

# ECE 574 – Cluster Computing

## Lecture 19

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# Announcements

- HW#8 was due  
as always many of the problems were C related, this time  
pointers and casting
- HW#9 will be assigned



# OpenCL

- CUDA is only for NVIDIA GPUs
- What if you have Intel or AMD (ATI) chip? Or ARM MALI? or Raspberry Pi Vcore IV?
- OpenCL is sort of like CUDA, but cross-platform
- Not only for GPUs, but can target regular CPU, DSP, FPGAs, etc
- Vendor provides a driver



- Khronos (the OpenGL + Vulkan people?) also run OpenCL
- Windows, OSX, Linux



# OpenCL History

- Started by Apple
- Donated to Khronos
- Apple has abandoned it



# OpenCL program Flow

- Allocate host buffer
- Get platform/device
- Set up platform
- Choose device
- Create context
- Create command queue
- Create memory buffer on device
- Copy buffer to device
- Create a program kernel



- Build kernel
- Set arguments
- Execute
- Read back results
- clean up and wait to finish
- Release



# Platforms

- Query number of platforms
- clGetPlatformIDs
- Then malloc space, and use same function to get info
- Can iterate and get NAME, VENDOR, VERSION



# Devices

- Now when got platform, similarly clGetDeviceIDs
- Why multiple? Intel or AMD CPU might have both CPU and GPU



# Memory Hierarchy

- global – shared by all, but high latency
- constant – read only by all but cpu, smaller, a bit faster
- local – shared by a group of cores on device
- register – per element



# Language

- Based on C
- pointers annotated with memory level
- some things not allowed: recursion, function pointers
- regular data types, some others like vectors
- With OpenCL 2.x more similar to C++
- Plan is to merge it with Vulkan



# Iterations in the kernel

- A lot like CUDA, where split into 1D, 2D, or 3D grid.
- `get_global_id();`
- `get_local_id();`
- `get_num_groups();`
- `get_group_size()`
- `get_group_id()`



# Calling the kernel

```
clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(  command_Queue  kernel,  
work_dim, global_work_offset, global_work_size, local_work_si  
event_wait_list event
```



# Contexts



# Command Queue

- FIFO or out of order (always issued in order)



# OpenCL ICD (installable client driver)



# Memory Config

- Memory flags. r/w, ro, wo
- Whether host pointer or not
- Using host pointers might not be fast if
  - depending on arch
  - sub-buffer?



# Copying to/from Device

- copying mem
- host to device
- device to device



# Creating Kernels

- The driver builds them
- From source, you pass in as a string
- Can get binary-only kernels (why?)
  - Proprietary?
  - also, not have to build each time
- `clCreateProgramWithSource()`
- `clCreateProgramWithBinary()`
- Can get error log of build when something went wrong



# **SPIR – standard portable Intermediate Representation**



# Setting kernel arguments

- must do this before running



# Executing Kernel



# Querying Kernel



# Synchronization

- when needed?
- single device, out of order queue
- multiple devices?
- coarse grained
  - clFlush/clFinish
- fine grained
  - event based
- memory fences?
- CL event, for communicating



# OpenCL C Programming

- Own built in data types: basic app vector app\_vector  
char cl\_char charn cl\_charn etc  
why? portable. sadly sizes not same on windows/linux
- n element 2,3,4,8,16 sizes
- “half” type for 16-bit fp
- address space qualifiers
  - \_\_global
  - \_\_local
  - \_\_constant



- `__private`



# OpenCL – compiling

```
gcc -I include -L /lib -lOpenCL saxp.c -o saxp
```



# SAXPY Sample Code

## Single-precision $A*X+Y$ vector add

```
void saxpy(int n, float a, float *x, float *y, float *out) {  
    for(i=0;i<n;i++) {  
        out[i]=a*x[i]+y[i];  
    }  
}
```

```
#include <CL/cl.h>
```

```
const char *saxpy_kernel=  
"__kernel\n"  
"void saxpy_kernel(float a,\n"  
"    __global float *A,\n"  
"    __global float *B,\n"  
"    __global float *out) {\n"  
"    int index=get_global_id(0);\n"  
"    out[index]=alpha*A[index]+B[index];\n"
```



```

"}\n";

#define N 1024

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int i;
    float alpha=5.0;
    float *A=(float *)malloc(sizeof(float)*N);
    float *B=(float *)malloc(sizeof(float)*N);
    float *C=(float *)malloc(sizeof(float)*N);

    for(i=0;i<N;i++) { A[i]=i; B[i]=10*i; C[i]=0;}

    // get platform
    cl_platform_id *platforms=NULL;
    cl_uint num_platforms;
    cl_int clStatus=clGetPlatformIDs(0,NU,&num_platforms);
    platforms=(cl_platform_id 8)malloc(sizeof(cl_platform_id)*num_platforms);
    clStatus=clGetPlatformIDs(num_platforms, platforms, NULL);

    cl_device_id *device_list=NULL;
    cl_uint num_devices;
    clStatus = clGetDeviceIDs(platforms[0], CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU, 0, NULL, &num_devices);
    device_list=(cl_device_id *)malloc(sizeof(cl_device_ids)*num_devices);

```



```

clStatus=clGetDeviceIDs(platforms[0],CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU,num_devices,device_list,NULL);
// create context
cl_context context;
context=clCreateContext(NULL,num_devices,device_list,NULL,NULL,&clStatus);
// Create command queue
cl_command_queue command_queue=clCreateCommandQueue(context,device_list[],0,&clStatus);
// create memory buffer on device
cl_mem A_clmem=clCreateBuffer(context,CL_MEM_READ_ONLY,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),NULL);
cl_mem B_clmem=clCreateBuffer(context,CL_MEM_READ_ONLY,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),NULL);
CL_MEM_WRITE_ONLY cl_mem C_clmem=clCreateBuffer(context,CL_MEM_READ_ONLY,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),NULL);

// Copy buffer a and b to device
clStatus=clEnqueueWriteBuffer(command_queue,A_clmem,CL_TRUE,0,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),A);
clStatus=clEnqueueWriteBuffer(command_queue,B_clmem,CL_TRUE,0,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),B);

// create a program
cl_program program=clCreateProgramWithSource(context,1,(const char **)&saxpy_kernel,NULL);
// build program
clStatus=clBuildProgram(program,1,device_list,NULL,NULL,NULL);
// create OpenCL kernel
cl_kernel kernel=clCreateKernel(program,"saxmpu_kernel",&clStatus);

// Set Arguments
clStatus=clSetKernelArg(kernel,0,sizeof(float),(void *)&alpha);

```



```

clStatus=clSetKernelArg(kernel,1,sizeof(cl_mem),(void *)&A_clmem);
clStatus=clSetKernelArg(kernel,2,sizeof(cl_mem),
(void *)&B_clmem);
CclStatus=clSetKernelArg(kernel,2,sizeof(cl_mem),
(void *)&B_clmem);

// excute kernel

size_t global_size=VECTOR_SIZE;
size_t local_size=64;
clStatus=clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(command_Queue,ekernel,1,NULL,&global_size,&local_size);

// Read out results
clStatus=clEnqueueReadBuffer(command_queue,C_clmem, CL_TRUE,0,VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float),C_clmem);

// cleanp
clStatus=clFlush(command_queue);
clStatus=clFinish(command_queue);

// display results
for(i=0;i<VECTOR_SIZE;i++)
printf("%d %d %d %d alpha"A[i],B[i],Cpi[]);
// release
clstatus=ClReleaseKenrle(kernel);

```



```
clReleaseProgram(program);  
clReleaseMemObject(A_clmem);  
clstatus=clReleaseCommandQueue(command_Queue);  
clStatus=clReleaseContext(context);  
free(A);BCplatformsdevice_list
```

