

An Introduction to the Thrust Parallel Algorithms Library

What is Thrust?

- High-Level Parallel Algorithms Library
- Parallel Analog of the C++ Standard Template Library (STL)

Performance-Portable Abstraction Layer

Productive way to program CUDA

Example

```
#include <thrust/host_vector.h>
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/sort.h>
#include <cstdlib>
```

int main(void)

```
{
```

```
// generate 32M random numbers on the host
thrust::host_vector<int> h_vec(32 << 20);
thrust::generate(h_vec.begin(), h_vec.end(), rand);</pre>
```

```
// transfer data to the device
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec = h_vec;
```

```
// sort data on the device
thrust::sort(d_vec.begin(), d_vec.end());
```

```
// transfer data back to host
thrust::copy(d vec.begin(), d vec.end(), h vec.begin());
```

```
return 0;
```

Easy to Use

Distributed with CUDA Toolkit

Header-only library

Architecture agnostic

- Just compile and run!
 - \$ nvcc -O2 -arch=sm_20 program.cu -o program

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Why should I use Thrust?

Productivity

Containers

- $-host_vector$
- device_vector

Memory Mangement

- Allocation
- Transfers

Algorithm Selection

- Location is implicit

// allocate host vector with two elements
thrust::host_vector<int> h_vec(2);

// copy host data to device memory
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec = h_vec;

// write device values from the host
d_vec[0] = 27;
d_vec[1] = 13;

// read device values from the host
int sum = d_vec[0] + d_vec[1];

// invoke algorithm on device
thrust::sort(d_vec.begin(), d_vec.end());

// memory automatically released

Productivity

Large set of algorithms

- ~75 functions
- ~125 variations

Flexible

- User-defined types
- User-defined operators

Algorithm	Description
reduce	Sum of a sequence
find	First position of a value in a sequence
mismatch	First position where two sequences differ
inner_product	Dot product of two sequences
equal	Whether two sequences are equal
min_element	Position of the smallest value
count	Number of instances of a value
is_sorted	Whether sequence is in sorted order
transform_reduce	Sum of transformed sequence



Portability

Support for CUDA, TBB and OpenMP

– Just recompile!

nvcc -DTHRUST_DEVICE_SYSTEM=THRUST_HOST_SYSTEM_OMP

NVIDA GeForce GTX 580

\$ time ./monte_carlo
pi is approximately 3.14159

real 0m6.190s user 0m6.052s sys 0m0.116s

Intel Core i7 2600K

\$ time ./monte_carlo
pi is approximately 3.14159

real 1m26.217s user 11m28.383s sys 0m0.020s

Backend System Options



Device Systems

THRUST_DEVICE_SYSTEM_CUDA THRUST_DEVICE_SYSTEM_OMP THRUST_DEVICE_SYSTEM_TBB

Multiple Backend Systems

Mix different backends freely within the same app

thrust::omp::vector<float> my_omp_vec(100);
thrust::cuda::vector<float> my_cuda_vec(100);

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// reduce in parallel on the CPU
thrust::reduce(my_omp_vec.begin(), my_omp_vec.end());

// sort in parallel on the GPU
thrust::sort(my_cuda_vec.begin(), my_cuda_vec.end());

Thrust_sort

- Open exercises/cuda/thrust_sort/kernel.cu
- Code should build without modification
- What is performance of GPU versus CPU code?





Robustness

- Reliable
 - Supports all CUDA-capable GPUs

Well-tested

- ~850 unit tests run daily

Robust

- Handles many pathological use cases

Openness

Open Source Software

- Apache License
- Hosted on GitHub

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