

# Context-Free Path Queries and Sparse Matrix Multiplication

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## ABSTRACT

## CCS CONCEPTS

• **Computer systems organization** → **Embedded systems**; *Redundancy*; Robotics; • **Networks** → Network reliability.

## KEYWORDS

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Context-Free Path Querying (CFPQ) is a subclass of Language-constrained path problem, where language is set to be Context-Free.

Importance of CFPQ.

Existing theoretical results

Linear input. Valiant [7], Lee [6].

Yannacakis [8]? Reps?

Bradford [2]

RSM [5].

C alias analysis [9]

Chatterjee [4]

For trees

Truly-subcubic algorithm is stil an open problem.

Truly-subcubic for Language Editing Distance [3].

Matrices Can we improve that

## 2 PRELIMINARIES

The function  $nnz(A)$  denotes the number of non-zero elements in matrix  $A$ .

Let  $i\pi j$  denote a unique path between nodes  $i$  and  $j$  of the graph and

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$l(\pi)$  denotes a unique string which is obtained from the concatenation of edge labels along the path  $\pi$ . For a context-free grammar  $G = (\Sigma, N, P, S)$  and directed labelled graph  $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta)$ , a triple  $(A, i, j)$  is *realizable* iff there is a path  $i\pi j$  such that nonterminal  $A \in N$  derives  $l(\pi)$ .

Short description of the Rustam algorithm + pseudocode ??.

### Algorithm 1 Context-free recognizer for graphs

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1: function CONTEXTFREEPATHQUERYING( $D, G$ )
2:    $n \leftarrow$  the number of nodes in  $D$ 
3:    $E \leftarrow$  the directed edge-relation from  $D$ 
4:    $P \leftarrow$  the set of production rules in  $G$ 
5:    $T \leftarrow$  the matrix  $n \times n$  in which each element is  $\emptyset$ 
6:   for all  $(i, x, j) \in E$  do ▷ Matrix initialization
7:      $T_{i,j} \leftarrow T_{i,j} \cup \{A \mid (A \rightarrow x) \in P\}$ 
8:   while matrix  $T$  is changing do
9:      $T \leftarrow T \cup (T \times T)$  ▷ Transitive closure  $T^{cf}$  calculation
10:  return  $T$ 
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## 3 CUBIC UPPER BOUND USING SPARSE MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

In this section we show that the Algorithm 1 has complexity  $O(n^3)$  if sparse matrix multiplication is used. The reason is that one needs to compute at most  $|N|n^2$  realizable triples in total during all iterations of the algorithm, whereas the number of new triples found on each  $i$ -th iteration can be relatively small. The number of operations of the  $i$ -th iteration can be reduced by multiplying the matrix  $B_{(i-2)}$  containing all the previously found triples, on the matrix  $A_{(i-1)}$  which has only those triples firstly obtained in the  $(i-1)$ -th iteration. In other words, we have:

$$B_i = B_{i-1} + A_i, \quad (1)$$

where

$$A_i = (B_{i-2}A_{i-1} + A_{i-1}B_{i-2} + A_{i-1}A_{i-1}) - B_{i-2}. \quad (2)$$

So the following two conditions hold:

- (1)  $\forall i, B_{(i-2)} \cap A_{(i-1)} = \emptyset$ ;
- (2)  $\forall i, j, A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ .

Notice that the first condition implies that one of the two multiplied matrices should be sparse, because  $nnz(B_{(i-2)}) + nnz(A_{(i-1)}) \leq |N|n^2$ . Also, by the second condition matrices  $A$  are pairwise disjoint, therefore  $nnz(\sum_{i=1}^{n^2} A_i) \leq |N|n^2$ .

The Algorithm 1 can be modified using Equations 1 and 2 instead of the naive calculation of transitive closure on every iteration. It is important that the modified algorithm has the same number of iterations in the worst case as the original one —  $|N|n^2 = O(n^2)$ . This is because the height of the parse tree does not exceed this value. As in the Algorithm 1, modified version derives new triples, going from leaves to the root of the parse tree.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *The matrix  $B_{n^2}$  containing all possible realizable triples can be calculated in  $O(n^3)$  time.*

**PROOF.** The correctness of the algorithm can be easily deduced from the correctness of the Algorithm 1 [1]. Now we show the cubic time complexity of the modified algorithm. Consider the equation for calculating  $B_{n^2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} B_{n^2} &= B_{n^2-1} + B_{i-2}A_{i-1} + A_{i-1}B_{i-2} + A_{i-1}A_{i-1} = \\ &= B_{n^2-2} + B_{i-3}A_{i-2} + A_{i-2}B_{i-3} + A_{i-2}A_{i-2} + \\ &\quad + B_{i-2}A_{i-1} + A_{i-1}B_{i-2} + A_{i-1}A_{i-1} = \dots = \\ &= B_1 + B_1B_1 + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} B_{i-2}A_{i-1} + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} A_{i-1}B_{i-2} + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} A_{i-1}A_{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose, without loss of generality, that the matrix  $B_{i-2}$  is dense, than the matrix  $A_{i-1}$  is sparse. Using naive sparse matrix multiplication algorithm, we have that  $O(\text{nnz}(A_{i-1})n)$  operations are needed for multiplication of the matrix  $B_{i-2}$  and the matrix  $A_{i-1}$ . Let  $T(AB)$  be the number of operations that need to be performed to multiply matrices  $A$  and  $B$ . Thus, the total number of operation for obtaining  $B_{n^2}$  is in

$$\begin{aligned} T(B_1B_1) + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} T(B_{i-2}A_{i-1}) + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} T(A_{i-1}B_{i-2}) + \sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} T(A_{i-1}A_{i-1}) &= \\ = O(n^\omega) + O\left(\sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} \text{nnz}(A_{i-1})n\right) &= \\ = O(n^\omega) + O(\text{nnz}\left(\sum_{i=2}^{n^2-1} A_{i-1}\right)n) = O(|N|n^2n) = O(n^3). \end{aligned}$$

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