

Memory Access Coalescing

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Recap: Memory Spaces

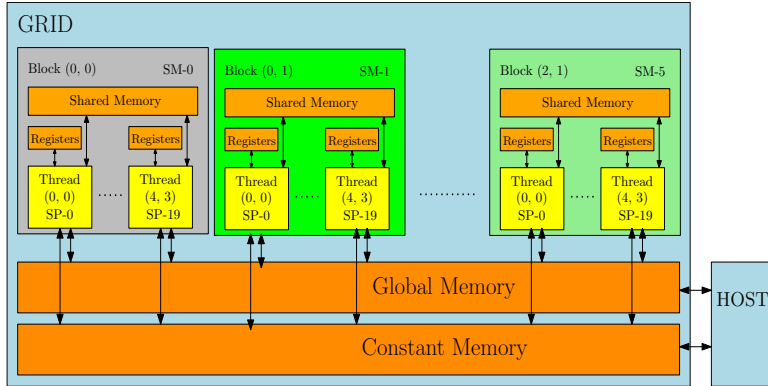


Figure: Global Memory Accesses



Access Scopes

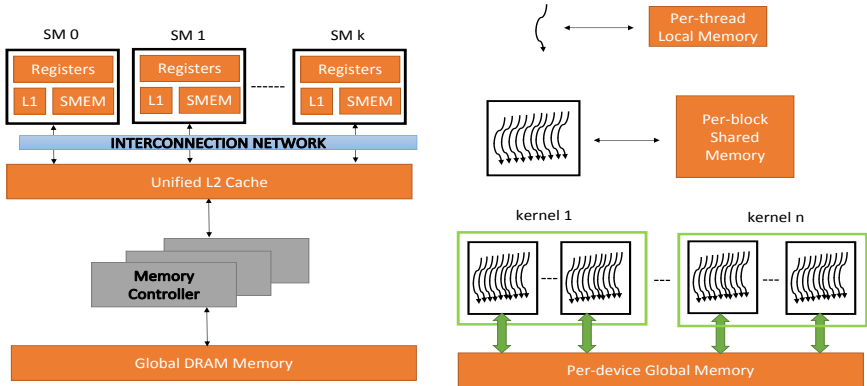


Figure: Types of Memory Accesses



Memory Access Types

Latency of accesses differ for different memory spaces

- ▶ Global Memory (accessible by all threads) is the slowest
- ▶ Shared Memory (accessible by threads in a block) is very fast.
- ▶ Registers (accessible by one thread) is the fastest.



Warp Requests to Memory

- ▶ The GPU coalesces global memory loads and stores requested by a warp of threads into global memory transactions.
- ▶ A warp typically requests 32 aligned 4 byte words in one global memory transaction.
- ▶ Reducing number of global memory transactions by warps is one of the keys for optimizing execution time
- ▶ Efficient memory access expressions must be designed by the user for the same.



Coalescing Examples

```
__global__ void memory_access(float* a)
{
    int tid= blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    a[tid] = a[tid] + 1;
}
```

warp 0

tid

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

global
memory

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warp 1

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1 global memory transaction for write

warp 2

tid

16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

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Coalescing Examples: Offset

```
__global__ void offset_access(float* a, int s)
{
    int tid= blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    a[tid+s] = a[tid+s] + 1;
}
```

warp 0

tid

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Misaligned offset access: **s=1**

2 global memory transactions for read

2 global memory transactions for write

warp 0

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}
```

Aligned offset access: $s=8$

1 global memory transaction for read
1 global memory transaction for write

warp 0

tid	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

	A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
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Coalescing Examples: Strided

```
__global__ void strided_access(float* a, int s)
{
    int tid= blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    a[tid*s] = a[tid*s] + 1;
}
```

warp 0

tid

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

global
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A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
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Misaligned strided access: **s=2**

warp 0

tid

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global
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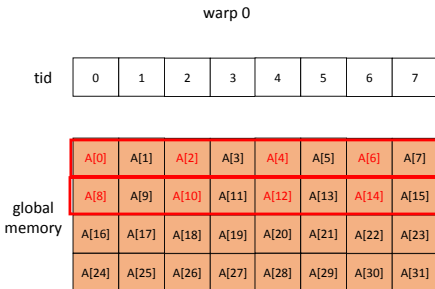


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Misaligned strided access: $s=2$

2 global memory transactions for read
2 global memory transactions for write



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```

Misaligned strided access: $s=4$

2 global memory transactions for read
2 global memory transactions for write

warp 0

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-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

global memory	A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
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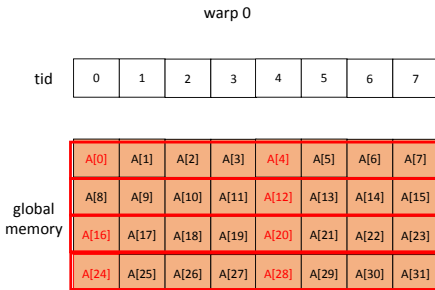


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}
```

Misaligned strided access: $s=4$

4 global memory transactions for read
4 global memory transactions for write



Profiling

- ▶ Profiling can be performed using the CUDA event API.
- ▶ CUDA events are of type `cudaEvent_t`
- ▶ Events are created using `cudaEventCreate()` and destroyed using `cudaEventDestroy()`
- ▶ Events can record timestamps using `cudaEventRecord()`
- ▶ The time elapsed between two recorded events is done using `cudaEventElapsedTime()`



Driver Code: Offset Access

```
cudaEvent_t startEvent, stopEvent;
float ms;
int blockSize = 1024;
int n = nMB*1024*1024/sizeof(float); //nMB=128
cudaMalloc(&d_a, n * sizeof(float));
for (int i = 0; i <= 32; i++)
{
    ^IcudaMemset(d_a, 0.0, n * sizeof(float));
    ^IcudaEventRecord(startEvent);
    ^Ioffset_access<<n/blockSize,blockSize>>(d_a, i);
    ^IcudaEventRecord(stopEvent);
    ^IcudaEventSynchronize(stopEvent);
    ^IcudaEventElapsedTime(&ms, startEvent, stopEvent);
    ^Iprintf("%d, %fn", i, 2*nMB/ms);
}
```

Source:

<https://devblogs.nvidia.com/how-access-global-memory-efficiently-cuda-c-kernels/>



Driver Code: Strided Access

```
cudaEvent_t startEvent, stopEvent;
float ms;
int blockSize = 1024;
int n = nMB*1024*1024/sizeof(float); //nMB=128
cudaMalloc(&d_a, n * 33 * sizeof(float));
for (int i = 0; i <= 32; i++)
{
    cudaMemcpy(d_a, 0.0, n * sizeof(float));
    cudaEventRecord(startEvent);
    cudaMemcpyOffset(d_a, i * blockSize, n * sizeof(float));
    cudaEventRecord(stopEvent);
    cudaEventSynchronize(stopEvent);
    cudaEventElapsedTime(&ms, startEvent, stopEvent);
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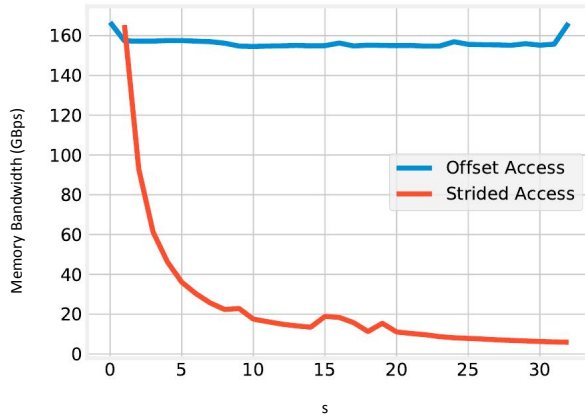


Figure: Memory Bandwidth Plot



Using Shared Memory

- ▶ Applications typically require different threads to access the same data over and over again (data reuse)
- ▶ Redundant global memory accesses can be avoided by loading data into shared memory.



Using Shared Memory

- ▶ Each SM typically has 64KB of on-chip memory that can be partitioned between L1 cache and shared memory.
- ▶ Settings are typically 48KB shared memory / 16KB L1 cache, and 16KB shared memory / 48KB L1 cache. By default the 48KB shared memory setting is used.
- ▶ This can be configured during runtime API from the host for all kernels using `cudaDeviceSetCacheConfig()` or on a per-kernel basis using `cudaFuncSetCacheConfig()`



Recap: Matrix Multiplication Kernel

```
__global__  
void MatrixMulKernel(float* d_M, float* d_N, float* d_P, int N){  
    int i=blockIdx.y*blockDim.y+threadIdx.y;  
    int j=blockIdx.x*blockDim.x+threadIdx.x;  
    if ((i<N) && (j<N)) {  
        float Pvalue = 0.0;  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) {  
            Pvalue += d_M[i*N+k]*d_N[k*N+j];  
        }  
        d_P[i*N+j] = Pvalue;  
    }  
}
```

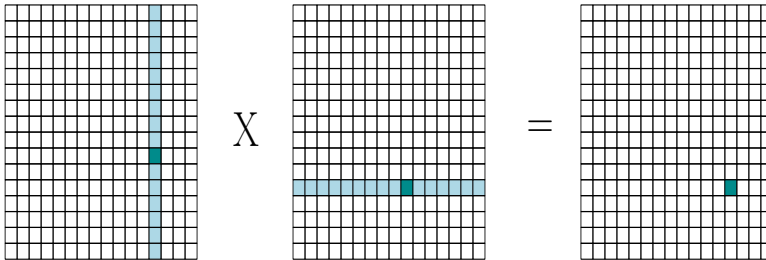


Recap Matrix Multiplication Kernel

- ▶ Number of threads launched is equal to the number of elements in the matrix
- ▶ The same row and column is accessed multiple times by different threads.
- ▶ Redundant global memory accesses are a bottleneck to performance



Recap: Matrix Multiplication Kernel



Total Mem. accesses required

$$= N^2 (N + N/32)$$

$$\approx N^3$$



Matrix Multiplication Kernel using Tiling

An alternative strategy is to use shared memory for reducing global memory traffic

- ▶ Partition the data into subsets called tiles so that each tile fits into shared memory
- ▶ Threads in a block collaboratively load tiles into shared memory before they use the elements for the dot-product calculation



gridDim = (3, 3) blockDim = (4, 4)

Row = by * TILE_WIDTH + ty

Col = bx * TILE_WIDTH + tx

Note: m is loop induction variable
[0, WIDTH/TILE_WIDTH]

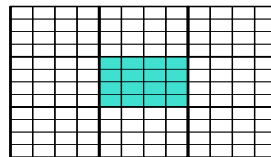
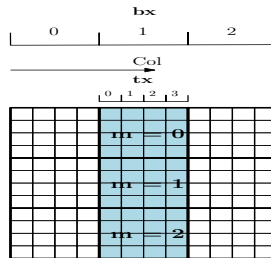
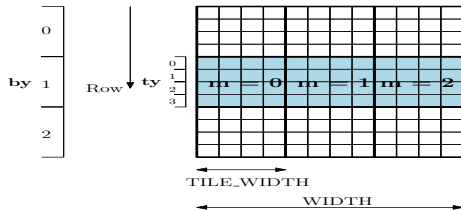


Figure: Access Expressions



Matrix Multiplication Kernel using Tiling

```
__global__  
void MatrixMulKernel(float* d_M, float* d_N, float* d_P, int Width) {  
  
    __shared__ float Mds[TILE_WIDTH][TILE_WIDTH];  
    __shared__ float Nds[TILE_WIDTH][TILE_WIDTH];  
  
    int bx = blockIdx.x;  
    int by = blockIdx.y;  
    int tx = threadIdx.x;  
    int ty = threadIdx.y;
```



```

int Row = by * TILE_WIDTH + ty;
int Col = bx * TILE_WIDTH + tx;
float Pvalue = 0;
for (int m = 0; m < Width/TILE_WIDTH; ++m) {
    Mds[ty][tx] = d_M[Row*Width + m*TILE_WIDTH + tx];
    Nds[ty][tx] = d_N[(m*TILE_WIDTH + ty)*Width + Col];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < TILE_WIDTH; ++k)
        Pvalue += Mds[ty][k] * Nds[k][tx];
    __syncthreads();
}
d_P[Row*Width + Col] = Pvalue;
}

```



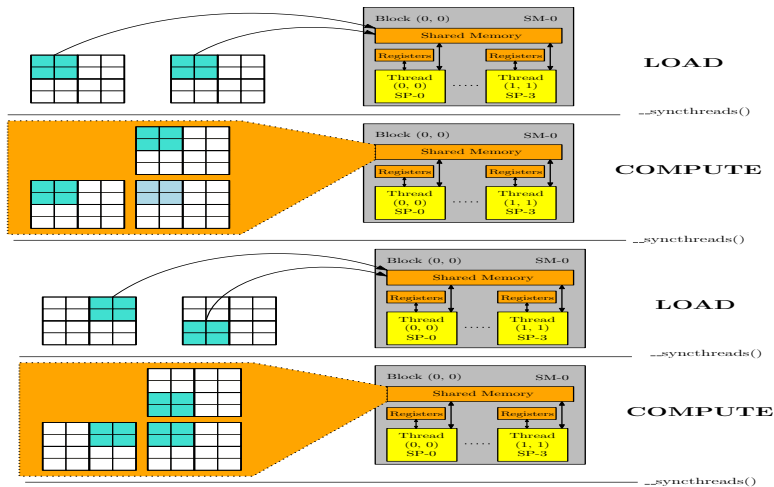


Figure: Load and compute tiles in shared memory



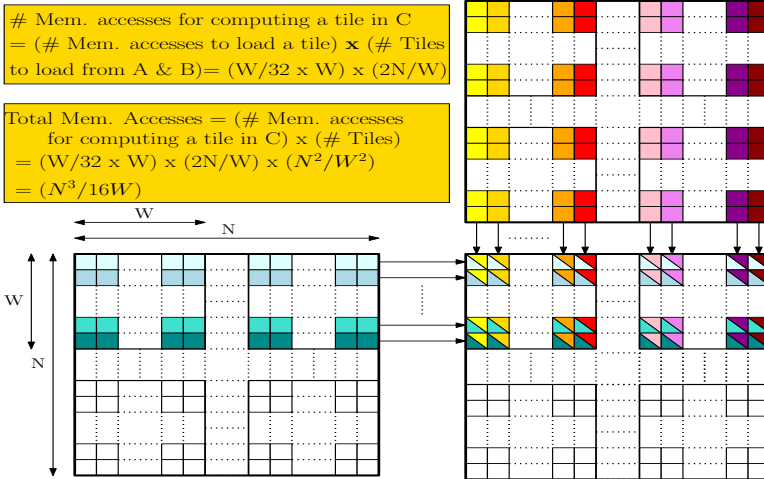


Figure: Number of memory accesses



Tranpose Operation

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15



0	4	8	12
1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	15

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----



0	4	8	12	1	5	9	13	2	6	10	14	3	7	11	15
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Figure: Transposing a Matrix



Matrix Transpose CPU only

```
void transposeHost(float *out, float *in, const int nx, const int ny)
{
  for (int iy = 0; iy < ny; ++iy)
  {
    for (int ix = 0; ix < nx; ++ix)
    {
      out[ix*ny+iy] = in[iy*nx+ix];
    }
  }
}
```

Professional CUDA C Programming by Cheng et al.



Matrix Transpose GPU Kernel- Naive Row

```
__global__ void transposeNaiveRow(float *out, float *in, const int nx, int ny)
{
    unsigned int ix = blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    unsigned int iy = blockDim.y * blockIdx.y + threadIdx.y;
    if (ix < nx && iy < ny) {
        out[ix * ny + iy] = in[iy * nx + ix];
    }
}
```

Loads by rows and stores by columns



Matrix Transpose GPU Kernel- Naive Col

```
__global__ void transposeNaiveRow(float *out, float *in, const int nx, int ny)
{
    unsigned int ix = blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    unsigned int iy = blockDim.y * blockIdx.y + threadIdx.y;
    if (ix < nx && iy < ny) {
        out[iy*nx + ix] = in[ix*ny + iy];
    }
}
```

Loads by columns and stores by rows



Driver Code

```
#define CHECK(call)
{
  ^^IcudaError_t err = call;
  ^^Iif (err != cudaSuccess)
  ^^I{
  ^^I  fprintf(stderr , " Failed with error code %s\n", cudaGetErrorString (err)
    );
  ^^I  exit(EXIT_FAILURE) ;
  ^^I}
}
```



Driver Code

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    // set up device
    int dev = 0;
    cudaDeviceProp deviceProp;
    CHECK(cudaGetDeviceProperties(&deviceProp, dev));
    printf("%s starting transpose at ", argv[0]);
    printf("device %d: %s ", dev, deviceProp.name);
    CHECK(cudaSetDevice(dev));

    // set up array size 8192*8192
    int nx = 1 << 13;
    int ny = 1 << 13;

    // select a kernel and block size
    int iKernel = 0;
    int blockx = 32;
    int blocky = 32;

    if (argc > 1) iKernel = atoi(argv[1]);
}
```



Driver Code

```
^^Isize_t nBytes = nx * ny * sizeof(float);
^^I// execution configuration
^^Idim3 block (blockx, blocky);
^^Idim3 grid ((nx + block.x - 1) / block.x, (ny + block.y - 1) / block.y);
^^I// allocate host memory
^^Ifloat *h_A = (float *)malloc(nBytes);
^^Ifloat *hostRef = (float *)malloc(nBytes);
^^Ifloat *gpuRef = (float *)malloc(nBytes);
^^I// initialize host array
^^IinitialData(h_A, nx * ny);
^^I// allocate device memory
^^Ifloat *d_A, *d_C;
^^ICHECK(cudaMalloc((float**)&d_A, nBytes));
^^ICHECK(cudaMalloc((float**)&d_C, nBytes));
^^I// copy data from host to device
^^ICHECK(cudaMemcpy(d_A, h_A, nBytes, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice));
```



Driver Code

```
// kernel pointer and descriptor
void (*kernel)(float *, float *, int, int);
char *kernelName;
// set up kernel
switch (iKernel)
{
    case 0:
        kernel = &transposeNaiveRow; kernelName = "NaiveRow"; break;
    case 1:
        kernel = &transposeNaiveCol; kernelName = "NaiveCol"; break;
}

// run kernel

kernel<<<grid, block>>>(d_C, d_A, nx, ny);
^^ICHECK(cudaGetLastError());
^^ICHECK(cudaMemcpy(gpuRef, d_C, nBytes, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost));
}
```



Profile using NVPROF

- ▶ nvprof is a command-line profiler available for Linux, Windows, and OS X.
- ▶ nvprof is able to collect statistics pertaining to multiple events/metrics at the same time.
- ▶ nvprof is a standalone tool and does not require the programmer to use the CUDA events API.



Execute Code: NaiveRow

```
nvprof -devices 0 -metrics gst_throughput, gld_throughput ./transpose 0
==108029== NVPROF is profiling process 108029, command: ./transpose 0
./transpose starting transpose at device 0: Tesla K40m with matrix nx 8192 ny
8192 with kernel 0
==108029== Some kernel(s) will be replayed on device 0 in order to collect all
events/metrics.
==108029== Replaying kernel "transposeNaiveRow(float*, float*, int, int)" (
done)
==108029== Metric result:
Invocations Metric Name Metric Description Min Max
Device "Tesla K40m (0)"
Kernel: transposeNaiveRow(float*, float*, int, int)
1 gst_throughput Global Store Throughput 249.37GB/s 249.37GB/s
1 gld_throughput Global Load Throughput 31.171GB/s 31.171GB/s
```



Execute Code: NaiveCol

```
nvprof -devices 0 -metrics gst_throughput, gld_throughput ./transpose 1
==108037== NVPROF is profiling process 108037, command: ./transpose 1
./transpose starting transpose at device 0: Tesla K40m with matrix nx 8192 ny
8192 with kernel 1
==108037== Some kernel(s) will be replayed on device 0 in order to collect all
events/metrics.
==108037== Replaying kernel "transposeNaiveCol(float*, float*, int, int)" (
done)
==108037== Metric result:
Invocations      Metric Name Metric Description           Min           Max
Device "Tesla K40m (0)"
Kernel: transposeNaiveCol(float*, float*, int, int)
1                gst_throughput  Global Store Throughput  17.421GB/s   17.421GB/s
1                gld_throughput  Global Load Throughput   139.37GB/s   139.37GB/s
^^I
```

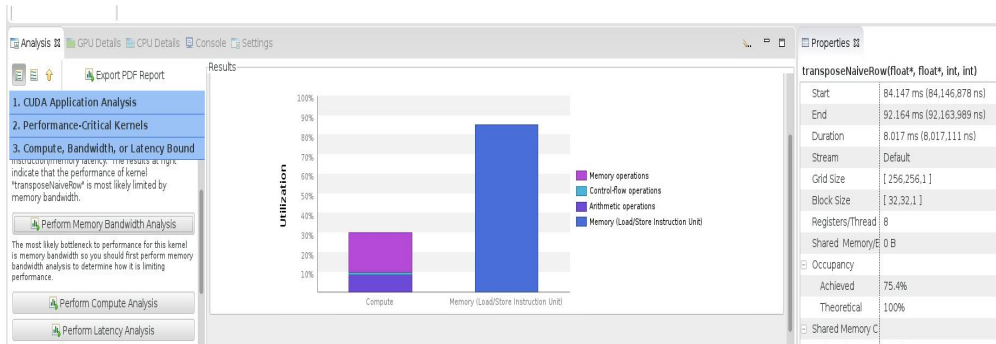


Using Nvidia Visual Profiler

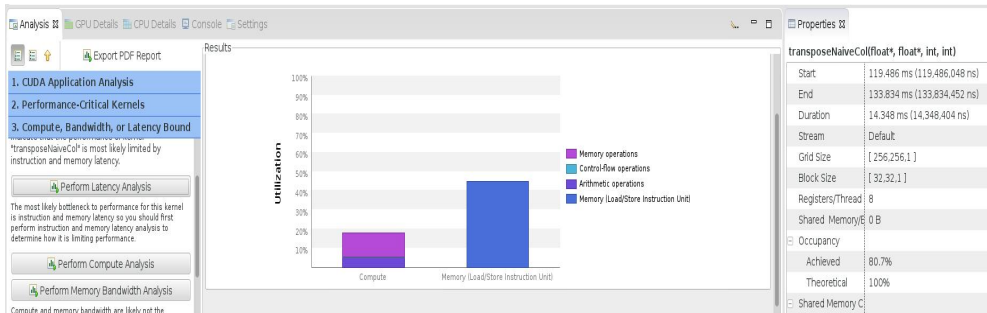
- ▶ The nvvp software provides a GUI based tool for analyzing CUDA applications and supports a guided analysis mode for optimizing kernels.
- ▶ nvprof provides a *-analysis-metrics* option to capture all GPU metrics for use by NVIDIA Visual Profiler software during its guided analysis mode.
- ▶ The -o flag can be used with nvprof to dump a logs file that can be imported into nvvp.



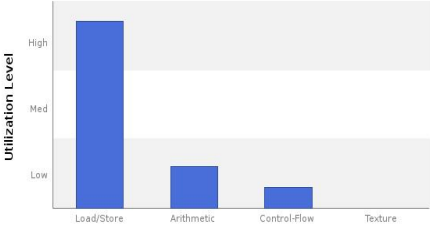
Naive Row Kernel Profiling Analysis



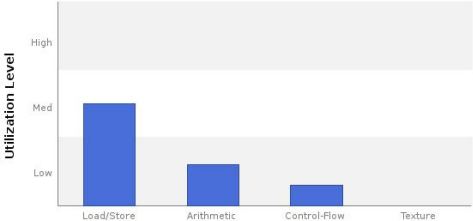
Naive Col Kernel Profiling Analysis



Compute Analysis



Naive Row




Naive Col



Memory Bandwidth Analysis: Naive Row

L1/Shared Memory

Local Loads	0	0 B/s	
Local Stores	0	0 B/s	
Shared Loads	0	0 B/s	
Shared Stores	0	0 B/s	
Global Loads	2097152	33.483 GB/s	
Global Stores	67108864	267.863 GB/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
L1/Shared Total	69206016	301.345 GB/s	


L2 Cache

L1 Reads	8388608	33.483 GB/s	
L1 Writes	67108864	267.863 GB/s	
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s	
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
Total	75497472	301.345 GB/s	



Memory Bandwidth Analysis: Naive Col

L1/Shared Memory

Local Loads	0	0 B/s	
Local Stores	0	0 B/s	
Shared Loads	0	0 B/s	
Shared Stores	0	0 B/s	
Global Loads	67108864	149.667 GB/s	
Global Stores	2097152	18.708 GB/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
L1/Shared Total	69206016	168.375 GB/s	

L2 Cache

L1 Reads	67108864	149.667 GB/s	
L1 Writes	8388608	18.708 GB/s	
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s	
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
Total	75497472	168.375 GB/s	

Texture Cache



Latency Analysis in NVVP

Instruction stalls prevents warps from executing on any given cycle and are of the following types.

- ▶ **Pipeline busy:** The compute resources required by the instruction is not available.
- ▶ **Constant:** A constant load is blocked due to a miss in the constants cache.
- ▶ **Memory Throttle:** Large number of pending memory operations prevent further forward progress.
- ▶ **Texture:** The texture subsystem is fully utilized or has too many outstanding requests.
- ▶ **Synchronization:** The warp is blocked at a `__syncthreads()` call.



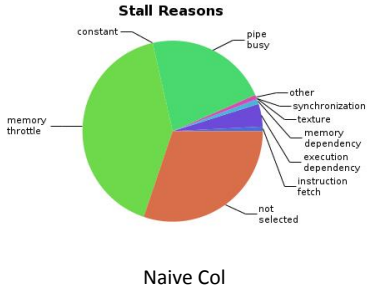
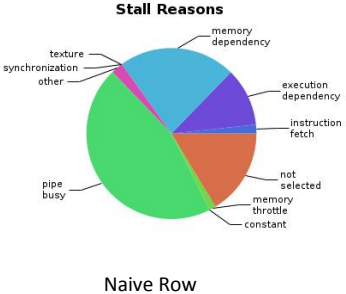
Latency Analysis in NVVP

Instruction stalls prevents warps from executing on any given cycle and are of the following types.

- ▶ **Instruction Fetch:** The next assembly instruction has not yet been fetched.
- ▶ **Execution Dependency:** An input required by the instruction is not yet available.
- ▶ **Memory Dependency:** A load/store cannot be made because the required resources are not available, or are fully utilized, or too many requests of a given type are outstanding.
- ▶ **Not Selected:** Warp was ready to issue, but some other warp was issued instead.



Latency Analysis



Transpose using Shared Memory

```
#define TILE_DIM 32
#define BLOCK_ROWS 32
__global__ void transposeCoalesced(float *odata, float *idata, const int nx,
    const int ny)
{
    __shared__ float tile[TILE_DIM][TILE_DIM];

    int x = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    int y = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int width = gridDim.x * TILE_DIM;

    for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
        tile[threadIdx.y+j][threadIdx.x] = idata[(y+j)*width + x];

    __syncthreads();
}

__I__I
```

Source: <https://devblogs.nvidia.com/efficient-matrix-transpose-cuda-cc/>



Transpose using Shared Memory

```
x = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x; // transpose block offset
y = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;

for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
    odata[(y+j)*width + x] = tile[threadIdx.x][threadIdx.y + j];
}
```



Execute Code: TransposeCoalesced

```
nvprof --devices 0 --metrics shared_store_throughput,shared_load_throughput
./transpose 2
```

```
==108373== NVPROF is profiling process 108373, command: ./transpose 2
./transpose starting transpose at device 0: Tesla K40m with matrix nx 8192 ny
      8192 with kernel 2
==108373== Metric result:
Invocations  Metric Name          Metric Description          Min          Max
Device "Tesla K40m (0)"
Kernel: transposeCoalesced(float*, float*, int, int)
1  shared_store_throughput  Shared Memory Store Throughput  81.40GB/s  81.40GB/s
1  shared_load_throughput   Shared Memory Load Throughput   1e+03GB/s  1e+03GB/s
```



Kernel Analysis

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1. CUDA Application Analysis

2. Performance-Critical Kernels

3. Compute, Bandwidth, or Latency Bound

The first step in analyzing an individual kernel is to determine if the performance of the kernel is bounded by computation, memory bandwidth, or instruction/memory latency. The results at right indicate that the performance of kernel "transposeCoalesced" is most likely limited by memory bandwidth.

Perform Memory Bandwidth Analysis

The most likely bottleneck to performance for this kernel is memory bandwidth so you should first perform memory bandwidth analysis to determine how it is limiting performance.

Perform Compute Analysis

Perform Latency Analysis

Compute and instruction and memory latency are likely not the primary performance bottlenecks for this kernel, but you may still want to perform those analyses.

Results

Kernel Performance Is Bound By Memory Bandwidth

For device "Tesla K40m" the kernel's compute utilization is significantly lower than its memory utilization. These utilization levels indicate that the performance of the kernel is most likely being limited by the memory system. For this kernel the limiting factor in the memory system is the bandwidth of the load/store instruction units within the multiprocessors.

Utilization

Category	Memory operations	Control-flow operations	Arithmetic operations	Memory (Load/Store Instruction Unit)
Compute	~15%	~15%	~15%	~15%
Memory (Load/Store Instruction Unit)	~0%	~0%	~0%	~68%

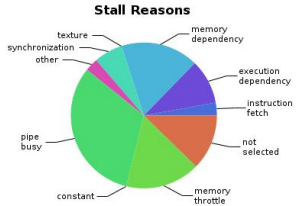
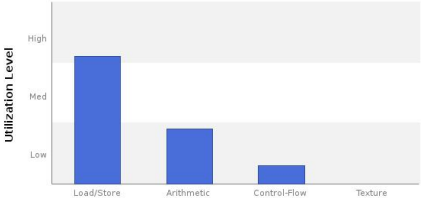
Properties

transposeCoalesced(float*, float*, int, int)

Start	116.036 ms (116.036,088 ns)
End	122.178 ms (122,178,014 ns)
Duration	6.142 ms (6,141,926 ns)
Stream	Default
Grid Size	[256,256,1]
Block Size	[32,32,1]
Registers/Thread	10
Shared Memory/E	4 KIB
Occupancy	
Achieved	87.2%
Theoretical	100%
Shared Memory C	
Shared Memory	48 KIB
Shared Memory	48 KIB
Shared Memory	4 B



Compute and Latency Analysis



Memory Bandwidth Analysis

L1/Shared Memory		
Local Loads	0	0 B/s
Local Stores	0	0 B/s
Shared Loads	33554432	1,398.573 GB/s
Shared Stores	2097502	87.425 GB/s
Global Loads	2097152	43.705 GB/s
Global Stores	2097152	43.705 GB/s
Atomic	0	0 B/s
L1/Shared Total	39846238	1,573.41 GB/s

L2 Cache		
L1 Reads	8388608	43.705 GB/s
L1 Writes	8388608	43.705 GB/s
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s
Atomic	0	0 B/s
Total	16777216	87.411 GB/s



Using Shared Memory: Simple Copy

```
__global__ void copySharedMem(float *odata, float *idata, const int nx, const
    int ny)
{
    __shared__ float tile[TILE_DIM * TILE_DIM];
    int x = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    int y = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int width = gridDim.x * TILE_DIM;
    for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
        tile[(threadIdx.y+j)*TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x] = idata[(y+j)*width + x];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
        odata[(y+j)*width + x] = tile[(threadIdx.y+j)*TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x];
}
```


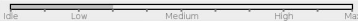


Profiling Results: CopySharedMem

Results

Memory Bandwidth And Utilization

The following table shows the memory bandwidth used by this kernel for the various types of memory on the device. The table also shows the utilization of each memory type relative to the maximum throughput supported by the memory. [More...](#)

	Transactions	Bandwidth	Utilization
L1/Shared Memory			
Local Loads	0	0 B/s	
Local Stores	0	0 B/s	
Shared Loads	2097152	139.383 GB/s	
Shared Stores	2108698	140.15 GB/s	
Global Loads	2097152	69.691 GB/s	
Global Stores	2097152	69.691 GB/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
L1/Shared Total	8400154	418.915 GB/s	
L2 Cache			
L1 Reads	8388608	69.691 GB/s	
L1 Writes	8388608	69.691 GB/s	
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s	
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
Total	16777216	139.383 GB/s	

copySharedMem(float*, float*, int, int)

Start	83.947 ms (83.94)
End	87.798 ms (87.79)
Duration	3.852 ms (3.851,7)
Stream	Default
Grid Size	[256,256,1]
Block Size	[32,32,1]
Registers/Thread	8
Shared Memory/Block	4 KIB
Occupancy	
Achieved	87.8%
Theoretical	100%
Shared Memory Configuration	
Shared Memory Requested	48 KIB
Shared Memory Executed	48 KIB
Shared Memory Bank Size	4 B



No Bank Conflicts

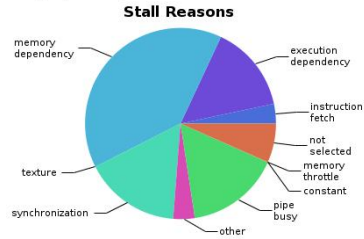
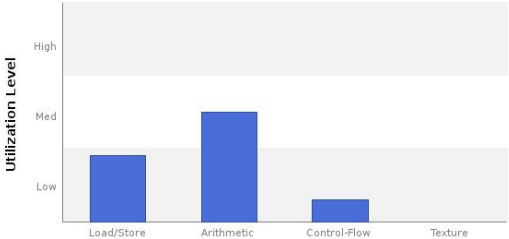
```
__global__ void transposeNoBankConflicts(float *odata, float *idata, const int
    nx, const int ny)
{
    __shared__ float tile[TILE_DIM][TILE_DIM+1];
    int x = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    int y = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int width = gridDim.x * TILE_DIM;
    for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
        tile[threadIdx.y+j][threadIdx.x] = idata[(y+j)*width + x];
    __syncthreads();
    x = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x; // transpose block offset
    y = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    for (int j = 0; j < TILE_DIM; j += BLOCK_ROWS)
        odata[(y+j)*width + x] = tile[threadIdx.x][threadIdx.y + j];
}
```



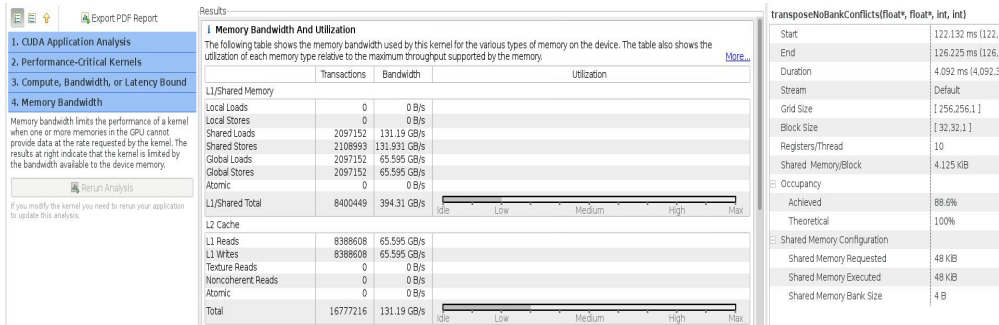
No Bank Conflicts



Profiling Results: No bank conflicts



Profiling Results: No bank conflicts



Transpose Fine Grained

```
__global__ void transposeFineGrained(float *odata, float *idata, int width,
    int height)
{
    __shared__ float block[TILE_DIM][TILE_DIM+1];
    int xIndex = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    int yIndex = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int index = xIndex + (yIndex)*width;
^^Ifor (int i=0; i < TILE_DIM; i += BLOCK_ROWS)
        block[threadIdx.y+i][threadIdx.x]=idata[index+i*width];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int i=0; i < TILE_DIM; i += BLOCK_ROWS)
^^I        odata[index+i*height] = block[threadIdx.x][threadIdx.y+i];
}
```



Profiling Results: Transpose FineGrained

Results

Memory Bandwidth And Utilization

The following table shows the memory bandwidth used by this kernel for the various types of memory on the device. The table also shows the utilization of each memory type relative to the maximum throughput supported by the memory. [More...](#)

	Transactions	Bandwidth	Utilization
L1/Shared Memory			
Local Loads	0	0 B/s	
Local Stores	0	0 B/s	
Shared Loads	2097152	136.746 GB/s	
Shared Stores	2107510	137.421 GB/s	
Global Loads	2097152	68.373 GB/s	
Global Stores	2097152	68.373 GB/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
L1/Shared Total	8398966	410.912 GB/s	
L2 Cache			
L1 Reads	8388608	68.373 GB/s	
L1 Writes	8388608	68.373 GB/s	
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s	
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
Total	16777216	136.746 GB/s	

transposeFineGrained(float*, float*, int, int)

Start	84.468 ms (84.468)
End	88.394 ms (88.394)
Duration	3.926 ms (3.926)
Stream	Default
Grid Size	[256,256,1]
Block Size	[32,32,1]
Registers/Thread	10
Shared Memory/Block	4.125 KIB
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy	
Achieved	88%
Theoretical	100%
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared Memory Configuration	
Shared Memory Requested	48 KIB
Shared Memory Executed	48 KIB
Shared Memory Bank Size	4 B



Transpose Coarse Grained

```
__global__ void transposeCoarseGrained(float *odata, float *idata, int width,
    int height)
{
    __shared__ float block[TILE_DIM][TILE_DIM+1];
    int xIndex = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    int yIndex = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int index_in = xIndex + (yIndex)*width;
    xIndex = blockIdx.y * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.x;
    yIndex = blockIdx.x * TILE_DIM + threadIdx.y;
    int index_out = xIndex + (yIndex)*height;
    for (int i=0; i<TILE_DIM; i += BLOCK_ROWS)
    {
        block[threadIdx.y+i][threadIdx.x] = idata[index_in+i*width];
        __syncthreads();
    }
    for (int i=0; i<TILE_DIM; i += BLOCK_ROWS)
        odata[index_out+i*height] = block[threadIdx.y+i][threadIdx.x];
}
```





Profiling Results: Transpose CoarseGrained

Results

Memory Bandwidth And Utilization

The following table shows the memory bandwidth used by this kernel for the various types of memory on the device. The table also shows the utilization of each memory type relative to the maximum throughput supported by the memory. [More...](#)

	Transactions	Bandwidth	Utilization
L1/Shared Memory			
Local Loads	0	0 B/s	
Local Stores	0	0 B/s	
Shared Loads	2097152	132.358 GB/s	
Shared Stores	2105761	132.902 GB/s	
Global Loads	2097152	66.179 GB/s	
Global Stores	2097152	66.179 GB/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
L1/Shared Total	8397217	397.618 GB/s	
L2 Cache			
L1 Reads	8388608	66.179 GB/s	
L1 Writes	8388608	66.179 GB/s	
Texture Reads	0	0 B/s	
Noncoherent Reads	0	0 B/s	
Atomic	0	0 B/s	
Total	16777216	132.358 GB/s	

transposeCoarseGrained(float*, float*, int, int)

Start	84.367 ms (84,36)
End	88.423 ms (88,42)
Duration	4.056 ms (4,056,1)
Stream	Default
Grid Size	[256,256,1]
Block Size	[32,32,1]
Registers/Thread	10
Shared Memory/Block	4.125 KiB
Occupancy	
Achieved	88.3%
Theoretical	100%
Shared Memory Configuration	
Shared Memory Requested	48 KiB
Shared Memory Executed	48 KiB
Shared Memory Bank Size	4 B

