Introduction to OpenACC

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What is OpenACC?

It is a directive based standard to allow developers to take advantage of accelerators such as GPUs from NVIDIA and AMD, Intel's Xeon Phi, FPGAs, and even DSP chips.
Directives

CPU

GPU

Your original Fortran or C code

Program myscience
... serial code ...
!
$acc kernels
do k = 1,n1
do i = 1,n2
... parallel code ...
enddo
enddo
!
$acc end kernels
...
End Program myscience

OpenACC Compiler Hint

Simple compiler hints from coder.
Compiler generates parallel threaded code.
Ignorant compiler just sees some comments.
Familiar to OpenMP Programmers

OpenMP

```c
main() {
    double pi = 0.0; long i;
    #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:pi)
    for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    {
        double t = (double)((i+0.05)/N);
        pi += 4.0/(1.0+t*t);
    }
    printf("pi = %f\n", pi/N);
}
```

OpenACC

```c
main() {
    double pi = 0.0; long i;
    #pragma acc kernels
    for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    {
        double t = (double)((i+0.05)/N);
        pi += 4.0/(1.0+t*t);
    }
    printf("pi = %f\n", pi/N);
}
```

More on this later!
How Else Would We Accelerate Applications?

Applications

Libraries

“Drop-in” Acceleration

OpenACC Directives

Incrementally Accelerate Applications

Programming Languages (CUDA)

Maximum Flexibility
Key Advantages Of This Approach

- High-level. No involvement of OpenCL, CUDA, etc.

- Single source. No forking off a separate GPU code. Compile the same program for accelerators or serial; non-GPU programmers can play along.

- Efficient. Experience shows very favorable comparison to low-level implementations of same algorithms.

- Performance portable. Supports GPU accelerators and co-processors from multiple vendors, current and future versions.

- Incremental. Developers can port and tune parts of their application as resources and profiling dictates. No wholesale rewrite required. Which can be quick.
True Standard

- Full OpenACC 1.0 and 2.0 and now 2.7 specifications available online
  

- Quick reference card also available and useful

- Implementations available now from PGI, Cray, CAPS and GCC.

- GCC version of OpenACC started in 5.x, but use 8.x (or soon 9.x)

- Best free option is very probably PGI Community version:
  
  [http://www.pgroup.com/products/community.htm](http://www.pgroup.com/products/community.htm)
OPENACC Resources

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NEW PLATFORMS

GROWING COMMUNITY

PORTING SUCCESS

- Five of 13 CAAR codes using OpenACC
- Gaussian ported to Tesla with OpenACC
- FLUENT using OpenACC in R18 production release

- 6,000+ enabled developers
- Hackathons constantly
- Diverse online community
A Few Cases

Reading DNA nucleotide sequences
*Shanghai JiaoTong University*

- **4 directives**
- **16x faster**

Designing circuits for quantum computing
*UIST, Macedonia*

- **1 week**
- **40x faster**

Extracting image features in real-time
*Aselsan*

- **3 directives**
- **4.1x faster**

HydroC- Galaxy Formation
*PRACE Benchmark Code, CAPS*

- **1 week**
- **3x faster**

Real-time Derivative Valuation
*Opel Blue, Ltd*

- **Few hours**
- **70x faster**

Matrix Matrix Multiply
*Independent Research Scientist*

- **4 directives**
- **6.4x faster**
A Champion Case

4x Faster

Jaguar  Titan

42 days  10 days

Modified <1%
Lines of Code

15 PF! One of fastest simulations ever!

Design alternative fuels with up to 50% higher efficiency

S3D: Fuel Combustion
A Simple Example: SAXPY

SAXPY in C

```c
void saxpy(int n,
            float a,
            float *x,
            float *restrict y)
{
    #pragma acc kernels
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}
```

... // Somewhere in main
// call SAXPY on 1M elements
saxpy(1<<20, 2.0, x, y);
...

SAXPY in Fortran

```fortran
subroutine saxpy(n, a, x, y)
    real :: x(:), y(:), a
    integer :: n, i
!
!$acc kernels
    do i=1,n
        y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
    enddo
!$acc end kernels
end subroutine saxpy
```

... $ From main program
$ call SAXPY on 1M elements
call saxpy(2**20, 2.0, x_d, y_d)
...

A Simple Example: SAXPY
kernels: Our first OpenACC Directive

We request that each loop execute as a separate *kernel* on the GPU. This is an incredibly powerful directive.

```c
!$acc kernels
  do i=1,n
    a(i) = 0.0
    b(i) = 1.0
    c(i) = 2.0
  end do
  do i=1,n
    a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
  end do
!$acc end kernels
```

**Kernel:**
A parallel routine to run on the GPU
I may indent the directives at the natural code indentation level for readability. It is a common practice to always start them in the first column (ala #define/#ifdef). Either is fine with C or Fortran 90 compilers.
Complete SAXPY Example Code

```c
#include <stdlib.h>

void saxpy(int n, float a, float *x, float *restrict y)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
    {
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
    }
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int N = 1<<20; // 1 million floats
    if (argc > 1)
        N = atoi(argv[1]);
    float *x = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
        x[i] = 2.0f;
        y[i] = 1.0f;
    }
    saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);
    return 0;
}
```

“I promise y is not aliased by Anything else (esp. x)”
C Detail: the restrict keyword

- Standard C (as of C99).
- Important for optimization of serial as well as OpenACC and OpenMP code.
- Promise given by the programmer to the compiler for a pointer
  ```c
  float *restrict ptr
  ```
  Meaning: “for the lifetime of `ptr`, only it or a value directly derived from it (such as `ptr + 1`) will be used to access the object to which it points”
- Limits the effects of pointer aliasing
- OpenACC compilers often require `restrict` to determine independence
  - Otherwise the compiler can’t parallelize loops that access `ptr`
  - Note: if programmer violates the declaration, behavior is undefined
Compile and Run

- C: `pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel saxpy.c`
- Fortran: `pgf90 -acc -Minfo=accel saxpy.f90`

**Compiler Output**

```
pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel saxpy.c
saxpy:
  8, Generating copyin(x[:n-1])
  Generating copy(y[:n-1])
  Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
  Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
9, Loop is parallelizable
  #pragma acc loop worker, vector(256) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
  CC 1.0 : 4 registers; 52 shared, 4 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
  CC 2.0 : 8 registers; 4 shared, 64 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
```

- Run: `a.out`
__global__ void saxpy_kernel( float a, float* x, float* y, int n ){
    int i;
    i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if( i <= n ) x[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}

void saxpy( float a, float* x, float* y, int n ){
    float *xd, *yd;
    cudaMalloc( (void**)&xd, n*sizeof(float) );
    cudaMalloc( (void**)&yd, n*sizeof(float) );
    cudaMemcpy( xd, x, n*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );
    cudaMemcpy( yd, y, n*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );
    saxpy_kernel<<< (n+31)/32, 32 >>>( a, xd, yd, n );
    cudaMemcpy( x, xd, n*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost );
    cudaFree( xd ); cudaFree( yd );
}
module kmod
  use cudafor
contains
  attributes(global) subroutine saxpy_kernel(A,X,Y,N)
    real(4), device :: A, X(N), Y(N)
    integer, value :: N
    integer :: i
    i = (blockidx%x-1)*blockdim%x + threadIdx%x
    if( i <= N ) X(i) = A*X(i) + Y(i)
  end subroutine
end module

subroutine saxpy( A, X, Y, N )
  use kmod
  real(4) :: A, X(N), Y(N)
  integer :: N
  real(4), device, allocatable, dimension(:):: &
    Xd, Yd
  allocate( Xd(N), Yd(N) )
  Xd = X(1:N)
  Yd = Y(1:N)
  call saxpy_kernel<<<(N+31)/32,32>>>(A, Xd, Yd, N)
  X(1:N) = Xd
  deallocate( Xd, Yd )
end subroutine
Again: Complete SAXPY Example Code

Main Code

```c
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int N = 1<<20; // 1 million floats
    if (argc > 1)
        N = atoi(argv[1]);
    float *x = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
        x[i] = 2.0f;
        y[i] = 1.0f;
    }
    saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);
    return 0;
}
```

Entire Subroutine

```c
#include <stdlib.h>

void saxpy(int n, float a, float *x, float *restrict y)
{
    #pragma acc kernels
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
}
```
Big Difference!

- With CUDA, we changed the structure of the old code. Non-CUDA programmers can’t understand new code. It is not even ANSI standard code.

- We have separate sections for the host code and the GPU code. Different flow of code. Serial path now gone forever.

- Where did these “32”s and other mystery numbers come from? This is a clue that we have some hardware details to deal with here.

- Exact same situation as assembly used to be. How much hand-assembled code is still being written in HPC now that compilers have gotten so efficient?
déjà vu: This looks too easy!

If it is this simple, why don’t we just throw *kernel* in front of every loop?

Better yet, why doesn’t the compiler do this for me?

The answer is that there are two general issues that prevent the compiler from being able to just automatically parallelize every loop.

- Data Dependencies in Loops
- Data Movement

The compiler needs your higher level perspective (in the form of directive hints) to get correct results, and reasonable performance.
Very much unlike OpenMP, if the compiler even \textit{suspects} that there is a data dependency, it will, for the sake of correctness, refuse to parallelize that loop.

11. Loop carried dependence of 'Array' prevents parallelization
   Loop carried backward dependence of 'Array' prevents vectorization

As large, complex loops are quite common in HPC, especially around the most important parts of your code, the compiler will often balk most when you most need a kernel to be generated. What can you do?
Data Dependencies

- Rearrange your code to make it more obvious to the compiler that there is not really a data dependency.

- Eliminate a real dependency by changing your code.
  - There is a common bag of tricks developed for this as this issue goes back 40 years in HPC. Many are quite trivial to apply.
  - The compilers have gradually been learning these themselves.

- Override the compiler’s judgment (independent clause) at the risk of invalid results. Misuse of restrict has similar consequences.
Once again: Laplace Solver

- This will be a head-to-head comparison with OpenMP, and also a good head-start as we've seen how similar the approaches are.
- We will also find a substantial difference before we are through.

![Diagram showing initial conditions and final steady state of a metal plate with a heating element.](image)
while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
        }
    }
    dt = 0.0;
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
            Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
        }
    }
    if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
        track_progress(iteration);
    }
    iteration++;
}

Serial C Code (kernel)
```c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <sys/time.h>

#define COLUMNS 1000
#define ROWS 1000

#define MAX_TEMP_ERROR 0.01

double Temperature[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2];      // temperature grid
double Temperature_last[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2]; // temperature grid from last iteration

// helper routines
void initialize();
void track_progress(int iteration);

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int i, j;                                            // grid indexes
    int max_iterations;                                  // number of iterations
    int iteration=1;                                     // current iteration
    double dt=100;                                       // largest change in t
    struct timeval start_time, stop_time, elapsed_time;  // timers

    printf("Maximum iterations [100-4000]?\n");
    scanf("%d", &max_iterations);
    gettimeofday(&start_time,NULL); // Unix timer
    initialize();                   // initialize Temp_last including boundary conditions

    while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) { // do until error is minimal or until max steps

        // main calculation: average my four neighbors
        for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
            for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++){
                Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
            }
        }

        dt = 0.0; // reset largest temperature change
        // copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find latest dt
        for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++){
            for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++){
                Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
                Temperature[i][j] = Temperature_last[i][j];
            }
        }

        // periodically print test values
        if((iteration % 100) == 0) { // periodically print test values
            track_progress(iteration);
            iteration++;
        }

        gettimeofday(&stop_time,NULL);
        timersub(&stop_time, &start_time, &elapsed_time); // Unix time subtract routine
        printf("Max error at iteration %d was %f\n", iteration-1, dt);
        printf("Total time was %f seconds.\n", elapsed_time.tv_sec+elapsed_time.tv_usec/1000000.0);
    }

    // initialize plate and boundary conditions
    // Temp_last is used to to start first iteration
    void initialize(){
        int i, j;
        for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++) {
            for (j = 0; j <= COLUMNS+1; j++){
                Temperature_last[i][j] = 0.0;
            }
        }

        // these boundary conditions never change throughout run
        // set left side to 0 and right to a linear increase
        for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++) {
            Temperature_last[i][0] = 0.0;
            Temperature_last[i][COLUMNS+1] = (100.0/ROWS)*i;
        }

        // set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
        for(j = 0; j <= COLUMNS+1; j++) {
            Temperature_last[0][j] = 0.0;
            Temperature_last[ROWS+1][j] = (100.0/COLUMNS)*j;
        }

        // print diagonal in bottom right corner where most action is
        void track_progress(int iteration) {
            int i;
            printf("----------- Iteration number: %d -----------\n", iteration);
            for(i = -5; i <= ROWS; i++) { // print diagonal in bottom right corner where most action is
                printf(" [%d,%d]: %5.2f  ", i, i, Temperature[i][i]);
            }
            printf("\n");
        }
    }
```
do while ( dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)
   
do j=1,columns
   do i=1,rows
      temperature(i,j)=0.25*(temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j)+ &
                              temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1))
   
   enddo
   enddo

dt=0.0

   do j=1,columns
      do i=1,rows
         dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
         temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
      
      enddo
   
   enddo

if( mod(iteration,100).eq.0 ) then
   call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
endif

iteration = iteration+1

enddo
program serial
implicit none

! Size of plate
integer, parameter :: columns=1000
integer, parameter :: rows=1000

double precision, parameter :: max_temp_error = 0.01
integer :: i, j, max_iterations, iteration=1

double precision :: dt=100.0, start_time, stop_time
real :: temperature, temperature_last

print*, 'Maximum iterations [100-4000]?
read*, max_iterations

! Fortran timer
call cpu_time(start_time)

! Initialize plate and boundary conditions
temperature_last = 0.0
!
! Set left side to 0 and right to linear increase
!
! Start from iteration 0, ending at max_iterations
!
! Set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
!
! Copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find max change
!
! Periodically print test values
!
if(mod(iteration,100).eq.0) then
    call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
endif

iteration = iteration+1

enddo

! Fortran timer
call cpu_time(stop_time)

print*, 'Max error at iteration ', iteration-1, ' was ', dt
print*, 'Total time was ', stop_time-start_time, ' seconds.'
end program serial

! Initialize plate and boundary conditions
!
temperature_last is used to start first iteration
!
subroutine initialize(temperature_last)
!
integer, parameter :: columns=1000
integer, parameter :: rows=1000
integer :: i, j

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature_last = 0.0
!
! These boundary conditions never change throughout run
!
! Set left side to 0 and right to linear increase
!
s = 0.0
!
! Set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
!
s = (100.0/rows) * i
!
! Copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find max change
!
! Periodically print test values
!
! Print diagonal in bottom corner where most action is
!
subroutine track_progress(temperature, iteration)
!
integer, parameter :: columns=1000
integer, parameter :: rows=1000
integer :: i, iteration

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature

print *, '---------------------
Iteration number: ', iteration, '---------------------

! Copy old grid to next iteration and find max change
!
! Periodically print test values
!
! Print diagonal in bottom corner where most action is
!
end subroutine track_progress
Exercises: General Instructions for Compiling

- Exercises are in the “Exercises/OpenACC” directory in your home directory.

- Solutions are in the “Solutions” subdirectory.

- To compile:
  
  `pgcc -acc laplace.c`
  
  `pgf90 -acc laplace.f90`

- This will generate the executable `a.out`
Exercises: Very useful compiler option

Adding `-Minfo=accel` to your compile command will give you some very useful information about how well the compiler was able to honor your OpenACC directives.

```
[urbanic@gpu017 Solutions]$ pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_acc.c

main:
59, Generating create(Temperature[:][:])
   Generating copy(Temperature_last[:][:])
64, Loop is parallelizable
65, Loop is parallelizable
   Accelerator kernel generated
   Generating Tesla code
54, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(4) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
55, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
75, Loop is parallelizable
76, Loop is parallelizable
   Accelerator kernel generated
   Generating Tesla code
75, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(4) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
76, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
77, Generating implicit reduction(max:dt)
85, Generating update self(Temperature[:][:])
```
Special Instructions for Running on the GPUs (during this workshop)

As mentioned, on Bridges you generally only have to use the queueing system when you want to. However, as we have hundreds of you wanting quick turnaround, we will have to use it today.

Once you have an a.out that you want to run, you should use the simple job that we have already created (in Exercises/OpenACC) for you to run:

```
fred@br003$ sbatch gpu.job
```
Output From Your Batch Job

The machine will tell you it submitted a batch job, and you can await your output, while will come back in a file with the corresponding number as a name:

   slurm-138555.out

As everything we are doing this afternoon only requires a few minutes at most (and usually just seconds), you could just sit there and wait for the file to magically appear. At which point you can “more” it or review it with your editor.
Changing Things Up

If you get impatient, or want to see what the machine us up to, you can look at the situation with `squeue`.

You might wonder what happened to the interaction count that the user is prompted for. I stuck a reasonable default (4000 iterations) into the job file. You can edit it if you want to. The whole job file is just a few lines.

Congratulations, you are now a Batch System veteran. Welcome to supercomputing.
Exercise 1: Using kernels to parallelize the main loops
(About 20 minutes)

Q: Can you get a speedup with just the kernels directives?

1. Edit `laplace_serial.c/f90`
   1. Maybe copy your intended OpenACC version to `laplace_acc.c` to start
   2. Add directives where it helps

2. Compile with OpenACC parallelization
   1. `pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_acc.c` or `pgf90 -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_acc.f90`
   2. Look at your compiler output to make sure you are having an effect

3. Run
   1. `sbatch gpu.job` (Leave it at 4000 iterations if you want a solution that converges to current tolerance)
   2. Look at output in file that returns (something like `slurm-138555.out`)
   3. Compare the serial and your OpenACC version for performance difference
while (dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations) {

#pragma acc kernels
for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
  for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
    Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
  }
}

dt = 0.0; // reset largest temperature change
#pragma acc kernels
for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
  for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
    dt = fmax(fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
    Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
  }
}

if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
  track_progress(iteration);
}

iteration++;
}
do while ( dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)

    !$acc kernels
    do j=1,columns
        do i=1,rows
            temperature(i,j) = 0.25 * (temperature_last(i+1,j) + temperature_last(i-1,j) + &
                              temperature_last(i,j+1) + temperature_last(i,j-1) )
        enddo
    enddo
    !$acc end kernels

    dt = 0.0

    !$acc kernels
    do j=1,columns
        do i=1,rows
            dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
            temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
        enddo
    enddo
    !$acc end kernels

    if( mod(iteration,100).eq.0 ) then
        call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
    endif

    iteration = iteration + 1
endo
Exercise 1: Compiler output (C)

[urbanic@gpu047]$ pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_bad_acc.c
main:
  62, Generating implicit copyin(Temperature_last[:][:])
  Generating implicit copyout(Temperature[1:1000][1:1000])
  63, Loop is parallelizable
  64, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    Generating Tesla code
    63, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(4) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
    64, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
  73, Generating implicit copyin(Temperature[1:1000][1:1000])
  Generating implicit copy(Temperature_last[1:1000][1:1000])
  74, Loop is parallelizable
  75, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    Generating Tesla code
    74, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(4) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
    75, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
  76, Generating implicit reduction(max:dt)

Compiler was able to parallelize
Compiler was able to parallelize
while (dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations) {
    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
        }
    }
    dt = 0.0;
    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j] - Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
            Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
        }
    }
    iteration++;
}
## Exercise 1: Performance

3372 steps to convergence

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What’s with the OpenMP?

- We can compare our GPU results to the best the multi-core CPUs can do.

- If you are familiar with OpenMP, or even if you are not, you can compile and run the OpenMP enabled versions in your OpenMP directory as:

  \texttt{pgcc -mp laplace\_omp.c} \quad \text{or} \quad \texttt{pgf90 -mp laplace\_omp.f90}

  then to run on 8 threads do:

  \texttt{export OMP\_NUM\_THREADS=8} \quad \texttt{a.out}

- Note that you probably only have 8 real cores if you are still on a GPU node. Do something like “interact -n28” if you want a full node of cores.
What went wrong?

export PGI_ACC_TIME=1 to activate profiling and run again:

Accelerator Kernel Timing data
/home/urbanic/laplace_bad_acc.c
main NVIDIA devicenum=0
time(us): 12,095,531
  62: compute region reached 3372 times
  64: kernel launched 3372 times
    grid: [32x250] block: [32x4]
    device time(us): total=127,989 max=48 min=37 avg=37
    elapsed time(us): total=241,221 max=1,407 min=61 avg=71
  62: data region reached 6744 times
  62: data copyin transfers: 3372
    device time(us): total=2,446,765 max=972 min=712 avg=725
  70: data copyout transfers: 3372
    device time(us): total=2,098,635 max=835 min=616 avg=622
  73: compute region reached 3372 times
  73: data copyin transfers: 3372
    device time(us): total=32,465 max=972 min=61 avg=9
  75: kernel launched 3372 times
    grid: [32x250] block: [32x4]
    device time(us): total=179,342 max=63 min=52 avg=53
    elapsed time(us): total=294,686 max=407 min=76 avg=87
  75: reduction kernel launched 3372 times
    grid: [1] block: [256]
    device time(us): total=50,490 max=23 min=14 avg=14
    elapsed time(us): total=137,910 max=549 min=34 avg=40
  75: data copyout transfers: 3372
    device time(us): total=60,080 max=266 min=13 avg=17
  73: data region reached 6744 times
  73: data copyin transfers: 6744
    device time(us): total=1,004,411 max=1,005 min=716 avg=742
  82: data copyout transfers: 3372
    device time(us): total=7,095,354 max=854 min=616 avg=621

2.4 seconds
2.0 seconds
0.3 seconds
0.1 seconds
5.0 seconds
2.0 seconds
Basic Concept
Simplified, but sadly true

CPU Memory

GPU Memory

CPU

GPU

PCI Bus
Multiple Times Each Iteration

CPU Memory
- $A(i-1,j)$
- $A(i,j)$
- $A(i+1,j)$
- $A(i,j-1)$
- $A(i+1,j)$

GPU Memory
- $A(i-1,j)$
- $A(i,j)$
- $A(i,j-1)$
- $A(i+1,j)$
- $A(i+1,j)$

CPU

GPU
while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on host

    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_old[i+1][j] + ...
        }
    }

    dt = 0.0;

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on host

    4 copies happen every iteration of the outer while loop!

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on device

    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_old[i+1][j] + ...
        }
    }

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on device

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on host

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on device

    Temperature, Temperature_old resident on device

}
Data Management

The First, Most Important, and Possibly Only OpenACC Optimization
Data Construct Syntax and Scope

Fortran

```fortran
!$acc data [clause ...]
   structured block
!$acc end data
```

C

```c
#pragma acc data [clause ...]
{
   structured block
}
```
Data Clauses

**copy( list )**
Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to GPU when entering region and copies data to the host when exiting region.
Principal use: For many important data structures in your code, this is a logical default to input, modify and return the data.

**copyin( list )**
Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to GPU when entering region.
Principal use: Think of this like an array that you would use as just an input to a subroutine.

**copyout( list )**
Allocates memory on GPU and copies data to the host when exiting region.
Principal use: A result that isn’t overwriting the input data structure.

**create( list )**
Allocates memory on GPU but does not copy.
Principal use: Temporary arrays.
Array Shaping

- Compilers sometimes cannot determine the size of arrays, so we must specify explicitly using data clauses with an array “shape”. The compiler will let you know if you need to do this. Sometimes, you will want to for your own efficiency reasons.

  - C
    
    ```
    #pragma acc data copyin(a[0:size]), copyout(b[s/4:3*s/4])
    ```

  - Fortran
    
    ```
    !$acc data copyin(a(1:size)), copyout(b(s/4:3*s/4))
    ```

- Fortran uses start:end and C uses start:length
- Data clauses can be used on data, kernels or parallel
Compiler will (increasingly) often make a good guess...

```c
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    int i;
    double A[2000], B[1000], C[1000];

    #pragma acc kernels
    for (i=0; i<1000; i++){
        A[i] = 4 * i;
        B[i] = B[i] + 2;
        C[i] = A[i] + 2 * B[i];
    }
}
```

```
pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel loops.c
main:
    6, Generating present_or_copyout(C[:])
    Generating present_or_copy(B[:])
    Generating present_or_copyout(A[:1000])
    Generating NVIDIA code
    7, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
```

Smart

Smartest
Data Regions Have Real Consequences

**Simplest Kernel**

```c
int main(int argc, char** argv){
    float A[1000];
    #pragma acc kernels
    for( int iter = 1; iter < 1000 ; iter++){
        A[iter] = 1.0;
    }
    A[10] = 2.0;
}
```

Output:

A[10] = 2.0

**With Global Data Region**

```c
int main(int argc, char** argv){
    float A[1000];
    #pragma acc kernels
    #pragma acc data copy(A)
    {
        #pragma acc kernels
        for( int iter = 1; iter < 1000 ; iter++){
            A[iter] = 1.0;
        }
        A[10] = 2.0;
    }
}
```

Output:

A[10] = 1.0
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    float A[1000];
    #pragma acc kernels
    for (int iter = 1; iter < 1000; iter++) {
        A[iter] = 1.0;
    }
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Output:
A[10] = 1.0
Data Movement Decisions

- Much like loop data dependencies, sometime the compiler needs your human intelligence to make high-level decisions about data movement. Otherwise, it must remain conservative - sometimes at great cost.

- You must think about when data truly needs to migrate, and see if that is better than the default.

- Besides the scope-based data clauses, there are OpenACC options to let us manage data movement more intensely or asynchronously. We could manage the above behavior with the `update` construct:

  **Fortran**
  
  `$acc update [host(), device(), ...]`

  **C**
  
  `#pragma acc update [host(), device(), ...]`

  **Ex:**
  
  `#pragma acc update host(Temp_array)  //Get host a copy from device`
Exercise 2: Use acc data to minimize transfers (about 40 minutes)

Q: What speedup can you get with data + kernels directives?

- Start with your Exercise 1 solution or grab laplace_bad_acc.c/f90 from the Solutions subdirectory. This is just the solution of the last exercise.

- Add data directives where it helps.
  - Think: when should I move data between host and GPU? Think how you would do it by hand, then determine which data clauses will implement that plan.
  - Hint: you may find it helpful to ignore the output at first and just concentrate on getting the solution to converge quickly (at 3372 steps). Then worry about updating the printout.
Exercise 2 C Solution

```c
#pragma acc data copy(Temperature_last), create(Temperature)
while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {

    // main calculation: average my four neighbors
    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i-1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
        }
    }

    dt = 0.0; // reset largest temperature change

    // copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find latest dt
    #pragma acc kernels
    for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++) {
            dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
            Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
        }
    }

    // periodically print test values
    if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
        #pragma acc update host(Temperature)
        track_progress(iteration);
    }

    iteration++;
}
```

No data movement in this block.

Except once in a while here.
Exercise 2 Fortran Solution

!$acc data copy(temperature_last), create(temperature)
do while ( dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)

!$acc kernels
do j=1,columns
  do i=1,rows
    temperature(i,j)=0.25*(temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j)+ &
                           temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1))
  enddo
enddo
!$acc end kernels

dt=0.0
!
copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find max change
!$acc kernels
do j=1,columns
  do i=1,rows
    dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j)-temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
    temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
  enddo
enddo
!$acc end kernels

!periodically print test values
if( mod(iteration,100).eq.0 ) then
  !$acc update host(temperature)
  call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
endif

iteration = iteration+1

endo
!$acc end data

Keep these on GPI

Extra efficient:
!$acc update host(temperature(columns-5:columns,rows-5:rows))

Except bring back a copy here
## Exercise 2: Performance

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OpenACC or OpenMP?

Don’t draw any grand conclusions yet. We have gotten impressive speedups from both approaches. But our problem size is pretty small. Our main data structure is:

$$1000 \times 1000 = 1 \text{M elements} = 8 \text{MB of memory}$$

We have 2 of these (temperature and temperature_last) so we are using roughly **16 MB** of memory. Not very large. When divided over cores it gets even smaller and can easily fit into cache.

The algorithm is realistic, but the problem size is tiny and hence the memory bandwidth stress is very low.
OpenACC or OpenMP on Larger Data?

We can easily scale this problem up, so why don’t I? Because it is nice to have exercises that finish in a few minutes or less.

We scale this up to 10K x 10K (1.6 GB problem size) for the hybrid challenge. These numbers start to look a little more realistic. But the serial code takes over 30 minutes to finish. That would have gotten us off to a slow start!

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10K x 10K Problem Size

Obvious cusp for core scaling appears
Latest Happenings In Data Management

Unified Memory
- Unified address space allows us to pretend we have shared memory
- Skip data management, hope it works, and then optimize if necessary
- For dynamically allocated memory can eliminate need for pointer clauses

NVLink
- One route around PCI bus (with multiple GPUs)
Further speedups

- OpenACC gives us even more detailed control over parallelization
  - Via gang, worker, and vector clauses

- By understanding more about OpenACC execution model and GPU hardware organization, we can get higher speedups on this code

- By understanding bottlenecks in the code via profiling, we can reorganize the code for higher performance

- But you have already gained most of any potential speedup, and you did it with a few lines of directives!
General Principles: How to approach a code

- Nested for/do loops are best for parallelization
  - Large loop counts are best
- Iterations of loops must be independent of each other
  - To help compiler: restrict keyword (C), independent clause
  - Use subscripted arrays, rather than pointer-indexed arrays (C)
- Data regions should avoid wasted transfers
  - If applicable, could use directives to explicitly control sizes
- Various other annoying things can interfere with accelerated regions
  - IO
  - Limitations on function calls and nested parallelism (relaxed much in 2.0)
Is OpenACC Living Up To My Claims?

- High-level. No involvement of OpenCL, CUDA, etc.

- Single source. No forking off a separate GPU code. Compile the same program for accelerators or serial; non-GPU programmers can play along.

- Efficient. Experience shows very favorable comparison to low-level implementations of same algorithms. *kernels* is magical!

- Performance portable. Supports GPU accelerators and co-processors from multiple vendors, current and future versions.

- Incremental. Developers can port and tune parts of their application as resources and profiling dictates. No wholesale rewrite required. Which can be *quick*. 
In Conclusion...

MPI

OpenMP

OpenACC