CSE 613: Parallel Programming

Lecture 9 (Parallel Connected Components)

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- 1. Flip a coin for each list node
- If a node u points to a node v, and u got a head while v got a tail, combine u and v
- 3. Recursively solve the problem on the contracted list
- 4. Project this solution back to the original list

Symmetry Breaking: List Ranking

In every iteration a node gets removed with probability $\frac{1}{4}$ (as a node gets head with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ and the next node gets tail with probability $\frac{1}{2}$).

Hence, a quarter of the nodes get removed in each iteration (expected number).

Thus the expected number of iterations is $\Theta(\log n)$.

In fact, it can be shown that with high probability,

$$T_1(n) = O(n)$$
 and $T_{\infty}(n) = O(\log n)$



Connected Components: A *connected component C* of an undirected graph *G* is a maximal subgraph of *G* such that every vertex in *C* is reachable from every other vertex in *C* following a path in *G*.

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Serial Algorithms: Easy to solve in $\Theta(m+n)$ time using

- Depth First Search (DFS)
- Breadth First Search (BFS)

Parallel Algorithms:

- DFS: Inherently sequential
- **BFS:** Depth equal to the diameter of the graph
- Graph Contraction: Can reach polylogarithmic depth



















































Input: *n* is the number of vertices in the graph numbered from 1 to *n*, *E* is the set of edges, and L[1:n] are vertex labels with L[v] = v initially for all *v*. **Output:** An array M[1:n] where for all *v*, M[v] is the unique id of the connected component containing *v*.



Par	-Randomized-CC (n, E, L)
1.	if E = 0 then return L
2.	array C[1:n], M[1:n], S[1: E]
3.	parallel for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do
	$C[v] \leftarrow RANDOM\{ Head, Tail \}$
4.	parallel for each $(u, v) \in E$ do
5.	if C[u] = Tail and C[v] = Head then L[u] \leftarrow L[v]
6.	parallel for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $ E $ do
7.	if L[E[i].u] \neq L[E[i].v] then S[i] \leftarrow 1
	else S[i] \leftarrow 0
8.	$S \leftarrow Par-Prefix-Sum (S, +)$
9.	array F[1:S[E]]
10.	parallel for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $ E $ do
11.	if L[E[i].u] ≠ L[E[i].v] then
	F[S[i]] ← (L[E[i].u], L[E[i].v])
12.	$M \leftarrow Par$ -Randomized-CC (n, F, L)
13.	parallel for each $(u, v) \in E$ do
14.	if $v = L[u]$ then $M[u] \leftarrow M[v]$
15.	return M

Suppose *n* is the number of vertices and *m* is the number of edges in the original graph.

Each contraction is expected to reduce #vertices of +ve degree by a factor $\geq \frac{1}{4}$. [why?]

So, the expected number of contraction steps, $D = O(\log n)$. [show: the bound holds w.h.p.]

For each contraction step span is $\Theta(\log^2 n)$, and work is $\Theta(n + m)$. [why?]

Work: $T_1(n,m) = \Theta(D(n+m))$

 $= O((n+m)\log n)$ (w.h.p.)

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Span: T_{\infty}(n,m) = \Theta(D\log^2 n)
= O(\log^3 n) (w.h.p.)
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Parallelism: $\frac{T_1(n,m)}{T_{\infty}(n,m)} = \Theta\left(\frac{n+m}{\log^2 n}\right)$

Pointer Jumping

The *pointer jumping* (or *path doubling*) technique allows fast processing of data stored in the form of a set of rooted directed trees.

For every node v in the set pointer jumping involves replacing $v \rightarrow next$ with $v \rightarrow next \rightarrow next$ at every step.

Some Applications

- Finding the roots of a forest of directed trees
- Parallel prefix on rooted directed trees
- List ranking

Pointer Jumping: Roots of a Forest of Directed Trees



Pointer Jumping: Roots of a Forest of Directed Trees

Let h be the maximum

height of any tree in the forest.

Observe that the distance

between v and S(v)

doubles after each

iteration until S(S(v)) is

the root of the tree containing v.

Find-Roots (n, P, S) { Input: A forest of rooted directed trees, each with a self-loop at its root, such that each edge is specified by $\langle v, P(v) \rangle$ for $1 \le v \le n$. Output: For each v, the root S(v) of the tree containing v. }

1. parallel for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do

- 2. $S(v) \leftarrow P(v)$
- 3. $flag \leftarrow true$
- 4. while flag = true do
- 5. $flag \leftarrow false$
- 6. parallel for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do

7.
$$S(v) \leftarrow S(S(v))$$

8. if $S(v) \neq S(S(v))$ then flag \leftarrow true

Hence, the number of iterations is $\log h$. Thus (assuming that each parallel for loop takes $\Theta(1)$ time to execute),

Work: $T_1(n) = O(n \log h)$ and Span: $T_{\infty}(n) = \Theta(\log h)$

Parallelism: $\frac{T_1(n)}{T_{\infty}(n)} = O(n)$

Approach

- Form a set of disjoint subtrees
- Use pointer-jumping to reduce each subtree to a single vertex
- Recursively apply the same trick on the contracted graph

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Observation:

Let G = (V, E) be an undirected graph with n vertices in which each vertex has at least one neighbor. Then

either
$$|\{u|(u,v) \in E \land (u < v)\}| \ge \frac{n}{2}$$

or $|\{u|(u,v) \in E \land (u > v)\}| \ge \frac{n}{2}$

Implication:

Between the two directions of hooking (i.e., smaller to larger label, and larger to smaller label) always choose the one that hooks more vertices.

Then in each contraction step the number of vertices will be reduced by a factor of at least $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Par-Deterministic-CC (n, E, L)1. if |E| = 0 then return L 2. array l2h[1:n], h2l[1:n], S[1:|E|] 3. parallel for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do $l2h[v] \leftarrow 0, h2l[v] \leftarrow 0$ 4. parallel for each $(u, v) \in E$ do 5. if u < v then $l2h[u] \leftarrow 1$ else $h2l[u] \leftarrow 1$ 6. $n_1 \leftarrow Par$ -Sum (l2h, +), $n_2 \leftarrow Par$ -Sum (h2l, +) 7. parallel for each $(u, v) \in E$ do if $n_1 \ge n_2$ and u < v then $L[u] \leftarrow v$ 8. else if $n_1 < n_2$ and u > v then $L[u] \leftarrow v$ 9. 10. Find-Roots (n, L, L)11. parallel for $i \leftarrow 1$ to |E| do $S[i] \leftarrow (L[E[i].u] \neq L[E[i].v])?1:0$ 12. $S \leftarrow Par-Prefix-Sum(S, +)$ 13. array F[1:S[|E|]] 14. parallel for $i \leftarrow 1$ to |E| do 15. if $L[E[i].u] \neq L[E[i].v]$ then $F[S[i]] \leftarrow (L[E[i].u], L[E[i].v])$ 16. $L \leftarrow Par-Deterministic-CC(n, F, L)$ 17. return L

Each contraction step reduces the number of vertices by a factor of at least $\frac{1}{2}$.

So, number of contraction steps, $D = O(\log n)$.

For contraction step $k \ge 0$ span is $O(\log^2 n)$, and work is $O(n \log n + m)$. [why?]

Work: $T_1(n,m) = O(\sum_{0 \le i < D} (n \log n + m))$ = $O((n \log n + m)D)$ = $O((n \log n + m) \log n)$

Span: $T_{\infty}(n,m) = O(D\log^2 n)$ = $O(\log^3 n)$

How to get $T_1(n,m) = O((n+m)\log n)$?