**GROMACS - Bug #2335**

with Intel compiler, SIMD exp test fails in double+release

12/07/2017 03:12 AM - Roland Schulz

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**Description**

Both ICC 17.4 and 18.1 in double both for AVX2 and AVX512_KNL (AVX512 not tested)

```
[ RUN ] SimdMathTest.exp
../src/gromacs/simd/tests/simd_math.cpp:430: Failure
Failing SIMD math function ulp comparison between std::exp and exp
Requested ulp tolerance: 2048
Requested abs tolerance: 0
Denormals can be 0: false
Largest Ulp difference occurs for x=-708.39999999999998
Ref values: 2.2250738585072014e-308
SIMD values: 0
Ulp diff.: 4503599627370496

[ FAILED ] SimdMathTest.exp (4 ms)
```

```
[ RUN ] SimdMathTest.expUnsafe
../src/gromacs/simd/tests/simd_math.cpp:466: Failure
Failing SIMD math function ulp comparison between std::exp and exp<MathOptimization::Unsafe>
Requested ulp tolerance: 2048
Requested abs tolerance: 0
Denormals can be 0: false
Largest Ulp difference occurs for x=-708.39999999999998
Ref values: 2.2250738585072014e-308
SIMD values: 0
Ulp diff.: 4503599627370496

[ FAILED ] SimdMathTest.expUnsafe (1 ms)
```

**Associated revisions**

**Revision 013509bf - 12/07/2017 06:58 PM - Roland Schulz**

Fix exp test for ICC in double

Fixes #2335

Change-Id: i5f688c64d59e8d2a23239fc945756bcc5130d15b

**Revision 80dd3f5b - 12/21/2017 10:54 AM - Mark Abraham**

Update double-precision test configurations

These changes improve coverage of double precision, using more release mode, particularly with latest gcc and icc, and using 128-bit SIMD, which have been cases that were buggy recently. The other aspects of the configurations that have been modified have been non-critical. Where appropriate, brief rationales are recorded. This resolves an old TODO item in the post-submit matrix.

Fixed a sign mismatch in initializing an OpenCL variable that didn't need to be initialized.
Noted relevant new TODOs.

Refs #2300, #2325, #2326, #2334, #2335, #2336, #2337, #2338

Change-Id: i131fa1a6776d1e7809799c39931a1fc8100fcdc9

Revision 5209a517 - 01/03/2018 11:59 AM - Erik Lindahl

Avoid FTZ triggering simd test failures

For very small arguments on platforms without FMA support, the Intel compiler's default usage of flush-to-zero for denormal values can lead to slight deviations. Since this is a range we really don't care about, and non-FMA platforms are anyway a thing of the past, just avoid testing a very small range around that threshold for non-FMA SIMD platforms.

Fixes #2335.

Change-Id: i7cfb14284e79534f114891ba4ddcf1f7223fa9

Revision 1f2109b7 - 03/29/2018 02:11 PM - Szilárd Páll

Tweak/enable icc 18 post-submit tests

SIMD was disabled due to #2335

Change-Id: la55742958cfd6b57e968c8d2b0ba5620a57a6f56

History

#1 - 12/07/2017 03:14 AM - Gerrit Code Review Bot

Gerrit received a related patchset '1' for Issue #2335.
Uploader: Roland Schulz (roland.schulz@intel.com)
Change-Id: gromacs~release-2018~I5f688c64d59e8d2a23239fc945756bcc5130d15b
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#2 - 12/07/2017 03:14 AM - Roland Schulz

- Status changed from New to Fix uploaded

#3 - 12/07/2017 06:04 AM - Gerrit Code Review Bot

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#4 - 12/07/2017 07:14 PM - Roland Schulz

- Status changed from Fix uploaded to Closed

#5 - 12/21/2017 10:46 AM - Mark Abraham

- Category set to core library
- Status changed from Closed to Accepted
- Target version set to 2018

On Jenkins, and my laptop, SimdMathTest.exp and SimdMathTest.expUnsafe both fail with icc-18+double+Release in identical ways at any of SSE2, SSE4.1, AVX_256 SIMD levels (others not tested):

```
$ (cd build-cmake-icc-double-sse2-release; ninja simd-test && bin/simd-test --gtest_filter=SimdMathTest.*exp\ *)
[1/6] Generating git version information
Note: Google Test filter = SimdMathTest.*exp*
[==========] Running 8 tests from 1 test case.
[----------] Global test environment set-up.
[----------] 8 tests from SimdMathTest
[ RUN       ] SimdMathTest.exp2
[  OK       ] SimdMathTest.exp2 (2 ms)
[ RUN       ] SimdMathTest.exp2Unsafe
```

02/22/2020
SimdMathTest.exp2Unsafe (0 ms)
SimdMathTest.exp
../gromacs/simd/tests/simd_math.cpp:430: Failure
Failing SIMD math function ulp comparison between std::exp and exp
Requested ulp tolerance: 2048
Requested abs tolerance: 0
Denormals can be 0: false
Largest Ulp difference occurs for x=-708.0165199999999
Ref values: 3.253610857165567e-308
SIMD values: 4.4501477170144028e-308
Ulp diff.: 242232109027496

../gromacs/simd/tests/simd_math.cpp:442: Failure
Failing SIMD math function ulp comparison between std::exp and exp
Requested ulp tolerance: 2048
Requested abs tolerance: 0
Denormals can be 0: true
Largest Ulp difference occurs for x=-708.30376999999999
Ref values: 2.4410753078552403e-308
SIMD values: 0
Ulp diff.: 4940791428027376

SimdMathTest.exp (2 ms)
SimdMathTest.expUnsafe
../gromacs/simd/tests/simd_math.cpp:466: Failure
Failing SIMD math function ulp comparison between std::exp and exp<MathOptimization::Unsafe>
Requested ulp tolerance: 2048
Requested abs tolerance: 0
Denormals can be 0: false
Largest Ulp difference occurs for x=-708.0165199999999
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It's not clear to me where the point of weakness might occur, but ldexp is tested on a smaller range than these functions.

It's also unclear to me why Roland's earlier fix should have been effective, and what that means for this issue

#6 - 12/21/2017 10:47 AM - Mark Abraham
- Subject changed from Intel compiler exp test fails in double to with Intel compiler, SIMD exp test fails in double+release

#7 - 12/22/2017 07:14 PM - Roland Schulz
The fix worked because the original problem was that values were clamped to 0. Now the problem is that value is wrong instead. So a slightly problem.

#8 - 12/25/2017 10:36 PM - Gerrit Code Review Bot
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Gerrit URL: https://gerrit.gromacs.org/7388

#9 - 12/25/2017 11:07 PM - Erik Lindahl
- Status changed from Accepted to Fix uploaded
Two separate issues:

1) ICC enables flush-to-zero for denormals by default, which will cause errors for very small arguments without FMA support since some intermediate results might be denormal.

2) Roland patch altered the test ranges, but it should not have changed the denormal range to include part of the normal one - it's only in the denormal range that it is correct to flush to zero.

Fixed in change 7388.

- Status changed from Fix uploaded to Resolved

Applied in changeset 5209a517616efe4594a1ef7fbb7dbf1af0d1c.

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

Gerrit received a related patchset '1' for Issue #2335.
Uploader: Szilárd Páll (pall.szilard@gmail.com)
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Gerrit URL: https://gerrit.gromacs.org/7721