Steady-State Scheduling (2)

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Changing the objective:

- Makespan minimization: reasonable for small set of tasks
- On distributed heterogeneous platforms: large amount of work

- No difference if program runs for 3 hours or 3 hours + 5 secondes
- Total completion time may not be the right metric
- Efficient resource utilization during steady-state: throughput maximization
- Neglect initialization and clean-up phases



Broadcast

3 Master-slave tasking

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$$C_{\max} = \max_{i,j} C_{i,j}$$

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Conservation law

$$\sum_{i \mid (i,j) \in A} n_{i,j}^{k,l} = \sum_{i \mid (j,i) \in A} n_{j,i}^{k,l} \quad \forall (k,l), j \neq k, j \neq l$$

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number of messages $n_{i,j}^{k,l}$ of each edge to minimize total congestion



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After time-step

$$T \equiv \left\lceil \frac{C_{\max}}{\Omega} \right\rceil \Omega \le C_{\max} + \Omega$$

sequentially process M residual packets in no longer than ML time-steps, where L is the maximum length of a simple path in the network

Feasibility

$$\sum_{(k,l)} m_{i,j}^{k,l} \le \sum_{(k,l)} \frac{n_{i,j}^{k,l}\Omega}{C_{\max}} = \frac{C_{i,j}\Omega}{C_{\max}} \le \Omega$$

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$$C_{\max} \le C^* \le C_{\max} + \sqrt{C_{\max}n_c} + 2|A|\sqrt{C_{\max}n_c}|V| + |A|n_c|V|$$
$$C^* = C_{\max} + O(\sqrt{C_{\max}})$$

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Steady-state scheduling

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Efficiency Periodic schedule, described in compact form

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Packet routing without fixed path

2 Broadcast

3 Master-slave tasking



Broadcasting data

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- Finding the best spanning tree: NP-Complete problem (even in the telephone model)



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Next node: minimize $(R_i) + c_{ij} + (\min c_{jk})$, $P_j, P_k \notin T$

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Broadcasting longer messages

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• LA heuristic: broadcast time becomes 70

Broadcasting longer messages



Introduction to Pipelined Communications

• Complex applications on gridS require collective communication schemes:

one-to-all Broadcast, Multicast, Scatter all-to -one Reduce all-to-all Gossip, All-to-All

- Numerous studies of a single communication scheme, mainly about one single broadcast
- Pipelining communications:
 - data parallelism involves a large amount of data
 - not a single communication, but a series of same communication schemes (e.g. a series of broadcasts from the same source)
 - maximize throughput of the steady-state operation

Modeling the platform

- G = (P, E, c)
- Let P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n be the n processors
- $(P_j, P_k) \in E$ denotes a communication link between P_i and P_j
- $c(P_j, P_k)$ denotes the time to transfer one unit-size message from P_j to P_k
- one-port for incoming communications
- one-port for outgoing communications



Pipelining Broadcasts

• Send n messages from P_0 to all other P_i 's

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- What is the best broadcast throughput when using a single tree, a DAG, or a general graph?

With a tree

The throughput with the best tree is 2 messages every 3 tops



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With a DAG

The throughput with the best DAG is 4 messages every 5 tops



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Problem Statement

- Input: G = (P, E, c)
- Output:
 - The best throughput $\frac{p}{q}$
 - A "compact" description of the behiavior of the nodes.



During q time steps • step 1: $P_{i_1}^{(1)}$ sends $\alpha_{i_1}^{(1)}$ mess to $P_{j_1}^{(1)}$ • step 1: $P_{i_2}^{(1)}$ sends $\alpha_{i_2}^{(1)}$ mess to $P_{j_2}^{(1)}$ • \vdots • step q: $P_{i_n}^{(q)}$ sends $\alpha_{i_n}^{(q)}$ mess to $P_{j_n}^{(q)}$

The size of such a description may be polynomial

Broadcast: Linear Program (1)

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$$\forall i, t_{j,k} \ge x_i^{j,k} c_{j,k}$$
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- too optimistic since it supposes that all the messages are sub-messages of the largest one
- OK for a lower bound, may not be feasible



one-port model, for a unit message

- at most one sending operation:
- at most one receiving operation:

$$\sum_{P_j, P_k) \in E} t_{j,k} \le t_j^{out}$$

$$\sum_{(P_k, P_j) \in E} t_{k,j} \le t_j^{in}$$

and at last,

 $\begin{array}{ll} \bullet \ \forall j, \quad t_j^{out} \leq t^{broadcast} \\ \bullet \ \forall j, \quad t_j^{in} \leq t^{broadcast} \end{array}$

MINIMIZE $t^{broadcast}$, SUBJECT TO $\begin{cases} \forall i, \qquad \sum x_i^{0,k} = 1 \\ \forall i, \qquad \sum x_i^{j,i} = 1 \\ \forall i, \forall j \neq 0, i, \qquad \sum x_i^{j,k} = \sum x_i^{k,j} \\ \forall i, j, k \qquad t_{j,k} \geq x_i^{j,k} c_{j,k} \\ \forall j, \qquad \sum (P_j, P_k) \in E \ t_{j,k} \leq t_j^{out} \\ \forall j, \qquad \sum (P_k, P_j) \in E \ t_{k,j} \leq t_j^{in} \\ \forall j, \qquad t_j^{out} \leq t^{broadcast} \\ \forall j, \qquad t_j^{in} \leq t^{broadcast} \end{cases}$

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Caveats

- The linear program provides a lower bound for the broadcasting time of a unit-size divisible message
- It is not obvious that this lower bound is feasible since we considered that all the messages using the same communication link are sub-messages of the largest one.

Consider the multicast of a message:

- Some nodes not involved in receiving the messages
- Ue the same equations, but if P_i does not belong to the multicast set, then $\sum x_i^{0,k}=1$ and $\sum x_i^{j,i}=1$ are removed

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Lower Bound ??? Multicast Example (2)

Nevertheless, the obtained throughput is not feasible:



Lower Bound ??? Broadcast Example

For broadcast, the bound is nevertheless tight:



2 disjoint broadcast trees T_1 and T_2 , of weight $\frac{1}{2} \Longrightarrow 1$ message broacast at every top.

- How to find the trees ?
- How to keep the number of (weighted) trees relatively low ?

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 $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mbox{fraction of messages leaving } P_0 & \sum x_i^{0,k} = 1 \\ \mbox{fraction of messages arriving at } P_i & \sum x_i^{j,i} = 1 \\ \mbox{conservation law at } P_i \neq P_0, \ P_i & \sum x_i^{j,k} = \sum x_i^{k,j} \end{array} \right.$

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• $c(P_0, P_i)$ minimum weight to remove to disconnect = 1

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$$c(P_0) = \min c(P_0, P_i) =$$

• $n_{j,k} = \max_{i} \left\{ x_{i}^{j,k} \right\}$ is the fraction of messages through (P_{j}, P_{k}) .

Theorem (Weighted version of Edmond's branching Theorem)

Given a directed weighted G = (P, E, n), $P_0 \in P$ the source, we can find P_0 -arborescences, T_1, \ldots, T_k , and weights $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k$ with $\forall j, k, \sum \lambda_i \delta(T_i) \leq n_{j,k}$ with

$$\sum \lambda_i = c(P_0) = 1,$$

in strongly polynomial time, and $k \leq |E| + |V|^3$.

This theorem provides:

- the set of trees, their weights
- and the number of trees is "low": $\leq |E| + |V|^3$.

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number of trees $\leq |E| + |V|^3$ \times number of edges of one tree $\leq |V|$

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Conclusion

Complexity of steady-state problems

Ask biased question:

Can we determine best throughput and characterize a solution achieving it, all that in polynomial time?

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- Broadcast: yes
- Ø Multicast: no, NP-complete
- Scatter: yes (easier)
- Reduce: yes (complicated too)

Makespan minimization versus throughput Everything NP-hard.

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Communication model: full overlap, one-port for incoming and outgoing messages

 P_i requires $w_{i,k}$ time-units to process task T_k ($k \in \{begin, 1, end\}$).

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 - precedence constraints
 - resource constraints on processors
 - resource constraints on network links

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Steady-state equations

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Overlap Computations and communications take place simultaneously

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Consider a processor P_i and an edge $e_{k,l}$ of the application graph:

Files of type
$$e_{k,l}$$
 received: $\sum_{P_j \to P_i} sent(P_j \to P_i, e_{k,l})$

Files of type $e_{k,l}$ generated: $cons(P_i, T_k)$ Files of type $e_{k,l}$ consumed: $cons(P_i, T_l)$

Files of type
$$e_{k,l}$$
 sent: $\sum_{P_i \to P_j} sent(P_i \to P_j, e_{k,l})$
In steady state:

$$\begin{split} \forall P_i, \forall e_{k,l} : T_k \rightarrow T_l \in E_A, \\ \sum_{P_j \rightarrow P_i} sent(P_j \rightarrow P_i, e_{k,l}) + cons(P_i, T_k) = \\ \sum_{P_i \rightarrow P_j} sent(P_i \rightarrow P_j, e_{k,l}) + cons(P_i, T_l) \end{split}$$

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Upper bound for the throughput

$$\begin{split} & \text{MAXIMIZE } \rho = \sum_{i=1}^{p} cons(P_i, T_{end}), \\ & \text{UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS} \\ & \left(\begin{array}{c} (1a) \quad \forall P_i, \forall T_k \in V_A, \ 0 \leq cons(P_i, T_k) \times w_{i,k} \leq 1 \\ & (1b) \quad \forall P_i, P_j, \ 0 \leq sent(P_i \rightarrow P_j, e_{k,l}) \times (dat_{k,l} \times c_{i,j}) \leq 1 \\ & (1c) \quad \forall P_i, \ \sum_{P_i \rightarrow P_j} \sum_{e_{k,l} \in E_A} \left(sent(P_i \rightarrow P_j, e_{k,l}) \times dat_{k,l} \times c_{i,j} \right) \leq 1 \\ & (1d) \quad \forall P_i, \ \sum_{P_j \rightarrow P_i} \sum_{e_{k,l} \in E_A} \left(sent(P_j \rightarrow P_i, e_{k,l}) \times dat_{k,l} \times c_{j,i} \right) \leq 1 \\ & (1e) \quad \forall P_i, \ \sum_{T_k \in V_A} cons(P_i, T_k) \times w_{i,k} \leq 1 \\ & (1f) \quad \forall P_i, \forall e_{k,l} \in E_A : T_k \rightarrow T_l, \\ & \sum_{P_j \rightarrow P_i} sent(P_j \rightarrow P_i, e_{k,l}) + cons(P_i, T_k) = \\ & \sum_{P_i \rightarrow P_j} sent(P_i \rightarrow P_j, e_{k,l}) + cons(P_i, T_l) \\ & \end{array}$$
Back to the example



 $sent(P_i \rightarrow P_j, e_{k,l})$

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This decomposition is always possible





How to orchestrate these allocations?



Communication graph



Fraction of time spent transferring some $e_{k,l}$ file from P_i to P_j for a given allocation

One-port constraints = matching



Edge coloring (decomposition into matchings)



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Asymptotically optimal schedule

- The technique used in the example is
 - general
 - polynomial
- The resulting schedule is asymptotically optimal: within T time-steps, it differs from the optimal schedule by a constant number of tasks (independent of T)

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Extensions to collections of general task graphs

- More difficult but possible
- Maximizing throughput NP-hard 😑
- Most application DAGs have polynomial number of joins
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