The Batch Pattern

given:

set of items

function f(item) to apply to each item

solution:

collect k items (batch them)

then apply modified f() on all items in batch simultaneously
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must find sweet spot: latency vs. throughput
Latency versus Throughput

non-batched:

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\frac{10}{70} = \frac{1}{7}
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batched:

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\frac{10}{7} = 1.43
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