

cache performance 2

last time

write buffers

- consider write complete when placed in buffer
- perform write in background (as long as buffer not filled)

cache hierarchies

average memory access time

which helps/hurts hit time / miss penalty / miss rate

mapping C code to cache accesses

- tracking contents of cache
- importance of alignment
- checking each set individually

logistics next week

I will be out of town M-Th

my office hours will not be held

Professor Tychonievich will cover lectures

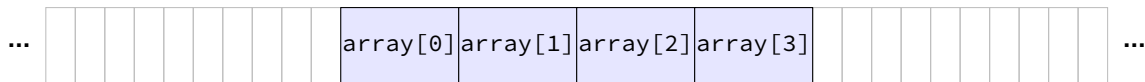
C and cache misses (warmup 1)

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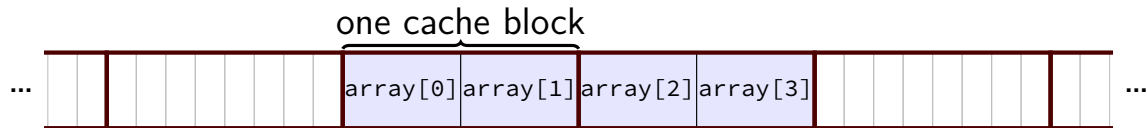
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some possibilities



Q1: how do cache blocks correspond to array elements?
not enough information provided!

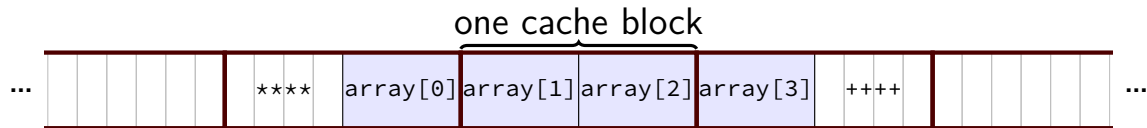
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if array[0] starts at beginning of a cache block...
array split across two cache blocks

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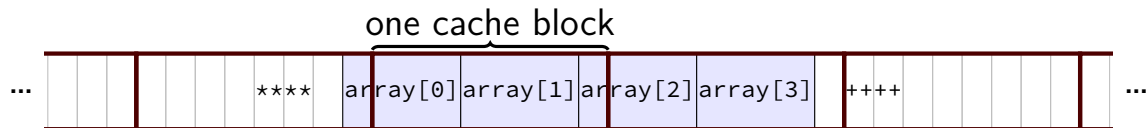
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if `array[0]` starts right in the middle of a cache block
array split across three cache blocks

memory access	cache contents afterwards
—	(empty)
read <code>array[0]</code> (miss)	{****, <code>array[0]</code> }
read <code>array[1]</code> (miss)	{ <code>array[1]</code> , <code>array[2]</code> }
read <code>array[2]</code> (hit)	{ <code>array[1]</code> , <code>array[2]</code> }
read <code>array[3]</code> (miss)	{ <code>array[3]</code> , ****}

some possibilities



if `array[0]` starts at an odd place in a cache block,
need to read two cache blocks to get most array elements

memory access	cache contents afterwards
—	(empty)
read <code>array[0]</code> byte 0 (miss)	{ ****, <code>array[0]</code> byte 0 }
read <code>array[0]</code> byte 1-3 (miss)	{ <code>array[0]</code> byte 1-3, <code>array[2]</code> , <code>array[3]</code> byte 0 }
read <code>array[1]</code> (hit)	{ <code>array[0]</code> byte 1-3, <code>array[2]</code> , <code>array[3]</code> byte 0 }
read <code>array[2]</code> byte 0 (hit)	{ <code>array[0]</code> byte 1-3, <code>array[2]</code> , <code>array[3]</code> byte 0 }
read <code>array[2]</code> byte 1-3 (miss)	{ part of <code>array[2]</code> , <code>array[3]</code> , +++++ }
read <code>array[3]</code> (hit)	{ part of <code>array[2]</code> , <code>array[3]</code> , +++++ }

aside: alignment

compilers and malloc/new implementations usually try **align** values

align = make address be multiple of something

most important reason: don't cross cache block boundaries

C and cache misses (warmup 2)

```
int array[4];  
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;  
even_sum += array[0];  
even_sum += array[2];  
odd_sum += array[1];  
odd_sum += array[3];
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Assume array[0] at beginning of cache block.

How many data cache misses on a 1-set direct-mapped cache with 8B blocks?

C and cache misses (warmup 3)

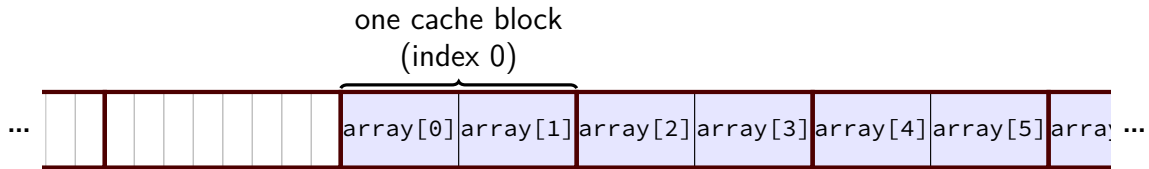
```
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...  
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;  
even_sum += array[0];  
odd_sum += array[1];  
even_sum += array[2];  
odd_sum += array[3];  
even_sum += array[4];  
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even_sum += array[6];  
odd_sum += array[7];
```

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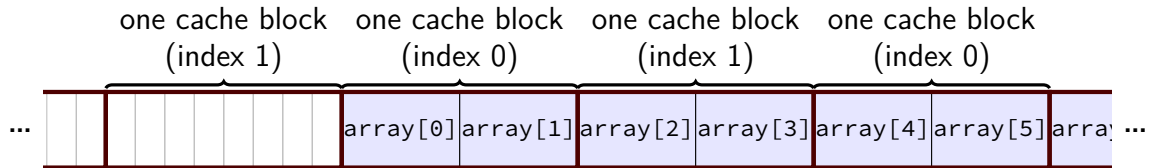
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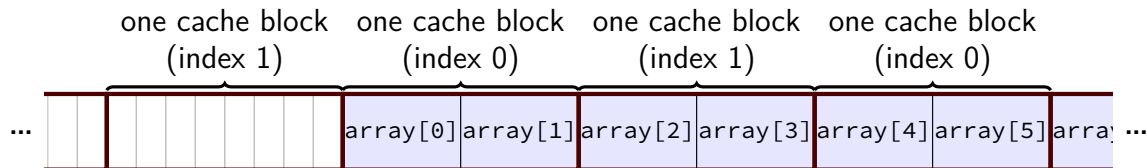
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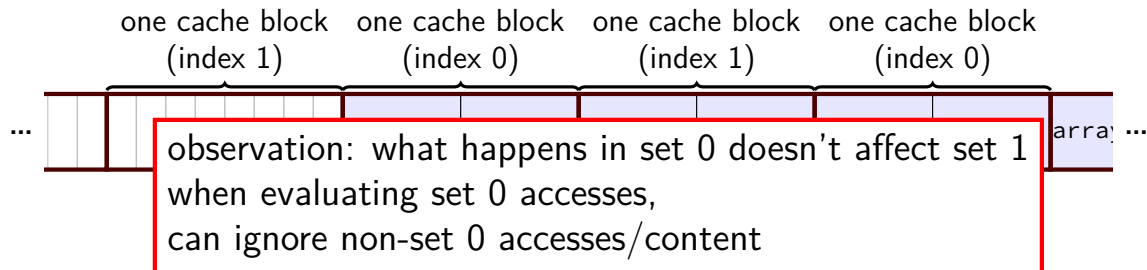


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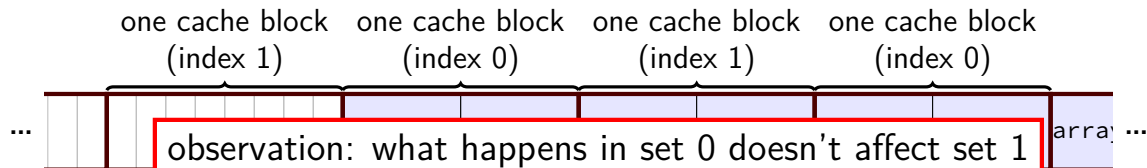
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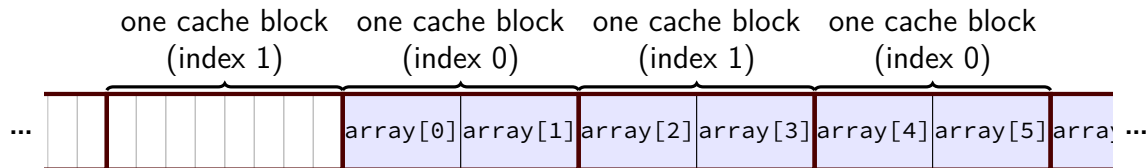
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observation: what happens in set 0 doesn't affect set 1
when evaluating set 0 accesses,
can ignore non-set 0 accesses/content

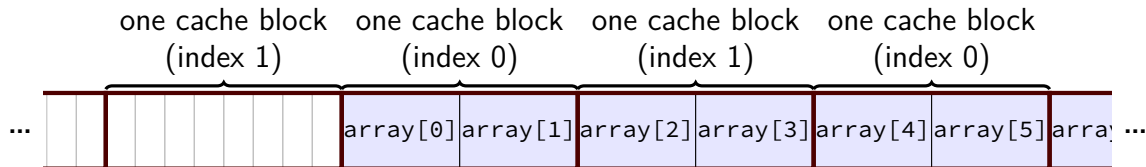
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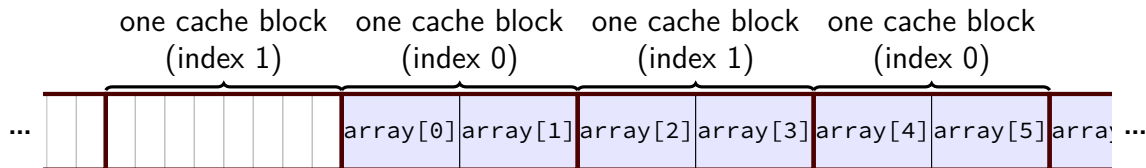
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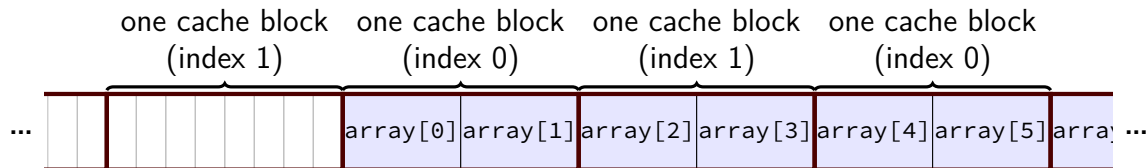
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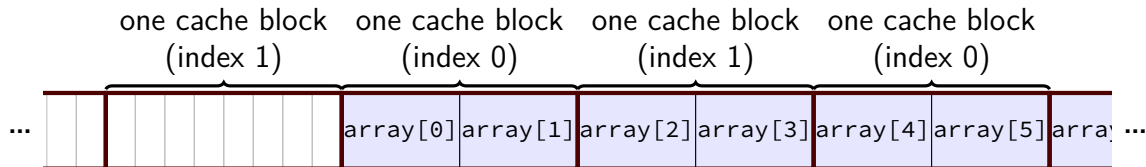
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arrays and cache misses (1)

```
int array[1024]; // 4KB array
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 1024; i += 2) {
    even_sum += array[i + 0];
    odd_sum += array[i + 1];
}
```

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How many *data cache misses* on a 2KB direct-mapped cache with 16B cache blocks?

arrays and cache misses (2)

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int array[1024]; // 4KB array
int even_sum = 0, odd_sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 1024; i += 2)
    even_sum += array[i + 0];
for (int i = 0; i < 1024; i += 2)
    odd_sum += array[i + 1];
```

Assume everything but array is kept in registers (and the compiler does not do anything funny).

How many *data cache misses* on a 2KB direct-mapped cache with 16B cache blocks? Would a set-associative cache be better?

approximate miss analysis

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locality exercise (1)

```
/* version 1 */  
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        A[i] += B[j] * C[i * N + j]
```

```
/* version 2 */  
for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
        A[i] += B[j] * C[i * N + j];
```

exercise: which has better temporal locality in A? in B? in C?
how about spatial locality?

exercise: miss estimating (1)

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```

Assume: 4 array elements per block, N very large, nothing in cache at beginning.

Example: $N/4$ estimated misses for A accesses:

$A[i]$ should always be hit on all but first iteration of inner-most loop.

first iter: $A[i]$ should be hit about $3/4$ s of the time (same block as $A[i-1]$ that often)

Exercise: estimate # of misses for B , C

a note on matrix storage

A — $N \times N$ matrix

represent as **array**

makes dynamic sizes easier:

```
float A_2d_array[N][N];  
float *A_flat = malloc(N * N);
```

```
A_flat[i * N + j] == A_2d_array[i][j]
```

conversion re: rows/columns

going to call the first index rows

$A_{i,j}$ is A row i, column j

rows are stored together

this is an arbitrary choice

5x5 array and 4-element cache blocks

array[0*5 + 0]	array[0*5 + 1]	array[0*5 + 2]	array[0*5 + 3]	array[0*5 + 4]
array[1*5 + 0]	array[1*5 + 1]	array[1*5 + 2]	array[1*5 + 3]	array[1*5 + 4]
array[2*5 + 0]	array[2*5 + 1]	array[2*5 + 2]	array[2*5 + 3]	array[2*5 + 4]
array[3*5 + 0]	array[3*5 + 1]	array[3*5 + 2]	array[3*5 + 3]	array[3*5 + 4]
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array[4*5 + 0]	array[4*5 + 1]	array[4*5 + 2]	array[4*5 + 3]	array[4*5 + 4]

if array starts on cache block
first cache block = first elements
all together in one row!

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second cache block:

1 from row 0

3 from row 1

5x5 array and 4-element cache blocks

<code>array[0*5 + 0]</code>	<code>array[0*5 + 1]</code>	<code>array[0*5 + 2]</code>	<code>array[0*5 + 3]</code>	<code>array[0*5 + 4]</code>
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5x5 array and 4-element cache blocks

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generally: cache blocks contain data from 1 or 2 rows
→ better performance from reusing rows

matrix multiply

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```
/* version 1: inner loop is k, middle is j */  
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
            C[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
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loop orders and locality

loop body: $C_{ij} += A_{ik}B_{kj}$

kij order: C_{ij} , B_{kj} have **spatial locality**

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        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

matrix multiply

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

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for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

```
/* version 2: outer loop is k, middle is i */  
for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

which is better?

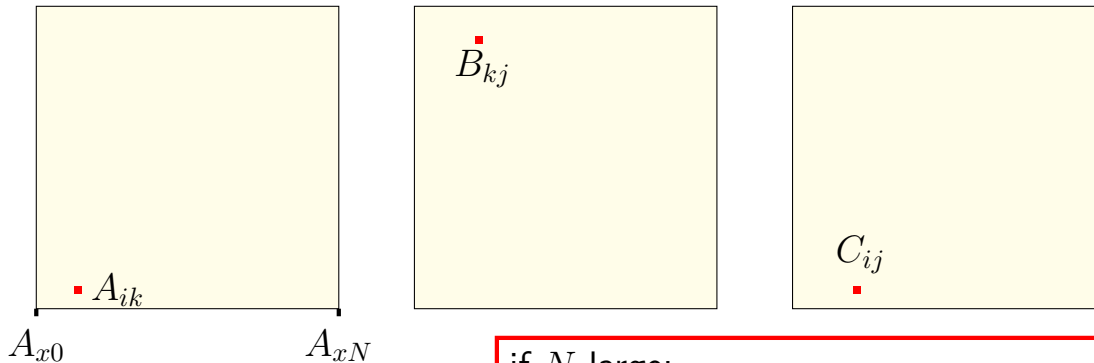
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            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

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            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

exercise: Which version has better spatial/temporal locality for...
...accesses to C? ...accesses to A? ...accesses to B?

array usage: ijk order



for all i :

for all j :

for all k :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

if N large:

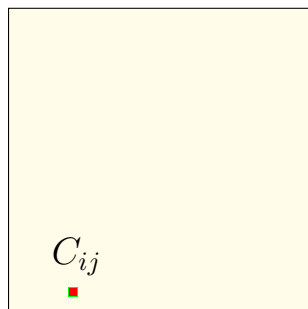
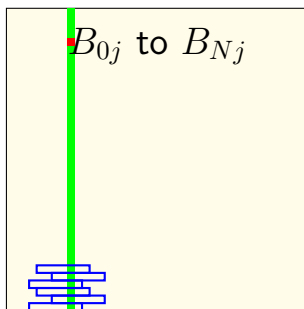
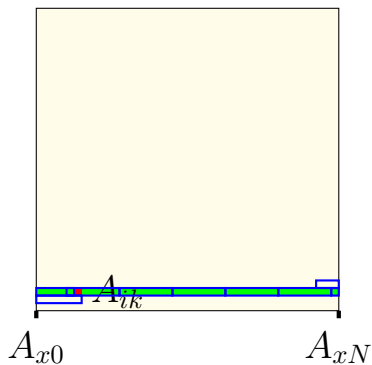
using C_{ij} many times per load into cache

using A_{ik} once per load-into-cache

(but using $A_{i,k+1}$ right after)

using B_{kj} once per load into cache

array usage: ijk order



for all i :

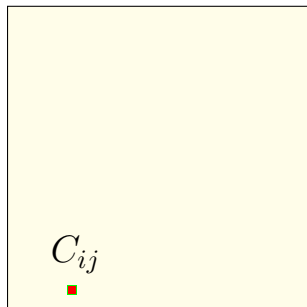
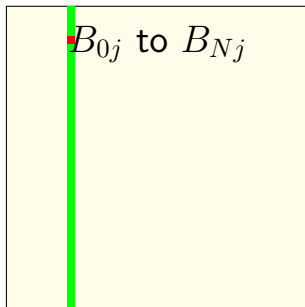
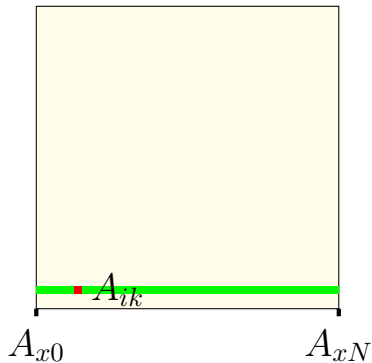
for all j :

for all k :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at innermost loop:
good spatial locality in A
(rows stored together = reuse cache blocks)
bad spatial locality in B
(use each cache block once)
no useful spatial locality in C

array usage: *ijk* order



for all i :

for all j :

for all k :

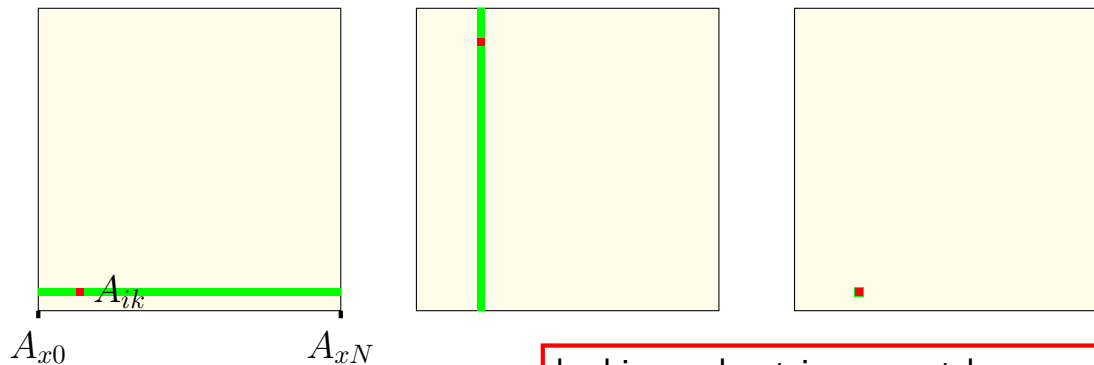
$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at innermost loop:

temporal locality in C

bad temporal locality in everything else
(everything accessed exactly once)

array usage: *ijk* order



A_{x0} A_{xN}

for all i :

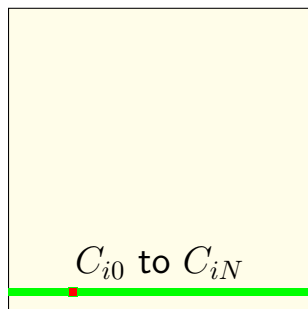
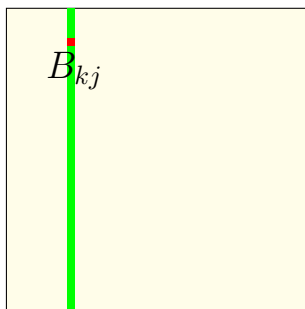
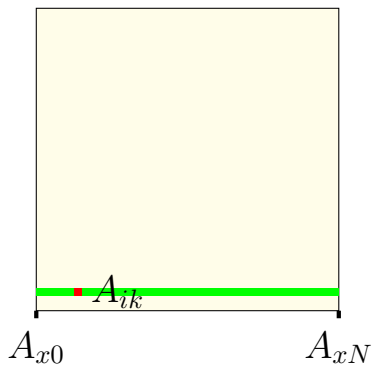
for all j :

for all k :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at innermost loop:
row of A (elements used once)
column of B (elements used once)
single element of C (used many times)

array usage: *ijk* order



for all i :

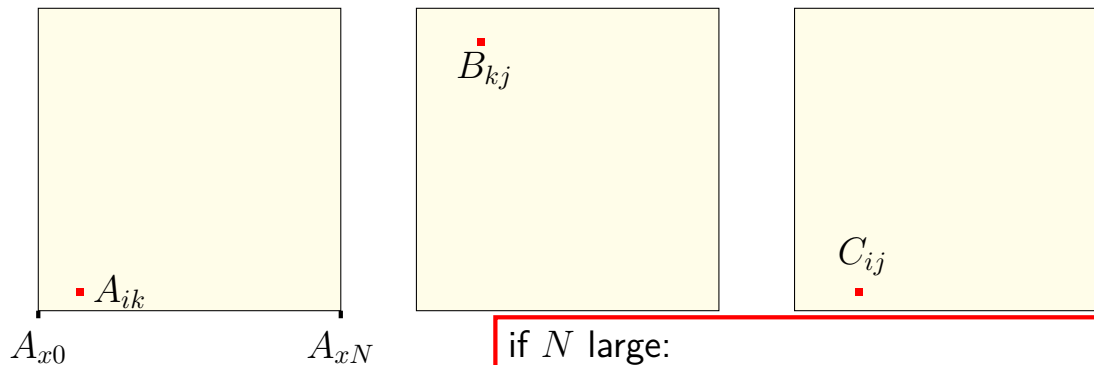
for all j :

for all k :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at two innermost loops together:
some temporal locality in A (column reused)
some temporal locality in B (row reused)
some temporal locality in C (row reused)

array usage: kij order



for all k :

for all i :

for all j :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

if N large:

using C_{ij} once per load into cache

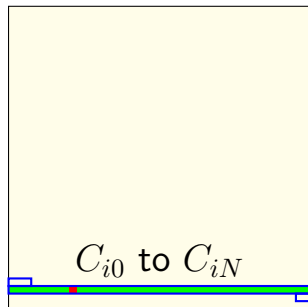
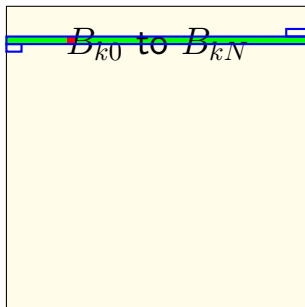
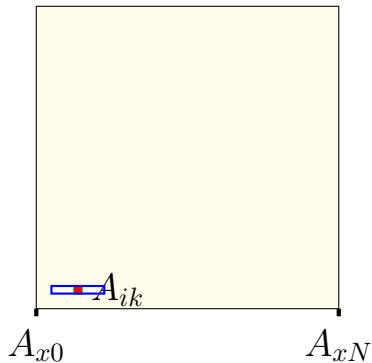
(but using $C_{i,j+1}$ right after)

using A_{ik} many times per load-into-cache

using B_{kj} once per load into cache

(but using $B_{k,j+1}$ right after)

array usage: *kij* order



for all k :

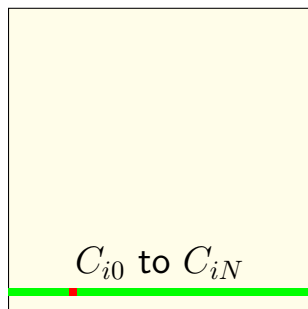
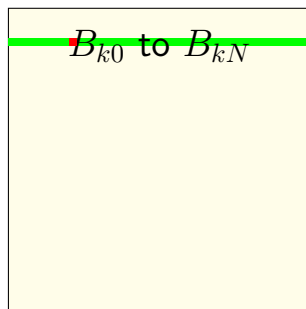
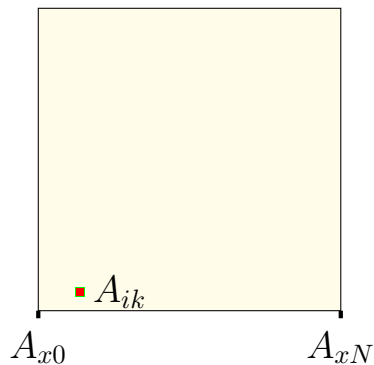
for all i :

for all j :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at innermost loop:
spatial locality in B, C
(use most of loaded B, C cache blocks)
no useful spatial locality in A
(rest of A's cache block wasted)

array usage: *kij* order



for all k :

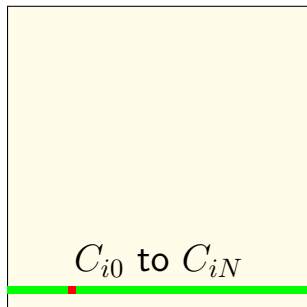
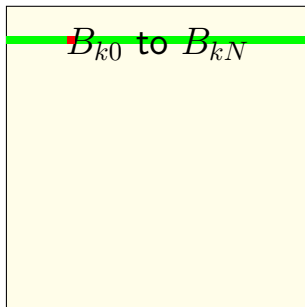
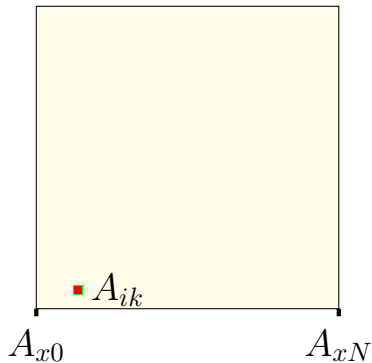
for all i :

for all j :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at innermost loop:
temporal locality in A
no temporal locality in B, C
(B, C values used exactly once)

array usage: kij order



for all k :

for all i :

for all j :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

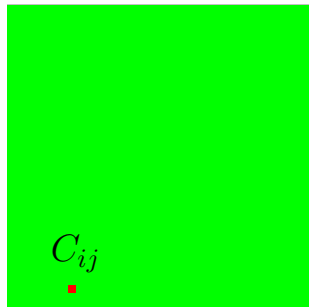
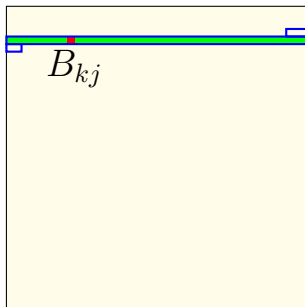
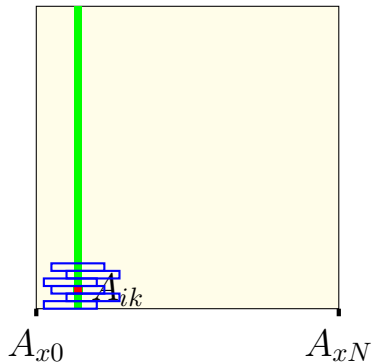
looking only at innermost loop:

processing one element of A (use many times)

row of B (each element used once)

column of C (each element used once)

array usage: kij order



for all k :

for all i :

for all j :

$$C_{ij} += A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

looking only at two innermost loops together:
good temporal locality in A (column reused)
good temporal locality in B (row reused)
bad temporal locality in C (nothing reused)

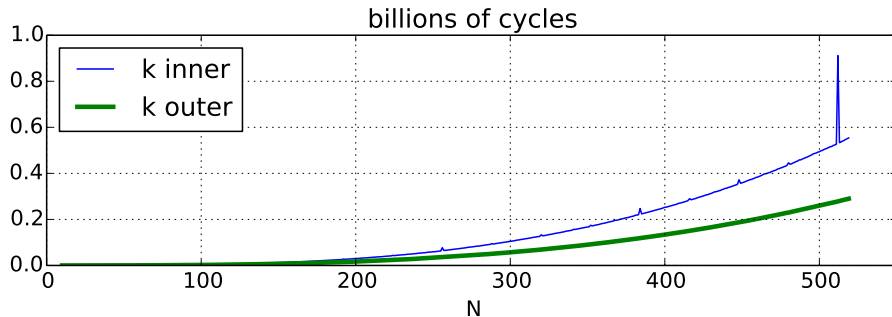
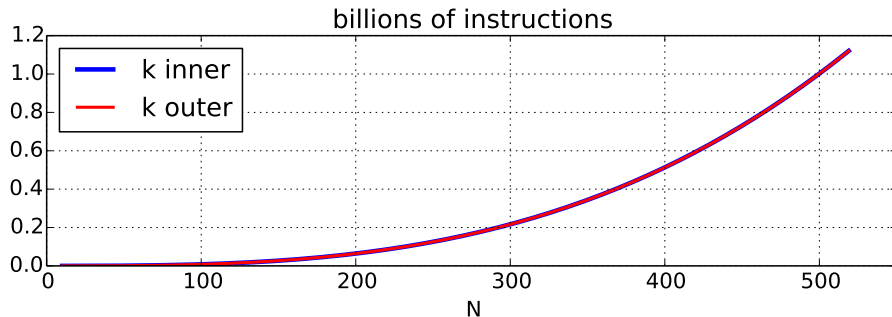
matrix multiply

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} \times B_{kj}$$

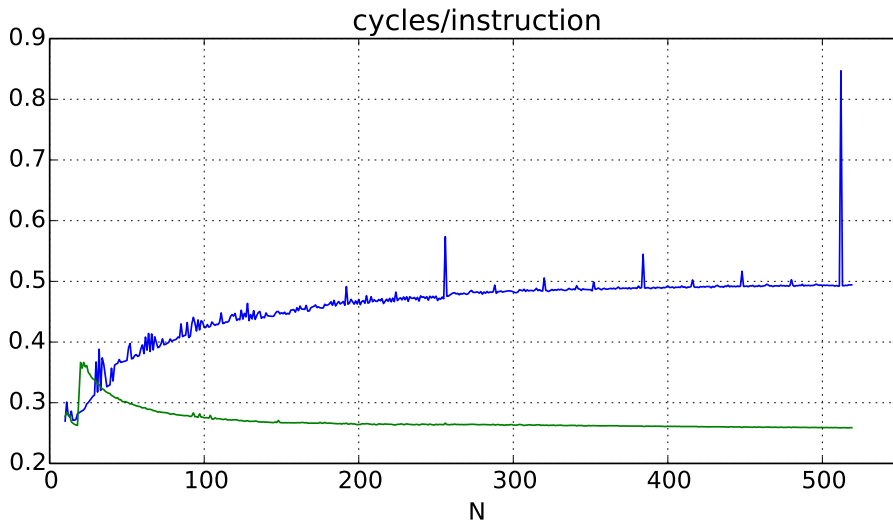
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/* version 1: inner loop is k, middle is j */  
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

```
/* version 2: outer loop is k, middle is i */  
for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

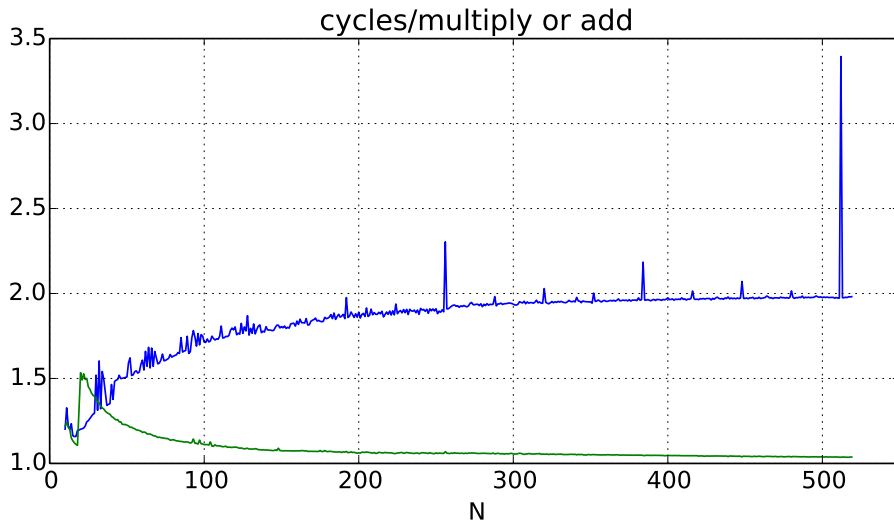
performance (with $A=B$)



alternate view 1: cycles/instruction



alternate view 2: cycles/operation



counting misses: version 1

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
    for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)
      C[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

if N really large

assumption: can't get close to storing N values in cache at once

for A: about $N \div \text{block size}$ misses per k-loop

total misses: $N^3 \div \text{block size}$

for B: about N misses per k-loop

total misses: N^3

for C: about $1 \div \text{block size}$ miss per k-loop

total misses: $N^2 \div \text{block size}$

counting misses: version 2

```
for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)
  for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
      C[i * N + j] += A[i * N + k] * B[k * N + j];
```

for A: about 1 misses per j-loop

total misses: N^2

for B: about $N \div \text{block size}$ miss per j-loop

total misses: $N^3 \div \text{block size}$

for C: about $N \div \text{block size}$ miss per j-loop

total misses: $N^3 \div \text{block size}$

exercise: miss estimating (2)

```
for (int k = 0; k < 1000; k += 1)
    for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i += 1)
        for (int j = 0; j < 1000; j += 1)
            A[k*N+j] += B[i*N+j];
```

assuming: 4 elements per block

assuming: cache not close to big enough to hold 1K elements

estimate: *approximately* how many misses for A , B ?

locality exercise (2)

```
/* version 2 */  
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        A[i] += B[j] * C[i * N + j]
```

```
/* version 3 */  
for (int ii = 0; ii < N; ii += 32)  
    for (int jj = 0; jj < N; jj += 32)  
        for (int i = ii; i < ii + 32; ++i)  
            for (int j = jj; j < jj + 32; ++j)  
                A[i] += B[j] * C[i * N + j];
```

exercise: which has better temporal locality in A? in B? in C?
how about spatial locality?

a transformation

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k)
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
      for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
        C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+k] * B[k*N+j];
```

split the loop over k — should be exactly the same
(assuming even N)

a transformation

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for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k)
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
      for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
        C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+k] * B[k*N+j];
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split the loop over k — should be exactly the same
(assuming even N)

simple blocking

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
    /* was here: for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k) */
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
            /* load Aik, Aik+1 into cache and process: */
            for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k)
                C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+k] * B[k*N+j];
```

now **reorder** split loop — same calculations

simple blocking

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for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
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    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
            /* load Aik, Aik+1 into cache and process: */
            for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k)
                C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+k] * B[k*N+j];
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now **reorder** split loop — same calculations

now handle B_{ij} for $k + 1$ right after B_{ij} for k

(previously: $B_{i,j+1}$ for k right after B_{ij} for k)

simple blocking

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for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
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      for (int k = kk; k < kk + 2; ++k)
        C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+k] * B[k*N+j];
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now **reorder** split loop — same calculations

now handle B_{ij} for $k + 1$ right after B_{ij} for k

(previously: $B_{i,j+1}$ for k right after B_{ij} for k)

simple blocking – expanded

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 2) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            /* process a "block" of 2 k values: */  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

simple blocking – expanded

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 2) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            /* process a "block" of 2 k values: */  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Temporal locality in C_{ij} s

simple blocking – expanded

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 2) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            /* process a "block" of 2 k values: */  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

More spatial locality in A_{ik}

simple blocking – expanded

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 2) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
            /* process a "block" of 2 k values: */  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];  
            C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Still have good spatial locality in B_{kj} , C_{ij}

counting misses for A (1)

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1)
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];
    }
```

access pattern for A:

$A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$...(repeats N times)

$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$...(repeats N times)

...

...

counting misses for A (1)

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1)
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];
    }
```

access pattern for A:

$A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

...

$A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$, $A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$...

$A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$, $A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$...

...

counting misses for A (1)

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1)
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+1] * B[(kk+1)*N+j];
    }
```

access pattern for A:

$A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

...

$A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$, $A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$...

$A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$, $A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$...

...

counting misses for A (2)

$A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

...

...

counting misses for A (2)

$A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

...

$A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$, $A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$...

$A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$, $A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$...

...

likely cache misses: only first iterations of j loop

how many cache misses per iteration? usually one

$A[0*N+0]$ and $A[0*N+1]$ usually in same cache block

counting misses for A (2)

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$A[1*N+0]$, $A[0*N+1]$, $A[0*N+0]$, $A[1*N+1]$... (repeats N times)

...

$A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$, $A[(N-1)*N+0]$, $A[(N-1)*N+1]$...

$A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$, $A[0*N+2]$, $A[0*N+3]$...

...

likely cache misses: only first iterations of j loop

how many cache misses per iteration? usually one

$A[0*N+0]$ and $A[0*N+1]$ usually in same cache block

about $\frac{N}{2} \cdot N$ misses total

counting misses for B (1)

```
for (int kk = 0; kk < N; kk += 2)
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1)
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {
      C[i*N+j] += A[i*N+kk+0] * B[(kk+0)*N+j];
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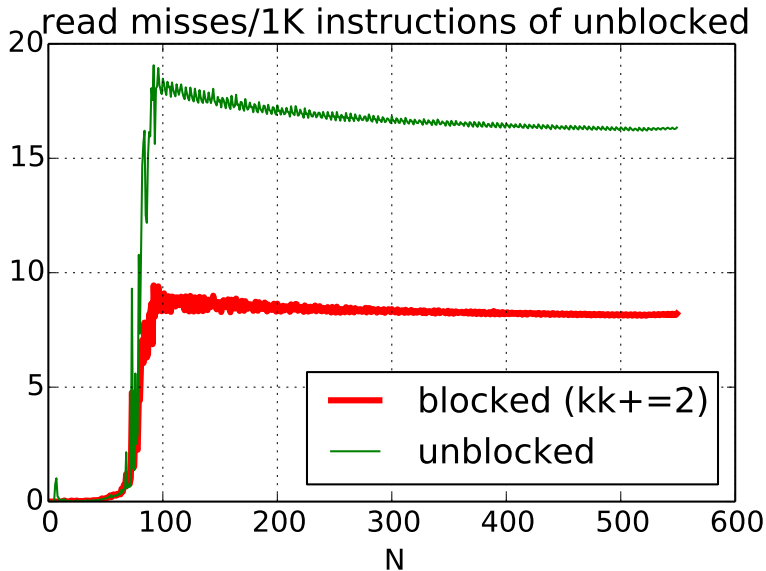
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improvement in read misses

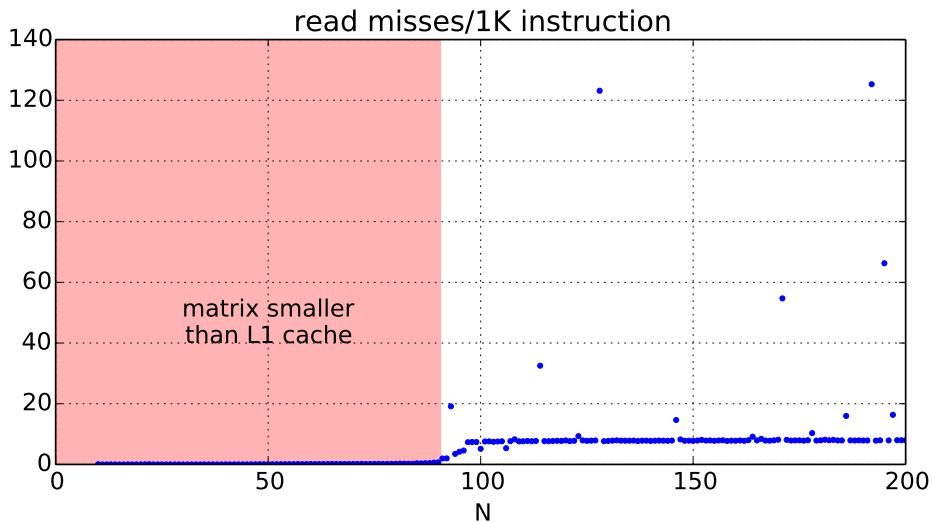


backup slides

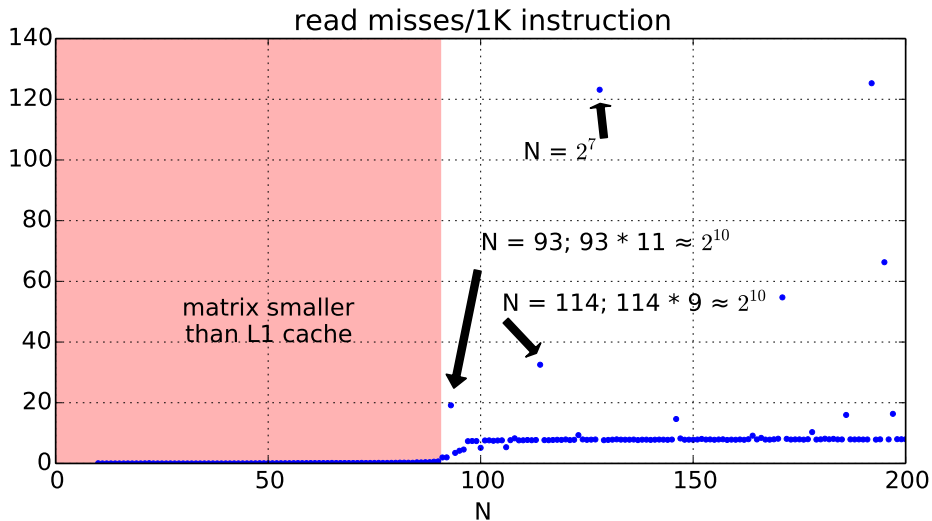
L1 misses (with $A=B$)



L1 miss detail (1)



L1 miss detail (2)



addresses

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test system L1 cache: 6 index bits, 6 block offset bits

conflict misses

powers of two — lower order bits unchanged

$B[k*93+j]$ and $B[(k+11)*93+j]$:

1023 elements apart (4092 bytes; 63.9 cache blocks)

64 sets in L1 cache: usually maps to same set

$B[k*93+(j+1)]$ will not be cached (next i loop)

even if in same block as $B[k*93+j]$

how to fix? improve spatial locality
(maybe even if it requires copying)