Automatic High-Performance Kernel Generation for DL Accelerators : Specialization to Generalization*

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Deep Learning (DL) Accelerators

Emerged to address the demands of DL models training and inferences

- A large array of processing elements to provide high performance
- Direct communication between PEs for energy efficiency
 - PE & PE requires ~3x less energy compared to PE & L2



TPU, Google







xDNN, Xilinx



DLA, NVIDIA





Al Engine, Xilinx (Versal)





Abstract template

Design Architecture of Deep Learning (DL) Compilers



Fig. 2. The overview of commonly adopted design architecture of DL compilers.

Li et. al., "The Deep Learning Compiler: A Comprehensive Survey", ArXived 2020

Key steps in the flow:

- <u>Graph compiler</u> performing graph-level optimizations • e.g., Node/Layer fusion
- <u>Kernel compiler</u> performing kernel-level optimizations
 - e.g., loop scheduling

Kernel Compilers of DL Compiler stack



Fig. 4. Overview of hardware-specific optimizations applied in DL compilers.

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Three major approaches for kernel compilers:

- Stitch manually-written kernel libraries for each node of the optimized graph
- Automatically generate entire kernels corresponding to each node of the graph
- Hybrid approach combining some parts with manuallywritten kernels and other parts with automatic generation

Manually-written vs Automatically-generated

1. Manually-writing kernels is not a scalable approach, but a good temporary solution!

- Kernels are evolving rapidly, for, e.g., many variants of convolutions with different shapes/sizes
- ML Accelerators also evolving so quickly, for, e.g., TPU V1, V2, and V3 with different capabilities
- Need automatic kernel generation along with mappers and cost models that does finegrained reasoning of both kernels and hardware to achieve peak performance!

2. Automatic kernel generation is a scalable solution, but several challenges.

- Need "GOOD" hardware abstractions to capture various accelerators
- Need "GOOD" mapping abstractions to capture various mapping strategies of workloads
- Need "GOOD" cost models to estimate performance and drive mappers/auto-tuners
- Several variants:
 - Fixed hardware + Fixed kernel,
 - Fixed hardware + Allow different kernel possibilities
 - Allow various hardware choices + Allow different kernel possibilities

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"Vyasa: A High-Performance Vectorizing Compiler for Tensor Convolutions on the Xilinx AI Engine" Prasanth Chatarasi, Stephen Neuendorffer, Samuel Bayliss, Kees Vissers, and Vivek Sarkar Proceedings of the 24th IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC'20)









Xilinx Versal Al Engine

- A High Performance & Power Efficient VLIW SIMD Core
 - Part of Xilinx Versal Advanced Compute Acceleration Platform
 - Scalar Engines (CPUs), Adaptable Engines (Programmable logic), Intelligent Engines (Al Engines)



Key architectural features of AI Engine



Fixed Point SIMD Unit

1) <u>2D SIMD datapath for fixed point</u>

- Reduction within a row/lane
- #Columns depend on operand precision
 - 32-bit types: 8 rows x 1 col
 - 16-bit types: 8 rows x 4 col (or)
 - 8-bit types: 16 rows x 8 col

2) <u>Shuffle Interconnection network</u>

- Between SIMD and vector register file Supports arbitrary selection of elements from
- a vector register
- Some constraints for 16-/8-bit types Selection parameters are provided via vector
- intrinsics

16 rows x 2 col

Problem Statement & Challenges

<u>Problem statement</u>: How to implement high-performance primitives for tensor convolutions on AI Engine?

- <u>Current practice</u>: Programmers manually use vector intrinsics to program 2D SIMD unit and also explicitly specify shuffle network parameters for data selection
- <u>Challenges</u>: Error prone, written code may not be portable to a different schedule or data-layouts, daunting to explore all choices to find best implementation, tensor convolutions vary in sizes and types

Our approach: Vyasa, a domain-specific compiler to generate high performance primitives for tensor convolutions from a high-level specification

Vyasa means "compiler" in the Sanskrit language, and also refers to the sage who first compiled the Mahabharata.

Our high-level approach (Vyasa)





In this talk, I focus on Step-3 and **Step-4 leveraging Shuffle Network and 2D SIMD datapath!**

Running Example – CONV1D



A sample schedule: Unroll w-loop and Vectorize x-loop (VLEN: 16)





Challenges

O(0:15) += W(0) * I(0:15) O(0:15) += W(1) * I(1:16)	V1 = V2 =
O(0:15) += W(2) * I(2:17) O(0:15) += W(3) * I(3:18)	V3 =
	- V4 =
No support for unaligned loads	V3 =
No support for broadcast operations	V6 = V7 =
V6 and V8 have 15 elements in common.	V3 =
How to reuse them without loading again?	- V8 = V9 =
How to exploit multiple columns of 2D vector substrate?	- <mark>V3</mark> = VST

- = VLOAD(I, 0:15); = BROADCAST(W, 0); = VMAC(V1, V2);
- = VLOAD(I, 1:16); = BROADCAST(W, 1); = VMAC(V3, V4, V5);
- = VLOAD(I, 2:17); = BROADCAST(W, 2); = VMAC(V3, V6, V7);
- = VLOAD(I, 3:18); = BROADCAST(W, 3); = VMAC(V3, V8, V9); TORE(O, 0:15, V3);

1) Exploiting Vector Register Reuse



- Build "temporal reuse graph" with nodes being vector loads
 - Edge exists b/w nodes if there is at least one element in common
- <u>AI Engine allows to create logical vector registers of length up to 1024 bits</u>
 - Identify (aligned) connected components and assign each component to a vector register that can subsume the individual vector loads of the component.
 - Use shuffle interconnection network to select desired elements

Connected component V1 - I(0:31)

2) Exploiting Spatial Locality

O(0:15) += |W(0)| * I(0:15)O(0:15) += |W(1)| * I(1:16)O(0:15) +=|W(2)|* I(2:17) O(0:15) += |W(3)| * I(3:18)

- Build "spatial locality graph" with nodes being scalar loads
 - Edge exists b/w nodes if they can be part of an aligned vector load
- Identify connected components
- Al Engine allows to create logical vector registers of length up to 1024 bits
 - Assign each connected component (aligned) to a logical vector register
 - Use shuffle interconnection network to select desired elements





Connected component V2 - W(0:7)

3) Grouping 1D Vector Operations



All the 4 operations are performed with a single load of V1 and V2 (maximum reuse)

Our high-level approach (Vyasa)



We assume that workload memory footprint fits into a AI Engine local scratchpad memory (128KB)

Auto-tuner explores the space of schedules related to loop and data-layouts.

Loop transformations:

- 1. Choice of vectorization loop
- 2. Loop reordering
- 3. Loop unroll and jam

Data-layout choices:

- 1. Data permutation
- 2. Data tiling (blocking)

Evaluation

CONV2D workloads (only for this talk)

- CONV2D in Image processing pipelines/Computer Vision (CV) <u>HALIDE CODE:</u> O(x, y) += W(r, s) * I(x+r, y+s);
- CONV2D in Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

<u>HALIDE CODE:</u> O(x, y, k, n) += W(r, s, c, k) * I(x+r, y+s, c, n);



Comparison variants

- Roofline peak
 - 32-bit types: 8 MACs/cycle
 - 16-bit types: 32 MACs/cycle
- Expert-written and tuned kernels for Computer Vision

AI Engine configurations

	32-bit	16-bit
th	8 x 1	16 x 2
	8 MACs/cycle	32 MACs/cycle
ry	128 KB @ 96B/cycle	
ports	32B 2 read and 1 write	
le	256 B	

Evaluation: CONV2D's in CV (256x16)



- *Expert-written codes* are available only for 3x3 and 5x5 filters
 - Available as part of the Xilinx's AI Engine compiler infrastructure
- Auto-tuner was able to find better schedules
 - Especially non-trivial unroll and jam factors

Evaluation: CONV2D's in CV (256x16) with various Filters



- Even-sized filters (except 2x2), our approach achieved close to peak
 - 87% for 16-bit and 95% for 32-bit
- Odd-sized filters, our approach padded each row with an additional column
 - For 16-bit type, number of reductions should be multiple of two (2 columns)

Evaluation: CONV2D's in CNN's (128x2x16)

<u>HALIDE CODE for REG CONV2D:</u> O(x, y, k, n) += W(r, s, c, k) * I(x+r, y+s, c, n);



- REG-CONV2D (3x3, 5x5, 7x7)
 - Vectorization along Output width and Reduction along Filter channels
- *PW-CONV2D* (1x1), SS-CONV2D (1x3, 3x1), FC-CONV2D (1x1)
 - Vectorization along Output channels and Reduction along Filter channels
- DS-CONV2D (3x3) Padded each row
 - Vectorization along Output width and Reduction along Filter width

ong Filter channels /2D (1x1) along Filter channels

Non-trivial data-layout choices



- 16-bit *REG-CONV2D (3x3)*
 - Vectorization along Output width and Reduction along Filter channels
 - For the fused vector operation (W1xI1 + W2 x I2)
 - Data for (I1, I2) should be in a single vector register for the operation
 - 11(0) and 12(0) should be adjacent for shuffle network constraints
 - (C/2)Y'X'(2) refers to first laying out an input block of two channels followed by width, height, and remaining channels.

Summary and Questions

• Summary

 Manually writing vector code for high-performant tensor convolutions achieving peak performance is extremely challenging!

Automatic kernel generation can be the key!

- Proposed a convolution-specific IR for easier analysis and transformations
- Our approach (Vyasa) can work for any convolution variant regardless of its variations and shapes/sizes.
- Achieved close to the peak performance for a variety of tensor convolutions

• Questions

- How about beyond tensor-style operations?
 - E.g., fused convolutions (depth-wise + point-wise), non-rectilinear iteration spaces (Symmetric GEMM)
- How about beyond the AI Engine?
 - E.g., other accelerators like IBM Rapid, MIT Eyeriss, NVDLA...

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"Hardware Abstractions for targeting EDDO Architectures with the Polyhedral Model" Angshuman Parashar, Prasanth Chatarasi, and Po-An Tsai, 11th International Workshop on Polyhedral Compilation Techniques (IMPACT'21)











ICDO vs EDDO Architectures



EDDO architectures attempt to minimize data movement costs

EDDO Architectures

Benefits

- Dedicated (and often statically programmed) state machines more efficient than general cores
- Perfect "prefetching"
- **Buffet** storage idiom provides fine-grain synchronization and efficient storage, or scratchpads + Send/Recv synchronization
- Hardware mechanisms for reuse



Pellauer et. al., "Buffets: An Efficient and Composable Storage Idiom for Explicit Decoupled Data Orchestration", ASPLOS 2019



EDDO Architectures

Challenges

- 1. No single binary: Collection of distinct binaries that program distributed state machines working together to execute algorithm
 - E.g., CNN layer on EDDO arch \rightarrow ~250 distinct state machines.
- 2. **Reuse optimization** is critical for efficiency
 - E.g., CNN layer on EDDO arch \rightarrow 480,000 mappings, 11x spread in energy efficiency, 1 optimal mapping
 - Need an optimizer or *mapper*



- 3. Variety of EDDO architectures, constantly evolving
 - Need an abstraction that Mapper and Code Generator will target





Overall Compilation Flow



*† Parashar et. al., "Timeloop: Timeloop: A Systematic Approach to DNN Accelerator Evaluation", ISPASS 2019 † Wu et. al., "Accelergy: An Architecture-Level Energy Estimation Methodology for Accelerator Designs", ICCAD 2019



Example1 – Symbolic Hardware Space-Time (SHST)





SpaceTime₂ $[s_2, t_2] \rightarrow SpaceTime_1 [s_1, t_1]$:

$$s_2 = 0 \& t_2 = 0 \&$$

 $0 \le s_1 < 4 \& 0 \le t_1 < 3$

Single L2, 4 L1s, 3 time-steps • In each step, the L2 delivers a tile of data to

- each L1
- stagnant for L2

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• Across all these L1 time steps, the resident tile in L2 does not change. In effect, time is

Example2 — Symbolic Hardware Space-Time (SHST)



 $SpaceTime_{3} [s_{3}, t_{3}] \rightarrow [SpaceTime_{2} [s_{2}, t_{2}] \rightarrow SpaceTime_{1} [s_{1}, t_{1}]]:$

$$s_3 = 0$$
 $t_3 = 0$
 $0 \le s_2 < 2$ $0 \le t_2 < 2$
 $0 \le s_1 < 4$ $0 \le t_1 < 3$

L2

L3

 $SpaceTime_{3}[0,0] \rightarrow [SpaceTime_{2}[1,0] \rightarrow SpaceTime_{1}[2,1]]$





Example4 — Eyeriss-like accelerator



PolyEDDO Code Generator



Mapping workloads (Tensor operations)





Mapping workloads (The Tiling-relation, T-relation)



 $SpaceTime_3[0,0] \rightarrow SpaceTime_2[1,1]$

Set of Tensor Coords → MatrixA[m,k] : ... MatrixB[k,n] : ...

MatrixZ[m,n] : ...

T-relation: Projection from SHST coordinate to a set of tensor coordinates
Tells you *what* tiles of data *must* be present at that point in space-time to honor the mapping.
Does not tell you *how* the data got there.

 $SpaceTime_{3}[0,0] \rightarrow [SpaceTime_{2}[1,0] \rightarrow SpaceTime_{1}[2,1]]$

Set of Tensor Coords

→ MatrixA[m,k] : ... MatrixB[k,n] : ... MatrixZ[m,n] : ...

Decoupling — Breaking the hierarchy













OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM (FOR A SINGLE MAPPING!)



- 1. Enumerate all possibilities and find optimum solution
- 3. Expose choices to mapping (and thereby the mapspace)





EXAMPLE OUTPUT

```
// Program to read Weights from DRAM into RowBuffer.
if (P >= 1)
                                                                                                                  if (K >= 1) {
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(15, K - 1); c_3 += 1)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 \ll min(2, R - 1); c4 \neq = 1)
      ACTION READ("DRAM", "DRAM", "RowBuffer", "Weights", 2)(0, 0, c4, 0, c3, c4);
                                                                                                                    if (K \ge 16 \& P \ge 1 \& R \ge 1) {
// Program to read Inputs from DRAM into DiagBuffer.
if (K \ge 1 \& P \ge 1 \& R \ge 1)
   for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(15, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 12); c_3 += 1)
                                                                                                                    } else if (K <= 15 && P >= 1 && R >= 1) {
    ACTION READ("DRAM", "DRAM", "DiagBuffer", "Inputs", 1)(0, 0, c3, 0, c3);
// Program to read Outputs from DRAM into ColBuffer.
                                                                                                                    }
                                                                                                                  }
if (R >= 1)
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(15, K - 1); c_3 += 1)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(13, P - 1); c4 += 1)
      ACTION READ IU("DRAM", "DRAM", "ColBuffer", "Outputs", 2)(0, 0, c4, 0, c3, c4);
                                                                                                                  if (R >= 1)
                                                                                                                    for (int c0 = 0; c0 <= min(15, K - 1); c0 += 1) {</pre>
// Program to read Weights from RowBuffer into RowBroadcaster.
                                                                                                                      for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(4, P - 1); c4 += 1)
if (P >= 1) {
  for (int c_2 = 0; c_2 <= min(15, K - 1); c_2 += 1)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(2, R - 1); c4 += 1)
                                                                                                                      for (int c4 = 0; c4 \ll min(13, P - 1); c4 \leftrightarrow = 1)
       ACTION READ("RowBuffer", "RowBuffer", "RowBroadcaster", "Weights", 2)(c4, 0, c4, c2, c2, c4);
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(15, K - 1); c_3 += 1)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(2, R - 1); c4 \ne 1)
       ACTION SHRINK("RowBuffer", "RowBuffer", "Weights", 2)(0, 0, c4, 0, c3, c4);
                                                                                                                  // Program to compute Multiply at Multiplier.
}
                                                                                                                  for (int c0 = 0; c0 <= 15; c0 += 1) {
                                                                                                                    for (int c4 = 0; c4 <= 4; c4 += 1)
// Program to read Inputs from DiagBuffer into DiagBroadcaster.
                                                                                                                      for (int c_5 = 0; c_5 <= 2; c_5 += 1)
if (K \ge 1 \& P \ge 1 \& R \ge 1) {
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(15, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 12); c_3 += 1)
                                                                                                                    if (K \ge c0 + 1) {
    ACTION READ("DiagBuffer", "DiagBuffer", "DiagBroadcaster", "Inputs", 1)(c3, 0, c3, 0, c3);
                                                                                                                      for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(4, P - 1); c4 += 1)
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(15, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 12); c_3 += 1)
    ACTION SHRINK("DiagBuffer", "DiagBuffer", "Inputs", 1)(0, 0, c3, 0, c3);
}
                                                                                                                      if (K \le 15 \&\& c0 + 1 == K) {
// Program to read Outputs from ColBuffer into ColSpatialReducer.
if (R >= 1) {
                                                                                                               4)
  for (int c_2 = 0; c_2 <= min(15, K - 1); c_2 += 1)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 <= min(13, P - 1); c4 += 1)</pre>
                                                                                                                      } else if (c0 == 15) {
      ACTION READ IU("ColBuffer", "ColBuffer", "ColSpatialReducer", "Outputs", 2)(c4, 0, c4, c2, c2, c4)
   for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(15, K - 1); c_3 += 1)
                                                                                                               4)
    for (int c4 = 0; c4 \le min(13, P - 1); c4 += 1)
       ACTION UPDATE("ColBuffer", "DRAM", "ColBuffer", "Outputs", 2)(0, 0, c4, 0, c3, c4);
                                                                                                                      for (int c4 = 0; c4 <= min(2,
}
                                                                                                                        for (int c6 = 5 * c4; c6 <=</pre>
// Program to read Weights from RowBroadcaster into OperandA.
                                                                                                                          ACTION SHRINK("Multiplier
```

// Program to read Inputs from DiagBroadcaster into OperandB.

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for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(6, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 3); c_3 += 1)
  for (int c8 = max(max(5 * c3 - 16, c3), -4 * P + 5 * c3 + 4); c8 <= min(min(4 * R + c3 - 4, 5 * c3), c3 + 8);
    ACTION READ("DiagBroadcaster", "DiagBroadcaster", "OperandB", "Inputs", 1)(c3, 0, c8, 0, c3);
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(15, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 12); c_3 += 1)
    ACTION SHRINK("DiagBroadcaster", "DiagBroadcaster", "Inputs", 1)(c3, 0, c3, 15, c3);
  for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(15, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 12); c_3 += 1)
    ACTION SHRINK("DiagBroadcaster", "DiagBroadcaster", "Inputs", 1)(c3, 0, c3, K - 1, c3);
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// Program to read Outputs from ColSpatialReducer into Result.

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for (int c_8 = c_4; c_8 <= min(5 * R + c_4 - 5, c_4 + 10); c_8 += 5)
  ACTION READ IU("ColSpatialReducer", "ColSpatialReducer", "Result", "Outputs", 2)(c4, c0, c8, c0, c4);
ACTION UPDATE("ColSpatialReducer", "ColBuffer", "ColSpatialReducer", "Outputs", 2)(c4, 0, c4, c0, c0, c4);
COMPUTE Multiplier Multiply(c4 + 5 * c5, c0, c0, c4, c5);
for (int c6 = c4; c6 <= min(5 * R + c4 - 5, c4 + 10); c6 += 5)
 ACTION UPDATE("Multiplier", "ColSpatialReducer", "Result", "Outputs", 2)(c4, c0, c6, c0, c0, c4);
for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(min(6, K - 2), P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 3); c_3 += 1)
  for (int c6 = max(max(5 * c3 - 16, c3), -4 * P + 5 * c3 + 4); c6 <= min(min(4 * R + c3 - 4, 5 * c3), c3 + c3 + c3 + c3 + c3)
    ACTION SHRINK("Multiplier", "OperandB", "Inputs", 1)(c3, K - 1, c6, K - 1, c3);
for (int c_3 = 0; c_3 <= min(min(min(6, P + 1), P + R - 2), R + 3); c_3 += 1)
  for (int c6 = max(max(5 * c3 - 16, c3), -4 * P + 5 * c3 + 4); c6 <= min(min(4 * R + c3 - 4, 5 * c3), c3 +
    ACTION SHRINK("Multiplier" "OperandR" "Toputs" 1)/c3 15 c6 15 c3).
                              Present capability: build generated code
                               against an EDDO emulator (automatically
                               configured from the PHST)
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Summary and Questions?

• Summary

- HST (Hardware Space-Time) an abstraction for EDDO architectures represented using the Polyhedral Model
- PolyEDDO (WIP) an analysis and code-generation flow based on HST

• Research questions

- How do we think about mapping imperfectly-nested loops to generic EDDO architectures?
- How do we capture sparsity extensions of the accelerators?



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Backup

Why do we need accelerators?

1) DNN models have tight constraints on latency, throughput, and energy consumption, esp. on edge devices

> 2) DNN models have trillions of computations **Need high throughput – Makes CPUs inefficient**

3) DNN models involve heavy data movement **Need to reduce energy – Makes GPUs inefficient**



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Landscape of DNN Accelerators

