GrapH: Heterogeneity-Aware Graph Computation with Adaptive Partitioning

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Partition graph with vertex-cut



Motivation

- Many high-effect Vertex-centric graph processing systems use graph partitioning algorithms assuming:
 - uniform vertex traffic exchanged between graph vertices
 - homogeneous underlying network costs.
- However, in real-world scenarios:
 - vertex traffic and network costs are heterogeneous.

→ suboptimal partitioning decisions and inefficient graph processing.

Motivation: Traffic- & network-aware vertex-cut



Distributed vertex computation model

- organized in iterations
- three phases, Gather, Apply and Scatter (GAS), in each iteration.



Goal

1. (Mainly) Optimal dynamic assignment of edges to machines minimizing overall communication costs:

Dynamic Assignment
$$a_{opt} = \arg\min_{a} \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{m \in R_v^a(i)} t^v(i) T_{m,\mathcal{M}_v}$$

2. Machine load Lm(i), the summed vertex traffic, is bounded by a small balancing factor $\lambda > 1$:

Load of machine m
$$L_m(i) = \sum_{v \in V_m} t^v(i) < \lambda \frac{\sum_{v \in V} t^v(i)}{|M|}$$
.

Hardness

• Dynamic network- and traffic-aware partitioning problem is NP-hard.

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 is NP-hard

: the reduce problem: Network- and traffic-unaware partitioning problem is NP-hard

$$a_{opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_a \sum_i \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{m \in R_v^a(i)} 1 * 1 = \operatorname{argmin}_a \sum_{v \in V} |R_v^a|$$
 is NP-hard

Solution

- Consist two phases:
- H-load:
 - a partitioning algorithm for pre-partitioning the graph
- H-move:
 - a dynamic algorithm for runtime refinement using migration of edges.

H-load

Consist two phases:

1. Group partitions into c clusters and map edges to partitions such that replicas preferentially lie in the same cluster

Each edge (u, v) is assigned to a partition p as follows: 1) If no replica of u or v on any partition \rightarrow assign (u, v) to the least loaded partition.

2) If exist partitions containing replicas of *u* and *v* → assign (*u*, *v*) to the least loaded of those partitions.

3) **Otherwise**, choose partition *p* such that the new replica preferentially lies in the same cluster as already existing replicas.

H-load

2. Find a good mapping of partitions to machines

Use iterated local search algorithm to greedily minimize (communication) costs.

- 1) Initially, partitions are randomly mapped to machines.
- 2) Then iteratively the following method:
 - a) Find two machines, if an exchange of partition assignments would lower total communication costs.
 - b) If an improvement is found, it is applied immediately.
 - c) Perturb a local optimal solution by randomly exchanging two assignments to avoid convergence to local minima.

H-move

- Idea:
 - Each machine locally migrate *bag-of-edges* (in parallel) after each GAS iteration.
 - *bag-of-edges* is the set of edges to be migrated.
 - Finally, if no further improvements can be performed, migration is switched off.



Fig. 4. Example of bag-of-edges migration to reduce inter-machine traffic.

H-move - Migration algorithm

Algorithm 1 Migration algorithm on machine m.

- 1: waitForActivation()
- 2: $m' \leftarrow selectPartner()$
- 3: $b \leftarrow bagOfEdges(m')$
- 4: lock(b)
- 5: $b \leftarrow updateLocked(b)$
- 6: $\Delta c \leftarrow c_+ c_-$
- 7: if $\Delta c < 0$ then
- 8: migrateBag(b)
- 9: releaseLocks(b)

H-move - Determining the bag-of-edges

Algorithm 2 Determining the bag-of-edges to exchange.

- 1: function bagOfEdges(m'):
- 2: $bag \leftarrow []$
- 3: candidates $\leftarrow sort(adjacent(m'))$ Capacity $C = (L_{m'} L_m)/2$.
- 4: while hasCapacity(m', bag) do

5:
$$v \leftarrow candidates.removeFirst()$$

- 6: $b \leftarrow \{(u, v) | u \neq v\}$
- 7: $\Delta c \leftarrow c_+ c_-$
- 8: if $\Delta c < 0$ then
- 9: $bag \leftarrow bag + b$
- 10: return bag

Evaluation - setup

- To get the graph in real world, implemented the three graph algorithms:
 - PageRank, denoted as PR
- compared migration strategies with static vertex-cut partitioning approaches:
 - hashing of edges (Hash) and PowerGraph (PG).
- Implemented GrapH in the Java programming language
- GrapH consists of a master machine and multiple client machines
- The master receives a sequence of graph processing queries q1, q2, q3, ... consisting of user specified GAS algorithms.
- All machines communicate directly via TCP/IP.
- Use two computing clusters with homogeneous and heterogeneous network costs.

| Machine placement | Incoming traffic | Outgoing traffic |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Same AZ | 0.00-0.01 \$/GB | 0.00-0.01 \$/GB |
| Different AZ, same region | 0.01 \$/GB | 0.01 \$/GB |
| Different region | 0.00 \$/GB | 0.02 \$/GB |
| Internet | 0.00 \$/GB | 0.00-0.09 \$/GB |

Evaluation - *Setup*

TABLE I HETEROGENEOUS COMMUNICATION COSTS FOR AMAZON EC2 CLOUD INSTANCES (AUGUST 2015).

- The homogeneous computing cluster (ComputeC) consists of 12 machines, each with 8 cores (3.0GHZ) and 32GB RAM, interconnected with 1 Gbps ethernet.
- The heterogeneous computing cluster (CloudC) is deployed in the Amazon cloud using 8 geographically distributed EC2 instances (1 virtual CPU with 3.3 GHz and 1 GB RAM) that are distributed across two regions, US East (Virginia) and EU (Frankfurt), and four different availability zones. .
- As network costs between these instances, we used the real monetary costs charged by Amazon (Tab. I).

Evaluation - Communication costs



(a) PR on *Twitter*(Traffic-awareness)

(b) PR on *GoogleWeb*

Evaluation - Communication costs



(c) PR on *GoogleWeb*.

(f) Pre-partitionings

Evaluation – *Load balancing*



(c) PR on *GoogleWeb*.

Conclusion

• Modern graph processing systems use vertex-cut partitioning methods assume:

do not hold for many real-world applications.

- **uniform** vertex traffic
- uniform vertex traffic
 homogeneous network costs
- GrapH considers
 - dynamic vertex traffic
 - **diverse** network costs

By adaptively minimizing communication costs of the vertex-cut at runtime.

• Evaluation show that GrapH outperforms PowerGraph's vertex-cut partitioning algorithm by more than 60% communication costs.