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Abstract

Training a Support Vector Machine (SVM) requires the solution of a very large quadratic programming (QP) optimization problem. Sequential Minimal Optimization (SMO) is a decomposition-based algorithm which breaks this large QP problem into a series of smallest possible QP problems. However, it still costs $O(n^2)$ computation time. In our SVM implementation, we can do training with huge data sets in a distributed manner (by breaking the dataset into chunks, then using Message Passing Interface (MPI) to distribute each chunk to a different machine and processing SVM training within each chunk). In addition, we moved the kernel calculation part in SVM classification to a graphics processing unit (GPU) which has zero scheduling overhead to create concurrent threads. In this thesis, we will take advantage of this GPU architecture to improve the classification performance of SVM.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1 Motivation

Support Vector Machine (SVM) classification is a very promising technique because it has already demonstrated good performance in a variety of applications [7] and has a solid mathematical foundation. However, its computational time is expensive due to the large data sample size and to the numerous numbers of classifications per optimization step. Much research has already been presented to reduce the training time by breaking the data into chunks [3] or by a better decomposition approach (SMO) [1]. SVM training time is still a bottle-neck for a large dataset.

With the PC’s increasing power for supercomputing happening at the low-end, the use of GPUs (graphics processing units), which cost less than CPUs (central processing units) is becoming popular. GPUs are not only good at presenting 3D graphics as specialized processors, but also have been used as accelerators because of their highly paralleled structures. This makes them perform better on paralleling implementations than on general-purpose CPUs. By taking the advantage of this, we can move the computational intensive part of the algorithm, such as kernel trick part, from CPU to GPU by creating hundreds of threads with extremely low latency to accelerate the whole SVM training process.

In this thesis, we propose a parallel method to accelerate SVM training time running on GPUs. We used the NVIDIA GeForce8800 Ultra G80 GPU, which has 768 MB of device RAM, and 128 stream processors which are organized into 16 multiprocessors and have a clock rate of 1.5GHz.
1.2 Overview

The body of this thesis is organized into 5 chapters. In chapter 2 we review Support Vector Machine, the training and classification processes, and our improved SVM chunking method. In chapter 3 we describe an overview the GPU and its programming environment, and the implementation details of SVM with GPU. In chapter 4 we discuss the chunking SVM with GPU clusters. In chapter 5 we present the conclusion of our results and future efforts.
Chapter 2. Support Vector Machines

2.1 Introduction

Support Vector Machines (SVMs) were first introduced by Vapnik and his co-workers in 1992 at the COLT conference [1]. SVMs can be used in binary classification tasks. It maps non-linearly separable input data to a high dimensional with linearly separable feature data and estimates a separating hyperplane. SVMs perform this classification task by choosing a good kernel function. The original SVMs method is very slow, since it requires solving a large quadratic programming (QP) optimization problem with the data size increasing $O(n^2)$. This limits the training data size to be small and causes the training time to be very expensive. Platt’s sequential minimal optimization (SMO) algorithm, was proposed in 1998 [2], compared and updated two Lagrange multipliers (alphas) at a time (in each optimization step) to bypass the large QP problem. This eliminated the time consuming large QP optimization, increased training speed, and made the SVM classification approach more feasible to use.

2.2 SVM Applications

Handwriting recognition is used in many areas. One is called offline recognition [4], such as check and mail that people write daily. The other one is called online recognition [4]; for example, some applications (like “smart” phone) have a handwriting interface integrated in them. After the input device gets the image of the word, it is first filtered and pre-processed to get a clean image using a safety rules. After this step, a set of segments of this word is obtained. These segments would be used to calculate the word score which in turn calculates the possibility of representing a letter (classified and labeled). Hidden Markov Model (HMM) and hybrid of
Neural Networks (NN) are popular methods previously used in handwriting recognition systems. To improve the recognition rate, SVMs have been used in place of NNs at the segment classification level [5]. A1.1% test error rate was obtained by SVM, which is the same as the error rate of a carefully constructed NNs [7].

Speech identification’s recognition rate had been improved significantly by using SVMs. SVMs provide a distance (known as margin) that can be used to classify data; where the thicker the margin the more accurately we can separate the speech signal from background noise. Also, SVMs are more robust and easier to converge compared with other classification methods like NNs. People classify a minimum 25ms of voice segment (frame), and by taking advantage of the segmentation process, the correlations of frames of data become unimportant [6] [10]. Because of SVM kernel mapping, it allows sentence level interactions.

Text classification has played a significant role in the rapidly developing internet area. Examples of text classification include web searching, email filtering etc. The objective of text classification is to classify which documents belong to which category—multiple, merely one, or no category at all. The first step is to get extract features by transforming a stem of words into signals. According to the frequency of each distinct word occurrence in the document, people assign the values to this word feature vector. Words like “and”, ”or” and “the” are typically unnecessary data, since they cannot carry any information about the document type, and therefore cannot be features. SVMs can work very well for this kind of non-related data, since it can map the data into higher dimensional space and find the decision boundary [11].

We are using SVM to classify DNA hairpin blockade signals. This data is obtained from nanopore detector and then sent through a HMM process to remove noise and extract features.
The features obtained by the HMM are used to construct a 150 component feature vector. The class labels come from the two different molecular blockades observed defined such as 9GC and 9CG [12]. SVMs are a powerful method in nonseparable cases, like this DNA hairpin dataset, when the data is difficult for previous methods like NNs.

2.3 Find the Decision Hyperplane

Suppose we have N training data “points” (feature vectors with binary labels):
\[
\{(\tilde{x}_1, y_1), (\tilde{x}_2, y_2), \ldots, (\tilde{x}_n, y_n)\}, \tilde{x}_i \in R^m, y_i \in \{\pm 1\}.
\]
Let \(x_i\) denote the feature vectors, and \(y_i\) be the class labels. All of the training data must satisfy the decision boundary:
\[
\omega x_i - b \geq +1 \text{ for } y_i = +1,
\]
\[
\omega x_i - b \leq -1 \text{ for } y_i = -1.
\]
This can be rewritten as: \(y_i (\omega x_i - b) - 1 \geq 0, \forall i\). Data points that satisfy this constraint are called “support” vectors (S.V.s), since they reside on the boundaries which are known as

To obtain an optimal discriminating hyperplane, we should maximize the distance from the boundary to the hyperplane \(\frac{2}{\|\omega\|}\) or maximizing \(\|\omega\|^{-2}\) (minimizing \(\|\omega\|^2\)) instead of maximizing \(\|\omega\|^{-1}\) and also subject to:
\[
y_i (\omega x_i - b) - 1 \geq 0, \forall i.
\]
This is a constrained optimization problem. Solving this requires using Lagrangian formulation:
\[
L(\tilde{\omega}, b, a) = \frac{1}{2} \|\omega\|^2 - \sum_i a_i \left[ y_i (\omega \cdot x_i - b) - 1 \right], a_i \geq 0,
\]
where \(a_i\) is a Lagrangian multiplier. Using Lagrangian optimization theory, we seek to minimize \(L\) on \(\{\tilde{\omega}, b\}\) and maximize \(L\) on \(\{a\}\). By minimizing \(\|\omega\|^2\), we can derive:
\[ \tilde{\omega} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i x_i = 0 \]
\[ \Rightarrow \tilde{\omega} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i x_i \]
\[ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i = 0, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0 \]

Substituting these relations back into the Lagrangian we arrive at the dual problem (the Wolfe dual). If we know \( \tilde{\omega} \) then we know all \( \alpha_i \); if we know all \( \alpha_i \), we know \( \tilde{\omega} \). Thus, we obtain a QP problem—to maximize:

\[
\tilde{L}(\alpha) = \sum_i \alpha_i \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \bar{x}_i \cdot \bar{x}_j, \\
\text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i = 0, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0.
\]

The maximum \( \alpha_i \) value can always be found.

Solving the QP problem is equivalent to solving a set of constraints known as the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) relations: for all \( i \),

- \( \alpha_i = 0 \iff y_i f(\bar{x}_i) \geq 1 \)
- \( 0 < \alpha_i < \infty \iff y_i f(\bar{x}_i) = 1 \)
- \( \alpha_i = \infty \iff y_i f(\bar{x}_i) \leq 1 \)

where the \( \alpha_i \) value is only reached for non-separable data excluded in this derivation. SMO is used in solving KKT relations. It optimizes the smallest QP problem.

So far, we have only considered the linear separable cases. How do we generate a linear hyperplane for non-linear cases? It turns out to have an almost identical formula: rescale \( L(\alpha) \) (diff is have 0 \( \leq \alpha_i \leq C \)) KKT relations unaltered aside from \( \infty \to C \).
2.4 Kernel Functions

As mentioned, we can lift our feature vectors $(\tilde{x}_i)$ from input space to a higher dimensioned feature space by doing non-linear mapping $\Phi$ preprocessing. Input space is a space that $\tilde{x}_i$ are located in. Feature space is an abstract space where $\Phi(\tilde{x}_i)$ is represented as a point in n-dimensional space being transformed. This can be very powerful for a linear classifier algorithm, since it can be easily transformed to a non-linear algorithm to identify a separating hyperplane in a higher-dimensional mapping. We apply

$$x \rightarrow \Phi(x) \text{ for } \Phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\infty$$

Therefore, the above training data can be preprocessed as:

$$\{(\Phi(\tilde{x}_1), y_1), (\Phi(\tilde{x}_2), y_2), ..., (\Phi(\tilde{x}_m), y_m)\} \subseteq (\mathbb{R} \times y)^m$$

The problem of explicitly apply this mapping to the data might result in the extremely high dimensional space. The kernel trick avoids this costly computation. Suppose:

$$\Phi(x) = (x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2), \quad x = (x_1, x_2)$$

Mapping the points in $\mathbb{R}^2$ to points in $\mathbb{R}^3$, the inner product is:

$$< \Phi(x), \Phi(y)> = (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2$$

So we can define the kernel function as below:

$$K(x, y) = (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2$$

$$= (< x, y>)^2$$

The kernel function avoids carrying out mapping $\Phi$ explicitly.
Then after plugging in the qualified kernel function, we can transform the data into kernel space.

Figure 2.1 Non-linear separable input space

Figure 2.2 Linearly separable high dimensional kernel space
Recall that in the SVM optimization, the training data only appear as dot product \((\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)\) between two vectors. As long as we can calculate the inner product in the kernel wrapped space, the mapping process can be implicit. The inner product \(\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)\) can be described as kernel function:

\[
K_{ij} = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_j).
\]

Therefore, instead of concerning the storage and the manipulation of the high dimensional data in infinite dimensional feature space, we only have to calculate the kernel function whenever the \((\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)\) dot product is used.

### 2.5 Mercer’s conditions

Kernel functions must satisfy Mercer’s conditions [15] (positive definite K) to express dot product in feature space. Let \(H\) be a Hilbert space of functions. For all \(f \in H\), the flowing condition is Mercer’s theorem:

\[
\int K(x, y) f(x) f(y) dx dy \geq 0 \quad \forall f
\]

Given this condition, we can expand the function \(K(x, y)\) in its eigenfunctions:

\[
K(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \varphi_j(x) \varphi_j(y), \quad \varphi_j(x) \text{ is an eigenfunction.}
\]

If we choose, we can map \(\Phi\) in feature space as:

\[
\Phi(x) = (\sqrt{\lambda_j} \varphi_j(x)) \text{ for } j = 1 \ldots \infty
\]

From above, we see \(K(x, y)\) can be expressed as an inner product:

\[
K(x, y) = \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle
\]

Therefore, all of the valid kernel functions which satisfy Mercer’s condition can be used right away without knowing the mapping or the dot products.
2.6 Dataset Acquisition

I use training and testing Data on DNA hairpin blockade signals which are obtained from my advisor’s nanopore detector experiments (see figure 2.3) [17]. An HMM is used to remove noise from the acquired signals, and to extract features from them. The HMM is implemented with 50 states. Each blockade signature is de-noised by 5 rounds of Expectation-Maximization (EM) training on the parameters of the HMM. After the EM iterations, 150 parameters are extracted from the HMM. The 150 feature vectors obtained from the 50-state HMM-EM/Viterbi implementation are: the 50 dwell percentages in the different blockade levels from the Viterbi trace-back states, the 50 variances of the emission probability distributions associated with the different states, and the 50 merged transition probabilities from the primary and secondary blockade occupation levels (meant to work well with two-state dominant modulatory blockade signals). The first 50 features, corresponding to the dwell times are, effectively, a de-noised histogram of the blockade samples seen in the "active" window between 20% and 70% of the open channel.
The datasets that we use in this thesis project have 150 feature components (the column number), and select 200, 400, 800, or 1600 as the number of samples (the row number).

2.7 SVM Chunking Methods

After the preprocessing is done, a SVM classifier algorithm is used to find a separating hyperplane. A big problem is related to the size of the training dataset, which is huge compared with the maximum memory that one computer can deal with while doing SVM training. SVM Chunking methods are used to classify large datasets where instead of training the given dataset as a whole, the dataset is broken up into a number of chunks and the idea is to then run SVMs within each chunk. After each chunk converge, the data points which are selected as SVs after the training process will be pulled out to the next chunk level while the week data points which are not SVs will be mostly discarded. This process continues until the final convergence on a single, reduced, training chunk.

Previous work (Cascade SVM [13] is a good example) has already presented a chunking method to run SVMs in parallel. At first, it requires breaking the original dataset into chunks and running SVMs within each chunk. When all chunks are converged, the second level chunks are created using the SVs from the pairs of the first level chunks. This will continue running until a final chunk is converged. The chunking approach done by Ken [14] in our group is different from Cascade SVM. We merged the SVs and some non-SVs together from all chunks and then re-chunk to the next level, instead of only merging the SVs from pairs of chunks together. Ken used Java RMI to distribute running SVM via client and servers. I am using C, MPI and GPU to run SVM to make the training time even faster.
Chapter 3. Implementation of Chunking SVM with GPU

3.1 Introduction to GPU

A graphics processing unit is a processor attached to a graphics card and specialized in highly paralleled floating-point computations. It has its own sufficient device memory and is organized as a set of multiprocessors which execute thousands of threads. Creating these threads is extremely light weight computationally, than their CPU center points in this regard. With the need of a faster processing speed, the more computational intensive cases are being offloaded from CPU to GPU (see the performance comparison in figure 3.1.1). And from learning its hardware architecture (Figure 3.1.2), GPU attributes a significant portion of its transistors to calculation units-- arithmetic logic units (ALU) and very few logic controls which makes it more specialized in data processing. Another difference is the memory bandwidth. A modern GPU disposes of +/- 100 GB/s while a CPU is only +/- 10 GB/s.

Figure 3.1.1 Comparison between GPU and CPU [20]
In this thesis, we used NVIDIA GeForce8800 Ultra G80 GPU. Some of its specific characteristics are listed in table 3.1.1.

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<td>Multiprocessors</td>
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<tr>
<td>Core Clock (MHz)</td>
<td>612</td>
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<td>Shader Clock (MHz)</td>
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<td>Memory Amount</td>
<td>768MB</td>
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<tr>
<td>Memory Interface</td>
<td>384-bit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Memory Bandwidth (GB/sec)</td>
<td>103.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Texture Fill Rate (billion/sec)</td>
<td>39.2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3.1.1 GeForce 8800 Ultra features (NVIDIA website)

3.2 CUDA Programming

NVIDIA developed an architecture which is for general purpose parallel computing called Compute Unified Device Architecture (CUDA) for program on GPU to solve computational
intensive problems. This programming architecture allows people to write C extended code that can run on the programmable graphics card (GeForce 8 series and above).

As we mentioned above, GPU has its own device memory acting like a co-processor to the host CPU which can do massive threading tasks. In order to compute on the GPU device, we need to complete four steps (figure 3.2.1):

i) Allocate memory space on the device: cudaMalloc();

ii) Copy data from host memory to device memory (GPU does not include I/O): cudaMemcpy();

iii) Launch the code that will execute on the device (this piece of code is called kernel which can invoke the GPU device and will be parallel scaled to run on GPU’s multiprocessors, while it is different from the kernel function that we described before which is a mapping function to map the data into feature space); kernel<<dimGrid, dimBlock>>();

iv) Copy the results back from device to host. cudaMemcpy();
The device processes one kernel at a time. Before invoking the kernel function to execute on the device through a batch of threads, we need to specify the number of thread blocks and the number of threads in each thread block. We can see the thread hierarchy in figure 2: a set of threads is organized as a grid of thread blocks; threads within the block can cooperate with each other. Each thread block can be executed by one multiprocessor and blocks can run concurrently through shared memory. The shared memory size on one multiprocessor is 16k, so the thread block size needs to be decided to have enough resources for at least one block to run on a multiprocessor at a time. Up to 8 blocks on one multiprocessor as resource are allowed and the maximum number of threads within each block is 512.
As mentioned above, multiprocessors are the fundamental processing units for the thread blocks. Inside of each multiprocessor are 8 streaming processors, and each ALU is for running one CUDA thread. Figure 3.2.2 shows the hierarchy of Streaming Multiprocessor (SM). Threads within each SM can be up to 768. All threads are scheduled and managed by SMs and SMs assigned and maintained thread ids.

Figure 3.2.2 Hierarchy of streaming multiprocessor (SM) (UIUC lecture 8)

The CUDA code is a scalable architecture. Every thread will execute the kernel calculation no matter how many multiprocessors GPU has. All the thread blocks will run parallel, and after one multiprocessor is full of blocks, it will assign new work to one of the other spare multiprocessor and keep all of the processors busy. This is done by hardware which is called compute work distribution and its work is to generate a stream of requests to start thread blocks [19]. The most important thing that we should keep in mind all the time is that the shared memory is 16k, and that the thread number within each block can be up to 512.

However, what is the best combination of the threads’ number on a GPU? As we know, one thread block can only have up to 512 threads. One SM can run up to 8 blocks concurrently. we can have many combinations of threads number: 4*4, 8*8, 16*16, and 32*32. For 4*4, we have
16 threads per block, since each SM can take up to 768 threads, and the thread capacity allows 48 blocks. However, each SM can only take up to 8 blocks; thus there will be only 128 threads in each SM! For 8*8, we have 64 threads per block. Since each SM can take up to 768 threads, it could take up to 12 blocks. However, each SM can only take up to 8 blocks, only 512 threads will go into each SM! For 16*16, we have 256 threads per block. Since each SM can take up to 768 threads, it can use 3 blocks and achieve full capacity. For 32*32, we have 1024 threads per block. Not even one can fit into an SM! Therefore, the best number of threads within each block is 256 (16*16).

3.3 SVM Kernel Implementations on GPU

SVM kernel computational cost is one of the limitations in the real-time classification performance running on a standard CPU. Motivated by successful earlier work introduced in the CUDA manual, we can also take advantage of the GPU’s highly parallel architecture by implementing the kernel function on GPU. We present our promising results. The training dataset is the DNA hairpin dataset which has 1600 data examples and 150 feature components.

We copy the training dataset from the host to the device. Then we let one thread get two elements from two matrixes to do the SVM kernel calculation. We specify 10 by 10 threads in one thread block, since 10 is the greatest common divisor of 1600 and 150. Because the result matrix’s dimension is 1600 by 1600, then we determine the number of blocks is 160 by160. 10*10 is block size when we break the data into small blocks to do kernel calculation. Figure 3.3.1 shows the breaking process and how we merge the results together.
In the training process, we break data A into blocks and each block will operate with the corresponding blocks in data B (copy of A). As shown in the above are the first set of the blocks of A and B. We do calculations with pairs of blocks of A and B: the first block of A will operate with the first block of B, then the second block of A will operate with the second block of B and so on. Finally the first set of blocks result would merge together as the first block of C.

The algorithms below are the kernel algorithm on GPU compared with original algorithm on CPU.

```cpp
1 for (i = 0; i < RowA; ++i) { 
2     for (j = 0; j < RowB; ++j) { 
3         sum = 0; 
4         temp=0; 
5         for (k = 0; k < ColumnA; ++k) { 
6             float a = A[indexA]; 
7             float b = B[indexB]; 
8             temp=b-a; 
9             sum += abs(temp); 
10         } 
11     tempResult=+++kernel function+++ 
12     Result[indexResult] = tempResult; 
13 } 
14 } 
```

Illustration 3.1 Original Absdiff kernel function on CPU

After the vectors have been copied from the host to the device, we start to calculate the kernel function on the GPU device side. In order to utilize the GPU’s high performance, each thread
within the block loads each element from each matrix from global memory to shared memory to bring it closer to ALU, which makes the calculation even faster (see figure 3.3.2). Then calculate two matrixes together within shared memory; each thread computes one element of the block sub-matrix (see figure 3.3.3). Since each thread block uses $10 \times 10 \times 2 \times 4B = 0.79KB$ memory which is much smaller than 16k of shared memory, the shared memory here is not the limiting factor.

![Diagram](image.jpg)

**Figure 3.3.2** Thread organization within one thread block

The values of threadIdx.x(tx), threadIdx.y and k are all from 0 to block_size-1. The loop within the block is line 11 to line 13 shown in illustration 3.2.

![Matrix Diagram](image2.jpg)

**Figure 3.3.3** Matrix calculations within thread block

Below is the algorithm for above breaking process that we use to calculate the kernel function. This idea came from [20] (Illustration 3.2).
Illustration 3.2 Device code for Absdiff kernel function

From the above algorithm, we can see k is fairly small; therefore to increase the performance, we will unroll the “for loop” in our device code. Because in each for loop that executes 2 floating point arithmetic instructions, there is one loop branch instruction, two address arithmetic instructions, and one loop counter increment instruction. That is, only 1/3 of the instructions executed are floating-point calculation instructions. With limited instruction processing bandwidth, this instruction mixture limits the achievable performance to no more than 1/3 of the peak bandwidth.

An easy way to improve the above instruction is to unroll the loop, as shown in illustration 3.3. Given a block size, one can simply unroll all the iterations and simply express the computation as one long add expression. This eliminates the branch instruction and the loop counter update. As a result, the long expression can execute at close to peak performance!

```c
1 sum=0;
2 for (...) {
3    // inside the block
4    __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
5    __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
6
7    As[ty][tx] = A[indexA];
8    Bs[ty][tx] = B[indexB];
9    __syncthreads();
10
11   for (k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k){
12       sum += abs(Bs[tx][k]-As[ty][k]);
13   }
14   __syncthreads();
15}
16 tempResult="*kernel function*"
17 Result[indexResult] = tempResult;
18 }
19
```
Illustration 3.3 Unrolled device code for Absdiff kernel function

We considered the block size which can be exactly divided by the size of the vector. How about the vector size that is not the integral number of the size of the block (see figure 3.3.4)?

```c
1  sum=0;
2  for (...) {
3     // inside the block
4     __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
5     __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
6
7     As[ty][tx] = A[indexA];
8     Bs[ty][tx] = B[indexB];
9     __syncthreads();
10
11     sum += abs(Bs[tx][0]-As[ty][0]);
12     ...
13     sum += abs(Bs[tx][15]-As[ty][15]);
14
15     __syncthreads();
16 }
17 tempResult=***kernel function***
18 Result[indexResult] = tempResult;
19 }
20```

Figure 3.3.4 Decide the number of blocks

We select 16 by 16 as the block size, which is the optimal number for one thread block according to CUDA design. Our 1600*150 dataset cannot be evenly divided by this dimension of
block, therefore, we can also create this number of threads in the block while not letting the thread do any calculation (see Illustration 3.4 sudo code for this calculation).

```c
1 sum=0
2 for (...) {
3     __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
4     __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
5
6     if (last Block with remainder){
7         if(threadx<remainder){
8             AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
9             BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
10         }
11         __syncthreads();
12         for (int k = 0; k < remainder; ++k){
13             sum += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
14         }
15     }
16     else {
17     __syncthreads();
18         AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
19         BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
20     __syncthreads();
21     for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k){
22         sum += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
23     }
24     __syncthreads();
25     }
26 }  tempResult=***kernel function***
27 Result[indexResult] = tempResult;
28 }
```

Illustration 3.4 Block with remainder

Next, we will explain all of the kernel functions and the performance running on different datasets.

### 3.3.1 Gaussian Kernel

Gaussian kernel is defined as:
\[ K_G(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - x_j|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \]

which has one of the best performances among kernel functions. We can consider Gaussian function as aperture function for some observations. \( \sigma \) is an inner scale and it can only be positive.

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

| Training dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.05, row #: 400, column #: 150 |
| sensitivity (sn) is: 0.800000, specificity (sp) is: 0.960000, accuracy (acc) is: 0.880000 |

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<th>GPU (10*10)</th>
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<th>GPU (16*16)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kernel calculation time (s)</td>
<td>0.305</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>2.18</td>
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<td>Kernel on Device (s)</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0021</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0035</td>
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<td>Total time (s)</td>
<td>2.72</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.79</td>
<td>3.44</td>
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Table 3.3.1.1 Gaussian kernel performance comparison table

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

| Training dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.05, row #: 800, column #: 150 |
| sensitivity (sn) is: 0.91, specificity (sp) is: 0.94, accuracy (acc) is: 92.5 |

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<td>Kernel on Device (s)</td>
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<td>0.0082</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.014</td>
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<td>Total time (s)</td>
<td>9.899</td>
<td>3.79</td>
<td>3.12</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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Table 3.3.1.2 Gaussian kernel performance comparison table
The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

training dataset: 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.train, sigma: 0.05, row #: 1600, column #: 150

sn is: 0.835, sp is: 0.785, acc is: 0.81

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<td></td>
<td>0.056</td>
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<td>Total time (s)</td>
<td>87.594</td>
<td>38.41</td>
<td>14.75</td>
<td>5.9</td>
<td>22.37</td>
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</table>

Table 3.3.1.3 Gaussian kernel performance comparison table

Figure 3.3.1.1 Gaussian kernel performance comparison
From the tests above, we can see the GPU kernel calculation time is very small, which is more obvious when the dataset is larger. When the data set is small, GPU cannot show its performance advantages. The speed increases from 3 times to 16 times faster than the original java version. The total training time makes more difference -- which is 5 times faster than the original one with the data getting larger. This is because Java, every time, needs to call the library (cern scientific matrix calculation library) then get the value, while in C there is no need to call the library. It just gets the value from the array.

3.3.2 Absdiff Kernel

For kernel functions, far away points result in large polarization values and small kernel values. We can take the other extreme. Next we consider the Absdiff kernel [21]:

\[ K_{\text{indicator}} = K_{\text{Absdiff}}(x, y) = \exp \left( -\sqrt{\frac{\sum |x_i - y_i|}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \]

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

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<tr>
<th>Data Size</th>
<th>SVM Classification Time</th>
<th>Speed Up</th>
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<td>400</td>
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<td></td>
<td>C+CPU</td>
<td>3.44</td>
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<td></td>
<td>C+GPU</td>
<td>5.9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3.3.1.2 SVM classification time using Gaussian kernel

training dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 400, column #: 150
The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 800, column #: 150

Table 3.3.2.1 Absdiff kernel performance comparison table

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<td>0.0036</td>
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<td>2.261</td>
<td>0.35</td>
<td>0.37</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>0.37</td>
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The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

dataset: 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 1600, column #: 150

Table 3.3.2.2 Absdiff kernel performance comparison table

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The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

dataset: 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 1600, column #: 150
The performance of the Absdiff kernel is more like the Gaussian kernel, since they have almost the same number of arithmetic instructions.
3.3.3 Sentropic Kernel

Next we consider the Sentropic kernel:

\[ K_{\text{Sentropic}}(x, y) = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} [D(x||y) + D(y||x)]\right) \]

where

\[ D(x||y) + D(y||x) = \sum_i (x_i - y_i) \ln \left( \frac{x_i}{y_i} \right) \]

is the symmetric Kullback-Leibler divergence.

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below: training dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 400, column #: 150

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<td>Total time</td>
<td>3.498</td>
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<td>0.73</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>0.73</td>
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Table 3.3.1.1. Sentropic kernel performance comparison table.

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below: dataset: 9GC9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row #: 800, column #: 150

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Table 3.3.3.2. Sentropic kernel performance comparison table.

The performance of our C code with GPU vs Java code and C code on CPU is listed below:

dataset: 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.train, sigma: 0.5, row: 1600, column: 150

sn is: 0.875, sp is: 0.82, acc is: 0.8475

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<td>Total time (s)</td>
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<td>24.46</td>
<td>8.58</td>
<td>15.02</td>
<td>8.33</td>
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Table 3.3.3.3. Sentropic kernel performance comparison table.

Figure 3.3.3.1 Sentropic kernel calculation time comparison
For the Sentropic kernel, the kernel instruction is different from the first two, since we need to compare with the cutoff value before we calculate the kernel function. Therefore, most of the time gets wasted there. However, we can see that with the more function calls and the larger dataset, the C and CUDA version is more efficient than the Java version. This is true, because the function calls in C and CUDA are very light.

According to the tests above, the GPU performs faster than the CPU for the same kernel function algorithm used on different block sizes as predicted. The reason is the highly parallel architecture of the GPU. However, as we increase the block size of the GPU to 16 by 16, we notice that the performance decreases as compared to a GPU with block size 10. This occurs because in a larger block size there are more threads operating and therefore there is more context switch. In addition, although the GPU creates thread with zero overhead, the extra threads which are not used by the kernel calculation are actually still doing the comparison work by the if statement. After all, we can see that the SVM classification time has been improved.
with the C and CUDA version for, at least, above 3 times faster, and the larger the dataset, the more efficient performance we can get, compared with the other approach.
Chapter 4. Chunking SVM using GPU clusters

4.1 Message Passing Interface

With all the tests above, we can see that GPU provides a cheap solution for SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data) vector computation. We would like to harness this power in the scientific computation area by using GPU clusters, as we use clusters that have been built to harness the power of the standard CPU. The Message Passing Interface (MPI) helps us to combine multi-CPU and multi-GPU together.

MPI is a standard message passing library which allows a wide range of computers to communicate with each other. It has been developed and implemented by many of today’s high performance computing companies (Sun, IBM, SGI, etc.) and is mainly used for solving significant scientific and engineering problems on parallel computers. The draft of this standard called MPI-1 was presented at Supercomputing 1994. It has about 128 functions which emphasizes message passing and has a static runtime environment. In 1998 version MPI-2.1 (called MPI-2) was completed, which includes 287 functions and adds new features like parallel I/O, dynamic process management and remote memory operations. It is important to note that MPI-2 is mostly a superset of MPI-1, although some functions have been deprecated. Thus MPI-1.2 programs still work under MPI implementations compliant with the MPI-2 standard.

There are two types of parallelism. One type is data parallelism, which is parallelizing by giving a subset of the data to each process, which then each process performs the same tasks on the different subsets of data. The other type is task parallelism which is parallelizing by giving a subset of the tasks to each process, which then performs a different subset of tasks on the same data. We are using the data parallelism to improve our SVM classification performance.
The paradigm of an MPI program can be understood in two parts: 1) the master node is responsible for decomposing the problem into small tasks and distributes these tasks to a farm of slaves process, and gathers the partial results in order to produce the final result of the computation; 2) the slave nodes execute in very simple cycles which get the message with the task, process the task, and send the results to the master (see figure 3.4.1).

![Figure 3.4.1 MPI data sending construction model](image)

**4.2 Combine MPI and CUDA**

If the MPI implementation is compared to the CUDA one, the MPI implementation should show a response for a larger parallel part, which means that MPI distributes work to all of the machines, while within each, CUDA is used to do its smaller parallel part of work.

There are some similarities between these two in implementing parallel task. threadIdx vs MPI_Comm_rank() are constant variable. threadIdx can be initialized by the user to let the GPU know to create the number of parallel threads to run within a thread block. MPI_Comm_rank() is the number of machines that user defined to parallel running among the cluster. They are self-increasing values from 0 to the number that user defined. They both have the similar synchronization mechanisms for the all of the threads to finish each round of parallel work and return the correct value for each round: syncthreads() vs MPI_Barrier().
There are some differences between the two as well. CUDA uses shared memory for all of the threads within the same block to communicate with each other. All of the threads can be synchronized only within the thread block. The communication within the shared memory and transferring data from global memory to shared memory is very cheap compared with the data transformation between machines using MPI, which is highly dependent on network latency.

We have run our SVM chunking algorithm on four machines. We put our dataset (1600 by 150 dimensions) on a network shared hard disk and each machine will read one chunk of this dataset to send it to the GPU to calculate kernel function then start to run SVM within this chunk. After each chunk converges, the result will be send back to the master machine. In order to avoid wasting time on transferring data back and forth, we only use MPI to send the indexes of the resulting dataset and re-chunk the data using the changed indexes, then continue to run kernel function on GPU and finally run SVM on all of the machines. This step will stop unless the merged data chunk is smaller than twice the size of the first chunk layer (see figure 3.5.1 for data sending structure).

The trick of compiling the MPI and CUDA code is to use nvcc to compile everything. Because nvcc compiler wrapper is more complex than mpicc compiler wrapper, it is easier to make MPI code into CUDA code (.cu) and compile with nvcc, then use mpirun to execute on different machines.
Figure 3.5.1 Combine MPI and CUDA data sending model
Figure 3.5.2 MPI-CUDA flowchart

4.3 Results

Clusters’ environment: 4 Ubuntu machines: each of them has 4 processors and each processor is Intel Core 2 Extreme CPU Q6850 3.00GHz. Memory is 2GB. GPU is NVIDIA Corporation GeForce 8800 Ultra and has two on each machine.

We decided to use the Absdiff kernel, since after testing the three kernels, Absdiff was chosen as the best kernel for the DNA hairpin datasets because of its high accuracy (average is: 90.5) and because it takes the least amount of time to converge. The training dataset is 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.train which has 1600 data samples and 150 feature components. The testing dataset is 9GC9CG_9AT9TA.test which has 400 data samples and 150 feature components. The
total classification time cannot be obtained, since for some reason it cannot converge. The reason might be that I only pass 80% support vectors into the next chunk and make SVM cannot find the hyperplane. The time could be also wasted on copying data back and forth many times on GPU and sending data between machines. Or because the network is not high speed infiniband and result long time data transformation.
Chapter 5. Conclusion

SVM is a very useful technique in the area of classification. It has been utilized in various pattern recognition applications. However, a main constraint of SVM is its training time often costing a lot of time when a large dataset is being classified. Then the very natural way to solve this problem is using data parallelism to break the data into many small chunks. After obtaining results from these small chunks, we can trace back the original problem and then make it easier to solve.

GPU is very popular now in scientific computation domains. Because of its highly paralleled architecture, we can implement SVM on GPU which can help improve the performance on SVM classification time. Although GPU has a lot of limitations, such as shared memory is very small and only one kernel function can be execute on one GPU card at one time, we can also implement our SVM on it, as long as we manage the memory carefully. As shown in table 3.3 serial, we conclude that GPU can improve SVM performance a lot better than CPU while maintaining the same accuracy as C and Java.

Although the testing result on distributed machine with many GPUs is not well illustrated, we still have space to improve it. For example, the SVM kernel function part on GPU needs to be revised to take the thread block size not only as a squared number but as any number.

With the chunking idea, the problem of a larger dataset running on SVM would not be a problem anymore and several machines could be utilized together to make the classification process faster. In addition, for reaching the highest level of performance, in the future, multiple GPUs could be used as one time; in this case we could have distributed machines with distributed GPUs having massive thread running.
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Appendix

A1.C++ code implement SVM

```c
#include "SVM.h"

SVMModel *learnSVM(SVMModel *model, dataoutput *dataoutputInst, const int RowNum, const int ColNum, float parameter2, int type, int argc, char ** argv) {
    printf("training... row=%d, col=%d \n",RowNum,ColNum);
    float* inputFeatures = dataoutputInst->inputFeatures1d;
    float* inputLabels = dataoutputInst->inputLabels;
    clock_t kerneltime=clock();
    float* kernelMat=kernelMatrix(inputFeatures,inputFeatures,RowNum,ColNum,RowNum,sigma, type, argc, argv);
    printf("svm kernel time is:%f, ",((double)clock()-kerneltime));
    float* alpha=new float[RowNum];
    float* errorCache=new float[RowNum];
    float threshold=0;
    int numChanged;
    int examineAll;
    int i;
    int supp = 0;
    /*  Initialize alpha array to all zero */
    for (i = 0; i < RowNum; i++) {
        alpha[i] = 0;
        errorCache[i] = 0;
    }
    numChanged = 0;
    examineAll = 1;
    int iter=0;
    int maxIter=1000;
    clock_t start,finish;//time
    float costtime;
    start = clock();
    while ((numChanged > 0 || examineAll == 1) && iter < ((maxIter == 0)?iter+1:maxIter)) {
        iter++;
        numChanged = 0;
        if (examineAll == 1) {
            /*  Loop over all training examples */
            for (i = 0; i < RowNum; i++) {
                numChanged += examineExample(i,inputLabels,RowNum,kernelMat,&threshold,alpha, errorCache);
            }
            // printf("examineAll=1\n");
        } else {
            /* Loop over examples where alpha is not 0 & not C */
            for (i = 0; i < RowNum; i++) {
                if (alpha[i] != 0 && alpha[i] != cVal) {
                    numChanged += examineExample(i,inputLabels,RowNum,kernelMat,&threshold,alpha, errorCache);
                }
                if (examineAll == 1)
```
examineAll = 0;
else if (numChanged == 0)
    examineAll = 1;
}

finish = clock();
costtime = finish-start;

printf("training time spend (ms): %f, iteration: %d, threshold: %f", costtime, iter, threshold);
delete(errorCache);

//*****************construct SVM Model**************
{
    model->setIter=iter;
    model->setThreshold=threshold;
    vector<int> nonZeroAlphaIndList;
    vector<int> polarizationIndList;

    int upto = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < RowNum; i++) {
        float thisalpha = alpha[i];
        if (thisalpha > 0 && thisalpha != cVal) {
            nonZeroAlphaIndList.push_back(i);
        }
        // count the vectors in the polarization set
        if (thisalpha == 0) {
            polarizationIndList.push_back(i);
        }
        ++upto;
    }
    // allocate the alpha corresponding to support vectors
    float* tmpSvAlphas = new float[nonZeroAlphaIndList.size()];
    for (int i = 0; i < (int)nonZeroAlphaIndList.size(); i++) {
        tmpSvAlphas[i]= alpha[nonZeroAlphaIndList.at(i)];
    }
    model->setSvAlphas=tmpSvAlphas; //
    model->setsupp=(int)nonZeroAlphaIndList.size(); //

    int suppLength=(int)nonZeroAlphaIndList.size();
    int nonSuppLength=(int)polarizationIndList.size();

    int* nonZeroAlphaIndArray=new int[nonZeroAlphaIndList.size()];
    int* polarizationIndArray=new int[polarizationIndList.size()];

    for(int i=0; i<suppLength;i++){
        nonZeroAlphaIndArray[i]=nonZeroAlphaIndList.at(i);
    }
    model->setSvIndices=nonZeroAlphaIndArray; //
    for(int i=0;i<nonSuppLength;i++){
        polarizationIndArray[i]=polarizationIndList.at(i);
    }
    model->setPolarizationIndices=polarizationIndArray; //
    //allocate original features
    model->setSuppFeatures=viewSelectionFeats(inputFeatures,nonZeroAlphaIndArray,suppLength, ColNum);
    // allocate original labels
    model->setSvLabels=viewSelectionLabel(inputLabels, nonZeroAlphaIndArray, suppLength);
    printf("#SV = %d,  threshold = %f,  Iterations: %d", nonZeroAlphaIndList.size(), model->setThreshold, iter);
}
}
free(kernelMat);
return model;
}

float viewSelectionFeats(float* feats, int* thisIndex, int thisLength, int ColNum){
    unsigned int size_features = thisLength*ColNum;
    unsigned int mem_size_features = sizeof(float) * size_features;
    float* selectFinal = (float*) malloc(mem_size_features);
    for(int i=0;i<thisLength;i++){
        for(int j=0;j<ColNum;j++)
            selectFinal[i*ColNum+j] = feats[(thisIndex[i])*ColNum+j];
    }
    return selectFinal;
}

float viewSelectionLabel(float* labels, int* thisIndex, int thisLength){
    float* selectFinal = new float[thisLength];
    for(int i=0;i<thisLength;i++)
        selectFinal[i] = labels[thisIndex[i]];
    return selectFinal;
}

float outputNonlinear(int i, float*inputLabels, const int RowNum, float*kernelMat, float*threshold, float*alpha) {
    float alphaJ = 0;
    float sum = 0;
    for(int j=0; j<RowNum; j++){
        if((alphaJ = alpha[j]) > 0){
            sum += alphaJ * inputLabels[j] * kernelMat[i*RowNum+j];
        }
    }
    return sum - *threshold;
}

int examineExample(int i2, float*inputLabels, const int RowNum, float*kernelMat, float*threshold, float*alpha, float*errorCache) {
    float r2=0;
    float E2=0;
    float alph2 = alpha[i2];
    float y2 = inputLabels[i2];
    float tol=tolerance;
    if(alph2 > 0 && alph2 < cVal)
        E2 = errorCache[i2];
    else
        E2 = outputNonlinear(i2,inputLabels,RowNum,kernelMat,threshold,alpha) - y2;
    r2 = E2 * y2;
    /*
    * if alpha2 violates the KKT condition within a tolerance
    * then look for an alpha1 and optimize both alphas (take_step(i1,i2))
    */
    if((r2 < -tol && alph2 < cVal) || (r2 > tol && alph2 > 0))
        { /*
        * Once a alpha2 is chosen, SMO chooses alpha1 to maximize
        * the size of the step taken during joint optimization
        * (take_step(i1,i2))
        */
        /*
        */
    }
}
int i1 = -1;
float tmax = 0;

for (int k = 0; k < RowNum; k++)
{
    float alpha_k = alpha[k];
    if (0 < alpha_k && alpha_k < cVal)
    {
        float temp;
        float E1 = errorCache[k];

        /*
         * SMO approximates the step size by absolute value of (E1-E2)
         */
        temp = abs(E1 - E2);
        if (temp > tmax) {
            tmax = temp;
            i1 = k;
        }
    }
}

if (i1 > -1 )
if (takeStep(i1, i2, RowNum, inputLabels, kernelMat, threshold, alpha, errorCache) == 1)
    return 1;

/*
 * At this point no positive progress was made (last paragraph
 * in Platt's paper section 2.4).
 * first check the non bound alphas from a random place
 */
{srand(0);
    int k = 0;
    int i1 = -1;
    // int k0 = abs(rand()*327688*RowNum);
    int k0 = abs(rand())*RowNum;
    for (k = k0; k < RowNum + k0; k++)
    {
        i1 = k % RowNum;
        float alpha_k = alpha[i1];
        if (0 < alpha_k && alpha_k < cVal)
        {
            if (takeStep(i1, i2, RowNum, inputLabels, kernelMat, threshold, alpha, errorCache) == 1)
                return 1;
        }
    }
}

/*
 * if still no progress then iterate through all feature vectors
 * starting from a random place
 */
{srand(0);
    int k = 0, i1=-1;
    // int k0 = abs(rand())*327688*RowNum);
    int k0 = abs(rand())*RowNum;
    for (k = k0; k < RowNum + k0; k++)
    {
int takeStep(int i1, int i2, const int RowNum, float *inputLabels, float *kernelMat, float *threshold, float *alpha, float *errorCache) {
    float epsilon = 1e-8;
    float alpha_old_1, alpha_old_2;  // old values of alpha_1, alpha_2
    float alpha_new_1, alpha_new_2;  // new values of alpha_1, alpha_2
    float y1, y2, s, E1, E2, L, H, k11, k22, k12, eta, Lobj, Hobj;

    if (i1 == i2) return 0;

    alpha_old_1 = alpha[i1];
    y1 = inputLabels[i1];

    if (alpha_old_1 > 0 && alpha_old_1 < epsilon)
        E1 = errorCache[i1];
    else
        E1 = outputNonlinear(i1,inputLabels,RowNum,kernelMat,threshold, alpha) - y1;

    alpha_old_2 = alpha[i2];
    y2 = inputLabels[i2];

    if (alpha_old_2 > 0 && alpha_old_2 < epsilon)
        E2 = errorCache[i2];
    else
        E2 = outputNonlinear(i2,inputLabels,RowNum,kernelMat,threshold, alpha) - y2;

    s = y1 * y2;

    if (y1 == y2) {
        float gamma = alpha_old_1 + alpha_old_2;
        if (gamma > cVal) {
            L = gamma - cVal;
            H = cVal;
        } else {
            L = 0;
            H = gamma;
        }
    } else {
        float gamma = alpha_old_2 - alpha_old_1;
        if (gamma > 0) {
            L = gamma;
            H = cVal;
        } else {

        }

}

return 0;
}
if (L == H){
  return 0;
}
k11=kernelMat[i1*RowNum+i1];
k12=kernelMat[i1*RowNum+i2];
k22=kernelMat[i2*RowNum+i2];
eta = k11 + k22 - 2*k12;
if (eta > 0)
{
  alpha_new_2 = alpha_old_2 + y2 * (E1 - E2) / eta;
  if (alpha_new_2 < L)
    alpha_new_2 = L;
  else if (alpha_new_2 > H)
    alpha_new_2 = H;
}
else
{
  float f1 = y1 * (E1 + *threshold) - alpha_old_1 * k11 - s * alpha_old_2 * k12;
  float f2 = y2 * (E2 + *threshold) - alpha_old_2 * k22 - s * alpha_old_1 * k12;
  float l1 = alpha_old_1 + s * (alpha_old_2-L);
  float h1 = alpha_old_1 + s * (alpha_old_2-H);
  Lobj = l1*f1 + L*f2 + 1/2 * ( (l1*l1)*k11 + (L*L) *k22 + 2*s*L*l1*k12 );
  Hobj = h1*f1 + H*f2 + 1/2 * ( (h1*h1)*k11 + (H*H) *k22 + 2*s*H*h1*k12 );
  if (Lobj < Hobj-eps)
    alpha_new_2 = L;
  else if (Lobj > Hobj+eps)
    alpha_new_2 = H;
  else
    alpha_new_2 = alpha_old_2;
}
if (abs(alpha_new_2 - alpha_old_2)< eps * (alpha_new_2 + alpha_old_2 + eps) )
  return 0;
alpha_new_1 = alpha_old_1 + s * (alpha_old_2 - alpha_new_2);
if (alpha_new_1 < 0)
{
  alpha_new_2 += s * alpha_new_1;
  alpha_new_1 = 0;
}
else if (alpha_new_1 > cVal)
{
  float t = alpha_new_1 - cVal;
  alpha_new_2 += s * t;
  alpha_new_1 = cVal;
}
/* updating the threshold */
float b1, b2, bnew, delta_b;
b1 = *threshold + E1 + y1 * (alpha_new_1 - alpha_old_1) * k11 + y2 * (alpha_new_2 - alpha_old_2) * k12;
b2 = *threshold + E2 + y1 * (alpha_new_1 - alpha_old_1) * k12 + y2 * (alpha_new_2 - alpha_old_2) * k22;

if (alpha_new_1 > 0 && alpha_new_1 < cVal)
    bnew = b1;
else if (alpha_new_2 > 0 && alpha_new_2 < cVal)
    bnew = b2;
else
    bnew = (b1 + b2) / 2;

delta_b = bnew - *threshold;
*threshold = bnew;

/*
 * updating the error cache
*/
float t1 = y1 * (alpha_new_1-alpha_old_1);
float t2 = y2 * (alpha_new_2-alpha_old_2);
for (int i = 0; i < RowNum; i++)
{
    float alpha_i = alpha[i];
    if (0 < alpha_i && alpha_i < cVal)
    {
        float k1i=kernelMat[i1*RowNum+i];
        float k2i=kernelMat[i2*RowNum+i];
        float error_old_i = errorCache[i];
        float error_new_i = error_old_i + t1*k1i + t2*k2i - delta_b;
        errorCache[i]=error_new_i;
    }
}
errorCache[i1]= 0;
errorCache[i2]= 0;

/*
 * updating the alphas
*/
alpha[i1]= alpha_new_1;
alpha[i2]= alpha_new_2;
return 1;

A2. Host code to launch the GPU function call

SVM_kernel_host.cu

// includes, kernels
#include "Absdiff_kernel_device.cu"
#include "Gaussian_kernel_device.cu"
#include "Sentropic_kernel_device.cu"

// includes, project
#include <cutil_inline.h>

// declaration, forward
void printDiff(float*, float*, int, int);
void printAB(float*, float*, int, int);
void AbsdiffGold(float*, const float*, const float*, unsigned int, unsigned int, unsigned int, float);
void GaussianGold(float*, const float*, const float*, unsigned int, unsigned int, unsigned int, float);
void SentropicGold(float*, const float*, const float*, unsigned int, unsigned int, unsigned int, float);

float* kernelMatrix(float* features1, float* features2, int RowNum, int ColNum, int RowNum2, float sigma, int type, int argc, char** argv) {
    if (cutCheckCmdLineFlag(argc, (const char**)argv, "device") )
        cutilDeviceInit(argc, argv);
    else
        cudaSetDevice( cutGetMaxGflopsDeviceId() );
    float parameter = 1/(2*sigma*sigma);
    float parameter2 = 1/(sigma*sigma);
    // allocate host memory for matrices A and B
    unsigned int size_A = RowNum * ColNum;
    unsigned int mem_size_A = sizeof(float) * size_A;
    unsigned int size_B = RowNum2 * ColNum;
    unsigned int mem_size_B = sizeof(float) * size_B;

    float* d_A;
    cutilSafeCall(cudaMalloc((void**) &d_A, mem_size_A));
    float* d_B;
    cutilSafeCall(cudaMalloc((void**) &d_B, mem_size_B));

    // copy host memory to device
    cutilSafeCall(cudaMemcpy(d_A, features1, mem_size_A, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice));
    cutilSafeCall(cudaMemcpy(d_B, features2, mem_size_B, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice));

    // allocate device memory for result
    unsigned int size_C = RowNum * RowNum2;
    unsigned int mem_size_C = sizeof(float) * size_C;
    float* d_C;
    cutilSafeCall(cudaMalloc((void**) &d_C, mem_size_C));

    // allocate host memory for the result
    float* h_C = (float*) malloc(mem_size_C);

    // create and start timer
    unsigned int timer = 0;
    cutilCheckError(cutCreateTimer(&timer));
    cutilCheckError(cutStartTimer(timer));

    // setup execution parameters
    dim3 threads(BLOCK_SIZE, BLOCK_SIZE);
    dim3 grid(RowNum2 / threads.x, RowNum / threads.y);
    // execute the kernel
    switch(type) {
        case 0: AbsdiffKernel<<< grid, threads >>>(d_C, d_A, d_B, RowNum, ColNum, parameter); break;
        case 1: GaussianKernel<<< grid, threads >>>(d_C, d_A, d_B, RowNum, ColNum, parameter); break;
        case 2: SentropicKernel<<< grid, threads >>>(d_C, d_A, d_B, RowNum, ColNum, parameter2); break;
    }

    // check if kernel execution generated and error
    cutilCheckMsg("Kernel execution failed");

    // stop and destroy timer
}
cutilCheckError(cutStopTimer(timer));
printf("kernel on the device Processing time: %f (ms) \n", cutGetTimerValue(timer));
cutilCheckError(cutDeleteTimer(timer));

// copy result from device to host

return h_C;
}

A3. Absdiff kernel function code on GPU, BLOCKSIZE=10

Absdiff_kernel_device.cu

/*
 * Device code.
 */

#ifndef _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#define _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#include<stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////
//absdiff kernel
/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////

__global__

void AbsdiffKernel(float* C, float* A, float* B, int RowNum, int ColNum, float Para) {

    // Block index
    int bx = blockIdx.x;
    int by = blockIdx.y;

    // Thread index
    int tx = threadIdx.x;
    int ty = threadIdx.y;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * by;

    // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aEnd   = aBegin + ColNum - 1;

    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
    int aStep  = BLOCK_SIZE;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block

}
# A4. Absdiff kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=16

Absdiff_kernel_device.cu

//*
* Device code.
*/
#ifndef _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#define _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_

#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////
//absdiff kernel
/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////

__global__
void AbsdiffKernel( float* C, float* A, float* B, int RowNum, int ColNum, float Para)
{
    // Block index
    int bx = blockIdx.x;
    int by = blockIdx.y;
    // Thread index
    int tx = threadIdx.x;
    int ty = threadIdx.y;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * by;
    // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aEnd = aBegin + ColNum - 1;
    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
    int aStep = BLOCK_SIZE;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block
    int bBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of B
    int bStep = BLOCK_SIZE;

    // Index of thread
    int remainderA = ColNum % BLOCK_SIZE;
    // Csub is used to store the element of the block sub-matrix
    // that is computed by the thread
    float Csub = 0;
    float Cresult = 0;

    // Loop over all the sub-matrices of A and B
    // required to compute the block sub-matrix
    for (int a = aBegin, b = bBegin;
         a <= aEnd;
         a += aStep, b += bStep) {
        __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
        __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

        if (a == aBegin+(ColNum/BLOCK_SIZE)*BLOCK_SIZE) {
            if (tx < remainderA) {[complex code]
        }
        __syncthreads();
    }
for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;

#pragma omp for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;

#endif // ifndef _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_H_

A5. Gaussian kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=10

Gaussian_kernel_device.cu

/*
 * Device code.
 */
#ifndef GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#define GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

#pragma omp for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;

#endif // ifndef _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_H_

A5. Gaussian kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=10

Gaussian_kernel_device.cu

/∗
 * Device code.
 */
#ifndef GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#define GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

#pragma omp for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;

#endif // ifndef _ABSDIFF_KERNEL_H_

A5. Gaussian kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=10

Gaussian_kernel_device.cu

/∗
 * Device code.
 */
#ifndef GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#define GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

#pragma omp for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;

#pragma omp for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
    Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
} __syncthreads();
} else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        Csub += abs(BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k));
    }
    __syncthreads();
}

float norm1_diff_squared = sqrtf(Csub);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;
int aStep = BLOCK_SIZE;
int bBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
int bStep = BLOCK_SIZE;

// Csub is used to store the element of the block sub-matrix
// that is computed by the thread
float Csub = 0;
float Cresult = 0;
float temp = 0;
// Loop over all the sub-matrices of A and B
// required to compute the block sub-matrix
for (int a = aBegin, b = bBegin; a <= aEnd; a += aStep, b += bStep) {
    // Declaration of the shared memory array As used to
    // store the sub-matrix of A
    __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    // Declaration of the shared memory array Bs used to
    // store the sub-matrix of B
    __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    // Load the matrices from device memory
    // to shared memory; each thread loads
    // one element of each matrix
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];

    // Synchronize to make sure the matrices are loaded
    __syncthreads();

    // Calculate the two matrices together;
    // each thread computes one element
    // of the block sub-matrix
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
        temp = BS(tx, k) - AS(ty, k);
        Csub += temp * temp;
    }
    __syncthreads();

    // Write the block sub-matrix to device memory;
    // each thread writes one element
    float norm1_diff_squared = powf(sqrtf(Csub), 2.0);
    Cresult = expf(-Para * norm1_diff_squared * 1.0);
    Row = by * BLOCK_SIZE + ty;
    Row2 = bx * BLOCK_SIZE + tx;
    C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;
}
#endif // ifndef _GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_H_
/*
#define _GAUSSIAN_KERNEL_DEVICE_H_
#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

////////////////////////////////////////////////////
///absdiff kernel
////////////////////////////////////////////////////
__global__
void
GaussianKernel(
    float* C,
    float* A,
    float* B,
    int RowNum,
    int ColNum,
    float Para)
{
    // Block index
    int bx = blockIdx.x;
    int by = blockIdx.y;

    // Thread index
    int tx = threadIdx.x;
    int ty = threadIdx.y;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * by;

    // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aEnd = aBegin + ColNum - 1;

    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
    int aStep = BLOCK_SIZE;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block
    int bBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * bx;

    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of B
    int bStep = BLOCK_SIZE;
    int remainderA=ColNum % BLOCK_SIZE;
    // Csub is used to store the element of the block sub-matrix
    // that is computed by the thread
    float Csub = 0;
    float Cresult=0;
    float temp=0;

    // Loop over all the sub-matrices of A and B
    // required to compute the block sub-matrix
    for (int a = aBegin, b = bBegin;a <= aEnd,a += aStep, b += bStep) {
        // Declaration of the shared memory array As used to
        // store the sub-matrix of A
        __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

        // Declaration of the shared memory array Bs used to
        // store the sub-matrix of B
        __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
        if (a==aBegin+(ColNum/BLOCK_SIZE)*BLOCK_SIZE){
            // Declaration of the shared memory array As used to
            // store the sub-matrix of A
            __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

            // Declaration of the shared memory array Bs used to
            // store the sub-matrix of B
            __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
            if (a==aBegin+(ColNum/BLOCK_SIZE)*BLOCK_SIZE)}
if(tx<remainderA){
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
}
__syncthreads();
for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k){
    temp=BS(tx, k)-AS(ty,k);
    Csub += temp*temp;
}__syncthreads();
else {
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
    __syncthreads();
    for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k){
        temp=BS(tx, k)-AS(ty,k);
        Csub += temp*temp;
    }
    __syncthreads();
}__syncthreads();

// Write the block sub-matrix to device memory;
// each thread writes one element
float norm1_diff_squared = powf(sqrtf(Csub),2.0);
Cresult=expf(-Para*norm1_diff_squared*1.0);
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = Cresult;
#endif

A7. Sentropic kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=10
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#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif

SentropicKernel( float* C, float* A, float* B, int RowNum, int ColNum, float Para)
int bx = blockIdx.x;
int by = blockIdx.y;

int tx = threadIdx.x;
int ty = threadIdx.y;

int aBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * by;
int aEnd = aBegin + ColNum - 1;

int bBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
int bStep = BLOCK_SIZE;

__shared__ float AS[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];
__shared__ float BS[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];

exp_term += (v1_i - v2_i)*(logf(v1_i/v2_i));
int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = expf(-Para*sqrtf(exp_term ));
}
#endif // ifndef _SENTROPIC_KERNEL_H_

A8. Sentropic kernel function code on GPU, BLOCK_SIZE=16

Sentropic_kernel_device.cu

/*
 * Device code.
 */
#endif _SENTROPIC_KERNELDEVICE_H_
#define _SENTROPIC_KERNELDEVICE_H_
#include <stdio.h>
#include "SVM_kernel_host.h"
#define CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS 0
#if CHECK_BANK_CONFLICTS
#define AS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&As[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#define BS(i, j) cutilBankChecker(((float*)&Bs[0][0]), (BLOCK_SIZE * i + j))
#else
#define AS(i, j) As[i][j]
#define BS(i, j) Bs[i][j]
#endif
/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////
//absdiff kernel
/////////////////////////////////////////////////// ///////////////////////
__global__
void SentropicKernel( float* C, float* A, float* B, int RowNum, int ColNum, float Para) {
   // Block index
   int bx = blockIdx.x;
   int by = blockIdx.y;
   // Thread index
   int tx = threadIdx.x;
   int ty = threadIdx.y;
   // Index of the first sub-matrix of A processed by the block
   int aBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * by;
   // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
   int aEnd = aBegin + ColNum - 1;
   // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
   int aStep = BLOCK_SIZE;
   // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block
   int bBegin = ColNum * BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
   // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of B
   int bStep = BLOCK_SIZE;
   int remainderA=ColNum % BLOCK_SIZE;
   float exp_term = .0;
}
float MIN_PROB = 1e-6f;
// Loop over all the sub-matrices of A and B
// required to compute the block sub-matrix
for (int a = aBegin, b = bBegin;
a <= aEnd;
a += aStep, b += bStep) {
    // Declaration of the shared memory array As used to
    // store the sub-matrix of A
    __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    // Declaration of the shared memory array Bs used to
    // store the sub-matrix of B
    __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    if (a==aBegin+(ColNum/BLOCK_SIZE)*BLOCK_SIZE) {
        if (tx<remainderA) {
            AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
            BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
        }
        __syncthreads();
        for (int k = 0; k < remainderA; ++k) {
            float v1_i = (AS(ty,k)<MIN_PROB)?MIN_PROB:AS(ty,k);
            float v2_i = (BS(tx,k)<MIN_PROB)?MIN_PROB:BS(tx,k);
            exp_term += (v1_i - v2_i)*(logf(v1_i/v2_i));
        }
        __syncthreads();
    } else {
        AS(ty, tx) = A[a + ColNum * ty + tx];
        BS(ty, tx) = B[b + ColNum * ty + tx];
        __syncthreads();
        for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k) {
            float v1_i = (AS(ty,k)<MIN_PROB)?MIN_PROB:AS(ty,k);
            float v2_i = (BS(tx,k)<MIN_PROB)?MIN_PROB:BS(tx,k);
            exp_term += (v1_i - v2_i)*(logf(v1_i/v2_i));
        }
        __syncthreads();
    }
}

int Row=by*BLOCK_SIZE+ty;
int Row2=bx*BLOCK_SIZE+tx;
C[RowNum * Row + Row2] = expf(-Para*sqrtf(exp_term));

#endif // #ifndef _SENTROPIC_KERNEL_H_
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