Exploring the Design Space of Distributed Parallel SpMM

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- SpMM parallelization design space
- Data transfers in parallel SpMM
- CRP-SpMM
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SpMM

- Sparse matrix dense matrix (multiple vectors) multiplication
- $n = 1 \rightarrow$ SpMV, building block of many algorithms



SpMM applications

• Blocked iterative solvers: CheFSI, LOBPCG, etc.



SpMM applications

Non-negative matrix factorization



SpMM applications

• Graph neural network



Distributed-memory parallel SpMM

- Communication dominates the overall cost
- Irregular calculation and communication patterns
- Much larger design space than dense matmul

GEMM-based SpMM

• Use parallel GEMM (dense matmul) algorithms for SpMM



Not utilizing sparsity → overhead and load imbalance

SpMV-based SpMM

• Use parallel SpMV algorithms for multiple vectors



• Not utilizing *n*-dimension parallelism (columns of *B*)

SpMM parallelization design space

1D parallelization of SpMM



1D *m*-parallelization



1D k-parallelization



1D *n*-parallelization

2D and 3D parallelization of SpMM

- 2D and 3D schemes: combining 1D schemes
 - *mk*-, *mn*-, *kn*-, and *mkn*-parallelization
- Spanned by two perpendicular subspaces
 - Sparse matrix partitioning
 - Process grid size

Design subspace 1: matrix partitioning

• Row/column reordering (RCM, AMD, ...)





Design subspace 1: matrix partitioning

• 2D partitioning methods (jagged, fine-grain, ...)





Design subspace 2: process grid size

 $p = p_m \times p_k \times p_n$

Large *p* with many prime factors?



$$p_m = 4, p_n = p_k = 1$$



 $p_m = p_n = 2, p_k = 1$



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Data transfer in parallel SpMM

Notations

- $nnz(\cdot)$: number of non-zeros in a matrix block
- $|\cdot|$: size of a set
- I_i, J_i : row and column index sets
- $nec(\cdot)$: set of non-empty column indices in a matrix block
- $ner(\cdot)$: set of non-empty row indices in a matrix block

Data transfer in 1D parallelization

• 1D *m*-parallelization



Proc. 2
$$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 = A(5:8,:) \\ B_2 = B(5:8,:) \end{bmatrix}$$

 $nec(A_2) = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15\}$ $nec(A_2) = ner(A(:, 5:8))$

> Proc. 2 receives $B(\{3, 4, 13, 15\}, :)$ for $C(5: 8, :) = A_2 \times B$

Data transfer in 1D parallelization

• 1D *m*-para. total # matrix elem. to be transferred

$$S_m(p) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^p |nec(A(I_i,:))| - k\right)n$$
$$nec(A_2) = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15\}$$
Proc. 2 receives $B(\{3, 4, 13, 15\},:)$

Data transfer in 1D parallelization

• 1D k-para. total # matrix elem. to be transferred

$$S_k(p) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \left|ner(A(:,J_i))\right| - m\right)n$$

• 1D *n*-para. total # matrix elem. to be transferred

$$S_n(p) = (p-1) \cdot nnz(A)$$

Data transfer in 2D parallelization

• 2D mn-parallelization

$$S_{mn}(p_m, p_n) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{p_m} |nec(A(I_i, :))| - k\right) n + (p_n - 1) \cdot nnz(A)$$

• 2D kn-parallelization

$$S_{kn}(p_k, p_n) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{p_k} |ner(A(:, J_i))| - m\right) n + (p_n - 1) \cdot nnz(A)$$

Data transfer in 2D/3D parallelization

- 2D mk-para. and 3D para.
 - Depends on the 2D partitioning of A
 - No simple formula for total communication size





CRP-SpMM

CRP-SpMM

- Communication Reduced Parallel SpMM
- Uses 2D *mn*-parallelization
 - The solution space of $p_m \times p_n = p$ is smaller
 - Finding balanced 1D partitioning is cheaper
 - 1D m-parallelization is commonly used

Communication cost model

$$S(p_m, p_n) = r(A) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{p_m} |nec(A(I_i, :))| - k \right) n$$
$$+ f(A) \cdot (p_n - 1) \cdot nnz(A)$$

- Differs from $S_{mn}(p_m, p_n)$
 - r(A): number of times A will be reused (e.g., in iterative solver)
 - *f*(*A*): non-zero storage cost overhead (value / (value + indices))

2D process grid search

• Minimize the cost function:

$$S(p_m, p_n) = r(A) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{p_m} |nec(A(I_i, :))| - k \right) n$$
$$+ f(A) \cdot (p_n - 1) \cdot nnz(A)$$

Assumption: a smaller $p_m \rightarrow$ a smaller number *B* rows to copy

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2D process grid search algorithm

- 1. Baseline: 1D *p*-way row partitioning ($p_m = p, p_n = 1$)
- 2. Fast 2D grid search: multiple p_n with prime factors of p
- 3. Calculate a new p_m -way row partitioning using the baseline
- 4. If the new parallelization is better, save it

CRP-SpMM Computation

- 1. Replicate A once between p_n groups of processes
- 2. Each p_m -process group performs 1D m-parallel SpMM
 - (a) Pack *B* matrix rows for exchange
 - (b) Send and receive *B* matrix rows
 - (c) Unpack received *B* matrix rows
 - (d) Local SpMM

Numerical results

Experiment settings

- Georgia Tech PACE-Phoenix cluster
 - 2 * Intel Xeon Gold 6226 12-core, 192 GB DDR4, 100 Gbps IB
 - Intel C/C++ compiler v19.1, Intel MKL v19.1
- r(A) = 1
- f(A) = 1.5 (CSR format)

Communication sizes

• Comm. size of 1D *m*-para. and CRP-SpMM w/ METIS

Matrix	METIS	Alg. 1	<i>m</i> -para. Comm.	<i>mn</i> -para.	mn-para. Comm.
Name	Time (s)	Time (s)	$\tilde{\text{Size}}$ (×10 ⁶)	$p_m \stackrel{-}{\times} p_n$	Size ($\times 10^6$)
PFlow_742	8.08	0.01	359	128×2	315
Serena	5.78	0.01	666	128×2	625
Geo_1438	5.08	0.02	674	128×2	630
StocF-1465	4.14	0.01	442	64×4	361
Long_Coup_dt6	7.10	0.02	836	128×2	802
Hook_1498	5.13	0.01	620	128×2	557
Flan_1565	6.90	0.02	604	128×2	603
Bump_2911	13.22	0.04	1160	128×2	1136

256 processes (p = 256), *B* has 1024 columns (n = 1024)

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Matrix	<i>m</i> -para.	mn-para. Comm.	<i>mn</i> -para. Comm
Name	Size $(\times 10^6)$	$\overline{p}_m imes p_n$	Size ($\times 10^6$)
com-Orkut	26938	16 imes 16	12059
Amazon	30204	16 imes 16	16514
reddit	8583	32×8	2823
cage15	7281	32×8	5170
kmer_V2a	28765	32×8	28646
delaunay_n23	2518	256 imes 1	2518
wb-edu	184	256×1	184
nlpkkt160	5530	64×4	3999
Hardesty3	2201	16 imes 16	1919
SS	1647	64×4	883
circuit5M	5599	256×1	5599

256 processes (p = 256), *B* has 256 columns (n = 256)

Parallel runtime

- 128 nodes, 2 MPI ranks per node, 12 cores per MPI rank
- CB: CombBLAS (GEMM-based alg.), always use $p_m = p_n = 16$

Matrix	CB-best 1D <i>m</i> -para.		CRP-SpMM	
Name	Runtime (s)	Runtime (s)	$p_m imes p_n$	Âuntime (s)
PFlow_742	0.79	0.01		0.01
Serena	1.07	0.01		0.01
Geo_1438	1.22	0.01		0.01
StocF-1465	0.55	0.01	256×1	0.01
Long_Coup_dt6	1.59	0.02	200 X 1	0.02
Hook_1498	1.19	0.01		0.01
Flan_1565	2.20	0.01		0.01
Bump_2911	2.46	0.01		0.01
com-Orkut	2.31	0.75	16×16	0.31
Amazon	2.85	0.80	16×16	0.43
reddit	0.59	0.23	32×8	0.07
cage15	2.26	0.10	32×8	0.08
kmer_V2a	5.99	0.87	32×8	0.92
delaunay_n23	1.97	0.20	256×1	0.20
wb-edu	2.25	0.03	256×1	0.03
nlpkkt160	4.65	0.25	64×4	0.16
Hardesty3	1.40	0.03	16×16	0.03
SS	0.60	0.06	64×4	0.04
circuit5M	4.43	(N/A)	256×1	(N/A)

Future work

- Better algorithm for fast row partitioning in 2D grid search
- Extending for generalized 3D parallelization
- Performance improvement with low-level optimizations

Take-aways

- Parallelizing SpMM has a vast design space
- CRP-SpMM
 - Fast search of 2D *mn*-para. scheme for a lower comm. cost
 - Reuse existing algorithms and codes from SpMV
- Source code: https://github.com/scalable-matrix/CRP-SpMM

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Thank you for your attention. Questions?