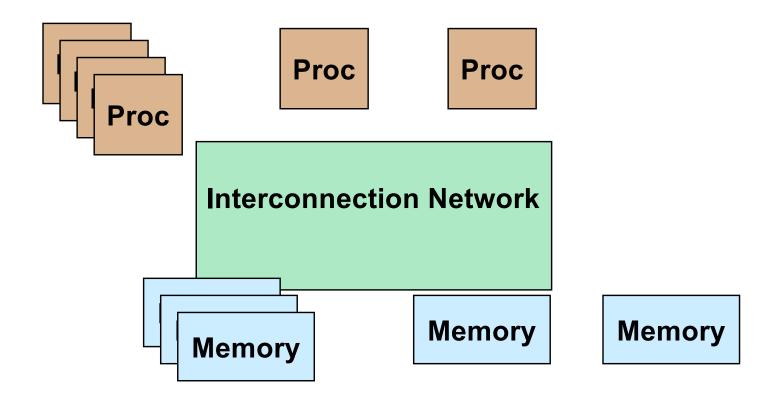
# CS 267 Sources of Parallelism and Locality in Simulation Lecture 3

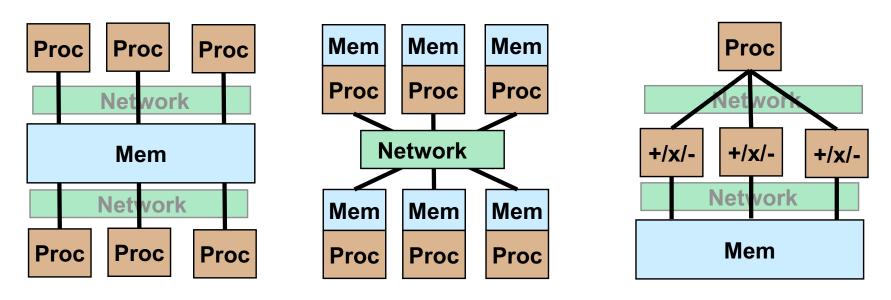
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#### A generic parallel architecture



- Where is the memory physically located?
- Is it connected directly to processors?
- What is the connectivity of the network?
- How are the processor controlled?

#### **Parallel Machines and Programming**



	Shared Memory	Distributed Memory	Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)
	Processors execute own instruction stream	Processors execute own instruction stream	One instruction stream (all run same instruction)
	Communicate by reading/writing memory	Communicate by sending messages	Communicate through memory
Ideal cost	Cost of a read/write is constant	Message time depends on size, but not location	Assume unbounded # of arithmetic units

 These are the natural "abstract" machine models 01/29/2019 CS267 - Lecture 3

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#### Parallelism and Locality in Simulation

- Parallelism and data locality both critical to performance
  - Recall that moving data is the most expensive operation
- Real world problems have parallelism and locality:
  - Many objects operate independently of others.
  - Objects often depend much more on nearby than distant objects.
  - Dependence on distant objects can often be simplified.
    - Example of all three: particles moving under gravity
- Scientific models may introduce more parallelism:
  - When a continuous problem is discretized, time dependencies are generally limited to adjacent time steps.
    - Helps limit dependence to nearby objects (eg collisions)
  - Far-field effects may be ignored or approximated in many cases.
- Many problems exhibit parallelism at multiple levels

#### **Basic Kinds of Simulation**

- Discrete event systems:
  - "Game of Life," Manufacturing systems, Finance, Circuits, Pacman, ...
- Particle systems:
  - Billiard balls, Galaxies, Atoms, Circuits, Pinball ...
- Lumped variables depending on continuous parameters
  - aka Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs),
  - Structural mechanics, Chemical kinetics, Circuits,
     Star Wars: The Force Unleashed
- Continuous variables depending on continuous parameters
  - aka Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)
  - Heat, Elasticity, Electrostatics, Finance, Circuits, Medical Image Analysis, Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
- A given phenomenon can be modeled at multiple levels.
- Many simulations combine more than one of these techniques.
- For more on simulation in games, see
  - www.cs.berkeley.edu/b-cam/Papers/Parker-2009-RTD

#### **Example: Circuit Simulation**

Circuits are simulated at many different levels



**Lumped Systems** 

Continuous Systems

Level	Primitives	Examples	
Instruction level	Instructions	SimOS, SPIM	
Cycle level	Functional units		VIRAM-p
Register Transfer Level (RTL)	Register, counter, MUX	VI	HDL
Gate Level	Gate, flip-flop, memory cell		Thor
Switch level	Ideal transistor	C	osmos
Circuit level	Resistors, capacitors, etc.	Spice	
Device level	Electrons, silicon		

#### **Outline**

- Discrete event systems
  - Time and space are discrete
- Particle systems
  - Important special case of lumped systems
- Lumped systems (ODEs)
  - Location/entities are discrete, time is continuous
- Continuous systems (PDEs)
  - Time and space are continuous
  - Next lecture

• Identify common problems and solutions

discrete

continuous

#### A Model Problem: Sharks and Fish

- Illustration of parallel programming
  - Original version (discrete event only) proposed by Geoffrey Fox
  - Called WATOR
- Basic idea: sharks and fish living in an ocean
  - rules for movement (discrete and continuous)
  - breeding, eating, and death
  - forces in the ocean
  - forces between sea creatures
- 6 problems (S&F1 S&F6)
  - Different sets of rules, to illustrate different phenomena
- Available in many languages (see class web page)
  - Matlab, pThreads, MPI, OpenMP, Split-C, Titanium, CMF, CMMD, pSather (not all problems in all languages)
- Some homework based on these

#### **Sharks and Fish**

- **S&F 1.** Fish alone move continuously subject to an external current and Newton's laws.
- **S&F 2.** Fish alone move continuously subject to gravitational attraction and Newton's laws.
- **S&F 3.** Fish alone play the "Game of Life" on a square grid.
- **S&F 4.** Fish alone move randomly on a square grid, with at most one fish per grid point.
- S&F 5. Sharks and Fish both move randomly on a square grid, with at most one fish or shark per grid point, including rules for fish attracting sharks, eating, breeding and dying.
- S&F 6. Like Sharks and Fish 5, but continuous, subject to Newton's laws.

# Discrete Event Systems

#### **Discrete Event Systems**

- Systems are represented as:
  - finite set of variables.
  - the set of all variable values at a given time is called the state.
  - each variable is updated by computing a transition function depending on the other variables.
- System may be:
  - synchronous: at each discrete timestep evaluate all transition functions; also called a state machine.
  - asynchronous: transition functions are evaluated only if the inputs change, based on an "event" from another part of the system; also called event driven simulation.
- Example: The "game of life:"
  - Also known as Sharks and Fish #3:
  - Space divided into cells, rules govern cell contents at each step

#### Parallelism in Game of Life (S&F 3)

- The simulation is synchronous
  - use two copies of the grid (old and new), "ping-pong" between them
  - the value of each new grid cell depends only on 9 cells (itself plus 8 neighbors) in old grid.
  - simulation proceeds in timesteps-- each cell is updated at every step.
- Easy to parallelize by dividing physical domain: Domain Decomposition

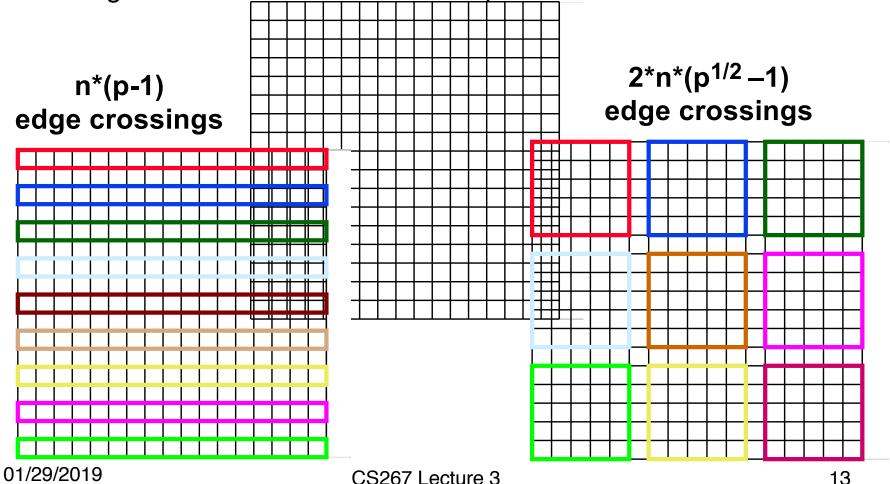
P1	P2	P3
P4	P5	P6
P7	P8	P9

Repeat
compute locally to update local system
barrier()
exchange state info with neighbors
finish updates
until done simulating

- Locality is achieved by using large patches of the ocean
  - Only boundary values from neighboring patches are needed.
- How to pick shapes of domains?

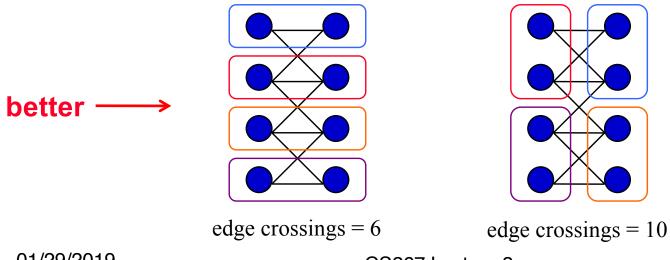
#### Regular Meshes (e.g. Game of Life)

- Suppose graph is nxn mesh with connection NSEW neighbors
- Which partition has less communication? (n=18, p=9)
- Minimizing communication on mesh ≡ minimizing "surface to volume ratio" of partition



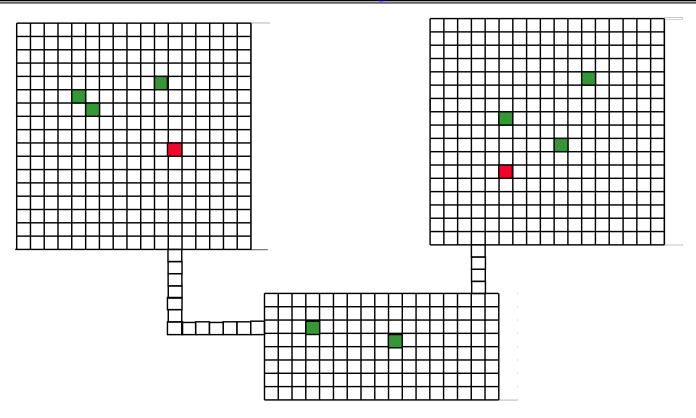
#### **Synchronous Circuit Simulation**

- Circuit is a graph made up of subcircuits connected by wires
  - Component simulations need to interact if they share a wire.
  - Data structure is (irregular) graph of subcircuits.
  - Parallel algorithm is timing-driven or synchronous:
    - Evaluate all components at every timestep (determined by known circuit delay)
- Graph partitioning assigns subgraphs to processors
  - Determines parallelism and locality.
  - Goal 1 is to evenly distribute subgraphs to nodes (load balance).
  - Goal 2 is to minimize edge crossings (minimize communication).
  - Easy for meshes, NP-hard in general, so we will approximate (future lecture)



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#### **Sharks & Fish in Loosely Connected Ponds**



- Parallelization: each processor gets a set of ponds with roughly equal total area
  - work is proportional to area, not number of creatures
- One pond can affect another (through streams) but infrequently

#### **Asynchronous Simulation**

- Synchronous simulations may waste time:
  - Simulates even when the inputs do not change
- Asynchronous (event-driven) simulations update only when an event arrives from another component:
  - No global time steps, but individual events contain time stamp.
  - Example: Game of life in loosely connected ponds (don't simulate empty ponds).
  - Example: Circuit simulation with delays (events are gates changing).
  - Example: Traffic simulation (events are cars changing lanes, etc.).
- Asynchronous is more efficient, but harder to parallelize
  - On distributed memory, events are naturally implemented as messages between processors (eg using MPI), but how do you know when to execute a "receive"?

#### **Scheduling Asynchronous Circuit Simulation**

#### Conservative:

- Only simulate up to (and including) the minimum time stamp of inputs.
- Need deadlock detection if there are cycles in graph
  - Example on next slide
- Example: Pthor circuit simulator in Splash1 from Stanford.

#### Speculative (or Optimistic):

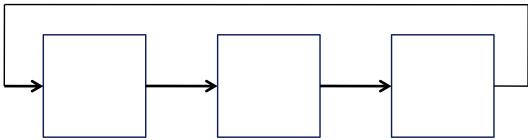
- Assume no new inputs will arrive and keep simulating.
- May need to backup if assumption wrong, using timestamps
- Example: Timewarp [D. Jefferson], Parswec [Wen, Yelick].

#### Optimizing load balance and locality is difficult:

- Locality means putting tightly coupled subcircuit on one processor.
- Since "active" part of circuit likely to be in a tightly coupled subcircuit, this may be bad for load balance.

### **Deadlock in Conservative Asynchronous Circuit Simulation**

• Example: Sharks & Fish 3, with 3 processors simulating 3 ponds connected by streams along which fish can move



- Suppose all ponds simulated up to time t<sub>0</sub>, but no fish move, so no messages sent from one proc to another
  - So no processor can simulate past time t<sub>0</sub>
- Fix: After waiting for an incoming message for a while, send out an "Are you stuck too?" message
  - If you ever receive such a message, pass it on
  - If you receive such a message that you sent, you have a deadlock cycle, so just take a step with latest input
- Can be a serial bottleneck

#### **Summary of Discrete Event Simulations**

- Model of the world is discrete
  - Both time and space
- Approaches
  - Decompose domain, i.e., set of objects
  - Run each component ahead using
    - Synchronous: communicate at end of each timestep
    - Asynchronous: communicate on-demand
      - –Conservative scheduling wait for inputs
        - need deadlock detection
      - –Speculative scheduling assume no inputs
        - roll back if necessary

### Particle Systems

#### **Particle Systems**

- A particle system has
  - a finite number of particles
  - moving in space according to Newton's Laws (i.e. F = ma)
  - Time and positions are continuous
- Examples
  - stars in space with laws of gravity
  - electron beam in semiconductor manufacturing
  - atoms in a molecule with electrostatic forces
  - neutrons in a fission reactor
  - cars on a freeway with Newton's laws plus model of driver and engine
  - balls in a pinball game
- Reminder: many simulations combine techniques such as particle simulations with some discrete events (Ex Sharks and Fish)

#### Forces in Particle Systems

Force on each particle can be subdivided

```
force = external_force + nearby_force + far_field_force
```

- External force
  - ocean current in sharks and fish world (S&F 1)
  - externally imposed electric field in electron beam
- Nearby force
  - sharks attracted to eat nearby fish (S&F 5)
  - balls on a billiard table bounce off of each other
  - Van der Waals forces in fluid (1/r^6) ... how Gecko feet work?
- Far-field force
  - fish attract other fish by gravity-like (1/r^2) force (S&F 2)
  - gravity, electrostatics, radiosity in graphics
  - forces governed by elliptic PDE

#### **Example S&F 1: Fish in an External Current**

```
%
    fishp = array of initial fish positions (stored as complex numbers)
    fishv = array of initial fish velocities (stored as complex numbers)
%
   fishm = array of masses of fish
%
% tfinal = final time for simulation (0 = initial time)
% Algorithm: integrate using Euler's method with varying step size
% Initialize time step, iteration count, and array of times
   dt = .01; t = 0;
% loop over time steps
   while t < tfinal,
     t = t + dt;
     fishp = fishp + dt*fishv;
     accel = current(fishp)./fishm; % current depends on position
     fishv = fishv + dt*accel;
%
    update time step (small enough to be accurate, but not too small)
     dt = min(.1*max(abs(fishv))/max(abs(accel)),1);
   end
```

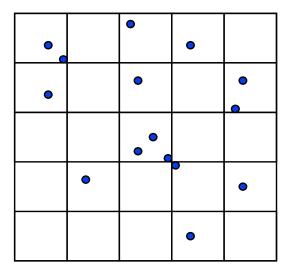
#### **Parallelism in External Forces**

- These are the simplest
- The force on each particle is independent
- Called "embarrassingly parallel"
  - Sometimes called "map reduce" by analogy

- Evenly distribute particles on processors
  - Any distribution works
  - Locality is not an issue
- For each particle on processor, apply the external force
  - Also called "map"
  - May need to "reduce" (eg compute maximum) to compute time step, other data

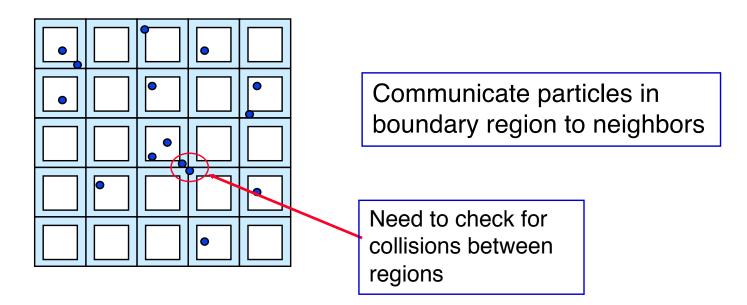
#### **Parallelism in Nearby Forces**

- Nearby forces require interaction and therefore communication.
- Force may depend on other nearby particles:
  - Example: collisions.
  - simplest algorithm is O(n²): look at all pairs to see if they collide.
- Usual parallel model is domain decomposition of physical region in which particles are located
  - O(n/p) particles per processor if evenly distributed.



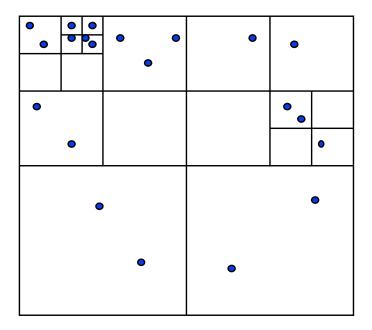
#### **Parallelism in Nearby Forces**

- Challenge 1: interactions of particles near processor boundary:
  - need to communicate particles near boundary to neighboring processors.
    - Region near boundary called "ghost zone" or "halo"
  - Low surface to volume ratio means low communication.
    - Use squares, not slabs, to minimize ghost zone sizes



#### Parallelism in Nearby Forces

- Challenge 2: load imbalance, if particles cluster:
  - galaxies, electrons hitting a device wall.
- To reduce load imbalance, divide space unevenly.
  - Each region contains roughly equal number of particles.
  - Quad-tree in 2D, oct-tree in 3D.

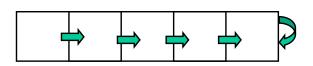


Example: each square contains at most 3 particles

• May need to rebalance as particles move, hopefully seldom 01/29/2019 CS267 Lecture 3

#### Parallelism in Far-Field Forces

- Far-field forces involve all-to-all interaction and therefore communication.
- Force depends on all other particles:
  - Examples: gravity, protein folding
  - Simplest algorithm is O(n²) as in S&F 2, 4, 5.
  - Just decomposing space does not help since every particle needs to "visit" every other particle.



Implement by rotating particle sets.

- Keeps processors busy
- All processors eventually see all particles
- Use more clever algorithms to reduce communication
- Use more clever algorithms to beat O(n²).

#### Far-field Forces: Particle-Mesh Methods

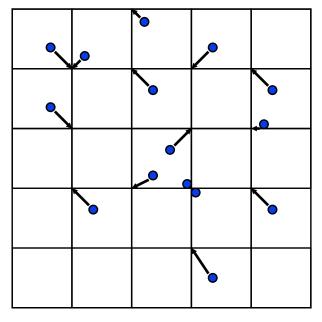
- Based on approximation:
  - Superimpose a regular mesh.
  - "Move" particles to nearest grid point.
- Exploit fact that the far-field force satisfies a PDE that is easy to solve on a regular mesh:
  - FFT, multigrid (described in future lectures)
  - Cost drops to O(n log n) or O(n) instead of O(n²)

Accuracy depends on the fineness of the grid is and the uniformity

of the particle distribution.

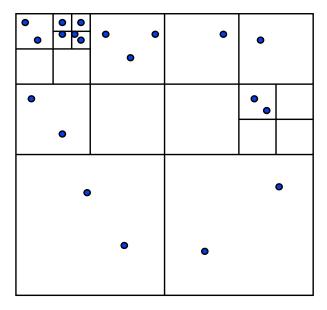
1) Particles are moved to nearby mesh points (scatter)

- 2) Solve mesh problem
- 3) Forces are interpolated at particles from mesh points (gather)



#### **Far-field forces: Tree Decomposition**

- Based on approximation.
  - Forces from group of far-away particles "simplified" -resembles a single large particle.
  - Use tree; each node contains an approximation of descendants.
- Also O(n log n) or O(n) instead of O(n²).
- Several Algorithms
  - · Barnes-Hut.
  - Fast multipole method (FMM)
     of Greengard/Rohklin.
  - Anderson's method.
- Discussed in later lecture.



#### **Summary of Particle Methods**

- Model contains discrete entities, namely, particles
- Time is continuous must be discretized to solve
- Simulation follows particles through timesteps
  - Force = external \_force + nearby\_force + far\_field\_force
  - All-pairs algorithm is simple, but inefficient, O(n²)
  - Particle-mesh methods approximates by moving particles to a regular mesh, where it is easier to compute forces
  - Tree-based algorithms approximate by treating set of particles as a group, when far away

May think of this as a special case of a "lumped" system

## Lumped Systems: ODEs

#### System of Lumped Variables

- Many systems are approximated by
  - System of "lumped" variables.
  - Each depends on continuous parameter (usually time).
- Example -- circuit:
  - approximate as graph.
    - wires are edges.
    - nodes are connections between 2 or more wires.
    - each edge has resistor, capacitor, inductor or voltage source.
  - system is "lumped" because we are not computing the voltage/current at every point in space along a wire, just endpoints.
  - Variables related by Ohm's Law, Kirchoff's Laws, etc.
- Forms a system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs).
  - Differentiated with respect to time
  - Variant: ODEs with some constraints
    - Also called DAEs, Differential Algebraic Equations

#### **Circuit Example**

- State of the system is represented by
  - v<sub>n</sub>(t) node voltages
  - i<sub>b</sub>(t) branch currents
  - v<sub>b</sub>(t) branch voltages

all at times t

- Equations include
  - Kirchoff's current
  - Kirchoff's voltage
  - Ohm's law
  - Capacitance
  - Inductance

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A & 0 \\ A' & 0 & -I \\ 0 & R & -I \\ 0 & -I & C*d/dt \\ 0 & L*d/dt & I \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} v_n \\ i_b \\ v_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ S \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A is sparse matrix, representing connections in circuit
  - One column per branch (edge), one row per node (vertex) with
     +1 and -1 in each column at rows indicating end points
- Write as single large system of ODEs or DAEs

#### **Structural Analysis Example**

- Another example is structural analysis in civil engineering:
  - Variables are displacement of points in a building.
  - Newton's and Hook's (spring) laws apply.
  - Static modeling: exert force and determine displacement.
  - Dynamic modeling: apply continuous force (earthquake).
  - Eigenvalue problem: do the resonant modes of the building match an earthquake?



OpenSees project in CE at Berkeley looks at this section of 880, among others

#### **Gaming Example**

#### Star Wars – The Force Unleashed ....

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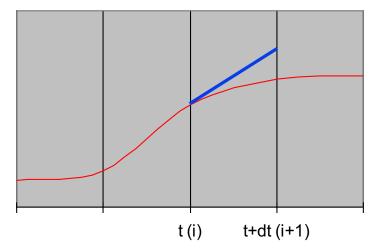
## Solving ODEs

- In these examples, and most others, the matrices are sparse:
  - i.e., most array elements are 0.
  - neither store nor compute on these 0's.
  - Sparse because each component only depends on a few others
- Given a set of ODEs, two kinds of questions are:
  - Compute the values of the variables at some time t
    - Explicit methods
    - Implicit methods
  - Compute modes of vibration
    - Eigenvalue problems

## **Solving ODEs: Explicit Methods**

- Assume ODE is x'(t) = f(x) = A\*x(t), where A is a sparse matrix
  - Compute x(i\*dt) = x[i] at i=0,1,2,...
  - ODE gives x' (i\*dt) = slope
     x[i+1]=x[i] + dt\*slope

Use slope at x[i]

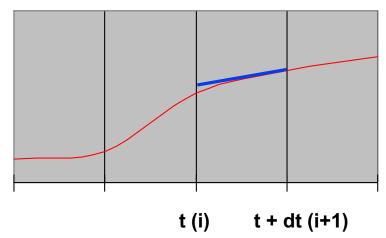


- Explicit methods, e.g., (Forward) Euler's method.
  - Approximate  $x'(t)=A^*x(t)$  by  $(x[i+1]-x[i])/dt=A^*x[i]$ .
  - x[i+1] = x[i]+dt\*A\*x[i], i.e. sparse matrix-vector multiplication.
- Tradeoffs:
  - Simple algorithm: sparse matrix vector multiply.
  - Stability problems: May need to take very small time steps, especially if system is stiff (i.e. A has some large entries, so x can change rapidly).

## **Solving ODEs: Implicit Methods**

- Assume ODE is x'(t) = f(x) = A\*x(t), where A is a sparse matrix
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  - ODE gives x' ((i+1)\*dt) = slopex[i+1]=x[i] + dt\*slope

Use slope at x[i+1]



- Implicit method, e.g., Backward Euler solve:
  - Approximate  $x'(t)=A^*x(t)$  by  $(x[i+1] x[i])/dt = A^*x[i+1]$ .
  - (I dt\*A)\*x[i+1] = x[i], i.e. we need to solve a sparse linear system of equations.
- Trade-offs:
  - Larger timestep possible: especially for stiff problems
  - More difficult algorithm: need to solve a sparse linear system of equations at each step

## **Solving ODEs: Eigensolvers**

- Computing modes of vibration: finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
  - Seek solution of  $d^2x(t)/dt^2 = A^*x(t)$  of form  $x(t) = \sin(\omega^*t) * x_0$ , where  $x_0$  is a constant vector
    - ω called the frequency of vibration
    - x<sub>0</sub> sometimes called a "mode shape"
  - Plug in to get  $-\omega^2 * x_0 = A * x_0$ , so that  $-\omega^2$  is an eigenvalue and  $x_0$  is an eigenvector of A.
  - Solution schemes reduce either to sparse-matrix multiplications, or solving sparse linear systems.

## **Summary of ODE Methods**

- Explicit methods for ODEs need sparse-matrix-vector mult.
- Implicit methods for ODEs need to solve linear systems
- Direct methods (Gaussian elimination)
  - Called LU Decomposition, because we factor A = L\*U.
  - Future lectures will consider both dense and sparse cases.
  - More complicated than sparse-matrix vector multiplication.

#### Iterative solvers

- Will discuss several of these in future.
  - Jacobi, Successive over-relaxation (SOR), Conjugate Gradient (CG), Multigrid,...
- Most have sparse-matrix-vector multiplication in kernel.

#### Eigenproblems

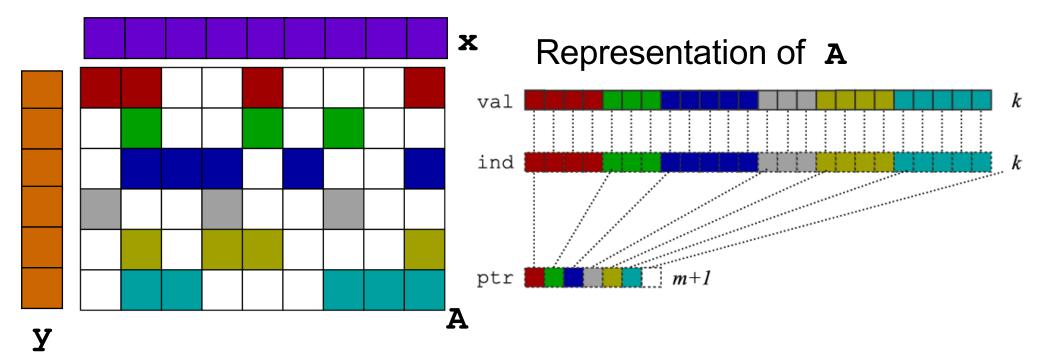
- Future lectures will discuss dense and sparse cases.
- Also depend on sparse-matrix-vector multiplication, direct methods.

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## SpMV in Compressed Sparse Row (CSR) Format

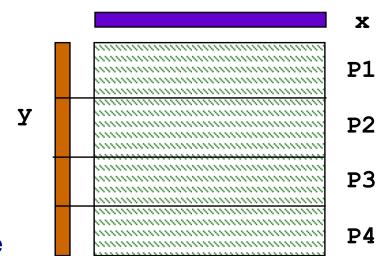
SpMV:  $y = y + A^*x$ , only store, do arithmetic, on nonzero entries CSR format is simplest one of many possible data structures for A



Matrix-vector multiply kernel: y(i) ← y(i) + A(i,j) × x(j)

## Parallel Sparse Matrix-vector multiplication

• y = A\*x, where A is a sparse n x n matrix



- Questions
  - which processors store
    - y[i], x[i], and A[i,j]
  - which processors compute
    - y[i] = sum (from 1 to n) A[i,j] \* x[j]
       = (row i of A) \* x ... a sparse dot product
- Partitioning
  - Partition index set  $\{1,...,n\} = N1 \cup N2 \cup ... \cup Np$ .

• For all i in Nk, Processor k stores y[i], x[i], and row i of A

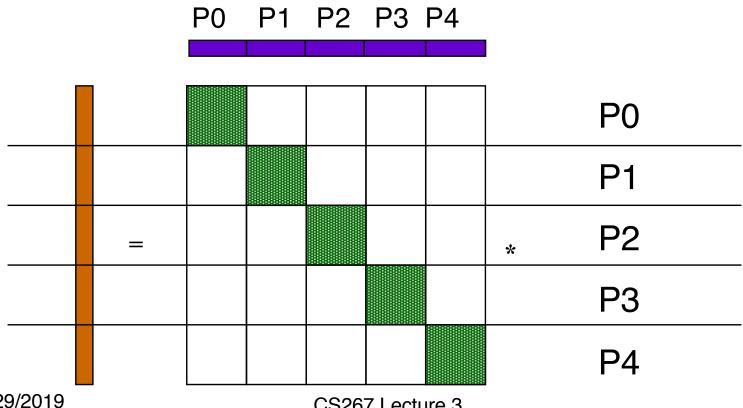
- For all i in Nk, Processor k computes y[i] = (row i of A) (\* x
  - "owner computes" rule: Processor k computes the y[i]s it owns.

May require

communication

## Matrix Reordering via Graph Partitioning

- "Ideal" matrix structure for parallelism: block diagonal
  - p (number of processors) blocks, can all be computed locally.
  - If no non-zeros outside these blocks, no communication needed
- Can we reorder the rows/columns to get close to this?
  - Most nonzeros in diagonal blocks, few outside



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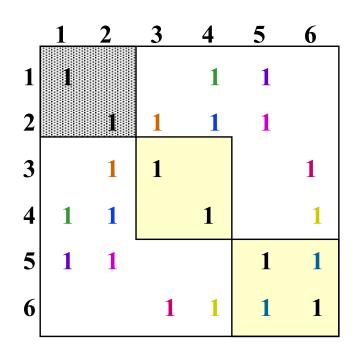
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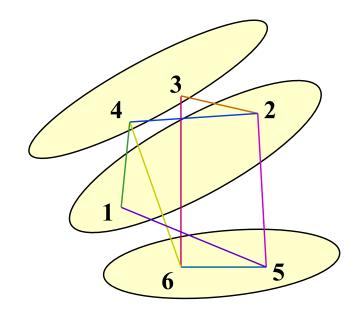
## Goals of Reordering

- Performance goals
  - balance load (how is load measured?).
    - Approx equal number of nonzeros (not necessarily rows)
  - balance storage (how much does each processor store?).
    - Approx equal number of nonzeros
  - minimize communication (how much is communicated?).
    - Minimize nonzeros outside diagonal blocks
    - Related optimization criterion is to move nonzeros near diagonal
  - improve register and cache re-use
    - Group nonzeros in small vertical blocks so source (x) elements loaded into cache or registers may be reused (temporal locality)
    - Group nonzeros in small horizontal blocks so nearby source (x) elements in the cache may be used (spatial locality)
- Other algorithms reorder rows/columns for other reasons
  - Reduce # nonzeros in matrix after Gaussian elimination
  - Improve numerical stability

## **Graph Partitioning and Sparse Matrices**

Relationship between matrix and graph





- Edges in the graph are nonzero in the matrix: here the matrix is symmetric (edges are unordered) and weights are equal (1)
- If divided over 3 procs, there are 14 nonzeros outside the diagonal blocks, which represent the 7 (bidirectional) edges

## **Summary: Common Problems**

- Load Balancing
  - Statically Graph partitioning
    - Discrete event simulation
    - Sparse matrix vector multiplication
  - Dynamically if load changes significantly during job
- Linear algebra
  - Solving linear systems (sparse and dense)
  - Eigenvalue problems will use similar techniques
- Fast Particle Methods
  - O(n log n) instead of O(n<sup>2</sup>)

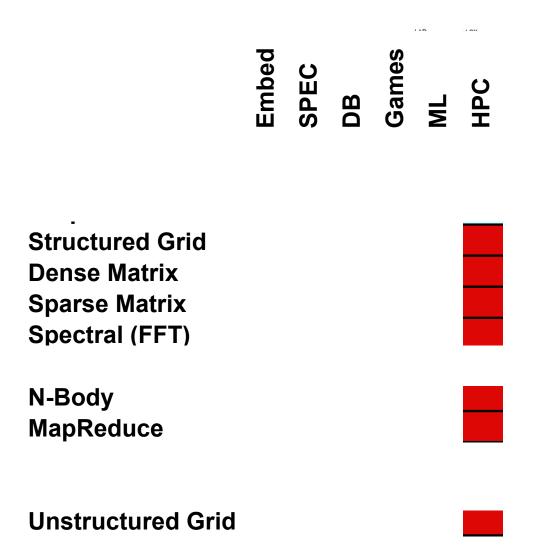
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**Dense Matrix Sparse Matrix Spectral (FFT) N-Body MapReduce** 

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Structured Grid **Dense Matrix Sparse Matrix Spectral (FFT) N-Body MapReduce Unstructured Grid** 

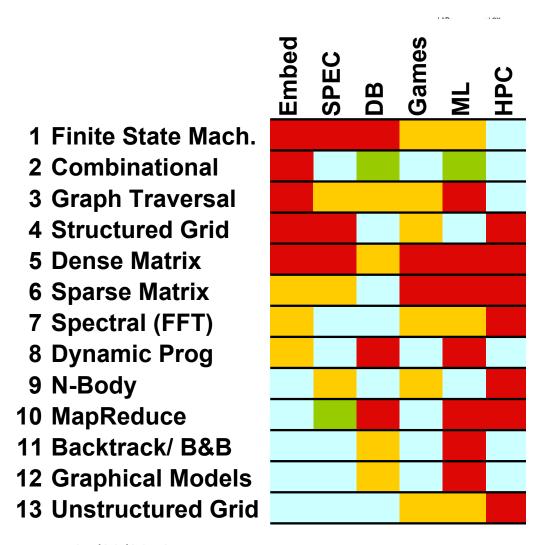
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2	Combinational							
3	<b>Graph Traversal</b>							
4	Structured Grid							
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6	<b>Sparse Matrix</b>							
7	Spectral (FFT)							
8	Dynamic Prog							
9	N-Body							
10	MapReduce							
11	Backtrack/ B&B							
12	<b>Graphical Models</b>							
13	<b>Unstructured Grid</b>							

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