EDGAR

- Energy-efficient Data and Graph Algorithms Research
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The Reverse Cuthill-McKee Algorithm in Distributed-Memory

- **Goal:** Find a permutation $P$ of a sparse matrix $A$ so that the bandwidth of $PAP^T$ is small.
- **Application:** Faster iterative solvers, e.g., preconditioned conjugate gradients (PCG).
- **Innovation in Parallel RCM Algorithm:**
  1. **Step1:** level-by-level vertex exploration and ordering. **Approach:** specialized breadth-first search using sparse matrix-sparse vector multiplication (SpMSpV) over a semiring
  2. **Step2:** Ordering of vertices in each level by (parents’ order, degree) pairs. **Approach:** parallel partial sorting.
- **Performance:**
  - First ever distributed-memory RCM algorithm that scales up to 4096 cores on NERSC/Edison.
  - Attains up to 38x speedup on 1028 cores.

Fig2: Solving PCG in PETSc with/without RCM ordering (on thermal2 matrix)

Fig2: Strong scaling of the RCM algorithm on NERSC/Edison

A. Azad, M. Jacquelin, A. Buluç, E. Ng. The Reverse Cuthill-McKee Algorithm in Distributed-Memory. IPDPS’17 (accepted)
An work-efficient parallel algorithm for sparse matrix-sparse vector multiplication (SpMSpV)

- **Goal:** A scalable SpMSpV algorithm without doing more work on higher concurrency
- **Application:** Breadth-first search, graph matching, support vector machines, etc.
- **Algorithmic innovation:**
  - Attains work-efficiency by arranging necessary columns of the matrix into buckets where each bucket is processed by a single thread
  - Avoids synchronization by row-wise partitioning of the matrix on the fly
- **Performance:**
  - First ever work-efficient algorithm for SpMSpV that attains up to 15x speedup on a 24-core Intel Ivy Bridge processor and up to 49x speedup on a 64-core KNL processor
  - Up to an order of magnitude faster than its competitors, especially for sparser vector

A.Azad, A. Buluç. A work-efficient parallel sparse matrix-sparse vector multiplication algorithm. IPDPS’17 (accepted)
GraphBLAS C API Spec (http://graphblas.org)

- **Goal:** A crucial piece of the GraphBLAS effort is to translate the mathematical specification to an actual Application Programming Interface (API) that
  
i. is faithful to the mathematics as much as possible, and
  
ii. enables efficient implementations on modern hardware.

- **Impact:** All graph and machine learning algorithms that can be expressed in the language of linear algebra

- **Innovation:** Function signatures (e.g. mxm, vxm, assign, extract), parallelism constructs (blocking v. non-blocking), fundamental objects (masks, matrices, vectors, descriptors), a hierarchy of algebras (functions, monoids, and semiring)

GrB_info GrB_mxm(GrB_Matrix *C, const GrB_Matrix Mask, const GrB_BinaryOp accum, const GrB_Semiring op, const GrB_Matrix A, const GrB_Matrix B
[, const Descriptor desc]);

\[ C(-M) \oplus = A^T \oplus \times B^T \]

**A. Buluç, T. Mattson, S. McMillan, J. Moreira, C. Yang.** “Proposal for a GraphBLAS C API” (Working document from the GraphBLAS Signatures Subgroup)
Parallel algorithms for sparse-matrix- sparse matrix multiplication (SpGEMM)

- **Goal:** More scalable SpGEMM algorithms in shared and distributed-memory
- **Applications:** Algebraic multigrid (AMG) restriction, graph computations, quantum chemistry, data mining, interior-point optimization
- **Algorithmic innovations:** (1) Novel shared-memory kernel for in-node parallelism, (2) Split-3D-SpGEMM: an efficient implementation of communication-avoiding SpGEMM
- **Performance:** Split-3D-SpGEMM with new shared-memory kernel (red) beats old state-of-the-art (blue) by 8X at large concurrencies

Other Important Publications


- V. Strnadová-Neeley, A. Buluç, J. Gilbert, L. Oliker, W. Ouyang: *LiRa: A New Likelihood-Based Similarity Score for Collaborative Filtering*, CoRR abs/1608.08646