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Subject: Re: Accelerating a one-line program doing matrix multiplication

Posted by [rogass](#) on Wed, 29 Sep 2010 06:57:27 GMT

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On 28 Sep., 15:10, nata <bernat.puigdomen...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Concatenation is a very slow action in IDL and, if you are copying  
> memory, the time of computation increases...  
> If v0, v1, v2 and v3 are each of them 3-element vectors then you will  
> not see the difference. TEMPORARY function is great when you are  
> copying large arrays. I think you can not improve your code because  
> the problem is the matrix multiplication and you can not change that.  
> Try putting timers to see what's the time to compute each instruction.

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> tt=SYSTIME(/SEC)  
> aux=[[v1],[v2],[v3]]  
> PRINT, SYSTIME(/SEC)-tt  
>  
> tt=SYSTIME(/SEC)  
> aux=aux # vc  
> PRINT, SYSTIME(/SEC)-tt  
>  
> etc.

>  
> Cheers,  
> nata

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> On Sep 28, 2:17 am, Axel M <axe...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> On 27 Sep., 15:31, nata <bernat.puigdomen...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> You can use the TEMPORARY function if you can set the input to  
>>> undefined...  
>>> When you do [[v1],[v2],[v3]] you are duplicating data. v1, v2 and v3  
>>> are copied and you are not conserving memory.  
>  
>>> You could try:  
>>> RETURN, [[TEMPORARY(v1)],[TEMPORARY(v2)],[TEMPORARY(v3)]] # vc +  
>>> REBIN(v0, SIZE(vc, /DIMENSIONS))

>  
>>> Cheers,  
>>> nata

>  
>> Thanks nata.

>  
>> v0, v1, v2 and v3 are each of them 3-element vectors. I can add that  
>> but, as I understand it, it will only save the place of 12 floating

>> values in memory (48 bytes?).

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>> But I am happy that you did not see any other obvious thing. I started

>> feeling depressed seeing that I am not being able to improve this

>> single line of code... maybe it is ok, and the whole thing is just

>> slow...? ahh.

Yes, and you can substitute some of your calls:

aux #= vc (makes no copy of aux as far as i know)

invert -> la\_invert (much much speedier)

sometimes (replicate({temp:input},newsize)).(0) is faster then rebin

exchange ## with matrix\_multiply

Cheers

CR

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