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Level 1 BLAS Performance Evaluation



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Introduction

The Basic Math Library provides the user with a collection of routines that include the Level 1, 2 and 3 BLAS, a variety of FFT routines, tri-pentadiagonal factor and solve routines, and some vector triads. Many of the routines in this library are written in i860™ Assembler language and are highly tuned for the i860XP processor. The i860™ XP processor runs at 50 Mhz, and is capable of achieving 75 double precision Mflops and 100 single precision Mflops. A more realistic double precision performance peak is 50 Mflops, since it is difficult to structure many linear algebra computations to complete two additions and one multiply every cycle; the one add to one multiply is much more common.

Only BLAS and FFT performance is addressed in this document.

This document provides the user with a guide to enhance application performance by knowing the expected performance of a standard set of commonly used subroutines provided with the system software.

The user should expect only slight variations from the performance levels documented here. The results for the Level 2 and 3 BLAS can be duplicated by running the BLAS test suites provided with the system acceptance tests (SAT).

Level 1 BLAS Performance

The Level 1 BLAS routines perform basic vector-vector operations. For the performance evaluation of the Level 1 BLAS, only unit stride is used. The vector lengths (N) are varied from 100 to 1700 and for each vector length a corresponding MFLOPS (millions of floating-point operations per second) rating is calculated. Along with the performance characterization of each routine, the routines are also tested for correctness.

The four tables that are given that display the performance of the real and complex Level 1 BLAS in both single and double precision.

Table 1-1. Level 1 BLAS: Single-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SASUM	SAXPY	SDOT	SDSDOT	SROT	SSCAL
100	8.6	27.3	38.3	38.0	42.9	25.1
200	9.0	32.9	52.6	49.3	52.2	30.0
300	9.1	36.3	60.8	57.2	53.6	33.5
400	9.2	39.1	65.3	62.3	56.3	34.1
500	9.2	40.4	68.8	64.1	56.0	35.6
600	9.2	41.1	72.5	71.3	57.6	35.6
700	9.3	42.2	71.9	73.2	56.7	36.7
800	9.3	42.8	73.4	70.3	58.3	36.5
900	9.3	43.2	75.7	72.2	56.6	37.3
1000	9.3	43.6	77.4	72.6	57.9	37.1
1100	9.4	44.0	78.3	75.0	56.7	18.8
1200	9.4	43.6	79.6	77.6	56.4	18.4
1300	9.4	44.1	81.9	79.9	55.3	18.6
1400	9.4	44.3	84.5	79.6	53.0	18.3
1500	9.4	44.3	84.3	81.2	53.1	18.2
1600	9.4	44.7	83.8	83.3	53.0	18.1
1700	9.5	44.8	84.4	82.2	52.5	17.8

Table 1-2. Level 1 BLAS: Double-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	DASUM	DAXPY	DDOT	DROT	DSCAL	DSDOT
100	8.7	19.3	28.4	33.1	14.7	31.3
200	9.1	21.4	30.4	34.7	17.0	49.7
300	9.3	22.2	32.1	35.2	17.2	57.1
400	9.4	22.0	34.7	35.4	18.2	60.9
500	9.4	22.3	35.5	35.5	18.3	62.6
600	9.5	22.6	40.4	35.4	18.7	64.3
700	9.5	22.7	40.4	35.3	18.3	68.0
800	9.5	22.8	39.2	34.1	18.9	68.4
900	9.5	22.7	40.4	33.9	18.5	71.7
1000	9.5	22.7	42.0	33.7	19.0	70.5
1100	9.5	22.8	42.0	29.8	19.1	70.7
1200	9.5	22.9	43.7	26.3	19.1	76.6
1300	9.5	22.9	43.7	23.4	18.8	76.2
1400	9.5	22.8	44.1	21.5	12.7	77.2
1500	9.5	22.8	44.6	20.2	12.0	81.1
1600	9.5	22.8	44.9	19.0	11.9	79.3
1700	9.5	22.5	43.9	18.4	11.9	80.4

Table 1-3. Level 1 BLAS: Single-Precision Complex Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SCASUM	CAXPY	CSCAL	CSSCAL	CDOTC	CDOTU
100	9.2	60.6	56.2	35.8	68.6	68.1
200	9.5	77.2	64.1	40.1	86.6	86.5
300	9.6	80.3	65.9	42.0	89.4	89.4
400	9.6	83.6	67.3	44.3	91.3	91.1
500	9.6	85.1	68.7	46.1	92.0	92.0
600	9.6	85.7	69.6	46.6	92.7	92.6
700	9.7	86.0	70.5	46.3	93.5	93.3
800	9.7	86.2	70.4	46.6	93.5	93.3
900	9.7	86.9	70.8	47.1	93.7	93.3
1000	9.6	87.2	70.7	47.3	94.1	94.5
1100	9.6	87.3	71.7	46.9	93.9	94.5
1200	9.6	87.3	71.2	46.9	94.7	94.0
1300	9.6	87.1	71.6	47.0	94.3	94.5
1400	9.6	87.5	71.2	47.0	94.6	94.6
1500	9.6	87.4	71.3	47.1	94.5	94.4
1600	9.5	87.6	71.6	47.1	94.1	94.5
1700	9.5	86.4	69.7	46.1	94.1	93.2

Table 1-4. Level 1 BLAS: Double-Precision Complex Performance (MFLOPS)

N	DZASUM	ZAXPY	ZSCAL	ZDSCAL	ZDOTC	ZDOTU
100	9.2	38.2	32.2	60.2	44.9	45.4
200	9.5	42.7	34.7	67.2	45.5	44.9
300	9.5	44.3	35.2	69.2	48.6	48.4
400	9.6	44.5	35.7	70.1	51.0	50.4
500	9.6	45.2	35.9	70.8	51.7	52.0
600	9.6	45.3	35.8	71.1	52.3	52.6
700	9.6	45.3	35.5	71.6	53.4	53.2
800	9.6	45.3	35.9	70.7	52.7	53.4
900	9.5	44.5	34.7	68.5	52.5	52.2
1000	9.5	44.4	34.9	64.8	52.5	52.3
1100	8.9	33.0	31.2	52.8	37.2	37.1
1200	8.3	33.0	28.0	41.5	37.2	37.2
1300	7.9	33.1	26.2	35.5	37.3	37.3
1400	7.6	33.2	24.4	31.6	37.4	37.4
1500	7.4	33.3	23.1	28.4	37.4	37.4
1600	7.3	33.3	23.1	26.7	37.3	37.3
1700	7.1	33.2	23.1	25.2	37.4	37.4



Level 2 BLAS Performance Evaluation

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Level 2 BLAS Performance

The Level 2 BLAS routines perform matrix-vector operations. The routines used to evaluate the performance of the Level 2 BLAS are adopted from the public domain LAPACK BLAS test programs. With each test routine, a data file is supplied that contains information such as the test ratio threshold value, the values of N, K, stride, ALPHA, BETA, and the name of the routine to be evaluated.

The test programs are modified so that only unit stride was used and both ALPHA and BETA were neither zero nor one. The value of N was varied by factors of 2 from 8 to 512, and for each N the routine to be evaluated was called multiple times with different values of K, UPLO, TRANS, and/or DIAG. The value of M was set to both $\text{MAX}=(N-N/2-1, 0)$ and $\text{MIN}(N+N/2+1, 512)$. A Mflop rating was calculated for each value of N as an average of all the calls. Along with this performance characterization, the routines were also tested for correctness.

The four tables given display the performance (in MFLOPS) of both the real and complex Level 2 BLAS in both single and double precision

Table 2-1. Level 2 BLAS: Single-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SGEMV	SGBMV	SSYMV	SSBMV	SSPMV	STRMV
8	3.1	3.1	1.8	3.1	1.8	1.7
16	6.9	5.4	3.3	5.2	3.4	3.5
32	16.2	7.4	5.4	7.6	5.9	6.5
64	33.9	8.9	13.4	8.9	12.7	14.0
128	52.7	11.0	25.9	11.5	26.7	27.4
256	68.0	16.3	43.4	14.7	44.0	43.1
512	76.2	20.4	57.6	17.6	60.2	59.9

N	STBMV	STPMV	STRSV	STBSV	STPSV	SGER
8	2.2	2.4	1.1	1.1	1.3	3.7
16	3.7	5.4	2.5	2.0	3.3	7.0
32	5.0	9.0	4.8	2.5	5.8	15.6
64	5.8	12.2	10.4	2.9	9.1	22.1
128	6.3	24.6	20.7	3.1	18.7	34.4
256	6.5	40.9	34.4	3.1	32.5	38.0
512	6.4	57.3	50.9	3.1	48.4	41.3

N	SSYR	SSPR	SSYR2	SSPR2
8	1.9	1.9	5.1	4.8
16	3.4	3.3	10.6	10.6
32	5.9	6.1	16.9	17.0
64	9.8	10.6	21.3	21.4
128	17.6	18.4	31.6	30.6
256	25.8	27.5	50.8	50.6
512	34.3	34.4	66.5	64.1

Table 2-2. Level 2 BLAS: Double-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	DGEMV	DGBMV	DSYMV	DSBMV	DSPMV	DTRMV
8	3.2	2.5	1.7	2.8	1.9	1.6
16	7.4	4.3	3.2	4.6	3.5	3.1
32	14.2	5.7	6.8	5.8	7.1	6.0
64	24.0	6.7	13.2	6.7	13.3	12.3
128	32.6	9.2	21.4	9.7	22.4	19.8
256	38.9	12.0	29.1	11.6	30.7	27.8
512	41.0	13.7	35.5	12.9	36.3	34.0

N	DTBMV	DTPMV	DTRSV	DTBSV	DTPSV	DGER
8	2.1	2.4	.95	.94	1.3	3.4
16	3.3	5.3	2.0	1.5	2.9	8.1
32	4.1	8.6	4.0	1.9	4.2	12.3
64	4.6	11.6	8.2	2.1	8.2	19.8
128	5.1	20.3	15.1	2.2	14.4	21.6
256	5.1	29.0	22.7	2.2	22.9	22.1
512	5.0	35.2	29.8	2.2	30.7	22.3

N	DSYR	DSPR	DSYR2	DSPR2
8	1.8	2.2	4.8	5.1
16	3.8	4.2	8.9	9.7
32	5.7	6.3	13.4	14.6
64	10.4	11.1	14.0	16.4
128	15.1	14.7	21.8	22.6
256	18.2	19.0	28.5	29.8
512	20.2	20.6	33.7	34.4

Table 2-3. Level 2 BLAS: Complex Single-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	CGEMV	CGBMV	CHEMV	CHBMV	CHPMV	CTRMV
8	12.8	9.3	10.2	8.3	7.1	5.6
16	26.7	12.5	15.7	11.3	12.2	11.1
32	51.2	15.0	24.3	13.7	25.2	21.2
64	70.7	21.4	41.1	20.6	43.0	37.7
128	83.8	27.5	57.5	25.0	62.5	55.1
256	87.9	33.9	73.2	30.2	74.3	70.2
512	90.9	38.8	82.5	32.1	83.2	79.8

N	CTBMV	CTPMV	CTRSV	CTBSV	CTPSV	CGERC
8	6.2	7.9	3.6	4.3	4.8	13.5
16	8.9	13.0	8.3	6.3	9.1	21.5
32	10.4	22.2	16.7	7.4	17.0	47.3
64	11.3	38.1	30.8	8.0	31.0	63.7
128	11.9	57.0	48.3	8.3	49.8	76.1
256	11.6	71.9	64.3	8.2	66.6	83.3
512	11.4	82.5	75.8	8.2	78.8	85.2

N	CGERU	CHER	CHPR	CHER2	CHPR2
8	14.3	5.2	5.3	10.0	11.2
16	22.2	9.4	9.2	17.9	19.5
32	48.7	19.4	19.3	26.7	29.0
64	66.7	34.6	33.9	39.8	42.4
128	78.7	52.6	51.9	60.2	62.2
256	83.3	67.0	67.2	75.3	76.1
512	84.1	75.6	76.0	82.2	84.9

Table 2-4. Level 2 BLAS: Complex Double-Precision Performance (MFLOPS)

N	ZGEMV	ZGBMV	ZHEMV	ZHBMV	ZHPMV	ZTRMV
8	13.2	7.8	7.9	6.7	6.2	5.3
16	24.8	10.3	11.4	9.0	12.9	10.7
32	33.9	13.1	20.8	13.9	20.6	18.2
64	46.8	18.9	31.7	17.0	31.0	30.2
128	53.5	23.0	40.4	20.6	40.4	41.7
256	56.0	25.7	44.9	22.4	45.0	49.3
512	59.4	24.4	48.0	22.8	46.8	53.5

N	ZTBMV	ZTPMV	ZTRSV	ZTBSV	ZTPSV	ZGERC
8	5.9	7.1	3.1	3.6	4.0	13.3
16	7.7	10.5	7.2	4.8	7.0	23.7
32	8.9	18.7	14.0	5.9	13.9	30.7
64	9.4	29.6	25.0	6.4	24.4	38.8
128	9.0	40.0	36.8	6.4	33.6	41.8
256	8.9	45.7	45.0	6.2	42.5	43.7
512	8.8	49.3	51.7	6.2	47.4	44.2

N	ZGERU	ZHER	ZHPR	ZHER2	ZHPR2
8	13.2	4.9	5.0	8.3	8.7
16	23.0	9.0	9.1	11.4	12.1
32	31.2	15.6	16.0	19.1	21.0
64	37.7	24.3	24.6	32.1	32.4
128	42.4	29.9	33.0	43.1	44.9
256	44.1	37.8	38.0	51.3	52.0
512	44.5	41.2	41.5	54.2	54.0



Level 3 BLAS Performance Evaluation

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Level 3 BLAS Performance

The Level 3 BLAS perform matrix-matrix operations. The routines used to evaluate the performance of the Level 3 BLAS were adopted from the public domain LAPACK BLAS test programs. With each test routine, a data file is supplied that contains information such as the test ratio threshold value, the values of N, ALPHA, BETA, and the names of the routines to be evaluated.

The test programs were modified so that both ALPHA and BETA were neither zero nor one. The value of N was varied from 8 to 512, with M and K equal to N. For each N, the routine to be evaluated was called multiple times with different values of UPLO, SIDE, TRANS, and/or DIAG. A Mflops rating was calculated for each value of N. Along with this performance characterization, the routines were also tested for correctness.

The four tables that are given display the performance (in Mflops) of both the real and complex Level 3 BLAS in both single and double precision.

Table 3-1. Level 3 BLAS: Single-Precision Real Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SGEMM	SSYMM	STRMM	STRSM	SSYRK	SSYR2K
8	1.1	2.9	2.1	1.7	2.6	2.3
16	4.1	5.0	4.3	3.5	5.1	6.3
32	40.6	22.2	21.9	18.4	16.7	17.0
64	57.7	33.0	41.6	38.4	37.3	36.3
128	77.0	56.2	62.0	58.2	58.6	58.0

Table 3-1. Level 3 BLAS: Single-Precision Real Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SGEMM	SSYMM	STRMM	STRSM	SSYRK	SSYR2K
256	83.7	65.4	73.2	71.4	73.8	70.8
512	87.8	72.0	81.2	80.5	81.6	79.1

Table 3-2. Level 3 BLAS: Double-Precision Real Performance (MFLOPS)

N	DGEMM	DSYMM	DTRSM	DTRMM	DSYRK	DSYR2K
8	8.4	3.8	1.6	2.3	3.3	2.8
16	8.4	8.3	3.8	4.9	7.7	7.7
32	20.8	19.1	16.5	15.5	15.2	19.4
64	41.5	29.9	26.0	29.8	31.4	30.4
128	45.1	37.8	37.0	38.1	39.7	38.2
256	45.8	41.0	41.3	41.4	42.5	41.2
512	45.9	43.3	43.7	44.0	44.2	43.4

Table 3-3. Level 3 BLAS: Single-Precision Complex Performance (MFLOPS)

N	CGEMM	CHEMM	CSYMM	CTRMM	CTRSM
8	15.2	6.68	6.6	5.5	5.0
16	39.0	15.7	15.5	14.4	12.5
32	63.8	33.1	33.5	34.0	31.1
64	78.3	52.6	52.0	54.2	48.9
128	86.0	68.3	67.8	70.3	66.3
256	89.2	77.8	77.4	78.7	76.4
512	91.4	84.1	83.7	84.5	83.3

N	CHERK	CSYRK	CHER2K	CSYR2K
8	11.3	8.7	9.9	8.4
16	19.2	14.7	17.5	16.6
32	37.6	36.3	32.5	33.8
64	58.6	59.7	50.7	52.8
128	75.1	75.0	66.6	67.7
256	81.5	81.5	75.9	77.4
512	85.6	86.1	83.0	82.5

Table 3-4. Level 3 BLAS: Double-Precision Complex Performance (MFLOPS)

N	ZGEMM	ZHEMM	ZSYMM	ZTRMM	ZTRSM
8	20.6	4.7	6.9	5.3	4.6
16	33.3	14.0	13.7	13.7	12.0
32	45.0	26.0	25.1	29.0	30.3
64	54.1	38.1	38.3	45.2	44.9
128	57.5	47.2	46.9	52.4	52.9
256	59.3	52.6	52.4	54.7	55.7
512	58.4	55.9	55.9	57.1	58.0

N	ZHERK	ZSYRK	ZHER2K	ZSYR2K
8	10.2	12.3	9.2	5.6
16	19.6	23.7	18.8	25.0
32	33.4	41.0	29.9	40.2
64	44.4	52.3	41.5	51.1
128	51.7	57.3	47.1	55.0
256	54.6	58.8	51.6	57.2
512	56.9	58.6	55.5	59.0

FFT Performance Evaluation

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FFT Performance

The Basic Math Library contains three routines for doing Fast Fourier Transforms (FFTs) in place: complex to complex (forward and inverse), real to complex (forward), and complex to real (inverse).

A MFLOPS rating is the average of 100 iterations of both the forward and inverse transforms. The table initialization was excluded from the computation timings.

The two tables that are given display the performance (in MFLOPS) of the available FFT routines in both single and double precision.

Table 4-1. FFT: 1D Complex to Complex Performance (MFLOPS)

N	CFFT1D	ZFFT1D
32	42.5	29.2
64	57.9	35.6
128	64.3	41.1
256	68.4	43.9
512	71.1	45.3
1024	58.9	42.1
2048	61.1	24.6

Table 4-2. FFT: 1D Real to Complex/Complex to Real Performance (MFLOPS)

N	SCFFT1D / CSFFT1D	DZFFT1D / ZDFFT1D
32	18.1	14.4
64	30.5	20.4
128	44.1	25.2
256	53.3	29.0
512	61.3	30.7
1024	66.0	32.0
2048	56.8	27.2