

EE 7722

GPU Microarchitecture

Where/When

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Who

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Prerequisites

By Topic: Computer architecture and digital logic.

Also, students must also have a familiarity machine language and C++ programming.

Topics

OVERVIEW—Accelerators (*e.g.*, NVIDIA GPU, Google Trillium TPU, Meta MT1a, Tesla DOJO) and their role in typical systems. Characteristics of workloads. Survey of GPU APIs and systems, such as CUDA, OpenCL, OpenMP, OpenACC. A brief history.

PARALLELISM RELATED CONCEPTS—Threads, Speedup. Latency, Throughput. Performance Limiters.

CPU EXECUTION FEATURES—Dynamic scheduling, caches, branch prediction.

EXECUTION ARCHITECTURE—Thread organizations. Hardware organization, functional units, systolic arrays. Scheduling, instruction execution, latency hiding.

STORAGE HIERARCHY, SYNCHRONIZATION—Address spaces. Scratchpad stores and cache hierarchy. Basic data access strategies. Synchronization, atomic operations, message-driven execution. Basic reduction strategies.

INSTRUCTION SETS—Memory access, address spaces, locking, reduction. Predication, reconvergence.

BASIC ALGORITHMS AND TECHNIQUES—Matrix multiplication, tensor operations. Machine-learning, scientific, and graphic workloads. Reduction techniques. Sorting.

TENSOR PROCESSING—Machine Learning Dataflows. Specialized Instruction Sets. Large-Systolic-Array Accelerators (*e.g.*, Google Trillium TPU). Wafer-Scale Message-Driven MAC Grid (*e.g.*, Cerebras CS-2). Exploiting weight regularity and sparsity.

RESEARCH DIRECTIONS—Workload studies. Acceleration of transformer attention and other ultra-high-compute workloads. Processing near/in/with Memory Many threads v. prefetch. Low-energy execution.

Text

Papers and other references.

Grading

35% Midterm Exam • 35% Final Exam • 30% Homework and Projects

Midterm exam grade may be replaced with final exam grade if it is higher. Late assignment penalty: 10% per day late deducted. Missed-midterm-exam policy: at instructor's discretion either a makeup exam, use final exam grade for midterm grade (*i.e.*, 70% final exam weight), or use of zero for midterm grade. Daily attendance: optional, however students are responsible for all material, instructions, and notices presented in class.

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@EF_CUDA_SM89 EF_CUDA_VIRTUAL_SM(EF_CUDA_SM89)"
// tcu.cu:228  const int tid = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
S2R R17, SR_CTAID.X ;
IMAD.MOV.U32 R3, RZ, RZ, c[0x3][0xd0] ;
S2R R2, SR_TID.X ;
IMAD R17, R17, c[0x0][0x0], R2 ;
// tcu.cu:274 load_matrix_sync( tile_word, hp + i_word_0 + i_word_1, tile_word);
// tcu.cu:278 mma_sync( tile_hq[i_wd], tile_qkv, tile_word);
MOVM.16.MT88 R20, R20 ;
MOVM.16.MT88 R21, R21 ;
HMMA.16816.F32.BF16 R16, R12, R22, R16 ;
LEA R22, P1, R28, R34, 0x2 ;
LEA.HI.X R23, R28, R35, R29, 0x2, P1 ;
HMMA.16816.F32.BF16 R8, R12, R20, R8 ;
LD.E R12, [R24.64+0x138000] ;
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GPU Assembler for Transformer Layer Demo

