### CSE 470

Cray-1



























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# What/Why is a vector processor?

- What:
  - A collection of registers that make up a vector
  - A vector operation adds those registers together with a single instruction
  - Good for matrix computations
  - Single instruction multiple data (SIMD)
- Why
  - SIMD expresses parallelism
  - ILP from chaining: A pairwise X B + C

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### How big should a vector be?

- Shorter length vectors are supposedly easier to program for
- Shorter is more flexible for applications to use
- If you have the data parallelism then longer vectors are more efficient

## Where do we see vector (or vector like) processors today?

- GPUs
- Floating point unit of your processor
- TPU ?

What stood out for you about the Cray-1?

- Interrupts
- Differential signaling for minimizing interference
- Precise timing for wires
- Memory was most of the machine
- Compiler was key, famous for giving feedback to developer