Neural Network Precision Auto-Tuning and PROMISE Improvement

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IEEE754 Standard types

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binary16 format

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Reduced precision:

- Shorter execution time ©
- Less volume of results exchanged (less memory used) ©
- Less energy consumption ©



- implements stochastic arithmetic for C/C++ or Fortran codes
- provides stochastic types: 3 values of a variable + 1 integer being the accuracy
- returns value with the exact number of correct digits

PROMISE

- Provides a mixed-precision code taking in account a required accuracy
- Uses CADNA to validate a configuration
- Uses the Delta-Debug algorithm to test the different configurations, not exhaustive but mean complexity in O(nlog(n)) for n variables [Zeller, 2019]

Delta-Debug with 2 Types



PROMISE

instrumented code = code with PROMISE variables, custom types variables that PROMISE recognizes and will consider tweaking



- step 1: lower from double to single precision
- step 2: lower from single to half precision

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Application of PROMISE on 4 neural networks:

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Gave us the different configurations with two approaches :

- One type per neuron
- One type per layer

Sine NN w/ input=0.5



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Sine NN w/ input=-2.37



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- First analysis done with Valgrind's Massif tool
- Consistent with theoretical values (+ some overhead when declaring pointers)
- \longrightarrow We consider the theoretical values

Memory gain for Sine NN w/ input=0.5



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Memory gain for MNIST NN w/ input=test_data[61]



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Memory gain for CIFAR NN w/ input=test_data[386]



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Memory gain for PENDULUM NN w/ input=(0.5,0.5)



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- Based on the parallelization described in [Hodován and Kiss, 2016] and developed in the tool Picire (github.com/renatahodovan/picire)
- Use Python's multiprocessing module to launch multiple processes in parallel
- Test multiple configurations in parallel at one level of the Delta-Debug

Parallelization of Delta-Debug



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• 6 core CPU - 6 processes in parallel

Delta-Debug on Sine NN



PROMISE Parallel results on MNIST



PROMISE Parallel results on CIFAR



- Use of a 'cadnaizer' which turns every floating points types into stochastic type
- Perl script
- PROMISE instrumentation has to be done by hand

Instrumentation: before

```
double fun(double x){
  int k, n = 5;
 double t1;
 double d1 = 1.0:
  t1 = x:
  for ( k = 1; k <= n; k++ )</pre>
   {
      d1 = 2.0 * d1:
     t1 = t1 + sin(d1 * x)/d1:
   3
  return t1;
int main( int argc, char **argv) {
  int i.n = 1000000:
  double h:
 double t1, t2, dppi;
  double s1;
  std::ofstream res:
  std::cout.precision(15):
  t1 = -1.0;
  dppi = acos(t1);
  s1 = 0.0:
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  h = dppi / n;
  for ( i = 1; i <= n; i++)</pre>
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     t2 = fun(i * h):
     s1 = s1 + sqrt(h*h + (t2 - t1) * (t2 - t1));
     t1 = t2:
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'Instrumentizer' using clang AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)

- 'Cadnaizer' using instrumentizer
- PROMISE instrumentation using instrumentizer
- Instrumentation can be done on chosen parts of the code

- Clang AST contains the information of the code as nodes in a tree structure
- A node can be a declaration of function (FuncDecl), an expression in parenthesis (ParenExpr) or even just a literal (FloatingLiteral, IntegerLiteral)

From the AST, we can match some nodes and directly change it, or run from there through the AST to replace what we want

-DeclStmt 0x14c0408c0 <line:2:5, col:20> `-VarDecl 0x14c040838 <col:5, col:16> col:12 a 'double' cinit `-FloatingLiteral 0x14c0408a0 <col:16> 'double' 3.140000e+00

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- Match VarDecl
- Replace the type 'double'

"Smart" replacement approach, keeping some consistency

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- Use INSANE interface to implement stochastic arithmetic (CADNA)

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- Reduction of memory consistent with theoretical values thanks to PROMISE
- Improvement of PROMISE in speed thanks to parallelization
- New tool to create PROMISE version of code and CADNA version of code

Future works

- Time gain of the neural networks thanks to PROMISE (work in progress)
- Instrumentizer and cadnaizer on MPI code (work in progress)
- Comparison of results with loop-splitting and multi-precision programs Exchange with Youssef Fakhreddine (DALI - Perpignan) (12/06-16/06)

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