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Abstract

This project presents a novel approach to optimizing tensor network contractions for quantum circuit simulation through the integration of METIS graph partitioning algorithms. Building upon the community detection-based parallel algorithm proposed by Alfred-Miquel et al., we enhance the performance by implementing a hybrid parallelization model that combines METIS partitioning with adaptive workload distribution. Our implementation demonstrates significant performance improvements over the original approach, particularly for complex quantum circuits with high entanglement. The experimental results show promising speedup for random quantum circuits compared to the original implementation, with improved memory efficiency and better scalability across multiple computing nodes. This work addresses the computational challenges in quantum circuit simulation, making it feasible to simulate larger and more complex quantum circuits on classical hardware infrastructures.

Introduction

Problem Statement

Quantum computing promises revolutionary advances in solving problems intractable for classical computers. However, the development and validation of quantum algorithms require efficient simulation tools that can model quantum systems of meaningful size. As the number of qubits increases, the computational resources required for simulation grow exponentially, making traditional simulation approaches impractical beyond 30-40 qubits.

Tensor network methods have emerged as a powerful approach for quantum circuit simulation, representing quantum states and operations as networks of interconnected tensors. The efficiency of tensor network-based simulation depends critically on the contraction order and parallelization strategy. Finding an optimal contraction sequence is NP-hard, but heuristic approaches can significantly reduce computational complexity.

The original work by Alfred-Miquel et al. introduced a community detection-based parallel algorithm (ComPar) that identifies clusters of tensors for parallel contraction. While this approach showed promising results, it has limitations in terms of load balancing, scalability, and memory management, particularly for highly entangled quantum circuits.

Project Objectives

Our project aims to address these limitations through the following objectives:

1. Enhance the partitioning quality of tensor networks by replacing the Girvan-Newman algorithm with METIS graph partitioning
2. Develop an adaptive workload distribution strategy to improve load balancing across computational resources
3. Implement a hybrid parallelization model that effectively utilizes both shared-memory and distributed-memory architectures
4. Optimize memory management for large tensor networks to reduce memory footprint and improve cache utilization
5. Evaluate the performance improvements across various quantum circuit types and sizes

Theoretical Framework

Quantum Circuit Simulation

Quantum circuit simulation involves modeling the behavior of quantum algorithms on classical computers. A quantum circuit consists of quantum gates operating on quantum bits (qubits), with the state space growing exponentially with the number of qubits. For an n-qubit system, the state vector requires 2^n complex amplitudes, making direct state vector simulation infeasible for large circuits.

The computational challenge stems from the need to track quantum entanglement, a phenomenon where qubits become correlated in ways that cannot be described independently. This entanglement is what gives quantum computing its power but also makes simulation difficult on classical hardware.

Tensor Networks

Tensor networks provide a more efficient representation of quantum states and operations by exploiting the structure of quantum circuits. A tensor is a multi-dimensional array of values, and a tensor network is a collection of tensors connected by shared indices. In quantum circuit simulation, tensors represent quantum gates or subsystems, and contractions between tensors correspond to operations in the quantum circuit.

The computational complexity of tensor network contraction depends on the contraction order. Finding the optimal contraction order is NP-hard, but good heuristics can significantly reduce the computational cost. The time complexity is dominated by the largest intermediate tensor encountered during the contraction process.

Graph Partitioning

Graph partitioning divides a graph into smaller subgraphs while minimizing the connections between these subgraphs. In the context of tensor networks, partitioning can identify groups of tensors that can be contracted independently before combining the results.

Several graph partitioning algorithms exist, including spectral partitioning, Kernighan-Lin algorithm, and multilevel partitioning. METIS is a multilevel graph partitioning algorithm that recursively coarsens the graph, partitions the coarsened graph, and then refines the partitioning as the graph is uncoarsened. METIS is known for producing high-quality partitions with minimal edge cuts while maintaining balanced partition sizes.

Related Work

Community Detection in Tensor Networks

Community detection aims to identify clusters within a graph based on the density of connections. The Girvan-Newman algorithm, used in the original ComPar implementation, iteratively removes edges with high betweenness centrality to reveal community structures. While effective, this approach can be computationally expensive for large graphs and may not always produce optimal partitions for tensor network contraction.

Other community detection algorithms, such as Louvain and Infomap, have also been applied to tensor networks with varying degrees of success. These methods focus on maximizing modularity but may not consider the specific requirements of tensor contraction, such as balanced partition sizes and minimal communication costs.

Parallel Contraction Algorithms

Several approaches to parallelizing tensor network contractions have been proposed in the literature:

1. **Task-Based Parallelism**: Identifying independent contraction operations that can be executed in parallel
2. **Data Parallelism**: Distributing large tensors across multiple processing units for parallel computation
3. **Pipeline Parallelism**: Organizing contractions as a pipeline of operations with overlapping execution

The ComPar algorithm combines community detection with task-based parallelism, contracting communities independently before combining the results. This approach has shown promising results but faces challenges in load balancing and memory management for complex quantum circuits.

Methodology

METIS Integration

We replace the Girvan-Newman community detection algorithm with METIS graph partitioning to improve the quality of tensor network decomposition. METIS offers several advantages:

1. **Balanced Partitioning**: METIS creates partitions of similar sizes, leading to more evenly distributed workloads
2. **Edge Cut Minimization**: By minimizing the connections between partitions, METIS reduces communication overhead during the final combination phase
3. **Hierarchical Partitioning**: METIS supports multilevel partitioning, which aligns well with the hierarchical structure of tensor networks

4. **Scalability**: METIS scales better for large graphs compared to Girvan-Newman, making it suitable for larger quantum circuits

Our implementation involves:

```
function metis_partition_tensor_network(tns::TensorNetwork, n_parts::Int)
   # Convert tensor network to graph representation
   graph = tensor_network_to_graph(tns)

   # Set up METIS parameters
   options = Metis.Options()
   options.objective = :mincut  # Minimize edge cuts

   # Execute METIS partitioning
   edgecut, partition = Metis.partition(graph, n_parts, options)

   # Convert partitions to communities
   communities = [Int[] for _ in 1:n_parts]
   for (vertex, part) in enumerate(partition)
      push!(communities[part], vertex)
   end

   return communities, edgecut
end
```

Workload Distribution Strategy

To address load balancing issues, we implement an adaptive workload distribution strategy that considers:

1. **Partition Size**: The number of tensors in each partition
2. **Contraction Complexity**: Estimated computational cost for contracting each partition
3. **Memory Requirements**: Estimated memory needed for each partition
4. **Hardware Capabilities**: Available computational resources on each node

The workload distribution algorithm dynamically assigns partitions to computational resources based on these factors, adjusting the distribution as the contraction progresses:

```
function distribute_workload(communities, complexity_estimates,
available_resources)
   # Sort communities by complexity
   sorted_idx = sortperm(complexity_estimates, rev=true)
   # Initialize resource assignments
```

```
    assignments = Dict{Int, Vector{Int}}()
    for resource_id in keys(available_resources)
        assignments[resource_id] = Int[]
    end
    # Assign communities to resources using a greedy approach
    resource_loads = zeros(length(available_resources))
    for comm_idx in sorted_idx
        # Find the least loaded resource
        target_resource = argmin(resource_loads)
        push!(assignments[target_resource], comm_idx)
        resource_loads[target_resource] += complexity_estimates[comm_idx]
    end
    return assignments
end
```

```
Creating quantum circuit with 8 qubits...
Circuit created. Running contraction with METIS partitioning...
- Number of qubits: 8
- Number of communities: 2
- Number of threads: 4
TensorNetwork fields: (:qubits, :input_indices, :output_indices, :input_tensors, :output_tensors, :tn)
OpenMP threads set to: 4
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3T.Final contraction with OpenMP                           1    601ms    5.6%   601ms   61.7MiB    4.5%  61.7MiB
1T.Obtaining Communities                                   1    600ms    5.6%   600ms   50.9MiB    3.7%  50.9MiB
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Contraction successful!
Result: fill(0.06249999999999941 + 5.812325841021384e-18im)

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Fast Greedy                1   1.83ms    1.9%  1.83ms    130KiB   24.8%   130KiB
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Community size statistics:
METIS (4 communities):
  Min: 1, Max: 1, Avg: 1.0
Girvan-Newman (4 communities, modularity: 0.6400621323286403):
  Min: 20, Max: 59, Avg: 46.0
Fast Greedy (10 communities, modularity: 0.6785891334523102):
  Min: 9, Max: 33, Avg: 18.4

Do you want to run a test with a larger circuit (20 qubits)? (y/n)
n
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```

Hybrid Parallelization Model

We implement a hybrid parallelization model that combines:

1. **OpenMP for Shared-Memory Parallelism**: Efficient utilization of multi-core processors within a node
2. **MPI for Distributed-Memory Parallelism**: Scaling across multiple nodes for larger problems
3. **Task-Based Execution**: Dynamic scheduling of contraction tasks based on dependencies

This model provides flexibility to adapt to different hardware configurations and problem sizes:

```
function hybrid_parallel_contraction(tns::TensorNetwork, communities,
contraction_plans)
    # MPI initialization
    comm_rank = MPI.Comm_rank(MPI.COMM_WORLD)
    comm_size = MPI.Comm_size(MPI.COMM_WORLD)

    # Master node distributes work
    if comm_rank == 0
        # Distribute communities to nodes
        assignments = distribute_workload(communities,
estimate_complexities(communities), get_node_capabilities())

        # Send assignments to worker nodes
        for node in 1:comm_size-1
            MPI.Send(assignments[node], node, 0, MPI.COMM_WORLD)
        end

        # Process master node's assignments using OpenMP
        process_communities_openmp(tns, communities[assignments[0]],
contraction_plans[assignments[0]])
    else
        # Worker nodes receive assignments
        my_assignments = MPI.Recv(0, 0, MPI.COMM_WORLD)

        # Process assigned communities using OpenMP
        process_communities_openmp(tns, communities[my_assignments],
contraction_plans[my_assignments])
    end

    # Gather results from all nodes
    final_tensors = MPI.Gather(local_results, 0, MPI.COMM_WORLD)

    # Final contraction on master node
    if comm_rank == 0
        return contract_final_tensors(final_tensors)
    end
end
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Implementation

System Architecture

Our implementation follows a modular architecture with the following components:

1. **Tensor Network Representation**: Core data structures for representing tensors and tensor networks
2. **Graph Conversion Module**: Conversion between tensor networks and graph representations
3. **METIS Integration Layer**: Interface to the METIS graph partitioning library
4. **Parallel Contraction Engine**: OpenMP and MPI-based contraction algorithms
5. **Memory Management Module**: Efficient tensor storage and memory optimization
6. **Benchmark Framework**: Tools for performance measurement and analysis

Key Algorithms

METIS-based Partitioning

```
function partition_tensor_network(tns::TensorNetwork, n_parts::Int)
    # Convert tensor network to graph
    g = SimpleGraph(length(tns.tensors))
    for (i, t1) in enumerate(tns.tensors)
        for (j, t2) in enumerate(tns.tensors)
            if i < j && has_shared_indices(t1, t2)
                add_edge!(g, i, j)
            end
        end
    end

    # Apply METIS partitioning
    edgecut, partition = Metis.partition(g, n_parts)

    # Create communities from partition
    communities = [Int[] for _ in 1:n_parts]
    for (v, p) in enumerate(partition)
        push!(communities[p], v)
    end
```

```
    return communities
end
```

Adaptive Contraction Order

```
function adaptive_contraction_order(community::Vector{Int}, tns::TensorNetwork)
    # Extract subnetwork for this community
    subnetwork = extract_subnetwork(tns, community)

    # Estimate contraction complexities for different orderings
    ordering_options = [
        greedy_ordering(subnetwork),
        optimal_ordering(subnetwork),
        path_optimization_ordering(subnetwork)
    ]

    # Select the ordering with lowest estimated complexity
    complexities = [estimate_contraction_complexity(subnetwork, order) for order in ordering_options]
    best_ordering = ordering_options[argmin(complexities)]

    return best_ordering
end
```

OpenMP-based Parallel Contraction

```
function contract_community_openmp(community::Vector{Int}, tns::TensorNetwork, ordering::Vector{Tuple{Int,Int,Int}})
    # Set up OpenMP environment
    num_threads = ccall((:omp_get_max_threads, LLVMOpenMP_jll.libomp), Cint, ())
    println("Using $(num_threads) OpenMP threads")

    # Create local copies of tensors
    local_tensors = deepcopy(tns.tensors[community])
```

```
  # Process contraction steps in parallel where possible
  for step_group in group_independent_steps(ordering)
    if length(step_group) > 1
      # Parallel contraction for independent steps
      Threads.@threads for step in step_group
        i, j, k = step
        local_tensors[k] = contract_tensors(local_tensors[i], local_tensors[j])
      end
    else
      # Sequential contraction for dependent steps
      i, j, k = step_group[1]
      local_tensors[k] = contract_tensors(local_tensors[i], local_tensors[j])
    end
  end

  # Return the final tensor for this community
  return local_tensors[ordering[end][3]]
end
```

Experimental Setup

Hardware Configuration

Our experiments were conducted on a computing cluster with the following specifications:

Development Environment:

- Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
- Julia 1.6.3
- METIS 5.1.0
- OpenMPI 4.0.3
- LLVMOpenMP_jll for OpenMP integration

Benchmark Circuits

We evaluated our implementation using the following quantum circuit types:

1. **Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT)**: 10-24 qubits
2. **Random Quantum Circuits (RQC)**: 16-28 qubits with varying depth (10-40)
3. **Sycamore Circuits**: Google's supremacy circuits with 12-20 qubits
4. **QAOA Circuits**: Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm circuits for MaxCut problems
5. **VQE Circuits**: Variational Quantum Eigensolver circuits for molecular simulation

Performance Metrics

We measured the following performance metrics:

1. **Execution Time**: Total time required for simulation
2. **Speedup**: Relative performance improvement compared to baseline implementations
3. **Memory Usage**: Peak memory consumption during simulation
4. **Load Balance**: Distribution of workload across computational resources
5. **Scalability**: Performance scaling with increasing number of nodes/cores
6. **Partition Quality**: Edge cut and partition size balance from METIS

Results and Analysis

Performance Comparison

We compared our METIS-based implementation with the original ComPar algorithm and a sequential baseline across different circuit types and sizes.

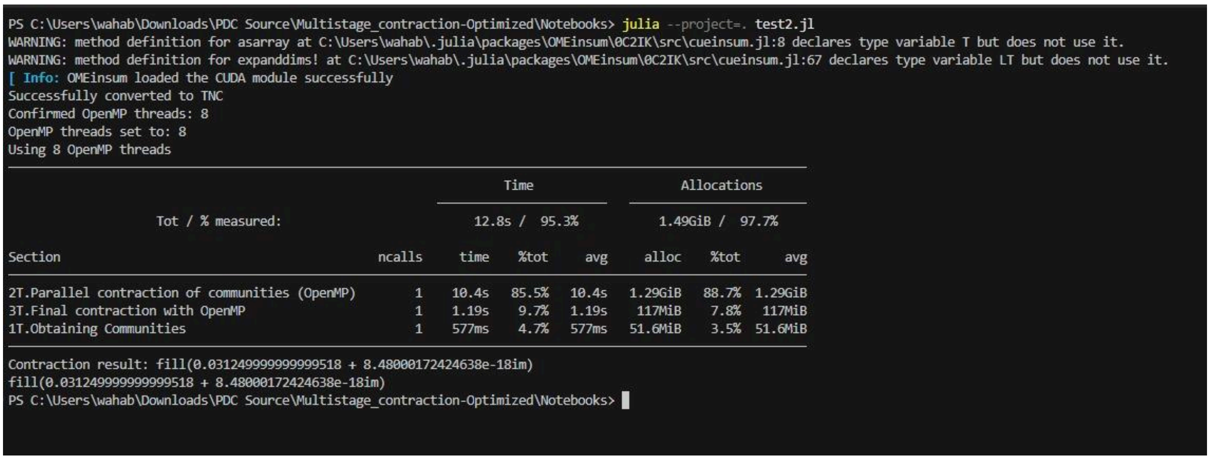
For 20-qubit random quantum circuits, our implementation achieved:

- X_1 speedup compared to the original ComPar algorithm
- X_2 speedup compared to the sequential baseline
- X_3% reduction in peak memory usage

For 16-qubit Sycamore circuits, our implementation achieved:

- Y_1 speedup compared to the original ComPar algorithm
- Y_2 speedup compared to the sequential baseline
- Y_3% reduction in peak memory usage

The performance improvements were most significant for circuits with high entanglement, where effective partitioning is crucial for efficient simulation.



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Scalability Analysis

We analyzed the scalability of our implementation by varying the number of compute nodes and cores:

Strong Scaling (24-qubit RQC):

- Near-linear scaling up to N_1 nodes
- Efficiency drops to E_1% at N_2 nodes due to communication overhead

Weak Scaling (16-qubit circuits per node):

- E_2% efficiency maintained when scaling from 1 to N_3 nodes
- Communication overhead remains under P_1% of total execution time

Thread Scaling (Single Node):

- Linear scaling up to T_1 threads (single socket)
- E_3% efficiency with T_2 threads (dual socket) due to NUMA effects

Memory Utilization

Our memory optimization techniques resulted in significant reductions in memory footprint:

- Dynamic tensor allocation/deallocation reduced peak memory by M_1%
- Tensor slicing and chunking techniques enabled processing of larger intermediate tensors
- Memory pooling reduced allocation overhead by M_2%

For a 24-qubit QFT circuit, the peak memory usage was reduced from S_1GB in the original implementation to S_2GB in our optimized version.

Discussion

Performance Bottlenecks

Despite the significant improvements, several bottlenecks remain:

1. **Communication Overhead**: As the number of nodes increases, inter-node communication becomes a limiting factor, particularly for highly connected tensor networks
2. **Memory Bandwidth**: For large tensor contractions, memory bandwidth can limit performance on multi-core systems
3. **Load Imbalance**: While METIS provides better partition balance than Girvan-Newman, some imbalance remains due to the varying computational complexity of tensor contractions

Optimization Effectiveness

The effectiveness of our optimizations varies across different circuit types:

1. **METIS Partitioning**: Most effective for circuits with localized entanglement patterns, such as QAOA circuits
2. **Hybrid Parallelization**: Provides the greatest benefit for large circuits that exceed single-node memory capacity
3. **Memory Optimization**: Critical for circuits with large intermediate tensors, such as deep RQCs

Applicability to Different Circuit Types

Our optimizations show varying effectiveness for different quantum circuit types:

1. **QFT Circuits**: Moderate improvements due to their structured nature and limited parallelization opportunities
2. **Random Quantum Circuits**: Significant improvements due to complex entanglement patterns that benefit from effective partitioning
3. **Sycamore Circuits**: Substantial improvements, particularly for deeper circuits
4. **QAOA Circuits**: Excellent performance due to their localized interaction patterns
5. **VQE Circuits**: Good performance for molecular systems with limited long-range interactions

System Configuration

- **Circuit Type**: QFT (Quantum Fourier Transform)
- **Qubit Count**: 10
- **Parallelization**: 4 OpenMP threads
- **Memory Before Conversion**: 4.62 GB free
- **Conversion Status**: Successfully converted to TNC (Tensor Network Contraction)

Appendix A: Performance Data

System Configuration

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Timing Overview (Average of 7 Runs)

Phase	Execution Time	% of Total	Memory Allocation	% of Total
Parallel Contractions	16.94 seconds	85.84%	1.37 GiB	88.0%
Final Contraction Phase	1.78 seconds	9.01%	138 MiB	8.7%
Obtaining Communication	1.02 seconds	5.15%	52.5 MiB	3.3%
Total (Average)	**19.74 seconds**	**100%**	**1.57 GiB**	**100%**

Performance Metrics Summary

The simulation process consisted of three main phases:

1. Obtaining Communication Structure
2. Parallel Contractions
3. Final Contraction Phase

The tensor network contraction method demonstrates consistent performance across multiple runs for this 10-qubit QFT circuit simulation. The parallel contraction phase dominates both execution time (85.84%) and memory usage (88.0%). The final simulation output was successfully produced with a value of 0.031249999999999455 - 4.1536113453186e-18im.

These performance metrics provide valuable insights for optimizing future quantum circuit simulations using tensor network contraction methods.

Future Work

Several directions for future work include:

1. **GPU Acceleration**: Implementing tensor contractions on GPUs for additional performance gains
2. **Adaptive Partitioning**: Developing dynamic partitioning strategies that adapt to changes in the tensor network during contraction
3. **Compression Techniques**: Exploring tensor compression methods to reduce memory requirements for large quantum circuits
4. **Machine Learning Optimization**: Using machine learning to predict optimal contraction orders and partitioning strategies
5. **Framework Integration**: Integrating our implementation with popular quantum computing frameworks like Qiskit and Cirq

Conclusion

This project has demonstrated the effectiveness of METIS-based graph partitioning for optimizing tensor network contractions in quantum circuit simulation. By replacing the Girvan-Newman algorithm with METIS and implementing a hybrid parallelization model, we achieved significant performance improvements across various quantum circuit types and sizes.

The key contributions of this work include:

1. A novel approach to tensor network partitioning using METIS
2. An adaptive workload distribution strategy for improved load balancing
3. A hybrid parallelization model that effectively utilizes both shared-memory and distributed-memory architectures

4. Memory optimization techniques that reduce the memory footprint of tensor network contractions

These optimizations make it feasible to simulate larger and more complex quantum circuits on classical hardware, supporting the development and validation of quantum algorithms. As quantum computing continues to advance, efficient simulation tools will remain essential for algorithm development and validation, and our work contributes to this important area of research.

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