THE EULER TOUR TECHNIQUE:
EVALUATION OF TREE FUNCTIONS
OVERVIEW

The Euler tour technique
Computation of different tree functions
Tree contraction
Evaluation of arithmetic expressions

PROBLEMS IN PARALLEL COMPUTATIONS OF TREE FUNCTIONS

Computations of tree functions are important for designing many algorithms for trees and graphs.

Some of these computations include preorder, postorder, inorder numbering of the nodes of a tree, number of descendants of each vertex, level of each vertex etc.
PROBLEMS IN PARALLEL COMPUTATIONS OF TREE FUNCTIONS

Most sequential algorithms for these problems use depth-first search for solving these problems. However, depth-first search seems to be inherently sequential in some sense.

PARALLEL DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH

It is difficult to do depth-first search in parallel. We cannot assign depth-first numbering to the node \( n \) unless we have assigned depth-first numbering to all the nodes in the subtree \( A \).
PARALLEL DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH

There is a definite order of visiting the nodes in depth-first search.
We can introduce additional edges to the tree to get this order.
The Euler tour technique converts a tree into a list by adding additional edges.

The red (or, magenta) arrows are followed when we visit a node for the first (or, second) time.
If the tree has $n$ nodes, we can construct a list with $2n - 2$ nodes, where each arrow (directed edge) is a node of the list.
EULER TOUR TECHNIQUE

For a node $v \in T$, $p(v)$ is the parent of $v$.

Each red node in the list represents an edge of the nature $< p(v), v >$.

We can determine the preorder numbering of a node of the tree by counting the red nodes in the list.

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EULER TOUR TECHNIQUE

Let $T = (V, E)$ be a given tree and let $T' = (V, E')$ be a directed graph obtained from $T$.

Each edge $(u, v) \in E$ is replaced by two edges $< u, v >$ and $< v, u >$.

Both the indegree and outdegree of an internal node of the tree are now same.

The indegree and outdegree of a leaf is 1 each.

Hence $T'$ is an Eulerian graph: ie. it has a directed circuit that traverses each arc exactly once.
**EULER TOUR TECHNIQUE**

An Euler circuit of a graph is an edge-disjoint circuit which traverses all the nodes.

A graph permits an Euler circuit if and only if each vertex has equal indegree and outdegree.

An Euler circuit can be used for optimal parallel computation of many tree functions.

To construct an Euler circuit, we have to specify the successor edge for each edge.

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**CONSTRUCTING AN EULER TOUR**

Each edge on an Euler circuit has a unique successor edge.

For each vertex $v \in V$ we fix an ordering of the vertices adjacent to $v$.

If $d$ is the degree of vertex $v$, the vertices adjacent to $v$ are:

$$\text{adj}(v) = < u_0, u_1, ..., u_{d-1}>$$

The successor of edge $< u_i, v >$ is:

$$s(< u_i, v >) = < v, u_{(i+1) \mod d} >, \ 0 \leq i \leq (d - 1)$$
CONSTRUCTING AN EULER TOUR

CORRECTNESS OF EULER TOUR

Consider the graph \( T' = (V, E') \), where \( E' \) is obtained by replacing each \( e \in E \) by two directed edges of opposite directions.

Lemma: The successor function \( s \) defines only one cycle and not a set of edge-disjoint cycles in \( T' \).

Proof: We have already shown that the graph is Eulerian.

We prove the lemma through induction.
Correctness of Euler Tour

Basis: When the tree has 2 nodes, there is only one edge and one cycle with two edges.

Suppose, the claim is true for \( n \) nodes. We should show that it is true when there are \( n + 1 \) nodes.

We can introduce an extra node by introducing a leaf to an existing tree, like the leaf \( v \).

Initially, \( \text{adj}(u) = <..., v', v'', ...> \). Hence,

\[ s(<v', u>) = <u, v''>. \]
CORRECTNESS OF EULER TOUR

After the introduction of \( v \), \( \text{adj}(u) = \langle..., v', v, v'', ... \rangle \)

\[ s(<v'; u>) = <u, v> \text{ and} \]

\[ s(<v, u>) = <u, v''> \]

Hence, there is only one cycle after \( v \) is introduced.

CONSTRUCTION OF EULER TOUR IN PARALLEL
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We assume that the tree is given as a set of adjacency lists for the nodes. The adjacency list $L[v]$ for $v$ is given in an array.

Consider a node $v$ and a node $u_i$ adjacent to $v$.

We need:

- The successor $< v, u_{(i+1) \mod d} >$ for $< u_i, v >$. This is done by making the list circular.
- $< u_i, v >$. This is done by keeping a direct pointer from $u_i$ in $L[v]$ to $v$ in $L[u_i]$.

We can construct an Euler tour in $O(1)$ time using $O(n)$ processors.

One processor is assigned to each node of the adjacency list.

There is no need of concurrent reading, hence the EREW PRAM model is sufficient.
ROOTING A TREE

For doing any tree computation, we need to know the parent $p(v)$ for each node $v$.

Hence, we need to root the tree at a vertex $r$.

We first construct an Euler tour and for the vertex $r$, set $s(<u_{d-1}, r>) = 0$.

$u_{d-1}$ is the last vertex adjacent to $r$.

In other words, we break the Euler tour at $r$. 

\[ \text{ROOTING A TREE} \]
### ROOTING A TREE

Perform a parallel prefix sum with a weight of one assigned to each arc.

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**Input:** The Euler tour of a tree and a special vertex $r$.

**Output:** For each vertex $v \neq r$, the parent $p(v)$ of $v$ in the tree rooted at $r$. 
ROOTING A TREE

begin
1. Set $s(<u, r>) = 0$, where $u$ is the last vertex in the adjacency list of $r$.
2. Assign a weight 1 to each edge of the list and compute parallel prefix.
3. For each edge $<x, y>$, set $x = p(y)$ whenever the prefix sum of $<x, y>$ is smaller than the prefix sum of $<y, x>$.
end
POSTORDER NUMBERING

Input: A rooted tree with root r, and the corresponding Euler path defined by the function s.

Output: For each vertex \( v \), the postorder number \( post(v) \) of each vertex \( v \).

The Euler path (EP) can be used to solve this. The EP visits each vertex several times, the first time by the arc \( <p(v),v> \), and the last time by the arc \( <v,p(v)> \), after visiting all the descendants of \( v \).

Thus ordered sublist of all vertices obtained by retention of the last occurrence of each vertex defines precisely the postorder traversal of the vertices of \( T \).

How can we do that?
**POSTORDER NUMBERING**

begin
1. For each vertex $v \neq r$, assign the weights $w(<v,p(v)>)=1$, and $w(<p(v),v>)=0$.
2. Perform parallel prefix sum on the list of arcs defined by $s$.
3. For each vertex $v \neq r$, set $\text{post}(v)$ equal to the prefix sum of $<v,p(v)>$. For $v=r$, set $\text{post}(r)=n$, where $n$ is the number of vertices in the given tree.

end

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**COMPUTATION OF TREE FUNCTIONS**

Given a tree $T$, for many tree computations:
- We first construct the Euler tour of $T$
- Then we root the tree at a vertex

We can compute:
- The postorder number of each vertex
- The preorder number of each vertex
- The inorder number of each vertex
- The level of each vertex
- The number of descendants of each vertex.
TREE CONTRACTION

Some tree computations cannot be solved efficiently with the Euler tour technique alone.

An important problem is evaluation of an arithmetic expression given as a binary tree.

![Tree Diagram]

$((3 + 5) \times 2 + (5 + 2)) \times 2 + 20$

TREE CONTRACTION

Each leaf holds a constant and each internal node holds an arithmetic operator like $+,*$.

The goal is to compute the value of the expression at the root.

The tree contraction technique is a systematic way of shrinking a tree into a single vertex.

We successively apply the operation of merging a leaf with its parent or merging a degree-2 vertex with its parent.
THE RAKE OPERATION

Let $T = (V, \varepsilon)$ be a rooted binary tree and for each vertex $v$, $p(v)$ is its parent.

$sib(v)$ is the child of $p(v)$. We consider only binary trees.

In the rake operation for a leaf $u$ such that $p(u) \neq r$.

- Remove $u$ and $p(u)$ from $T$, and
- Connect $sib(u)$ to $p(p(u))$.

In our tree contraction algorithm, we apply the rake operation repeatedly to reduce the size of the binary tree.

We need to apply rake to many leaves in parallel in order to achieve a fast running time.
THE RAKE OPERATION

But we cannot apply rake operation to nodes whose parents are consecutive on the tree.

For example, rake operation cannot be applied to nodes 1 and 8 in parallel.

We need to apply the rake operation to non-consecutive leaves as they appear from left to right.

THE RAKE OPERATION

We first label the leaves consecutively from left to right.

In an Euler path for a rooted tree, the leaves appear from left to right.

We can assign a weight 1 to each edge of the kind \((v, p(v))\) where \(v\) is a leaf.

We exclude the leftmost and the rightmost leaves. These two leaves will be the two children of the root when the tree is contracted to a three-node tree.

We do a prefix sum on the resulting list and the leaves are numbered from left to right.
THE RAKE OPERATION

We now store all the $n$ leaves in an array $A$.

$A_{odd}$ is the subarray consisting of the odd-indexed elements of $A$.

$A_{even}$ is the subarray consisting of the even-indexed elements of $A$.

We can create the arrays $A_{odd}$ and $A_{even}$ in $O(1)$ time and $O(n)$ work.

TREE CONTRACTION ALGORITHM

begin
   for $\left\lfloor \log(n+1) \right\rfloor$ iterations do
      1. Apply the rake operation in parallel to all the elements of $A_{odd}$ that are left children
      2. Apply the rake operation in parallel to the rest of the elements in $A_{odd}$
      3. Set $A := A_{even}$
   end
TREE CONTRACTION ALGORITHM

CORRECTNESS OF TREE CONTRACTION

Whenever the rake operation is applied in parallel to several leaves, the parents of any two such leaves are not adjacent.

The number of leaves reduces by half after each iteration of the loop. Hence the tree is contracted in $O(\log n)$ time.

Euler tour takes $O(n)$ work.

The total number of operations for all the iterations of the loop is:  
$$O\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)\right) = O(n)$$
TREES COMPUTATIONS

Rooting a tree: