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Abstract

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1 Problem Statement

Virtually all scientific and natural phenomena can be modeled as systems of differential equations that are solved using finite element and finite difference methods. The objective of this project is to solve linear systems arising from these methods. These sparse linear systems are too large to be solved cost effectively on traditional vector-supercomputers. This project aims at developing highly parallel linear system solvers and investigating their applications in problems of interest to US Army. This work has considerable significance since it will enable modeling accuracies and discretizations much finer than currently possible. It will also result in robust and portable software that can be used for a variety of applications.

2 Summary of Important Results

We have developed highly efficient parallel formulations of our multi-level graph partitioning algorithm that achieve high degree of concurrency, while maintaining the high quality partitions produced by the serial multi-level algorithm. Our parallel graph partitioning algorithm can partition very large graphs (e.g., over 8 million vertices) in 128 parts on a 128-processor Cray T3D in under 10 seconds. Thus, our parallel algorithm makes it possible to perform frequent mesh re-partitioning in adaptive computations without compromising quality.

In adaptive finite element computation, dynamic adjustments to the mesh require re-partitioning of the mesh to improve load balance. This re-partitioning also results in movement of data structures associated with graph vertices. Hence, a good re-partitioning algorithm should minimize the movement of vertices (in addition to balancing the load and minimizing the cut of the resulting new partition). In this project, we have developed parallel graph partitioners that minimize the movement of data (in addition to minimizing the edge cut of the partitioning) when a mesh is adaptively refined. This partitioner will also facilitate the development of highly parallel mesh generators, as the mesh generation algorithms also generate the mesh by adaptively refining it at various places.

Factorization algorithms based on threshold incomplete LU factorization (ILUT) have been found to be quite effective in preconditioning iterative system solvers. However, because these factorizations allow the fill elements to be created dynamically, their parallel formulations had not been well understood, and they had been considered to be unsuitable for distributed memory parallel computers. We have developed a highly parallel formulation of the ILUT factorization algorithm for distributed memory parallel computers. This algorithm uses our graph partitioning algorithm in conjunction with a parallel maximal independent subset algorithm to effectively parallelize both the factorization as well as the solution of the resulting triangular factors. Our experiments has shown that both the ILUT factorization as well as the solution of the resulting triangular systems can be performed very fast on distributed memory parallel computers. Furthermore, our experiments using the GMRES iterative solver show that the amount of time spent in computing the factorization is usually much less than the amount of time required to solve the systems.

We have developed massively parallel formulations of particle simulation techniques such as

Fast Multipole and Barnes-Hut methods, and have used this formulation for solving dense linear systems arising in boundary element solution of integral equations. For a problem with 200,000 unknowns, we demonstrate over two orders of magnitude speedup from parallelization and another two orders of magnitude from approximation in our preliminary implementation.

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The dissertation of Kumar's PhD student Anshul Gupta was selected as one of the five finalists in The ACM Doctoral Dissertation Competition for 1995.

The paper by Kumar's students Anshul Gupta and George Karypis on Scalable Sparse Matrix Factorization won Mannheim SuParCup Prize from the 1995 European Supercomputing conference.

The paper by Kumar's student Ananth Grama (co-authored with Kumar and Sameh), Parallel Hierarchical Solvers and Preconditioners for Boundary Element Methods, was selected as Best Student paper Nominee for Supercomputing'96, Pittsburgh, November 1996.