

GPU ARCHITECTURE AND PROGRAMMING

I
 Introduction - GPUs as Parallel Computers - Architecture of a modern GPU - Why more speed or
 Parallelism? - Parallel Programming Languages and Models - Overarching Goals - History of GPU
 Computing - Evolution of Graphics Pipelines - GPU Computing

II
 Parallel Programming: Goals of Parallel Programming - Problem Decomposition - Algorithm Selection
 Computational Thinking - Introduction to OPENCL: Background - Data Parallelism Model - Device
 Architecture - Kernel Functions - Device Management & Kernel Launch

III
 Introduction to CUDA : Data Parallelism - CUDA Program Structure - A Matrix-Matrix Multiplication
 Example - Device Memories and Data Transfer - Kernel Functions and Threading - Function
 Annotations - Kernel launch - Predefined variables - Runtime API - CUDA Threads : -CUDA Thread
 Synchronization - Using blockIdx and threadIdx - Synchronization and Transparent Scalability - Thread
 Management - Thread Scheduling and Latency Tolerance - CUDA Memories : Importance of Memory
 Access Efficiency - CUDA Device Memory Types - A Strategy for Reducing Global Memory Traffic -
 Memory as a Limiting Factor to Parallelism

IV
 Performance considerations: Thread execution - Global memory bandwidth - Dynamic partitioning of
 resources - Data prefetching - Instruction mix - Thread Granularity- Floating Point considerations:
 float - Representable numbers - Special bit patterns and precision - Arithmetic accuracy and
 rounding - Algorithm considerations - Debugging and Profiling: Debugging CUDA programs -
 Profiling CUDA programs - CUDA and MPI

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 Search papers from the following journals and conferences from 2013-2015:
 IEEE Transactions, Elsevier, IEEE/ACM MICRO, High Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA),
 International Journal of High Performance Computing & Simulation (HPCS);