

SciComp and FEM in WS25

Exercise 3: one core programming, performance limitations, BLAS.

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First, we have to provide a few basic benchmarks examples (A)-(E):

(A) The inner product of two vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i \cdot y_i$$

Use $x_i := (i \bmod 219) + 1$ and $y_i := 1.0/x_i$ as test data. (Why !?)

(B) Matrix-Vector product using an $M \times N$ matrix A and vectors $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^M$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &:= A \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ b_i &:= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} A_{i,j} x_j \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, M-1 \end{aligned}$$

Use $A_{i,j} := ((i+j) \bmod 219) + 1$ and $x_j := 1.0/A_{17,j}$ as test data. (Why !?)
See example code¹ and docu².

(C) Matrix-Matrix product: $C_{M \times N} := A_{M \times L} \cdot B_{L \times N}$

$$C_{i,j} := \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} A_{i,k} \cdot B_{k,j} \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, M-1, \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, N-1$$

(D) Evaluation of a polynomial function of degree p with given coefficients $a_k, k = 0, \dots, p$ for a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, i.e., $\mathbf{y} := \text{poly}_p(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ with

$$y_i := \text{poly}_p(x_i) = \sum_{k=0}^p a_k \cdot x_i^k \quad \forall i = 0, \dots, N-1$$

(E) Solve a sparse system of linear equations $K\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$ resulting from a finite element discretization via the Jacobi iteration (code³ and docu⁴).

$$\mathbf{u}^{k+1} = \mathbf{u}^k + \omega D^{-1} \left(\mathbf{f} - K \cdot \mathbf{u}^k \right) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with $\mathbf{u}^0 = \mathbf{0}$, the right hand side $\mathbf{f}$ and the positive definit and symmetric system matrix K . See [DHL, §6.2.1] for details.

¹http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Examples/intro_vector_densematrix.zip

²http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Examples/intro_vector_densematrix/html

³http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Codes/seq/jacobi_oo_stl.zip

⁴http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Codes/seq/jacobi_oo_stl/html

1. Measure the achieved floating point performance and memory bandwidth of your test system by compiling and using the codes⁵ for stream and flops. Have a look at the first lines in the source code for compiling options. Benchmarking is science by itself - we need the above codes to have some numbers in our hands. (1 Pkt.)
- You can use additionally the precompiled benchmark codes from Alexander Yee⁶. You will probably need the executable for Haswell (Intel-CPU) or for Zen (AMD-CPU).

2. Some counting and calculating for benchmarks (A)–(D): (1 Pkt.)
- Calculate the amount of memory needed for your data as function of the data dimensions M, N, L, p depending on the chosen data type.
 - Calculate the number of floating point operations (+, −, *, / count as one operation) as function of the data dimensions M, N, L, p .
 - Express the number of Read/Write operations from/to memory as function of the data dimensions M, N, L, p and the chosen data type.

3. Implement benchmarks (A)–(D) in C++ as **separate functions** where all data will be transferred via the parameter list, i.e., no global data are allowed. The data types for **double precision** should be preferred, but you might use also template functions. (4 Pkt.)
- In order to simplify code development and benchmarking you are encouraged to use the provided template for the scalar product⁷

After extracting the files you have to type

```
make run
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into your (LINUX-) Terminal to compile, link and run the code.

4. Measure the runtime of your implementations. Calculate the achieved double precision performance in GFLOPS and the achieved memory bandwidth in GiB/sec for your implementations. (1 Pkt.)
- Take care that you use compiler options wrt. optimization, i.e., "-O0" versus "-O3" and more advanced options.

Chose the data dimensions for each benchmark such that the code runs at least 10 sec. (Why?!), i.e.. If the runtime for (A) is too low although you use already 50% of your memory than you have to increase NLOOPS in the template accordingly. The memory required to store your data should be approximately 10–100 times larger than your largest cache.

5. Some special tasks: (2 Pkt.)
- (a) Measure the performance in (A) by replacing the call to $\langle x, y \rangle$ by a call to
- $$\|x\| := \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i^2}.$$
- What do you observe? Why?

⁵<http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Examples/stream.zip>

⁶<https://github.com/Mysticial/Flops/tree/master/version3>

⁷http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Codes/seq/skalar_stl.zip

- (b) Implement a version of the scalar product that avoids round-off errors by using the Kahan⁸ summation. Check the run time.
 - (c) Assume row-wise access to matrix A in (C). Compare performance issues for row-wise access of A versus column-wise access of A .
Is there a chance to accelerate also the column-wise access function?
6. Write additional functions for (A)-(C) that use the cBLAS⁹ library¹⁰, especially the calls DOT, GEMV, GEMM, see the general reference card¹¹ or the cblas description¹², see the example for cblas_dgemv¹³. Measure run time and calculate GFLOPS and GiB/sec. (4 Pkt.)

Hints:

- Take care for the Leading Dimensions (LDA, LDB) in the parameter list for a dense matrix in BLAS. See the example for DGEMM in stackoverflow¹⁴ at IBM¹⁵ and at Intel¹⁶.
- The LAPACK¹⁷ library is a superset of the BLAS routines based on FORTRAN, see its book¹⁸. Note the additional parameter for cblas_dgemv from cBLAS¹⁹ in comparison to dgemv_ from BLAS²⁰.
The LAPACK interface including BLAS requires a columnwise storage of the matrix entries. Using the extension LAPACKE²¹ allows an optional rowwise storage of the matrices similar to cBLAS.
- Install the libraries in Ubuntu via

```
sudo apt-get install libopenblas-base libopenblas-dev
                                liblapack-dev liblapacke-dev
```

or in archlinux via `sudo pacman -S openblas; sudo pacman -S lapacke`
- Use the example with class Blas_DenseMatrix (code²² and docu²³) as a start.
- (**) If you have an INTEL-CPU then substitute the openBLAS library in your code with the MKL²⁴ (Mathematics Kernel Library) by INTEL:

```
sudo apt-get install intel-mkl intel-mkl-doc libmkl-sequential libmkl-dev
```

and compare its performance with openBLAS for example(C).
compile flags: `I/usr/include/mkl -DUSE_MKL`
link flags: `-L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/mkl -lmkl_intel_lp64 -lmkl_gnu_thread -lmkl_core.`

⁸https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kahan_summation_algorithm

⁹<http://www.netlib.org/blas/faq.html>

¹⁰ubuntu: libatlas-dev, libatlas-base-dev

¹¹<http://www.netlib.org/blas/blasqr.pdf>

¹²<https://icl.utk.edu/~mgates3/docs/cblas.pdf>

¹³http://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/d1/dff/cblas__example1_8c_source.html

¹⁴<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/28654438/matrix-vector-product-with-dgemm-dgemv>

¹⁵<https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/essl/6.3?topic=moss-gemm-dgemm-cgemm-zgemm-combined-matrix-multiplication-addition-general-ma>

¹⁶<https://sites.cs.ucsb.edu/~tyang/class/240a17/slides/intel-mkl-gemm.pdf>

¹⁷<http://www.netlib.org/lapack/>

¹⁸<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug>

¹⁹https://netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/d6/da2/cblas__dgemv_8c.html

²⁰https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/d7/dda/group__gemv_ga4ac1b675072d18f902db8a310784d802.html#ga4ac1b675072d18f902db8a310784d802

²¹<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/lapacke.html>

²²http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Examples/densematrices_libs.zip

²³http://imsc.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Math2CPP/Examples/densematrices_libs/html

²⁴<https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/developer/tools/oneapi/onemkl-documentation.html>

7. We are using the LAPACK²⁵ library, see also the docu²⁶.
 Solve a dense system of equations via factorization `dgetrf_`²⁷ of matrix $A_{n \times n}$ and application of the factorized matrix `dgetrs_`²⁸ to multiple right hand sides $b_{n \times n_{rhs}}$. (4 Pkt.)
 LAPACK provides a FORTRAN interface which can be called from C/C++

- Append the function name by an underscore “_” as above.
- Pass (linear) arrays as pointer (design: **Plain Old Data**)
- Pass all other variables by its address (`&alpha`)

You might use LAPACKE²⁹ providing a C interface for LAPACK using `LAPACKE_dgetrf`³⁰ and `LAPACKE_dgetrs`³¹ (but the documentation disappeared).
 See examples³² in github.

- You have to use option `-llapacke -lblas` as linker options (Manjaro-Linux requires additionally `-lcblas`).
- Check for the correct result.
- How does the solution time per right hand side depend on n_{rhs} for a fixed $n \in \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32\}$?
- One suggestion for initializing the matrix entries:

$$M_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|i-j|^2} & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 4 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

8. Run (E), the Jacobi code from directory `seq/jacobi` . (1 Pkt.)

Literatur

- [DHL] Douglas/Haase/Langer: “A Tutorial on Elliptic PDE Solvers and their Parallelization“, SIAM, 2003 (e-book, download³³)

²⁵<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/>

²⁶<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/>

²⁷https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/db/d04/group__getrf_gaea332d65e208d833716b405ea2a1ab69.html

²⁸https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html/df/d36/group__getrs_gaacd7a8465c8cc0e4e8b88ba4b453630c.html

²⁹<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/lapacke.html>

³⁰https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html-3.6.1/dd/d9a/group__double_g_ecomputational_ga0019443faea08275ca60a734d0593e60.html

³¹https://www.netlib.org/lapack/explore-html-3.6.1/dd/d9a/group__double_g_ecomputational_ga58e332cb1b8ab770270843221a48296d.html

³²<https://github.com/Reference-LAPACK/lapack/tree/master/LAPACKE/example>

³³https://ims.uni-graz.at/haasegu/Lectures/Master_HPC/textbook.pdf