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Preface

Parallel and distributed computing in the 1980s and 1990s had great influence on application development in science, engineering and business computing. The improvements in computation and communication capabilities have enabled the creation of demanding applications in critical domains such as the environment, health, aerospace, and other areas of science and technology. Similarly, new classes of applications are enabled by the availability of heterogeneous large-scale distributed systems which are becoming available nowadays (based on technologies such as grid and peer-to-peer systems). Parallel computing systems exploit a large diversity of computer architectures, from supercomputers, shared-memory or distributed-memory multi processors, to local networks and clusters of personal computers.

With the recent emergence of multi core architectures, parallel computing is now set to achieve “mainstream” status. Approaches that have been advocated by parallel computing researchers in the past are now being utilized in a number of software libraries and hardware systems that are available for everyday use. Parallel computing ideas have also come to dominate areas such as multi user gaming (especially in the development of gaming engines based on “cell” architectures) – often ignored by many “serious” researchers in the past, but which now are set to have a growing user base of tens of millions across the world. In recent years, focus has also shifted to support energy efficiency in computation, with some researchers proposing a new metric of performance based on Flops/Watt.

Another topic that has gained significant importance is work within distributed and wireless sensor networks – which provide the capability of data capture, along with actuation support in some instances. Grid computing has dominated much work being undertaken within parallel and distributed systems in recent years. The ability to group regional and national-scale resources to create computational infrastructure for grand-challenge problems has now been demonstrated effectively in Europe, the United States and in China. Grid computing research continues to play an active part in bringing together computational science and parallel computing communities.

ICA3PP is a premier conference series that brings together researchers and practitioners from academia, industry and governments around the world to advance the theories and technologies of parallel and distributed computing. Previous ICA3PP conferences have been successfully organized in Brisbane (1995), Singapore (1996), Melbourne (1997, 2005), Hong Kong (2000), and Beijing (2002).

ICA3PP 2007 featured a number of papers that address these themes, and selected papers for the conference also provide an insight into many emerging themes that have become important in parallel and distributed systems laboratories and groups around the world over recent years.

ICA3PP 2007 was hosted in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, in Hangzhou – the capital of Zhejiang province in China. Hangzhou is known for its natural beauty and provides an atmosphere fostering creativity. We believe the conference in this city will encourage dialogue and interaction between world leaders in parallel and high-performance computing, and encourage greater collaboration between the researchers who attended the conference.

In total, the conference received 176 papers from researchers and practitioners from 9 countries. Each paper was reviewed by at least three internationally renowned referees, and selection was based on originality, significance, correctness, relevance, and clarity of presentation. Some of the papers were subsequently further reviewed by the Program Chairs to assess quality and relevance. From the submissions received, 40 papers were selected. All of the selected papers are included in the proceedings. To encourage and promote the work presented at ICA3PP 2007, we are delighted to inform the authors that some of the papers will be accepted in special issues of *Parallel Computing*, *Computer Communication*, *Journal of Supercomputing*, and *IJHPCN*. All of these journals have played a prominent role in promoting the development and use of parallel and high-performance computing and networking.

We are also delighted to have been able to host well-known international scholars, Reiner Hartenstein from the Computer Science Department, Kaiserslautern University of Technology, Germany, and Hai Zhuge from the Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academic of Science, China, who delivered the keynote speeches.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their submissions to the conference. Many of them traveled a considerable distance to participate in the conference. We also thank the Program Committee members and additional reviewers for their efforts in reviewing the large number of papers. Thanks also go to the local conference organizers for their great support.

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RSM-Based Gossip on P2P Network*

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Abstract. Classification is a kind of basic semantics that people often use to manage versatile contents in daily life. Resource Space Model (RSM) is a semantic model for sharing and managing various resources using normalized classification semantics. Gossip-based peer-to-peer (P2P) techniques are reliable and scalable protocols for information dissemination. Incorporating RSM with gossip-based techniques forms a new decentralized resource sharing mechanism with the improved performance of unstructured P2P systems. Theoretical analysis and experiments validate the feasibility of the mechanism. Such incorporation is a way to synergy normalization and autonomy in managing decentralized large-scale complex resources.

1 Introduction

P2P systems aim at decentralization, scalability, ad-hoc connectivity, reduced cost of ownership and anonymity [1]. Unstructured P2P networks allow peers to self-organize and resources to be randomly placed. Such networks have low maintenance cost and are robust against accidental failures. Simulating the propagation of contagious diseases, gossip mechanisms have attractive scalability, reliability and degradation properties in realizing information dissemination in large networks [2]. Every node that receives a message randomly selects a certain number of nodes from its neighbors to multicast the message. They scale well since the load of nodes grows logarithmically compared with the number of nodes in the network. The performance of the gossip mechanisms can be improved in semantic space by designing appropriate mapping from the network into semantic space [12]. Ontology has been used to improve structured P2P systems [10]. Classification is a kind of basic semantics that people often use to effectively manage versatile contents in daily life.

A Resource Space Model RSM is a semantic model for effectively sharing and managing various Web resources (information, knowledge and services) based on normalized classification semantics [11]. Incorporating resource space with gossip mechanisms is a way to improve the performance of P2P network.

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2 Incorporating RSM with P2P

An n -dimensional Resource Space represents n kinds of partition on a set of resources. A Resource Space can be mapped onto a partition tree (e.g., Fig. 1(a) can be mapped onto Fig. 1(b)). The classification semantics of a partition tree can be used to improve the performance of a P2P system because a peer could get the satisfied answer with high probability by interacting more frequently with the peers of the same community sharing common interests. Peers also need to communicate with peers of other communities.

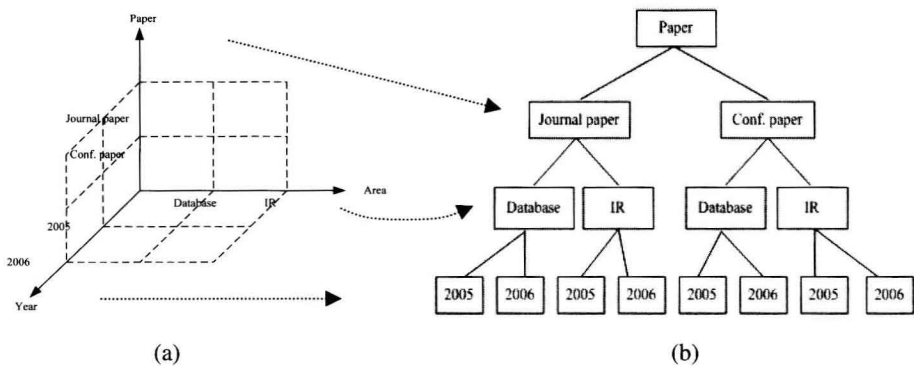


Fig. 1. (a) A 3-dimensional resource space. (b) The partition tree corresponding to Fig. 1 (a).

Each leaf corresponds to peers in the same category. The tree is a rather stable commonsense, and the whole system could use only a part of it. The communities in leaves of the partition could change with joining and departing of peers.

As shown in Fig. 2, peers can be classified into communities corresponding to the leaves of the semantic partition tree. Each peer maintains neighbors in a hierarchical structure. The number of layers of the hierarchical structure a peer maintains depends on the depth the peer lies in the partition tree. Taking a peer p in the bottom-left community of the partition tree for example, it should maintain four layers of its neighbors, denoted as $View(i)$ where $0 \leq i \leq 3$. $View(i)$ is a set/list containing the neighbors' information (address etc.) that shares the nearest common ancestor at i th level with p . p 's $View(3)$ maintains the information of some peers within the same community, while p 's $View(2)$ maintains the information of its neighbors having the nearest common ancestor at level 2, and so on.

When a peer sends a query, it will make a decision on which level(s) in its view should be selected to forward the query (category of the level are relevant to the query). Then, neighbor(s) at that level will be selected to forward the query. When a query reaches a community, a gossip-based mechanism will be adopted to disseminate the message. The peer that receives and could answer the query sends back the corresponding resources.