Optimizing the Memory Hierarchy by Compositing Automatic Transformations on Computations and Data

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- Loop tiling and fusion interfere with each other due to the oversight of transformations on data in memories.
- Polyhedral compilation is recognized for its powerful ability to composite loop transformations.

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for(wt=0;wt<W/T1;wt+=W/T1)
for(hp=0;hp<T0;hp++)
for(wp=0;yp<T1;wp++)
S0(ht+h,wt+wp);

for(ht=0;ht<(H-KH)/T2;ht+=T2)
for(wt=0;wt<(W-KW)/T3;wt+=W/T3)
for(hp=0;hp<T2;hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T3;wp++){
S1(ht+h,wt+wp);
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#pragma omp parallel for
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for(ut=0;ut<(W-KW)/T3;ut+=W/T
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for(up=0;up<T3;up++){
S(ht+h,ut+up);
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or(ht=0;ht<(H-KH)/T2;ht=T2)
for(wt=0;wt<(W-KW)/T3;wt=W/T3)
for(hp=0;hp<T2;hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T3;wp++){
    S1(ht+h,wt+vp);
    for(kh=0;kk<=H-KH;kh++)
        for(kh=0;kk<=KW;kw++)
        S2(ht+h,wt+wp,kh,kw);
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One can generate OpenMP code for CPUs (T_0 , T_1 , T_2 , T_3 are tile sizes).

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Can we fuse all statements into a single kernel? Can we reorder the sequence of loop fusion and tiling?

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Let us first construct the (h, w) computation spaces for each fusion group, quantization for the first and reduction for the second.



One can construct the data space of tensor A that is written by S_0 in the quantization group and read by S_2 in the reduction group.



Existing polyhedral compilers tile each computation space individually, with tile sizes $T_0 = T_1 = 4$, $T_2 = T_3 = 2$.



A tile of the quantization space writes to 4 points into the data space of tensor A.



A tile of the reduction space requires 16 points from the data space of tensor A.



There exists a conflict in the data space of tensor A.

```
for(ht=0;ht<H/T0;ht+T0)
for(wt=0;wt<W/T1;wt+=W/T1)
for(hp=0;hp<T0;hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T1;wp++)
S0(ht+h,wt+wp);

for(ht=0;ht<(H-KH)/T2;ht+=T2)
for(wt=0;wt<(W-KW)/T3;wt+=W/T3)
for(hp=0;hp<T1;wp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T3;wp++){
S1(ht+h,wt+wp);
for(kh=0;kh<=H-KH;kh++)
for(kw=0;kk<=H-KH;kh++)
S2(ht+h,wt+wp,kh,kw);
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}
</pre>
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We can first apply tiling only to the reduction space.

```
for(ht=0;ht<H/T<sub>0</sub>;ht+=T<sub>0</sub>)
for(wt=0;wt<W/T<sub>1</sub>;wt+=W/T<sub>1</sub>)
for(hp=0;hp<T<sub>0</sub>:hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T<sub>1</sub>:wp++)
S<sub>0</sub>(ht+,wt+wp);

for(ht=0;ht<(H-KH)/T<sub>2</sub>;ht+=T<sub>2</sub>)
for(wt=0;wt<(W-KW)/T<sub>3</sub>;wt+=W/T<sub>3</sub>)
for(hp=0;hp<T<sub>2</sub>:hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T<sub>3</sub>:wp++){
S<sub>1</sub>(ht+h,wt+wp);
for(kh=0;kk=H-KH;kh++)
S<sub>2</sub>(ht+h,wt+wp,kh,kw);
S<sub>3</sub>(ht+h,wt+wp);
}
```

And we only tile the reduction space. This can tighten the tile size space and thus reduce compilation time.



Next we construct the data space of tensor A.

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for(ht=0;ht<H/T<sub>0</sub>;ht+=T<sub>0</sub>)
for(wt=0;wt<W/T<sub>1</sub>;wt+=W/T<sub>1</sub>)
for(hp=0;hp<T<sub>0</sub>;hp++)
for(wp=0;wp<T<sub>1</sub>;wp++)
S<sub>0</sub>(ht+,wt+wp);
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for(kh=0;kt<H+KH;kh++)
for(kw=0;kt<H+KH;kh++)
S<sub>2</sub>(ht+h,wt+wp,kh,kw);
S<sub>3</sub>(ht+h,wt+wp);
}
```

One can compute the data tiles required by each of those computation tile of the reduction space. Let us focus on the blue and red tiles.



Now we can think about the tiling of the quantization space.



Polyhedral compilers can infer the tile shapes of the quantization space using the reverse of read access relation between S_0 and tensor A.



Our algorithm determines the tile shapes of intermediate computation spaces using the reverse of access relations, which was impossible in existing work.

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- is described in Algorithm 1 in the paper.
- can construct abitrary tile shapes for intermediate computation spaces.
- can be used to handle more general applications like image processing pipelines, SpMV, linear algbra.

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Our tiling algorithm generates

• A tiling schedule for the reduction space:

$$\left[\left\{ S_1(h,w) \to \left(\frac{h}{T_2}, \frac{w}{T_3}, h, w\right); S_2(h,w,kh,kw) \to \left(\frac{h}{T_2}, \frac{w}{T_3}, h, w, kh, kw\right); S_3(h,w) \to \left(\frac{h}{T_2}, \frac{w}{T_3}, h, w\right) \right\} \right]_{(1)}$$

An extension schedule for the quantization space:

$$\{ (o_0, o_1) \to S_0(h, w) : 0 \le o_0 < \lceil (H - KH + 1)/T_2 \rceil \land 0 \le o_1 < \lceil (W - KW + 1)/T_3 \rceil \land T_2 \cdot o_0 \le h < T_2 \cdot o_0 + KH + T_2 - 1 \land T_3 \cdot o_1 \le w < T_3 \cdot o_1 + KW + T_3 - 1 \}$$

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Schedule trees also provide convenience node types:

- Mark: attach additional information to subtrees
- Extension: add additional domain elements to facilitate non-polyhedral semantics





We can implement post-tiling fusion by manipulating a schedule tree obtained after applying the Pluto-like schedulers [3].

Post-tiling Fusion

Manipulations on schedule trees



Classical rectangular/parallelogram tiling can be applied using the tiling schedule (1) on page 6, with $T_2 \times T_3$ the tile sizes along $h \times w$ dimensions.



Split the band node that has implemented rectangular/parallelogram tiling for post-tiling fusion.



The subtree of S_0 is introduced with a sequence node indicating the order with its siblings.



An expansion node is mandatory to introduced additional statements, i.e., the subtree of S_0 .



A mark node is used to indicate the absence of the original subtree of S_0 .

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- op'_0 represents the subset of op_0 that computes the values used by op_1, and op''_0 the subset that writes to the values read by op_2.

Generalizing the approach





- Unlike existing heuristics [8, 11], *op*₀ and *op*₀" can be fused with their uses, respectively, without introducing redundant computations.
- Otherwise, fusion is prevented due to possible redundancy.
- This strategy also implements dead code elimination in some extreme cases that was not considered by existing polyhedral optimizers [3, 5, 18].
- See Algorithm 3 in the paper for detailed explanation.



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Code generation for Huawei Ascend910 chips is available in the akg project^a, a wrapper of TVM compiler [4].

^ahttps://gitee.com/mindspore/akg

Code generation



Aggressive memory optimizations are fully considered:

- Allow scratchpad allocations on CPUs.
- Software-controlled memory management of private/shared memory on GPUs.
- Automatic memory promotion between different hierarchy buffers on Ascend910 chips.

- Benchmarks:
 - Resnet-50 workload [7]
 - PolyMage benchmarks [13]
 - equake from the SPEC CPU2000 benchmarks [2]
 - PolyBench benchmarks [14]
- Architectures:
 - Huawei Ascend910 chip
 - NVIDIA Quadro K4000 GPU
 - dural-socket 32-core Intel Xeon(R) CPU E5-2683 v4 @2.10GHz
- Methodology: Run each benchmark 10 times and report the average value.
- Please refer to our paper for more details.

Performance of the PolyMage benchmarks

Benchmark	stages	Tile size	CPU execution time (ms)				
		parameter	naïve (1 core)	PolyMage (32 cores)	Halide (32 cores)	Our work (32 cores)	
Bilateral Grid Camera Pipeline Harris Corner Detection Local Laplacian Filter Multiscale Internolation	7 32 11 99 49	8×64 16×32 16×32 8×64 32×16	66.01 116.32 246.88 480.48 209.10	5.57 4.68 5.10 35.35 16 44	4.23 4.76 10.71 29.12 20.07	4.11 4.40 5.10 27.08 14.87	
Unsharp Mask	4	8×32×3	142.16	5.01	5.02	3.68	

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Benchmark	stages	GPU grid	GPU execution time (ms)			Compilation time (s)			
		parameter	PPCG (minfuse)	Halide	Our work	minfuse	smartfuse	maxfuse	Our work
Bilateral Grid	7	8×64	5.07	3.79	4.09	0.15	120	>24 <i>h</i>	0.86
Camera Pipeline	32	16×32	3.51	2.47	2.38	18.3	20.9	>24 <i>h</i>	4560
Harris Corner Detection	11	16×32	1.79	1.68	1.60	0.03	0.06	0.12	435
Local Laplacian Filter	99	8×64	16.73	12.53	11.12	6.94	90.8	>24h	89.3
Multiscale Interpolation	49	32×16	15.75	25.65	13.37	0.68	1.40	>24 <i>h</i>	3.30
Unsharp Mask	4	$8 \times 32 \times 3$	2.03	1.94	2.01	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.05

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- Our approach outperfoms different fusion heuristics of PPCG [19] and provides a mean improvement of 17% over Halide [15] when targeting GPUs.
- Our approach also alleviates the compilation time.

	E×	ecution time	Compilation time (s)		
	smart	Our work	Speedup	smart	Our work
fwd conv+batchnorm	11.50	6.69	$1.72 \times$	-	-
entire workload	35.03	30.25	1.16 imes	736	487

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- Please refer to our paper for more results on Polybench benchmarks and the *equake* benchmark.

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Conclusion
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