

Using LDMS for Performance and Proxy Representativeness Characterization

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Light-Weight Distributed Metric System Architecture

LDMS Application -Level Samplers

Network (Aries)

- NIC, Router Tiles
 - Packets, FLITS, stalls
- Latency/message size
- Extract congestion metrics

Meminfo

- Memory watermark
- Large page count

PAPI (Processor)

- Frontend
- Backend
- Execution
- Cache/memory hierarchy

Kokkos

- Time stamps Kokkos/code regions
 - Correlation with other sampler data

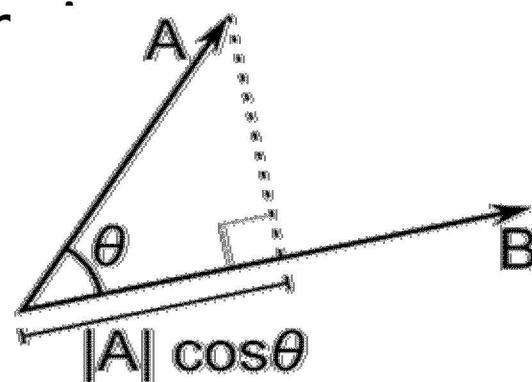
How Can LDMS be used?

- Performance characterization
 - Network, node memory
- Identify hardware bottlenecks
 - Vendor analyses such as Intel's Top-Down Microarchitecture Analysis (TMA)
 - E.g., Memory latency and/or bandwidth bound, compute bound, etc.
- Collect application signatures
 - Cosine similarity
 - Can use it for all sorts of analysis!

LDMS is cross-platform tool: Intel (KNL, BDX, HSX, SKX), IBM P9, ARM, GPUs (coming soon)

Cosine Similarity

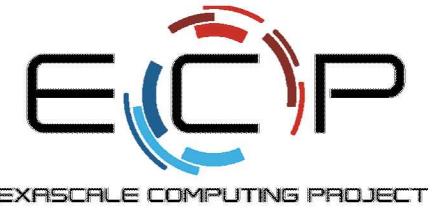
- Is a property of dot (inner) product in vector spaces in two or more dimensions
 - Think: “Projection of **A** in the direction of **B**”
- Uses $\cos\theta$ as an angular distance metric
- Quantifies distance of **A** and **B** independent of the magnitude



- Application signatures → Vectors A and B
 - Events that characterize system design constraints
 - E.g., Pipeline frontend
 - UOPS_EXECUTED:THREAD
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.CYCLES_GE_1_UOP_EXEC
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.CYCLES_GE_2_UOPS_EXEC
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.CYCLES_GE_3_UOPS_EXEC
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.CYCLES_GE_4_UOPS_EXEC
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.CORE_CYCLES_NONE
 - UOPS_EXECUTED.STALL_CYCLES
 - ARITH.FPU_DIV_ACTIVE

How can Cosine Similarity be Used?

- Distance between performance signatures → Compare applications/workloads
 - Compare proxy/parent applications
 - Representativeness, redundancy, gaps, artifacts
 - Compare application behavior across different problems/inputs
 - Compare application behavior across different versions
 - Determine what changed (e.g., cache, memory, frontend, backend, network)
 - Performance portability
 - Set error bounds on proxy-based performance projections for parent apps
 - Future work

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Thank you!