

## Massively Parallel Communication (MPC)

Inspired by frameworks such as MapReduce, Hadoop, Dryad, Spark

Clean algorithmic framework for designing algos. that can be parallelized

[KSV '10] MapReduce Class MRC

[BKS '13] MPC

Input data size :  $N$   
# machines :  $M$   
Memory per machine:  $S$

$S > N$  : single machine suffices

typically  $S = N^c \quad c < 1$

- Computation proceeds in synchronous rounds
- In each round, each machine operates on local data then sends/receives messages to/from other machines
  - communication sent/received  $\leq S$  words per round
  - ignore local computation
  - focus on # rounds

Other parameters : Replication factor:  $\frac{M \cdot S}{N}$

Total work / Work Efficiency

\* ignore asynchronous communication, fault tolerance

Graph problems :

$$n = |V|, \quad m = |E|$$

$$\text{input size } N = m$$

$$\# \text{ machines } M = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{N}{S}\right)$$

Three memory regimes:

① Strongly superlinear :  $S = n^{1+\varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon > 0$

② Near linear  $S = \Theta(n)$

③ Strongly sublinear  $S = n^\alpha$   $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

Initial data distrib": split across machines arbitrarily

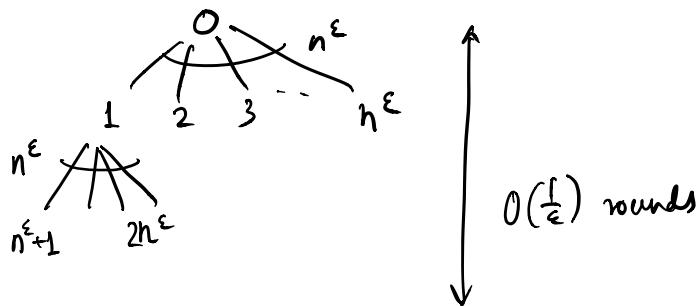
- can "load balance" using hashing in  $O(1)$  rounds

$S$  limits communication between machines in single round

How do we send/receive messages to all machines?

Say  $S = n^{1+\epsilon}$ , one machine needs to send  $n$  words to all  $M$  machines

$$S = n \cdot n^\epsilon$$



broadcast :

Converge Cast: All machines can send  $n$  word message to root with combination rule: union / intersection / sum

Computation output:

Output stored (in distributed fashion) on  $M$  machines

Sorting: machine holding item  $x$  knows rank/pos<sup>n</sup> of  $x$

Matching: machine holding vertex  $v$  knows if  $v$  is an endpt of matched edge (and if so, other end pt.)

Connectivity: machine holding vertex  $v$  knows id. of its connected component

If  $S$  large enough, entire output on one machine

Dense graph problems :  $N = m = n^{1+\epsilon}$

Superlinear memory :  $S = n^{1+\epsilon}$

[LM SV'11] : Filtering technique

MST, Matching

### Minimum Spanning Tree

Idea : Partition edges into subsets of size  $\leq S = n^{1+\epsilon}$   
and send each subgraph to its own machine

- Each machine computes MST of local subgraph
- throw out edge if it a heaviest edge on some cycle in local subgraph
- Any such edge is not in global MST either

Algorithm MST( $V, E$ )

If  $|E| < S$  then  
compute  $T^* = \text{MST}(E)$   
return  $T^*$

$$l = 2|E|/S$$

Partition  $E$  into  $E_1 \dots E_l$  where  $|E_i| < S$

using hash fn  $h : E \rightarrow \{1, 2 \dots l\}$

In parallel : compute  $T_i$  : mn. spanning tree on  $G(V, E_i)$   
return  $\text{MST}(V, UT_i)$

Each iteration reduces input size by  $n^\epsilon$

Lemma : Algo MST( $V, E$ ) terminates after  $\lceil \frac{C}{\epsilon} \rceil$  iterations  
& returns MST

Pf: Correctness (follows from earlier discussion)

random partitioning  $\Rightarrow$  w.h.p. each machine gets  $S$  edges

$$E[|E_i|] = \frac{S}{2} \cdot \text{w.h.p } |E_i| < S \\ (\text{Chernoff})$$

$$|UT_i| \leq l \cdot (n-1) \leq \frac{2|E|}{S} \cdot n = O\left(\frac{|E|}{n^\epsilon}\right)$$

Terminates in  $\lceil \frac{C}{\epsilon} \rceil$  rounds.

Matching:

Maximum Matching

Maximal Matching:  $| \text{Maximal Matching} | \geq \frac{1}{2} | \text{Maximum Matching} |$

Idea: put subset  $E' \subseteq E$  on single machine

Find maximal matching

Remove matched vertices from graph

Continue till remaining edges fit on single machine

$E'$ : randomly selected:  $|E'| \leq S$

# edges decreases by  $\sim n^\epsilon$  in each round

Algorithm

Machine 0 is free

Edges distributed amongst machines 1 .. M

$G_r(V, E_r)$ : graph at round  $r \in \{0, \dots, R\}$

$G_0$ : input graph

In each round  $r$ :

1.  $M = |E_r|$

2. For  $i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$  machine  $i$  marks each local edge  
indptly w. prob.  $p = n^{1+\epsilon}/2m$

3. For  $i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , machine  $i$  sends marked edges to machine 0
4. Machine 0 computes maximal matching  $M_0$  on marked edges, announces matched vertices to machines 1 to  $M$
5. For  $i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , machine  $i$  discards any local edge that has a matched vertex as an end pt.

Thus: Algorithm terminates in  $O(\frac{c}{\epsilon})$  rounds

Lemma: W.h.p. #marked edges fit onto single machine

$$\text{Edges sampled w. prob } p = \frac{n^{1+\epsilon}}{2m}$$

$$E[\text{#marked edges}] = m \cdot p = \frac{n^{1+\epsilon}}{2}$$

Apply Chernoff.

Lemma: W.h.p. #remaining edges  $\leq \frac{4m}{n^\epsilon}$

Pf: I: unmatched vertices at end of round

No marked edge between any pair of vertices in I

If  $\gamma$  marked edge  $\{u, v\}$ , at least one of  $u, v$  will be matched. Contradiction

Consider arbitrary subset J of vertices

which  $\geq \frac{4m}{n^\epsilon}$  induced edges

$$P[\text{All induced edges in } J \text{ unmarked}] \leq (1-p)^{\frac{4m}{n^\epsilon}} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Recall} \\ p = \frac{n^{1+\epsilon}}{2m} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\leq e^{-p \cdot \frac{4m}{n^\epsilon}} = e^{-2m}$$

Union bound over all such sets J (at most  $2^n$  such)

$$\Pr\left[\text{A set with } \geq \frac{4m}{n^\varepsilon} \text{ induced edges, s.t. all unmarked}\right] \leq 2^n \cdot e^{-2n}$$

$\Rightarrow$  At most  $\frac{4m}{n^\varepsilon}$  remaining edges at end of round w.h.p.

Lemma: Algo terminates in  $K = O\left(\frac{c}{\varepsilon}\right)$  rounds

$O(\log n)$  rounds with near linear memory

[Gheffam et al '18] :  $O(1)$  approx in  $O(\log \log n)$  rounds  
w. near linear memory

[Gheffam, Uitto '19] :  $O(1)$  approx in  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{\log \Delta})$   
with  $n^\alpha$  memory  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

$O(1)$  approx can be turned into  $(1+\varepsilon)$  approx  
using ideas of [McGregor '05]  
 $\sim \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^{1/\varepsilon}$  overhead.