

CUDA API examples



2 Malloc @ Device

cudaMalloc((void**) &A_device, n_data * sizeof(float));

❸ Memcpy H→D

cudaMemcpy(A_device, A_host, n_data * sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);

4 Launch Kernels <<<G,B>>>

vec_add<<<grid_size, block_size>>>(A_device, B_device, C_device, n_data, n_ops);

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cudaMemcpy(C_host, C_device, n_data * sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);

blockDim blockldx threadldx



```
__global__ void vec_add(const float* A, const float* B, float* C, unsigned
{
```

```
unsigned long long int i_data = blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
if (i_data < n_data)
{
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < n_ops; ++i)
    {
        C[i_data] = A[i_data] + B[i_data];
    }
}
```

}

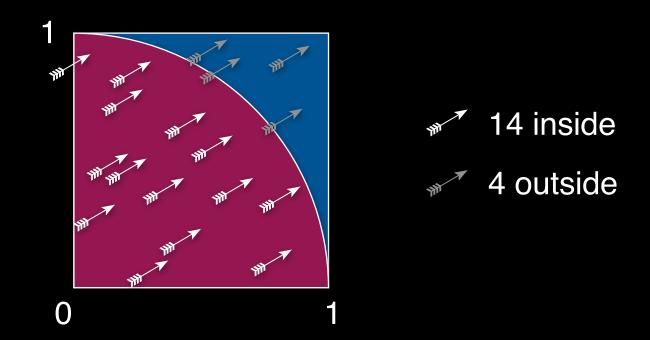


Computing π

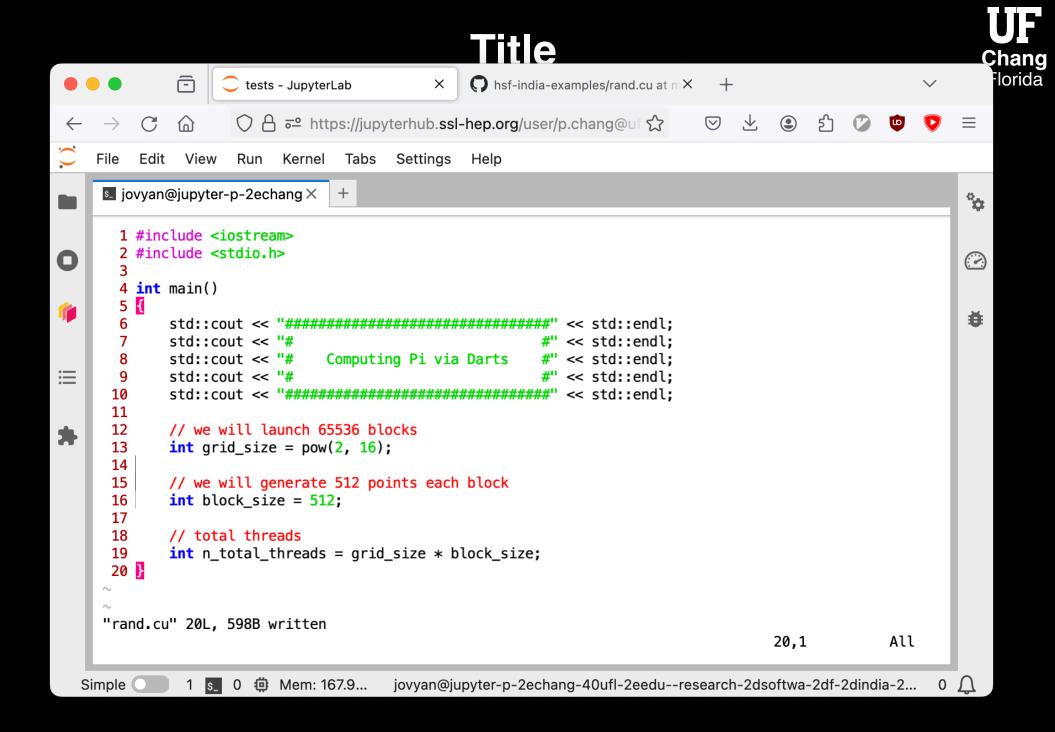


This time we will try to compute $\boldsymbol{\pi}$

Basic idea of computing π will be via throwing "darts" randomly at a quarter of a unit circle



Since the area of the quarter of a unit circle is $\pi/4$ we can estimate π as $\pi_{est} = 14 / (14+4) \times 4 = 3.11....$





Check it compiles

\$ nvcc rand.cu -o rand

Random number generation

#include <curand.h>
#include <curand_kernel.h>



We will use the CUDA's API tool to perform RNG

We will throw n_total_threads worth of "darts" so we setup states for those

// pointer to the array of "curandState" on the device
curandState* state_device;

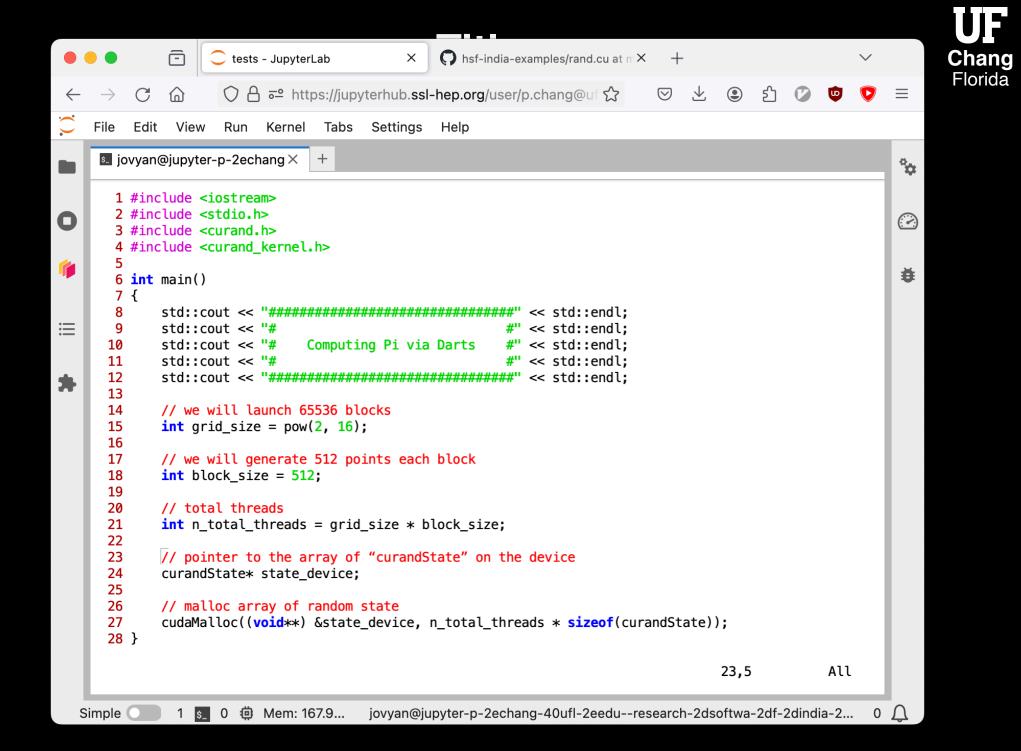
// malloc array of random state
cudaMalloc((void**) &state_device, n_total_threads * sizeof(curandState));

Then we set their states using a GPU kernel defined like:

```
__global__ void setup_curandState(curandState* state)
{
    int idx = blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;
    curand_init(1234, idx, 0, &state[idx]);
}
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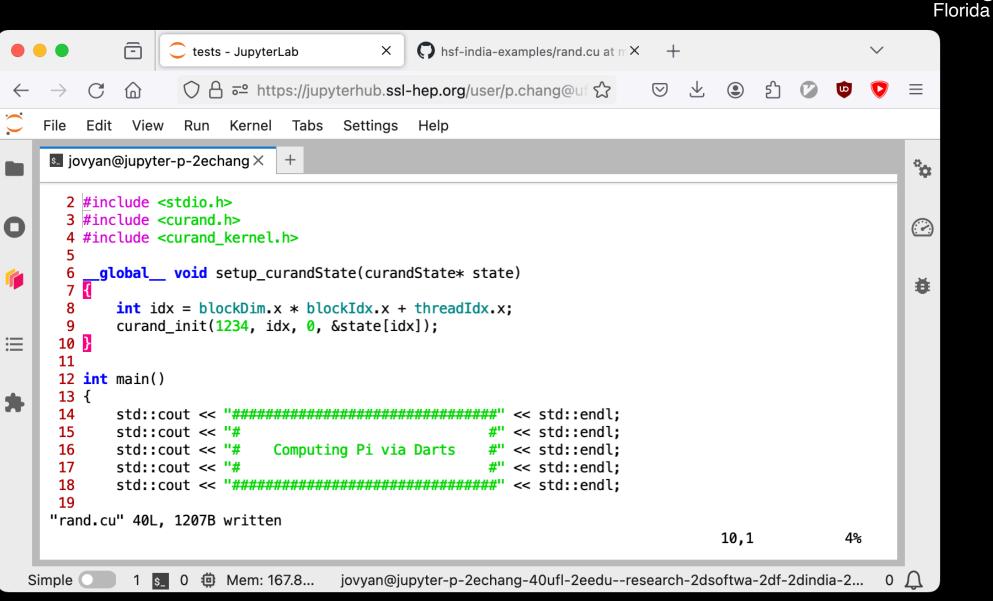
Then we launch the kernel in a grid

setup_curandState<<<grid_size, block_size>>>(state_device);

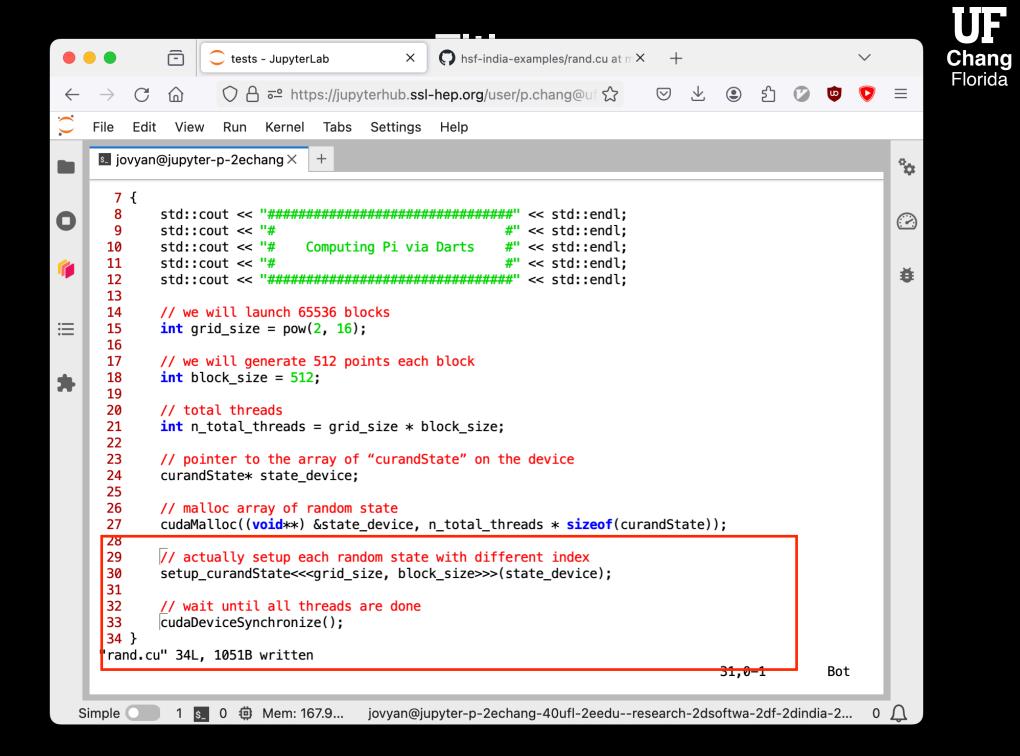




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Now we setup a counter



A counter in the device will count whether each dart thrown fell inside the quarter circle or not

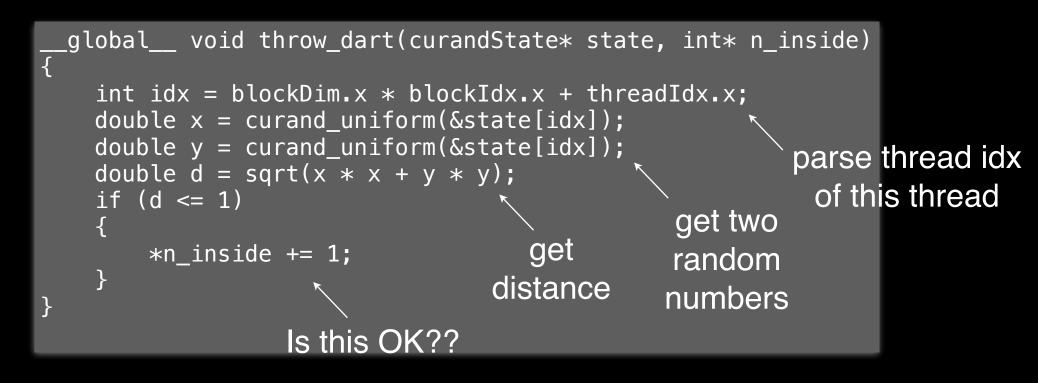
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"Inside? or outside?" kernel



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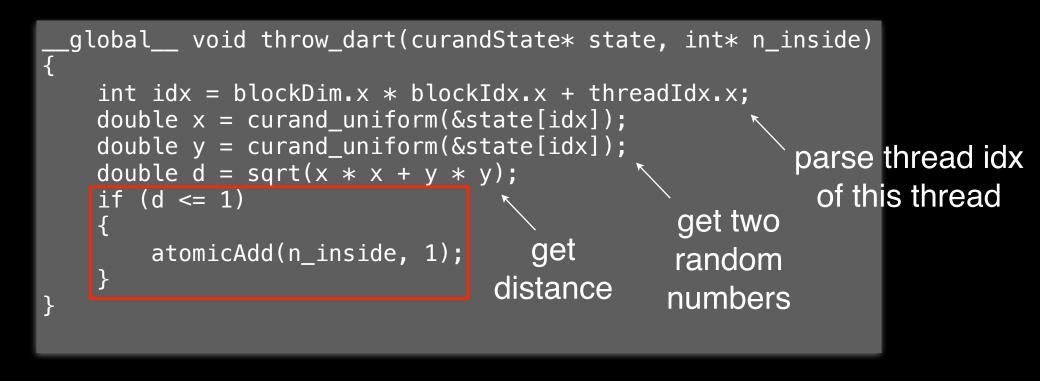
Now we throw darts like the following

throw_dart<<<grid_size, block_size>>>(state_device, n_inside_device);

"Inside? or outside?" kernel



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atomicAdd



Each thread will try to count up the same memory This can create a race condition

Race condition is when the result can depend on which thread finishes first (or when)

To avoid this we need to "block" the counting so that no two process can access the same memory

atomicAdd provides such feature

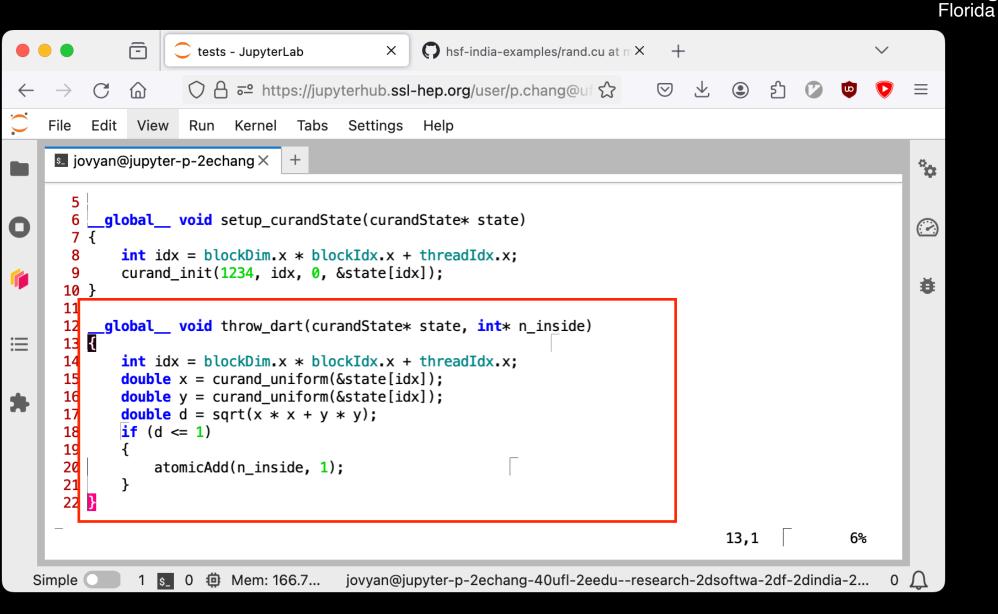
atomicAdd(n_inside, 1);

multiple threads will try to increase n_inside but now it will be properly counted

Other atomic operations

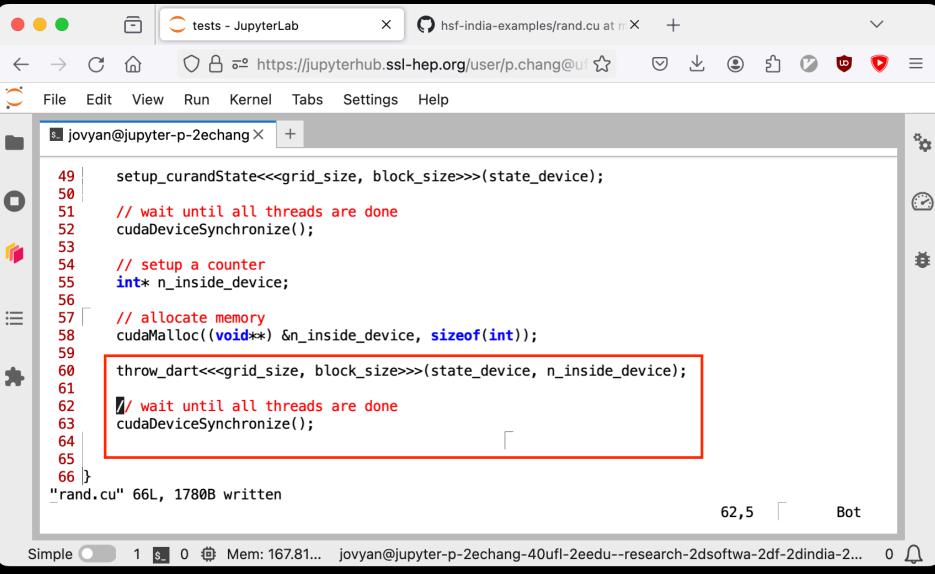


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7.14.1.5. atomicMax()	
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7.14.1.7. atomicDec()	
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Retrieving the result



Make a memory on host and copy back

```
// create a counter on host to copy device number to
int* n_inside_host = new int;
```

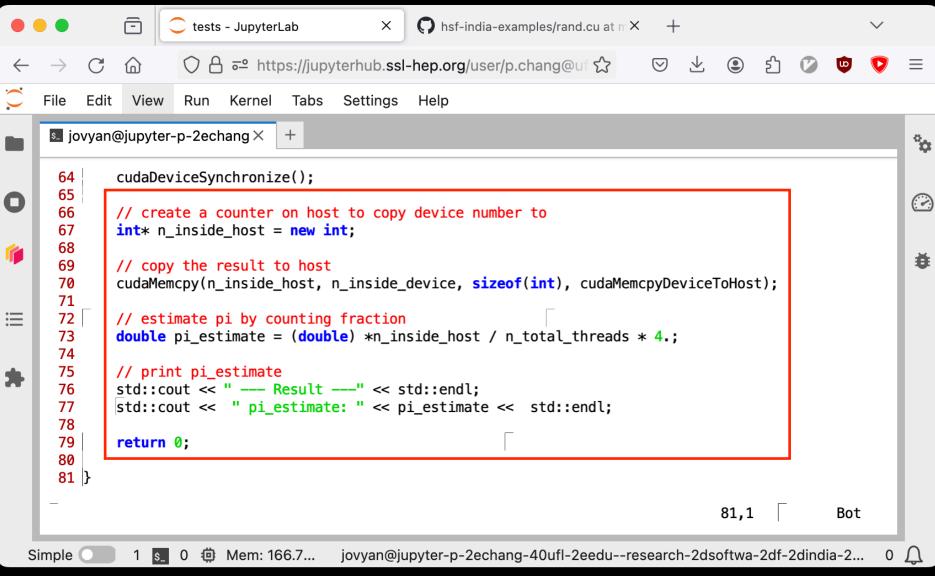
// copy the result to host
cudaMemcpy(n_inside_host, n_inside_device, sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);

Then use the value to compute pi

```
// estimate pi by counting fraction
double pi_estimate = (double) *n_inside_host / n_total_threads * 4.;
```

```
// print pi_estimate
std::cout << " --- Result ---" << std::endl;
std::cout << " pi_estimate: " << pi_estimate << std::endl;</pre>
```









More refined version is here: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/sgnoohc/hsf-india-examples/main/ rand.cu

Result



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Matrix Summation



This time we will try adding a matrix to another matrix

For simplicity we will declare one matrix of 2048×2048 size with element of all set to 1

dim3



This time we will use a different object called "dim3" dim3 is basically a three tuple (x, y, z) that can hold three integer

```
example:
dim3 block_size_ex1(16, 16, 16);
dim3 block_size_ex2(16, 16, 1);
```

We can use this to launch 3d grid / 3d blocks

dim3



In our case we want to launch a 1 grid of 16 x 16 block So we define them like the following

```
// we will perform each element as one thread
int block_len = 16;
```

// then the block dimensions are defined
dim3 block_size(block_len, block_len, 1);

```
// compute number of blocks in each dimension
int grid_len = int(m_dim - 0.5) / block_len + 1;
```

// then for grid size needs to be computed to cover the entire elements
dim3 grid_size(grid_len, grid_len, 1);

And we can use it like the following kernel<<<grid_size, block_size>>>(...)

cudaMallocHost



Previously we have done something like this

float* A_host = new float[n_data];
float* B_host = new float[n_data];
float* C_host = new float[n_data];

But one could have instead done this

```
float* A_host;
float* B_host;
float* C_host;
cudaMallocHost((void**) &A_host, n_data * sizeof(float))
cudaMallocHost((void**) &B_host, n_data * sizeof(float))
cudaMallocHost((void**) &C_host, n_data * sizeof(float))
```

Why.....??

Copying data WHILE processing



One of the biggest power of GPU is that it can process data while copying stuff in the background!

This can help eliminate or reduce overhead!

For example consider the normal case

cudaMemcpy(..., cudaMemcpyHostToDevice); kernel<<<...,..>>>(...); cudaMemcpy(..., cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);

This will process

If you repeatedly process this



Things will all happen in sequence

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What if you could stagger?

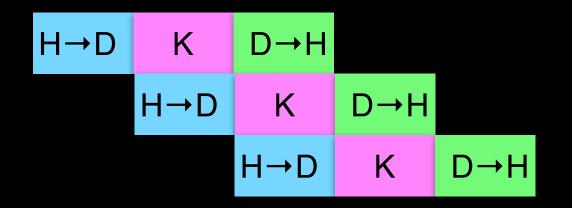
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What if you could stagger?



You would win!

cudaStream



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Previously when nothing was specificed they were all running on the so-called "default lane"

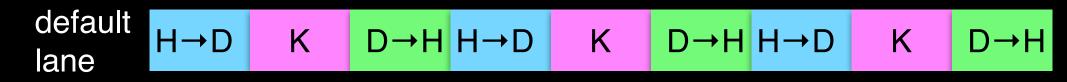
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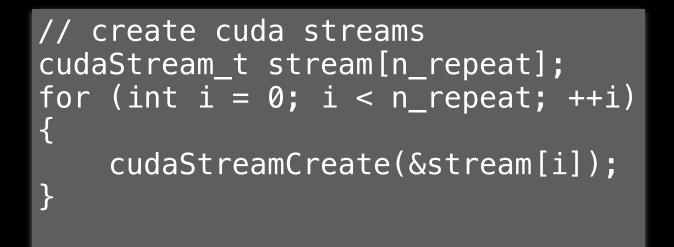


Instead one can define different streams and schedule them

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Creating cudaStream





Simply create cudaStream_t objects

How do I schedule different cudaAPI/kernel to UF different streams?

For memory copy, we use

cudaMemcpyAsync

Assuming we have stream[0], stream[1], ... created, we would do

For Kernel calls



For kernel calls we add it to the fourth arguments

kernel<<<grid_size, block_size, 0, stream[1]>>>

(The third argument is not discussed today, it has to do with shared memory, but I have not particularly found good use of it, so I set it to 0 the default value)



Finish coding up



Refined example here: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/sgnoohc/hsf-india-examples/main/ madd.cu



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Profiler



There are several profilers in Nvidia toolkit

Today I will use Nvidia Visual Profiler (nvvp) to show how the staggering of the data copy call vs. kernel calls look like

Once the program is compiled



nvvp ./madd

Non-staggered example



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Take away messages



Future includes many core approach \Rightarrow We must be prepared (GPU: good growth in processing / energy)

GPU cannot be the solution for all (carefully need to approach heterogeneous future computing)

We discussed basic examples in CUDA (CUDA is one example there are more)

There are many optimizations "tricks" (e.g. optimizing data transfer)

Some tools



Parsing command line for large number

```
#include <cstdlib>
int main(int argc, charg** argv)
{
    unsigned long long int N_data = strtoull(argv[1], nullptr, 10);
}
```

Printing out information and putting requirements on input arguments

```
#include <iostream>
if (argc < 2)
{
    std::cout << "Usage:" << std::endl;
    std::cout << std::endl;
    std::cout << " " " << argv[0] << " N_data" << std::endl;
    std::cout << std::endl;
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    std::cout << std::endl;
    return 1;
}</pre>
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