Abstract

Indexing enormous databases such as RDF has been a focus of intense research. As is well understood, indexing plays a pivotal role in speeding up data retrieval operations and query performance. Besides expediting search, an index can motivate new data-store schemes and technologies that can possibly revolutionize large data-analytics engine design, more often relevant to semantic web. Due to the proliferation of internet and the ease of creating and generating data on the fly - handling, storing and the subsequent semantic processing has proven to be a major bottleneck for the RDF data community. Handling data of such scale and magnitude requires a parallel approach as provided by the GPUs (Graphical processing units). In this paper, a new efficient and scalable index is proposed that uses a combination of B+ trees, hashing and sparse matrices. These data structures have an edge over others in terms
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of their implementation as a parallel algorithm using the CUDA (Compute Unified Device Architecture) framework meant to program massively parallel GPU multicores. So far, RDF data has been mostly implemented either as a RDBMS or as a non-native data-store, in both cases the sequential indexing strategy fails miserably with the scaling of the data-store. Parallel implementation of indices provides a suitable option for dealing with scalable and dynamically generated data over distributed networks. The crucial sparse matrix part of the proposed index is benchmarked against different CUDA memory implementations to derive optimal matrix processing options. The sparse matrix search is profiled using cudamemchk and visual profiler for identifying bottlenecks and inconsistencies in thread execution called thread divergence. Benchmarking the data provides promising results for a B+ tree based index coupled with hashing and sparse matrix implementations.

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