Lab5: CUDA - Basic

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The GPU Server

ssh to 166.111.68.163
 \$ ssh nthu@166.111.68.163 -p 2222
 Password: nthu123

2. ssh to 140.114.91.187
Username and password is the same as previous labs.

Compile & run

Compile

- nvcc [options] input_file
- Example: nvcc -o executable code.cu
- For more options, please see nvcc -help

Run

./executable [args]

Examples in /home/share/

```
$ cp /home/share/NVIDIA_CUDA-8.0_Samples.tar ~ $ tar -xf NVIDIA_CUDA-8.0_Samples.tar
```

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nvidia-smi

Purpose: Query and modify GPU's state

You can query details about

- device type
- clock rate
- temperature
- power
- memory

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nvidia-smi: example

```
[root@pp31 ~]# nvidia-smi
Sun Dec 4 15:49:05 2016
 NVIDIA-SMI 367.48 Driver Version: 367.48
 GPU Name Persistence-M Bus-Id Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC
 Fan Temp Perf Pwr:Usage/Cap Memory-Usage GPU-Util Compute M.
  0 Tesla C2070 Off 0000:03:00.0
                                        Off | 6066MiB
                                                          Off
           P0 N/A / N/A | 0MiB / |
                                                 0% Default
 30% 52C
  1 Tesla M2090 Off | 0000:06:00.0 Off | 6066MiB Off
                                                 0%
 N/A N/A
           P0 75W / N/A
                              OMiB /
                                                       Default
 Processes:
                                                     GPU Memory
  GPU
          PID Type Process name
                                                     Usage
  No running processes found
```

nvidia-smi: example

```
[root@pp31 ~]# nvidia-smi -q -d CLOCK
: Sun Dec 4 15:53:09 2016
: 367.48
Timestamp Driver
Version Attached
GPUs GPU
0000:03:00.0
   Clocks
      Graphics
                          : 573 MHz
      \mathsf{SM}
                         : 1147 MHz
      Memory
                            : 1494 MHz
      Video
                                : 540 MHz
   Applications Clocks
                      : N/A
      Graphics Memory
   Default Applications Clocks : N/A
      Graphics
      Memory
                                : N/A
   Max Clocks
                                : N/A
      Graphics
      \mathsf{SM}
                                : 573 MHz
      Memory
                                : 1147 MHz
      Video
                                : 1494 MHz
                                : 540 MHz
```

cuda-memcheck

This tool checks memory errors of your program, and it also reports hardware exceptions encountered by the GPU.

These errors may not cause program to crash, but they could result in unexpected program behavior and memory misusage.

cuda-memcheck

Some erroneous code

```
cudaFree (d_data); cudaFree
  (d_data); // error
  return 0;
}
```

Error summary

cuda-memcheck error types

Name	Description	Location	Precision
Memory access error	Errors due to out of bounds or misaligned accesses to memory by a global, local, shared or global atomic access.	Device	Precise
Hardware exception	Errors that are reported by the hardware error reporting mechanism.	Device	Imprecise
Malloc/Free errors	Errors that occur due to incorrect use ofmalloc()/free() in CUDA kernels.	Device	Precise
CUDA API errors	Reported when a CUDA API call in the application returns a failure.	Host	Precise
cudaMalloc memory leaks	Allocations of device memory using cudaMalloc()that have not been freed by the application.	Host	Precise
Device Heap Memory Leaks	Allocations of device memory using malloc() in device code that have not been freed by the application.	Device	Imprecise

cuda-gdb

Similar to GDB

A tool provides developers with a mechanism for debugging CUDA application running on actual hardware.

For more details, please refer to cuda-debugging-tools.pdf

cuda-gdb: print/set variables

Print variable

```
(cuda-gdb) print total
$1 = 11.1110363
```

Reassign value to variable

```
(cuda-gdb) print total = 31.1095
$2 = 31.109499
```

cuda-gdb: breakpoint

by kernel name

```
(cuda-gdb) break sobel_Kernel
```

by file & line number

```
(cuda-gdb) break test.cu:149
```

by address

(cuda-gdb) break 0x4e15f73

cuda-gdb: execution control

Launch application (with arguments)

(cuda-gdb) run arg1 arg2

Resume execution

(cuda-gdb) continue

Kill the program

(cuda-gdb) kill

cuda-gdb: execution control

Interrupt the program

• Ctrl + C

Single stepping

	At source level	At assembly level
Over function calls	next	nexti
Into function calls	step	stepi

nvprof

A CUDA profiler

Provides feedback to optimize CUDA programs

- --metrics <METRIC_NAME> to measure specific metrics
- --events <EVENT_NAME> to record specific events
- -o <FILE> to save result to a file
- -i <FILE> to read result from a file

nvvp

nvprof's GUI counterpart easier to use

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Coding Assignments

Given 3 arrays: A, B, D = $\{1, 2, ..., 10\}$

Task#1: $C = A^A + B^B$

Task#2: C = A + B, F = D + C

- ✓ Requirement:
 - Implement task#1 with single stream
 - Implement task#2 with 2 streams to overlap the data transfer data of D
 - > C and F must be copied back to host for correctness check
 - Report the kernel time & total execution time
 - Pass cuda-memcheck
 - If you can't complete today, make another appointment with TA

Steps to follow

- 1. Initialize CUDA device
- Allocate memory in device & put sequential code into kernel function
- Relabel index variables with combinations of threadIdx, blockIdx, blockDim, gridDim
- 4. Optimizations (requires great deal of effort!)

Vector Add

```
// Kernel definition
__global__ void VecAdd(float* A, float* B, float* C)
     int i = threadIdx.x;
     C[i] = A[i] + B[i];
int main()
{
     // Device memory allocation
     // Host to Device memory copy
     // Kernel invocation with N threads
     // Device to Host memory copy
```

Device memory operations

Three functions:

```
cudaMalloc(), cudaFree(), cudaMemcpy()
Similar to the C's malloc(), free(), memcpy()
```

- 1. cudaMalloc(void **devPtr, size_t size)
 devPtr: return the address of the allocated device memory
 size: the allocated memory size (bytes)
- 2. cudaFree (void *devPtr)
- 3. cudaMemcpy(void *dst, const void *src, size_t count, enum cudaMemcpyKind kind) count: size in bytes to copy

cudaMemcpyKind

one of the following four values

cudaMemcpyKind	Meaning	dst	src
cudaMemcpyHostToHost	Host → Host	host	host
cudaMemcpyHostToDevice	Host → Device	device	host
cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost	Device → Host	host	device
cudaMemcpyDeviceToDevice	Device → Device	device	device

host to host has the same effect as memcpy()

How to measure kernel execution time?

cudaEventCreate(): Init timer

cudaEventDestroy(): Destroy timer

cudaEventRecord(): Set timer

cudaEventSynchronize(): Sync timer after each kernel call

cudaEventElapsedTime(): Returns the elapsed time in milliseconds

How to measure kernel execution time?

```
cudaEvent_t start, stop;
float time;
cudaEventCreate (&start);
cudaEventCreate (&stop);
cudaEventRecord (start, ∅);
kernel <<< grid, threads >>> (d_in, d_out);
cudaEventRecord (stop, 0);
cudaEventSynchronize (stop);
cudaEventElapsedTime (&time, start, stop);
fprintf (stderr, "%lf\n", time);
cudaEventDestroy (start);
cudaEventDestroy (stop);
```

Multiple Streams

Different streams may execute their commands **out of order** with respect to one another or concurrently

References

CUDA C Programming Guide

 http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-cprogramming-guide/

CUDA Toolkit Documentation

http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/