Computer Science Seminar

Parallel Balanced Binary Trees Using Just Join

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With the evolution of hardware and growth in the volume of data, parallelism has become imperative and the key to improving performance. As such, it is of great interest to have simple and efficient parallel algorithms and data structures for programmers to easily organize and process data. My research designs such simple and efficient parallel algorithms and data structures, with provable guarantees in theory, good performance in practice, as well as simplicity in programming. In particular, this talk will introduce my work on parallel tree structures, that are highly-parallelized, safe for concurrency, theoretically work-efficient, supporting a wide range of functions and augmentations and multi-versioned. The tree structure is also implemented in a C++ library called PAM, and applied to various areas such as computational geometry and databases.

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