

# LAGraph:

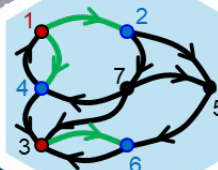
A collection of graph algorithms built on top of GraphBLAS

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What can we do to reach graph algorithm users?

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**THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS**  
(some details could change)

GraphBLAS C API spec.

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# LAGraph Working Group

- Members (meeting ~ weekly since March 2020):
  - Tim Davis, Gabor Szarnyas, Tim Mattson, Scott McMillan, Jim Kitchen, Erik Welch, David Bader, Roi Lipman, and others
- The purpose of the LAGraph effort:
  - Provide a repository for researchers to share graph algorithms based on GraphBLAS.
  - Create a library of “commercial-grade” algorithms for data scientists and other users.
- Supporting goals
  - Portability across different implementations of GraphBLAS and different platforms
  - Test GraphBLAS implementations, expose weaknesses, and push new features
  - Create a transparent process to new algorithms/utilities to the LAGraph user library
  - Support development of other language bindings for LAGraph+GraphBLAS



# LAGraph Target Audience

- We serve two communities
  - **Developers** of graph algorithms (new and/or improved implementations)
  - **Users** of graph algorithms (application writers, data scientists, etc)
- Our users come in two flavors:
  - Basic users:
    - Want things to “just work”
    - Modest graphs, exploratory exercises
    - Ease of use over performance
  - Advanced users:
    - HUGE graphs
    - Parallel applications
    - Need more control on memory use, etc...

# Elements of the LAGraph library Design

- Graph data structure
- Basic vs. Advanced API
- Signature conventions
- Error handling

# The LAGraph “graph” data structure: LAGraph\_Graph

- Transparent struct
- Contains two types of data:
  - Primary components
  - “Cached” properties
- New members added as need arises
  
- Construction “moves” matrix into LAGraph object
  
- Utilities provided for explicit computation of cached properties

```
struct LAGraph_Graph
{
    // Primary components (REQUIRED)
    GrB_Matrix A;           // adjacency matrix
    LAGraph_Kind kind;      // directed, undirected, etc

    // Cached properties (OPTIONAL)
    GrB_Matrix AT           // transposed matrix
    GrB_Vector row_degree;
    GrB_Vector col_degree;
    LAGraph_BooleanProperty
        A_pattern_is_symmetric; // T/F/Unk

    // etc...
};

// Matrix ownership transfers on construction
GrB_Matrix M; //...construction of M omitted
LAGraph_Graph G;
LAGraph_New(&G, &M, LAGRAPH_DIRECTED, msg);

// explicit computation of cached properties
LAGraph_Property_AT(G, msg);
```

# Basic vs. Advanced Interfaces

## Basic Interfaces


- Limited options
  - Likely only one function for a given algorithm
- May inspect input and compute expensive cached properties as needed
  - E.g. compute vertex degrees and sort prior to computation

## Advanced Interfaces

- Multiple implementations (algorithms) for the same computation
  - E.g., push vs. pull, or batched modes
- Stricter requirements on inputs
  - E.g., will return an error before computing needed cached properties
- May include lower level entry points into existing algorithms (e.g. single-hop BFS)

# Signature Conventions

- Naming conventions
  - **LAGraph\_** “namespace”
  - Category of algorithm or utility
  - Algorithm name
- Examples
  - **LAGraph\_Community\_Louvain**
  - **LAGraph\_Community\_Markov**
  - **LAGraph\_Community\_LabelPropagation**
  
  - **LAGraph\_Property\_AT**
  - **LAGraph\_Property\_RowDegree**
  - **LAGraph\_Property\_ColDegree**



```
int LAGraph_<Category>_<Algorithm>
(
    // outputs
    Type1 *out1, // allocated internally
    Type2 *out2,
    ...
    // input/output
    Type3 inout, // allocated by user
    ...
    // inputs
    Type4 input1,
    Type5 input2,
    ...
    char *msg
);
```

# Signature Conventions

- Outputs

- Pass by reference, pointer created by user
- Allocated by algorithm
- Pass `NULL` for optional outputs

- Input/Outputs

- Pass by value
- Allocated before call (by user or other functions)
- Pass graph object here if properties are computed

- Inputs

- Pass by value (not modified)

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# Signature Conventions

- Return Value, signed integer
  - = 0 → success
  - > 0 → algorithm specific warning code
  - < 0 → algorithm specific error code
- Error messages, `msg`
  - User-allocated char buffer of size `LAGRAPH_MSG_LEN`
  - Holds algorithm-specific error or warning messages

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# Error Handling

- All GraphBLAS and LAGraph methods can return an error.
- Errors should be checked before proceeding.
- Resources should be released after an unrecoverable error.
- Exception handling in C:

```
#define LAGraph_TRY(LAGraph_method)
{
    int LAGraph_status = LAGraph_method;
    if (LAGraph_status < 0) {
        LAGraph_CATCH(LAGraph_status);
    }
}
```

- Developers define **LAGraph\_CATCH** before a function using LAGraph\_TRY
  - Ensure proper freeing of memory
  - Perform any other necessary tasks
- Similar mechanism provided for GraphBLAS calls.



# LAGraph: Pushing the state of the art in algorithms using GraphBLAS

- Libraries are important, but we also want to drive research on algorithms that use the GraphBLAS.
- We found that it was hard to share algorithms given everyone used different notations.
- Hence ... we are working to define a consensus notation for expressing graph algorithms using linear algebra

# GraphBLAS Notation is Evolving

Operation	Notation	Operation	Notation
mxm	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \oplus \cdot \otimes \mathbf{B}^T)$	transpose	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{A}^T$
mxv	$\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \oplus \cdot \otimes \mathbf{u})$	reduce (row)	$\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = [\oplus_j \mathbf{A}^T(:,j)]$
vxm	$\mathbf{w}^T\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{u}^T \oplus \cdot \otimes \mathbf{A}^T)$	reduce (scalar)	$s \odot = [\oplus_{i,j} \mathbf{A}^T(i,j)]$ $s \odot = [\oplus_i \mathbf{u}(i)]$
eWiseMult	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \otimes \mathbf{B}^T)$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v})$	eWiseAdd	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \oplus \mathbf{B}^T)$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v})$
extract	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{A}^T(i,j)$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{A}^T(:,j)$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{w}(i)$	assign	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle (i,j) \odot = \mathbf{A}^T$ , $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle (i) \odot = \mathbf{u}$ $\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle (:,j) \odot = \mathbf{u}$ , $\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle (i,:) \odot = \mathbf{u}^T$ $\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle (i,j) \odot = s$ , $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle (i) \odot = s$
apply	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = f(\mathbf{A}^T, s)$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = f(\mathbf{u}, s)$	select (NEW)	$\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{A}^T \langle f(\mathbf{A}^T, s) \rangle$ $\mathbf{w}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle \odot = \mathbf{u} \langle f(\mathbf{u}, s) \rangle$
build	$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \{i, j, x\}$ $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \{i, x\}$	extractTuples	$\{i, j, x\} \leftarrow \mathbf{A}$ $\{i, x\} \leftarrow \mathbf{u}$
extractElement	$s = \mathbf{A}(i, j)$ $s = \mathbf{u}(i)$	setElement	$\mathbf{C}(i, j) = s$ $\mathbf{w}(i) = s$

Notation:  $i, j$  – indices,  $i, j$  – (bold) index arrays,  $x$  – (bold) scalar array,  $\mathbf{m}$  – 1D mask,  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  – vectors (column),  $\mathbf{M}$  – 2D mask,  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  – matrices,  $\mathbf{T}$  – optional transpose,  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  – structural complement,  $r$  – clear output,  $\odot, \oplus$ , or  $\otimes$  monoid/binary function,  $\oplus \cdot \otimes$  semiring, **blue** – optional parameters, **red** – optional modifiers

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eWiseMult	<p>Main points of contention among GraphBLAS researchers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mask options: how to incorporate all the mask options (complement, structure-only, replace vs. merge, etc.) with an intuitive notation:  <math>\mathbf{C}\langle \neg s(\mathbf{M}), r \rangle ???</math></li> <li>eWiseAdd/eWiseMult: two options  <math>\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \otimes \mathbf{B}^T)</math>     <math>\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \oplus \mathbf{B}^T)</math>  <math>\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \text{op}_\cap \mathbf{B}^T)</math>     <math>\mathbf{C}\langle \mathbf{M} \rangle \odot = (\mathbf{A}^T \text{op}_\cup \mathbf{B}^T)</math></li> </ol>		
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# Example of Notation: Triangle Counting

Inputs:  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{B}^{n \times n}$  (symmetric bool adjacency matrix)

Result:  $t \in \text{UINT64}$

Function *TriangleCount*

$p$  = permutation to sort by  
degree descending

$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(p, p)$

$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{A}\langle \text{tril}(\mathbf{A}) \rangle$

$\mathbf{C}\langle s(\mathbf{L}) \rangle = \mathbf{L} +. \& \mathbf{L}$

$t = [+_{ij} \mathbf{C}(i, j)]$

```
int TriangleCount(uint64_t *t, GrB_Matrix A, char *msg) {
    ...
    LAGraph_TRY( LAGraph_SortByDegree(&P, A, descending, msg) );

    GrB_TRY( GrB_extract(A, ..., A, P, n, P, n, NULL) );

    GrB_TRY( GrB_select(L, ..., GrB_TRIL, A, NULL) );

    GrB_TRY( GrB_mxm(C, L, ..., GrB_PLUS_AND, L, L, NULL) );
    GrB_TRY( GrB_reduce(*t, ..., GrB_PLUS_MONOID_UINT64, C, NULL) );

    LAGRAPH_FREE_ALL;
    return 0;
}
```

# Algorithms

- **BFS: level and parent\***
- SSSP: Bellman Ford, **Delta-stepping\***
- Connected Components: LACC, **FastSV\***, SCC-min-label, Boruvka's
- Minimum Spanning Forest: Boruvka's
- **Vertex Betweenness Centrality\***
- PageRank: **GAP-PR\***, Graphalytics-PR
- **Triangle Counting\*** (6 methods)
- K-truss enumeration, All K-truss
- Community detection/clustering: label propagation, Louvain, markov, peer pressure
- Local clustering coefficient
- DNN inference

\*GAP algorithms targeted for first release

# Utilities

- Loaders: matrix market, binary
- Memory management: override malloc/free
- Cached property operations: verify, compute, query, delete
- Sorting: vectors, graphs
- Sampling: graph degrees
- Output: "pretty print" graphs

# Next Steps

- Continue to refactor existing algorithms
- Developing the evaluation and testing processes to ensure high-quality implementations:
  - Correctness
  - Robustness
  - Performance

## \*\*\* REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION \*\*\*

- Contribute new/improved algorithms (in order of preference)
  - Fork the repo, develop code in Experimental, **write tests**, issue Pull Requests
  - Email code to the working group
  - Publish (*we might* read and incorporate)

# Repository Information

- Location
  - <https://github.com/GraphBLAS/LAGraph>
- License for all contributed code: BSD 2-clause
  - <https://github.com/GraphBLAS/LAGraph/blob/master/LICENSE>
- Contents [FUTURE]
  - **Doc**: documentation
  - **Include**: contains the LAGraph.h header file
  - **Source**: *will* contain stable (curated) source code for the library (contains **Algorithms** and **Utilities**)
  - **Experimental**: draft, experimental, submissions, etc. (contains **Algorithms** and **Utilities**)
  - **Test**: programs to verify correctness of LAGraph code

# Questions?

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