Introduction to OpenACC

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What is OpenACC?

It is a directive based standard to allow developers to take advantage of accelerators such as GPUs from NVIDIA and AMD, Intel's Xeon Phi, FPGAs, and even DSP chips.



Directives



Simple compiler hints from coder.

Compiler generates parallel threaded code.

Ignorant compiler just sees some comments.

Your original Fortran or C code



Familiar to OpenMP Programmers



More on this later!



How Else Would We Accelerate Applications?





Key Advantages Of This Approach

- High-level. No involvement of OpenCL, CUDA, etc.
- Single source. No forking off a separate GPU code. Compile the same program for accelerators or serial, non-GPU programmers can play along.
- Efficient. Experience shows very favorable comparison to low-level implementations of same algorithms.
- Performance portable. Supports GPU accelerators and co-processors from multiple vendors, current and future versions.
- Incremental. Developers can port and tune parts of their application as resources and profiling dictates. No wholesale rewrite required. Which can be <u>quick.</u>



A Few Cases

Designing circuits for quantum

computing

UIST, Macedonia

Reading DNA nucleotide sequences Shanghai JiaoTong University



4 directives

16x faster

HydroC- Galaxy Formation
<u>PRACE Benchmark Code</u>, CAPS



1 week

3x faster



1 week

40x faster

Real-time Derivative Valuation

Opel Blue, Ltd



Few hours

70x faster









Extracting image features in realtime

Aselsan



3 directives

4.1x faster

Matrix Matrix Multiply

Independent Research Scientist

A Champion Case

4x FasterJaguarTitan42 days10 days

Modified <1% Lines of Code

15 PF! One of fastest simulations ever!

Design alternative fuels with up to 50% higher efficiency





Broad Accelerator Support

- Xeon Phi support already in CAPS. Demonstrated and soon to be release for PGI.
- AMD line of accelerated processing units (APUs) as well as the AMD line of discrete GPUs for preliminary PGI support.
- Carma a hybrid platform based on ARM Cortex-A9 quad core and an NVIDIA Quadro® 1000M GPU.
- NVIDIA...



NVIDIA Rules

or writes the rules. They have been the foremost supporter of GPU computing for much of the past decade, and have earned the focus of this workshop. We are using NVIDIA GPUs as our platform and our touchstone because:

- They are proven
- Well understood
- Best bang for buck if you want to buy an accelerator
- Excellent support by vendor and community
- It is the basis for our leading edge platform, Keeneland
- It will not be going obsolete any time soon
- NVIDIA recently acquired PGI. That gave us a slight preference for the PGI compiler over the Cray one. Both are available on Blue Waters.



True Standard

Full OpenACC 1.0 and 2.0 and now 2.5 Specifications available online

http://www.openacc-standard.org

- Quick reference card also available
- Implementations available now from PGI, Cray, and CAPS.
- GCC version of OpenACC now in 5.x

The OpenACC[™] API QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The OpenACC Application Program Interface describes a collection of compiler directives to specify loops and regions of code in standard C, C++ and Fortran to be offloaded from a host CPU to an attached accelerator, providing portability across operating systems, host CPUs and accelerators.

Most OpenACC directives apply to the immediately following structured block or loop; a structured block is a single statement or a compound statement (C or C++) or a sequence of statements (Fortran) with a single entry point at the top and a single exit at the bottom.



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A Simple Example: SAXPY

SAXPY in C SAXPY in Fortran subroutine saxpy(n, a, x, y) void saxpy(int n, real :: x(:), y(:), a float a, integer :: n, i float *x, !\$acc kernels float *restrict y) do i=1.n y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)#pragma acc kernels enddo for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) !\$acc end kernels y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];end subroutine saxpy } \$ From main program // Somewhere in main \$ call SAXPY on 1M elements // call SAXPY on 1M elements call saxpy(2**20, 2.0, x_d, y_d) <u>saxpy(1<<20, 2.0, x, y);</u> . . .



kernels: Our first OpenACC Directive

We request that each loop execute as a separate *kernel* on the GPU. This is an incredibly powerful directive.





General Directive Syntax and Scope



I may indent the directives at the natural code indentation level for readability. It is a common practice to always start them in the first column (ala #define/#ifdef). Either is fine with C or Fortran 90 compilers.



Complete SAXPY Example Code

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
 int N = 1 << 20; // 1 million floats
 if (argc > 1)
   N = atoi(argv[1]);
 float *x = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
 float *y = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
 for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
   x[i] = 2.0f;
   y[i] = 1.0f;
  }
 saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void saxpy(int n,
            float a,
            float *x,
            float *restrict y)
{
#pragma acc kernels
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
}</pre>
```



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   x[i] = 2.0f;
   y[i] = 1.0f;
  }
 saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);
  return 0;
```





C Detail: the restrict keyword

- Standard C (as of C99).
- Important for optimization of serial as well as OpenACC and OpenMP code.
- Promise given by the programmer to the compiler for a pointer

float *restrict ptr

Meaning: "for the lifetime of ptr, only it or a value directly derived from it (such as ptr + 1) will be used to access the object to which it points"

- Limits the effects of pointer aliasing
- OpenACC compilers often require restrict to determine independence
 - Otherwise the compiler can't parallelize loops that access ptr
 - Note: if programmer violates the declaration, behavior is undefined



Compile and Run

C: pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel saxpy.c

Fortran: pgf90 -acc -Minfo=accel saxpy.f90

Compiler Output





Compare: Partial CUDA C SAXPY Code Just the subroutine

```
global void saxpy kernel( float a, float* x, float* y, int n ){
 int i;
 i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
 if(i \le n) x[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
void saxpy( float a, float* x, float* y, int n ){
  float *xd, *yd;
  cudaMalloc( (void**)&xd, n*sizeof(float) );
  cudaMalloc( (void**)&yd, n*sizeof(float) ); cudaMemcpy( xd, x, n*sizeof(float),
                     cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );
  cudaMemcpy( vd, v, n*sizeof(float),
                     cudaMemcpyHostToDevice );
  saxpy kernel<<< (n+31)/32, 32 >>>( a, xd, yd, n );
  cudaMemcpy( x, xd, n*sizeof(float),
                     cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost );
  cudaFree( xd ); cudaFree( yd );
```



Compare: Partial CUDA Fortran SAXPY Code Just the subroutine

```
module kmod
 use cudafor
contains
 attributes (global) subroutine saxpy kernel (A, X, Y, N)
  real(4), device :: A, X(N), Y(N)
  integer, value :: N
  integer :: i
  i = (blockidx%x-1)*blockdim%x + threadidx%x
  if(i \le N) X(i) = A*X(i) + Y(i)
 end subroutine
end module
 subroutine saxpy(A, X, Y, N)
  use kmod
  real(4) :: A, X(N), Y(N)
  integer :: N
  real(4), device, allocatable, dimension(:):: &
                 Xd, Yd
  allocate(Xd(N), Yd(N))
  Xd = X(1:N)
  Yd = Y(1:N)
  call saxpy kernel \langle \langle (N+31)/32, 32 \rangle \rangle \langle A, Xd, Yd, N \rangle
  X(1:N) = Xd
  deallocate(Xd, Yd)
 end subroutine
```



Again: Complete SAXPY Example Code

Main Code

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
 int N = 1 << 20; // 1 million floats
 if (argc > 1)
   N = atoi(argv[1]);
 float *x = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
  float *y = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
  for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
   x[i] = 2.0f;
   y[i] = 1.0f;
  }
 saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);
  return 0;
```

Entire Subroutine

#include <stdlib.h>

```
void saxpy(int n,
float a,
float *x,
float *restrict y)
```

```
#pragma acc kernels
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
    y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];</pre>
```



Big Difference!

- With CUDA, we changed the structure of the old code. Non-CUDA programmers can't understand new code. It is not even ANSI standard code.
- We have separate sections for the host code, and the GPU code. Different flow of code. Serial path now gone forever.
- Where did these "32's" and other mystery variables come from? This is a clue that we have some hardware details to deal with here.
- Exact same situation as assembly used to be. How much hand-assembled code is still being written in HPC now that compilers have gotten so efficient?



This looks easy! Too easy...

- If it is this simple, why don't we just throw kernel in front of every loop?
- Better yet, why doesn't the compiler do this for me?

The answer is that there are two general issues that prevent the compiler from being able to just automatically parallelize every loop.

- Data Dependencies in Loops
 - Data Movement

The compiler needs your higher level perspective (in the form of directive hints) to get correct results, and reasonable performance.



Data Dependencies

Most directive based parallelization consists of splitting up big do/for loops into independent chunks that the many processors can work on simultaneously.

Take, for example, a simple for loop like this:

for(index=0, index<1000000,index++)
 Array[index] = 4 * Array[index];</pre>

When run on 1000 processors, it will execute something like this...



No Data Dependency





Data Dependency

But what if the loops are not entirely independent?

Take, for example, a similar loop like this:

This is perfectly valid serial code.



Data Dependency

Now Processor 2, in trying to calculate its first iteration...

needs the result of Processor 1's last iteration. If we want the correct ("same as serial") result, we need to wait until processor 1 finishes. Likewise for processors 3, 4, ...



Data Dependencies

That is a data dependency. If the compiler even <u>suspects</u> that there is a data dependency, it will, for the sake of correctness, refuse to parallelize that loop.

11, Loop carried dependence of 'Array' prevents parallelization Loop carried backward dependence of 'Array' prevents vectorization

As large, complex loops are quite common in HPC, especially around the most important parts of your code, the compiler will often balk most when you most need a kernel to be generated. What can you do?



Data Dependencies

Rearrange your code to make it more obvious to the compiler that there is not really a data dependency.

Eliminate a real dependency by changing your code.

- There is a common bag of tricks developed for this as this issue goes back 40 years in HPC. Many are quite trivial to apply.
- The compilers have gradually been learning these themselves.
- Override the compiler's judgment (independent clause) at the risk of invalid results. Misuse of restrict has similar consequences.



Our Foundation Exercise: Laplace Solver

- I've been using this for MPI, OpenMP and now OpenACC. It is a great simulation problem, not rigged for OpenACC.
- In this most basic form, it solves the Laplace equation: $abla^2 f(x,y) = oldsymbol{0}$
- The Laplace Equation applies to many physical problems, including:
 - Electrostatics
 - Fluid Flow
 - Temperature
- For temperature, it is the Steady State Heat Equation:





Exercise Foundation: Jacobi Iteration

- The Laplace equation on a grid states that each grid point is the average of it's neighbors.
- We can iteratively converge to that state by repeatedly computing new values at each point from the average of neighboring points.
- We just keep doing this until the difference from one pass to the next is small enough for us to tolerate.





Serial Code Implementation







Serial C Code (kernel)



```
iteration++;
```



Serial C Code Subroutines

void initialize(){

```
int i,j;
for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++){</pre>
    for (j = 0; j \le COLUMNS+1; j++)
        Temperature_last[i][j] = 0.0;
}
// these boundary conditions never change throughout run
// set left side to 0 and right to a linear increase
for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++) {</pre>
    Temperature_last[i][0] = 0.0;
    Temperature_last[i][COLUMNS+1] = (100.0/ROWS)*i;
}
// set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
for(j = 0; j <= COLUMNS+1; j++) {</pre>
    Temperature_last[0][j] = 0.0;
    Temperature_last[ROWS+1][j] = (100.0/COLUMNS)*j;
```

BCs could run from 0 to ROWS+1 or from 1 to ROWS. We chose the former.

```
void track_progress(int iteration) {
    int i;
    printf("-- Iteration: %d --\n", iteration);
    for(i = ROWS-5; i <= ROWS; i++) {
        printf("[%d,%d]: %5.2f ", i, i,Temperature[i][i]);
    }
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```



Whole C Code

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <sys/time.h>

// size of plate #define COLUMNS 1000 #define ROWS 1000

// largest permitted change in temp (This value takes about 3400 steps)
#define MAX_TEMP_ERROR 0.01

double Temperature[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2]; // temperature grid double Temperature_last[ROWS+2][COLUMNS+2]; // temperature grid from last iteration

// helper routines
void initialize();
void track_progress(int iter);

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

printf("Maximum iterations [100-4000]?\n"); scanf("%d", &max_iterations);

gettimeofday(&start_time,NULL); // Unix timer

initialize();

// initialize Temp_last including boundary conditions

```
// do until error is minimal or until max steps
while ( dt > MAX_TEMP_ERROR && iteration <= max_iterations ) {</pre>
```

```
// main calculation: average my four neighbors
for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++) {
   for(j = 1; j <= COLUNNS; j++) {
      Temperature[i][j] = 0.25 * (Temperature_last[i+1][j] + Temperature_last[i][j+1] + Temperature_last[i][j-1]);
      }
}</pre>
```

```
dt = 0.0; // reset largest temperature change
```

```
// copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find latest dt
for(i = 1; i <= ROWS; i++){
  for(j = 1; j <= COLUMNS; j++){
    dt = fmax( fabs(Temperature[i][j]-Temperature_last[i][j]), dt);
    Temperature_last[i][j] = Temperature[i][j];
  }
}
// periodically print test values
```

```
if((iteration % 100) == 0) {
    track_progress(iteration);
}
```

iteration++;

gettimeofday(&stop_time,NULL); timersub(&stop_time, &start_time, &elapsed_time); // Unix time subtract routine

printf("\nMax error at iteration %d was %f\n", iteration-1, dt);
printf("Total time was %f seconds.\n", elapsed_time.tv_sec+elapsed_time.tv_usec/1000000.0);

```
// initialize plate and boundary conditions
// Temp_last is used to to start first iteration
void initialize(){
```

```
int i,j;
for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++){
    for (j = 0; j <= COLUMNS+1; j++){
        Temperature_last[i][j] = 0.0;
    }
}
```

// these boundary conditions never change throughout run

```
// set left side to 0 and right to a linear increase
for(i = 0; i <= ROWS+1; i++) {
    Temperature_last[i][0] = 0.0;
    Temperature_last[i][COLUMNS+1] = (100.0/ROWS)*i;
}
```

```
// set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
for(j = 0; j <= COLUMNS+1; j++) {
    Temperature_last[0][j] = 0.0;
    Temperature_last[ROWS+1][j] = (100.0/COLUMNS)*j;
```

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// print diagonal in bottom right corner where most action is
void track_progress(int iteration) {

int i;

```
printf("------ Iteration number: %d ------\n", iteration);
for(i = ROWS-5; i <= ROWS; i++) {
    printf("[%d,%d]: %5.2f ", i, i, Temperature[i][i]);
}
printf("\n");
```



Serial Fortran Code (kernel)

```
do while ( dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)
                                                                                                      Done?
  do j=1,columns
    do i=1.rows
        temperature(i,j)=0.25*(temperature_last(i+1,j)+temperature_last(i-1,j)+ &
                                                                                                      Calculate
                               temperature_last(i,j+1)+temperature_last(i,j-1) )
    enddo
  enddo
 dt=0.0
                                                                                                      Update
  do j=1,columns
    do i=1, rows
                                                                                                      temp
        dt = max( abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt )
                                                                                                      array and
        temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j)
                                                                                                      find max
    enddo
                                                                                                      change
  enddo
  if( mod(iteration, 100).eq.0 ) then
                                                                                                      Output
    call track_progress(temperature, iteration)
  endif
  iteration = iteration+1
```

iteration = iterati

enddo



Serial Fortran Code Subroutines

integer, parameter
integer, parameter
integer

:: columns=1000 :: rows=1000 :: i,j

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature_last

 $temperature_last = 0.0$

```
!these boundary conditions never change throughout run
```

```
!set left side to 0 and right to linear increase
do i=0,rows+1
    temperature_last(i,0) = 0.0
    temperature_last(i,columns+1) = (100.0/rows) * i
enddo
```

```
!set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase
do j=0,columns+1
   temperature_last(0,j) = 0.0
   temperature_last(rows+1,j) = ((100.0)/columns) * j
enddo
```

end subroutine initialize

```
integer, parameter
integer, parameter
integer
```

:: columns=1000
:: rows=1000
:: i,iteration

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature



Whole Fortran Code

program serial implicit none

!Size of plate integer, parameter :: columns=1000 integer, parameter :: rows=1000 double precision, parameter :: max_temp_error=0.01

oarameter :: max_temp_er

integer double precision real :: i, j, max_iterations, iteration=1
:: dt=100.0
:: start_time, stop_time

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature, temperature_last

print*, 'Maximum iterations [100-4000]?"
read*, max_iterations

call cpu_time(start_time) !Fortran timer

call initialize(temperature_last)

!do until error is minimal or until maximum steps
do while (dt > max_temp_error .and. iteration <= max_iterations)</pre>

do j=1,columns

```
enddo
enddo
```

dt=0.0

!copy grid to old grid for next iteration and find max change do j=1,columns do i=1,rows dt = max(abs(temperature(i,j) - temperature_last(i,j)), dt) temperature_last(i,j) = temperature(i,j) enddo enddo

!periodically print test values if(mod(iteration,100).eq.0) then call track_progress(temperature, iteration) endif

iteration = iteration+1

enddo

call cpu_time(stop_time)

print*, 'Max error at iteration ', iteration-1, ' was ',dt
print*, 'Total time was ',stop_time-start_time, ' seconds.'

end program serial

> integer, parameter integer, parameter integer

:: columns=1000 :: rows=1000 :: i,j

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature_last

 $temperature_last = 0.0$

!these boundary conditions never change throughout run

!set left side to 0 and right to linear increase do i=0,rows+1 temperature_last(i,0) = 0.0 temperature_last(i,columns+1) = (100.0/rows) * i enddo

!set top to 0 and bottom to linear increase do j=0,columns+1 temperature_last(0,j) = 0.0 temperature_last(rows+1,j) = ((100.0)/columns) * j enddo

end subroutine initialize

> integer, parameter integer, parameter integer

:: columns=1000 :: rows=1000 :: i,iteration

double precision, dimension(0:rows+1,0:columns+1) :: temperature



Exercises: General Instructions for Compiling

- Exercises are in the "Exercises/OpenACC" directory in your home directory
- Solutions are in the "Solutions" subdirectory
- To compile pgcc -acc laplace.c pgf90 -acc laplace.f90
- This will generate the executable a.out



Our Workshop Environment

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Our Environment This Week

• Your laptops or workstations: only used for portal access

Bridges is our HPC platform

We will here briefly go through the steps to login, edit, compile and run before we get into the real materials.

We want to get all of the distractions and local trivia out of the way here. Everything *after* this talk applies to any HPC environment you will encounter.





Bridges Node Types

Туре	RAM ^a	Phse.	n	CPU / GPU / other	Server
ESM	12TB	1	2	16 × Intel Xeon E7-8880 v3 (18c, 2.3/3.1 GHz, 45MB LLC)	HPE Integrity
		2	2	16 × TBA	Superdome X
LSM	3TB	1	8	4 × Intel Xeon E5-8860 v3 (16c, 2.2/3.2 GHz, 40 MB LLC)	HPE ProLiant
		2	34	$4 \times TBA$	DL580
RSM	128GB	1	752	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3 (14c, 2.3/3.3 GHz, 35MB LLC)	
RSM- GPU	128GB	1	16	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3 + 2 × NVIDIA K80	HPE Apollo 2000
		2	32	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3 + 2 × NVIDIA next-generation GPU	
DB-s	- 128GB	1 ·	6	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3 + SSD	HPE ProLiant DL360
DB-h			6	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3 + HDDs	HPE ProLiant DL380
Web	128GB	1	6	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3	HPE ProLiant DL360
Other ^b	128GB	1	14	2 × Intel Xeon E5-2695 v3	HPE ProLiant DL360, DL380
Total					
a All RAM in these nodes is DDR4-2133					

b. Other nodes = front end (2) + management/log (8) + boot (2) + MDS (4)



Getting Connected

- The first time you use your account sheet, you must go to apr.psc.edu to set a password. We will take a minute to do this shortly.
- We will be working on bridges.psc.edu. Use an ssh client (a Putty terminal, for example), to ssh to the machine.
- At this point you are on a login node. It will have a name like "br001" or "br006". This is a fine place to edit and compile codes. However we must be on compute nodes to do actual computing. We have designed Bridges to be the world's most interactive supercomputer. We generally only require you to use the batch system when you want to. Otherwise, you get your own personal piece of the machine. To get a single GPU use "interact –p GPU":

```
[urbanic@br006 ~]$ interact -p GPU
[urbanic@gpu016 ~]$
```

- You can tell you are on a GPU node because it has a name like "gpu012".
- Do make sure you are working on a GPU node. Otherwise your results will be confusing.
- We could request different types of nodes (GPU for OpenACC or many cores for OpenMP, for example). In general, you can use the interact session you request for the rest of the day unless you need to request different resources.





For editors, we have several options:

- emacs
- vi
- nano: use this if you aren't familiar with the others





We will be using standard Fortran and C compilers this week. They should look familiar.

- pgcc for C
- pgf90 for Fortran

We will slightly prefer the PGI compilers (the Intel or gcc ones would also be fine for most of our work, but not so much for OpenACC). There are also MPI wrappers for these called mpicc and mpif90 that we will use. Note that on Bridges you would normally have to enable this compiler with

module load pgi

I have put that in the .bashrc file that we will all start with.



Multiple Sessions

You are limited to one interactive compute node session for our workshop. However, there is no reason not to open other sessions (windows) to the login nodes for compiling and editing. You may find this convenient. Feel free to do so.



Our Setup For This Workshop

After you copy the files from the training directory, you will have:

/Exercises /Test /OpenMP laplace_serial.f90/c /Solutions /Examples /Prime /OpenACC /MPI





Let's get the boring stuff out of the way now.

- Log on to apr.psc.edu and set an initial password.
- Log on to Bridges.

ssh username@bridges.psc.edu

- Copy the exercise directory from the training directory to your home directory, and then copy the workshop shell script into your home directory.
 - cp -r ~training/Exercises .
 - cp ~training/.bashrc .
- Logout and back on again to activate this script. You won't need to do that in the future.
- Edit a file to make sure you can do so. Use emacs, vi or nano (if the first two don't sound familiar).
- Start an interactive session.

interact -p GPU

cd into your exercises/test directory and compile (C or Fortran)
 cd Exercises/Test

pgcc test.c pgf90 test.f90

Run your program

a.out (You should get back a message of "Congratulations!")



Exercises: Very useful compiler option

Adding -Minfo=accel to your compile command will give you some very useful information about how well the compiler was able to honor your OpenACC directives.





Exercises: General Instructions for Running

Make sure you are on a GPU node. The command prompt is your clue.

urbanic@gpu006 ~]\$ a.out

You can compare against the serial code you are starting with to see what performance gains you achieve. You can compile the serial version without any extra flags (just pgcc or pgf90), but run it as per the above. Rename your a.out's to avoid confusion.



Exercise 1: Using kernels to parallelize the main loops (About 45 minutes)

Q: Can you get a speedup with just the kernels directives?

1. Edit *laplace_serial.c/*f90

- 1. Maybe copy your intended OpenACC version to *laplace_acc.c* to start
- 2. Add directives where it helps
- 2. Compile with OpenACC parallelization
 - 1. pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_acc.c or pgf90 -acc -Minfo=accel laplace_acc.f90
 - 2. Look at your compiler output to make sure you are having an effect
- 3. Run
 - 1. a.out (Try 4000 iterations if you want a solution that converges to current tolerance)
 - 2. Serial version for baseline time
 - 3. Your OpenACC version for performance difference

