Clustering Parallel Applications to Enhance Message Logging Protocols

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Jaguar is the top 2 supercomputer in the world with 224,162 cores... During 537 days (Aug-22-2008 to Feb-10-2010) 2.33 failures per day

Sequoia will have 1.6 million cores and an exascale machine around 100 million cores...

We will see failures all the time

Agenda

- + Clusters and Message Logging.
- * Static Clustering (MPI).
- Dynamic Clustering (Charm++).
- + Future Work.

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How to split the ranks to minimize the communication volume?

Static Clustering

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Communication Pattern

Communication Pattern (NPB CG.D.256)



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Benchmarks

Communication Pattern (NPB BT.D.256) Communication Pattern (NPB MG.D.256) Number of Messages **Receiver Rank** Sender Rank Sender Rank

NPB-BT

NPB-MG

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Receiver Rank

Graph Properties

Program	Average Path Length	Clustering Coefficient	Communication Volume (ratio)		
			Metis	Scotch	Random
NPB-CG (t=16)	4.49	0	0.07	0.07	0.93
NPB-MG (t=32)	3.82	0.09	0.27	-	0.87
NPB-BT (t=16)	6.24	0.40	0.35	0.33	0.93

Dynamic Clustering

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Team Load Balancer

- Divides (evenly) the objects into teams while minimizing communication volume.
- Team LB (*t*), *t* is the team size (number of PEs).
- Two stage process:
 - Divide objects into teams.
 - Load balance each team.



Reducing Execution Time



Reducing Message Log Size



Conclusions

- Graph partitioning techniques are a promising alternative to cluster parallel applications.
- Message logging protocols benefit from team partitioning:
 - * Reduce message log size.
 - Avoid cascading rollback.

Future Work

- Scalable tool to collect communication information in MPI (collectives, notion of time).
- Evaluate more applications to inspect their clustering properties.
- Integration of clustering algorithms into parallel frameworks.



Thank you!

LB Test



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Load Balance (Metis LB)



Load Balance (Team LB)

