



# KeOps



Seamless Kernel Operations on GPU, with auto-differentiation and without memory overflows

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# Introduction

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# What KeOps can do?

- Compute **generic reductions** of very large arrays/matrices

$$\sum_{i=1}^M a_{ij} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}$$

for some large matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

- Compute **kernel** dot products and the associated gradients

$$\sum_{i=1}^M K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{j=1}^N K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)$$

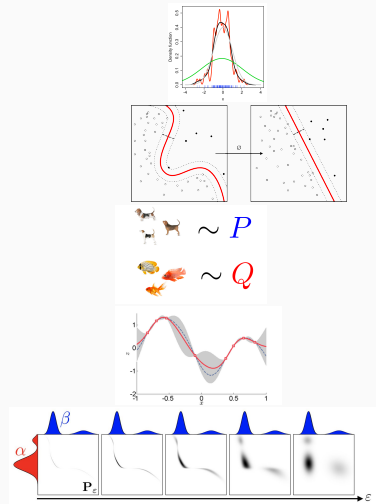
for a kernel function  $K$  and some vectors  $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \in \mathbb{R}^D$

# What KeOps can do?

- Compute generic reductions of very large arrays/matrices
- Compute kernel dot products and the associated gradients
  - large dimensions  $M$  and  $N$  ( $\approx 10^4$  ou  $10^6$ )
  - fast computation on GPU without memory overflow

# Kernel spaces in statistics and Learning

- Kernel density estimation:
- Classification/Regression: SVM, K-NN, etc...
- Kernel embeddings to compare distribution:
- Interpolation and Kriging
- Optimal Transport



# Motivations

- GPU user-friendly computing: development effort **oriented for deep learning**
  - PyTorch or TensorFlow provide **GPU** implementation of common operations, together with **automatic differentiation**.
- GPU computing can be used for **general purpose computations**, not only neural networks
  - Generic codes to use GPU computing require low-level tools (CUDA, OpenCL)
- **Needs:** provide an effortless tool for GPU computing (application: statistics, machine learning and more)

## Matrix reduction and kernel operations

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# Matrix reduction

- Simple row or column-wise matrix reduction

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^M a_{ij} \right]_{j=1, \dots, N} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \text{or} \quad \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \right]_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

for a matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

- Vector/matrix or matrix/matrix product

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^M a_{ij} \beta_j \right]_{j=1, \dots, N} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \text{or} \quad \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \beta_j \right]_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

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# Kernel operator

Considering some data vector  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{y}_j$  in  $\mathbb{R}^D$

- (Intuitively) a **kernel** function is an application  $K : \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) \mapsto K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

corresponding to a **scalar product** between  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{y}_j$  in a different space

- Example

Linear kernel: 
$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) = \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j \rangle = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{y}_j = \sum_{k=1}^D x_{ik} y_{jk}$$

Gaussian kernel: 
$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2 \right)$$

# Kernel reduction

- Convolution-like operation

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^M K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \beta_j \right]_{j=1, \dots, N} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \text{or} \quad \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \beta_j \right]_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

for some  $D$ -vectors  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times D}$ ,  $(\mathbf{y}_j)_{j=1, \dots, N} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = [\beta_j] \in \mathbb{R}^N$

→ Row-wise or column-wise reduction on the matrix  $\mathbf{K} = [K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

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- More complex operation

$$\sum_{i=1}^M K_1(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) K_2(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{j=1}^N K_1(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) K_2(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \rangle$$

for some kernel  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , and some  $D$ -vectors  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_i, (\mathbf{u}_i)_i, (\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i)_i \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times D}$  and  $(\mathbf{y}_j)_j, (\mathbf{v}_j)_j, (\boldsymbol{\beta}_j)_j \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$



# Generic reduction in KeOps

$1 \leq i \leq N$  et  $1 \leq j \leq M$  avec  $N, M \approx 10^4$  ou  $10^6$

- A generic case:

$$\left[ \sum_j F(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell, X_i^1, \dots, X_i^k, Y_j^1, \dots, Y_j^m) \right]_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

- ...an even more generic case:

$$\left[ \bigstar_j F(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell, X_i^1, \dots, X_i^k, Y_j^1, \dots, Y_j^m) \right]_{i=1, \dots, M} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

where  $\bigstar$  can be any reduction (sum, max, min, etc.) over a dimension

# Why GPU computing

- Matrix/kernel reduction = combination of generic matrix operations
- GPU are good for matrix computations
- **Problem:** the matrix  $\mathbf{K} = \left[ K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  is very large ( $M, N \approx 10^4$  ou  $10^6$ )
  - how to store it in memory
  - how to iterate through rows/columns to do computations

# Computation on GPU

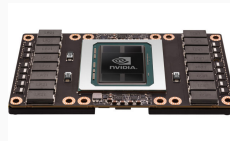
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# The GPU Market by Nvidia

Target:

- Gamers: 1000 euros
- Scientific computing: 3000 – 9000 euros

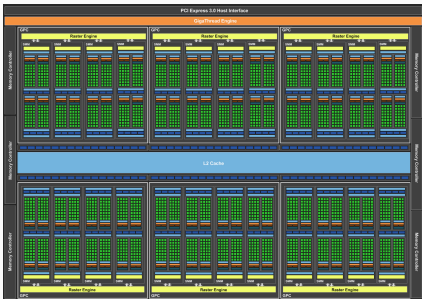
Under the hood: similar chipsets with few enhancements (ECC, float64,...)



# GPU = massively parallel architecture

## A GPU architecture

- scalable array of multithreaded *Streaming Multiprocessors (SMs)*
- each single processor (called a *thread*) is able to execute an independent set of instructions.



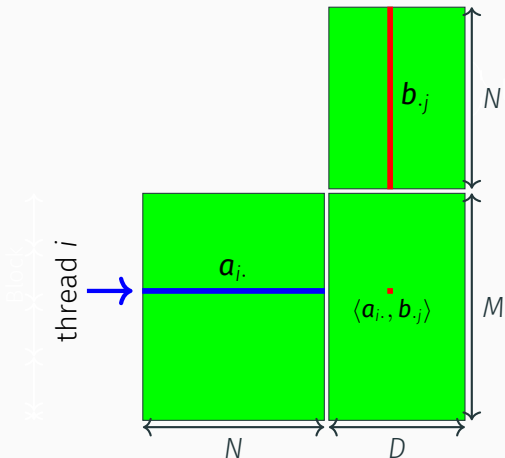
Nvidia GTX XXXX architecture

1000's of cores inside a single GPU

(multi-CPU architecture = at best 10's – 100's of cores)

# MatMult: A first naive implementation

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$



A matrix multiplication

load in shared

$$\mathbf{AB} = \left[ \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj} \right]_{M \times D}$$

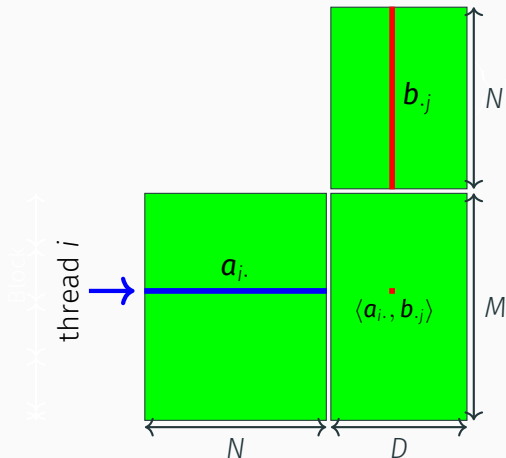
→ a set of  $N \times D$  scalar products

Parallel computing

- each thread computes  $D$  scalar products, i.e.  $\langle \mathbf{a}_{i.}, \mathbf{b}_{.j} \rangle$  for all  $j$

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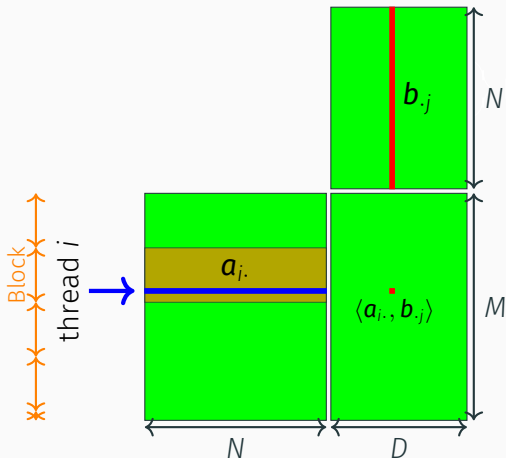
- row  $\mathbf{a}_{i.} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- all columns  $(\mathbf{b}_{.j})_{j=1,\dots,D}$  i.e. the full matrix  $\mathbf{B}$

→ potential memory overflow

→ no mutualisation of memory access between threads

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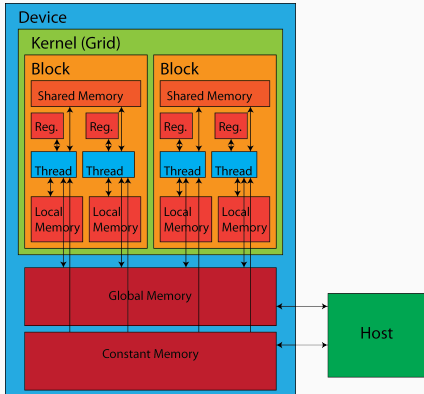
Assign a block of rows  $i$  to a thread

- mutualise the memory access to each  $\mathbf{B}_{.j}$  to compute all rows  $i$  in the block

→ each thread still requires to access the full matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  to finish the computations for a row  $i$



# Memory management on GPU

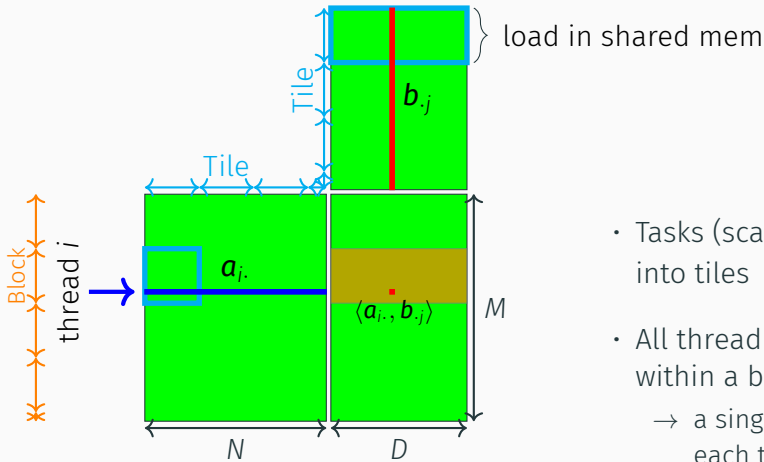


- Data initially stored on the host (in RAM)
  - should be transfer to the device (GPU) to be treated (**bottleneck**)
- Different kinds of memory
  - local vs shared memory

## Smart use of the shared memory

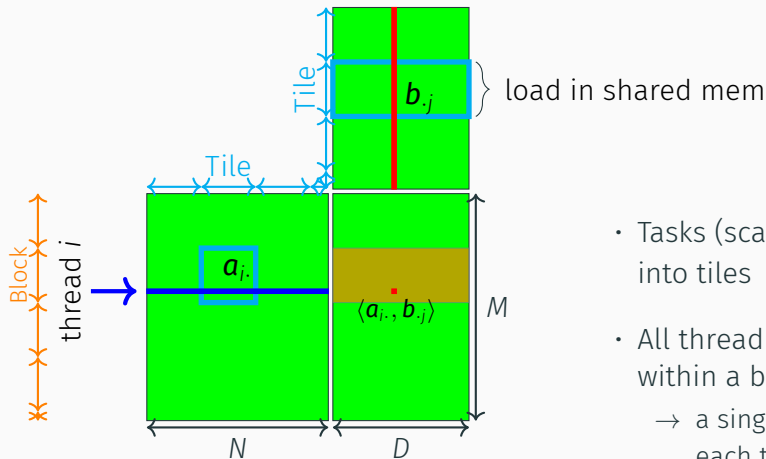
- **less transfer between device and host**
- key to provide an efficient code in term of computational time

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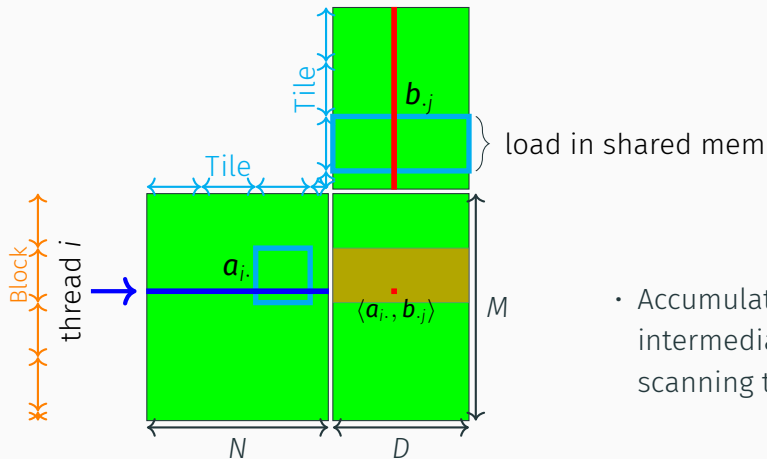
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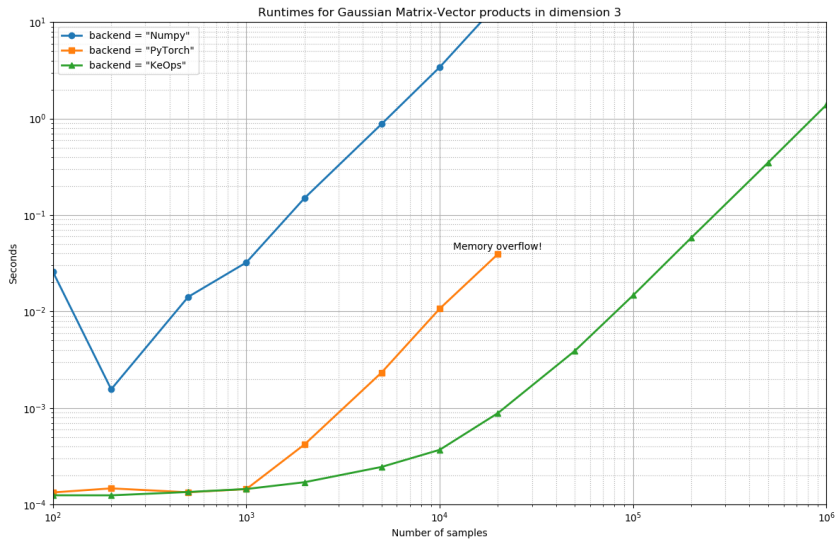
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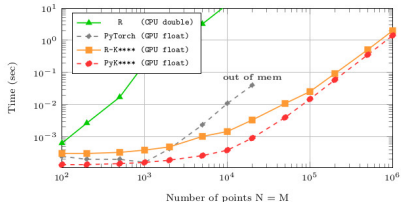


- Accumulation (addition of the intermediate results) when scanning tiles across  $A$

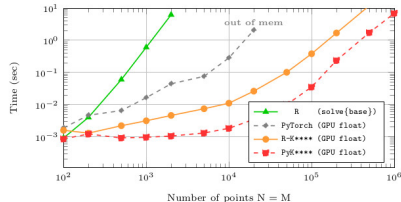
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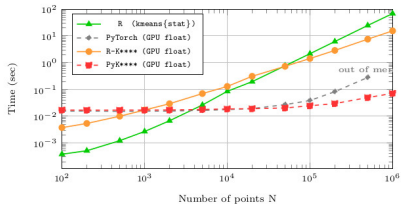
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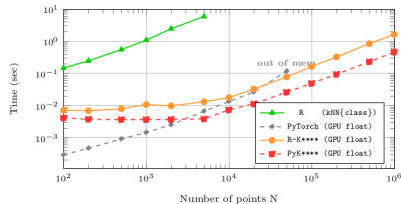
(a) Matrix-vector products with N-by-N Gaussian kernel matrices built from point clouds in dimension  $D = 3$ .



(b) Solving an N-by-N Gaussian kernel linear system with ridge regularization (constant diagonal weights).



(c) 10 iterations of K-means (Lloyd's algorithm) with N points in dimension  $D = 10$  and  $K = \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  clusters.



(d) Exact ( $K = 10$ )-nearest neighbor search: 10k queries in dimension  $D = 100$  with a database of N samples.

# Implementation

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## Coding generic formulas with KeOps

- **Mathematical formula** with two vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ :

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto \exp(\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle)$$

- A formula  $F$  in KeOps is first encoded as a string using combinations of elementary operations

`"Exp(Scalprod(x,y))"`

- Then it is expanded internally in the C++ code using templates:

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# Under the hood: C++ encoding of maths operations in KeOps I

A typical KeOps (unary) operation is a `struct` that looks like:

```
template<class F>
struct Exp : UnaryOp<Exp, F> {
    //////////////// dimension of the output
    static const int DIM = F::DIM;
```

Implementation of the operation:

```
////////////////////// inlined function in the final cuda code
    static DEVICE INLINE void Operation(TYPE *out, TYPE *in) {
#pragma unroll
        for (int k = 0; k < DIM; k++) { out[k] = exp(in[k]); }
    }
```

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Gradient computation:

```
//////////////////// Autodiff!  
    template<class V, class GRADIN>  
        using DiffT = typename F::template DiffT<V, Mult<Exp<F>, GRADIN>>;  
};
```

String encoding:

```
//////////////////// Macro providing high level syntax  
#define Exp(f) Exp<decltype(f)>()
```

# Under the hood: C++ encoding of maths operations in KeOps II

A typical KeOps (binary) operation is a `struct` that looks like:

```
template < class FA, class FB >
struct Add : BinaryOp< Add, FA, FB > {
    // dimension of the output ... and (compile time) checks
    static const int DIM = FA::DIM; // Output dim = FA::DIM = FB::DIM
    static_assert(DIM == FB::DIM, "Dimensions must be the same for Add");
};
```

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```
////////// inlined function in the final cuda code
static DEVICE INLINE void Operation(TYPE *out, TYPE *inA, TYPE *inB) {
    for (int k = 0; k < DIM; k++) {out[k] = inA[k] + inB[k];}
}
```

## Under the hood: C++ encoding of maths operations in KeOps II

Gradient computation:

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//////////////////// Autodiff!  
    template < class V, class GRADIN >  
        using DiffT = Add< typename FA::template DiffT< V, GRADIN >,  
                           typename FB::template DiffT< V, GRADIN > >;  
};
```

Simplification rule:

```
//////////////////// Simplification rules: e.g.  
template < class F >  
struct Add_Alias0< F, F > { using type = Scal< IntConstant< 2 >, F >; };
```



# Combining elementary operations

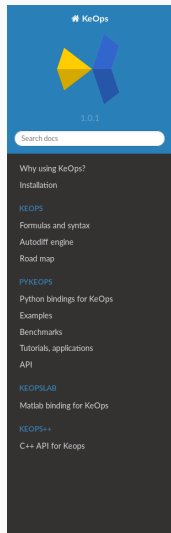
KeOps proposes a wide range of elementary operations

- **Simple vector operations:** scalar product, norm, distance, normalization, vector/vector element-wise operation (+, -, \*, /), etc.
- **Elementary  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  functions:** exp, log, inverse, abs, pow, sqrt, sin, cos, etc.
- **Simple matrix operations:** matrix product, tensor product (in Python), etc.
- **Matrix reduction:** sum, min, max, argmin, argmax, etc.

→ a formula = a combination of these operations

## Using KeOps

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## Kernel Operations on the GPU, with autodiff, without memory overflows

The KeOps library lets you compute generic reductions of **large 2d arrays** whose entries are given by a mathematical formula. It combines a **tiled reduction scheme** with an **automatic differentiation** engine, and can be used through Matlab, NumPy or PyTorch backends. It is perfectly suited to the computation of **Kernel dot products** and the associated gradients, even when the full kernel matrix does not fit into the GPU memory.

Using the PyTorch backend, a typical sample of code looks like:

```
import torch
from pykeops.torch import Genred

# Kernel density estimator between point clouds in R^3
my_conv = Genred('Exp(-SqDist(x, y))', # formula
                 ['x = V1(3)',         # 1st input: d1x-3 vector per line
                  'y = V2(3)'],        # 2nd input: d2x-3 vector per column
                 reduction_op='Sum',    # we also support logSumExp, Min, etc.
                 axis=1)                # sum with respect to "j", result indexed by "i"

# Apply it to 2d arrays x and y with 3 columns and a (huge) number of lines
x = torch.randn(1000000, 3, requires_grad=True).cuda()
y = torch.randn(2000000, 3).cuda()
a = my_conv(x, y) # shape (1000000, 2), a_i = sum_j exp(-|x_i - y_j|^2/2)
g_x = torch.autograd.grad([a ** 2].sum(), [x]) # KeOps supports autodiff!
```

KeOps allows you to leverage your GPU without compromising on usability. It provides:

- **Linear** (instead of quadratic) **memory footprint** for Kernel operations.
- Support for a wide range of mathematical **formulas**.

- doc
- install instructions
- examples

- Dependencies: **Cmake** ( $\leq 3.10$ ), **C++ compiler**<sup>1</sup> ( $g++ \geq 7$  or clang) or **cuda** compiler ( $nvcc \geq 10$ ) and CUDA libs (for GPU computing)
- Open source (MIT licence): [github.com/getkeops/keops](https://github.com/getkeops/keops)
- Continuous integration (tested on linux distros and MacOS): Jenkins at [ci.inria.fr](https://ci.inria.fr)
- Sphinx based documentation on <http://www.kernel-operations.io/>

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<sup>1</sup>for CPU computing

# KeOps user interface

- PyKeOps: Python (numpy and pytorch)



- KeOpsLab: Matlab



- RKeOps: R (beta version)



- C++ API



## Example in Python: single Gaussian convolution

We want to compute

$$\gamma_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \exp \left( -s \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2 \right) \mathbf{b}_j$$

with  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $[\mathbf{x}_i]_{i=1,\dots,M} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 3}$ ,  $[\mathbf{y}_j]_{j=1,\dots,N} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}$  and  $[\mathbf{b}_j]_{j=1,\dots,N} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 6}$

## Example in Python: single Gaussian convolution

From Python using Numpy (similar in R or Matlab)

```
from pykeops.numpy import Genred

## compilation on the fly (user-friendly syntax)
my_conv = Genred(
    formula="Sum_Reduction(Exp(-s * SqNorm2(x - y)) * b, 0)",
    aliases=[ "s = Pm(1)",          # parameter (scalar)
              "x = Vi(3)",          # vector indexed by i (of dim 3)
              "y = Vj(3)",          # vector indexed by j (of dim 3)
              "b = Vj(6)"],         # vector indexed by j (of dim 6)
    dtype='float32')

# assuming s, x, y and b are Numpy arrays (data and parameter values)

## compute directly on the GPU
gamma = my_conv(s, x, y, b)
```

## Example in Python (LazyTensor)

Mathematical formula (standard Gaussian kernel)

$$\gamma_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \exp \left( -\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

with  $[\mathbf{x}_i]_{i=1,\dots,M} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 3}$ ,  $[\mathbf{y}_j]_{j=1,\dots,N} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}$



## Example in Python (LazyTensor)

Create two arrays with 3 columns and a (huge) number of lines, on the GPU

```
import torch
x = torch.randn(10000000, 3, requires_grad=True).cuda()
y = torch.randn(20000000, 3).cuda()
```

Given the same data tensors `x` and `y`. Use a decorator to turn tensors into KeOps symbolic variables:

```
from pykeops.torch import LazyTensor
x_i = LazyTensor( x[:,None,:] ) # x_i.shape = (1e6, 1, 3)
y_j = LazyTensor( y[None,:,:] ) # y_j.shape = ( 1, 2e6,3)
```

## Example in Python (LazyTensor)

```
## Perform symbolic large-scale computations

# Symbolic (1e6,2e6,1) matrix of squared distances
D_ij = ((x_i - y_j)**2).sum(dim=2)

# Symbolic (1e6,2e6,1) Gaussian kernel matrix
K_ij = (- D_ij).exp()

## Get the result (computations on GPU are done here)
a_i = K_ij.sum(dim=1) # Genuine torch.cuda.FloatTensor
# a_i.shape = (1e6, 1)

## KeOps supports autograd!
g_x = torch.autograd.grad((a_i ** 2).sum(), [x])
```

## Example in R

```
formula = "Sum_Reduction(Exp(lambda*SqNorm2(x-y))*beta, 1)"
args = c("x=Vi(3)", "y=Vj(3)", "beta=Vj(3)", "lambda=Pm(1)")

op <- keeps_kernel(formula, args) # compilation

# data and paramters
nx = 1000
ny = 1500
x <- matrix(runif(nx*3), ncol=nx)
y <- matrix(runif(ny*3), ncol=ny)
beta <- matrix(runif(ny*3), ncol=ny)
lambda <- as.matrix(5)

# computation
res <- op(args=list(x, y, beta, lambda), nx=ncol(x), ny=ncol(y))
```

## Example in R

- beta version
- Gradient computation not available for the moment
- Specific branch **rkeops**

```
git clone https://github.com/getkeops/keops  
git checkout rkeops
```

- See **rkeops/REAMD.md** for install instructions

## More features (not presented today)

- PyKeOps (Numpy), KeOpsLab: formula gradient computation
- PyKeOps (PyTorch): automatic differentiation engine (compatible with PyTorch autograd)
- In the near future
  - gradient computation and lazy evaluation in Rkeops
  - possible to add new generic operations upon request (responsive user support via Github issues)
  - and more...

## Conclusion

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# Take-home message

## KeOps:

Seamless Kernel Operations...

→ write formulas with simple matrix operations (Python, Matlab, R)

...on GPU...

→ fast computations

...with auto-differentiation...

→ automatic gradient computation

...and without memory overflows

→ implementation with tiling for efficient memory usage on GPU

Thank you for you attention

Questions?

<http://www.kernel-operations.io/keops/index.html>

<https://github.com/getkeops/keops>