

Large Scale Graph Processing - Pregel and GraphLab

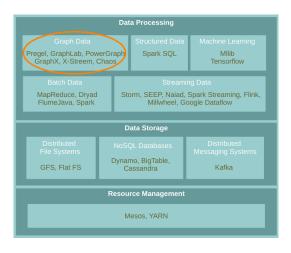
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Where Are We?





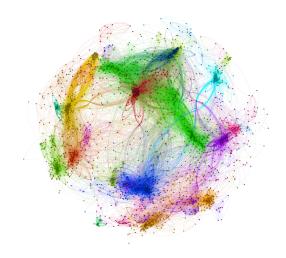
▶ A flexible abstraction for describing relationships between discrete objects.











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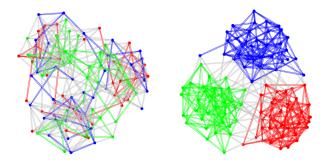


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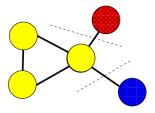
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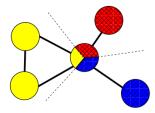
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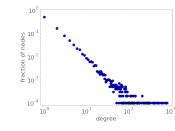
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- ► Edge-cut algorithms perform poorly on Power-Law Graphs.







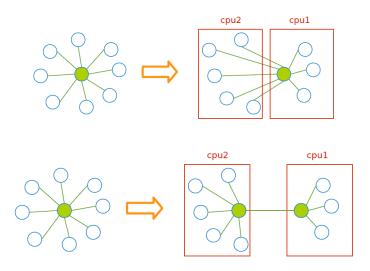








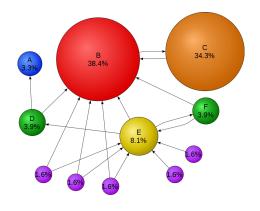
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PageRank with MapReduce



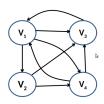


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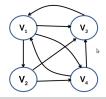




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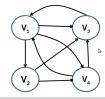


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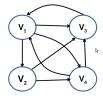
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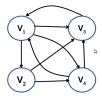


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► Output after one iteration

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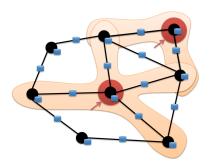


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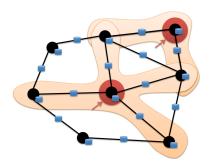
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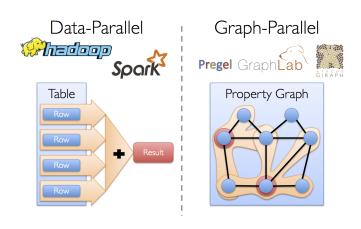
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- ► Also know as graph-parallel processing model.





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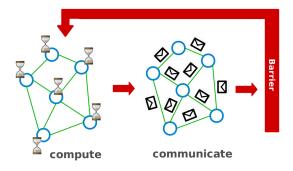




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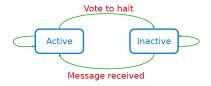


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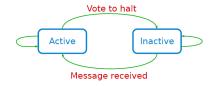


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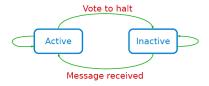


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- ▶ The whole algorithm terminates when:
 - All vertices are simultaneously inactive.
 - There are no messages in transit.



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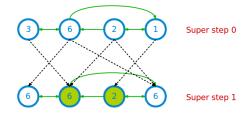
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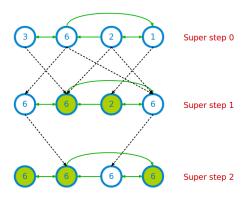


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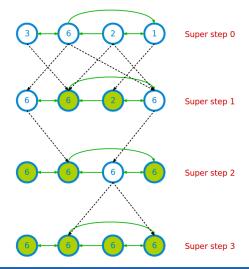


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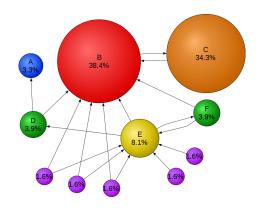
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Pregel_PageRank(i, messages):
    // receive all the messages
    total = 0
    foreach(msg in messages):
        total = total + msg

    // update the rank of this vertex
    R[i] = total

// send new messages to neighbors
foreach(j in out_neighbors[i]):
    sendmsg(R[i] * wij) to vertex j
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- ▶ Inefficient if different regions of the graph converge at different speed.
- ▶ Runtime of each phase is determined by the slowest machine.



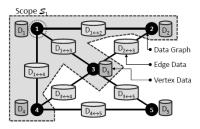
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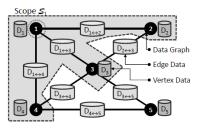
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- ▶ A vertex can read and modify any of the data in its scope (shared memory).



Example: PageRank (GraphLab)

```
GraphLab_PageRank(i)
  // compute sum over neighbors
  total = 0
  foreach(j in in_neighbors(i)):
    total = total + R[j] * wji

  // update the PageRank
  R[i] = total

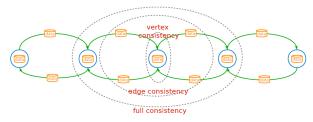
  // trigger neighbors to run again
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    signal vertex-program on j
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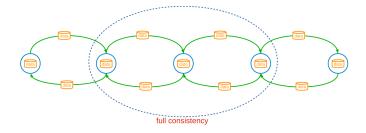
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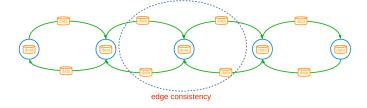
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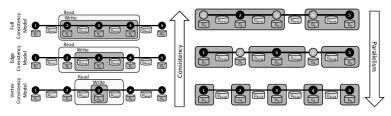
► Edge consistency: during the execution f(v), no other function reads or modifies any of the data on v or any of the edges adjacent to v.





► Vertex consistency: during the execution f(v), no other function will be applied to v.

Consistency vs. Parallelism



[Low, Y., GraphLab: A Distributed Abstraction for Large Scale Machine Learning (Doctoral dissertation, University of California), 2013.]



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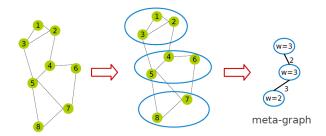


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- ▶ Deadlocks are avoided by acquiring locks sequentially following a canonical order.



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 - 1. Convert a large graph into a small meta-graph
 - 2. Partition the meta-graph





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- ▶ Based on the Chandy-Lamport algorithm.
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Fault Tolerance - Asynchronous

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- ▶ The snapshot function is implemented as a function in vertices.
 - It takes priority over all other update functions.



GraphLab2/Turi (PowerGraph)



► Factorizes the local vertices functions into the Gather, Apply and Scatter phases.

- ► Gather-Apply-Scatter (GAS)
- ► Gather: accumulate information from neighborhood.
- ► Apply: apply the accumulated value to center vertex.
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 - Visible to subsequent computation on neighboring vertices.

Example: PageRank (PowerGraph)

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PowerGraph_PageRank(i):
    Gather(j -> i):
        return wji * R[j]

sum(a, b):
    return a + b

// total: Gather and sum
Apply(i, total):
    R[i] = total

Scatter(i -> j):
    if R[i] changed then activate(j)
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$$R[i] = \sum_{j \in Nbrs(i)} w_{ji}R[j]$$

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- ► Case 4: If $A(u) = A(v) = \emptyset$, then assign the edge (u, v) to the least loaded machine.



Summary



- ► Think like a vertex
 - Pregel: BSP, synchronous parallel model, message passing, edge-cut
 - · GraphLab: asynchronous model, shared memory, edge-cut
 - PowerGraph: synchronous/asynchronous model, GAS, vertex-cut

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Questions?