BUTTERFLY BUTTERFLY



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Understanding
Bipartite Graphs &
Motif Analysis





BUTTERFLY COUNTING?

Helps in:

- Detecting fraud/spam
- Recommendation systems
- Understanding dense network patterns

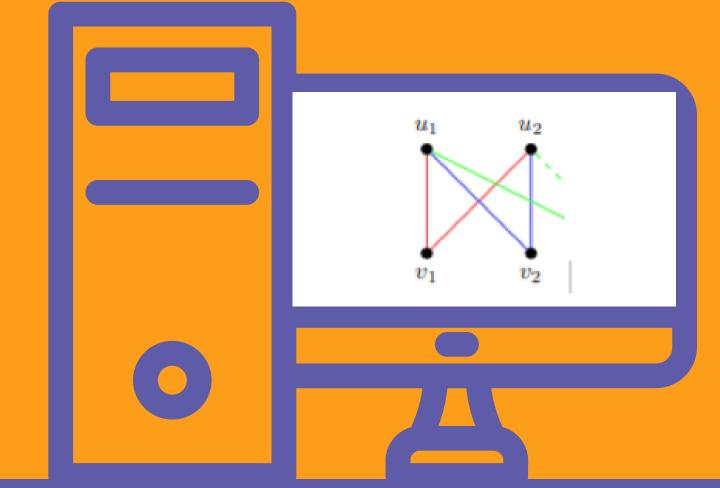
• Motif in Bipartite Graphs = Butterfly











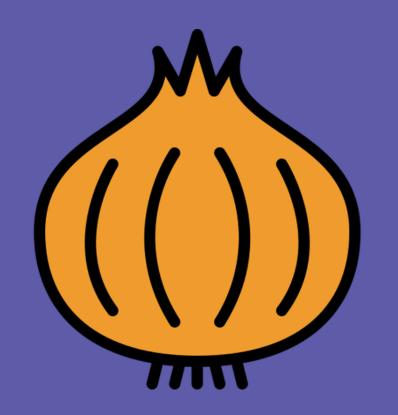
- Bipartite Graph: Nodes in two sets (U & V)
- Butterfly:
- 2 nodes in U connect fully to 2 nodes in V
- Wedge:
- A path of 2 edges (used to count butterflies



- Step 1: Rank vertices (by degree, coreness, etc.)
- Step 2: Retrieve wedges
- Step 3: Group wedges (Sorting, Hashing, Batching)
- Step 4: Count butterflies

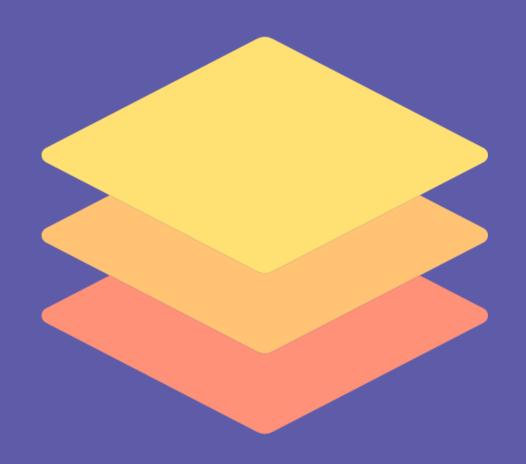
PARBUTERFLY WORKFLOW





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- Tip Peeling: Remove vertex with fewest butterflies
- Wing Peeling: Remove edge with fewest butterflies
- Output:
- Tip Number (vertex depth)
- Wing Number (edge depth)



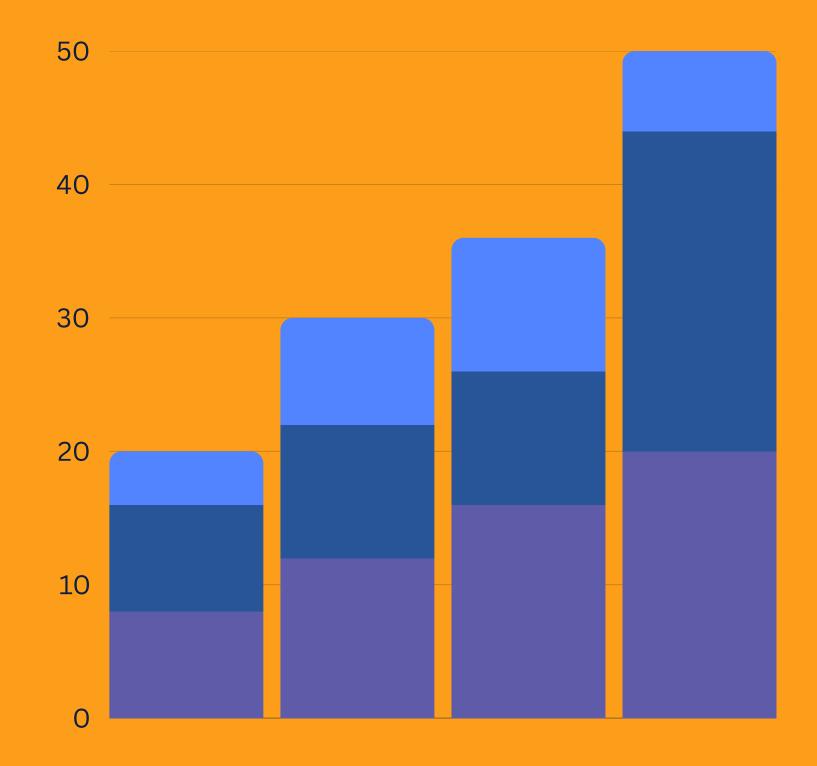
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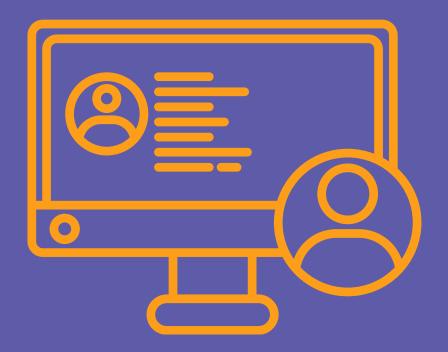
Preprocessing

Counting Algorithms

Peeling Algorithms:

Work & Span





- System Used: AWS 48-core, 384 GB RAM
- Speedups:
- 13.6× over sequential
- 5169× over older parallel tools
- Best techniques:
- Batching for aggregation
- Side-order ranking

RESULTS & SPEEDUPS



CONGLUSION

- ParButterfly is:
- Fast
- Scalable
- Accurate (even approx. counting)
- Enables efficient motif analysis on huge bipartite graphs





GitHub Repo Link: https://github.com/ahmedmurtazamalik/butterfly-parallelization







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