

Graph Algorithms in the Language of Linear Algebra: How did we get here, where do we go next?

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"I [Todd] adjust this by adding, sit down after a quarter hour."



In the year 1961 ...



[S. Parter 1961]







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Vertex elimination game (or chordal completion) [Parter, Rose]

Repeat:

Choose a vertex v and mark it; Add edges between unmarked neighbors of v; Until: Every vertex is marked Goal: End up with as few edges as possible.

- Best play is NP-complete [Yannakakis 1981]
- The final graph is always *chordal* (every cycle has a shortcut edge).
- Perfect play is possible iff the initial graph is chordal.
- Changing "fewest edges" to "smallest complete subgraph" gives the graph's *treewidth*, which shows up in lots of graph algorithms.



Combinatorics in the service of linear algebra



"I observed that most of the coefficients in our matrices were zero; i.e., the nonzeros were 'sparse' in the matrix, and that typically the triangular matrices associated with the forward and back solution provided by Gaussian elimination would remain sparse if pivot elements were chosen with care"

 Harry Markowitz, describing the 1950s work on portfolio theory that won the 1990 Nobel Prize for Economics



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Cholesky factorization: A = LL^T [Parter, Rose]





Fill: new nonzeros in factor





 $G^+(A)$

[chordal]

Symmetric Gaussian elimination:

for j = 1 to n add edges between j's higher-numbered neighbors

G(A)

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Complexity measures for chordal completion



Elimination degree: $d_j = #$ higher neighbors of j in G⁺ d = (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 0)

- Nonzeros = edges = $\sum_{j} d_{j}$ (moment 1)
- Work = flops = $\sum_{j} (d_j)^2$ (moment 2)
- Front size ~ fast memory = max_i d_i (moment ∞)

(minimum possible front size is the same as treewidth)



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- Can estimate nnz(B*C) accurately in time linear in nnz(B, C)! [E. Cohen 1998]
- Lots of cool recent work on sampling algorithms to estimate statistics of matrix functions.



Orderings for sparse Gaussian elimination



Ax = b











 $PAP^{T} = L_{2}L_{2}^{T}$



Nested dissection and graph partitioning [George 1973, many extensions]



- Heuristic: Find small vertex separator, put it last, recurse on subgraphs
- Theory: Approx optimal separators => approx optimal fill
- Practice: Lots of work on heuristics for graph partitioning!



Many, many graph algorithms have been used, invented, implemented at large scale for sparse matrix computation:

- Symmetric problems: elimination tree, nonzero structure prediction, sparse triangular solve, sparse matrix-matrix multiplication, min-height etree, ...
- Nonsymmetric problems: sparse triangular solve, bipartite matching (weighted and unweighted), Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition / strong components, …
- Iterative methods: graph partitioning again, independent set, low-stretch spanning trees, ...





In the year 1992 ...



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 - ... and sparse matrices had just been added to Matlab ... UCSB

Geometric partitioning in Matlab [G, Miller, Teng]

1. Original Mesh



3.Stereographic Projection







6. Partitioned Mesh



42 cut edges

2. Mesh Points



4. Conformal Mapping



0.5

-0.2

-0.6 -0.9



In the year 2002 (and soon after) ...



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(In 2002, JRG shared an office with Jeremy Kepner at MIT.)



First draft of HPCS graph analysis benchmark

[circa 2004]





- Many tight clusters, loosely interconnected
- Input data is edge triples < i, j, a >
- Vertices and edges permuted randomly



Greedy clustering by breadth-first search

- Grow local clusters from many seeds in parallel
- Breadth-first search by sparse matrix * matrix
- Cluster vertices connected by many short paths





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Multiple-source breadth-first search







Multiple-source breadth-first search



- Sparse array representation => space efficient
- Sparse matrix-matrix multiplication => work efficient
- Three possible levels of parallelism: searches, vertices, edges



Multiple-source breadth-first search



The final HPCS graph analysis benchmark (SSCA2) was betweenness centrality, not clustering -- but the main primitive was still multiple-source breadth-first search!





In the year 2010

(and soon after) ...



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Matrix-based graph processor design at MIT-LL [Song, Kepner, et al. 2010]

3-D Graph Processor

William S. Song, Jeremy Kepner, Huy T. Nguyen, Joshua I. Kramer, Vitaliy Gleyzer, James R. Mann, Albert H. Horst, Larry L. Retherford, Robert A. Bond, Nadya T. Bliss, Eric I. Robinson, Sanjeev Mohindra, Julie Mullen Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute Technology, Lexington, MA 02420



Figure 1: Computational Throughput Differences between Conventional and Graph Processing.



Combinatorial BLAS [2010]

gauss.cs.ucsb.edu/~aydin/CombBLAS

[Azad, Buluc, G, Lugowski, ...]



An extensible distributed-memory library offering a small but powerful set of linear algebraic operations specifically targeting graph analytics.

- Aimed at graph algorithm designers/programmers who are not expert in mapping algorithms to parallel hardware.
- Flexible templated C++ interface.
- Scalable performance from laptop to 100,000-processor HPC.
- Open source software.
- Version 1.6.2 released April 2018.

Sparse array primitives for graphs

Sparse matrix-sparse matrix multiplication



Element-wise operations



Sparse matrix-sparse vector multiplication



Sparse matrix indexing



Matrices over various semirings: $(+, \cdot)$, (and, or), (min, +), ...



"values": edge/vertex attributes, "add": vertex data aggregation, "multiply": edge data processing	General schema for user-specified computation at vertices and edges
Real field: (R, +, *)	Numerical linear algebra
Boolean algebra: ({0 1}, , &)	Graph traversal
Tropical semiring: (R U $\{\infty\}$, min, +)	Shortest paths
(S, select, select)	Select subgraph, or contract nodes to form quotient graph



Graph algorithms in the language of linear algebra

- Kepner et al. study [2006]: fundamental graph algorithms including min spanning tree, shortest paths, independent set, max flow, clustering, ...
- SSCA#2 / centrality [2008]
- Basic breadth-first search / Graph500 [2010]
- Combinatorial BLAS [2010]



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History: D4M and Graphulo [Kepner et al., MIT & UW 2011 - 2015]



History: Jon Berry challenge problems [2013]

- Clustering coefficient (triangle counting)
- Connected components (bully algorithm)
- Maximum independent set (NP-hard)
- Maximal independent set (Luby algorithm)
- Single-source shortest paths
- Special betweenness (for subgraph isomorphism)





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"Cohen's" algorithm to count triangles:

- Count triangles by lowest-degree vertex.
 - Enumerate "low-hinged" wedges.

- Keep wedges that close.





A = L + U	(hi->lo + lo->hi)
$L \times U = B$	(wedge, low hinge)
$A \wedge B = C$	(closed wedge)
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<u>Spoiler</u>: $(L \times L) \wedge L$ works better in practice [Wolf et al. 2017]

History: The Graph BLAS Forum

http://graphblas.org

Standards for Graph Algorithm Primitives

• Manifesto, HPEC 2013:

Tim Mattson (Intel Corporation), David Bader (Georgia Institute of Technology), Jon Berry (Sandia National Laboratory), Aydin Buluc (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory), Jack Dongarra (University of Tennessee), Christos Faloutsos (Carnegie Melon University), John Feo (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), John Gilbert (University of California at Santa Barbara), Joseph Gonzalez (University of California at Berkeley), Bruce Hendrickson (Sandia National Laboratory), Jeremy Kepner (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Charles Leiserson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Andrew Lumsdaine (Indiana University), David Padua (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Stephen Poole (Oak Ridge National Laboratory), Steve Reinhardt (Cray Corporation), Mike Stonebraker (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Steve Wallach (Convey Corporation), Andrew Yoo (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

Abstract-- It is our view that the state of the art in constructing a large collection of graph algorithms in terms of linear algebraic operations is mature enough to support the emergence of a standard set of primitive building blocks. This paper is a position paper defining the problem and announcing our intention to launch an open effort to define this standard.

• Foundations, HPEC 2016:

Mathematical Foundations of the GraphBLAS

Jeremy Kepner (MIT Lincoln Laboratory Supercomputing Center), Peter Aaltonen (Indiana University), David Bader (Georgia Institute of Technology), Aydın Buluç (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory), Franz Franchetti (Carnegie Mellon University), John Gilbert (University of California, Santa Barbara), Dylan Hutchison (University of Washington), Manoj Kumar (IBM), Andrew Lumsdaine (Indiana University), Henning Meyerhenke (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology), Scott McMillan (CMU Software Engineering Institute), Jose Moreira (IBM), John D. Owens (University of California, Davis), Carl Yang (University of California, Davis), Marcin Zalewski (Indiana University), Timothy Mattson (Intel)



In the year 2018



The Present

GABB 2018 Talks	5
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(8:30am-10am) Spectral Graph Drawing: Building Blocks Shad Kirmani and Kamesh Madduri and Performance Analysis Morning Break (10-10:30am) Parallel generation of large-scale random Anil Vullikanti 1 graphs (10:30am-12) Design, Generation, and Validation of Jeremy Kepner and Sid Samsi Generating Extreme Scale Power-Law Graphs Graphs with On Large-Scale Graph Generation with known Geoffrey Sanders, Roger Pearce, Validation of Diverse Triangle Statistics at properties Timothy La Fond and Jeremy Kepner Edges and Vertices Lunch (12-1:30pm) Patterns of GraphBLAS Algorithms: Tales Scott McMillian from the Trenches 2 Jose Moreira, Manoj Kumar Implementing the GraphBLAS C API (1:30pm-3pm) William Horn GraphBLAS Jesse Chamberlin, Marcin Zalew implementations PyGB: GraphBLAS DSL in Python with Scott McMillan and Andr Dynamic Compilation into Efficient C++ Lumsdaine Afternoon Break (3-3:30pm) 3 A Survey of Modern Analysis on Graphs: Chris Long Open Problems (3:30pm-5pm) Panelists: Jose Moreira, Chris Lo **Graph Building** Panel: Graph Building Blocks in Graph and Marcin Zalewski.

GrB_Info bfs5m // BFS of a graph (using vector assign & reduce) GrB Vector *v output. // v [i] is the BFS level of node i in the graph const GrB_Matrix A. // input graph, treated as if boolean in semiring // starting node of the BFS GrB_Index s GrB Info info : GrB_Index n ; // # of nodes in the graph GrB_Vector q = NULL ; // nodes visited at each level $GrB_Vector v = NULL$; // result vector // Logical-or monoid GrB Monoid Lor = NULL : GrB_Semiring Boolean = NULL ; // Boolean semiring GrB_Descriptor desc = NULL ; // Descriptor for mxv // n = # of rows of A GrB Matrix nrows (&n. A) : GrB_Vector_new (&v, GrB_INT32, n) ; // Vector<int32 t> v(n) = 0GrB_Vector_new (&q, GrB_BOOL, n) ; // Vector<bool> q(n) = false for (int32_t i = 0 ; i < n ; i++) GrB_Vector_setElement (v, 0, i) ;</pre> GrB_Vector_setElement (q, true, s) ; // q[s] = true, false elsewhere GrB_Monoid_new (&Lor, GrB_LOR, (bool) false) ; GrB_Semiring_new (&Boolean, Lor, GrB_LAND) ; GrB Descriptor new (&desc) GrB_Descriptor_set (desc, GrB_MASK, GrB_SCMP) ; // invert the mask GrB_Descriptor_set (desc, GrB_OUTP, GrB_REPLACE) ; // clear q first bool successor = true : // true when some successor found

Enabling Massive Deep Neural Networks with the GraphBLAS

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Fast Linear Algebra-Based Triangle Counting with KokkosKernels

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Abstract—Triangle counting serves as a key building block for a set of important graph algorithms in network science. In this paper, we address the IEEE HPEC Static Graph Challenge prob-lem of triangle counting, focusing on obtaining the best parallel performance on a single multicore node. Our implementation uses a linear algebra-based approach to triangle counting that has grown out of work related to our miniTri data analytics miniapplication [1] and our efforts to pose graph algorithms in the language of linear algebra. We leverage KokkosKernels to implement this approach efficiently on multicore architectures. graph traversal-based approaches and are significantly faster than the Graph Challenge reference implementations, up to 770 new to 5 670,000 times faster than the C++ reference and 10,000 times

to pose graph algorithms in the language of linear algebra. We focus on triangle counting on a single compute node, leveraging KokkosKernels [14] to implement this approach efficiently. We obtain results that are competitive with the fastest known graph traversal-based approaches.

B. Linear Algebra Primitives for Graph Algorithms

The Graph BLAS [15], [16] community has been working to standardize a set of building blocks to solve graph problems in the language of sparse linear algebra. Many graph computations can be efficiently written in terms of linear algebra [17], including breadth-first search, betweenness centrality, and triangle counting/enumeration [1], [18] (discussed further

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The GraphBLAS C API Specification [†]:

Version 1.2.0

Operation Name	Mathematical Notation				
mxm	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	$\mathbf{A} \oplus . \otimes \mathbf{B}$
mxv	$\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	w	\odot	$\mathbf{A} \oplus . \otimes \mathbf{u}$
vxm	$\mathbf{w}^T \langle \mathbf{m}^T, z angle$	=	\mathbf{w}^T	\odot	$\mathbf{u}^T \oplus . \otimes \mathbf{A}$
eWiseMult	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	$\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{B}$
	$\mathbf{w} \langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	W	\odot	$\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v}$
eWiseAdd	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	$\mathbf{A} \oplus \mathbf{B}$
	$\mathbf{w} \langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	w	\odot	$\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v}$
reduce (row)	$\mathbf{w} \langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	w	\odot	$[\oplus_j \mathbf{A}(:,j)]$
reduce (scalar)	s	=	s	\odot	$[\oplus_{i,j}\mathbf{A}(i,j)]$
	s	=	s	\odot	$[\oplus_i \mathbf{u}(i)]$
apply	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	$f_u(\mathbf{A})$
	$\mathbf{w} \langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	w	\odot	$f_u(\mathbf{u})$
transpose	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	\mathbf{A}^T
extract	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M}, z \rangle$	=	\mathbf{C}	\odot	$\mathbf{A}(m{i},m{j})$
	$\mathbf{w} \langle \mathbf{m}, z \rangle$	=	w	\odot	$\mathbf{u}(\boldsymbol{i})$

assig User Guide for SuiteSparse:GraphBLAS

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http://www.suitesparse.com and http://aldenmath.com

VERSION 2.0.1, Mar 15, 2018

Abstract

SuiteSparse:GraphBLAS is a full implementation of the Graph-BLAS standard, which defines a set of sparse matrix operations on an extended algebra of semirings using an almost unlimited variety of operators and types. When applied to sparse adjacency matrices. these algebraic operations are equivalent to computations on graphs. GraphBLAS provides a powerful and expressive framework for creating graph algorithms based on the elegant mathematics of sparse matrix operations on a semiring.



Motivation Challenges Data Sets Submit Scenarios

Home

Graph Challenge Champions

2017 Analysis of all Triangle Counting Submissions

Champions

- Fast Linear Algebra-Based Triangle Counting with Kol Hammond, Sivasankaran Rajamanickam (Sandia) faster than the Python reference on a single Intel Haswell node.
- Triangle Counting for Soule Eres Cranhe at Soule in

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In the years 2019 —



- More basic capabilities
 - Streaming and dynamic-graph algorithms
 - "Priority queue" algorithms: strong components, top k vertices, etc.
 - Not materializing intermediate results (eg, incidence matrix methods)
 - Laplacian paradigm for graph algorithms



Question: Not materializing big matrix products

In sparse Gaussian elimination, for nonsymmetric A, one can find ...

- column nested dissection or min degree permutation
- column elimination tree $T(A^{T}A)$
- row and column counts for $G^+(A^TA)$
- supernodes of G⁺(A^TA)
- nonzero structure of $G^+(A^TA)$
- ... efficiently, without ever forming A^TA explicitly.
- How generally can we do graph algorithms in linear algebra without storing intermediate results?
- Can we do fine-grained scheduling of vertex and edge operations to break out of bulk synchronous execution?
- Can we reason directly about products of sparse matrices?



Storing A, operating implicitly on A^TA

- CombBLAS represents graphs as <u>adjacency</u> matrices.
- D4M represents graphs as <u>incidence</u> matrices; matrix A represents G(A^TA):





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Storing A, operating implicitly on A^TA

- Many other cases:
 - Optimization: KKT systems, interior point methods.
 - Automatic differentiation: distance-2 coloring.
 - Linear equations: QR factorization, structure prediction for LU factorization with partial pivoting.

Question: What can you do fast on G(A^TA) just from G(A)?



- $nnz(A^TA)$ seems to be as hard as computing A^TA .
 - but randomized estimate is possible [Cohen 1998]
- Sampling algorithms are possible too, e.g. diamond sampling for k largest elements of A^TA (or B*C in general) [Ballard/Kolda/Pinar/Seshadri 2015]





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Laplacian matrix of a graph



- Graph Laplacian: Symmetric, positive semidefinite, weighted.
- Laplacian paradigm: Use Ax = b as a subroutine in graph algorithms [Kelner, Teng, many others]
- Laplacian eigenvectors for partitioning, embedding, and clustering
 [Fiedler, Pothen/Simon, Spielman/Teng, many others]
- Interesting new ideas coming from theoretical computer science.



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 - By hardware vendors
 - By software vendors



Summary: Past 60 Years



As the "middleware" of scientific computing, linear algebra has given us:

- Mathematical tools
- High-level primitives
- High-quality software libraries
- High-performance kernels
 for computer architectures
- Interactive environments















Tomorrow
















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