

Comm_Interval — Time between communication steps
Termination — Tags termination messages
Token — Tags token message
Unexamined_Subproblem — Tags message containing unexamined subproblem

Functions:

Current_Time() — Wall clock time
Delete_Min() — Delete subproblem with least lower bound from priority queue
First_Element() — Returns first element from priority queue without deleting it
Initialize() — Set priority queue size to 0
Insert() — Insert subproblem into priority queue
Is_Empty() — Returns true if priority queue is empty
Lower_Bound() — Returns lower bound associated with unexplored subproblem

Variables:

color — Process color (for termination detection)
global_c — Cost of globally best solution found so far
id — Process rank
initial — Initial problem
last_comm — Time of last communication
local_c — Cost of best solution found so far by this process
local_s — Best solution found so far by this process
msg_count — Messages sent minus messages received
q — Priority queue
token — Token passed around ring for termination detection
u — State space tree node
v — New node with additional constraint

Parallel Best-First Branch and Bound (minimization):

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Initialize (q)
if id = 0 then
  Insert (q, initial)
  token.c ← ∞
  token.color ← WHITE
  token.count ← 0
  Send token to successor process
endif
local_c ← ∞
best_soln ← ∞
last_comm ← Current_Time()
msg_count ← 0
color ← WHITE
repeat
  if Is_Empty(q) or (Current_Time() - last_comm > Comm_Interval) then
    BandB_Communication()
    last_comm ← Current_Time()
  else if not Is_Empty(q) then
    u ← Delete_Min(q)
    if Lower_Bound(u) < best_c then
      color ← BLACK
      if u is a solution then
        if Lower_Bound(u) < global_c then
          local_s ← u
          local_c ← Lower_Bound(local_s)
        endif
      endif
    endif
  endif
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else
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to Possible_Constraints( $u$ ) do
    Add constraint  $i$  to  $u$ , creating  $v$ 
    if Lower_Bound( $v$ ) <  $global\_c$  then
      Insert( $q, v$ )
    endif
  endfor
endif
endif
endif
forever

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BandBCommunication():

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if there is a pending message with a Termination tag then Halt endif
if there is a pending message with a Token tag then
  Receive message containing token
  if  $local\_c < token.c$  then
     $token.c \leftarrow local\_c$ 
     $token.s \leftarrow local\_s$ 
  endif
  if  $token.c \leq Lower\_Bound(First\_Element(q))$  then Initialize( $q$ ) endif
   $global\_c \leftarrow token.c$ 
  if  $id = 0$  then
    if ( $color = WHITE$ ) and ( $token.color = WHITE$ ) and
      ( $token.count + msg\_count = 0$ ) then
      Send messages with a Termination tag to all other processes
      Halt
    else
       $token.color \leftarrow WHITE$ 
       $token.count \leftarrow 0$ 
    endif
  else
    if  $color = BLACK$  then  $token.color \leftarrow BLACK$ 
       $token.count \leftarrow token.count + msg\_count$ 
    endif
    Send token to successor
     $color \leftarrow WHITE$ 
  endif
  while there are pending messages with tag Unexamined_Subproblem do
    Receive message with unexamined subproblem  $u$ 
     $msg\_count \leftarrow msg\_count - 1$ 
     $color \leftarrow BLACK$ 
    if Lower_Bound( $u$ ) <  $global\_c$  then Insert ( $q, u$ )
  endwhile
  if there is more than one unexamined subproblem in  $q$  then
    Send unexamined subproblem to another process
     $msg\_count \leftarrow msg\_count + 1$ 
     $color \leftarrow BLACK$ 
  endif
return

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