

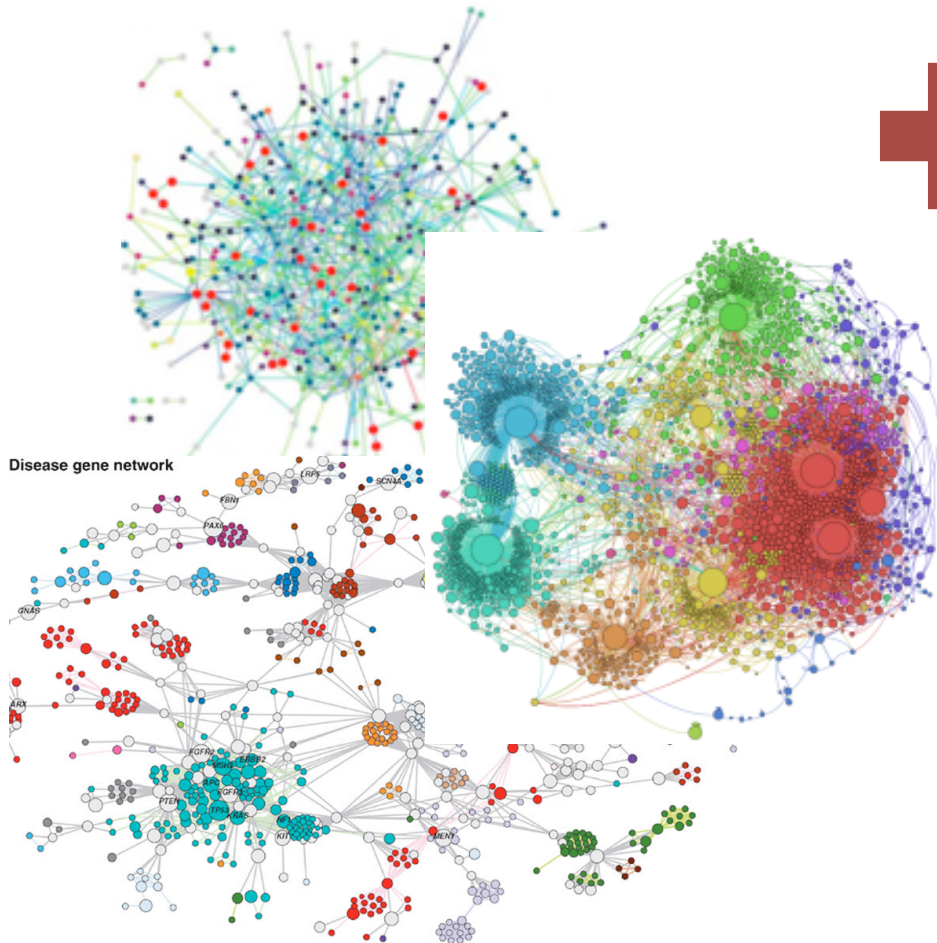
# A Family of Provably Correct Algorithms for Exact Triangle Counting

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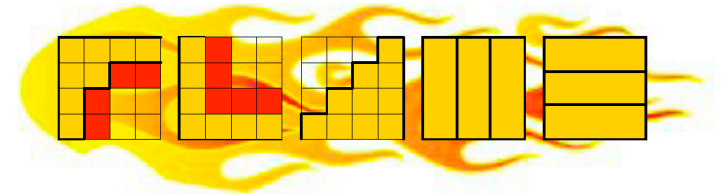
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# Motivation

Graphs are everywhere



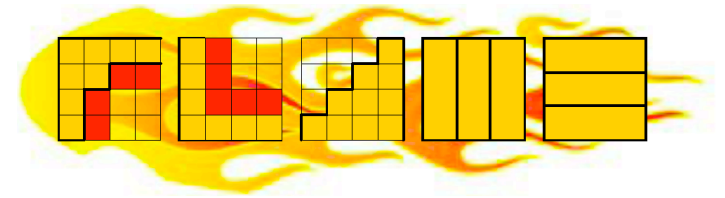
Correctness in HPC



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# FLAME



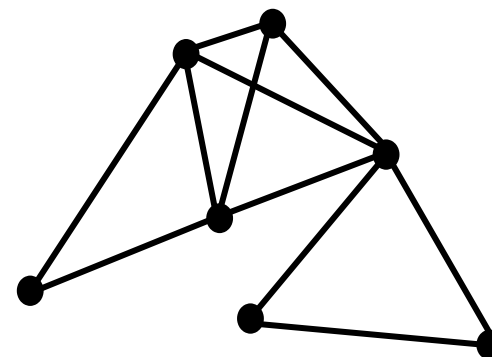
- Formal Linear Algebra Methods Environment
- Main components
  - 8-step algorithm derivation methodology
    - Requires loop invariants as input
    - Produces both algorithm and proof of correctness
  - Index-free APIs for implementing derived algorithms
- libFLAME
  - Formally derived common LAPACK functionality
  - High performance

**Key Idea: Find Loop Invariants for Graph Algorithms**

# Specifying the problem

- Number of triangles in a graph

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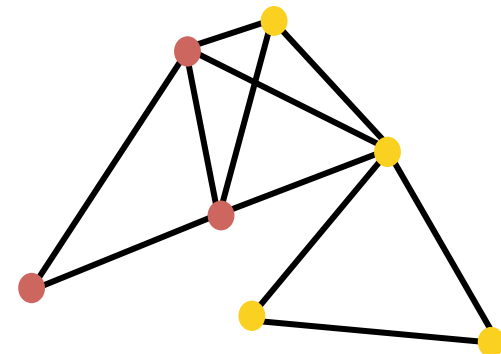
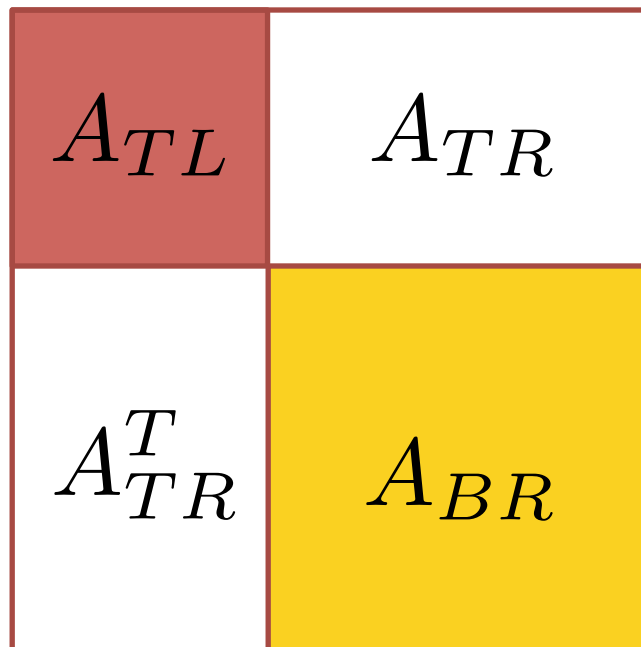


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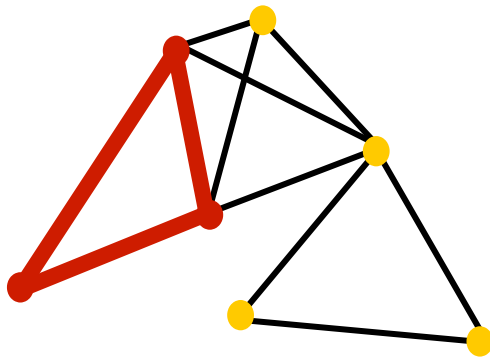
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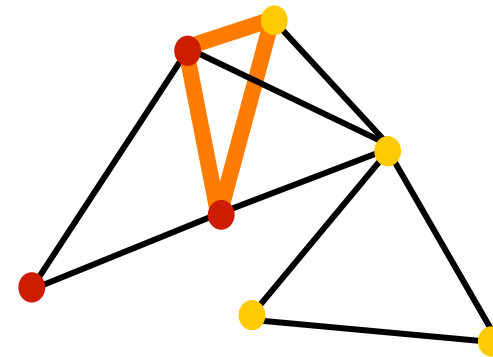


# Different Types of Triangles

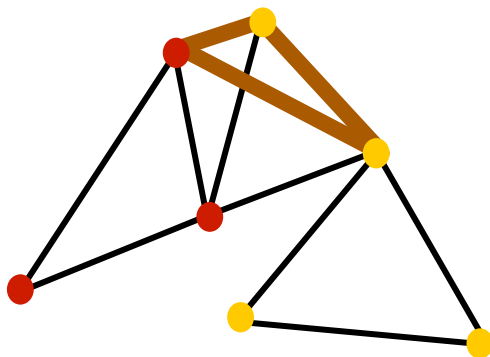
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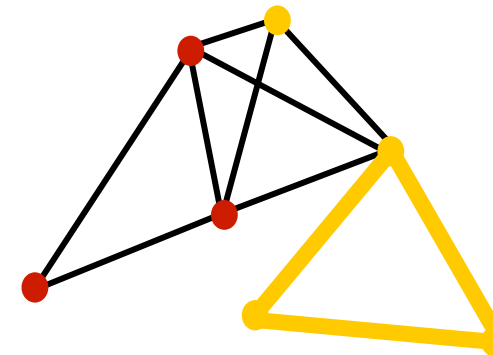
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Category II




Category III




Category IV

# Finding Loop Invariants

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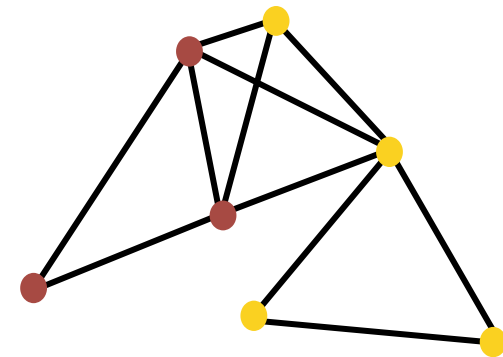
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**Loop Invariant:**  
**# of triangles that**  
**have been computed**



# Loop Invariants from PME

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# Derived Algorithms

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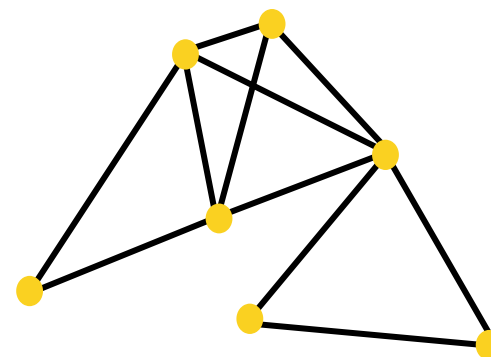
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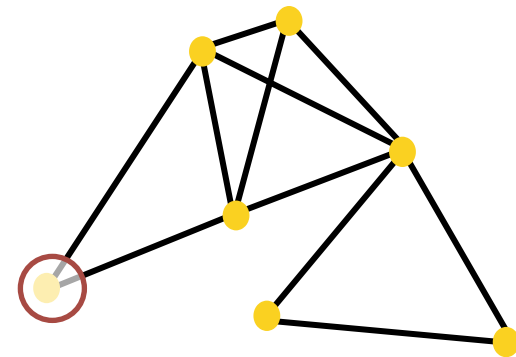
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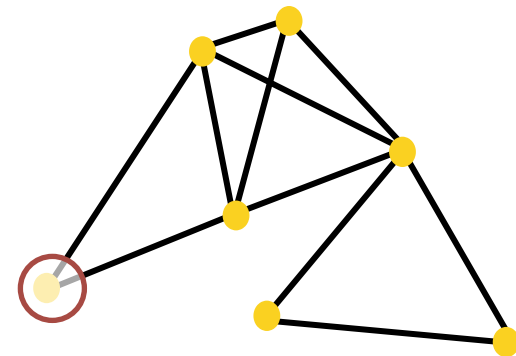
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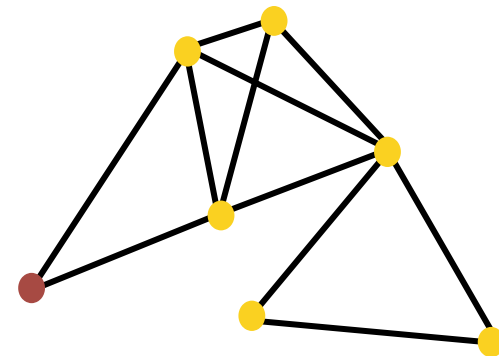
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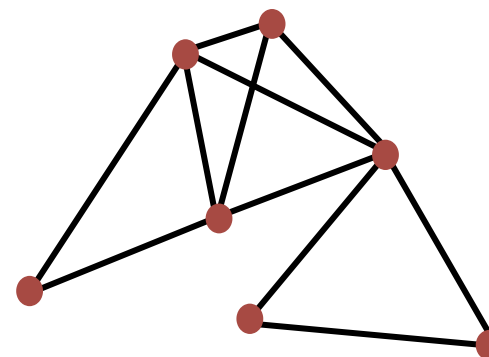
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# FLAME API

- Index-free API for implementing derived algorithms

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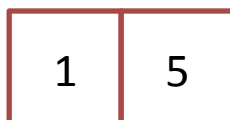
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                      /* ***** */ /* ***** */
                      &a10t, /**/ &alpha11, &a12t,
                      ABL, /**/ ABR,          &A20, /**/ &a21, &A22,
                      1, 1, FLA_BR );
```

- Separation of implementation and algorithm concerns



# Extension to the FLAME API

- Existing API supports only dense matrices
- Introduced
  - Support for sparse matrices (CSR)
  - Additional function, `dist_to_nonzero_column`
    - Conceptually treat sparse matrices as dense
    - Each “dense” block has only one non zero column
    - Returns blocking parameter to the next non zero



Actual Layout



Conceptual Layout

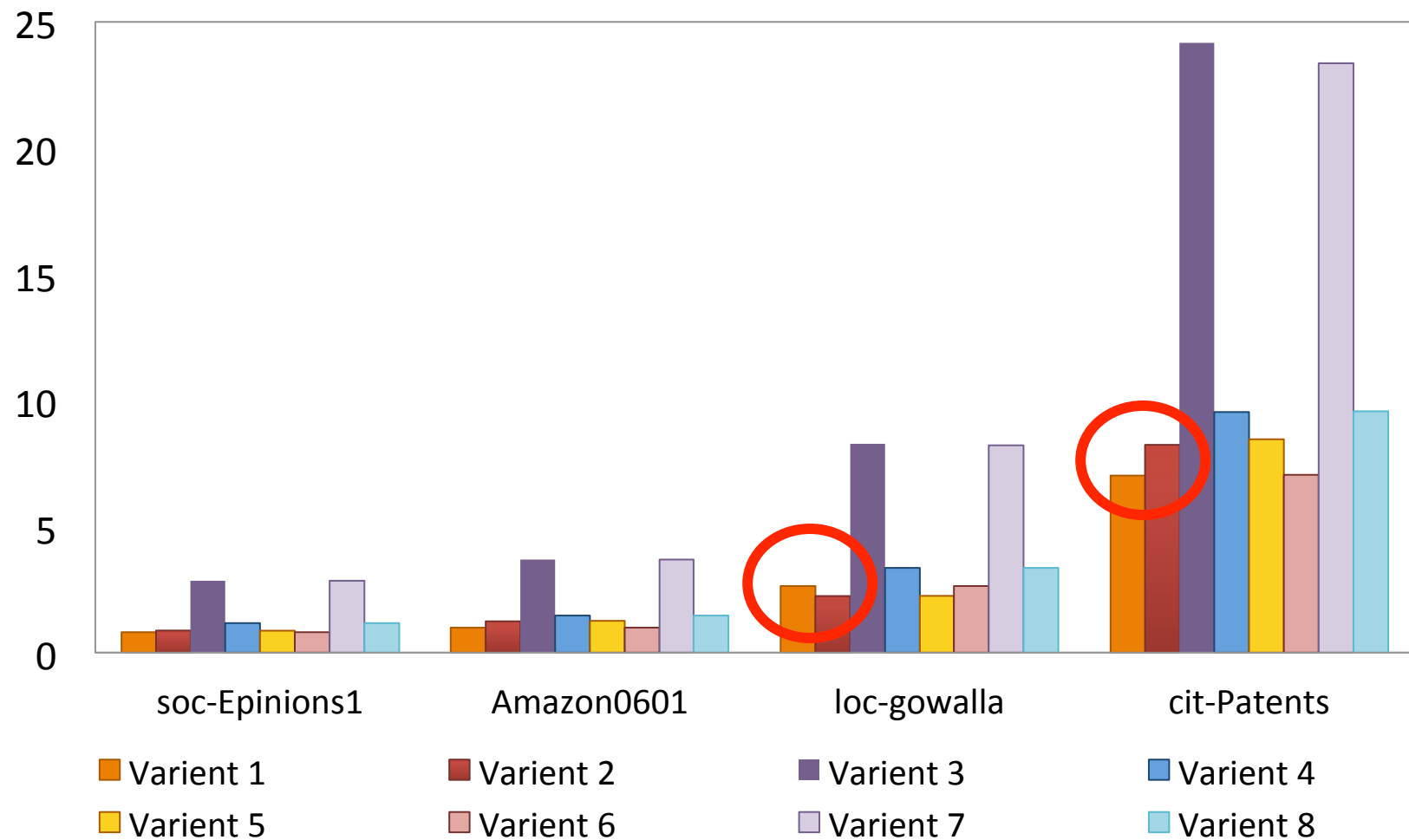
# Datasets

- Datasets
  - Graph Challenge website
  - Stanford Large Network Dataset (SNAP)
  - Directed graphs were made undirected

Dataset	Nodes	Edges	Triangles
soc-Epinions1	75,879	508,837	1,624,481
Amazon0601	403,394	3,387,388	3,986,507
loc-gowalla	196,591	950,327	2,273,138
Cit-Patents	3,774,768	16,518,948	7,515,023
Com-Friendster	65,608,366	1,806,067,135	4,173,724,142

# Performance

Execution Time (s)



Sequential Performance on Intel i7 E5-2667 v 3 Haswell , 3.2GHz

# Summary

- A family of formally derived algorithms for computing triangles in a graph
- First extension of the FLAME methodology beyond DLA
- API to support CSR format
- To do:
  - Analyze graph features that determine performance of algorithm
  - Reduce overhead of indexing functions

# Questions?



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