COMP 40 Assignment: Locality and the costs of loads and stores

Designs and experimental estimates due Sunday, October 2, at 11:59 PM. Full assignment due Thursday, October 6, at 11:59 PM.

Overview and purpose

This assignment is all about the cache and locality. You'll implement **blocked** two-dimensional arrays, which you'll then use to evaluate the performance of image rotation using three different array-access patterns with different locality properties. You'll also see how to write code that is polymorphic in an array type.

The assignment has two parallel tracks:

- 1. On the design and building track, you will implement blocked two-dimensional arrays and polymorphic image rotation,
- 2. On the experimental computer-science track, you will predict the costs of image rotations, and later measure them. Your predictions will be based on knowledge of the cache as covered in Chapter 6 of Bryant and O'Halloran and as covered in class.

As described in Section 2, in this assignment we provide you with a *lot* of code and information. It will take time to assimilate. You can get some of the code by running the commands

```
git clone linux.cs.tufts.edu:/comp/40/git/locality
cd locality
```

which will create and enter a directory called locality. Do this at the start of the assignment.

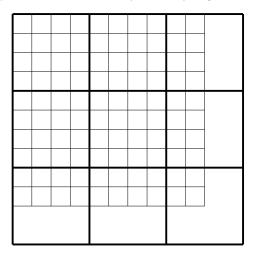
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1 Problems

1.1 Part A (design/build): Improving locality through blocking

In this part of the assignment, you will implement a standard technique for improving locality: *blocking*. The idea is best expressed in a picture. Here is a 10-by-10 array organized in 4-by-4 blocks:



The idea is simple: the blocked array has a similar *interface* to UArray2, but a different *cost model*. In particular,

- Cells in the same block are located near each other in memory.
- Mapping is done by blocks, not rows or columns. Mapping visits all cells in one block before moving on to the next block.
- Some memory is wasted at the right and bottom edges: not all the cells in those blocks are used. But if the array is large, then the wasted memory has size $O(\sqrt{n})$ and is unimportant. If the array is small, it probably fits in the cache and you shouldn't use blocking.

You have just one task for this part:

• Implement blocked arrays as described in the UArray2b interface below. Use file uarray2b.c.

Required interface

Since you have already been through a very similar design exercise, I will not ask you to repeat it. Instead, I am specifying an interface, and I suggest a design which you may use if you wish. The interface you are to implement, to be called UArray2b, appears in Figure 1. The blocksize parameter to UArray2b_new counts the number of cells on one side of a block, so the actual number of cells in a block is blocksize * blocksize. The number of bytes in a block is blocksize * blocksize * size. The blocksize parameter has no effect on semantics, only on performance.

The UArray2b_new_64K_block allows you to default the blocksize; it is similar to UArray2_new. It chooses a blocksize that is as large as possible while still allowing a block to fit in 64KB of RAM. If a single cell will not fit in 64KB, the block size should be 1. On almost any machine built in the last five years, the L1 data cache will hold 128KB of data, so if you create arrays using UArray2b_new_64K_block, you can fit two blocks in cache at one time.

```
#ifndef UARRAY2B_INCLUDED
#define UARRAY2B_INCLUDED
#define T UArray2b_T
typedef struct T *T;
            UArray2b_new (int width, int height, int size, int blocksize);
extern T
 /* new blocked 2d array: blocksize = square root of # of cells in block */
extern T
            UArray2b_new_64K_block(int width, int height, int size);
  /* new blocked 2d array: blocksize as large as possible provided
     block occupies at most 64KB (if possible) */
extern void UArray2b_free (T *array2b);
            UArray2b_width (T array2b);
extern int
extern int
            UArray2b_height(T array2b);
extern int
            UArray2b_size (T array2b);
extern int
            UArray2b_blocksize(T array2b);
extern void *UArray2b_at(T array2b, int i, int j);
  /* return a pointer to the cell in column i, row j;
     index out of range is a checked run-time error
extern void UArray2b_map(T array2b,
   void apply(int i, int j, T array2b, void *elem, void *cl), void *cl);
     /* visits every cell in one block before moving to another block */
/* it is a checked run-time error to pass a NULL T
  to any function in this interface */
#undef T
#endif
```

Figure 1: Interface for blocked arrays

One possible architecture for your implementation

If you wish, you may use your own design and architecture for the implementation of UArray2b, or you may use one of mine described as follows:

Here is a simple architecture for UArray2b. Because of the many layers of abstraction, it does not perform very well, but it is relatively easy to implement.

- An UArray2b_T can be represented as an UArray2_T, each element of which contains one block.
- A block should be represented as a single UArray_T. This representation guarantees that cells in the same block are in nearby memory locations.
- To find the cell at index (i, j), first find the block at index (i / blocksize, j / blocksize). Within that block, use the cell at index blocksize * (i % blocksize) + j % blocksize.
- Your mapping function should visit all the cells of one block before moving onto the cells of
 the next. Blocks on the bottom and right edges may have unused cells, and your
 mapping function must not visit these cells.

If you implement this design successfully, it is not too difficult to modify the code such that your blocked array is stored in a single, contiguous area of memory. Once you have the address arithmetic right, you can get a substantial speedup by avoiding all the memory references involved in going indirectly through the UArray2 and Array abstractions. But the focus of this assignment is not on performance, and a faster implementation is purely optional.

My solutions

I have written two solutions to this problem. The one that uses the design sketched above is about 175 lines of C, 50 of which appear at the end of this assignment. I then wrote another, faster solution which is about 130 lines of C. The faster solution has a significantly more complicated invariant and was correspondingly more difficult to get right.

1.2 Part B (design/build): supporting polymorphic manipulation of 2D arrays

You now have two different representations of two-dimensional arrays: UArray2, which supports column-major and row-major mapping, and UArray2b, which supports block-major mapping. In order not to duplicate code, we want to write image rotations that can operate on either kind of array. To achieve this kind of reuse, we resort again to polymorphism: we define an interface A2Methods that can represent either kind of two-dimensional array. You write one image-rotation program against this interface, and you can use it with two implementations.

- Because I have specified the exact interface for UArray2b, I can provide an implementation of A2Methods that uses UArray2b.
- Because you designed the UArray2 interface yourself, you will provide an implementation of A2Methods that uses UArray2. My implementation is in file a2blocked.c; your implementation goes into a2plain.c.

The A2Methods interface uses the same principles as the declaration of an abstract class in a language like C++, C#, Java, or Smalltalk. Instead of calling functions by name, you will call through *pointers* to functions. Those pointers live in a *method suite* of type A2Methods_T, which is a pointer to a record of function pointers (Figure 2). For each of these function pointers, you will you will need to create a static function that calls into UArray2. To implement your method suite, you put pointers to those functions into a struct. Looking at a2blocked.c will show you a complete example, and in Figure 3 we also provide a template for your a2plain.c.

```
typedef void *A2; \hspace{0.1cm} \text{//} \hspace{0.1cm} \text{an unknown type that represents a 2D array of 'cells'}
typedef void A2Methods_Object; // an unknown sequence of bytes in memory
                                                                               // (element of an array)
typedef void A2Methods_applyfun(int i, int j, A2 array2,
                                                                               A2Methods_Object *ptr, void *cl);
typedef void A2Methods_mapfun(A2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl);
typedef void A2Methods_smallapplyfun(A2Methods_Object *ptr, void *cl);
typedef void A2Methods_smallmapfun(A2 a2, A2Methods_smallapplyfun f, void *cl);
typedef struct A2Methods_T { // operations on 2D arrays
     // it is a checked run-time error to pass a NULL 2D array to any function,
    // and except as noted, a NULL function pointer is an *unchecked* r. e.
     A2 (*new)(int width, int height, int size);
         // creates a distinct 2D array of memory cells, each of the given 'size'
          // each cell is uninitialized
          // if the array is blocked, uses a default block size
    A2 (*new_with_blocksize)(int width, int height, int size, int blocksize);
// creates a distinct 2D array of memory cells, each of the given 'size'
          // each cell is uninitialized
          // if the array is blocked, the block size given is the number of cells
                       along one side of a block; otherwise 'blocksize' is ignored
    void (*free)(A2 *array2p);
         // frees *array2p and overwrites the pointer with NULL
     // observe properties of the array
     int (*width)
                                             (A2 array2);
     int (*height)
                                             (A2 array2);
                                             (A2 array2);
     int (*size)
     int (*blocksize)(A2 array2); // for an unblocked array, returns 1
    A2Methods_Object *(*at)(A2 array2, int i, int j);
         // returns a pointer to the object in column i, row j
         // (checked runtime error if i or j is out of bounds)
     // mapping functions
     void (*map_row_major) (A2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*map_col_major) (A2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*map_block_major)(A2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*map_default)
                                                           (A2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl);
         // each mapping function visits every cell in array2, and for each
         // cell it calls 'apply' with these arguments:
                      i, the column index of the cell
         //
         //
                        j, the row index of the cell
          //
                        array2, the array passed to the mapping function
                        cell, a pointer to the cell
         //
                        cl, the closure pointer passed to the mapping function
         //
          // These functions differ only in the *order* in which they visit cells:
                      - row_major visits each row before the next, in order of increasing
                         row index; within a row, column numbers increase
          //
                     - col_major visits each column before the next, in order of
          //
                           increasing column index; within a column, row numbers increase % \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1
                     - block_major visits each block before the next; order of
          //
                           blocks and order of cells within a block is not specified
          //
          //
                      - map_default uses a default order that has good locality
         //
          // In any record, map_block_major may be NULL provided that
          // map_row_major and map_col_major are not NULL, and vice versa.
     // alternative mapping functions that pass only cell pointer and closure
    void (*small_map_row_major) (A2 a2, A2Methods_smallapplyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*small_map_col_major) (A2 a2, A2Methods_smallapplyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*small_map_block_major)(A2 a2, A2Methods_smallapplyfun apply, void *cl);
     void (*small_map_default)
                                                                         (A2 a2, A2Methods_smallapplyfun apply, void *cl);
} *A2Methods_T;
```

Figure 2: Polymorphic interface for manipulating two-dimensional arrays

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <a2plain.h>
#include "uarray2.h"
// define a private version of each function in A2Methods_T that we implement
static A2Methods_UArray2 new(int width, int height, int size) {
 return UArray2_new(...);
static A2Methods_UArray2 new_with_blocksize(int width, int height, int size,
                                        int blocksize)
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  (void) blocksize;
 return UArray2_new(...);
... many more private (static) definitions follow ...
// now create the private struct containing pointers to the functions
static struct A2Methods_T uarray2_methods_plain_struct = {
 new_with_blocksize,
   ... other functions follow in order, with NULL for those not implemented ...
};
// finally the payoff: here is the exported pointer to the struct
A2Methods_T uarray2_methods_plain = &uarray2_methods_plain_struct;
              Figure 3: Boilerplate for implementing a struct pointer of type A2Methods_T
typedef void Array2_apply(int row, int col, void *elem, void *cl);
extern void Array2_map_row_major(Array2_T a2, Array2_apply apply, void *c1);
struct a2fun_closure {
 A2Methods_applyfun *apply; // apply function as known to A2Methods
                         // closure that goes with that apply function
 A2Methods_UArray2 array2; // array being mapped over
};
static void apply_a2methods_using_array2_prototype
                (int row, int col, void *elem, void *cl)
{
 struct a2fun_closure *f = cl; // this is the function/closure originally passed
 f->apply(col, row, f->array2, elem, f->cl);
}
static void map_row_major(A2Methods_UArray2 array2, A2Methods_applyfun apply, void *cl) {
 struct a2fun_closure mycl = { apply, cl, array2 };
 Array2_map_row_major(array2, apply_a2methods_using_array2_prototype, &mycl);
```

Figure 4: Mediating between map/apply functions that use different prototypes

The interface you are to implement is defined in a2plain.h:

```
#include <a2methods.h>
```

```
extern A2Methods_T uarray2_methods_plain; // functions for normal arrays
```

You should write file a2plain.c, which implements this interface. It should look something like the template in Figure 3. The only tricky bit is resolving differences in your apply functions. Let's suppose that your UArray2 apply and row-major map functions look like this:

```
typedef void Array2_apply(int row, int col, void *elem, void *cl);
extern void Array2_map_row_major(Array2_T a2, Array2_apply apply, void *cl);
```

This "inner" apply function is compatible with UArray2, but it is not the same as the "outer" apply function used in the A2Methods interface shown in Figure 2. The exported mapping function will receive an "outer" apply function that is compatible with the A2Methods interface, and you will have to create an "inner" apply function that is compatible with your own personal UArray2 interface.

- 1. Define a new closure type a2fun_closure, which holds the outer apply function and its closure, plus any other information that's expected by the outer apply function but not provided by the inner apply function. In this case, the "other information" is the array.
- 2. Define a new, "inner" apply function that can be passed to your UArray2_map_row_major. This apply function grabs information from the a2fun_closure, and it applies the "outer" apply function. In other words, it's just a proxy.
- 3. Your A2Methods version of map_row_major, which you'll export a pointer to, builds an a2fun_closure, and then calls UArray2_map_row_major using the new closure and the inner apply function. The new closure always contains the old closure and the outer apply function.

You can see a full example in Figure 4.

Here is a summary of your obligations for this part:

- You submit a file a2plain.c which exports the single pointer uarray2_methods_plain.
- In the methods suite, you must implement all the methods from new through at.
- Of the mapping methods, you *must* implement small_map_row_major, small_map_col_major, and small_map_default. For small_map_default, you should use either a row-major or a column-major mapping, whichever you think has better locality.
- If you can, you *should* implement methods map_row_major, map_col_major, and map_default. For map_default, you should use either a row-major or a column-major mapping, whichever you think has better locality.
- Because UArray2 does not support blocking, you *must not* implement map_block_major or small_map_block_major. These pointers must be NULL.

1.3 Part C (design/build): ppmtrans, a program with straightforward locality properties

Using the A2Methods abstraction, implement program ppmtrans, which is modelled on jpegtran and performs some simple image transformations. Program ppmtrans offers a subset of jpegtran's functionality. The image-transformation options you may support are as follows:

```
-rotate 90
Rotate image 90 degrees clockwise.

-rotate 180
Rotate image 180 degrees.

-rotate 270
Rotate image 270 degrees clockwise (or 90 ccw).

-rotate 0
Leave the image unchanged.

-flip horizontal
Mirror image horizontally (left-right).

-flip vertical
Mirror image vertically (top-bottom).

-transpose
Transpose image (across UL-to-LR axis).
```

You must implement both 90-degree and 180-degree rotations. Other options may be implemented for extra credit; if you choose not to implement them, reject the unimplemented options with a suitable error message written to stderr and a nonzero exit code.

Significant requirements:

• Your program must also recognize and implement these options:

```
-row-major
Copy pixels from the source image using map_row_major
-col-major
Copy pixels from the source image using map_col_major
-block-major
Copy pixels from the source image using map_block_major
```

- You must not call UArray2 functions or UArray2b functions directly. Instead you must call indirectly through the function pointers in a methods suite.
- You must use the mapping functions defined in a2methods.h, not nested for loops.
- For row-major and column-major mapping, you will use the methods suite uarray2_methods_plain that you will have created in Part B of this homework. For block-major mapping, you will use the methods suite uarray2_methods_blocked that we provide in interface a2blocked.h.

Your ppmtrans should read a single ppm image either from standard input or from a file named on the command line. Your ppmtrans should write the transformed image to standard output. For help handling command-line options, see the suggested code at the end of this assignment.

Why this problem is interesting from a cache point of view:

If cells in a row are stored in adjacent memory locations, processing cells in a row has good spatial locality, but it's not clear about processing cells in a column. If cells in a column are stored in adjacent memory locations, processing cells in a column has good spatial locality, but it's not clear about processing cells in a row. In a 90-degree rotation, processing a row in the source image means processing a column in the destination image, and vice versa. Thus, the locality properties of 90-degree rotation are not immediately obvious.

In a 180-degree rotation, rows map to rows and columns map to columns. Thus, whatever locality properties are enjoyed by the source-image processing are enjoyed equally by the destination-image processing. If you understand how your data structure works, then, you should find it easier to predict the locality of 180-degree rotation.

In a blocked representation, the mapping of blocks to blocks is not obvious. To understand the locality properties of blocked array processing, you will have to think carefully.

My solution to this problem is about 150 lines of code.

1.4 Part D (experimental): Analyze locality and predict performance

This part of the assignment is to be completed at the same time as your design work for parts A and C. Please **estimate the expected cache hit rate for reads** of each of the six operations in the table below. Assume that the images being rotated are **much too large to fit in the cache**.

	row-major access	column-major access	blocked access
90-degree rotation			
180-degree rotation			

Your estimate should be a **rank between 1 and 6**, with 1 being the best hit rate and 6 being the worst hit rate. If you think two operations will have about the same hit rate, give them the same rank. For example, if you think that both column-major rotations will have the most cache misses and will have about the same number of cache misses, rank them both 5 and rank the other entries 1 to 4.

Justify your estimates on the grounds of expected cache misses and locality. Your justifications will form a significant fraction of your grade for this part.

Unfortunately, measuring hit rates is not so easy (although valgrind can do a lot). But what we are really interested in is the **effect of locality on performance**. We are therefore *also* asking you to **predict the relative performance** of each algorithm. But do make some simplifying assumptions:

- As before, assume that the images being rotated are much too large to fit in the cache.
- Assume that all function calls cost the same, and that each algorithm does the same number of function calls.
- Assume that the cost model for stores is approximately the same as the cost model for loads: if the store modifies a line already in the cache, the cost is about one cycle, but if the store writes an address that is *not* already in the cache, it costs about as much as a cache miss.¹
- Assume that the differences in performance are determined entirely by the amount of time spent in the mapping functions.
- Depending on how you design your representation and your mapping algoriths, a mapping function may use one, two, three, or even four nested loops. Assume that **only the operations in the innermost loop** matter.

¹This assumption oversimplifies the cache's behavior significantly, but it will be good enough to enable reasonable predictions of performance.

Under these assumptions, estimate the following quantities for each algorithm:

- 1. How many addition or subtraction operations are done for each pixel in the image?
- 2. How many multiplication operations are done for each pixel in the image?
- 3. How many division or modulus operations are done for each pixel in the image?
- 4. How many comparison operations (equality, less than, and so forth) are done for each pixel in the image, not forgetting any loop-termination conditions?
- 5. How many loads are done for each pixel in the image?
- 6. Of the loads in question 5, what fraction hit in the cache?
- 7. How many stores are done for each pixel in the image?
- 8. Of the stores in question 7, what fraction are to lines that are already in the cache?

If the answers to questions 1–5 and 7 are the same for two different algorithms, the relative performance will be determined only by the cache performance. If the answers to questions 1–5 and 7 are significantly different, you may find that a lot of arithmetic may cost more than a modest difference in the cache-miss rate. (As a rule of thumb, add and subtract cost the same as a load that hits in the cache, a multiply costs a bit more, and division/modulus cost even more. Comparisons vary, but in a well-behaved program a comparison typically costs about the same as an add or subtract.)

Please submit the expected work per pixel in a table like the following:

Kind of rotation	adds/subs	multiplies	divs/mods	compares	loads	hit rate	stores	hit rate
180-degree row-major								
180-degree column-major								
180-degree block-major								
90-degree row-major								
90-degree column-major								
90-degree block-major								

Once you have estimated the expected cost per pixel, please **estimate the expected speed** of each of the six operations in the table below. Your speed estimate should include the **cost of stores** as well as the cost of loads.

	row-major access	column-major access	blocked access
90-degree rotation			
180-degree rotation			

Your estimate should be a **rank between 1 and 6**, with 1 being the fastest and 6 being the slowest. If you think two operations will go at about the same speed, give them the same rank. For example, if you think that both column-major rotations will be the slowest and will run at about the same speed, rank them both 5 and rank the other entries 1 to 4.

To complete this problem successfully, you will need to understand the material presented in class and in Chapter 6 of Bryant and O'Hallaron.

1.5 Part E (experimental): Measure and explain improvements in locality

This part of the assignment is to be completed after you have a complete, working implementations of ppmtrans. Please measure the speed of each of the operations in following table:

	row-major access	column-major access	blocked access
90-degree rotation			
180-degree rotation			

In detail,

- Do your measurements using the /usr/bin/time command, and report the user CPU time.
- For blocked access, use 64KB blocks.
- Explain your measurements.

In order to see any effects, you must use images that are too large to fit in the cache. Your *fastest* rotation should take **several seconds**; if it does not, you need a larger image.

- You will find a very small supply of large images in /comp/40/images/large.
- You can create your own large image by using any JPEG file with djpeg and pnmscale. Experiment until you get something of reasonable size. Example command lines:

```
djpeg /comp/40/images/from-wind-cave.jpg | pnmscale 3.5 |
   /usr/bin/time ./ppmtrans -rotate 90 | display -
djpeg /comp/40/images/wind-cave.jpg | pnmscale 1.2 |
   /usr/bin/time ./ppmtrans -rotate 90 | display -
```

• If you need to store a large image, you can create files and directories in the /data area, and they will not count against your disk quota. Or you can request that your disk quota be enlarged to 10GB; fill out the form at

```
https://www.eecs.tufts.edu/userguide/forms/quota.php
```

and list me as faculty sponsor.

Be sure all your measurements are done with the same image to the same scale.

2 Infrastructure that we provide

This section identifies infrastructure you can use for this assignment.

2.1 A polymorphic interface to two-dimensional arrays

1. Figure 2 on page 5 gives a polymorphic interface that describes a method suite for two-dimensional arrays. You will provide a method suite that works with your design and implementation of UArray2; we provide an implementation that works with UArray2b. For a rather simple example of how to use the 2D-array methods, see sample file a2test.c (item 5 below). The file a2methods.h appears in /comp/40/include and should not be copied.

2.2 Other interfaces we have designed for you

The interfaces below appear in /comp/40/include. Do not copy these files. You should be able to compile against any of these interfaces by using the option -I/comp/40/include with gcc.

- 2. Files a2plain.h and a2blocked.h define two interfaces that promise method suites. We implement a2blocked.h; you should be able to link against it by using the options -L/comp/40/lib64 -140locality with gcc.
- 3. File uarray2b.h defines the UArray2b interface. (You write the implementation.)
- 4. File pnm.h defines functions you can use to read, write, and free portable pixmap (PPM) files. It defines a representation for colored pixels. The pixmap itself is represented as type void *; you will use this code with the A2Methods_T methods.

The Pnm interface uses the A2Methods interface.

You should be able to link against our implementation of pnm.h by using the options

```
-L/comp/40/lib64 \ -l40locality \ -lnetpbm
```

with gcc.

2.3 Test code for two-dimensional arrays

5. As usual when implementing polymorphism in C, it is possible to make a mistake with void * pointers. You will therefore want to run small test cases using valgrind in order to flush out potential memory errors. We provide one sample test case in file a2test.c; it tests the cell and at methods as well as row-major mapping, if present. Before you can use it you will need to implement uarray2b.c or a2plain.c or both.

Once you can build a2test, run valgrind ./a2test.

2.4 Other source code

6. We provide C source code for a2blocked.c, which you don't need to compile, but you might find useful to study. We also provide incomplete versions of a2plain.c and ppmtrans.c.

2.5 Where to get what

7. All of the C source we provide for you is in a git repository. That repository also contains a compile script that builds a2test; you will need to extend the script to build ppmtrans. You will want to remember options like

```
sh compile uarray2b.c  # compile just the one .c file
sh compile -nolink  # compile all .c, but don't link anything
sh compile -link a2test  # build executable binary a2test
```

You get all these sources by

```
git clone linux.cs.tufts.edu:/comp/40/git/locality
```

which will create a subdirectory locality. We recommend you begin the assignment by creating a directory using git clone.

8. Interfaces uarray2b.h, a2methods.h, a2blocked.h, and a2plain.h all appear in /comp/40/include. Don't copy these interfaces.

2.6 Geometric calculations we have done for you

What's important about this assignment is how locality stores affects performance, not how to rotate images. We therefore inform you that we believe

- 9. If you have an original image of size $w \times h$, then when the image is rotated 90 degrees, pixel (i, j) in the original becomes pixel (h j 1, i) in the rotated image.
- 10. When the image is rotated 180 degrees, pixel (i, j) becomes pixel (w i 1, h j 1).

3 What we expect from your preliminary submission

Your preliminary submission should include your design work for parts A and C as well as all of part D.

- For Part C, please use the design checklist for writing programs. We are especially interested in knowing what additional components you plan to use to implement ppmtrans and how those components work together to solve the problem. We expect you to describe a modular architecture and to exploit procedural abstraction.
- For Part A, please use the design checklist for abstract data types. If we ignore costs, then in the world of ideas, UArray2b cannot be distinguished from UArray2. So all of your test cases and examples carry over from the previous assignment, and you need not repeat them.

But we expect you to pay special attention to the **representation** and its **invariants**. Please be sure your submission explains

- 1. How you will translate cell coordinates (i, j) into a C pointer in *your* representation. (If you use my design, your explanation will probably involve block coordinates—or a block number—and the index of the cell within the block.) The best possible explanation is a *precise* one using a **set** of equations.
- 2. How you will translate a location within *your* representation (which in my design would be the combination of block coordinates and the index of a cell within the block) back to pixel coordinates (i, j). The best possible explanation is a *precise* one using a **set of equations**.
- 3. What representation you will use for a single block.
- 4. What representation you will use for a 2-dimensional array of blocks.

Please submit two files:

- DESIGN for your design work for Parts A and C.
- ESTIMATES for your estimates of locality, work per pixel, and total cost

Submit using submit40-locality-design.

4 What we expect from your final submission

Your implementation, to be submitted using submit40-locality, should include

- 1. A README file which
 - Identifies you and your programming partner by name
 - Acknowledges help you may have received from or collaborative work you may have undertaken
 - Identifies what has been correctly implemented and what has not

- Documents the architecture of your solutions.
- Gives measured speeds for Part E and explains them.
- Says approximately how many hours you have spent completing the assignment
- 2. The file ppmtrans.c.
- 3. File uarray2b.c, which implements the UArray2b interface. This file should include internal documentation explaining your representation and its invariants.
- 4. File a2plain.c, which provides a method suite as described by the a2methods.h interface.
- 5. Any other files you may have created as useful components.
- 6. A compile script which when run using

sh compile

encounters no errors and builds two executable binaries: a2test and ppmtrans.

• ppmtrans should be linked with ppmtrans.o, uarray2.o, arrayb.o, a2plain.o, a2blocked.o, and probably with other relocatable object files and libraries.

5 Avoid common mistakes

Here are the mistakes most commonly made on this project:

- It's a mistake to submit, in place of an invariant, a narrative description of a sequence of events.
- It's a mistake to try to explain a complex invariant in informal English.
- It's a mistake to analyze a rotation experiment if the rotation completes in less than a few seconds.
- When two programs perform very differently, and the programs very different loop structures, it's a mistake to try to explain performance differences by appealing to locality.

6 Code to handle command-line options and choose methods

To deal with command-line options in ppmtrans.c, consider the code below. This code does not help you decide if a file has been named on the command line, which determines whether you read from that file or from standard input. To make this decision, you will need to examine the values of i and argc.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "assert.h"
#include "a2methods.h"
#include "a2plain.h"
#include "a2blocked.h"
#include "pnm.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
 int rotation = 0;
 A2Methods_T methods = uarray2_methods_plain; // default to UArray2 methods
 assert(methods);
 A2Methods_mapfun *map = methods->map_default; // default to best map
 assert(map);
#define SET_METHODS(METHODS, MAP, WHAT) do { \
     methods = (METHODS); \
      assert(methods); \
      map = methods->MAP; \
      if (!map) { \
        fprintf(stderr, "%s does not support " WHAT "mapping\n", argv[0]); \
      } \
    } while(0)
  for (i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
    if (!strcmp(argv[i], "-row-major")) {
      SET_METHODS(uarray2_methods_plain, map_row_major, "row-major");
    } else if (!strcmp(argv[i], "-col-major")) {
      SET_METHODS(uarray2_methods_plain, map_col_major, "column-major");
    } else if (!strcmp(argv[i], "-block-major")) {
      SET_METHODS(uarray2_methods_blocked, map_block_major, "block-major");
    } else if (!strcmp(argv[i], "-rotate")) {
      assert(i + 1 < argc);
      char *endptr;
      rotation = strtol(argv[++i], &endptr, 10);
      assert(*endptr == '\0'); // parsed all correctly
      assert(rotation == 0 || rotation == 90
          || rotation == 180 || rotation == 270);
    } else if (*argv[i] == '-') {
      fprintf(stderr, "%s: unknown option '%s'\n", argv[0], argv[i]);
      exit(1);
   } else if (argc - i > 2) {
      fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s [-rotate <angle>] "
              "[-{row,col,block}-major] [filename]\n", argv[0]);
      exit(1);
    } else {
      break;
    }
 }
}
```