

Scheduling applications on GPU and CPU

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Introduction

- GPU : widespread component of many computers
- Can accelerate performance
- Appealing device for HPC

Disclaimer

Very, very preliminary work (progress was slower than expected)

Solution for only a part of the problem (suggestion welcome)

No experimental results

Many cores (448 CUDA Cores for the Tesla)

Simple programming: vector computation

Simple (no) memory management

GPU Vs CPU

Peak performance : GPU better

Disk, network, memory I/O: must be performed by CPU

CUDA model: CPU controls GPU (no memory management)

Depending on the granularity: performance ratio changes (CPU can be better than GPU for small size data)

Ratio of performance depend on the computation

Unrelated model

CPU+GPU environments

StarPU (http://runtime.bordeaux.inria.fr/StarPU/): unified framework for executing application on CPU, GPU, SPU, etc.

Streamit (http://groups.csail.mit.edu/cag/streamit/): language for streaming application

OpenCL: A language for parallel programming of heterogeneous environments : can derive a DAG from a program

Plasma/Magma (ICL/UTK) : MultiCore/GPU environemnts

Model

- Unrelated model
- Bandwidth different from CPU to GPU and GPU to CPU
- Computation time of kernels (task) : very stable
- A task graph:
	- ! Edges 4 values (CPU to CPU, CPU to GPU, GPU to CPU and GPU to GPU)
	- Vertex 2 values (CPU or GPU)

Problem

Given : m CPUs and n GPUs:

- Allocate tasks to a resource
- Respect constraints
- Minimize makespan (finish time of last task)

Clustering the graph

• Reactivating the old idea [Sarkar 89]:

- ! Clustering the graph for an unbounded number of resources
- ! Mapping clusters to GPUs or CPUs to minimize makespan
- Intuition: providing a good clustering should help to built a good schedule

Graph Contraction

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- We contract the whole graph, until we have two nodes.
- We keep track of each intermediate possible mapping
- We fix the mapping of the star and end-node
- We derive the mapping of each intermediate node

Best mapping:

- \cdot C \rightarrow C: 11
- \cdot C \rightarrow G : 8
- $·$ G \rightarrow C : 13
- \cdot G \rightarrow G : 9

We map the intermediate node on a GPU

Simple implementation

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 $W₂$

 W_1

 W_3

C

 W_4

Computation on the whole graph

 $\mathsf{A},\mathsf{B},...$, W_i: 2 by 2 matrices A B $-\infty$ A $-\infty$ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ \mid ∞ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ C $-\infty$ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ $-\infty$ M Adjacency matrix

M2=MWM (in the max/* algebra)

M³=MWM² : paths of length 3

In General MWMⁿ⁻¹: paths of length n

This also works with concurrent paths

Implementation

Algorithm

- 1. Compute n the length of the longest path
- 2. Compute Mⁿ (using the correct algebras), keep track of intermediate decisions.
- 3. Determine the best mapping depending on the mapping of the *start* and *end* nodes

Advantages:

- **Polynomial**
- Simple to implement (less bugs, ref. impl)
- **·** Basic operations

Drawbacks:

- Sub-optimal
- **Memory costy**

Duplication

Enable duplication in case of a join if it provides better makespan.

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In practice: almost all tasks are mapped on GPUs…

Scheduling and Loadbalancing

Difficult tasks:

 We make no hypothesis on the ratio CPU/GPU (number performance, etc.)

Different ideas:

- Change tasks mapping based on this ratio (which tasks?)
- Build cluster, and change cluster mapping (which clusters?)
- Apply a greedy algorithm to perform the scheduling (why no only do the greedy algorithm?
- Use undetermined tasks (ok, but we do have many).

Undetermined tasks

Basically : CP computing

 W_3 on CP, what about W_2 ?

In general, the algorithm forces W_2 's mapping

Maybe this mapping has no influence on the critical path?

New version of the algorithm

Same as before but:

Determine the influence of the mapping of non-critical tasks

If no influence : this task can later be scheduled on any resources

Requires (probably) to get rid of the max/*, min/+ algebra

Unanswered questions

Efficient scheduling?

Efficient load balancing?

Mapping assuming unlimited resources: really a good idea?

Mid-term between greedy scheduling and (exponential) linear program

Conclusion

GPU : new resource to execute computation

A real implementation of the urnelated model

Need to take into account memory transfer

A lot of room for interesting scheduling problems