

NetworkX Backend Dispatching



Plugin Arch.

entry_points

Automatic
backend testing

For testing:
NETWORKX_TEST_BACKEND=parallel
NETWORKX_FALLBACK_TO_NX=True
pytest --pyargs networkx "\$@"

9th July, 2024



local_efficiency-**8.8x**
betweenness centrality-**6.4x**
square_clustering-**4.1x**
bipartite.node_redundancy-**4.1x**

*for 300-node random graphs (edge probability = 0.6)

can_run
should_run
on_start_tests

caching

logging

backend priority

config



NetworkX

A pure Python library for
network analysis

backends

Backend
Interface

backend_info

get_info

nx-parallel

A parallel backend for NetworkX, utilizing Joblib to implement graph algorithms on multiple CPU cores.

too many
parallel
processes
and no
GIL

To chunk or
not to chunk?

Usage:

```
>>> import nx_parallel as nxp
>>> nx.betweenness centrality(G,
>>> backend="parallel")
>>> H = nxp.ParallelGraph(G)
>>> nx.betweenness centrality(H)
```

```
$ export NETWORKX_AUTOMATIC_BACKEND=parallel
&& python nx_code.py
```



TO-DO

- Designing the pipeline nicely
- Benchmarking
- Adding distributed graph algorithms

joblib

Loky

threading

multiprocessing

dask, ray...



feel free to
contribute and
nurture!

Aditi Tumeja (@Schefflera-Arboricola)