Efficiently Loading Big Graph in Distributed System *

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ABSTRACT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Many real-world complex systems can be represented as graphs and networks from information networks, to communication networks, to biological networks. Given a large massive graph with millions or billions of vertices and edges, loading the graph into a distributed system in a partitioning manner facilitates the parallel processing of graph analysis, such as minimum span tree, shortest path, clique. Partitioning graph also minimizes the total number of cross-partition edges among partitions so as to minimize the data transfer along the edges.

Data loading in distributed system has been extensively studied in the field of database. Many partitioning techniques, such as hash partitioning, range partitioning, round robin partitioning, have been widely applied into massive databases. Partitioning the tuple by such techniques can be processed in a constant time depending on partitioning function and the tuple itself, and therefore whatever the size of data on disk is, the data will be accessed sequentially and read once. It is infeasible, however, to load a graph by an existing algorithm with a linear time-complexity, since graph partitioning is well-known as NP-hard problem.

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In comparison with the traditional partitioning techniques, partitioning a vertex always requires not only the vertex itself, but also its neighbors. Moreover, the algorithm of graph partitioning need to repeat scanning the graph and iteratively find an optimal series of partition target, such as minimizing edge-cuts. Thus, most of graph partitioning algorithms usually required the graph to fit into main memory, such as Kernighan-Lin (KL) [4, 7], MIN-MAX Greedy algorithm[2, 8], spectral partitioning[11], balanced minimum cut[6]. Many real-world graphs, unfortunately, have grown exceedingly large in recent years and are continuing to grow at a fast rate. For example, the Web graph has over 1 trillion webpages (Google); most social networks (e.g., Facebook, MSN) have millions to billions of users; many citation networks (e.g., DBLP, Citeseer) have millions of publications; other networks such as phone-call networks, email networks, stock-market networks, etc., are also massively large. With the size of graph becoming very large, it is often too expensive to partition large graph in memory. So, the technique called graph summary was proposed to shrink the original graph fit into the memory. Hyper graph is a kind of summary mentioned in multilevel approaches[9, 13, 5]. Hyper graph is built by selecting edges successively and collapsing them into a hyper vertex so as to obtain a graph small enough. Graph skeleton constructed by a small random sample from graph's edges[6] was used to compute the minimum cut. But the construction of both such graph summaries is also required to probe the original graph repeatedly, which suffered from potential and massive access to disk.

Besides the graph data to load is stored as the file of vertices and edges by self-defined format on disk, the graph is always of the format of online stream of vertices and edges, flowing into a distributed system continuously. The gigantic size of data stream implies that we generally cannot store the entire stream data set in main memory or even on the disk of partitioner. Certainly, it is impractical to scan through an entire data stream more than once. To the best of our knowledge, there were few works about partitioning graph data stream, except for a streaming graph partitioner proposed by Isabelle.S et.al[12]. They provided a empirical study of a set of natural heuristics for streaming balanced graph partitioning. The quality of partitions highly depends on the locality of stream. Certain systems or applications that need as good a partitioning as possible will still repartition the graph after it has been fully loaded onto the cluster.

Totally, loading big graphs in an manner of graph partitions is becoming a challenge on account of massive disk I/O overhead. In this paper, we propose an I/O efficient

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approach to loading a big graph approximately. In this study, our focus is not to design a new algorithm of graph partitioning, but to improve I/O efficiency by trading off the accuracy of partitioning against the efficiency of loading. Firstly loading graph on disk is considered, the proposed approach scans through the graph twice only by two phases. In the first phase, a representative subgraph fitting into main memory is built out of big graph data by the first scanning, and then a set of partitions, called approximate partitioner, are retrieved by a gain-based partitioning algorithm in memory. After that, in the second phase, all the remainder of vertices and edges will be partitioned on account of their locality by the approximate partitioner in linear time by the second scanning.

The representative subgraph and its approximate partitioner here play the role as partitioning function as the traditional techniques of database do. Intuitionally, the representative subgraph should be selected for the target of the edge-cuts, that is, the edge-cuts by approximate partitioner applied were expected to be as close to the edge-cuts of original graph as possible. However, it is quite difficult to evaluate the edge-cuts in advanced, since the final edge-cuts are not related to the initial partitions only, but also to the partitioning design. We notice that gain-based algorithms partition a vertex by its difference of connections to the partitions, called as gain of vertex. Actually, a vertex's partition isn't determined by its absolute value of gain, but by the sign of gain. That is, if a vertex has more connections to the partition i than j, it should be allocated in the partition i. The absolute value of gain just makes the effect of the order of partitioning vertex. So, we consider that if the gain sign of vertex in the representative graph is consistent with the one in the original graph, the vertex will be set to the partition by approximate partitioner as the true partitioner of original graph does. Based on this idea, the representative subgraph is built by an unequal sampling on edges to keep the expectation of inconsistence of gain bounded by given threshold. We theoretically give the analysis of the expectation of gain inconsistency, and point out that the unequal sampling should be bias to the vertex of low degree if the expectation of gain inconsistency is held.

The representative subgraph includes most of vertices in the original graph, and holds the structure information (indicated by edges) enough to evaluate the sign of gain. In addition, the approximate partitioner is consistent approximately with the true partitioner with respect to edge-cuts. Hence, partitioning each vertex of remainder may depend on its locality in a constant time complexity at the second phase, and need not to migrate vertices iteratively for partition optimizing. Traditionally, the locality of vertex consists of its neighbors. It works when the graph data are stored by BF-S order, where the locality can be retrieved after d edges cached (d is the degree of vertex). For the order of DFS or random, the partitioner can't determine the locality until the end of file or stream. It means that we have to cache all the vertices, and their related edges, which are not contained in representative graph. In fact, there is an widely accepted observation by the study of Graph Random Walk in the real world, that is, a random walk started inside a good partition will mostly stay inside the partition [1]. It implied that, beside for the neighbors of vertex, the vertices linking indirectly to the vertex support the determination of partition to some extent. Here, we expand the "neighbors"

to the vertices linking to the vertex directly or indirectly in the following window of vertices and edges read sequentially so as to avoid caching all the data. We also put forwards the measure, called *strength of locality support*, to evaluate the vertex's contribution to the locality in terms of *influence* and *attraction*.

For graph stream, each the edge of new arrival is sampled probabilistically to the representative subgraph as mentioned above. The difference from above is that the new vertex of not chosen edge will be partitioned immediately by current approximate partitioner according to its expand locality. The challenge is that the approximate partitioner needs to be adjusted with the representative subgraph varied, and to re-assign the vertices partitioned by previous approximate partitioners.

However it is quite overhead to query the assigning context of vertex, since the vertex has been written to persist disk and the vertices of context maybe reside the different partitions. Querying the context of vertex must lead to the massive I/O operation on disk or network. Our idea is to cache the context of vertex of high likelihood to be re-assigned in the slave site.

experiment - conclusion

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. We first present the related works in Section 2. Next, We introduce the background about graph loading in Section 3. Partitioning graph by sampling as the core of graph loading is proposed and discussed in Section 4, including the overall algorithm of loading, the analysis of partitioning and graph sampling design. Section 5 studies loading the real-world graph, including the implementation of graph sampling design - degree bias sampling, and edges assigning. Section 6 focuses on loading the graph stream. We compare the approaches in this paper with other state-of-the-art graph loading algorithms and graph partitioning algorithms in Section 7. Finally, we conclude in Section 8.

2. RELATED WORKS

Graph partitioning as the core of graph loading in distributed system is an NP-hard problem, and therefore all known algorithms for generating partitions merely return approximations to the optimal solution. Numerous algorithms for graph partitioning have been developed in the field of social network analysis, graph theory, et. al. Geometric approaches use the geometric coordinates associated with a graph's vertices to aid in the creation of a partition, but geometric feature also limit its application because geometric coordinate is not the case for all graphs. Spectral methods generally refer to algorithms that assign nodes to communities based on the eigenvectors of matrices, such as the adjacency matrix of the network itself or other related matrices[11]. The main disadvantage of spectral algorithms lies in their computational complexity, and spectral clustering is hard to scale up to networks with more than tens of thousands of vertices. Gain-based partitioning algorithms, such as Kernighan-Lin (KL) algorithm[4, 7], MIN-MAX Greedy algorithm[2, 8], are based on the notion of gain metric for quantifying the benefit of allocating a vertex from one subset to the other. The gain of a vertex in KL algorithm and the variations is the reduction in edge-cut if the vertex is moved from its current partition to the other partition. While each iteration in the original KL algorithm had a complexity of $O(|E|\log|E|)$. The partition in the family of MIN-MAX Greedy algorithms is immediately obtained by repeatedly adding a vertex to the sets that produces the minimum possible increase of the cut size.

To address the scale problem, graph summaries that substantially smaller than the original graph, typically can be used to return approximate partitions. Multilevel graph partitioning algorithms [9, 13, 5] are proposed to coarsen(contract) the input graph successively so as to obtain a graph smallenough, partition this small graph and then successively project this partition back up to the original graph, refining the partition at each step along the way. The costs of coarsening and refining are both proportional to the number of edges, and the original graph was scanned many times and the temporary graph of coarsening and refining at each step must be saved.

Sampling graph is another way to obtain a small graph. Sampling on graphs has been used in many different flavors, but few in graph partitioning. Conceptually we can split the graph sampling algorithms into three groups: randomly selecting nodes, randomly selecting edges and the exploration techniques that simulate random walks or virus propagation to find a representative sample of the nodes[10]. Previous work focused on using sampling to condense the graph to allow for better visualization. Works on graph compression focused on transforming the graph to speed up algorithms. Techniques for efficiently storing and retrieving the webgraph were also studied. Internet modeling community studied sampling from undirected graphs and concluded that some graph properties can be preserved by random-node selection with sample sizes down to 30%. Works study separability and stability of various graph properties degree distribution, central betweeness, hop-plot[10]. To our knowledge, most related to our work is the algorithm determining the minimum cut base on graph skeleton constructed by a small random sample from graph's edges[6]. The algorithm need scan the original graph many times to probe the sampling ratio and compute the skeleton until a certain minimum cut value on the skeleton is greater than $\Omega((\log n)/\epsilon^2)$.

Isabelle. S et.al[12] proposed a streaming graph partitioning, which reads serial graph data from a disk onto a cluster. However, they just put forward ten heuristics of selecting the index of the partition where a vertex is assigned, and define three stream orderings of vertex arrival. One might need to perform a full graph partitioning once the graph has been fully loaded.

3. PROBLEM BACKGROUND

3.1 Notations

We model a graph to load as an undirected and unlabeled graph, G=(V,E), where V is the set of vertices and E is the set of edges. In real-world, the data of graph are always treated as a sequence of edges and vertices, which stored on the disk of loading server by self-defined format, or streaming into loading server without the storage. Without the lost of generality, the data of graph are defined as the edge sequence $E_{seq}=(e_1,e_2,...,e_m)$, for $e=(v_i,v_j),e\in E_{seq},v_i$ and v_j are the adjacent vertices joint by e, and we define the corresponding set of vertices of E_{seq} as $V_{seq}=\{v|v\in e,e\in E_{seq}\}$. Let n and m be the size of E_{seq} and V_{seq} respectively. For graph stream, n and m is increased with time. Generally, for most of graph in practice, we have n<< m.

Graph loader is a program resided in loading server and responsible for reading the graph data from the disk or online stream into a distributed system with k storage nodes. Its goal is to find a close to optimal balanced graph partitioning with as more efficiency as possible, and save each partition into a storage node respectively. Graph partitioning is to divide V of G into k partitions, $P = \{P_1, P_2, ..., P_k\}$ such that $P_i \cap P_j = \emptyset$, for any $i \neq j$, and $|P_i| = n/k$, and $\bigcup_i P_i = V$. The number of edges whose incident vertices belong to different partitions is called edge-cuts. Optimal balanced graph partitioning is k set of partitions with minimized edgecuts. We call the algorithm that searching the optimal graph partitioning as optimal partitioner.

We assume there is the limitation of the size of main memory in loading server, denoted by M, and M << m. Let $Partition|_{V \to P \bigcup \emptyset}$ be the function of mapping the vertex into its partition. If Partition(u) = i, we say that u is partitioned into P_i , while if $Partition(u) = \emptyset$, we say that u isn't partitioned yet.

3.2 Order of Vertex and Edge

The order of vertex and edge for a graph G is always following three orders: breadth-first search (BFS), depth-first $\operatorname{search}(DFS)$ and random $\operatorname{search}(Random)$. BFS is generated by selecting a starting node from each connected component of the graph uniformly at random and is the result of a breadth-first search that starts at the given node. If there are multiple connected components, the component ordering is done at random. DFS is identical to the BFS ordering except that depth-first search is used. Both BFS and DFS are natural ways of linearizing graphs and are highly simplified models used by most of graph data collectors, such as web crawler. Here, we assume the vertices and edges in sequence obey single ordering. Random search is an ordering that assumes that the vertices arrive in an order given by a random permutation of the vertices. In practice, few graph sequences obey to the order of complete random, but they always are the sequence of the mixture between DFS and BFS.

The order of vertex and edge is important to the computation complexity of partitioning graph, specially, with the format of stream. It challenges the efficiency of graph partitioning not processed in main memory. Finding all the neighbors of a vertex as its locality, or computing the degree of a vertex, for example, is critical operation of graph partitioning, and these operations are easy implementing for BFS order since all the adjacent vertices and edges will be seen immediately in the sequence after the vertex, but for the order of random or DFS, we have to wait until the end of the sequence.

3.3 Gain-based Graph Partitioning

Most of popular graph partitioning algorithms are based on comparison of the external and internal cost of vertex, called as gain-based partitioning algorithm, such as KL and MIN-MAX Greedy. The approach proposed in this study is also based on the concept of vertex gain.

For a graph G, given a set of partitions P_1 and P_2 of V, $P_1 \cup P_2 = V$, suppose $u \in P_1$, the external cost E_u of u is defined as the number of edges connecting the vertex u and the vertex in P_2 , while the internal cost I_u of u is the number of edges connecting the vertex u and the vertex in P_1 . The D value of u, $D_u = E_u - I_u$, is defined as the

gain obtained by moving u from its current partition. Gain-based algorithms allocate a vertex from one subset to the other if it benefits from the gain of moving. For example, KL algorithm swaps a pair of vertices (u,v) if their total gain is improved iteratively, where u,v belong to different partition. MIN-MAX Greedy algorithm repeatedly add a vertex to the two sets that produces the minimum possible increase δf of the cut size f, where δf is equivalent to D value. For gain-based partitioning, we observed that the migration of vertex was decided by its gain, not by its order of gain, that is, whether the gain of vertex is the best or not, it will be migrated sooner or later if the partitioning benefits from its moving.

k-way graph partitioning usually is the procedure of recursive bisection adopted by the majority of the algorithms due to its simplicity. The procedure has two phases in general. It generates a k-way partition by performing a bisection on the original graph and recursively considering the resulting subgraphs in the first phase, and then repeated the application of the 2-way partitioning procedure to optimal in the second phase. Such algorithms are heuristic to find the best gain of moving at each iteration.

The partitioning process can be described by a full and complete binary tree, where the leafs are the final partitions and the internal nodes are the temporal results. For a binary tree of graph partitioning, we denote LCA(i,j) as the lowest common ascendant of the partition P_i and P_j , that is, the descendants P_i and P_j are split recursively from their LCA.

4. LOADING GRAPH BY REPRESENTA-TIVE SUBGRAPH

As shown before, the target of this paper is to design a I/O-efficient approach to loading a big graph into k storage nodes with approximately minimum edge-cuts. We consider the loading of graph data on disk by scanning thorough disk twice in this chapter.

4.1 Loading Graph On Disk

Our idea is to design a partitioning function to allocate vertices and edges streamingly as the way of data partitioning processed by the traditional techniques in the field of database. Here, partitioning function is designed as a set of partitions, which is derived from a representative subgraph that fits into the memory and preserves the information of allocating vertex enough to determine vertex's partition with high probability and makes the final edge-cuts approximate to the optimal edge-cuts. The main steps are as follows:

- Firstly, a representative subgraph resided entirely in memory is selected out of the original graph with a sampling design by scanning through graph data.
- Secondly, the representative subgraph is divided into
 k partitions by an internal-memory gain-based algo rithm mentioned in Chapter 3. The k partitions of
 representative subgraph is called as approximate par titioner.
- Finally, the remainder of edges and vertices that don't selected into the representative subgraph are allocated streamingly to the corresponding storage node on account of their locality and approximate partitioner by scanning through the graph data once again.

For such loading strategy, the questions we ask here are:

- What is a "good" representative subgraph out of big graph with the limitation of memory, and how to create it?
- How do we allocate the remainder of vertices and edges besides the representative graph without vertex migration?

Here, the representative subgraph is constructed by the technique of simple random sampling without replacement. As mentioned in related works, state-of-the-art graph sampling techniques can be broadly classified as sampling by random node selection(RN), sampling by random edge selection(RE) and sampling by exploration(SE). Actually, for a very big graph on disk, it is infeasible for SE to explore the graph arbitrarily. For RN, the sample consists of the induced subgraph over the selected nodes and all edges among the nodes. It means that the vertex's neighbors need to be obtained efficiently, which is suitable for the sequence of BFS order only. Furthermore, It is hard to control the sampled graph size to fit in the memory, since n << m. So, we adopt RE to select the representative graph.

We firstly give an I/O-efficient loading algorithm for graph on disk, called Sample-based Graph Loading(SGL). SGL is a general loading algorithm with no concern of the order of graph sequence and the goodness of representative graph. Both of problems will be leave discussing in the following sections. For SGL, the limitation of memory ρ refers to the limitation of edges since n << m in practice, and m and n are unknown in advance. The main steps of SGL algorithm are shown as Algorithm 1. The sampling design of SGL as shown from Step 2 to Step 9 is a kind of Reservoir Sampling [14] with the probability of ρ/m , which is a family of randomized algorithms for randomly choosing a sample of items of given size from the list of either a very large or unknown number.

4.2 Expectation of Error Gain

For Question 1, the "goodness" of representative subgraph intuitively means what the extend of the edge-cuts for approximate partitioner is close to the one for optimal partitioner. However, it is quite difficult for graph partitioning to design a sampling algorithm with the objective of edgecuts, since the final edge-cuts of partitioning algorithm isn't relevant to the heuristic only, but also the initial partitions. We observed that for gain-based partitioning algorithms, the partition of vertex isn't determined by its absolute value of gain, but the sign of gain. That is, if a vertex has more connections to the partition i than j, it should be allocated in the partition i. The absolute value of gain just makes the effect of the order of vertex allocation. For example, suppose that the vertex v of the partition P_1 has n_1 internalconnections to the partition P_1 and n_2 external-connections to the partition P_2 , if $n_1 \geq n_2$, i.e the gain $n_1 - n_2 \geq 0$ then v will be stayed in P_1 , otherwise moved into P_2 . If the sign of vertex gain for a representative subgraph is consistent with the one for the original graph, we say the partition of vertex for representative subgraph will keep consistence with that for the original graph.

Here, we introduce the notion of expectation of error gain to measure the goodness of approximate partitioner instead of the edge-cuts. Since recursive bisection partitioning is

Algorithm 1 Sample-based Graph Loading (SGLd)

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Input:
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E_{seq}: Edge Sequence (e_1, e_2, ..., e_m);
k: The Number of Storage nodes;
\rho: Limitation of Edges in Memory;
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Graph Partitions G_P^1, G_P^2, ..., G_P^k on k storage-nodes;
 1: V_s = \emptyset, E_s = \emptyset;
 2: Read the first \rho edges of E_{seq} into E_s and initialize V_s
    by E_s;
 3: for i = \rho + 1 to m do
      Read the edge e_i = (u, v) from E_{seq};
 4:
       j = \text{random}(1, i);
 5:
       if j < \rho then
 6:
         Select an item l from E_s on random and replace
 7:
         E_s[l] by e_i;
 8:
       end if
 9: end for
10: Build the sample graph G_s by E_s;
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11: Apply a gain-based partitioning algorithm to compute
    k partitions G_P^s = \{G_1^s, ..., G_k^s\} for G_s;
12: for each G_i^s, i = 1, ..., k do
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Save G_i^s as G_P^i on the site i;
13:
14: end for
15: for each unsampled edge e = (u, v) \in E_{seq} do
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16: **if**
$$u$$
 or $v \notin V_s$ **then**
17: Allocate u or v to V_i^s by its locality and save it to the site i :

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18:
       if i \neq j, where u \in V_i^s and v \in V_i^s then
19:
20:
         Label e as cut edge, and save e to both E_P^i and E_P^j;
21:
       else
22:
         Save e to E_P^i;
23:
       end if
24: end for
25: return G_P;
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adopted, without the lost of generality, we assume k=2 and it is easy to extend k to any integer of 2^h . Given the graph G, let $P = \{P_A, P_B\}$ be a set of partitions for G, where $P_A \bigcup P_B = V$, and d be the degree of the vertex $v \in V$, $d \geq 0$. Let s be the probability of edge sampling, and $G^s =$ (V^s, E^s) be a subgraph of G selected by an edge-sampling algorithm, where $V^s \subseteq V, E^s \subseteq E$. $P^s = \{P_A^s, P_B^s\}$ is the corresponding partitions for P, where $P_A^s \subseteq P_A, P_B^s \subseteq P_B$. d^s is the degree of $v \in V^s$. We have the expectation of d^s , $E(d^s) = s \cdot d.$

Definition 1. A boundary vertex of partition is the vertex that has at least one link to other partitions. Let \mathcal{B} be the set of boundary vertices for a graph partitions.

Definition 2. Given the graph G, and its partitions P, the gain of vertex $v \in V$ with respect to P is defined as the connection difference of v between P_A and P_B , and denoted as δ . Obviously, we have $-d \leq \delta \leq d$. For G^s and P^s , the gain of v with respect to P^s is defined as the connection difference of v between P_A^s and P_B^s , and denoted as δ^s .

Definition 3. For the graph G and the graph sample G^s , and the corresponding partitions P and P^s , given the vertex v and its degree d, if $\delta^s \cdot \delta > 0$, where $\delta^s \neq 0, \delta \neq 0$, or

 $\delta = 0 \wedge \delta^s = 0$, we say δ^s is consistent with δ , denoted as $\delta^s \equiv \delta$, otherwise δ^s is inconsistent with δ , denoted as $\delta^s \not\equiv \delta$. With $\delta^s \not\equiv \delta$, we introduce the variable $\tilde{\delta}$ as the error gain of v, and $\tilde{\delta} = |\delta|$.

Theorem 1. For the graph G and its sample G^s with sample ratio s, given the vertex $v \in V$ and its degree d, the expectation of error gain of v, denoted as $E(\tilde{\delta})$ satisfies

$$E(\tilde{\delta}) \le \frac{1}{s} (1 - \exp(-\frac{sd}{2})) \tag{1}$$

PROOF. For $v \in V$, let $P(\delta^s \not\equiv \delta, \delta)$ be the probability that δ^s is inconsistent with given δ , and we have

$$P(\delta^s \neq \delta, \delta) = P(\delta)P(\delta^s \neq \delta|\delta) \tag{2}$$

Since $-d \le \delta \le d$, and we assume δ obeys uniform distribution with the interval [-d, d], then

$$P(\delta) = \frac{1}{2d} \tag{3}$$

Let $X_1, X_2, ..., X_{d^s}$ be independent random variables taking on values -1 or 1, which means a connection to P_A or P_B is sampled, then we have $\delta^s = \sum_{i=1}^{d^s} X_i$. Here let $\epsilon = E\delta^s$. According to Definition 3, for $\delta^s \not\equiv \delta$, we have $\delta^s < E\delta^s - \epsilon$ if $\delta > 0$, or $\delta^s > \epsilon - E\delta^s$ if $\delta < 0$. Obviously, the expectation of δ^s is $s \cdot \delta$. According to the *Hoeffding Inequality*, we have

$$P(\delta^s \not\equiv \delta | \delta) \le \exp(-\frac{2\epsilon^2}{4d^s}) = \exp(-\frac{s \cdot \delta^2}{2d}) \tag{4}$$

With Eq.(3) and Eq. (4), we ha

$$P(\delta^s \not\equiv \delta, \delta) = \frac{1}{2d} \cdot \exp(-\frac{s \cdot \delta^2}{2d}) \tag{5}$$

With Eq. (5), we have

$$E(\tilde{\delta}) \leq \sum_{\delta=-d}^{d} |\delta| \cdot P(\delta^{s} \not\equiv \delta, \delta)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{\delta=0}^{d} \delta \cdot P(\delta^{s} \not\equiv \delta, \delta)$$

$$= \sum_{\delta=0}^{d} \frac{\delta}{d} \cdot \exp(-\frac{s \cdot \delta^{2}}{2d})$$
(6)

Let $x = \frac{\delta}{d}$ and with Eq. (6), then

$$E(\tilde{\delta}) \leq \sum_{\delta=0}^{d} d \cdot x \cdot \exp(-\frac{sdx^{2}}{2}) \cdot \frac{1}{d}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} d \cdot x \cdot exp(-\frac{sdx^{2}}{2})d(x)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} -\frac{1}{s} \exp(-\frac{sdx^{2}}{2})d(-\frac{sdx^{2}}{2})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} [\exp(-\frac{sdx^{2}}{2})]_{0}^{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} (1 - \exp(-\frac{sd}{2}))$$

LEMMA 1. The upper-bound of $E(\tilde{\delta})$, denoted as $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})$, is the decreasing function of sampling probability s, and the increasing function of the degree d.

PROOF. The partial derivative of $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})$ with respect to s is

$$\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial s} = \frac{1}{s^2} ((\frac{sd}{2} + 1) \exp(-\frac{sd}{2}) - 1)$$

According to the inequality $e^{-x} < \frac{1}{1+x}$, where x > -1, we have $\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial s} < 0$. The partial derivative of $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})$ with respect to d is

$$\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial d} = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-\frac{sd}{2}) > 0$$

LEMMA 2. The change of $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})$ is more significant to the sampling probability s than to the degree d.

PROOF. According to Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{split} &|\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial s}| - |\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial d}| \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2}(1 - (\frac{sd}{2} + 1)\exp(-\frac{sd}{2})) - \frac{1}{2}\exp(-\frac{sd}{2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{s^2\exp(sd/2)}(\exp(sd/2) - (1 + sd/2) - \frac{s^2}{2}) \end{split}$$

Since $s^2 \ge 0$ and $\exp(sd/2) > 0$, the maximum of s is 1, and the minimum of d is 1, we have

$$|\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial s}| - |\frac{\partial \hat{E}(\tilde{\delta})}{\partial d}| > 0$$

Theorem 2. $E(\tilde{\delta_G})$ is defined as the total expectation of error gain for G, that is $E(\tilde{\delta_G}) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}} E(\tilde{\delta_v})$, where $E(\tilde{\delta_v})$ is the expectation of the error gain of v. The following inequality is satisfied

$$E(\tilde{\delta_G}) \le \sum_{1 \le d \le d_{max}} \frac{n_d}{s} (1 - (1 - \frac{1}{k})^d) (1 - \exp(-\frac{s \cdot d}{2}))$$
 (7)

where n_d is the number of the vertex of degree d, and d_{max} is the maximum degree

PROOF. Obviously, the total expectation of error gain for G is determined by boundary vertex that has at least one neighbor on other partitions. Under k partitions, an edge's vertices have the probability $1-\frac{1}{k}$ to be on different partitions, and then we have the probability that a vertex of degree d has at least one link to another partition is $1-(1-\frac{1}{k})^d$. Due to the linearity of expectation and with Theorem 1, Eq. (7) is derived. \square

4.3 Sampling Representative Subgraph

Naturally, the sampling design is preferred to set the sampling probability with $E(\tilde{\delta_G})$ bounded by a given threshold. For the inequality (7), however, it is quite difficult to estimate the uniform s for all degrees. So, the sampling probability for each vertex is set to hold $E(\tilde{\delta}) \leq \alpha$ with the uniform threshold α here. That is, with the degree d, if the sampling probability s satisfies

$$1 - \alpha \cdot s \le \exp\left(-\frac{s \cdot d}{2}\right) \tag{8}$$

according to Theorem 1, $E(\tilde{\delta}) \leq \alpha$ will be hold, and then $E_{\tilde{\delta_G}}$ is bounded by $\sum_d n_d (1 - (1 - \frac{1}{k})^d) \alpha$. Moreover, n_d can

be estimated by $n\cdot P(d)$ with the probability distribution of degree P(d) provided, such as the power-law-like distributions observed in many real graphs, and α can be set as $\frac{\beta}{n\sum_d P(d)(1-(1-\frac{1}{k})^d)}$ with the upper-bound β of $E_{\delta_G^-}$. In such case, the size of sample edges is $n\sum_d \frac{P(d)\cdot d}{s_d}$, where s_d is the sampling ratio for the degree d.

i think it is difficult to compute the sample ratio of each vertex for BFS, because we don't know how to select α , even though β can be set. in fact, β is infeasible to set in advance since we don't know what the cut value is. So DBS...

For the order of BFS, vertex's degree can be calculated by caching locally a part of edges when scanning the edge sequence, and then the probability of edge sampling for the vertex can be determined. However, for the order of random or DFS, a vertex's degree cann't be determined until all its edges have been confirmed to reach by the end of edge sequence, that is, extra scanning the edge sequence is required to count the degree for all the vertices. Counting the degree of vertex in advance always is infeasible for edge stream.

we propose an unequal sampling algorithm without extra scanning, called *Degree Bias Sampling (DBS)*. $E(\tilde{\delta}_v)$ in Theorem 1 can be transformed as

$$E(\tilde{\delta}_v) \le \frac{d_v}{Ed_v^s} (1 - \exp(-\frac{Ed_v^s}{2})) \tag{9}$$

Similar to Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta}_v)$ is decreasing function of the expectation of degree d_v^s . The change of $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta}_v)$ is more significant to Ed_v^s than d_v . It implies that if the $\hat{E}(\tilde{\delta}_v)$ is kept at the same level, the high sampling probability is expected for the vertex of low degree, otherwise the low sampling probability is preferred for the vertex of high degree. DBS replaces the edge in the reservoir according to the current degree of its end vertices with the bias to low degree.

The algorithm of DBS is shown in Algorithm 2. The element of V_s has two items: vex and d, representing the information of vertex and its degree respectively. $V_s[v]$ is the element of the vertex v. The element in E_s has four items: the item edge that includes the vertices u and v of edge, the item weight that is the sampling weight determined by the inverse of the minimum degree of u and v and the item with high relative weight has high probability of sampling, the item rand that is a random real in [0,1], and the item key that is the key for weighted sampling and calculated by $rand^{1/weight}$. The edge is selected into the reservoir according to the relative weight by the algorithm of weighted random sampling in DBS, similar to A-Res proposed by Pavlos S. Efraimidis etc [3]. The differences between DBS and A-Res are that:

- (1) for A-Res the weight of the item of population must be given in advanced, while for DBS the degree observed by now is used to determine the weight. The assumption under DBS is that the degree of vertex is relative high in the observations if it is of the high relative degree in the population. The assumption can be proved by the following: Suppose that the degrees of u_1 and u_2 are d_1 and d_2 , $d_1 \geq d_2$, the total sampling degree of u_1 and u_2 is l and let k be the sampling degree of u_1 , then the probability distribution of k is the distribution of Bernouli , that is, if l is big enough, $p(k) = C_l^k p^k (1-p)^{l-k} = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$ where $p = \frac{d_1}{d_1+d_2}$, $\lambda = lp$. Since $d_1 \geq d_2$, $p \geq 1/2$, then we have $p(k \geq l/2) > 1/2$.
 - (2) In A-Res the items except for the first ρ items will

be checked one by one, while such strategy will cause the phenomenon "first arrival, first dead" for DBS, that is, the degrees of the vertices of the first arrival edge will be increased firstly and then the edges attached on these vertices are of high replaced probability even though the degrees are relative low in the final. Ideally, the random order is expected to avoid such phenomenon, but for DFS order or mixture order, the locality of arrival edges influences seriously the quality of weighted sampling. So, DBS introduces an extra buffer of size η , and updates the degrees after each η items read, which reduces the locality in some sense. The parameter of η is set by experience.

Algorithm 2 Degree Bias Sampling

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Input:
    Edge Sequence E_{seq};
Output:
    Sample Graph G_s;
 1: V_s = \emptyset, E_s = \emptyset;
 2: for each e = (u, v) in the first \rho edges of E_{seq} do
       E_s = E_s \bigcup (e, 0, 0, 0); //(\text{edge, weight, random, key})
       V_s = V_s \bigcup (u, V_s[u].d + 1) \bigcup (v, V_s[v].d + 1);
 4:
 5: end for
 6: for each item it \in E_s do
       it.weight = \frac{1}{min(V_s[item.edge.u].d,V_s[item.edge.v].d)};
 7:
       it.rand = random(0, 1);
 8:
       it.key = it.rand^{1/it.weight}
 9:
10: end for
11: repeat
       Read the next \eta edges into E' from E_{seq} at the begin
12:
       of the position \rho + 1 + i * \eta for i = 0, 1, ...
13:
       for each e = (u, v) in the set of E' do
14:
          V_s = V_s \bigcup (u, V_s[u].d + 1) \bigcup (v, V_s[v].d + 1);
15:
       end for
16:
       For each item of E_s, re-caculate its key;
       T = \arg \min\{it.key\};
17:
       for each edge e = (u, v) \in E' do
18:
19:
          w = \frac{1}{\min(V_s[u].d, V_s[v].d)};
20:
          r = random(0, 1);
          key = r^{1/w}:
21:
          if key > T.key then
22:
23:
            Replace T by the item (e, w, r, key);
24:
            T = \arg \min\{it.key\};
                  it \in E_s
          end if
25.
26:
       end for
    until the end of E_{seq}
27:
28: Build the sample graph G_s by E_s
29: return G_s:
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4.4 Allocating Unsampled Vertex

In the second pass of scanning the graph, SGL allocates the unsampled edges and vertices according to the approximate partitioner of G_s . For the unsampled edge e=(u,v), as shown from Step 15 to Step 24 of Algorithm 1, if both u and v exist in G_s , e is allocated by the partitions of u and v, whereas if there exits a vertex of edge that doesn't belong to G_s , SGL has to wait for allocating it until its locality is retrieved. Here, the locality of vertex is defined as following:

Definition 4. For graph G = (V, E), the locality of vertex $u \in V$ is defined as the set of its adjacent vertices, that is $LOC(u) = \{v | v \in V, (u, v) \in E\}$.

An unsampled vertex is allocated until more than $s \cdot d$ percent of the adjacent vertices in its locality have been read and partitioned, where s is decided by Equation 8 with the bound of given error α , otherwise the vertices of locality should be cached. For a vertex of degree d, the likelihood that none of its d edges is sampled is $(1-s)^d$ and the expectation of the number of unsampled vertex of degree d is $n_d(1-s)^d$, where n_d is the number of vertices of degree d. The expectation of required space is $dn_d(1-s)^d$. With the sum of expectation with respect to the degree $1 \sim d_{max}$, We have the average space complexity of locality cache is $O(\sum_{d=1}^{d_{max}} dn_d (1-s)^d)$. Since s < 1, few of vertices are unsampled and the cache will be small. Moreover, the approximate partitioner needn't to be re-adjusted with unsampled vertex allocated, because it is considered to be qualified to allocating the vertex with the bound of error gain.

5. LOADING STREAM GRAPH

For loading the stream graph , it is infeasible visiting the stream graph twice, since the edges flow continuously into the loading system and usually unable to be stored in the disk of loading node. To this problem, SGL is modified here to fit into streaming graph loading.

5.1 Streaming Loading Algorithm

The algorithm of loading stream graph is shown in Algorithm 3. The element of vertex in Algorithm 3 has three items: the item sampled represents whether the vertex is selected in V_s or not; the item partition indicates the partition of the vertex; the item AC is the Allocation Context of vertex determining the partition of unsampled vertex. The algorithm mainly includes two phases as following.

Phase I: For each new arrival edge e^+ , DBS is applied to select e^+ into the reservoir E_s . If e^+ substituted for e^- in E_s , and then it will be checked whether the representative graph should be re-partitioned to update the approximate partitioner or not, as shown from Step 8 to Step 12. if it required, G_s will be repartitioned after η edges read, as shown from Step 27 to 29. The details of re-partitioning will be discussed in Chapter 5.3. Otherwise, e^+ will be allocated and saved immediately into the corresponding storage node in terms of current approximate partitioner and its AC as shown from Step 14 to Step 25. Here, AC is the expand locality for determining the partition of unsampled vertex of e^+ , which will be discussed further in Chapter 5.2.

Phase II: At the end of stream, the partition of unsampled vertex maybe different from the one of its allocation, so the following should be checked in parallel on each storage node.

- If there are vertices in the storage node that were migrated into different partitions on updating the approximate partitioner, they must be removed from the current node, as shown by Step 35;
- ii. For unsampled vertex, if there is the vertex in its AC whose partition is different from the one in the final approximate partitioner, it must be re-allocated, as shown from Step 37 to Step 40;

iii. After (i) and (ii), the edge with the partition of its unsampled vertex changed should be re-allocated, as shown from Step 43 to Step 50.

5.2 Allocation Context

Ideally, allocating the unsampled vertex is based on its locality defined by Definition 4, which is feasible for SGLd regardless of the search order. However, retrieving the locality under DFS or mixture order has to wait for the end of stream for SGLs. To this problem, the allocation context is proposed here based on the widely accepted observation in the field of Random Walk, which is a random walk started inside a good cluster will mostly stay inside the cluster [1]. Here, by a good cluster is meant a cluster with relatively fewer number of cross-edges in comparison with the one inside. The search of DFS order is generally considered as a kind of Self-avoiding Random Walk(SARW). The difference between DFS and SARW is that DFS allows the search to trace back when all of neighbors are visited, whereas SARW will stop searching in such case. It means that the vertices in DFS traversal besides the adjacent vertices can make the contribution to the determination of partition in some senses. So, the locality of vertex is expanded to the connected vertices to the unsampled vertex in the traversal, which makes the vertex allocated as early as possible.

Definition 5. For a unsampled vertex u_0 , where $u_0 \in e_i, e_i \in E_{seq}$, the Allocation Context of u_0 , denoted as $AC(u_0)$, is defined as the subgraph (V_{u_0}, E_{u_0}) , where V_{u_0} is the set of vertices with the connection to u_0 in the following traversal from u_0 . Formally, $V_{u_0} = \{u|u \text{ is connected to } u_0, u \in e_j, e_j \in E_{seq}, j=i+1,\ldots\}$. E_{u_0} is the set of edges attached on V_{u_0} . $|V_{u_0}| = l$, l is the size of AC.

According to the observation, if u_0 belongs to the partition i, the other vertices in its AC would stay in the partition i with high probability. Here two factors of the vertex u in AC are considered to contributing to the allocation of u_0 :

(1) Influence to u_0 measured by the distance from u to u_0 is the factor that if u is of less distance to u_0 , it would stay in the same partition to u_0 with higher probability. For $u \in V_{u_0}$, the influence of u to u_0 is

$$influence(u, u_0) = \frac{1}{sp(u, u_0)}$$
 (10)

where $sp(u, u_0)$ is the length of shortest path between u and u_0 in the graph $AC(u_0)$.

(2) Attraction to a partition measured by the proportion of its links to the partition is the factor that the more links to the partition is, the higher probability of traversing in the same partition is. For $u \in V_{u_0}$, the attraction of u to the partition i is

$$attraction(u, i) = \frac{d_u^i}{d_u} \tag{11}$$

where d_u^i is the number of links of the vertex u to the partition i, d_u is the degree of u.

The unsampled vertex u_0 is allocated by the following equation.

$$Partition(u_0) = \underset{i \in [1...k]}{\arg} \max \{w_i\}$$
 (12)

$$w_{i} = \sum_{partition(u_{j})=i \wedge u_{j} \in V_{u_{0}}} influence(u_{j}, u_{0}) attraction(u_{j}, i)$$

$$(13)$$

5.3 Adjusting Approximate Partitioner

When the edge $e^+ = (u^+, v^+)$ in E_{seq} is selected to substitute for the edge $e^- = (u^-, v^-)$ in E_s , the representative graph G_s should be re-partitioned in case of the gain of associated vertex inverse. The procedure of repartitioning needn't start at the root of the binary tree of graph partitioning but at the the internal node LCA(i,j).

For an non-boundary vertex of G_s with adding or removing incident edge, its sign of gain will not change and then it is unnecessary re-partitioning G_s . Whereas for an boundary vertex, its sign of gain will be inverse and G_s should be re-partitioned in the following cases.

- i. If $\exists u \in \{u^-, v^-\} \land j \in [1...k]$, $Partition(u) = i, \ u \in \mathcal{B} \land \{u^-, v^-\} \setminus u \not\subseteq \mathcal{B} \land \delta_u^{ij} = 0$, where δ_u^{ij} is the gain of u between the partition of i and j before e^- removed, then the partition i and j should be adjusted.
- ii. If $\{u^+,v^+\}\subseteq\mathcal{B}, Partition(u^+)=i, Partition(v^+)=j,$ $i\neq j,$ $\delta^{ij}_{u^+}=0$ or $\delta^{ji}_{v^+}=0$ before e^+ added, then the partition i and j should be adjusted.

As shown by the condition (i) and (ii) above, the likelihood of adjusting partition is related to the number of boundary vertex of zero gain. The probability that a vertex of degree d becomes the boundary vertex with one link at least to the different partitions is $1-(1-\frac{1}{k})^d$, and the probability that the boundary vertex is of zero gain is $\frac{1}{d}$. Thus the probability that G_P^s is adjusted when a edge on sample incident to the boundary vertex of degree d is $\frac{s}{d}(1-(1-\frac{1}{k})^d)p(d),$ where p(d) is the probability that the vertex is of the degree d. A constant $c_1<1$, for simplicity, is introduced to substitute for $(1-(1-\frac{1}{k})^d)$. Moreover, we assume the graph follows a power law as most of big graph do in the real world, and then $p(d)=\frac{d^{-\beta}}{\zeta(\beta)},$ where $\zeta(\beta)=\sum_{1\leq d\leq\infty}d^{-\beta},$ $\beta>0,$ which $\zeta(\beta)$ is $Riemann\ Zeta\ Function$ for the purpose of normalized constant. Finally, the probability that G_P^s is adjusted with a edge sampled is $\sum_{1\leq d\leq\infty}sc_1\frac{d^{-\beta}}{d\zeta(\beta)}=sc_1\frac{\zeta(\beta+1)}{\zeta(\beta)}.$ In total, the expectation of the number of adjusting is $(1-(1-sc_1\frac{\zeta(\beta+1)}{\zeta(\beta)})^\eta)m/\eta.$ Obviously, G_s should be re-partitioned in the case that the

Obviously, G_s should be re-partitioned in the case that the new vertex is added with the edge sample, while it maybe not in the case that the sample edge attaches the exists vertices in G_s , except that the condition (i) and (ii) satisfied. As a result, G_s will be re-partitioned frequently at the early phase of SGLs until most of vertices of the original graph are observed, because G_s in SGLs that allocates unsampled edges comes from the partial graph of the current stream under BFS or DFS search order, not the global graph as SGL does. Hence, the tip recommended here to reduce the times of re-partitioning at the early phase is that the size of E_s in SGLs in practice should be larger than the one in SGL. it is the better that the analysis on the size of E_s theoretically and the suggestion of size are given.

Moreover, if an edge wasn't selected by *DBS* in *SGLs*, it should be allocated immediately since the edge stream was never saved persistently at the loader. As the result, the partition of the vertex saved as unsampled in the storage node at early allocation should be re-examined at the end of stream

graph, because the vertex itself or the vertex in its AC maybe migrated in the following re-partitioning. The time complexity of the re-allocation in storage node is related to the number of unsampled vertex, that is, $O(\sum_{d=1}^{d_{max}} dn_d (1-s)^d)$.

6. EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION

//We conducted extensive experimental evaluation to discover the performance and trends of stream partitioning heuristics on a variety of graphs.

experiments of edge-cuts and time of SGL(bfs, dfs, random) on disk and kl, min-max etc.

experiments of edge-cuts and time of SGL(bfs, dfs, random) on graph stream and streaming load[12].

experiments of AC size to edge-cuts and time experiments of sampling ratio to the number of sampled vertex (equal and unequal)

experiments of sampling ratio to edge-cuts and time experiments of migration times

6.1 Dataset Description

6.2 Partition Evaluation

 $cut_ratio = (approx_{cut} - min_{cut})/min_cut$ $size_distribution$

6.3 Dynamic Partition Evaluation

7. CONCLUSIONS

//We have demonstrated that simple, one-pass streaming graph partitioning heuristics can dramatically improve the edge-cut in distributed graphs.

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Algorithm 3 Sample-based Stream Graph Loading (SGLs)
Input:
     E_{seq}: Edge Sequence;
    k: The Number of Storage nodes;
     \rho: Limitation of Edges in Memory;
     Graph Partitions G_P^1, G_P^2, ..., G_P^k on k storage-nodes;
 1: Read the first \rho edges of E_{seq} as an initial graph sample
 2: Apply gain-based partitioning algorithm on G_s to obtain
     k approximate partitioner G_P^s = \{G_1^s, ..., G_k^s\};
 3: V_P^i = \emptyset, E_P^i = \emptyset, i = 1...k;
 4: repeat
        Apply DBS to sample the next \eta edges E' and let
        E^+ be the set of selected edge and E^- be the set of
       substituted edges;
       isRepartition = false; for each edge e^+ = (u, v) \in E' do
 6:
 7:
          if e^+ \in E^+ then
 8:
9:
              Let e^- \in E^- be the edge substitued by e^+;
              E_s = E_s \bigcup \{e^+\}/\{e^-\}; V_s = V_s \bigcup \{u, v\};
10:
11:
              u.sampled = true; v.sampled = true;
12:
              Check if G_s should be re-partitioned; if yes, set
              isRepartition = true;
13:
              for each u' \in \{u, v\} do
14:
                 if \exists i \in [1...k], u' \in V_s^i then
15:
                    u'.partition = i;
16:
17:
                    Set u'.partition = j by Eq. 12 and u'.AC;
18:
19:
                    u'.sampled = false;
                    V_s^j = V_s^j \bigcup \{u'\}; V_P^j = V_P^j \bigcup \{u'\};
20:
                 end if
21:
             \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{end} \ \mathbf{for} \\ E_P^{u.partition} = E_P^{u.partition} \bigcup \{e^+\}; \\ E_P^{v.partition} = E_P^{v.partition} \bigcup \{e^+\}; \end{array}
22:
23:
24:
           end if
25:
26:
        end for
        \mathbf{if} \ \ is Repartition == true \ \ \mathbf{then}
27:
28:
          Re-partition G_s and update the approximate par-
          titioner G_P^s;
29:
        end if
30: until the end of E_{seq}
31: //parallel implementation on each storage node
32: for each storage-site i \in [1...k] do
        for each vertex v \in V_P^i do
33:
          if v \not\in V_s^i then
34:
35:
              V_P^i = V_P^i/v;
36:
           else
              if !v.sampled and \exists v' \in v.AC, v'' \in V_s, v' ==
37:
              v'' \wedge v'.partition \neq v''.partition then
                 Re-allocate v.partition = j by Equation 12;
38:
                 V_P^i = V_P^i/v; V_P^j = V_P^j \bigcup \{v\}
39:
40:
              end if
41:
           end if
42:
        end for
        for each edge e = (u, v) \in E_P^i do
43:
          if \exists u' \in \{u, v\}, u' \not\in V_P^i then
44:
              E_P^i = E_P^i / \{e\};
E_P^u.partition} = E_P^{u.partition} \cup \{e\};
E_P^{v.partition} = E_P^{v.partition} \cup \{e\};
45:
46:
47:
48:
           end if
49:
        end for
        V_P^i = V_P^i \bigcup V_S^i; \, E_P^i = E_P^i \bigcup E_S^i;
50:
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51: end for