Unit 5A: Circuit Partitioning

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Basic Definitions

- Cell: a logic block used to build larger circuits.
- **Pin:** a wire (metal or polysilicon) to which another external wire can be connected.
- Nets: a collection of pins which must be electronically connected.
- Netlist: a list of all nets in a circuit.



Basic Definitions (cont'd)

- Manhattan distance: If two points (pins) are located at coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , the Manhattan distance between them is given by $d_{12} = |x_1 x_2| + |y_1 y_2|$.
- Rectilinear spanning tree: a spanning tree that connects its pins using Manhattan paths.
- Steiner tree: a tree that connects its pins, and additional points (Steiner points) are permitted to used for the connections.



Partitioning



Levels of Partitioning

- The levels of partitioning: system, board, chip.
- Hierarchical partitioning: higher costs for higher levels.



Circuit Partitioning

- **Objective:** Partition a circuit into parts such that every component is within a prescribed range and the # of connections among the components is minimized.
 - More constraints are possible for some applications.
- Cutset? Cut size? Size of a component?



Problem Definition: Partitioning

- *k*-way partitioning: Given a graph G(V, E), where each vertex v ∈ V has a size s(v) and each edge e ∈ E has a weight w(e), the problem is to divide the set V into k disjoint subsets V₁, V₂, ..., V_k, such that an objective function is optimized, subject to certain constraints.
- Bounded size constraint: The size of the *i*-th subset is bounded by $B_i (\sum_{v \in V_i} s(v) \le B_i)$.

Is the partition balanced?

- Min-cut cost between two subsets: Minimize ∑_{∀e=(u,v)∧p(u)≠p(v)} w(e), where p(u) is the partition # of node u.
- The 2-way, balanced partitioning problem is NP-complete, even in its simple form with identical vertex sizes and unit edge weights.

Kernighan-Lin Algorithm

- Kernighan and Lin, "An efficient heuristic procedure for partitioning graphs," *The Bell System Technical Journal*, vol. 49, no. 2, Feb. 1970.
- An **iterative**, **2-way**, **balanced** partitioning (bi-sectioning) heuristic.
- Till the cut size keeps decreasing
 - Vertex pairs which give the largest decrease or the smallest increase in cut size are exchanged.
 - These vertices are then **locked** (and thus are prohibited from participating in any further exchanges).
 - This process continues until all the vertices are locked.
 - Find the set with the largest partial sum for swapping.
 - Unlock all vertices.

Kernighan-Lin Algorithm: A Simple Example

• Each edge has a unit weight.

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Questions: How to compute cost reduction? What pairs to be swapped?

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Consider the change of internal & external connections.

Properties

- Two sets A and B such that |A| = n = |B| and $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
- External cost of $a \in A$: $E_a = \sum_{v \in B} c_{av}$.
- Internal cost of $a \in A$: $I_a = \sum_{v \in A} c_{av}$.
- *D*-value of a vertex *a*: $D_a = E_a I_a$ (cost reduction for moving *a*).
- Cost reduction (gain) for swapping *a* and *b*: $g_{ab} = D_a + D_b 2c_{ab}$.
- If $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ are interchanged, then the new *D*-values, *D*', are given by

$$egin{array}{rcl} D'_x &=& D_x + 2c_{xa} - 2c_{xb}, orall x \in A - \{a\} \ D'_y &=& D_y + 2c_{yb} - 2c_{ya}, orall y \in B - \{b\}. \end{array}$$



Kernighan-Lin Algorithm: A Weighted Example



Initial cut cost = (3+2+4)+(4+2+1)+(3+2+1) = 22

• Iteration 1:

 $\begin{array}{ll} I_a = 1 + 2 = 3; & E_a = 3 + 2 + 4 = 9; & D_a = E_a - I_a = 9 - 3 = 6 \\ I_b = 1 + 1 = 2; & E_b = 4 + 2 + 1 = 7; & D_b = E_b - I_b = 7 - 2 = 5 \\ I_c = 2 + 1 = 3; & E_c = 3 + 2 + 1 = 6; & D_c = E_c - I_c = 6 - 3 = 3 \\ I_d = 4 + 3 = 7; & E_d = 3 + 4 + 3 = 10; & D_d = E_d - I_d = 10 - 7 = 3 \\ I_e = 4 + 2 = 6; & E_e = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6; & D_e = E_e - I_e = 6 - 6 = 0 \\ I_f = 3 + 2 = 5; & E_f = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6; & D_f = E_f - I_f = 6 - 5 = 1 \end{array}$

• Iteration 1:

•
$$g_{xy} = D_x + D_y - 2c_{xy}$$
.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} g_{ad} &=& D_a + D_d - 2c_{ad} = 6 + 3 - 2 \times 3 = 3 \\ g_{ae} &=& 6 + 0 - 2 \times 2 = 2 \\ g_{af} &=& 6 + 1 - 2 \times 4 = -1 \\ g_{bd} &=& 5 + 3 - 2 \times 4 = 0 \\ g_{be} &=& 5 + 0 - 2 \times 2 = 1 \\ g_{bf} &=& 5 + 1 - 2 \times 1 = 4 \ (maximum) \\ g_{cd} &=& 3 + 3 - 2 \times 3 = 0 \\ g_{ce} &=& 3 + 0 - 2 \times 2 = -1 \\ g_{cf} &=& 3 + 1 - 2 \times 1 = 2 \end{array}$$

• Swap *b* and *f*! $(\hat{g}_1 = 4)$



• $D'_x = D_x + 2 c_{xp} - 2 c_{xq}, \forall x \in A - \{p\} \text{ (swap } p \text{ and } q, p \in A, q \in B)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} D_a' &=& D_a + 2c_{ab} - 2c_{af} = 6 + 2 \times 1 - 2 \times 4 = 0 \\ D_c' &=& D_c + 2c_{cb} - 2c_{cf} = 3 + 2 \times 1 - 2 \times 1 = 3 \\ D_d' &=& D_d + 2c_{df} - 2c_{db} = 3 + 2 \times 3 - 2 \times 4 = 1 \\ D_e' &=& D_e + 2c_{ef} - 2c_{eb} = 0 + 2 \times 2 - 2 \times 2 = 0 \end{array}$$

•
$$g_{xy} = D'_{x} + D'_{y} - 2c_{xy}$$

 $g_{ad} = D'_{a} + D'_{d} - 2c_{ad} = 0 + 1 - 2 \times 3 = -5$
 $g_{ae} = D'_{a} + D'_{e} - 2c_{ae} = 0 + 0 - 2 \times 2 = -4$
 $g_{cd} = D'_{c} + D'_{d} - 2c_{cd} = 3 + 1 - 2 \times 3 = -2$
 $g_{ce} = D'_{c} + D'_{e} - 2c_{ce} = 3 + 0 - 2 \times 2 = -1$ (maximum)

• Swap c and e! $(\hat{g}_2 = -1)$



• $D''_{x} = D'_{x} + 2 c_{xp} - 2 c_{xq}, \forall x \in A - \{p\}$

$$D_a'' = D_a' + 2c_{ac} - 2c_{ae} = 0 + 2 \times 2 - 2 \times 2 = 0$$

$$D_d'' = D_d' + 2c_{de} - 2c_{dc} = 1 + 2 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = 3$$

•
$$g_{xy} = D''_{x} + D''_{y} - 2c_{xy}$$

 $g_{ad} = D''_{a} + D''_{d} - 2c_{ad} = 0 + 3 - 2 \times 3 = -3(\hat{g}_{3} = -3)$

- Note that this step is redundant $(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{g}_i = 0)$.
- Summary: $\hat{g_1} = g_{bf} = 4$, $\hat{g_2} = g_{ce} = -1$, $\hat{g_3} = g_{ad} = -3$.
- Largest partial sum $\max \sum_{i=1}^{k} \widehat{g}_i = 4$ $(k = 1) \Rightarrow$ Swap *b* and *f*.



- Iteration 2: Repeat what we did at Iteration 1 (Initial cost = 22-4 = 18).
- Summary: $\hat{g_1} = g_{ce} = -1$, $\hat{g_2} = g_{ab} = -3$, $\hat{g_3} = g_{fd} = 4$.
- Largest partial sum = $\max \sum_{i=1}^{k} \widehat{g}_i = 0 \ (k=3) \Rightarrow \text{Stop!}$

Kernighan-Lin Algorithm

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Algorithm: Kernighan-Lin(G)
Input: G = (V, E), |V| = 2n.
Output: Balanced bi-partition A and B with "small" cut cost.
1 begin
2 Bipartition G into A and B such that |V_A| = |V_B|, V_A \cap V_B = \emptyset,
   and V_{A} \cup V_{B} = V.
3 repeat
   Compute D_v, \forall v \in V.
4
   for i = 1 to n do
5
      Find a pair of unlocked vertices v_{ai} \in V_A and v_{bi} \in V_B whose exchange makes the largest decrease or smallest increase in cut
6
      cost:
7 Mark v_{ai} and v_{bi} as locked, store the gain \overset{j}{g}_{i}, and compute the new D_{v}, for all unlocked v \in V_{1}
8 Find k, such that G_{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} S_{i} is maximized;
9 if G_k > 0 then
         Move v_{a1}, \ldots, v_{ak} from V_A to V_B and v_{b1}, \ldots, v_{bk} from V_B to V_A;
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11 Unlock v, \forall v \in V.
12 until G_k \leq 0;
13 end
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Time Complexity

- Line 4: Initial computation of *D*: $O(n^2)$
- Line 5: The **for**-loop: *O*(*n*)
- The body of the loop: O(n²).
 Lines 6--7: Step *i* takes (n-*i*+1)² time.
- Lines 4--11: Each pass of the repeat loop: $O(n^3)$.
- Suppose the repeat loop terminates after *r* passes.
- The total running time: $O(rn^3)$.

– Polynomial-time algorithm?

Extensions of K-L Algorithm

- **1. Unequal sized subsets** (assume $n_1 < n_2$)
 - 1. Partition: $|A| = n_1$ and $|B| = n_2$.
 - 2. Add n_2 - n_1 dummy vertices to set *A*. Dummy vertices have no connections to the original graph.
 - 3. Apply the Kernighan-Lin algorithm.
 - 4. Remove all dummy vertices.
- Unequal sized "vertices"
 - 1. Assume that the smallest "vertex" has unit size.
 - 2. Replace each vertex of size *s* with *s* vertices which are fully connected with edges of infinite weight.
 - 3. Apply the Kernighan-Lin algorithm.
- *k*-way partition
 - 1. Partition the graph into *k* equal-sized sets.
 - 2. Apply the Kernighan-Lin algorithm for each pair of subsets.
 - 3. Time complexity? Can be reduced by recursive bi-partition.

Drawbacks of the Kernighan-Lin Heuristic

- The K-L heuristic handles only unit vertex weights.
 - Vertex weights might represent block sizes, different from blocks to blocks.
 - Reducing a vertex with weight w(v) into a clique with w(v) vertices and edges with a high cost increases the size of the graph substantially.

• The K-L heuristic handles only exact bisections.

Need dummy vertices to handle the unbalanced problem.

• The K-L heuristic cannot handle hypergraphs.

Need to handle multi-terminal nets directly.

• The time complexity of a pass is high, $O(n^3)$.

Coping with Hypergraph

 A hypergraph H=(N, L) consists of a set N of vertices and a set L of hyperedges, where each hyperedge corresponds to a subset N_i of distinct vertices with |N_i| ≥ 2.



- Schweikert and Kernighan, "A proper model for the partitioning of electrical circuits," 9th Design Automation Workshop, 1972.
- For multi-terminal nets, **net cut** is a more accurate measurement for cut cost (i.e., deal with hyperedges).
 - {A, B, E}, {C, D, F} is a good partition.
 - Should not assign the same weight for all edges.



- Let n(i) = # of cells associated with Net *i*.
- Edge weight $w_{xy} = \frac{2}{n(i)}$ for an edge connecting cells x and y.



• Easy modification of the K-L heuristic.



Fiduccia-Mattheyses Heuristic

- Fiduccia and Mattheyses, "A linear time heuristic for improving network partitions," DAC-82.
- New features to the K-L heuristic:
 - Aims at reducing net-cut costs; the concept of cutsize is extended to hypergraphs.
 - Only a single vertex is moved across the cut in a single move.
 - Vertices are weighted.
 - Can handle "unbalanced" partitions; a balance factor is introduced.
 - A special data structure is used to select vertices to be moved across the cut to improve running time.
 - Time complexity O(P), where P is the total # of terminals.

F-M Heuristic: Notation

- n(i): # of cells in Net *i*; e.g., n(1) = 4.
- s(i): size of Cell i.
- p(i): # of pin terminals in Cell *i*; e.g., p(6)=3.
- C: total # of cells; e.g., C=6.
- *N*: total # of nets; e.g., *N*=6.
- *P*: total # of pins; P = p(1) + ... + p(C) = n(1) + ... + n(N).



Cut



- Cutstate of a net:
 - Net 1 and Net 3 are cut by the partition.
 - Net 2, Net 4, Net 5, and Net 6 are uncut.
- **Cutset** = {Net 1, Net 3}.
- |A| = size of A = s(1)+s(5); |B| = s(2)+s(3)+s(4)+s(6).
- Balanced 2-way partition: Given a fraction r, 0 < r < 1, partition a graph into two sets A and B such that
 |A| ~ r
 - = |A| + |B| = Size of the cutset is minimized.

Input Data Structures



| | Cell array | Net array | | |
|----|--------------|-----------|----------------|--|
| C1 | Nets 1, 2 | Net 1 | C1, C2, C3, C4 | |
| C2 | Nets 1, 3 | Net 2 | C1, C5 | |
| C3 | Nets 1, 4 | Net 3 | C2, C5 | |
| C4 | Nets 1, 5, 6 | Net 4 | C3, C6 | |
| C5 | Nets 2, 3 | Net 5 | C4, C6 | |
| C6 | Nets 4, 5, 6 | Net 6 | C4, C6 | |

- Size of the network: $P = \sum_{i=1}^{6} n(i) = 14$
- Construction of the two arrays takes O(P) time.

Basic Ideas: Balance and Movement

• Only move a cell at a time, preserving "balance."

$$\frac{|A|}{|A|+|B|} \approx r$$

$$rW - S_{max} \leq |A| \leq rW + S_{max},$$

where W = |A| + |B|; $S_{max} = max_i s(i)$.

 g(i): gain in moving cell i to the other set, i.e., size of old cutset size of new cutset.



Suppose ĝ_i's: g(b), g(e), g(d), g(a), g(f), g(c) and the largest partial sum is g(b)+g(e)+g(d). Then we should move b, e, d ⇒ resulting two sets: {a, c, e, d}, {b, f}.

Cell Gains and Data Structure Manipulation



Two "bucket list" structures, one for set A and one for set B (P_{max} = max_i p(i)).



 O(1)-time operations: find a cell with Max Gain, remove Cell *i* from the structure, insert Cell *i* into the structure, update g(i) to g(i)+ Δ, update the Max Gain pointer.

Net Distribution and Critical Nets

• Distribution of Net *i*: (A(i), B(i)) = (2, 3).

- (A(i), B(i)) for all i can be computed in O(P) time.



• **Critical Nets**: A net is critical if it has a cell which if moved will change its cutstate.

- 4 cases: A(i) = 0 or 1, B(i) = 0 or 1.



• Gain of a cell depends only on its critical nets.

Computing Cell Gains

• Initialization of all cell gains requires O(P) time:

 $g(i) \leftarrow 0;$ $F \leftarrow \text{the "from block" of Cell } i;$ $T \leftarrow \text{the "to block" of Cell } i;$ for each net n on Cell i **do** if F(n)=1 **then** $g(i) \leftarrow g(i)+1;$ if T(n)=0 **then** $g(i) \leftarrow g(i)-1;$ f = T



• Will show: Only need O(P) time to maintain all cell gains in one pass.

Updating Cell Gains

- To update the gains, we only need to look at those nets, connected to the base cell, which are critical **before** or **after** the move.
- **Base cell**: The cell selected for movement from one set to the other.



• Consider only the case where the base cell is in the left partition. The other case is similar.



Updating Cell Gains (cont'd)



Updating Cell Gains (cont'd)



Algorithm for Updating Cell Gains





Complexity of Updating Cell Gains

- Once a net has "locked' cells at both sides, the net will remain cut from now on.
- Suppose we move $a_1, a_2, ..., a_k$ from left to right, and then move *b* from right to left \Rightarrow At most only moving a_1 , $a_2, ..., a_k$ and *b* need updating!



- To update the cell gains, it takes O(n(i)) work for Net *i*.
- Total time = n(1)+n(2)+...+n(N) = O(P).

F-M Heuristic: An Example



• Computing cell gains: $F(n) = 1 \Rightarrow g(i) + 1$; $T(n)=0 \Rightarrow g(i) - 1$

| | i | m | q | | | | <i>p</i> | | j | | |
|------------|---|----|----|---|----|---|----------|---|---|----|------|
| Cell | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | g(i) |
| c1 | 0 | -1 | | | | | | | | | -1 |
| c2 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | +1 | 0 | +1 | 0 | | | +1 |
| c3 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | -1 |
| c 4 | | | +1 | 0 | | | | | 0 | -1 | 0 |
| c5 | | | | | +1 | 0 | | | 0 | -1 | 0 |
| c6 | | | | | | | +1 | 0 | | | +1 |

- Balanced criterion: $r|V| S_{max} \le |A| \le r|V| + S_{max}$. Let $r = 0.4 \Rightarrow |A| = 9$, |V| = 18, $S_{max} = 5$, $r|V| = 7.2 \Rightarrow$ Balanced: $2.2 \le 9 \le 12.2!$
- maximum gain: c_2 and balanced: $2.2 \le 9.2 \le 12.2 \Rightarrow$ Move c_2 from A to B (use size criterion if there is a tie).

F-M Heuristic: An Example (cont'd)



• Changes in net distribution:

| | Be | fore move | After move | | | |
|-----|----|-----------|------------|----|--|--|
| Net | F | T | F' | T' | | |
| k | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | |
| m | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | |
| q | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| p | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | |

• Updating cell gains on critical nets (run Algorithm Update_Gain):

| | Gai | e to T | (n) | Gain due to $F(n)$ | | | | Gain changes | | |
|----------------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------|----|---|----|--------------|-----|-----|
| Cells | k | m | q | p | k | m | q | p | Old | New |
| C1 | | +1 | | | | | | | -1 | 0 |
| 63 | | +1 | | | | | +1 | | -1 | +1 |
| сĂ | | | -1 | | | | | | 0 | -1 |
| C _E | -1 | | | | -1 | | | | 0 | -2 |
| $\tilde{c_6}$ | | | | -1 | | | | -1 | +1 | -1 |

 Maximum gain: c₃ and balanced! (2.2 ≤ 7-4 ≤ 12.2) → Move c₃ from A to B (use size criterion if there is a tie).

Summary of the Example

| Step | Cell | Max gain | A | Balanced? | Locked cell | A | В |
|------|----------------|----------|---|-----------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|
| 0 | - | - | 9 | - | Ø | 1, 2, 3 | 4, 5, 6 |
| 1 | c2 | +1 | 7 | yes | c2 | 1, 3 | 2, 4, 5, 6 |
| 2 | c3 | +1 | 3 | yes | c_2, c_3 | 1 | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 3 | c1 | +1 | 0 | no | - | - | - |
| 3' | ^с б | -1 | 8 | yes | c_{2}, c_{3}, c_{6} | 1,6 | 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 4 | <i>c</i> 1 | +1 | 5 | yes | c_1, c_2, c_3, c_6 | 6 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | °5 | -2 | 8 | yes | c1, c2, c3, c5, c6 | 5,6 | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 6 | ^c 4 | 0 | 9 | yes | all cells | 4, 5, 6 | 1, 2, 3 |

- $\hat{g_1} = 1, \hat{g_2} = 1, \hat{g_3} = -1, \hat{g_4} = 1, \hat{g_5} = -2, \hat{g_6} = 0 \implies \text{Maximum}$ partial sum $G_k = +2, k = 2 \text{ or } 4.$
- Since k=4 results in a better balanced \Rightarrow Move c_1 , c_2 , c_3 , $c_6 \Rightarrow A=\{6\}$, $B=\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.
- Repeat the whole process until new $G_k \leq 0$.

Simulated Annealing

- Kirkpatrick, Gelatt, and Vecchi, "Optimization by simulated annealing," *Science*, May 1983.
- Greene and Supowit, "Simulated annealing without rejected moves," ICCD-84.



Simulated Annealing Basics

- Non-zero probability for "up-hill" moves.
- Probability depends on
 - 1. magnitude of the "up-hill" movement
 - 2. total search time

$$Prob(S \to S') = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \Delta C \le 0 \ / * \text{``down-hill'' moves * /} \\ e^{-\frac{\Delta C}{T}} & \text{if } \Delta C > 0 \ / * \text{``up-hill'' moves * /} \end{cases}$$

- $\Delta C = cost(S') Cost(S)$
- T: Control parameter (temperature)
- Annealing schedule: $T=T_0, T_1, T_2, \dots$, where $T_i = r^i T_0, r < 1$.

Generic Simulated Annealing Algorithm

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1 begin
2 Get an initial solution S;
3 Get an initial temperature T > 0;
4 while not yet "frozen" do
    for 1 \le i \le P do
5
6
        Pick a random neighbor S' of S;
7
        \Delta \leftarrow cost(S') - cost(S);
       /* downhill move */
     if \Delta \leq 0 then S \leftarrow S'
8
       /* uphill move */
        if \Delta > 0 then S \leftarrow S' with probability e^{-T};
9
10 T \leftarrow rT; /* reduce temperature */
11 return S
12 end
```

Basic Ingredients for Simulated Annealing

• Analogy:

| Physical system | Optimization problem |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| state | configuration |
| energy | cost function |
| ground state | optimal solution |
| quenching | iterative improvement |
| careful annealing | simulated annealing |

- Basic Ingredients for Simulated Annealing:
 - Solution space
 - Neighborhood structure
 - Cost function
 - Annealing schedule

Partition by Simulated Annealing

- Kirkpatrick, Gelatt, and Vecchi, "Optimization by simulated annealing," *Science*, May 1983.
- Solution space: set of all partitions



a solution

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a solution

• Neighborhood structure:



Randomly move one cell to the other side

Partition by Simulated Annealing (cont'd)

- **Cost function:** $f = C + \lambda B$
 - *C*: the partition cost as used before.
 - B: a measure of how balance the partition is
 - λ : a constant

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ SI \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ S2 \end{pmatrix} B = (|SI| - |S2|)^2$$

- Annealing schedule:
 - $T_n = r^n T_0, r = 0.9.$
 - At each temperature, either
 - there are 10 accepted moves/cell on the average, or
 - 2. # of attempts \geq 100 × total # of cells.
 - The system is "frozen" if very low acceptances at 3 consecutive temperatures.