing individual digits sharing the same significant position
- Least Significant Digit (LSD) radix sort
  - Take the least significant digit (or group of bits, both being examples of radices) of each key
  - Group the keys based on that digit, but otherwise keep the original order of keys
  - 3. Repeat the grouping process with each more significant digit

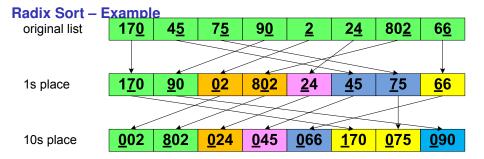
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original list			75	90	2	24	802	66

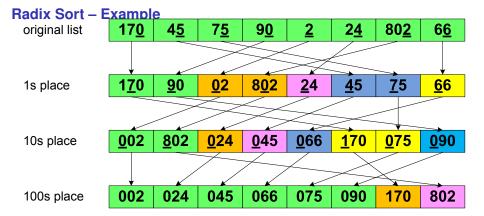
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	17 <u>0</u>		7 <u>5</u>	9 <u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	2 <u>4</u>	80 <u>2</u>	6 <u>6</u>











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- Example is given at the chalkboard

Use segmented scan and split

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Key = \begin{bmatrix} 6.4 & 9.2 & 3.4 & 1.6 & 8.7 & 4.1 & 9.2 & 3.4 \end{bmatrix}

Seg-Flags = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}

Pivots = \begin{bmatrix} 6.4 & 6.4 & 6.4 & 6.4 & 6.4 & 6.4 & 6.4 \end{bmatrix}

F = \begin{bmatrix} = & > & < & > & < & > & < & > & < \end{bmatrix}

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F	=	[ =	>	<	<	>	<	>	< ]
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