

1 Overview

Note that this sample is essentially the same as the `MatrixMultiplicationCPPKernel` sample, except that it uses OpenCL C; the `MatrixMultiplicationCPPKernel` sample uses the C++ kernel language for the sample OpenCL kernel.

1.1 Location `$(AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT)\samples\opencl\cl\app`

1.2 How to Run See the *Getting Started* guide for how to build samples. You first must compile the sample.

Use the command line to change to the directory where the executable is located. The default executables are placed in `$(AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT)\samples\opencl\bin\x86` for 32-bit builds and `$(AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT)\samples\opencl\bin\x86_64` for 64-bit builds.

Type the following command(s).

1. `MatrixMultiplication`
Multiplies two matrices of size 64 x 64 with `blockSize = 16`.
2. `MatrixMultiplication -h`
This prints the help message.

1.3 Command Line Options Table 1 lists, and briefly describes, the command line options.

Table 1 Command Line Options

Short Form	Long Form	Description
-h	--help	Shows all command options and their respective meaning.
	--device	Devices on which the program is to be run. Acceptable values are <code>cpu</code> or <code>gpu</code> .
-q	--quiet	Quiet mode. Suppresses all text output.
-e	--verify	Verify results against reference implementation.
-t	--timing	Print timing.
	--dump	Dump binary image for all devices.
	--load	Load binary image and execute on device.
	--flags	Specify compiler flags to build the kernel.
-p	--platformId	Select platformId to be used (0 to N-1, where N is the number of available platforms).
-d	--deviceId	Select deviceId to be used (0 to N-1, where N is the number of available devices).
-v	--version	AMD APP SDK version string.
-x	--height0	Height of matrix A.

Short Form	Long Form	Description
-y	--width0	Width of matrix A and height of matrix B.
-z	--width1	Width of matrix B.
-b	--blockSize	Use local memory of dimensions blockSize x blockSize.
-i	--iterations	Number of iterations for kernel execution.
	--eAppGflops	Prints GFLOPS calculated from transfer plus kernel time.

2 Implementation Details

This sample computes the following relation among matrices:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$$

Dimensions of matrix A = (y, x) {width0, height0}.

Dimensions of matrix B = (z, y) {width1, width0}.

This results in a matrix C, with dimension = {z, x}.

There are two versions of matrix multiply kernel in this sample:

- One for the Radeon HD™ 4XXX series (7xx series GPUs), which does not use local memory and does not expose hardware LDS in OpenCL.
- One for the Radeon HD™ 5XXX series, which uses local memory (32 kB per compute unit for Evergreen series of GPUs).

2.1 7xx Stream Kernel

For (width A / 4) iterations of the loop: Each thread reads four float4s from matrix A, then the corresponding four float4s from matrix B. Each thread then calculates the partial matrix multiplication and updates the partial sum. Thus, each thread computes four float4s (16 floating values of matrix C).

The number of global threads = {widthC / 4, heightC /4}.



Figure 1 Matrix Multiplication on the Radeon HD™ 4XXX Series GPUs

2.2 Evergreen Stream Kernel

The access pattern for matrix A, above, is strided; for matrix B it is linear. Thus, a tile of matrix A is loaded into shared memory, which supports broadcasting of values.

A work-group loads a tile of matrix A into shared memory. The outer loop runs for the number of work-groups that can fit in matrix A's width. (See Figure 2.)

The inner loop consists of loading four float4 values from matrix A's tile, and the corresponding values from matrix B's global memory, to compute a partial sum.

Each work-item computes four float4s values, and writes to matrix C's global memory.

The number of global work-items = {widthC / 4, heightC / 4}.

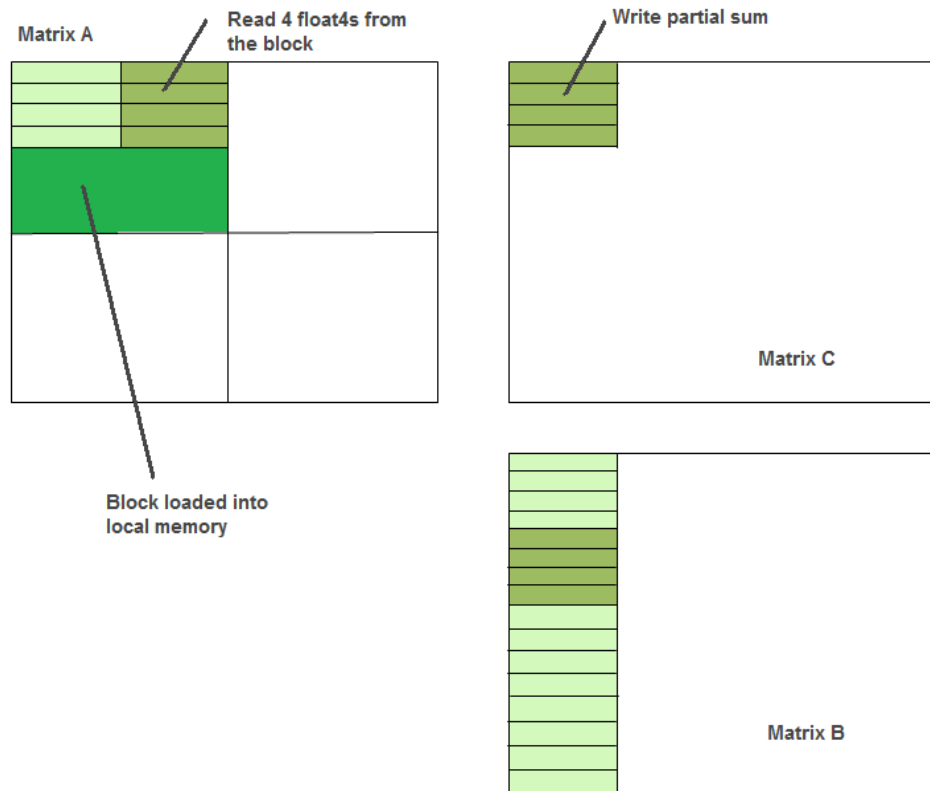


Figure 2 Matrix Multiplication on the Evergreen-Series GPUs

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