# Partitioning for Parallel Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiplication

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Vectors partitioned identically

## Objective

- Ideally we minimize total run-time
- Settle for easier objective
  - Work balanced
  - Minimize total communication volume
- •Can partition matrices in different ways
  - -1-D
  - -2-D
- Can model communication in different ways
  - -Graph
  - Bipartite graph
  - Hypergraph





•  $x_j$  sent to remote processes that have nonzeros in column j



• Local partial inner-products



• Send partial inner-products to process that owns corresponding vector element  $y_i$ 



• Accumulate partial inner-products to obtain complete resulting vector

### 1-D Column Partitioning



• Each process assigned nonzeros for set of columns

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• Only "fan-in" communication stage necessary

### 1-D Row Partitioning



• Each process assigned nonzeros for set of rows

### 1-D Row Partitioning



• Only "fan-out" communication stage necessary



 Each row or column represented by graph vertex

- Weighted by number of nonzeros in row/column



Nonzeros represented by edges between
 2 vertices (corresponding to nonzero row, col)



- Partition into k equal sets
  - Such that number of cut edges is minimized

### Graph Model Shortcomings



- Inaccurate approximation of communication volume
  - Approximate volume: 6
  - Actual volume: 4

#### Graph Model Shortcomings



- Requires symmetric nonzero pattern
- NP-hard to solve optimally

### Hypergraph Model of 1-D (Row) Partitioning



- Nonzero pattern can be unsymmetric
- Rows represented by vertices in hypergraph
  - Weighted by number of nonzeros in row

Hypergraph Model of 1-D (Row) Partitioning



 Columns represented by hyperedges in hypergraph

### Hypergraph Model of 1-D (Row) Partitioning



- Partition vertices into k equal sets
- Hyperedge cut = communication volume
  Aykanat and Catalyurek (1996)
- NP-hard to solve optimally

#### **Graph Model Revisited**



- Bisection: count boundary vertices
- Slightly more complicated for k>2

#### When 1-D Partitioning is Inadequate



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- For nxn matrix for any 1-D bisection:
  - -nnz = 3n-2

– Volume ≈ 3/4\*n

## 2-D Partitioning Methods

- More flexibility
- Yield lower communication volume for many problems

### 2-D Partitioning Methods: Cartesian



- Different variations
- Two-stage partitioning of rows and columns with 1D hypergraph partitioning

### 2-D Partitioning Methods: Cartesian



- Block version shown for clarity
- Stage 1: partition rows

### 2-D Partitioning Methods: Cartesian



- Stage 2: partition columns
- Load imbalance



- Piet Mondria(a)n
  - -Dutch painter (1872-1944)
  - -Colored rectangles
  - -Black rectilinear lines



- •2D Mondriaan Method
  - -Bisseling, Vastenhouw
  - –Irregular rectangle partitions



- Recursive bisection hypergraph partitioning
- Each level: 1D row or column partitioning



- Block version shown for clarity
- Level 1-- entire matrix
- Row partitioning (cut: 4 vs. 5)



- Level 2 -- upper partition
- Column partitioning



- Level 2 -- lower partition
- Row partitioning (balance)



- Mondriaan
  - Fairly fast
  - Generally yields good partitions
  - Does not suffer from poor load-balancing





 Rows represented by hyperedges



 Columns represented by hyperedges



• 2n hyperedges



- Partition vertices into k equal sets
- Volume = hypergraph cut
- Minimum volume partitioning when optimally solved
- Larger NP-hard problem



 Loosening load-balancing restriction we can obtain minimum cut (for nontrivial partitioning)



 Optimal partitioning of arrowhead matrix suggests new partitioning method



1-D partitions reflected across diagonal



• Take lower triangular part of matrix



 1-D (column) hypergraph partitioning of lower triangular matrix



Reflect partitioning symmetrically across diagonal



• Optimal (non-trivial) partitioning

### Comparison of Methods -- Arrowhead Matrix

k	1D Column	Mondriaan	Corner	Fine-Grain
2	29101	29102	2*	2*
4	40001	29778	6*	6*
16	40012	37459	30*	30*
64	40048	39424	126*	126*





- n = 40,000
- nnz = 119,998

\*optimal

#### Comparison of Methods -- "Real" Matrices



#### Comparison of Methods -- finan512 Matrix



#### Comparison of Methods -- bcsstk30 Matrix



- Many models for reducing communication in matrix-vector multiplication
- 1-D partitioning inadequate for many partitioning problems
- •New method of 2-D matrix partitioning
  - –Improvement for some matrices
  - -Faster than fine-grain method

- Better intuition for "corner" partitioning method
  - -Optimal for arrowhead matrix
  - -Good for finan512, bcsstk30 matrices
  - -When effective?
- Reordering of matrix rows/columns for "corner" partitioning method
  - -Unlike 1-D graph/hypergraph, dependence on ordering
  - -Find optimal ordering/partition
  - -Extend utility of method

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