

# How to Write Fast Numerical Code

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*Lecture:* SIMD extensions, SSE, compiler vectorization

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## Flynn's Taxonomy

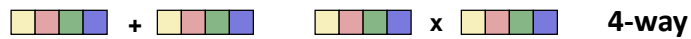
	Single instruction	Multiple instruction
Single data	<i>SISD</i> Uniprocessor	<i>MISD</i>
Multiple data	<i>SIMD</i> Vector computer Short vector extensions	<i>MIMD</i> Multiprocessors VLIW

# SIMD Extensions and SSE

- Overview: SSE family
- SSE intrinsics
- Compiler vectorization
  
- *This lecture and material was created together with Franz Franchetti (ECE, Carnegie Mellon)*

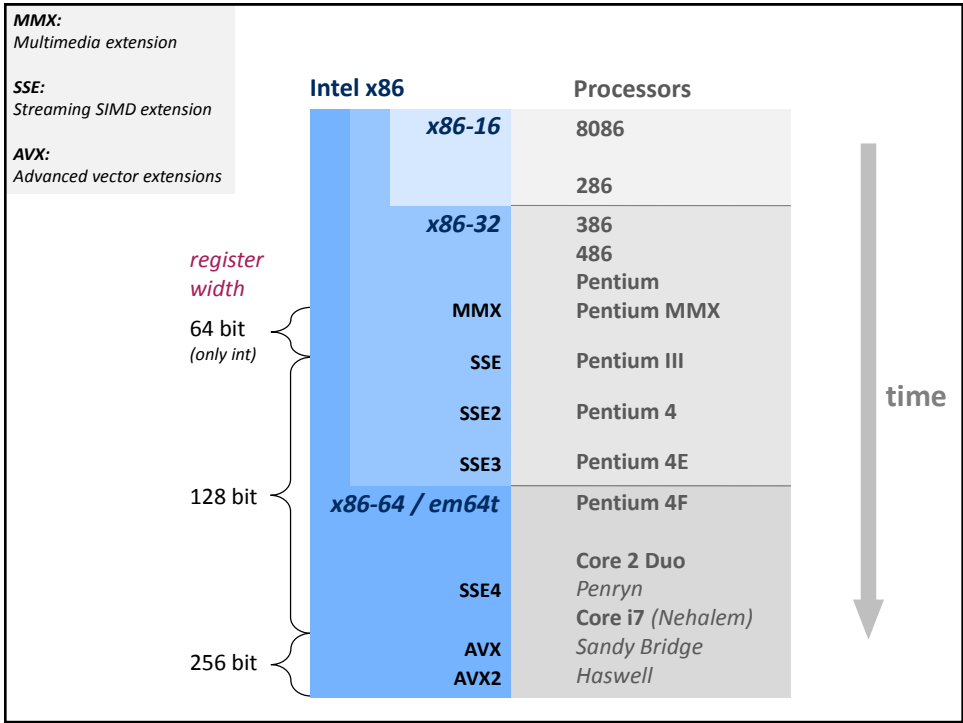
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# SIMD Vector Extensions

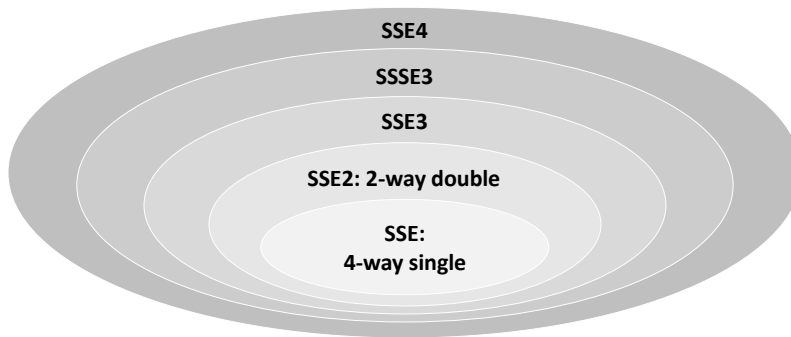


- **What is it?**
  - Extension of the ISA
  - Data types and instructions for the parallel computation on short (length 2, 4, 8, ...) vectors of integers or floats
  - Names: MMX, SSE, SSE2, ...
- **Why do they exist?**
  - *Useful:* Many applications have the necessary fine-grain parallelism  
Then: speedup by a factor close to vector length
  - *Doable:* Relative easy to design; chip designers have enough transistors to play with

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## SSE Family: Floating Point



- Not drawn to scale
- From SSE3: Only additional instructions
- Every Core 2 has SSE3

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## Overview Floating-Point Vector ISAs

Vendor	Name	°-way	Precision	Introduced with
Intel	SSE	4-way	single	Pentium III
	SSE2	+ 2-way	double	Pentium 4
	SSE3			Pentium 4 (Prescott)
	SSSE3			Core Duo
	SSE4			Core2 Extreme (Penryn)
	AVX	8-way 4-way	single double	Core i7 (Sandybridge)
Intel	IPF	2-way	single	Itanium
Intel	LRB	16-way	single	Larrabee
		8-way	double	
AMD	3DNow!	2-way	single	K6
	Enhanced 3DNow!			K7
	3DNow! Professional	+ 4-way	single	Athlon XP
	AMD64	+ 2-way	double	Opteron
Motorola	AltiVec	4-way	single	MPC 7400 G4
IBM	VMX	4-way	single	PowerPC 970 G5
	SPU	+ 2-way	double	Cell BE
IBM	Double FPU	2-way	double	PowerPC 440 FP2

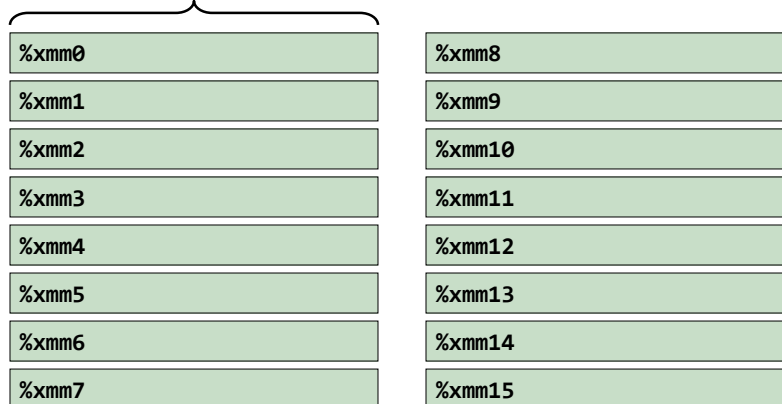
*Within an extension family, newer generations add features to older ones  
Convergence: 3DNow! Professional = 3DNow! + SSE; VMX = AltiVec;*

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## Core 2

- Has SSE3
- 16 SSE registers

*128 bit = 2 doubles = 4 singles*



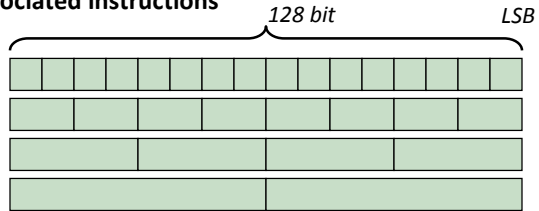
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# SSE3 Registers

- Different data types and associated instructions

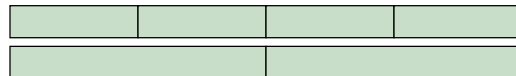
- Integer vectors:

- 16-way byte
    - 8-way 2 bytes
    - 4-way 4 bytes
    - 2-way 8 bytes



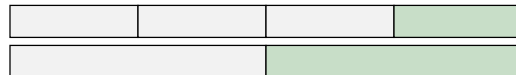
- Floating point vectors:

- 4-way single (since SSE)
    - 2-way double (since SSE2)



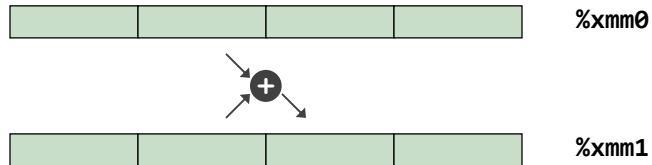
- Floating point scalars:

- single (since SSE)
    - double (since SSE2)

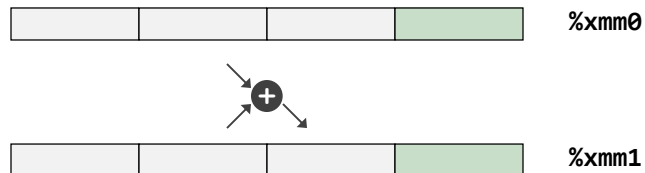


# SSE3 Instructions: Examples

- Single precision **4-way vector add**: `addps %xmm0, %xmm1`



- Single precision **scalar add**: `addss %xmm0, %xmm1`



## SSE3 Instruction Names

*packed (vector)*

**addps**

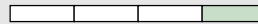
*single precision*

**addpd**

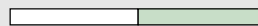
*double precision*

*single slot (scalar)*

**addss**



**addsd**



Compiler will use this for floating point

- on x86-64
- with proper flags if SSE/SSE2 is available

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## x86-64 FP Code Example

### ■ Inner product of two vectors

- Single precision arithmetic
- Compiled: not vectorized, uses SSE instructions

```
float ipf (float x[],
          float y[],
          int n) {
    int i;
    float result = 0.0;

    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        result += x[i]*y[i];
    return result;
}
```

```
ipf:
    xorps    %xmm1, %xmm1           # result = 0.0
    xorl    %ecx, %ecx             # i = 0
    jmp     .L8                   # goto middle
.L10:
    movslq  %ecx, %rax             # icpy = i
    incl    %ecx                  # i++
    movss  (%rsi,%rax,4), %xmm0    # t = y[icpy]
    mulss  (%rdi,%rax,4), %xmm0    # t *= x[icpy]
    addss  %xmm0, %xmm1           # result += t
.L8:
    cmpl   %edx, %ecx             # i:n
    jl     .L10                  # if < goto loop
    movaps %xmm1, %xmm0          # return result
    ret
```

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## From Core 2 Manual

### Latency, throughput

Single-precision (SP) FP MUL	4, 1	4, 1	Issue port 0; Writeback port 0
Double-precision FP MUL	5, 1	5, 1	
FP MUL (X87)	5, 2	5, 2	Issue port 0; Writeback port 0
FP Shuffle	1, 1	1, 1	FP shuffle does not handle QW shuffle.
DIV/SQRT			

*SSE based FP*

*x87 FP*

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## Summary

- **On Core 2 there are two different (unvectorized) floating points**
  - x87: obsolete, is default on x86-32
  - SSE based: uses only one slot, is default on x86-64
- **SIMD vector floating point instructions**
  - 4-way single precision: since SSE
  - 2-way double precision: since SSE2
  - SSE vector add and mult are fully pipelined (1 per cycle): possible gain 4x and 2x, respectively
  - Starting with Sandybridge, AVX was introduced: 8-way single , 4-way double

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## SSE: How to Take Advantage?



- **Necessary: fine grain parallelism**
- **Options (ordered by effort):**
  - Use vectorized libraries (easy, not always available)
  - Compiler vectorization (this lecture)
  - Use intrinsics (this lecture)
  - Write assembly
- **We will focus on floating point and single precision (4-way)**

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## SIMD Extensions and SSE

- **Overview: SSE family**
- ***SSE intrinsics***
- **Compiler vectorization**

### References:

*Intel Intrinsics Guide (contains latency and throughput information!)*

<http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-intrinsics-guide>

*Intel icc compiler manual*

*Visual Studio manual*

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## SSE Family Intrinsics

- Assembly coded C functions
- Expanded inline upon compilation: no overhead
- Like writing assembly inside C
- Floating point:
  - Intrinsics for math functions: log, sin, ...
  - Intrinsics for SSE
- Our introduction is based on icc
  - Most intrinsics work with gcc and Visual Studio (VS)
  - Some language extensions are icc (or even VS) specific

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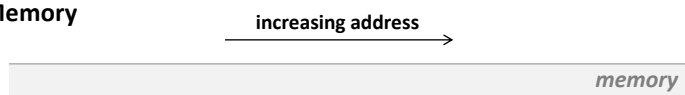
## Header files

- SSE: `xmmintrin.h`
  - SSE2: `emmintrin.h`
  - SSE3: `pmmintrin.h`
  - SSSE3: `tmmmintrin.h`
  - SSE4: `smmintrin.h` and `nmmintrin.h`
- } or `ia32intrin.h`

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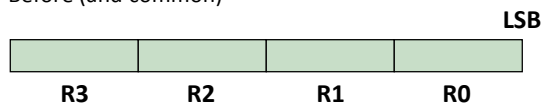
## Visual Conventions We Will Use

- Memory

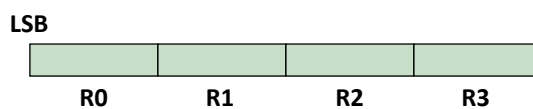


- Registers

- Before (and common)



- Now we will use

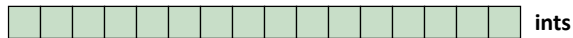


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## SSE Intrinsics (Focus Floating Point)

### ■ Data types

```
__m128 f; // = {float f0, f1, f2, f3}  
__m128d d; // = {double d0, d1}  
__m128i i; // 16 8-bit, 8 16-bit, 4 32-bit, or 2 64-bit ints
```



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## SSE Intrinsics (Focus Floating Point)

### ■ Instructions

- Naming convention: `_mm_<intrin_op>_<suffix>`
- Example:

```
// a is 16-byte aligned  
float a[4] = {1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0};  
__m128 t = _mm_load_ps(a);
```

*p: packed*  
*s: single precision*

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1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
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- Same result as

```
__m128 t = _mm_set_ps(4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0)
```

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## SSE Intrinsics

- **Native instructions (one-to-one with assembly)**

  - `_mm_load_ps()`

  - `_mm_add_ps()`

  - `_mm_mul_ps()`

  - ...

- **Multi instructions (map to several assembly instructions)**

  - `_mm_set_ps()`

  - `_mm_set1_ps()`

  - ...

- **Macros and helpers**

  - `_MM_TRANSPOSE4_PS()`

  - `_MM_SHUFFLE()`

  - ...

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## What Are the Main Issues?

- **Alignment is important (128 bit = 16 byte)**

- **You need to code explicit loads and stores**

- **Overhead through shuffles**

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## SSE Intrinsics

- Load and store
- Constants
- Arithmetic
- Comparison
- Conversion
- Shuffles

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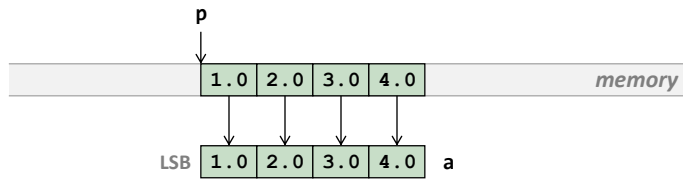
## Loads and Stores

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instructions
<code>_mm_loadh_pi</code>	Load high	MOVHPS reg, mem
<code>_mm_loadl_pi</code>	Load low	MOVLPS reg, mem
<code>_mm_load_ss</code>	Load the low value and clear the three high values	MOVSS
<code>_mm_load1_ps</code>	Load one value into all four words	MOVSS + Shuffling
<code>_mm_load_ps</code>	Load four values, address aligned	MOVAPS
<code>_mm_loadu_ps</code>	Load four values, address unaligned	MOVUPS
<code>_mm_loadr_ps</code>	Load four values in reverse	MOVAPS + Shuffling

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
<code>_mm_set_ss</code>	Set the low value and clear the three high values	Composite
<code>_mm_set1_ps</code>	Set all four words with the same value	Composite
<code>_mm_set_ps</code>	Set four values, address aligned	Composite
<code>_mm_setr_ps</code>	Set four values, in reverse order	Composite
<code>_mm_setzero_ps</code>	Clear all four values	Composite

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## Loads and Stores



```
a = _mm_load_ps(p); // p 16-byte aligned
```

```
a = _mm_loadu_ps(p); // p not aligned
```

*avoid (can be expensive)  
on recent Intel  
possibly no penalty*

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## How to Align

- `__m128`, `__m128d`, `__m128i` are 16-byte aligned

- Arrays:

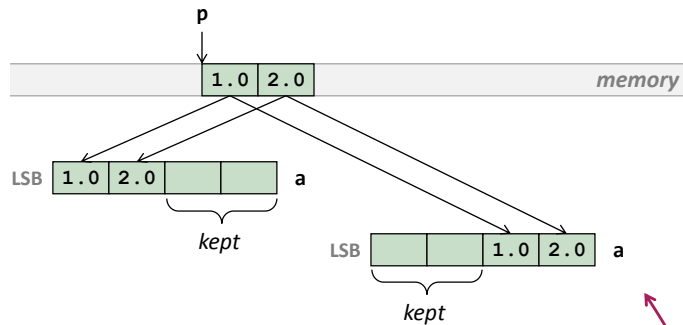
```
__declspec(align(16)) float g[4];
```

- Dynamic allocation

- `_mm_malloc()` and `_mm_free()`
- Write your own `malloc` that returns 16-byte aligned addresses
- Some `malloc`'s already guarantee 16-byte alignment

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## Loads and Stores

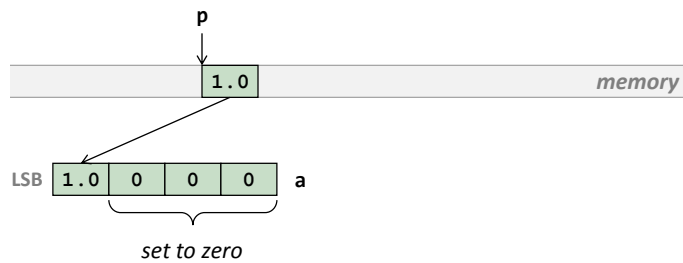


```
a = _mm_loadl_pi(a, p); // p 8-byte aligned
```

```
a = _mm_loadh_pi(a, p); // p 8-byte aligned
```

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## Loads and Stores



```
a = _mm_load_ss(p); // p any alignment
```

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## Stores Analogous to Loads

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
<code>_mm_storeh_pi</code>	Store high	<code>MOVHPS mem, reg</code>
<code>_mm_storel_pi</code>	Store low	<code>MOVLPS mem, reg</code>
<code>_mm_store_ss</code>	Store the low value	<code>MOVSS</code>
<code>_mm_store1_ps</code>	Store the low value across all four words, address aligned	Shuffling + <code>MOVSS</code>
<code>_mm_store_ps</code>	Store four values, address aligned	<code>MOVAPS</code>
<code>_mm_storeu_ps</code>	Store four values, address unaligned	<code>MOVUPS</code>
<code>_mm_storer_ps</code>	Store four values, in reverse order	<code>MOVAPS</code> + Shuffling

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## Constants

LSB	<table border="1"><tr><td>1.0</td><td>2.0</td><td>3.0</td><td>4.0</td></tr></table>	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	a	<code>a = _mm_set_ps(4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0);</code>
1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0				
LSB	<table border="1"><tr><td>1.0</td><td>1.0</td><td>1.0</td><td>1.0</td></tr></table>	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	b	<code>b = _mm_set1_ps(1.0);</code>
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0				
LSB	<table border="1"><tr><td>1.0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	1.0	0	0	0	c	<code>c = _mm_set_ss(1.0);</code>
1.0	0	0	0				
LSB	<table border="1"><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	0	0	0	0	d	<code>d = _mm_setzero_ps();</code>
0	0	0	0				

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# Arithmetic

## SSE

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
<code>_mm_add_ss</code>	Addition	ADDSS
<code>_mm_add_ps</code>	Addition	ADDPS
<code>_mm_sub_ss</code>	Subtraction	SUBSS
<code>_mm_sub_ps</code>	Subtraction	SUBPS
<code>_mm_mul_ss</code>	Multiplication	MULSS
<code>_mm_mul_ps</code>	Multiplication	MULPS
<code>_mm_div_ss</code>	Division	DIVSS
<code>_mm_div_ps</code>	Division	DIVPS
<code>_mm_sqrt_ss</code>	Squared Root	SQRTSS
<code>_mm_sqrt_ps</code>	Squared Root	SQRTPS
<code>_mm_rcp_ss</code>	Reciprocal	RCPPS
<code>_mm_rcp_ps</code>	Reciprocal	RCPPS
<code>_mm_rsqrt_ss</code>	Reciprocal Squared Root	RSQRTSS
<code>_mm_rsqrt_ps</code>	Reciprocal Squared Root	RSQRTPS
<code>_mm_min_ss</code>	Computes Minimum	MINSS
<code>_mm_min_ps</code>	Computes Minimum	MINPS
<code>_mm_max_ss</code>	Computes Maximum	MAXSS
<code>_mm_max_ps</code>	Computes Maximum	MAXPS

## SSE3

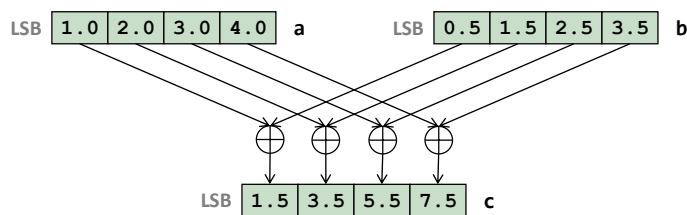
Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE3 Instruction
<code>_mm_addsub_ps</code>	Subtract and add	ADDSUBPS
<code>_mm_hadd_ps</code>	Add	HADDPS
<code>_mm_hsub_ps</code>	Subtracts	HSUBPS

## SSE4

Intrinsic	Operation	Corresponding SSE4 Instruction
<code>_mm_dp_ps</code>	Single precision dot product	DPPS

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# Arithmetic



```
c = _mm_add_ps(a, b);
```

*analogous:*

```
c = _mm_sub_ps(a, b);
```

```
c = _mm_mul_ps(a, b);
```

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## Example

```
void addindex(float *x, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        x[i] = x[i] + i;
}
```

```
#include <ia32intrin.h>

// n a multiple of 4, x is 16-byte aligned
void addindex_vec(float *x, int n) {
    __m128 index, x_vec;

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i+=4) {
        x_vec = _mm_load_ps(x+i);           // load 4 floats
        index = _mm_set_ps(i+3, i+2, i+1, i); // create vector with indexes
        x_vec = _mm_add_ps(x_vec, index);    // add the two
        _mm_store_ps(x+i, x_vec);          // store back
    }
}
```

Is this the best solution?

**No! `_mm_set_ps` may be too expensive**

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## Example

```
void addindex(float *x, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        x[i] = x[i] + i;
}
```

```
#include <ia32intrin.h>

// n a multiple of 4, x is 16-byte aligned
void addindex_vec(float *x, int n) {
    __m128 x_vec, ind, incr;

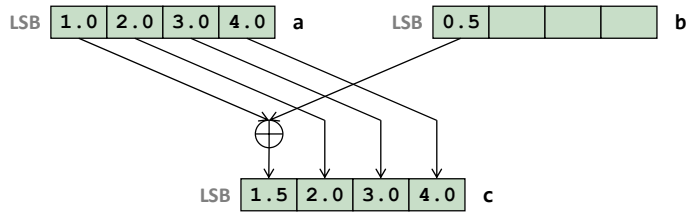
    ind = _mm_set_ps(3, 2, 1, 0);
    incr = _mm_set1_ps(4);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i+=4) {
        x_vec = _mm_load_ps(x+i);           // load 4 floats
        x_vec = _mm_add_ps(x_vec, ind);     // add the two
        ind = _mm_add_ps(ind, incr);       // update ind
        _mm_store_ps(x+i, x_vec);         // store back
    }
}
```

How does the code style differ from scalar code?

**Intrinsics force scalar replacement!**

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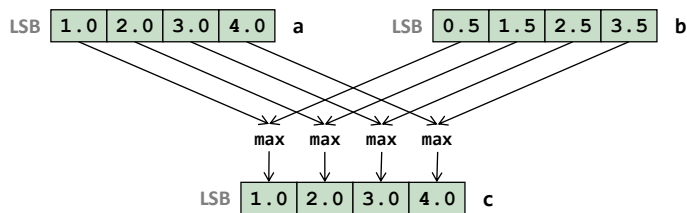
## Arithmetic



```
c = _mm_add_ss(a, b);
```

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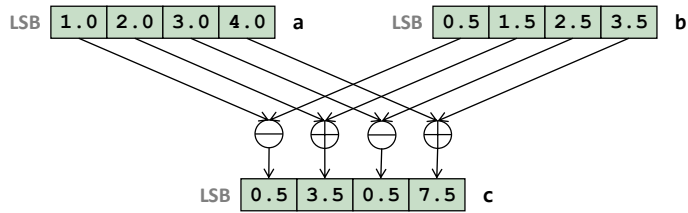
## Arithmetic



```
c = _mm_max_ps(a, b);
```

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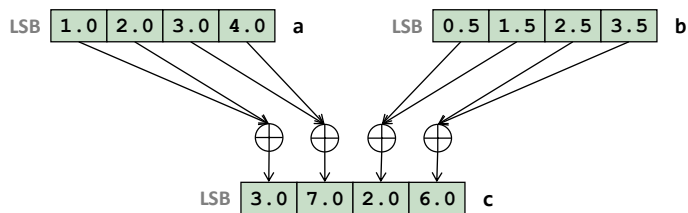
## Arithmetic



```
c = _mm_addsub_ps(a, b);
```

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## Arithmetic



```
c = _mm_hadd_ps(a, b);
```

*analogous:*

```
c = _mm_hsub_ps(a, b);
```

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## Example

```
// n is even
void lp(float *x, float *y, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n/2; i++)
        y[i] = (x[2*i] + x[2*i+1])/2;
}
```

```
#include <ia32intrin.h>

// n a multiple of 8, x, y are 16-byte aligned
void lp_vec(float *x, int n) {
    __m128 half, v1, v2, avg;

    half = _mm_set1_ps(0.5); // set vector to all 0.5
    for(int i = 0; i < n/8; i++) {
        v1 = _mm_load_ps(x+i*8); // load first 4 floats
        v2 = _mm_load_ps(x+4+i*8); // load next 4 floats
        avg = _mm_hadd_ps(v1, v2); // add pairs of floats
        avg = _mm_mul_ps(avg, half); // multiply with 0.5
        _mm_store_ps(y+i*4, avg); // save result
    }
}
```

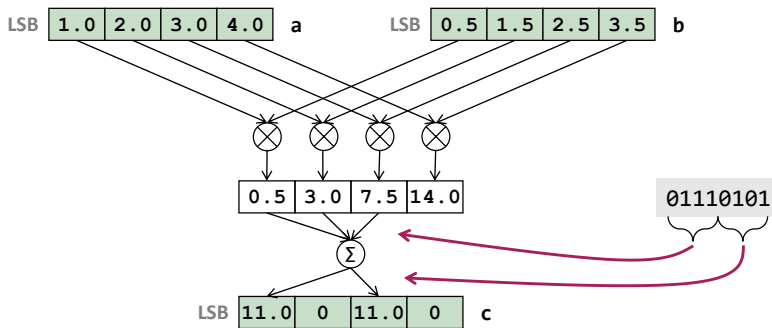
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## Arithmetic

```
__m128 _mm_dp_ps(__m128 a, __m128 b, const int mask)
```

(SSE4) Computes the pointwise product of a and b and writes a selected sum of the resulting numbers into selected elements of c; the others are set to zero. The selections are encoded in the mask.

**Example:** mask = 117 = 01110101



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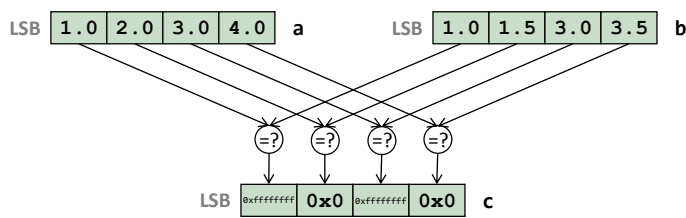
# Comparisons

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
_mm_cmpeq_ss	Equal	CMPEQSS
_mm_cmpeq_ps	Equal	CMPEQPS
_mm_cmplt_ss	Less Than	CMPLTSS
_mm_cmplt_ps	Less Than	CMPLTPS
_mm_cmple_ss	Less Than or Equal	CMPLSS
_mm_cmple_ps	Less Than or Equal	CMPLPS
_mm_cmpgt_ss	Greater Than	CMPGTSS
_mm_cmpgt_ps	Greater Than	CMPGTPS
_mm_cmpge_ss	Greater Than or Equal	CMPSSE
_mm_cmpge_ps	Greater Than or Equal	CMPSPS
_mm_cmpneq_ss	Not Equal	CMPNEQSS
_mm_cmpneq_ps	Not Equal	CMPNEQPS
_mm_cmpnlt_ss	Not Less Than	CMPNLTSS
_mm_cmpnlt_ps	Not Less Than	CMPNLTPS
_mm_cmpnle_ss	Not Less Than or Equal	CMPNLESS
_mm_cmpnle_ps	Not Less Than or Equal	CMPNLEPS
_mm_cmpngt_ss	Not Greater Than	CMPNLTSS
_mm_cmpngt_ps	Not Greater Than	CMPNLTPS
_mm_cmpnge_ss	Not Greater Than or Equal	CMPNLESS
_mm_cmpnge_ps	Not Greater Than or Equal	CMPNLEPS

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
_mm_cmpord_ss	Ordered	CMPORDSS
_mm_cmpord_ps	Ordered	CMPORDPS
_mm_cmpunord_ss	Unordered	CMPUNORDSS
_mm_cmpunord_ps	Unordered	CMPUNORDPS
_mm_comieq_ss	Equal	COMISS
_mm_comilt_ss	Less Than	COMISS
_mm_comile_ss	Less Than or Equal	COMISS
_mm_comigt_ss	Greater Than	COMISS
_mm_comige_ss	Greater Than or Equal	COMISS
_mm_comineq_ss	Not Equal	COMISS
_mm_ucomieq_ss	Equal	UCOMISS
_mm_ucomilt_ss	Less Than	UCOMISS
_mm_ucomile_ss	Less Than or Equal	UCOMISS
_mm_ucomigt_ss	Greater Than	UCOMISS
_mm_ucomige_ss	Greater Than or Equal	UCOMISS
_mm_ucomineq_ss	Not Equal	UCOMISS

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# Comparisons



```
c = _mm_cmpeq_ps(a, b);
```

*analogous:*

```
c = _mm_cmple_ps(a, b);
```

```
c = _mm_cmlt_ps(a, b);
```

```
c = _mm_cmpge_ps(a, b);
```

*etc.*

**Each field:**  
0xffffffff if true  
0x0 if false

Return type: \_\_m128

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## Example

```
void fcond(float *x, size_t n) {
    int i;

    for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if(x[i] > 0.5)
            x[i] += 1.;
        else x[i] -= 1.;
    }
}
```

```
#include <xmmintrin.h>

void fcond(float *a, size_t n) {
    int i;
    __m128 vt, vmask, vp, vm, vr, ones, mones, thresholds;

    ones      = _mm_set1_ps(1.);
    mones     = _mm_set1_ps(-1.);
    thresholds = _mm_set1_ps(0.5);
    for(i = 0; i < n; i+=4) {
        vt     = _mm_load_ps(a+i);
        vmask  = _mm_cmpgt_ps(vt, thresholds);
        vp     = _mm_and_ps(vmask, ones);
        vm     = _mm_andnot_ps(vmask, mones);
        vr     = _mm_add_ps(vt, _mm_or_ps(vp, vm));
        _mm_store_ps(a+i, vr);
    }
}
```

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## Vectorization

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Picture: [www.druckundbestell.de](http://www.druckundbestell.de)

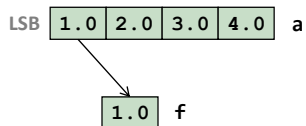
# Conversion

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
<code>_mm_cvtss_si32</code>	Convert to 32-bit integer	CVTSS2SI
<code>_mm_cvtss_si64*</code>	Convert to 64-bit integer	CVTSS2SI
<code>_mm_cvtps_pi32</code>	Convert to two 32-bit integers	CVTTPS2PI
<code>_mm_cvtss_si32</code>	Convert to 32-bit integer	CVTSS2SI
<code>_mm_cvtss_si64*</code>	Convert to 64-bit integer	CVTSS2SI
<code>_mm_cvtps_pi32</code>	Convert to two 32-bit integers	CVTTPS2PI
<code>_mm_cvtsi32_ss</code>	Convert from 32-bit integer	CVTSI2SS
<code>_mm_cvtsi64_ss*</code>	Convert from 64-bit integer	CVTSI2SS
<code>_mm_cvtpi32_ps</code>	Convert from two 32-bit integers	CVTPI2PS
<code>_mm_cvtpi16_ps</code>	Convert from four 16-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtpu16_ps</code>	Convert from four 16-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtpi8_ps</code>	Convert from four 8-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtpu8_ps</code>	Convert from four 8-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtpi32x2_ps</code>	Convert from four 32-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtps_pi16</code>	Convert to four 16-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtps_pi8</code>	Convert to four 8-bit integers	composite
<code>_mm_cvtss_f32</code>	Extract	composite

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# Conversion

```
float _mm_cvtss_f32(__m128 a)
```



```
float f;  
f = _mm_cvtss_f32(a);
```

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# Cast



```
__m128i _mm_castps_si128(__m128 a)
```

```
__m128 _mm_castsi128_ps(__m128i a)
```

Reinterprets the four single precision floating point values in a as four 32-bit integers, and vice versa.

*No conversion is performed. Does not map to any assembly instructions.*

Makes integer shuffle instructions usable for floating point.

# Shuffles

## SSE

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE Instruction
<code>_mm_shuffle_ps</code>	Shuffle	SHUFPS
<code>_mm_unpackhi_ps</code>	Unpack High	UNPCKHPS
<code>_mm_unpacklo_ps</code>	Unpack Low	UNPCKLPS
<code>_mm_move_ss</code>	Set low word, pass in three high values	MOVSS
<code>_mm_movehl_ps</code>	Move High to Low	MOVHLPS
<code>_mm_movelh_ps</code>	Move Low to High	MOVLHPS
<code>_mm_movemask_ps</code>	Create four-bit mask	MOVMSKPS

## SSE3

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSE3 Instruction
<code>_mm_movehdup_ps</code>	Duplicates	MOVSHDUP
<code>_mm_movedup_ps</code>	Duplicates	MOVSLDUP

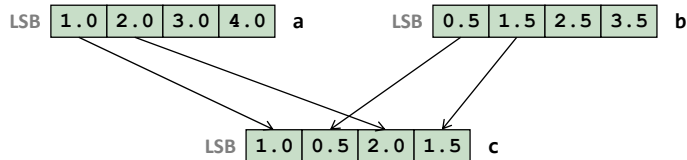
## SSSE3

Intrinsic Name	Operation	Corresponding SSSE3 Instruction
<code>_mm_shuffle_epi8</code>	Shuffle	PSHUFB
<code>_mm_alignr_epi8</code>	Shift	PALIGNR

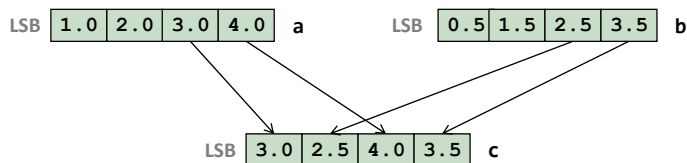
## SSE4

Intrinsic Syntax	Operation	Corresponding SSE4 Instruction
<code>__m128 _mm_blend_ps(__m128 v1, __m128 v2, const int mask)</code>	Selects float single precision data from 2 sources using constant mask	BLENDPS
<code>__m128 _mm_blendv_ps(__m128 v1, __m128 v2, __m128 v3)</code>	Selects float single precision data from 2 sources using variable mask	BLENDVPS
<code>__m128 _mm_insert_ps(__m128 dst, __m128 src, const int ndx)</code>	Insert single precision float into packed single precision array element selected by index.	INSERTPS
<code>int _mm_extract_ps(__m128 src, const int ndx)</code>	Extract single precision float from packed single precision array selected by index.	EXTRACTPS

# Shuffles



```
c = _mm_unpacklo_ps(a, b);
```



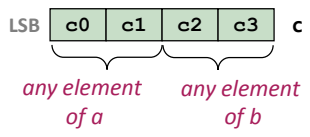
```
c = _mm_unpackhi_ps(a, b);
```

→ blackboard

# Shuffles

```
c = _mm_shuffle_ps(a, b, _MM_SHUFFLE(1, k, j, i));
```

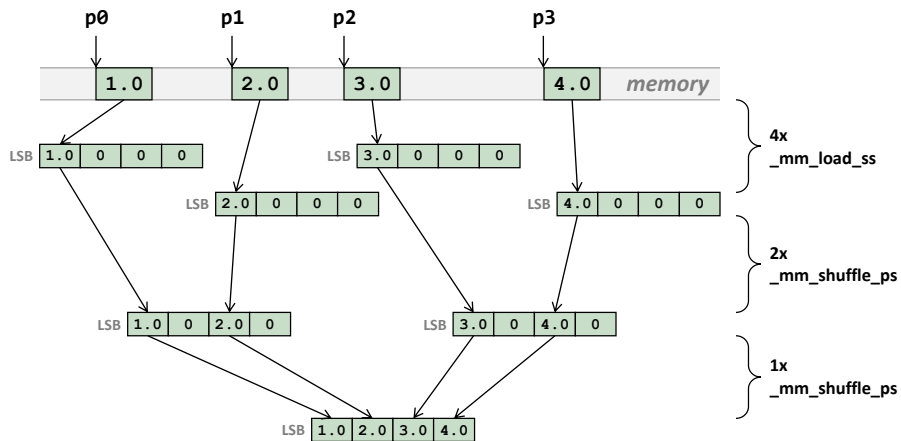
helper macro to create mask



```
c0 = ai
c1 = aj
c2 = bk
c3 = bl
i, j, k, l in {0, 1, 2, 3}
```

→ blackboard

## Example: Loading 4 Real Numbers from Arbitrary Memory Locations



*7 instructions, this is one good way of doing it*

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## Code For Previous Slide

```
#include <ia32intrin.h>

__m128 LoadArbitrary(float *p0, float *p1, float *p2, float *p3) {
    __m128 a, b, c, d, e, f;

    a = _mm_load_ss(p0);
    b = _mm_load_ss(p1);
    c = _mm_load_ss(p2);
    d = _mm_load_ss(p3);
    e = _mm_shuffle_ps(a, b, _MM_SHUFFLE(1,0,2,0)); //only zeros are important
    f = _mm_shuffle_ps(c, d, _MM_SHUFFLE(1,0,2,0)); //only zeros are important
    return _mm_shuffle_ps(e, f, _MM_SHUFFLE(2,0,2,0));
}
```

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## Example: Loading 4 Real Numbers from Arbitrary Memory Locations (cont'd)

- Whenever possible avoid the previous situation
- Restructure algorithm and use the aligned `_mm_load_ps()`
- Other possibility (but likely also yields 7 instructions)

```
__m128 vf;  
vf = _mm_set_ps(*p3, *p2, *p1, *p0);
```

- SSE4: `_mm_insert_epi32` together with `_mm_castsi128_ps`
  - Not clear whether better

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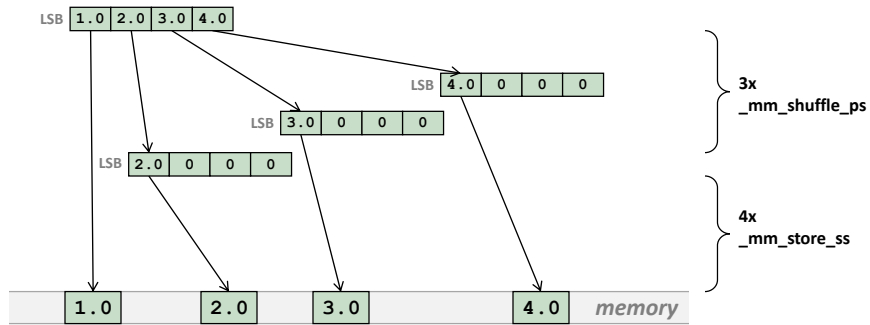
## Example: Loading 4 Real Numbers from Arbitrary Memory Locations (cont'd)

- Do not do this (why?):

```
__declspec(align(16)) float g[4];  
__m128 vf;  
  
g[0] = *p0;  
g[1] = *p1;  
g[2] = *p2;  
g[3] = *p3;  
vf = _mm_load_ps(g);
```

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## Example: Storing 4 Real Numbers to Arbitrary Memory Locations



*7 instructions, shorter critical path*

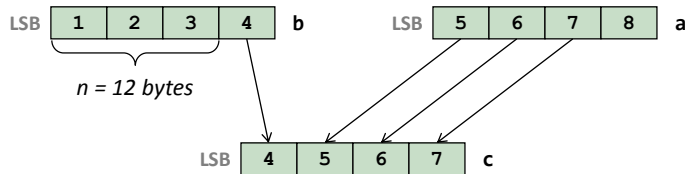
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## Shuffle

```
__m128i _mm_alignr_epi8(__m128i a, __m128i b, const int n)
```

Concatenate a and b and extract byte-aligned result shifted to the right by n bytes

*Example:* View `__m128i` as 4 32-bit ints;  $n = 12$



*How to use this with floating point vectors?*

*Use with `_mm_castsi128_ps` !*

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## Example

```
void shift(float *x, float *y, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++)
        y[i] = x[i+1];
    y[n-1] = 0;
}
```

```
#include <ia32intrin.h>

// n a multiple of 4, x, y are 16-byte aligned
void shift_vec(float *x, float *y, int n) {
    __m128 f;
    __m128i i1, i2, i3;

    i1 = _mm_castps_si128(_mm_load_ps(x));           // load first 4 floats and cast to int

    for (int i = 0; i < n-8; i = i + 4) {
        i2 = _mm_castps_si128(_mm_load_ps(x+4+i));   // load next 4 floats and cast to int
        f = _mm_castsi128_ps(_mm_alignr_epi8(i2,i1,4)); // shift and extract and cast back
        _mm_store_ps(y+i,f);                         // store it
        i1 = i2;                                     // make 2nd element 1st
    }

    // we are at the last 4
    i2 = _mm_castps_si128(_mm_setzero_ps());        // set the second vector to 0 and cast to int
    f = _mm_castsi128_ps(_mm_alignr_epi8(i2,i1,4)); // shift and extract and cast back
    _mm_store_ps(y+n-4,f);                          // store it
}
```

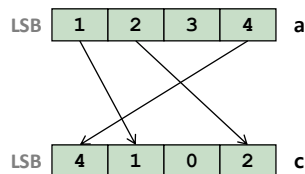
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## Shuffle

```
__m128i _mm_shuffle_epi8(__m128i a, __m128i mask)
```

Result is filled in each position by any element of a or with 0, as specified by mask

**Example:** View `__m128i` as 4 32-bit ints



**Use with `_mm_castsi128_ps` to do the same for floating point**

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# Shuffle

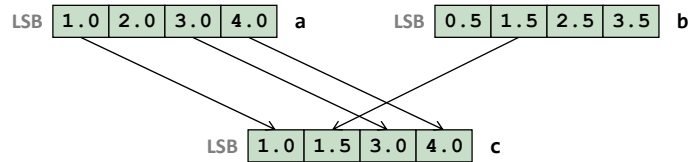
```
__m128 __mm_blendv_ps(__m128 a, __m128 b, __m128 mask)
```

(SSE4) Result is filled in each position by an element of a or b in the same position as specified by mask

**Example:** LSB 

0x0	0xffffffff	0x0	0x0
-----	------------	-----	-----

 mask



see also `_mm_blend_ps`

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# Example (Continued From Before)

```
void fcond(float *x, size_t n) {
    int i;

    for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if(x[i] > 0.5)
            x[i] += 1.;
        else x[i] -= 1.;
    }
}
```

```
#include <xmmintrin.h>

void fcond(float *a, size_t n) {
    int i;
    __m128 vt, vmask, vp, vm, vr, ones, mones, thresholds;

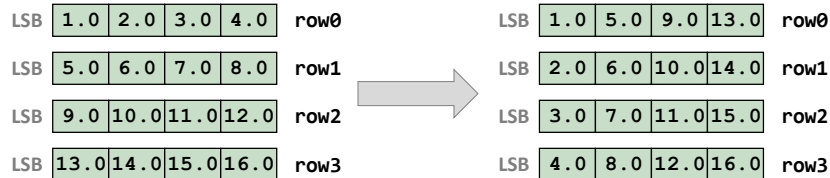
    ones      = _mm_set1_ps(1.);
    mones     = _mm_set1_ps(-1.);
    thresholds = _mm_set1_ps(0.5);
    for(i = 0; i < n; i+=4) {
        vt = _mm_load_ps(a+i);
        vmask = _mm_cmpgt_ps(vt, thresholds);
        vb = _mm_blendv_ps(ones, mones, vmask);
        vr = _mm_add_ps(vt, vb);
    }
}
```

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# Shuffle

```
__MM_TRANSPOSE4_PS(row0, row1, row2, row3)
```

**Macro for 4 x 4 matrix transposition:** The arguments row0,..., row3 are \_\_m128 values each containing a row of a 4 x 4 matrix. After execution, row0, .., row 3 contain the columns of that matrix.



**In SSE:** 8 shuffles (4\_mm\_unpacklo\_ps, 4\_mm\_unpackhi\_ps)

# Vectorization With Intrinsics: Key Points

- Use aligned loads and stores
- Minimize overhead (shuffle instructions)  
= maximize vectorization efficiency

■ **Definition:** Vectorization efficiency

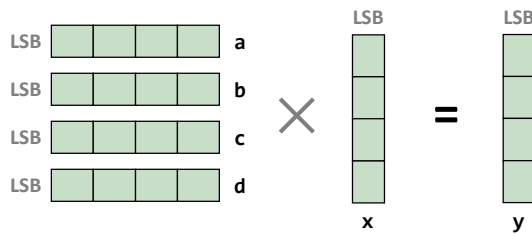
$$\frac{\text{Op count of scalar (unvectorized) code}}{\text{Op count of vectorized code}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{includes shuffles} \\ \text{does not include loads/stores} \end{array}$$

- **Ideally:** Efficiency = v for v-way vector instructions
  - assumes no vector instruction does more than v scalar ops
  - assumes every vector instruction has the same cost (not true: see hadd for example)



## Vectorization Efficiency: Example 2

- 4 x 4 matrix-vector multiplication
- *Blackboard*



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## SIMD Extensions and SSE

- Overview: SSE family
- SSE intrinsics
- *Compiler vectorization*

### References:

[\*Intel icc manual\*](#) (look for auto vectorization)

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# Compiler Vectorization

- Compiler flags
- Aliasing
- Proper code style
- Alignment

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# Compiler Flags (icc 12.0)

Linux* OS and Mac OS* X	Windows* OS	Description
-vec -no-vec	/Qvec /Qvec-	Enables or disables vectorization and transformations enabled for vectorization. Vectorization is enabled by default. To disable, use -no-vec (Linux* and MacOS* X) or /Qvec- (Windows*) option. Supported on IA-32 and Intel® 64 architectures only.
-vec-report	/Qvec-report	Controls the diagnostic messages from the vectorizer. See <a href="#">Vectorization Report</a> .
-simd -no-simd	/Qsimd /Qsimd-	Controls user-mandated (SIMD) vectorization. User-mandated (SIMD) vectorization is enabled by default. Use the -no-simd (Linux* or MacOS* X) or /Qsimd- (Windows*) option to disable SIMD transformations for vectorization.

### Architecture flags:

**Linux:** -xHost <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> -mHost

**Windows:** /QxHost <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> /Qarch:Host

Host in {SSE2, SSE3, SSSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2}

**Default:** -mSSE2, /Qarch:SSE2

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# How Do I Know the Compiler Vectorized?

- vec-report (previous slide)
- Look at assembly: `mulps`, `addps`, `xxxps`
- Generate assembly with source code annotation:
  - Visual Studio + `icc: /Fas`
  - `icc` on Linux/Mac: `-S`

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## Example

```
void myadd(float *a, float *b, const int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        a[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
}
```

**unvectorized:** /Qvec-

```
<more>  
;;; a[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
movss    xmm0, DWORD PTR [rcx+rax*4]  
addss    xmm0, DWORD PTR [rdx+rax*4]  
movss    DWORD PTR [rcx+rax*4], xmm0  
<more>
```

**vectorized:**

```
<more>  
;;; a[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
movss    xmm0, DWORD PTR [rcx+r11*4]  
addss    xmm0, DWORD PTR [rdx+r11*4]  
movss    DWORD PTR [rcx+r11*4], xmm0  
...  
movups   xmm0, XMMWORD PTR [rdx+r10*4]  
movups   xmm1, XMMWORD PTR [16+rdx+r10*4]  
addps    xmm0, XMMWORD PTR [rcx+r10*4]  
addps    xmm1, XMMWORD PTR [16+rcx+r10*4]  
movaps   XMMWORD PTR [rcx+r10*4], xmm0  
movaps   XMMWORD PTR [16+rcx+r10*4], xmm1  
<more>
```

why this?

why everything twice?  
why movups and movaps?

unaligned

aligned

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## Aliasing

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
  a[i] = a[i] + b[i];
```

Cannot be vectorized in a straightforward way due to potential aliasing.

However, in this case compiler can insert runtime check:

```
if (a + n < b || b + n < a)  
  /* vectorized loop */  
  ...  
else  
  /* serial loop */  
  ...
```

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## Removing Aliasing

- Globally with compiler flag:
  - -fno-alias, /Oa
  - -fargument-noalias, /Qalias-args- (function arguments only)

- For one loop: pragma

```
void add(float *a, float *b, int n) {  
  #pragma ivdep  
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
}
```

- For specific arrays: restrict (needs compiler flag -restrict, /Qrestrict)

```
void add(float *restrict a, float *restrict b, int n) {  
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
}
```

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## Proper Code Style

- Use countable loops = number of iterations known at runtime
  - *Number of iterations is a:*
    - constant
    - loop invariant term
    - linear function of outermost loop indices
- Countable or not?

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];
```

```
void vsum(float *a, float *b, float *c) {  
    int i = 0;  
  
    while (a[i] > 0.0) {  
        a[i] = b[i] * c[i];  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

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## Proper Code Style

- Use arrays, structs of arrays, not arrays of structs
- Ideally: unit stride access in innermost loop

```
void mmm1(float *a, float *b, float *c) {  
    int N = 100;  
    int i, j, k;  
  
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)  
        for (j = 0; j < N; j++)  
            for (k = 0; k < N; k++)  
                c[i][j] = c[i][j] + a[i][k] * b[k][j];  
}
```

```
void mmm2(float *a, float *b, float *c) {  
    int N = 100;  
    int i, j, k;  
  
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)  
        for (k = 0; k < N; k++)  
            for (j = 0; j < N; j++)  
                c[i][j] = c[i][j] + a[i][k] * b[k][j];  
}
```

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## Alignment

```
float *x = (float *) malloc(1024*sizeof(float));
int i;

for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++)
    x[i] = 1;
```

Cannot be vectorized in a straightforward way since x may not be aligned

However, the compiler can peel the loop to extract aligned part:

```
float *x = (float *) malloc(1024*sizeof(float));
int i;

peel = x & 0x0f; /* x mod 16 */
if (peel != 0) {
    peel = 16 - peel;
    /* initial segment */
    for (i = 0; i < peel; i++)
        x[i] = 1;
}
/* 16-byte aligned access */
for (i = peel; i < 1024; i++)
    x[i] = 1;
```

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## Ensuring Alignment

- Align arrays to 16-byte boundaries (see earlier discussion)
- If compiler cannot analyze:

- Use pragma for loops

```
float *x = (float *) malloc(1024*sizeof(float));
int i;

#pragma vector aligned
for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++)
    x[i] = 1;
```

- For specific arrays:  
    \_\_assume\_aligned(a, 16);

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## More Tips (icc 14.0) <https://software.intel.com/en-us/node/512631>

- **Use simple for loops.** Avoid complex loop termination conditions – **the upper iteration limit must be invariant within the loop.** For the innermost loop in a nest of loops, you could set the upper limit iteration to be a function of the outer loop indices.
- **Write straight-line code.** Avoid branches such as **switch, goto, or return statements**, most function calls, or if constructs that can not be treated as masked assignments.
- **Avoid dependencies between loop iterations** or at the least, avoid read-after-write dependencies.
- Try to **use array notations instead of the use of pointers.** C programs in particular impose very few restrictions on the use of pointers; aliased pointers may lead to unexpected dependencies. Without help, the compiler often cannot tell whether it is safe to vectorize code containing pointers.
- Wherever possible, **use the loop index directly in array subscripts** instead of incrementing a separate counter for use as an array address.
- Access memory efficiently:
  - **Favor inner loops with unit stride.**
  - **Minimize indirect addressing.**
  - **Align your data to 16 byte boundaries (for SSE instructions).**
- Choose a suitable data layout with care. **Most multimedia extension instruction sets are rather sensitive to alignment.**
- ...

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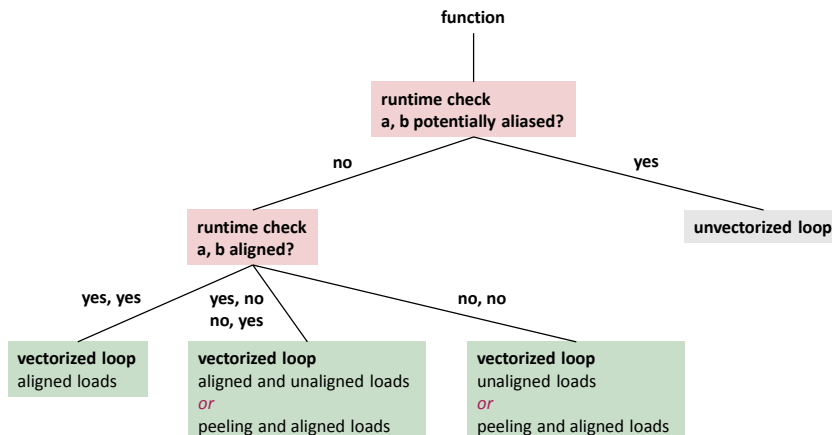
```
void myadd(float *a, float *b, const int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        a[i] = a[i] + b[i];
}
```

Assume:

- No aliasing information
- No alignment information

*Can compiler vectorize?*

**Yes: Through versioning**



# Compiler Vectorization

- Read manual