Package ‘gcba’

Type Package
Title 'GPU'/CPU Benchmarking in Debian-Based Systems
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Description 'GPU'/CPU Benchmarking on Debian-package based systems
   This package benchmarks performance of a few standard linear algebra
   operations (such as a matrix product and QR, SVD and LU decompositions)
   across a number of different 'BLAS' libraries as well as a 'GPU' implementation.
   To do so, it takes advantage of the ability to 'plug and play' different
   'BLAS' implementations easily on a Debian and/or Ubuntu system. The current
   version supports
   - 'Reference BLAS' ('refblas') which are un-accelerated as a baseline
   - Atlas which are tuned but typically configure single-threaded
   - Atlas39 which are tuned and configured for multi-threaded mode
   - 'Goto Blas' which are accelerated and multi-threaded
   - 'Intel MKL' which is a commercial accelerated and multithreaded version.
   As for 'GPU' computing, we use the CRAN package
   - 'gputools'
   For 'Goto Blas', the 'gotoblas2-helper' script from the ISM in Tokyo can be
   used. For 'Intel MKL' we use the Revolution R packages from Ubuntu 9.10.
License GPL (>= 2)
LazyLoad yes
Depends R (>= 2.11.1)
Imports Matrix, DBI, RSQLite, plyr, reshape, lattice
Suggests gputools
SystemRequirements Debian or Ubuntu system with access to Goto Blas,
   Intel MKL, Atlas development build as well as a Nvidia GPU with
   CUDA support
OS_type unix
NeedsCompilation no
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### analysis

**Description**

Analysis functions for GPU/CPU Benchmarking

**Usage**

```r
loglogAnalysis()
```

**Details**

`loglogAnalysis` retrieves past benchmark results from the database contained in the package and returns intercepts and slopes of regressions of elapsed times on matrix dimensions (where both inputs are in logarithms).

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### benchmark

**Description**

Benchmarking functions for GPU/CPU Benchmarking

**Usage**

```r
getMatrix(N)
gemultBenchmark(N, n, trim=0.1)
gemultBenchmarkgputools(N, n, trim=0.1)
qrBenchmark(N, n, trim=0.1)
qrBenchmarkgputools(N, n, trim=0.1)
svdBenchmark(N, n, trim=0.1)
luBenchmark(N, n, trim=0.1)
luBenchmarkgputools(N, n, trim=0.1)
```
Arguments

N  dimension of square matrix
n  number of replications of benchmarked test
trim  percentage to be trimmed in mean estimation

Details

getMatrix provides a square matrix of the given dimension.

matmultBenchmark times the cost of multiplying a matrix of the given size with itself, repeated as specified and returns the trimmed mean of the elapsed times. matmultBenchmarkgputools does the same using the gputools packages.

qrBenchmark times the cost of a QR decomposition of a matrix of the given size, repeated as specified and returns the trimmed mean of the elapsed times. qrBenchmarkgputools does the same using the gputools packages.

svdBenchmark times the cost of a Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of a matrix of the given size, repeated as specified and returns the trimmed mean of the elapsed times.

luBenchmark times the cost of a LU Decomposition of a matrix of the given size, repeated as specified and returns the trimmed mean of the elapsed times. luBenchmarkgputools does the same using the gputools package.

Description

These functions generate the figures the in the corresponding vignette.

Usage

loglogAnalysis()
figure_LU_i7(D)
figure_LU_xeon(D)
figure_MatMult_i7(D)
figure_MatMult_xeon(D)
figure_QR_i7(D)
figure_QR_xeon(D)
figure_SVD_i7(D)
figure_SVD_xeon(D)
figure_LogLogIntercept()
figure_LogLogSlopes()
figure_LogLogLattice(titles=TRUE)
figure_Lattice(titles=TRUE)
Arguments

- **D** Benchmark results to be visualised
- **titles** Boolean flag whether to set 'main' and 'sub' titles for the figure

Details

loglogAnalysis retrieves past benchmark results from the database contained in the package and returns intercepts and slopes of regressions of elapsed times on matrix dimensions (where both inputs are in logarithms).

The various figure functions create the corresponding figures from the vignette.

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Utilities

Utility functions for GPU/CPU Benchmarking

Description

Utility functions for GPU/CPU Benchmarking

Usage

```r
requirements()

createDatabase(dbfile)
databaseResult(data, dbfile)

installAtlas()
installAtlas39()
installGoto()
installMKL()
purgeAtlas()
purgeAtlas39()
purgeGoto()
purgeMKL()

isPackageInstalled(package)
hasGputools()

getBenchmarkData(host)
```

Arguments

- **data** a (one-row) dataframe containing results from a benchmark
- **dbfile** character string containing path and name of SQLite database file
- **package** character string denoting a package to test for
- **host** character string denoting the host system for which benchmark data is to be retrieved
Details

requirements checks for a few system requirements such platform (Unix), operating system provider (Debian or Ubuntu) and presence of key packages (gotoblas2-helper).

createDatabase creates an empty SQLite database to store benchmark results.
databaseResult stores the benchmark results in the SQLite database.

The different install* functions add the respective BLAS libraries to the system; the different purge* functions do the inverse operation and remove them.

The function hasGputools tests for presence of this CRAN package on the current machine – as a very cheap proxy to testing whether the machine in GPU-capable or not. It uses the function isPackageInstalled for this test.

The function getBenchmarkData retrieves benchmark results for a given host.
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