
Subject: Re: IDL Matrix Multiply and Dual-Core CPUs
Posted by [s.haenger](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 18:28:58 GMT
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On 9 Mai, 20:20, FÖLDY Lajos <fo...@rmki.kfki.hu> wrote:

> oops, I have written IDL 7 time to the ATLAS test. Corrected below.

>

> lajos

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> I have run some tests on a quad-core Intel Core2 Q6600 / linux 64 bit
> machine.

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> On Fri, 9 May 2008, s.haen...@gmail.com wrote:

>

> Hi,

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> I have a Problem with IDL 7.0

> We have to multiply large matrices. With some matrix sizes, the CPU
> usage is 100% but for most of the matrices it is 50%. (I'm running it
> on a Intel T7250 (Dual Core, 2GHz, 2MB L2 Cache))

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> The CPU System Variable is configured like this:

> IDL> print, !CPU

> { 0 0 2 2
> 100000 0 }

>

> Now we do this:

> matA = randomn(42, 2000, 2200)

> matB = randomn(43, 2020, 2000)

> matIdl = matA##matB

>

> So now i've got a CPU usage of 100%

>

> # of threads IDL 7 time

> 1 12.476210

> 2 6.5931890

> 3 5.2085290

> 4 4.9191489

>

> it scales well for two cores, so the CPU usage should be near 100% for two
> threads.

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> but with this:

> matA = randomn(42, 2500, 2500)

> matB = randomn(43, 2520, 2500)

> matIdl = matA##matB

>

> the cpu usage is around 50%-60%

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>
> # of threads   IDL 7 time
>     1         22.034877
>     2         11.681226
>     3          9.7771089
>     4          9.3093379
>
> again, CPU usage should be near 100% for two cores.
>
> Just for comparison, ATLAS (http://math-atlas.sf.net) times:
>
> # of threads   ATLAS time
>     1          4.4285851
>     4          1.1784132
>
> and
>
> # of threads   ATLAS time
>     1          7.8148808
>     4          2.1345751
>
> regards,
> lajos
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>
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Sorry, I forgot to mention... I'm running Windows XP 32bit with 2GB of Ram

I also tested it on a second machine with a 3GHz Dual Core and it showed the same cpu usages...

regards,
Samueö
