Parallel Graph Algorithms

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The PRAM model

- Many PRAM graph algorithms in 1980s.
- Idealized parallel shared memory system model
- Unbounded number of synchronous processors; no synchronization, communication cost; no parallel overhead
- EREW (Exclusive Read Exclusive Write), CREW (Concurrent Read Exclusive Write)
- Measuring performance: space and time complexity; total number of operations (work)

PRAM Pros and Cons

- Pros
 - Simple and clean semantics.
 - The majority of theoretical parallel algorithms are designed using the PRAM model.
 - Independent of the communication network topology.
- Cons
 - Not realistic, too powerful communication model.
 - Communication costs are ignored.
 - Synchronized processors.
 - No local memory.
 - Big-O notation is often misleading.

Graph representations

Compressed sparse rows (CSR) = cache-efficient adjacency lists



Distributed graph representations

- Each processor stores the entire graph ("full replication")
- Each processor stores n/p vertices and all adjacencies out of these vertices ("1D partitioning")
- How to create these "p" vertex partitions?
 - Graph partitioning algorithms: recursively optimize for conductance (edge cut/size of smaller partition)
 - Randomly shuffling the vertex identifiers ensures that edge count/processor are roughly the same

2D checkerboard distribution

- Consider a logical 2D processor grid (p_r * p_c = p) and the matrix representation of the graph
- Assign each processor a sub-matrix (i.e, the edges within the sub-matrix)
 9 vertices, 9 processors, 3x3 processor grid



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Direction optimizing BFS with 2D decomposition

- Adoption of the 2D algorithm created the first quantum leap
- The second quantum leap comes from the bottom-up search
- Can we just do bottom-up on 1D?
- Yes, if you have *in-network* fast frontier membership queries
 - IBM by-passed MPI to achieve this [Checconi & Petrini, IPDPS'14]
 - · Unrealistic and counter-productive in general
- 2D partitioning reduces the required frontier segment by a factor of p, (typically vp), without fast in-network reductions
- Challenge: Inner loop is serialized





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Scott Beamer, Aydın Buluç, Krste Asanović, and David Patterson, "Distributed Memory Breadth-First Search Revisited: Enabling Bottom-Up Search", IPDPSW, 2013







- Processors $P_{\mu}\,P_{j}$ and $P_{t}\,$ have to collaborate and concatenate subcontigs in order to avoid redundant work.
- Solution: lightweight synchronization scheme based on a state machine



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Parallel Single-source Shortest Paths (SSSP) algorithms

- Famous serial algorithms:
 - Bellman-Ford : label correcting works on any graph
 - Dijkstra : label setting requires nonnegative edge weights
- No known PRAM algorithm that runs in sub-linear time and O(m+n log n) work
- Ullman-Yannakakis randomized approach
- Meyer and Sanders, Δ stepping algorithm

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U. Meyer and P.Sanders, \Delta - stepping: a parallelizable shortest path algorithm. Journal of Algorithms 49 (2003)
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 Chakaravarthy et al., clever combination of Δ - stepping and direction optimization (BFS) on supercomputer-scale graphs.

V. T. Chakaravarthy, F. Checconi, F. Petrini, Y. Sabharwal "Scalable Single Source Shortest Path Algorithms for Massively Parallel Systems", IPDPS'14

Δ - stepping algorithm

- Label-correcting algorithm: Can relax edges from unsettled vertices also
- "approximate bucket implementation of Dijkstra"
- For random edge weighs [0,1], runs in $O(n+m+D \cdot L)$ where L = max distance from source to any node
- Vertices are ordered using buckets of width $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$
- Each bucket may be processed in parallel
- Basic operation: Relax (e(u,v)) d(v) = min { d(v), d(u) + w(u, v) }
- Δ < min w(e) : Degenerates into Dijkstra
- Δ > max w(e) : Degenerates into Bellman-Ford





































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- Sequential: use depth-first search (Tarjan); work=O(m+n) for m=|E|, n=|V|.
- DFS seems to be inherently sequential.
- Parallel: divide-and-conquer and BFS (Fleischer et al.); worst-case span O(n) but good in practice on many graphs.

L. Fleischer, B. Hendrickson, and A. Pinar. On identifying strongly connected components in parallel. Parallel and Distributed Processing, pages 505–511, 2000.



Fleischer/Hendrickson/Pinar algorithm

- Partition the given graph into three disjoint subgraphs
- Each can be processed independently/recursively

Lemma: $FW(v) \cap BW(v)$ is a unique SCC for any v. For every other SCC s, either (a) $s \subset FW(v) \setminus BW(v)$, (b) $s \subset BW(v) \setminus FW(v)$, (c) $s \subset V \setminus (FW(v) \cup BW(v))$.

FW(v): vertices reachable from vertex v. **BW(v):** vertices from which v is reachable.



Improving FW/BW with parallel BFS

Observation: Real world graphs have giant SCCs



Finding FW(pivot) and BW(pivot) can dominate the running time with span=O(N)

Solution: Use parallel BFS to limit span to diameter(SCC)

- Remaining SCCs are very small; increasing span of the recursion. + Find weakly-connected components and process them in parallel

S. Hong, N.C. Rodia, and K. Olukotun. On Fast Parallel Detection of Strongly Connected Components (SCC) in Small-World Graphs. Proc. Supercomputing, 2013

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A Matching (Maximal cardinality)

Maximum Cardinality Matching













Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition

- 1. Find a "perfect matching" in the bipartite graph of the matrix.
- 2. Permute the matrix to have a zero free diagonal.
- 3. Find the "strongly connected components" of the directed graph of the permuted matrix.
- Let M be a maximum-size matching. Define:
- VR = { rows reachable via alt. path from some *unmatched row* }
- VC = { cols reachable via alt. path from some *unmatched row* }
- HR = { rows reachable via alt. path from some *unmatched col* }
- HC = { cols reachable via alt. path from some unmatched col }
- SR = R VR HR
- SC = C VC HC



Applications of D-M decomposition

- Strongly connected components of directed graphs
- · Connected components of undirected graphs
- Permutation to block triangular form for Ax=b
- · Minimum-size vertex cover of bipartite graphs
- Extracting vertex separators from edge cuts for arbitrary graphs
- Nonzero structure prediction for sparse matrix factorizations