



# Exact and Parallel Triangle Counting in Dynamic Graphs

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- Dynamic Graphs

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# Triangle Counting



# Background Triangle Counting

## Applications

- Finding transitivity
- Spam detection in email networks
- Finding tightly knit communities
- Finding trusses k-trusses
- Evaluating the quality of different community detection algorithms

$$T = \frac{3 \times \text{number of triangles in the network}}{\text{number of connected triples of nodes in the network}}$$



# Background Triangle Counting

## Current Approaches

- Enumerating over all node triplets  $O(V^3)$
- Using linear algebra operations
- Adjacency list intersection (using hash tables)



# Dynamic Graphs



# Background Dynamic Graphs

Useful for larger graphs with evolving datasets

Needs two things

- 1) Dynamic data structure
- 2) Algorithm to update the metric of interest

Should be computationally inexpensive compared to restarting the computation from scratch

Should produce the same result as the static graph algorithm



# Background Dynamic Graphs

Existing dynamic graph frameworks

STINGER (DISTINGER for distributed systems and cuSTINGER for GPUs)

AIMS

GraphIN

- Why Stinger?



More flexible than CSR

Supports update operations

Better locality than a linked list

Lower storage bound





# Dynamic Graph Updating



# Dynamic Graph Updating

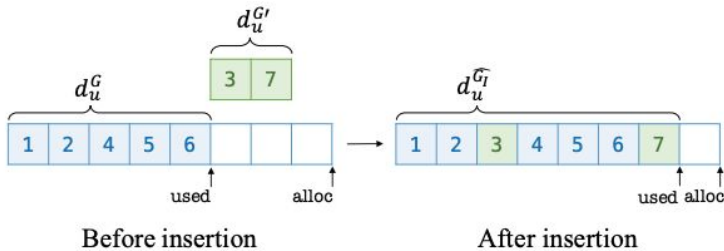
Bunch multiple changes to a graph into 'batches'

Given a batch update, create an **update-graph** ( $G'$ )

Represent the update-graph as a CSR and sort that update-graph

Assuming the original graph was and still is already sorted, merge  $G'$  and  $G$

# Dynamic Graph Updating Insertion



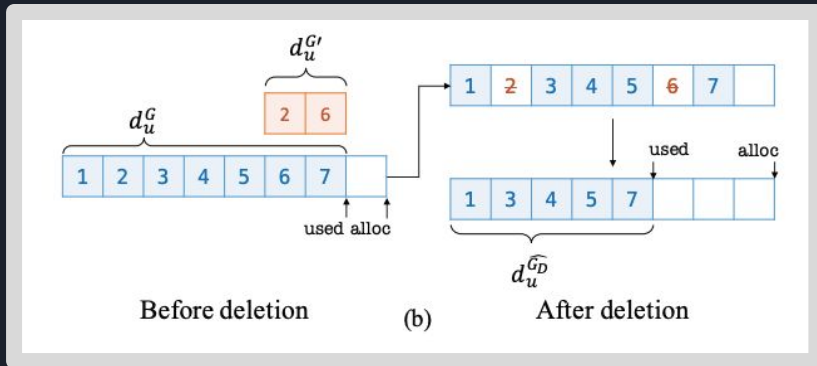
(a)

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1: procedure INSERTION
2:   parallel for  $u \in V$  do
3:      $i \leftarrow d_u^G$                                      ▷ degree of  $u$  in  $G$ 
4:      $j \leftarrow d_u^{G'}$                                  ▷ degree of  $u$  in  $G'$ 
5:     while  $i \geq 0 \wedge j \geq 0$  do
6:        $\text{diff} \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G)[i] - \text{adj}(u, G')[j]$ 
7:       if  $\text{diff} > 0$  then                                 ▷ Copy from original.
8:          $\text{adj}(u, G)[i + j + 1] \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G')[i]$ 
9:          $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
10:      else                                               ▷ Copy from batch graph.
11:         $\text{adj}(u, G)[i + j + 1] \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G')[j]$ 
12:         $j \leftarrow j - 1$ 
13:      end if
14:    end while
15:    while  $j \geq 0$  do
16:       $\text{adj}(u, G)[i + j + 1] \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G')[j]$ 
17:       $j \leftarrow j - 1$ 
18:    end while
19:  end procedure
  
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# Dynamic Graph Updating

## Deletion



**procedure** DELETION

**parallel for**  $u \in V$  **do**

$i \leftarrow d_u^G$

$j \leftarrow d_u^{G'}$

**while**  $i \geq 0 \wedge j \geq 0$  **do**

$\text{diff} \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G)[i] - \text{adj}(u, G')[j]$

**if**  $\text{diff} = 0$  **then**  $\text{adj}(u, G)[i] \leftarrow \text{NULL}$

**end if**

**if**  $\text{diff} \geq 0$  **then**  $i \leftarrow i - 1$

**end if**

**if**  $\text{diff} \leq 0$  **then**  $j \leftarrow j - 1$

**end if**

**end while**

$i \leftarrow 0$

$j \leftarrow 0$

**while**  $i < d_u$  **do**

**if**  $\text{adj}(u, G)[i] \neq \text{NULL}$  **then**

$\text{adj}(u, G)[i] \leftarrow \text{adj}(u, G)[j]; j \leftarrow j + 1$

**end if**

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

**end while**

$d_u \leftarrow j$

**end procedure**

▷ Stream compaction



# Triangle Count Updating



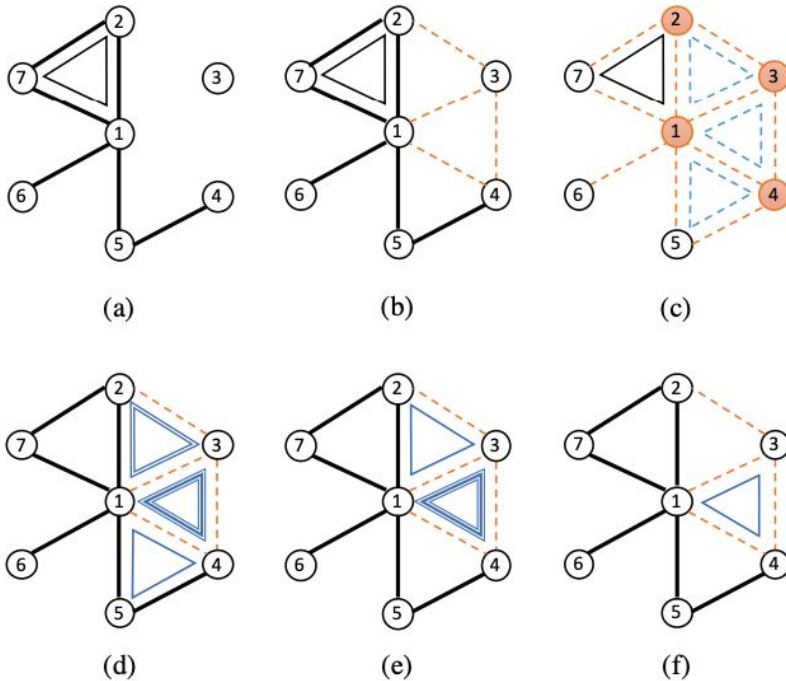
# Triangle Counting

## Types of Triangles

- $\Delta_1^i$  (triangles with 1 new edge and 2 old edges)
- $\Delta_2^i$  (triangles with 2 new edges and 1 old edge)
- $\Delta_3^i$  (triangles with 3 new edges)

$$\text{NewTriangles} = |\Delta_1^i| + |\Delta_2^i| + |\Delta_3^i|$$

# Triangle Counting



Break up discovery by num new edges

For each edge  $\langle u, v \rangle$  in the batch update, intersect the adjacency lists

$$s_{e,1} = \text{adj}(u, \widehat{G}_I) \cap \text{adj}(v, \widehat{G}_I)$$

$$S_1^i = 2 \cdot |\Delta_1^i| + 4 \cdot |\Delta_2^i| + 6 \cdot |\Delta_3^i|$$

$$S_2^i = \sum_{e \in E'} |s_{e,2}| = 2 \cdot |\Delta_2^i| + 6 \cdot |\Delta_3^i|$$

$$S_3^i = 6 \cdot |\Delta_3^i|$$



# Triangle Counting

After gathering and discover 1+, 2+ and 3+ new-edged triangles

Use Inclusion - Exclusion formula to compute total new triangles

$$|\Delta_1^i| + |\Delta_2^i| + |\Delta_3^i| = \frac{1}{2} \left( S_1^i - S_2^i + \frac{S_3^i}{3} \right)$$





# Triangle Counting

Deleting edges is simpler

Look for edges that existed  
before their removal

Triangles do not get recounted

$$S_1^d = 2 \cdot |\Delta_1^d| \quad (10)$$

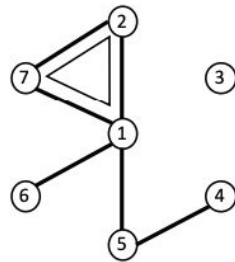
$$S_2^d = 2 \cdot |\Delta_2^d| \quad (11)$$

$$S_3^d = 2 \cdot |\Delta_3^d| \quad (12)$$

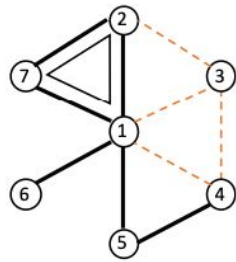
And from (10) + (11) + (12) we get

$$|\Delta_1^d| + |\Delta_2^d| + |\Delta_3^d| = \frac{1}{2}(S_1^d + S_2^d + S_3^d) \quad (13)$$

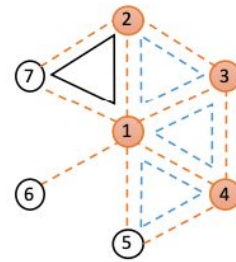
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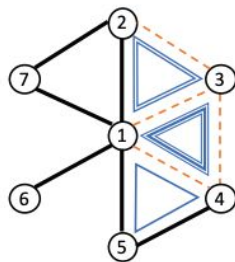
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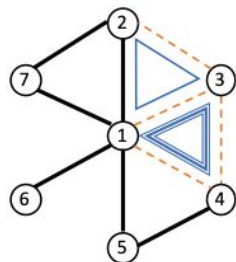
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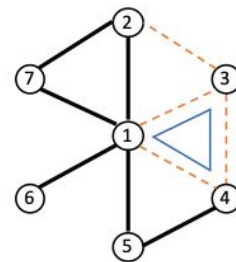
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)



# Evaluation

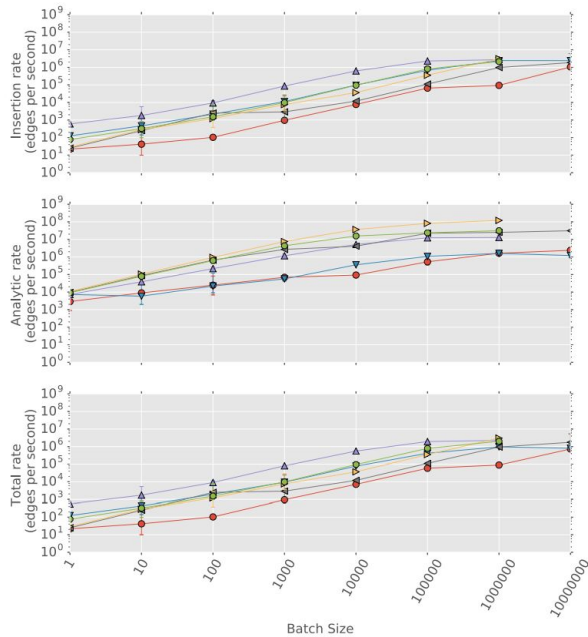
# Evaluation

## Networks Used

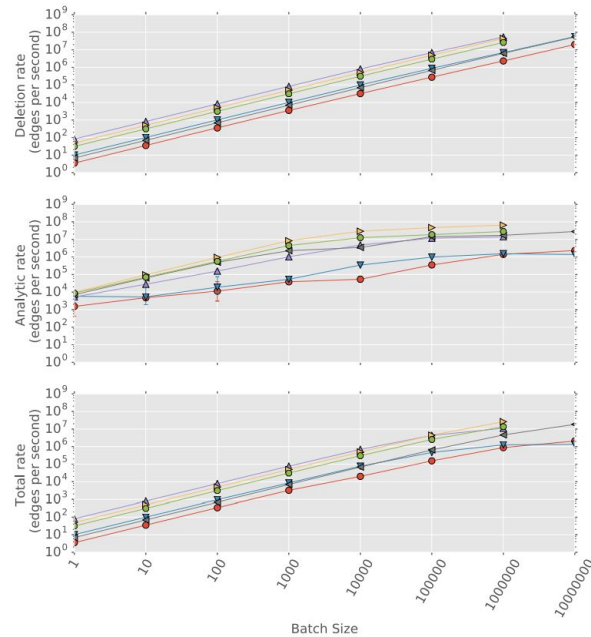
Name	Network Type	V	E	Ref.	Static (sec.)	Insertion (sec)			Deletion (sec)		
						100k	1M	10M	100k	1M	10M
coPapersDBLP	Social	540k	30M	[3]	1.032	0.053	0.452	-	0.025	0.098	-
in-2004	Webcrawl	1.38M	27M	[3]	18.176	0.213	2.208	-	0.117	1.805	-
com-orkut	Social	3M	234M	[25]	90.164	0.242	1.107	10.440	0.218	0.807	8.451
com-LiveJournal	Social	4M	69M	[25]	8.975	0.168	0.765	-	0.067	0.191	-
cage15	Matrix	5.15M	94M	[3]	1.638	0.132	0.651	-	0.043	0.091	-
nlpkkt160	Matrix	8.3M	221M	[3]	1.778	0.192	0.329	7.537	0.089	0.156	0.332
road_central	Road	14M	33M	[3]	1.348	0.288	0.348	-	0.029	0.057	-
nlpkkt200	Matrix	16.2M	432M	[3]	3.460	0.910	1.081	2.016	0.164	0.238	0.732
uk-2002	Webcrawl	18.52M	523M	[3]	522.586	1.653	10.875	12.416	0.629	1.170	5.981
road_usa	Road	24M	58M	[3]	2.188	0.480	0.550	-	0.046	0.074	-

# Evaluation

## Batch Size

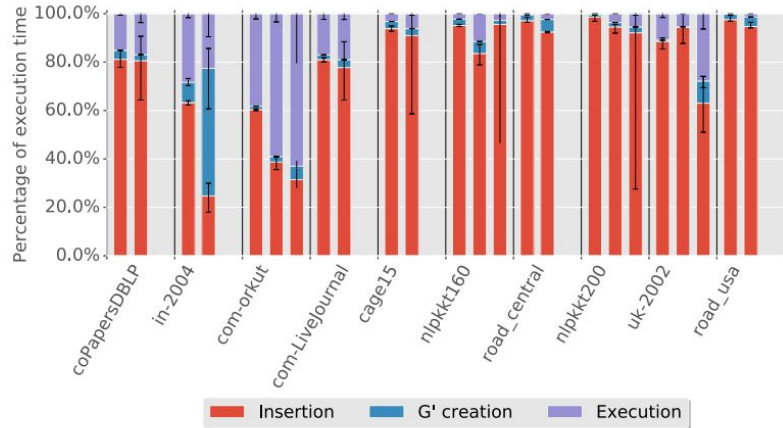


(a) Insertions

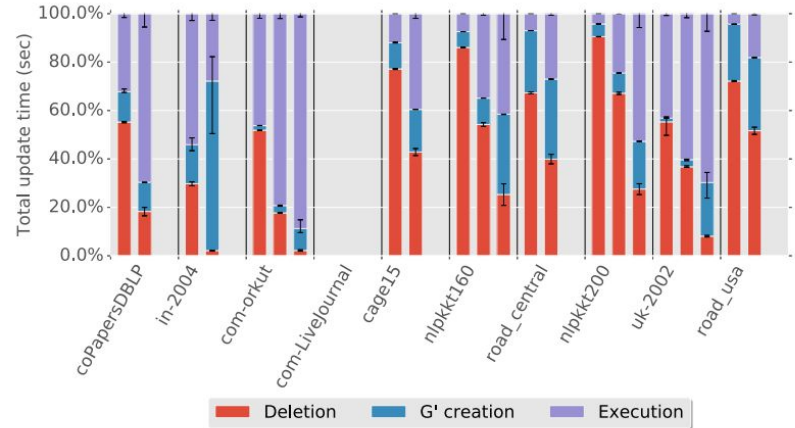


(b) Deletions

# Evaluation Breakdown



(a) Insertions



(b) Deletions

Fig. 4. This figure depicts the execution breakdown (in percentage) for the three stages in the execution: 1) creating the update graph  $G'$  from the batch update, 2) inserting (or deleting) the batches into the graph (modification of cuSTINGER), and 3) running the dynamic graph triangle counting.

# Evaluation Breakdown

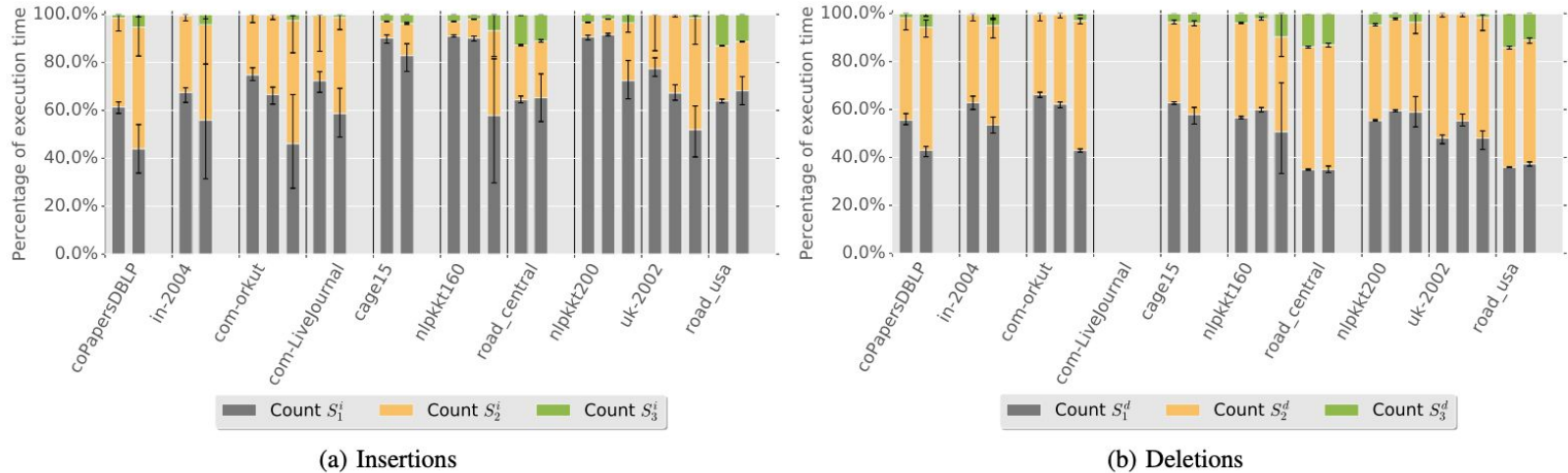
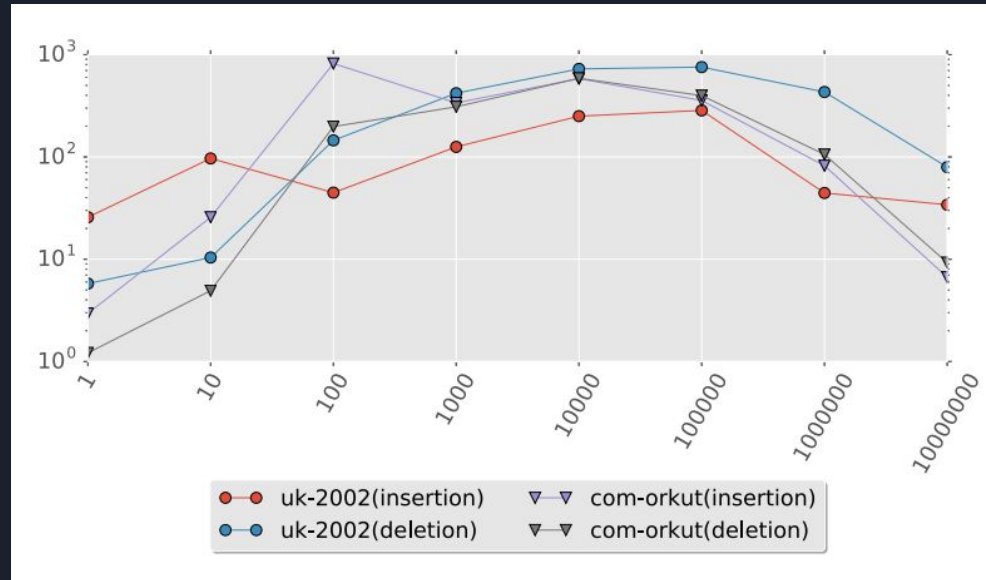


Fig. 5. This figure depicts the execution breakdown (in percentage) of only the dynamic triangle counting analytic using the inclusion-exclusion formulation. For both the insertion (a) and deletions (b) there are three phases. The execution time of the triangle counting accounts for the purple bars in Fig. 4.

# Evaluation

## Speedup

Speedup - compared to previous algorithm which recounted all triangles after each update







**Questions?**