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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

General introduction to LAGraph and its dependence on the GraphBLAS. We need to explain the motivation as well.

Normative standards include GraphBLAS version 2.0 and C99 (ISO/IEC 9899:199) extended with *static type-based* and *number of parameters-based* function polymorphism, and language extensions on par with the `_Generic` construct from C11 (ISO/IEC 9899:2011). Furthermore, the standard assumes programs using the LAGraph Library will execute on hardware that supports floating point arithmetic such as that defined by the IEEE 754 (IEEE 754-2008) standard.

Some more overview text to set the context for what follows

The remainder of this document is organized as follows:

- Chapter 2: Basic Concepts
- Chapter 3: Objects and defined values
- Chapter 4: The LAGraph API
- Appendix A: Revision history
- Appendix B: Examples



## Chapter 2

# Basic concepts

The LAGraph library is a collection of high level graph algorithms based on the GraphBLAS C API. These algorithms construct graph algorithms expressed “in the language of linear algebra.” Graphs are expressed as matrices, and the operations over these matrices are generalized through the use of a semiring algebraic structure.

In this chapter, we will define the basic concepts used to define the LAGraph Library. We provide the following elements:

- Glossary of terms and notation used in this document.
- The LAGraph objects.
- Return codes and other constants used in LAGraph.

## 2.1 Glossary

### 2.1.1 LAGraph basic definitions

- *application*: A program that calls methods from LAGraph to solve a problem.
- *GraphBLAS C API*: The application programming interface that fully defines the types, objects, literals, and other elements of the C binding to the GraphBLAS. LAGraph uses the GraphBLAS to implement graph algorithms.
- *method*: A function defined in the GraphBLAS C API that manipulates GraphBLAS objects or other opaque features of the implementation of the GraphBLAS API.
- *operator*: A function that performs an operation on the elements stored in GraphBLAS matrices and vectors.
- *GraphBLAS operation*: A mathematical operation defined in the GraphBLAS mathematical specification. These operations (not to be confused with *operators*) typically act on matrices and vectors with elements defined in terms of an algebraic semiring.

### 2.1.2 LAGraph objects and their structure

- *non-opaque datatype*: Any datatype that exposes its internal structure and can be manipulated directly by the user.
- *opaque datatype*: Any datatype that hides its internal structure and can be manipulated only through an API.
- *GraphBLAS object*: An instance of an *opaque datatype* defined by the *GraphBLAS C API* that is manipulated only through the GraphBLAS API. There are four kinds of GraphBLAS opaque objects: *domains* (i.e., types), *algebraic objects* (operators, monoids and semirings), *collections* (scalars, vectors, matrices and masks), and descriptors.
- *handle*: A variable that holds a reference to an instance of one of the GraphBLAS opaque objects. The value of this variable holds a reference to a GraphBLAS object but not the contents of the object itself. Hence, assigning a value to another variable copies the reference to the GraphBLAS object of one handle but not the contents of the object.
- *LAGraph object*: An instance of a *datatype* defined by the *LAGraph C API*. LAGraph objects are not opaque. They often contain handles to GraphBLAS objects.
- *domain*: The set of valid values for the elements stored in a GraphBLAS *collection* or operated on by a GraphBLAS *operator*. Note that some GraphBLAS objects involve functions that map values from one or more input domains onto values in an output domain. These GraphBLAS objects would have multiple domains.

### 2.1.3 The execution of an application using the LAGraph C API

- *program order*: The order of the GraphBLAS method calls in a thread, as defined by the text of the program.
- *host programming environment*: The GraphBLAS specification defines an API. The functions from the API appear in a program. This program is written using a programming language and execution environment defined outside of LAGraph. We refer to this programming environment as the “host programming environment”.
- *context*: An instance of the LAGraph library implementation as seen by an application. An application can have only one context between the start and end of the application.

### 2.1.4 GraphBLAS methods: behaviors and error conditions

- *implementation-defined behavior*: Behavior that must be documented by the implementation and is allowed to vary among different compliant implementations.
- *undefined behavior*: Behavior that is not specified by the GraphBLAS C API. A conforming implementation is free to choose results delivered from a method whose behavior is undefined.

- *thread-safe*: Consider a function called from multiple threads with arguments that do not overlap in memory (i.e. the argument lists do not share memory). If the function is *thread-safe* then it will behave the same when executed concurrently by multiple threads or sequentially on a single thread.
- *dimension compatible*: GraphBLAS objects (matrices and vectors) that are passed as parameters to a GraphBLAS method are dimension (or shape) compatible if they have the correct number of dimensions and sizes for each dimension to satisfy the rules of the mathematical definition of the operation associated with the method. If any *dimension compatibility* rule above is violated, execution of the GraphBLAS method ends and the GrB\_DIMENSION\_MISMATCH error is returned.

## 2.2 Mathematical foundations

Graphs can be represented in terms of matrices. The values stored in these matrices correspond to attributes (often weights) of edges in the graph.<sup>1</sup> Likewise, information about vertices in a graph are stored in vectors. The set of valid values that can be stored in either matrices or vectors is referred to as their domain. Matrices are usually sparse because the lack of an edge between two vertices means that nothing is stored at the corresponding location in the matrix. Vectors may be sparse or dense, or they may start out sparse and become dense as algorithms traverse the graphs.

Operations defined by the GraphBLAS C API specification operate on these matrices and vectors to carry out graph algorithms. These GraphBLAS operations are defined in terms of GraphBLAS semiring algebraic structures. Modifying the underlying semiring changes the result of an operation to support a wide range of graph algorithms. Inside a given algorithm, it is often beneficial to change the GraphBLAS semiring that applies to an operation on a matrix. This has two implications for the C binding of the GraphBLAS API.

First, it means that we define a separate object for the semiring to pass into methods. Since in many cases the full semiring is not required, we also support passing monoids or even binary operators, which means the semiring is implied rather than explicitly stated.

Second, the ability to change semirings impacts the meaning of the *implied zero* in a sparse representation of a matrix or vector. This element in real arithmetic is zero, which is the identity of the *addition* operator and the annihilator of the *multiplication* operator. As the semiring changes, this implied zero changes to the identity of the *addition* operator and the annihilator (if present) of the *multiplication* operator for the new semiring. Nothing changes regarding what is stored in the sparse matrix or vector, but the implied zeros within them change with respect to a particular operation. In all cases, the nature of the implied zero does not matter since the GraphBLAS C API requires that implementations treat them as nonexistent elements of the matrix or vector.

As with matrices and vectors, GraphBLAS semirings have domains associated with their inputs and outputs. The semirings in the GraphBLAS C API are defined with two domains associated with

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<sup>1</sup>More information on the mathematical foundations can be found in the following paper: J. Kepner, P. Aaltonen, D. Bader, A. Buluç, F. Franchetti, J. Gilbert, D. Hutchison, M. Kumar, A. Lumsdaine, H. Meyerhenke, S. McMillan, J. Moreira, J. Owens, C. Yang, M. Zalewski, and T. Mattson. 2016, September. Mathematical foundations of the GraphBLAS. In *2016 IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC)* (pp. 1-9). IEEE.

the input operands and one domain associated with output. When used in the GraphBLAS C API these domains may not match the domains of the matrices and vectors supplied in the operations. In this case, only valid *domain compatible* casting is supported by the API.

The mathematical formalism for graph operations in the language of linear algebra often assumes that we can operate in the field of real numbers. However, the GraphBLAS C binding is designed for implementation on computers, which by necessity have a finite number of bits to represent numbers. Therefore, we require a conforming implementation to use floating point numbers such as those defined by the IEEE-754 standard (both single- and double-precision) wherever real numbers need to be represented. The practical implications of these finite precision numbers is that the result of a sequence of computations may vary from one execution to the next as the grouping of operands (because of associativity) within the operations changes. While techniques are known to reduce these effects, we do not require or even expect an implementation to use them as they may add considerable overhead. In most cases, these roundoff errors are not significant. When they are significant, the problem itself is ill-conditioned and needs to be reformulated.

## 2.3 LAgraph objects

Objects defined in the GraphBLAS standard include types (the domains of elements), collections of elements (matrices, vectors, and scalars), operators on those elements (unary, index unary, and binary operators), algebraic structures (semirings and monoids), and descriptors. GraphBLAS objects are defined as opaque types; that is, they are managed, manipulated, and accessed solely through the GraphBLAS application programming interface. This gives an implementation of the GraphBLAS C specification flexibility to optimize objects for different scenarios or to meet the needs of different hardware platforms.

A GraphBLAS opaque object is accessed through its *handle*. A handle is a variable that references an instance of one of the types from Table 2.1. An implementation of the GraphBLAS specification has a great deal of flexibility in how these handles are implemented. All that is required is that the handle corresponds to a type defined in the C language that supports assignment and comparison for equality. The GraphBLAS specification defines a literal `GrB_INVALID_HANDLE` that is valid for each type. Using the logical equality operator from C, it must be possible to compare a handle to `GrB_INVALID_HANDLE` to verify that a handle is valid.

Every GraphBLAS object has a *lifetime*, which consists of the sequence of instructions executed in program order between the *creation* and the *destruction* of the object. The GraphBLAS C API predefines a number of these objects which are created when the GraphBLAS context is initialized by a call to `GrB_init` and are destroyed when the GraphBLAS context is terminated by a call to `GrB_finalize`.

An application using the GraphBLAS API can create additional objects by declaring variables of the appropriate type from Table 2.1 for the objects it will use. Before use, the object must be initialized with a call to one of the object's respective *constructor* methods. Each kind of object has at least one explicit constructor method of the form `GrB_*_new` where “\*” is replaced with the type of object (e.g., `GrB_Semiring_new`). Note that some objects, especially collections, have additional constructor methods such as duplication, import, or deserialization. Objects explicitly created by

Table 2.1: Types of GraphBLAS opaque objects.

GrB_Object types	Description
GrB_Type	Scalar type.
GrB_UnaryOp	Unary operator.
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	Unary operator, that operates on a single value and its location index values.
GrB_BinaryOp	Binary operator.
GrB_Monoid	Monoid algebraic structure.
GrB_Semiring	A GraphBLAS semiring algebraic structure.
GrB_Scalar	One element; could be empty.
GrB_Vector	One-dimensional collection of elements; can be sparse.
GrB_Matrix	Two-dimensional collection of elements; typically sparse.
GrB_Descriptor	Descriptor object, used to modify behavior of methods (specifically GraphBLAS operations).

a call to a constructor should be destroyed by a call to `GrB_free`. The behavior of a program that calls `GrB_free` on a pre-defined object is undefined.

These constructor and destructor methods are the only methods that change the value of a handle. Hence, objects changed by these methods are passed into the method as pointers. In all other cases, handles are not changed by the method and are passed by value. For example, even when multiplying matrices, while the contents of the output product matrix changes, the handle for that matrix is unchanged.

Several GraphBLAS constructor methods take other objects as input arguments and use these objects to create a new object. For all these methods, the lifetime of the created object must end strictly before the lifetime of any dependent input objects. For example, a vector constructor `GrB_Vector_new` takes a `GrB_Type` object as input. That type object must not be destroyed until after the created vector is destroyed. Similarly, a `GrB_Semiring_new` method takes a monoid and a binary operator as inputs. Neither of these can be destroyed until after the created semiring is destroyed.

Note that some constructor methods like `GrB_Vector_dup` and `GrB_Matrix_dup` behave differently. In these cases, the input vector or matrix can be destroyed as soon as the call returns. However, the original type object used to create the input vector or matrix cannot be destroyed until after the vector or matrix created by `GrB_Vector_dup` or `GrB_Matrix_dup` is destroyed. This behavior must hold for any chain of duplicating constructors.

Programmers using GraphBLAS handles must be careful to distinguish between a handle and the object manipulated through a handle. For example, a program may declare two GraphBLAS objects of the same type, initialize one, and then assign it to the other variable. That assignment, however, only assigns the handle to the variable. It does not create a copy of that variable (to do that, one would need to use the appropriate duplication method). If later the object is freed by calling `GrB_free` with the first variable, the object is destroyed and the second variable is left referencing an object that no longer exists (a so-called “dangling handle”).

265 In addition to opaque objects manipulated through handles, the GraphBLAS C API defines an  
266 additional opaque object as an internal object; that is, the object is never exposed as a variable  
267 within an application. This opaque object is the mask used to control which computed values can  
268 be stored in the output operand of a *GraphBLAS operation*. .



## Chapter 3

# Objects and Constants

In this chapter, all of the enumerations, literals, data types, and predefined opaque objects defined in the GraphBLAS API are presented. Enumeration literals in GraphBLAS are assigned specific values to ensure compatibility between different runtime library implementations. The chapter starts by defining the enumerations that are used by the `init()` and `wait()` methods. Then a number of transparent (i.e., non-opaque) types that are used for interfacing with external data are defined. Sections that follow describe the various types of opaque objects in GraphBLAS: types (or *domains*), algebraic objects, collections and descriptors. Each of these sections also lists the predefined instances of each opaque type that are required by the API. This chapter concludes with a section on the definition for `GrB_Info` enumeration that is used as the return type of all methods.

### 3.1 Enumerations for `init()` and `wait()`

Table 3.1 lists the enumerations and the corresponding values used in the `GrB_init()` method to set the execution mode and in the `GrB_wait()` method for completing or materializing opaque objects.

### 3.2 Indices, index arrays, and scalar arrays

In order to interface with third-party software (i.e., software other than an implementation of the GraphBLAS), operations such as `GrB_Matrix_build` (Section ??) and `GrB_Matrix_extractTuples` (Section ??) must specify how the data should be laid out in non-opaque data structures. To this end we explicitly define the types for indices and the arrays used by these operations.

For indices a `typedef` is used to give a GraphBLAS name to a concrete type. We define it as follows:

```
typedef uint64_t GrB_Index;
```

The range of valid values for a variable of type `GrB_Index` is `[0, GrB_INDEX_MAX]` where the largest index value permissible is defined with a macro, `GrB_INDEX_MAX`. For example:

292        `#define GrB_INDEX_MAX ((GrB_Index) 0xffffffffffffffff);`

293    An implementation is required to define and document this value.

294    An index array is a pointer to a set of `GrB_Index` values that are stored in a contiguous block of  
 295    memory (i.e., `GrB_Index*`). Likewise, a scalar array is a pointer to a contiguous block of memory  
 296    storing a number of scalar values as specified by the user. Some GraphBLAS operations (e.g.,  
 297    `GrB_assign`) include an input parameter with the type of an index array. This input index array  
 298    selects a subset of elements from a GraphBLAS vector or matrix object to be used in the operation.  
 299    In these cases, the literal `GrB_ALL` can be used in place of the index array input parameter to  
 300    indicate that all indices of the associated GraphBLAS vector or matrix object should be used. An  
 301    implementation of the GraphBLAS C API has considerable freedom in terms of how `GrB_ALL`  
 302    is defined. Since `GrB_ALL` is used as an argument for an array parameter, it must use a type  
 303    consistent with a pointer. `GrB_ALL` must also have a non-null value to distinguish it from the  
 304    erroneous case of passing a `NULL` pointer as an array.

### 305    3.3    Types (domains)

306    In GraphBLAS, domains correspond to the valid values for types from the host language (in our  
 307    case, the C programming language). GraphBLAS defines a number of operators that take elements  
 308    from one or more domains and produce elements of a (possibly) different domain. GraphBLAS  
 309    also defines three kinds of collections: matrices, vectors and scalars. For any given collection, the  
 310    elements of the collection belong to a *domain*, which is the set of valid values for the elements. For  
 311    any variable or object  $V$  in GraphBLAS we denote as  $\mathbf{D}(V)$  the domain of  $V$ , that is, the set of  
 312    possible values that elements of  $V$  can take.

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Table 3.1: Enumeration literals and corresponding values input to various GraphBLAS methods.

(a) `GrB_Mode` execution modes for the `GrB_init` method.

Symbol	Value	Description
<code>GrB_NONBLOCKING</code>	0	Specifies the nonblocking mode context.
<code>GrB_BLOCKING</code>	1	Specifies the blocking mode context.

(b) `GrB_WaitMode` wait modes for the `GrB_wait` method.

Symbol	Value	Description
<code>GrB_COMPLETE</code>	0	The object is in a state where it can be used in a happens-before relation so that multithreaded programs can be properly synchronized.
<code>GrB_MATERIALIZE</code>	1	The object is <i>complete</i> , and in addition, all computation of the object is finished and any error information is available.

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Table 3.2: Predefined `GrB_Type` values, and the corresponding GraphBLAS domain suffixes, C type (for scalar parameters), and domains for GraphBLAS. The domain suffixes are used in place of  $I$ ,  $F$ , and  $T$  in Tables ??, C.3, ??, ??, and ??).

GrB_Type	Suffix	C type	Domain
GrB_BOOL	BOOL	bool	{false, true}
GrB_INT8	INT8	int8_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [-2^7, 2^7)$
GrB_UINT8	UINT8	uint8_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 2^8)$
GrB_INT16	INT16	int16_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [-2^{15}, 2^{15})$
GrB_UINT16	UINT16	uint16_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 2^{16})$
GrB_INT32	INT32	int32_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [-2^{31}, 2^{31})$
GrB_UINT32	UINT32	uint32_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 2^{32})$
GrB_INT64	INT64	int64_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [-2^{63}, 2^{63})$
GrB_UINT64	UINT64	uint64_t	$\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 2^{64})$
GrB_FP32	FP32	float	IEEE 754 binary32
GrB_FP64	FP64	double	IEEE 754 binary64

The domains for elements that can be stored in collections and operated on through GraphBLAS methods are defined by GraphBLAS objects called `GrB_Type`. The predefined types and corresponding domains used in the GraphBLAS C API are shown in Table 3.2. The Boolean type (`bool`) is defined in `stdbool.h`, the integral types (`int8_t`, `uint8_t`, `int16_t`, `uint16_t`, `int32_t`, `uint32_t`, `int64_t`, `uint64_t`) are defined in `stdint.h`, and the floating-point types (`float`, `double`) are native to the language and platform and in most cases defined by the IEEE-754 standard.

## 3.4 Collections

### 3.4.1 Scalars

A *GraphBLAS scalar*,  $s = \langle D, \{\sigma\} \rangle$ , is defined by a domain  $D$ , and a set of zero or one *scalar value*,  $\sigma$ , where  $\sigma \in D$ . We define  $\mathbf{size}(s) = 1$  (constant), and  $\mathbf{L}(s) = \{\sigma\}$ . The set  $\mathbf{L}(s)$  is called the *contents* of the GraphBLAS scalar  $s$ . We also define  $\mathbf{D}(s) = D$ . Finally,  $\mathbf{val}(s)$  is a reference to the scalar value,  $\sigma$ , if the GraphBLAS scalar is not empty, and is undefined otherwise.

### 3.4.2 Vectors

A vector  $\mathbf{v} = \langle D, N, \{(i, v_i)\} \rangle$  is defined by a domain  $D$ , a size  $N > 0$ , and a set of tuples  $(i, v_i)$  where  $0 \leq i < N$  and  $v_i \in D$ . A particular value of  $i$  can appear at most once in  $\mathbf{v}$ . We define  $\mathbf{size}(\mathbf{v}) = N$  and  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{v}) = \{(i, v_i)\}$ . The set  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{v})$  is called the *content* of vector  $\mathbf{v}$ . We also define the set  $\mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{v}) = \{i : (i, v_i) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{v})\}$  (called the *structure* of  $\mathbf{v}$ ), and  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}) = D$ . For a vector  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}(i)$  is a reference to  $v_i$  if  $(i, v_i) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{v})$  and is undefined otherwise.

### 3.4.3 Matrices

A matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \langle D, M, N, \{(i, j, A_{ij})\} \rangle$  is defined by a domain  $D$ , its number of rows  $M > 0$ , its number of columns  $N > 0$ , and a set of tuples  $(i, j, A_{ij})$  where  $0 \leq i < M$ ,  $0 \leq j < N$ , and  $A_{ij} \in D$ . A particular pair of values  $i, j$  can appear at most once in  $\mathbf{A}$ . We define  $\mathbf{ncols}(\mathbf{A}) = N$ ,  $\mathbf{nrows}(\mathbf{A}) = M$ , and  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A}) = \{(i, j, A_{ij})\}$ . The set  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})$  is called the *content* of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . We also define the sets  $\mathbf{indrow}(\mathbf{A}) = \{i : \exists (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{A}\}$  and  $\mathbf{indcol}(\mathbf{A}) = \{j : \exists (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{A}\}$ . (These are the sets of nonempty rows and columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , respectively.) The *structure* of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the set  $\mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{A}) = \{(i, j) : (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})\}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}) = D$ . For a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}(i, j)$  is a reference to  $A_{ij}$  if  $(i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})$  and is undefined otherwise.

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix and  $0 \leq j < N$ , then  $\mathbf{A}(:, j) = \langle D, M, \{(i, A_{ij}) : (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})\} \rangle$  is a vector called the  $j$ -th *column* of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Correspondingly, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix and  $0 \leq i < M$ , then  $\mathbf{A}(i, :) = \langle D, N, \{(j, A_{ij}) : (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})\} \rangle$  is a vector called the  $i$ -th *row* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \langle D, M, N, \{(i, j, A_{ij})\} \rangle$ , its *transpose* is another matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T = \langle D, N, M, \{(j, i, A_{ij}) : (i, j, A_{ij}) \in \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A})\} \rangle$ .

#### 3.4.3.1 External matrix formats

The specification also supports the export and import of matrices to/from a number of commonly used formats, such as COO, CSR, and CSC formats. When importing or exporting a matrix to or from a GraphBLAS object using `GrB_Matrix_import` (§ ??) or `GrB_Matrix_export` (§ ??), it is necessary to specify the data format for the matrix data external to GraphBLAS, which is being imported from or exported to. This non-opaque data format is specified using an argument of enumeration type `GrB_Format` that is used to indicate one of a number of predefined formats. The predefined values of `GrB_Format` are specified in Table 3.3. A precise definition of the non-opaque data formats can be found in Appendix ??.

Table 3.3: `GrB_Format` enumeration literals and corresponding values for matrix import and export methods.

Symbol	Value	Description
<code>GrB_CSR_FORMAT</code>	0	Specifies the compressed sparse row matrix format.
<code>GrB_CSC_FORMAT</code>	1	Specifies the compressed sparse column matrix format.
<code>GrB_COO_FORMAT</code>	2	Specifies the sparse coordinate matrix format.

## 3.5 GrB\_Info return values

All GraphBLAS methods return a `GrB_Info` enumeration value. The three types of return codes (informational, API error, and execution error) and their corresponding values are listed in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4: Enumeration literals and corresponding values returned by GraphBLAS methods and operations.

(a) Informational return values

Symbol	Value	Description
GrB_SUCCESS	0	The method/operation completed successfully (blocking mode), or encountered no API errors (non-blocking mode).
GrB_NO_VALUE	1	A location in a matrix or vector is being accessed that has no stored value at the specified location.

(b) API errors

Symbol	Value	Description
GrB_UNINITIALIZED_OBJECT	-1	A GraphBLAS object is passed to a method before <code>new</code> was called on it.
GrB_NULL_POINTER	-2	A NULL is passed for a pointer parameter.
GrB_INVALID_VALUE	-3	Miscellaneous incorrect values.
GrB_INVALID_INDEX	-4	Indices passed are larger than dimensions of the matrix or vector being accessed.
GrB_DOMAIN_MISMATCH	-5	A mismatch between domains of collections and operations when user-defined domains are in use.
GrB_DIMENSION_MISMATCH	-6	Operations on matrices and vectors with incompatible dimensions.
GrB_OUTPUT_NOT_EMPTY	-7	An attempt was made to build a matrix or vector using an output object that already contains valid tuples (elements).
GrB_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	-8	An attempt was made to call a GraphBLAS method for a combination of input parameters that is not supported by a particular implementation.

(c) Execution errors

Symbol	Value	Description
GrB_PANIC	-101	Unknown internal error.
GrB_OUT_OF_MEMORY	-102	Not enough memory for operations.
GrB_INSUFFICIENT_SPACE	-103	The array provided is not large enough to hold output.
GrB_INVALID_OBJECT	-104	One of the opaque GraphBLAS objects (input or output) is in an invalid state caused by a previous execution error.
GrB_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS	-105	Reference to a vector or matrix element that is outside the defined dimensions of the object.
GrB_EMPTY_OBJECT	-106	One of the opaque GraphBLAS objects does not have a stored value.



## Chapter 4

# LAGraph API

This chapter defines the behavior of all the functions in the LAGraph library. All methods can be declared for use in programs by including the `LAGraph.h` header file.

### 4.1 LAGraph\_ConnectedComponents

Finds the connected components of an undirected graph.

#### C Syntax

```
int LAGr_ConnectedComponents
(
    GrB_Vector *component,
    LAGraph_Graph G,
    char *msg
)
```

#### Parameters

- `*component` (OUT) An array holding identifiers to the components.
- `G` (IN) the input Graph (not modified by this function).
- `msg` A message meaning something.

#### Return Values

`GrB_SUCCESS` In blocking mode, the operation completed successfully. In non-blocking mode, this indicates that the compatibility tests on dimensions and domains for the input arguments passed successfully.

380 Either way, output matrix  $C$  is ready to be used in the next method  
 381 of the sequence.

382 **GrB\_PANIC** Unknown internal error.

383 **GrB\_INVALID\_OBJECT** This is returned in any execution mode whenever one of the opaque  
 384 GraphBLAS objects (input or output) is in an invalid state caused  
 385 by a previous execution error. Call **GrB\_error()** to access any error  
 386 messages generated by the implementation.

387 **GrB\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY** Not enough memory available for the operation.

388 **GrB\_UNINITIALIZED\_OBJECT** One or more of the GraphBLAS objects has not been initialized by  
 389 a call to **new** (or **Matrix\_dup** for matrix parameters).

390 **GrB\_DIMENSION\_MISMATCH** Mask and/or matrix dimensions are incompatible.

391 **GrB\_DOMAIN\_MISMATCH** The domains of the various matrices are incompatible with the  
 392 corresponding domains of the semiring or accumulation operator,  
 393 or the mask's domain is not compatible with **bool** (in the case where  
 394 **desc[GrB\_MASK].GrB\_STRUCTURE** is not set).

## 395 Description

396 **GrB\_mxm** computes the matrix product  $C = A \oplus . \otimes B$  or, if an optional binary accumulation operator  
 397  $(\odot)$  is provided,  $C = C \odot (A \oplus . \otimes B)$  (where matrices  $A$  and  $B$  can be optionally transposed).  
 398 Logically, this operation occurs in three steps:

399 **Setup** The internal matrices and mask used in the computation are formed and their domains  
 400 and dimensions are tested for compatibility.

401 **Compute** The indicated computations are carried out.

402 **Output** The result is written into the output matrix, possibly under control of a mask.

403 Up to four argument matrices are used in the **GrB\_mxm** operation:

- 404 1.  $C = \langle \mathbf{D}(C), \mathbf{nrows}(C), \mathbf{ncols}(C), \mathbf{L}(C) = \{(i, j, C_{ij})\} \rangle$
- 405 2.  $\text{Mask} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\text{Mask}), \mathbf{nrows}(\text{Mask}), \mathbf{ncols}(\text{Mask}), \mathbf{L}(\text{Mask}) = \{(i, j, M_{ij})\} \rangle$  (optional)
- 406 3.  $A = \langle \mathbf{D}(A), \mathbf{nrows}(A), \mathbf{ncols}(A), \mathbf{L}(A) = \{(i, j, A_{ij})\} \rangle$
- 407 4.  $B = \langle \mathbf{D}(B), \mathbf{nrows}(B), \mathbf{ncols}(B), \mathbf{L}(B) = \{(i, j, B_{ij})\} \rangle$

408 From this point forward, in **GrB\_NONBLOCKING** mode, the method can optionally exit with  
 409 **GrB\_SUCCESS** return code and defer any computation and/or execution error codes.

410 We are now ready to carry out the matrix multiplication and any additional associated operations.  
 411 We describe this in terms of two intermediate matrices:



- $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}$ : The matrix holding the product of matrices  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$ .
- $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$ : The matrix holding the result after application of the (optional) accumulation operator.

The intermediate matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}} = \langle \mathbf{D}_{out}(\text{op}), \mathbf{nrows}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}), \mathbf{ncols}(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}), \{(i, j, T_{ij}) : \mathbf{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(i, :)) \cap \mathbf{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(:, j)) \neq \emptyset\} \rangle$  is created. The value of each of its elements is computed by

$$T_{ij} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(i, :)) \cap \mathbf{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(:, j))} (\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(i, k) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(k, j)),$$

where  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  are the additive and multiplicative operators of semiring  $\text{op}$ , respectively.

#### 4.1.1 vxm: Vector-matrix multiply

Multiplies a (row) vector with a matrix on an semiring. The result is a vector.

### C Syntax

```
GrB_Info GrB_vxm(GrB_Vector      w,
                  const GrB_Vector mask,
                  const GrB_BinaryOp accum,
                  const GrB_Semiring op,
                  const GrB_Vector u,
                  const GrB_Matrix A,
                  const GrB_Descriptor desc);
```

### Parameters

**w** (INOUT) An existing GraphBLAS vector. On input, the vector provides values that may be accumulated with the result of the vector-matrix product. On output, this vector holds the results of the operation.

**mask** (IN) An optional “write” mask that controls which results from this operation are stored into the output vector **w**. The mask dimensions must match those of the vector **w**. If the **GrB\_STRUCTURE** descriptor is *not* set for the mask, the domain of the **mask** vector must be of type **bool** or any of the predefined “built-in” types in Table 3.2. If the default mask is desired (i.e., a mask that is all **true** with the dimensions of **w**), **GrB\_NULL** should be specified.

**accum** (IN) An optional binary operator used for accumulating entries into existing **w** entries. If assignment rather than accumulation is desired, **GrB\_NULL** should be specified.

**op** (IN) Semiring used in the vector-matrix multiply.

**u** (IN) The GraphBLAS vector holding the values for the left-hand vector in the multiplication.

A (IN) The GraphBLAS matrix holding the values for the right-hand matrix in the multiplication.

desc (IN) An optional operation descriptor. If a *default* descriptor is desired, GrB\_NULL should be specified. Non-default field/value pairs are listed as follows:

Param	Field	Value	Description
w	GrB_OUTP	GrB_REPLACE	Output vector w is cleared (all elements removed) before the result is stored in it.
mask	GrB_MASK	GrB_STRUCTURE	The write mask is constructed from the structure (pattern of stored values) of the input mask vector. The stored values are not examined.
mask	GrB_MASK	GrB_COMP	Use the complement of mask.
A	GrB_INP1	GrB_TRAN	Use transpose of A for the operation.

## Return Values

GrB\_SUCCESS In blocking mode, the operation completed successfully. In non-blocking mode, this indicates that the compatibility tests on dimensions and domains for the input arguments passed successfully. Either way, output vector w is ready to be used in the next method of the sequence.

GrB\_PANIC Unknown internal error.

GrB\_INVALID\_OBJECT This is returned in any execution mode whenever one of the opaque GraphBLAS objects (input or output) is in an invalid state caused by a previous execution error. Call GrB\_error() to access any error messages generated by the implementation.

GrB\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY Not enough memory available for the operation.

GrB\_UNINITIALIZED\_OBJECT One or more of the GraphBLAS objects has not been initialized by a call to new (or dup for matrix or vector parameters).

GrB\_DIMENSION\_MISMATCH Mask, vector, and/or matrix dimensions are incompatible.

GrB\_DOMAIN\_MISMATCH The domains of the various vectors/matrices are incompatible with the corresponding domains of the semiring or accumulation operator, or the mask's domain is not compatible with bool (in the case where desc[GrB\_MASK].GrB\_STRUCTURE is not set).

## Description

GrB\_vxm computes the vector-matrix product  $w^T = u^T \oplus . \otimes A$ , or, if an optional binary accumulation operator ( $\odot$ ) is provided,  $w^T = w^T \odot (u^T \oplus . \otimes A)$  (where matrix A can be optionally

472 transposed). Logically, this operation occurs in three steps:

473     **Setup** The internal vectors, matrices and mask used in the computation are formed and their  
 474               domains/dimensions are tested for compatibility.

475     **Compute** The indicated computations are carried out.

476     **Output** The result is written into the output vector, possibly under control of a mask.

477 Up to four argument vectors or matrices are used in the GrB\_vxm operation:

- 478     1.  $\mathbf{w} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \{(i, w_i)\} \rangle$
- 479     2.  $\mathbf{mask} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{mask}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{mask}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{mask}) = \{(i, m_i)\} \rangle$  (optional)
- 480     3.  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}) = \{(i, u_i)\} \rangle$
- 481     4.  $\mathbf{A} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{nrows}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{ncols}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A}) = \{(i, j, A_{ij})\} \rangle$

482 The argument matrices, vectors, the semiring, and the accumulation operator (if provided) are  
 483 tested for domain compatibility as follows:

- 484     1. If **mask** is not GrB\_NULL, and desc[GrB\_MASK].GrB\_STRUCTURE is not set, then  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{mask})$   
 485         must be from one of the pre-defined types of Table 3.2.
- 486     2.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_1}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 487     3.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_2}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 488     4.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 489     5. If **accum** is not GrB\_NULL, then  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_1}(\mathbf{accum})$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{accum})$   
 490         of the accumulation operator and  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_2}(\mathbf{accum})$   
 491         of the accumulation operator.

492 Two domains are compatible with each other if values from one domain can be cast to values in  
 493 the other domain as per the rules of the C language. In particular, domains from Table 3.2 are  
 494 all compatible with each other. A domain from a user-defined type is only compatible with itself.  
 495 If any compatibility rule above is violated, execution of GrB\_vxm ends and the domain mismatch  
 496 error listed above is returned.

497 From the argument vectors and matrices, the internal matrices and mask used in the computation  
 498 are formed ( $\leftarrow$  denotes copy):

- 499     1. Vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}$ .
- 500     2. One-dimensional mask,  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ , is computed from argument **mask** as follows:  
 501         (a) If **mask** = GrB\_NULL, then  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w}), \{i, \forall i : 0 \leq i < \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w})\} \rangle$ .

502 (b) If  $\text{mask} \neq \text{GrB\_NULL}$ ,  
503 i. If  $\text{desc}[\text{GrB\_MASK}].\text{GrB\_STRUCTURE}$  is set, then  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \text{size}(\text{mask}), \{i : i \in \text{ind}(\text{mask})\} \rangle$ ,  
504 ii. Otherwise,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \text{size}(\text{mask}), \{i : i \in \text{ind}(\text{mask}) \wedge (\text{bool})\text{mask}(i) = \text{true}\} \rangle$ .  
505 (c) If  $\text{desc}[\text{GrB\_MASK}].\text{GrB\_COMP}$  is set, then  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}} \leftarrow \neg \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}$ .  
506 3. Vector  $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}} \leftarrow \mathbf{u}$ .  
507 4. Matrix  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}} \leftarrow \text{desc}[\text{GrB\_INP1}].\text{GrB\_TRAN} ? \mathbf{A}^T : \mathbf{A}$ .

508 The internal matrices and masks are checked for shape compatibility. The following conditions  
509 must hold:

- 510 1.  $\text{size}(\widetilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \text{size}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}})$ .
- 511 2.  $\text{size}(\widetilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \text{ncols}(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}})$ .
- 512 3.  $\text{size}(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \text{nrows}(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}})$ .

513 If any compatibility rule above is violated, execution of `GrB_vxm` ends and the dimension mismatch  
514 error listed above is returned.

515 From this point forward, in `GrB_NONBLOCKING` mode, the method can optionally exit with  
516 `GrB_SUCCESS` return code and defer any computation and/or execution error codes.

517 We are now ready to carry out the vector-matrix multiplication and any additional associated  
518 operations. We describe this in terms of two intermediate vectors:

- 519 •  $\widetilde{\mathbf{t}}$ : The vector holding the product of vector  $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}^T$  and matrix  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ .
- 520 •  $\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}$ : The vector holding the result after application of the (optional) accumulation operator.

521 The intermediate vector  $\widetilde{\mathbf{t}} = \langle \mathbf{D}_{out}(\text{op}), \text{ncols}(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}), \{(j, t_j) : \text{ind}(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}) \cap \text{ind}(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}(:, j)) \neq \emptyset\} \rangle$  is created.  
522 The value of each of its elements is computed by

$$523 \quad t_j = \bigoplus_{k \in \text{ind}(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}) \cap \text{ind}(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}(:, j))} (\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}(k) \otimes \widetilde{\mathbf{A}}(k, j)),$$

524 where  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  are the additive and multiplicative operators of semiring `op`, respectively.

## Appendix A

### Revision history

This document defines the LAGraph 1.0 release and hence one could argue that there should not be a revision history just yet. Early pre-release versions of LAGraph, however, have been heavily used. We therefore need to summarize the key changes from the pre-release version of LAGraph and the official, 1.0 release. Changes in 1.0 (Released: 12 September 2022):

- We did a global redefinition of return codes to be more consistent and to mesh better with the GraphBLAS return codes.
- In the pre-release LAGraph library, we included type information on the LAGraph graph object. We have deprecated this feature since it is safer to use the type introspection from GraphBLAS than to carry distinct type information inside the LAGraph object.



## 536 **Appendix B**

### 537 **Examples**

538 Text to introduce the examples.

## B.1 Example: Compute the page rank of a graph using LAGraph.

```
1 #include <stdlib.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdint.h>
4 #include <stdbool.h>
5 #include "LAGraph.h"
6
7 void test_PageRank(void)
8 {
9     LAGraph_Init (msg) ;
10    GrB_Matrix A = NULL ;
11    GrB_Vector centrality = NULL, cmatlab = NULL, diff = NULL ;
12    int niters = 0 ;
13
14    // create the karate graph
15    snprintf (filename, LEN, LG_DATA_DIR "%s", "karate.mtx") ;
16    FILE *f = fopen (filename, "r") ;
17    TEST_CHECK (f != NULL) ;
18    OK (LAGraph_MMRead (&A, f, msg)) ;
19    OK (fclose (f)) ;
20    OK (LAGraph_New (&G, &A, LAGraph_ADJACENCY_UNDIRECTED, msg)) ;
21    TEST_CHECK (A == NULL) ; // A has been moved into G->A
22    OK (LAGraph_Cached_OutDegree (G, msg)) ;
23
24    // compute its pagerank
25    OK (LAGr_PageRank (&centrality, &niters, G, 0.85, 1e-4, 100, msg)) ;
26    OK (LAGraph_Delete (&G, msg)) ;
27
28    // compare with MATLAB: cmatlab = centrality (G, 'pagerank')
29    float err = difference (centrality, karate_rank) ;
30    printf ("\nkarate:err:%e\n", err) ;
31    TEST_CHECK (err < 1e-4) ;
32    OK (GrB_free (&centrality)) ;
33
34    LAGraph_Finalize (msg) ;
35 }
```



## B.2 Example: Apply betweenness centrality algorithm to a Graph using LAGraph

```
1 #include <stdlib.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdint.h>
4 #include <stdbool.h>
5 #include "LAGraph.h"
6
7 void test_bc (void)
8 {
9     LAGraph_Init (msg) ;
10    GrB_Matrix A = NULL ;
11    GrB_Vector centrality = NULL ;
12    int niters = 0 ;
13
14    // create the karate graph
15    snprintf (filename, LEN, LG_DATA_DIR "%s", "karate.mtx") ;
16    FILE *f = fopen (filename, "r") ;
17    TEST_CHECK (f != NULL) ;
18    OK (LAGraph_MMRead (&A, f, msg)) ;
19    OK (fclose (f)) ;
20    OK (LAGraph_New (&G, &A, LAGraph_ADJACENCY_UNDIRECTED, msg)) ;
21    TEST_CHECK (A == NULL) ;    // A has been moved into G->A
22
23    // compute its betweenness centrality
24    OK (LAGr_Betweenness (&centrality, G, karate_sources, 4, msg)) ;
25    printf ("\nkarate_bc:\n") ;
26    OK (LAGraph_Delete (&G, msg)) ;
27
28    // compare with GAP:
29    float err = difference (centrality, karate_bc) ;
30    printf ("karate:   err: %e\n", err) ;
31    TEST_CHECK (err < 1e-4) ;
32    OK (GrB_free (&centrality)) ;
33
34    LAGraph_Finalize (msg) ;
35 }
```



## Appendix C

# LaTeX Examples from GraphBLAS ... to be removed in final draft

In this chapter, we put all the examples of Latex formatting we might want to draw on as we write this document. This saves us having to dig through the GraphBLAS spec should we want to typeset some math or make a table using the same format as was used for GraphBLAS. This appendix will be removed before we publish the completed spec.

## C.1 Notation

Notation	Description
$D_{out}, D_{in}, D_{in_1}, D_{in_2}$	Refers to output and input domains of various GraphBLAS operators.
$\mathbf{D}_{out}(*), \mathbf{D}_{in}(*), \mathbf{D}_{in_1}(*), \mathbf{D}_{in_2}(*)$	Evaluates to output and input domains of GraphBLAS operators (usually a unary or binary operator, or semiring).
$\mathbf{D}(*)$	Evaluates to the (only) domain of a GraphBLAS object (usually a monoid, vector, or matrix).
$f$	An arbitrary unary function, usually a component of a unary operator.
$\mathbf{f}(F_u)$	Evaluates to the unary function contained in the unary operator given as the argument.
$\odot$	An arbitrary binary function, usually a component of a binary operator.
$\odot(*)$	Evaluates to the binary function contained in the binary operator or monoid given as the argument.
$\otimes$	Multiplicative binary operator of a semiring.
$\oplus$	Additive binary operator of a semiring.
$\otimes(S)$	Evaluates to the multiplicative binary operator of the semiring given as the argument.
$\oplus(S)$	Evaluates to the additive binary operator of the semiring given as the argument.
$\mathbf{0}(*)$	The identity of a monoid, or the additive identity of a GraphBLAS semiring.
$\mathbf{L}(*)$	The contents (all stored values) of the vector or matrix GraphBLAS objects. For a vector, it is the set of (index, value) pairs, and for a matrix it is the set of (row, col, value) triples.
$\mathbf{v}(i)$ or $v_i$	The $i^{th}$ element of the vector $\mathbf{v}$ .
$\mathbf{size}(\mathbf{v})$	The size of the vector $\mathbf{v}$ .
$\mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{v})$	The set of indices corresponding to the stored values of the vector $\mathbf{v}$ .
$\mathbf{nrows}(\mathbf{A})$	The number of rows in the $\mathbf{A}$ .
$\mathbf{ncols}(\mathbf{A})$	The number of columns in the $\mathbf{A}$ .
$\mathbf{indrow}(\mathbf{A})$	The set of row indices corresponding to rows in $\mathbf{A}$ that have stored values.
$\mathbf{indcol}(\mathbf{A})$	The set of column indices corresponding to columns in $\mathbf{A}$ that have stored values.
$\mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{A})$	The set of $(i, j)$ indices corresponding to the stored values of the matrix.
$\mathbf{A}(i, j)$ or $A_{ij}$	The element of $\mathbf{A}$ with row index $i$ and column index $j$ .
$\mathbf{A}(:, j)$	The $j^{th}$ column of matrix $\mathbf{A}$ .
$\mathbf{A}(i, :)$	The $i^{th}$ row of matrix $\mathbf{A}$ .
$\mathbf{A}^T$	The transpose of matrix $\mathbf{A}$ .
$\neg \mathbf{M}$	The complement of $\mathbf{M}$ .
$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{M})$	The structure of $\mathbf{M}$ .
$\tilde{\mathbf{t}}$	A temporary object created by the GraphBLAS implementation.
$< type >$	A method argument type that is void * or one of the types from Table 3.2.
$\mathbf{GrB\_ALL}$	A method argument literal to indicate that all indices of an input array should be used.
$\mathbf{GrB\_Type}$	A method argument type that is either a user defined type or one of the types from Table 3.2.
$\mathbf{GrB\_Object}$	A method argument type referencing any of the GraphBLAS object types.
$\mathbf{GrB\_NULL}$	The GraphBLAS NULL.

## C.2 Algebraic objects, operators and associated functions

GraphBLAS operators operate on elements stored in GraphBLAS collections. A *binary operator* is a function that maps two input values to one output value. A *unary operator* is a function that maps one input value to one output value. Binary operators are defined over two input domains and produce an output from a (possibly different) third domain. Unary operators are specified over one input domain and produce an output from a (possibly different) second domain.

In addition to the operators that operate on stored values, GraphBLAS also supports *index unary operators* that maps a stored value and the indices of its position in the matrix or vector to an output value. That output value can be used in the index unary operator variants of `apply (§ ??)` to compute a new stored value, or be used in the `select` operation (§ ??) to determine if the stored input value should be kept or annihilated.

Some GraphBLAS operations require a monoid or semiring. A monoid contains an associative binary operator where the input and output domains are the same. The monoid also includes an identity value of the operator. The semiring consists of a binary operator – referred to as the “times” operator – with up to three different domains (two inputs and one output) and a monoid – referred to as the “plus” operator – that is also commutative. Furthermore, the domain of the monoid must be the same as the output domain of the “times” operator.

The GraphBLAS *algebraic objects* operators, monoids, and semirings are presented in this section. These objects can be used as input arguments to various GraphBLAS operations, as shown in Table C.1. The specific rules for each algebraic object are explained in the respective sections of those objects. A summary of the properties and recipes for building these GraphBLAS algebraic objects is presented in Table C.2.

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Table C.1: Operator input for relevant GraphBLAS operations. The semiring add and times are shown if applicable.

Operation	Operator input
mxm, mxv, vxm	semiring
eWiseAdd	binary operator monoid semiring (add)
eWiseMult	binary operator monoid semiring (times)
reduce (to vector or GrB_Scalar)	binary operator monoid
reduce (to scalar value)	monoid
apply	unary operator binary operator with scalar index unary operator
select	index unary operator
kronecker	binary operator monoid semiring
dup argument (build methods)	binary operator
accum argument (various methods)	binary operator

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Table C.2: Properties and recipes for building GraphBLAS algebraic objects: unary operator, binary operator, monoid, and semiring (composed of operations *add* and *times*).

(a) Properties of algebraic objects.

Object	Must be commutative	Must be associative	Identity must exist	Number of domains
Unary operator	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Binary operator	no	no	no	3
Monoid	no	yes	yes	1
Reduction add	yes	yes	yes (see Note 1)	1
Semiring add	yes	yes	yes	1
Semiring times	no	no	no	3 (see Note 2)

(b) Recipes for algebraic objects.

Object	Recipe	Number of domains
Unary operator	Function pointer	2
Binary operator	Function pointer	3
Monoid	Associative binary operator with identity	1
Semiring	Commutative monoid + binary operator	3

Note 1: Some high-performance GraphBLAS implementations may require an identity to perform reductions to sparse objects like GraphBLAS vectors and scalars. According to the descriptions of the corresponding GraphBLAS operations, however, this identity is mathematically not necessary. There are API signatures to support both.

Note 2: The output domain of the semiring times must be same as the domain of the semiring's add monoid. This ensures three domains for a semiring rather than four.

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Table C.3: Predefined index unary operators for GraphBLAS in C. The  $T$  can be any suffix from Table 3.2.  $I_{U64}$  refers to the unsigned 64-bit, GrB\_Index, integer type,  $I_{32}$  refers to the signed, 32-bit integer type, and  $I_{64}$  refers to signed, 64-bit integer type. The parameters,  $u_i$  or  $A_{ij}$ , are the stored values from the containers where the  $i$  and  $j$  parameters are set to the row and column indices corresponding to the location of the stored value. When operating on vectors,  $j$  will be passed with a zero value. Finally,  $s$  is an additional scalar value used in the operators. The expressions in the “Description” column are to be treated as mathematical specifications. That is, for the index arithmetic functions in the first two groups below, each one of  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $s$  is interpreted as an integer number in the set  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Functions are evaluated using arithmetic in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , producing a result value that is also in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The result value is converted to the output type according to the rules of the C language. In particular, if the value cannot be represented as a signed 32- or 64-bit integer type, the output is implementation defined. Any deviations from this ideal behavior, including limitations on the values of  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $s$ , or possible overflow and underflow conditions, must be defined by the implementation.

Operator type Type	GraphBLAS Name	Domains (– is don’t care) $A, u$ $i, j$ $s$ result				Description
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_ROWINDEX_ $I_{32/64}$	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (i + s)$ , replace with its row index (+ s)
		–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (i + s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_COLINDEX_ $I_{32/64}$	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j + s)$ replace with its column index (+ s)
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_DIAGINDEX_ $I_{32/64}$	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$I_{32/64}$	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j - i + s)$ replace with its diagonal index (+ s)
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_TRIL	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j \leq i + s)$ triangle on or below diagonal s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_TRIU	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j \geq i + s)$ triangle on or above diagonal s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_DIAG	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j == i + s)$ diagonal s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_OFFDIAG	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j \neq i + s)$ all but diagonal s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_COLLE	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j \leq s)$ columns less or equal to s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_COLGT	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (j > s)$ columns greater than s
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_ROWLE	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (i \leq s)$ , rows less or equal to s
		–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (i \leq s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_ROWGT	–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (i > s)$ , rows greater than s
		–	$I_{U64}$	$I_{64}$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (i > s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUEEQ_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} == s)$ , elements equal to value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i == s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUENE_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} \neq s)$ , elements not equal to value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i \neq s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUELT_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} < s)$ , elements less than value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i < s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUELE_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} \leq s)$ , elements less or equal to value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i \leq s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUEGT_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} > s)$ , elements greater than value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i > s)$
GrB_IndexUnaryOp	GrB_VALUEGE_ $T$	$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(A_{ij}, i, j, s) = (A_{ij} \geq s)$ , elements greater or equal to value s
		$T$	–	$T$	bool	$f(u_i, i, 0, s) = (u_i \geq s)$



### C.3 vxm: Vector-matrix multiply

Multiplies a (row) vector with a matrix on an semiring. The result is a vector.

#### C Syntax

```
GrB_Info GrB_vxm(GrB_Vector      w,  
                  const GrB_Vector mask,  
                  const GrB_BinaryOp accum,  
                  const GrB_Semiring op,  
                  const GrB_Vector u,  
                  const GrB_Matrix A,  
                  const GrB_Descriptor desc);
```

#### Parameters

**w** (INOUT) An existing GraphBLAS vector. On input, the vector provides values that may be accumulated with the result of the vector-matrix product. On output, this vector holds the results of the operation.

**mask** (IN) An optional “write” mask that controls which results from this operation are stored into the output vector **w**. The mask dimensions must match those of the vector **w**. If the **GrB\_STRUCTURE** descriptor is *not* set for the mask, the domain of the **mask** vector must be of type **bool** or any of the predefined “built-in” types in Table 3.2. If the default mask is desired (i.e., a mask that is all **true** with the dimensions of **w**), **GrB\_NULL** should be specified.

**accum** (IN) An optional binary operator used for accumulating entries into existing **w** entries. If assignment rather than accumulation is desired, **GrB\_NULL** should be specified.

**op** (IN) Semiring used in the vector-matrix multiply.

**u** (IN) The GraphBLAS vector holding the values for the left-hand vector in the multiplication.

**A** (IN) The GraphBLAS matrix holding the values for the right-hand matrix in the multiplication.

**desc** (IN) An optional operation descriptor. If a *default* descriptor is desired, **GrB\_NULL** should be specified. Non-default field/value pairs are listed as follows:

Param	Field	Value	Description
w	GrB_OUTP	GrB_REPLACE	Output vector w is cleared (all elements removed) before the result is stored in it.
mask	GrB_MASK	GrB_STRUCTURE	The write mask is constructed from the structure (pattern of stored values) of the input mask vector. The stored values are not examined.
mask	GrB_MASK	GrB_COMP	Use the complement of mask.
A	GrB_INP1	GrB_TRAN	Use transpose of A for the operation.

## Return Values

**GrB\_SUCCESS** In blocking mode, the operation completed successfully. In non-blocking mode, this indicates that the compatibility tests on dimensions and domains for the input arguments passed successfully. Either way, output vector w is ready to be used in the next method of the sequence.

**GrB\_PANIC** Unknown internal error.

**GrB\_INVALID\_OBJECT** This is returned in any execution mode whenever one of the opaque GraphBLAS objects (input or output) is in an invalid state caused by a previous execution error. Call `GrB_error()` to access any error messages generated by the implementation.

**GrB\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY** Not enough memory available for the operation.

**GrB\_UNINITIALIZED\_OBJECT** One or more of the GraphBLAS objects has not been initialized by a call to `new` (or `dup` for matrix or vector parameters).

**GrB\_DIMENSION\_MISMATCH** Mask, vector, and/or matrix dimensions are incompatible.

**GrB\_DOMAIN\_MISMATCH** The domains of the various vectors/matrices are incompatible with the corresponding domains of the semiring or accumulation operator, or the mask's domain is not compatible with `bool` (in the case where `desc[GrB_MASK].GrB_STRUCTURE` is not set).

## Description

**GrB\_vxm** computes the vector-matrix product  $w^T = u^T \oplus . \otimes A$ , or, if an optional binary accumulation operator ( $\odot$ ) is provided,  $w^T = w^T \odot (u^T \oplus . \otimes A)$  (where matrix A can be optionally transposed). Logically, this operation occurs in three steps:

**Setup** The internal vectors, matrices and mask used in the computation are formed and their domains/dimensions are tested for compatibility.

**Compute** The indicated computations are carried out.

628     **Output** The result is written into the output vector, possibly under control of a mask.

629 Up to four argument vectors or matrices are used in the `GrB_vxm` operation:

- 630     1.  $\mathbf{w} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \{(i, w_i)\} \rangle$
- 631     2.  $\mathbf{mask} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{mask}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{mask}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{mask}) = \{(i, m_i)\} \rangle$  (optional)
- 632     3.  $\mathbf{u} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}) = \{(i, u_i)\} \rangle$
- 633     4.  $\mathbf{A} = \langle \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{nrows}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{ncols}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A}) = \{(i, j, A_{ij})\} \rangle$

634 The argument matrices, vectors, the semiring, and the accumulation operator (if provided) are  
635 tested for domain compatibility as follows:

- 636     1. If `mask` is not `GrB_NULL`, and `desc[GrB_MASK].GrB_STRUCTURE` is not set, then  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{mask})$   
637         must be from one of the pre-defined types of Table 3.2.
- 638     2.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_1}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 639     3.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{A})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_2}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 640     4.  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring.
- 641     5. If `accum` is not `GrB_NULL`, then  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w})$  must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_1}(\mathbf{accum})$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{accum})$   
642         of the accumulation operator and  $\mathbf{D}_{out}(\mathbf{op})$  of the semiring must be compatible with  $\mathbf{D}_{in_2}(\mathbf{accum})$   
643         of the accumulation operator.

644 Two domains are compatible with each other if values from one domain can be cast to values in  
645 the other domain as per the rules of the C language. In particular, domains from Table 3.2 are  
646 all compatible with each other. A domain from a user-defined type is only compatible with itself.  
647 If any compatibility rule above is violated, execution of `GrB_vxm` ends and the domain mismatch  
648 error listed above is returned.

649 From the argument vectors and matrices, the internal matrices and mask used in the computation  
650 are formed ( $\leftarrow$  denotes copy):

- 651     1. Vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}$ .
- 652     2. One-dimensional mask,  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ , is computed from argument `mask` as follows:
  - 653         (a) If `mask` = `GrB_NULL`, then  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w}), \{i, \forall i : 0 \leq i < \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{w})\} \rangle$ .
  - 654         (b) If `mask`  $\neq$  `GrB_NULL`,
    - 655             i. If `desc[GrB_MASK].GrB_STRUCTURE` is set, then  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{mask}), \{i : i \in \mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{mask})\} \rangle$ ,
    - 656             ii. Otherwise,  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \langle \mathbf{size}(\mathbf{mask}), \{i : i \in \mathbf{ind}(\mathbf{mask}) \wedge (\mathbf{bool}(\mathbf{mask})(i) = \mathbf{true})\} \rangle$ .
  - 657         (c) If `desc[GrB_MASK].GrB_COMP` is set, then  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} \leftarrow \neg \tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ .
- 658     3. Vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \leftarrow \mathbf{u}$ .

659 4. Matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \leftarrow \text{desc}[\text{GrB\_INP1}].\text{GrB\_TRAN} ? \mathbf{A}^T : \mathbf{A}$ .

660 The internal matrices and masks are checked for shape compatibility. The following conditions  
661 must hold:

662 1.  $\text{size}(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \text{size}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}})$ .

663 2.  $\text{size}(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \text{ncols}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}})$ .

664 3.  $\text{size}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \text{nrows}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}})$ .

665 If any compatibility rule above is violated, execution of `GrB_vxm` ends and the dimension mismatch  
666 error listed above is returned.

667 From this point forward, in `GrB_NONBLOCKING` mode, the method can optionally exit with  
668 `GrB_SUCCESS` return code and defer any computation and/or execution error codes.

669 We are now ready to carry out the vector-matrix multiplication and any additional associated  
670 operations. We describe this in terms of two intermediate vectors:

671 •  $\tilde{\mathbf{t}}$ : The vector holding the product of vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^T$  and matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ .

672 •  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ : The vector holding the result after application of the (optional) accumulation operator.

673 The intermediate vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{t}} = \langle \mathbf{D}_{out}(\text{op}), \text{ncols}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}), \{(j, t_j) : \text{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) \cap \text{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(:, j)) \neq \emptyset\} \rangle$  is created.

674 The value of each of its elements is computed by

$$675 \quad t_j = \bigoplus_{k \in \text{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) \cap \text{ind}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(:, j))} (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(k) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{A}}(k, j)),$$

676 where  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  are the additive and multiplicative operators of semiring `op`, respectively.