



Big Data

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Motivations



- Very large volumes of data being collected
 - Driven by growth of web, social media, and more recently internet-of-things
 - Web logs were an early source of data
 - Analytics on web logs has great value for advertisements, web site structuring, what posts to show to a user, etc.
- Big Data: differentiated from data handled by earlier generation databases
 - Volume: much larger amounts of data stored
 - Velocity: much higher rates of insertions
 - Variety: many types of data, beyond relational data

Querying Big Data



- Transaction processing systems that need very high scalability
 - Many applications willing to sacrifice ACID properties and other database features, if they can get very high scalability
- Query processing systems that
 - Need very high scalability, and
 - Need to support non-relation data

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Big Data Storage Systems



- Distributed file systems
- Shardring across multiple databases
- Key-value storage systems
- Parallel and distributed databases

Distributed File Systems

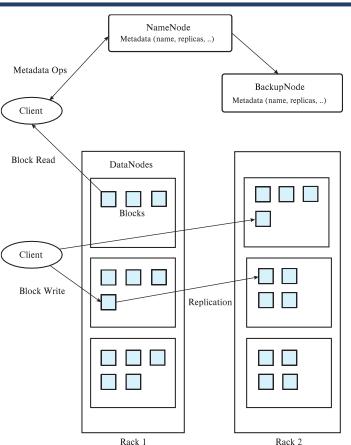


- A distributed file system stores data across a large collection of machines, but provides single file-system view
- Highly scalable distributed file system for large data-intensive applications.
 - E.g., 10K nodes, 100 million files, 10 PB
- Provides redundant storage of massive amounts of data on cheap and unreliable computers
 - Files are replicated to handle hardware failure
 - Detect failures and recovers from them
- Examples:
 - Google File System (GFS)
 - Hadoop File System (HDFS)

Hadoop File System Architecture



- Single Namespace for entire cluster
- Files are broken up into blocks
 - Typically 64 MB block size
 - Each block replicated on multiple DataNodes
- Client
 - Finds location of blocks from NameNode
 - Accesses data directly from DataNode



Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS)



NameNode

- Maps a filename to list of Block IDs
- Maps each Block ID to DataNodes containing a replica of the block
- DataNode: Maps a Block ID to a physical location on disk
 - Data Coherency
 - Write-once-read-many access model
 - Client can only append to existing files
- Distributed file systems good for millions of large files
 - But have very high overheads and poor performance with billions of smaller tuples

Sharding



- Sharding: partition data across multiple databases
- Partitioning usually done on some partitioning attributes (also known as partitioning keys or shard keys e.g. user ID
 - E.g., records with key values from 1 to 100,000 on database 1,
 records with key values from 100,001 to 200,000 on database 2, etc.
- Application must track which records are on which database and send queries/updates to that database

Sharding



- Positives: scales well, easy to implement
- Drawbacks:
 - Not transparent: application has to deal with routing of queries, queries that span multiple databases
 - When a database is overloaded, moving part of its load out is not easy
 - Chance of failure more with more databases
 - need to keep replicas to ensure availability, which is more work for application

Parallel Databases and Data Stores



- Supporting scalable data access
 - Approach 1: memcache or other caching mechanisms at application servers, to reduce database access
 - Limited in scalability
 - Approach 2: Partition ("shard") data across multiple separate database servers
 - Approach 3: Use existing parallel databases
 - Historically: parallel databases that can scale to large number of machines were designed for decision support not OLTP
 - Approach 4: Massively Parallel Key-Value Data Store
 - Partitioning, high availability etc. completely transparent to application
- Sharding systems and key-value stores don't support many relational features, such as joins, integrity constraints, etc., across partitions.

Key Value Storage Systems



- Key-value storage systems store large numbers (billions or even more)
 of small (KB-MB) sized records
- Records are partitioned across multiple machines and
- Queries are routed by the system to appropriate machine
- Records are also replicated across multiple machines, to ensure availability even if a machine fails
 - Key-value stores ensure that updates are applied to all replicas, to ensure that their values are consistent

Key Value Storage Systems



- Key-value stores may store
 - uninterpreted bytes, with an associated key
 - E.g., Amazon S3, Amazon Dynamo
 - Wide-table (can have arbitrarily many attribute names) with associated key
 - Google BigTable, Apache Cassandra, Apache Hbase, Amazon DynamoDB
 - Allows some operations (e.g., filtering) to execute on storage node
 - JSON
 - MongoDB, CouchDB (document model)
- Document stores store semi-structured data, typically JSON
- Some key-value stores support multiple versions of data, with timestamps/version numbers

Data Representation



An example of a JSON object:

```
"ID": "22222",
"name": {
    "firstname: "Albert",
    "lastname: "Einstein"
"deptname": "Physics",
"children": [
    { "firstname": "Hans", "lastname": "Einstein" },
    { "firstname": "Eduard", "lastname": "Einstein" }
```

Key Value Storage Systems



- Key-value stores support
 - put(key, value): used to store values with an associated key,
 - get(key): which retrieves the stored value associated with the specified key
 - delete(key) -- Remove the key and its associated value
- Some systems also support range queries on key values
- Document stores also support queries on non-key attributes
 - See book for MongoDB queries

Key Value Storage Systems



- Key value stores are not full database systems
 - Have no/limited support for transactional updates
 - Applications must manage query processing on their own
- Not supporting above features makes it easier to build scalable data storage systems
 - Also called NoSQL systems

Parallel and Distributed Databases



- Parallel databases run multiple machines (cluser)
 - Developed in 1980s, well before Big Data
- Parallel databases were designed for smaller scale (10s to 100s of machines)
 - Did not provide easy scalability
- Replication used to ensure data availability despite machine failure
 - But typically restart query in event of failure
 - Restarts may be frequent at very large scale
 - Map-reduce systems (coming up next) can continue query execution, working around failures

Replication and Consistency



- Availability (system can run even if parts have failed) is essential for parallel/distributed databases
 - Via replication, so even if a node has failed, another copy is available
- Consistency is important for replicated data
 - All live replicas have same value, and each read sees latest version
 - Often implemented using majority protocols
 - E.g., have 3 replicas, reads/writes must access 2 replicas
 - Details in chapter 23

Replication and Consistency



- Network partitions (network can break into two or more parts, each with active systems that can't talk to other parts)
- In presence of partitions, cannot guarantee both availability and consistency
 - Brewer's CAP "Theorem"

Replication and Consistency



- Very large systems will partition at some point
 - Choose one of consistency or availability
- Traditional database choose consistency
- Most Web applications choose availability
 - Except for specific parts such as order processing
- More details in Chapter 23

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The MapReduce Paradigm



- Platform for reliable, scalable parallel computing
- Abstracts issues of distributed and parallel environment from programmer
 - Programmer provides core logic (via map() and reduce() functions)
 - System takes care of parallelization of computation, coordination, etc.
- Paradigm dates back many decades
 - But very large scale implementations running on clusters with 10³ to 10⁴ machines are more recent
 - Google Map Reduce, Hadoop, ...
- Data storage/access typically done using distributed file systems or keyvalue stores

MapReduce: Word Count Example



- Consider the problem of counting the number of occurrences of each word in a large collection of documents
- How would you do it in parallel?
- Solution:
 - Divide documents among workers
 - Each worker parses document to find all words, map function outputs (word, count) pairs
 - Partition (word, count) pairs across workers based on word
 - For each word at a worker, reduce function locally add up counts

MapReduce: Word Count Example



- Given input: "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns."
 - Records output by the map() function would be
 - ("One" , 1), ("a" , 1), ("penny" , 1), ("two" , 1), ("a" , 1), ("penny" , 1), ("hot" , 1), ("cross" , 1), ("buns" , 1).
 - Records output by reduce function would be
 - ("One" , 1), ("a" , 2), ("penny" , 2), ("two" , 1), ("hot" , 1), ("cross" , 1), ("buns" , 1)

Pseudo-code of Word Count



```
map(String record):
  for each word in record
    emit(word, 1);
// First attribute of emit above is called reduce key
// In effect, group by is performed on reduce key to create a
// list of values (all 1's in above code). This requires shuffle step
// across machines.
// The reduce function is called on list of values in each group
reduce(String key, List value list):
  String word = key
  int count = 0:
  for each value in value list:
    count = count + value
  Output(word, count);
```

MapReduce Programming Model



- Inspired from map and reduce operations commonly used in functional programming languages like Lisp.
- Input: a set of key/value pairs
- User supplies two functions:
 - $map(k,v) \rightarrow list(k1,v1)$
 - reduce(k1, list(v1)) \rightarrow v2
- (k1,v1) is an intermediate key/value pair
- Output is the set of (k1,v2) pairs
- For our example, assume that system
 - Breaks up files into lines, and
 - Calls map function with value of each line
 - Key is the line number

MapReduce Example 2: Log Processing



Given log file in following format:

. . .

```
2013/02/21 10:31:22.00EST /slide-dir/11.ppt
2013/02/21 10:43:12.00EST /slide-dir/12.ppt
2013/02/22 18:26:45.00EST /slide-dir/13.ppt
2013/02/22 20:53:29.00EST /slide-dir/12.ppt
```

...

- Goal: find how many times each of the files in the slide-dir directory was accessed between 2013/01/01 and 2013/01/31.
- Options:
 - Sequential program too slow on massive datasets
 - Load into database expensive, direct operation on log files cheaper
 - Custom built parallel program for this task possible, but very laborious
 - Map-reduce paradigm

MapReduce: File Access Count Example



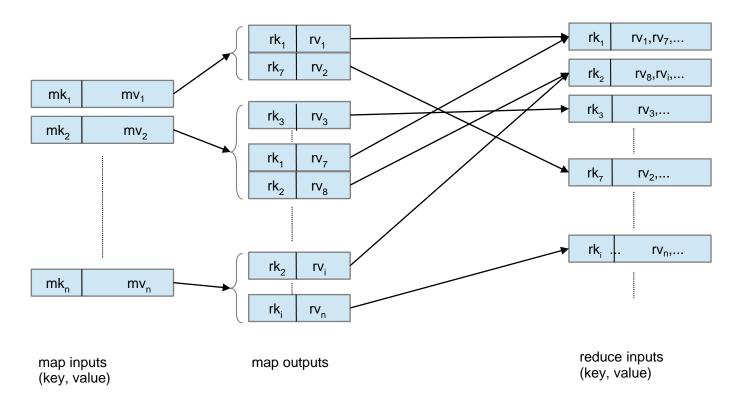
```
map(String key, String record) {
  String attribute[3];
  .... break up record into tokens (based on
   space character), and store the tokens in
   array attributes
  String date = attribute[0];
  String time = attribute[1];
  String filename = attribute[2];
  if (date between 2013/01/01 and
   2013/01/31
         and filename starts with "/slide-dir/")
     emit(filename, 1).
```

```
reduce(String key, List recordlist) {
  String filename = key;
  int count = 0:
  For each record in recordlist
    count = count + 1.
  output(filename, count)
```

Schematic Flow of Keys and Values

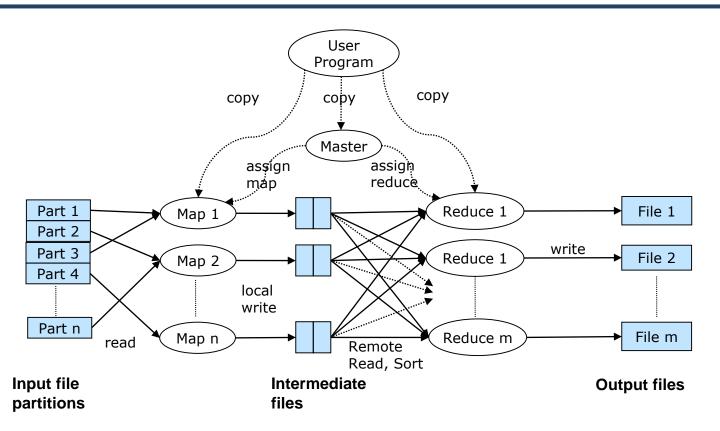


Flow of keys and values in a map reduce task



Parallel Processing of MapReduce Job





Hadoop MapReduce



- Google pioneered map-reduce implementations that could run on thousands of machines (nodes), and transparently handle failures of machines
- Hadoop is a widely used open source implementation of Map Reduce written in Java
 - Map and reduce functions can be written in several different languages, we use Java.
- Input and output to map reduce systems such as Hadoop must be done in parallel
 - Google used GFS distributed file system
 - Hadoop uses Hadoop File System (HDFS),
 - Input files can be in several formats
 - Text/CSV
 - compressed representation such as Avro, ORC and Parquet
 - Hadoop also supports key-value stores such as Hbase, Cassandra, MongoDB, etc.

Types in Hadoop



- Generic Mapper and Reducer interfaces both take four type arguments, that specify the types of the
 - input key, input value, output key and output value
- Map class in next slide implements the Mapper interface
 - Map input key is of type LongWritable, i.e. a long integer
 - Map input value which is (all or part of) a document, is of type Text.
 - Map output key is of type Text, since the key is a word,
 - Map output value is of type IntWritable, which is an integer value.

Hadoop Code in Java: Map Function



```
public static class Map extends Mapper<LongWritable, Text, Text, IntWritable>
  private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
  private Text word = new Text();
  public void map(LongWritable key, Text value, Context context)
         throws IOException, InterruptedException
     String line = value.toString();
     StringTokenizer tokenizer = new StringTokenizer(line);
     while (tokenizer.hasMoreTokens()) {
          word.set(tokenizer.nextToken());
          context.write(word, one);
```

Hadoop Code in Java: Reduce Function



```
public static class Reduce extends Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
  public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values,
         Context context) throws IOException, InterruptedException
     int sum = 0;
     for (IntWritable val : values) {
          sum += val.get();
     context.write(key, new IntWritable(sum));
```

Hadoop Job Parameters



- The classes that contain the map and reduce functions for the job
 - Set by methods setMapperClass() and setReducerClass()
- The types of the job's output key and values
 - Set by methods setOutputKeyClass() and setOutputValueClass()
- The input format of the job
 - Set by method job.setInputFormatClass()
 - Default input format in Hadoop is the TextInputFormat,
 - Map key whose value is a byte offset into the file, and
 - Map value is the contents of one line of the file
- The directories where the input files are stored, and where the output files must be created
 - Set by addInputPath() and addOutputPath()
- And many more parameters

Hadoop Code in Java: Overall Program



```
public class WordCount {
  public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    Configuration conf = new Configuration();
    Job job = new Job(conf, "wordcount");
    job.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
    job.setOutputValueClass(IntWritable.class);
    iob.setMapperClass(Map.class);
    job.setReducerClass(Reduce.class);
    iob.setInputFormatClass(TextInputFormat.class);
    job.setOutputFormatClass(TextOutputFormat.class);
     FileInputFormat.addInputPath(job, new Path(args[0]));
     FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(job, new Path(args[1]));
    job.waitForCompletion(true);
```

Local Pre-Aggregation



- Combiners: perform partial aggregation to minimize network traffic
 - E.g., within machine
 - And/or at rack level
- In Hadoop, reduce function is used by default if combiners are enabled
 - But alternative implementation of combiner can be specified if input and output types of reducers are different

MapReduce vs. Databases



- MapReduce is widely used for parallel processing
 - Google, Yahoo, and 100' s of other companies
 - Example uses: compute PageRank, build keyword indices, do data analysis of web click logs,
 - Allows procedural code in map and reduce functions
 - Allows data of any type
- Many real-world uses of MapReduce cannot be expressed in SQL
- But many computations are much easier to express in SQL
 - Map Reduce is cumbersome for writing simple queries

MapReduce vs. Databases (Cont.)



- Relational operations (select, project, join, aggregation, etc.) can be expressed using Map Reduce
- SQL queries can be translated into Map Reduce infrastructure for execution
 - Apache Hive SQL, Apache Pig Latin, Microsoft SCOPE
- Current generation execution engines support not only Map Reduce, but also other algebraic operations such as joins, aggregation, etc. natively.

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Algebraic Operations



- Current generation execution engines
 - natively support algebraic operations such as joins, aggregation, etc. natively.
 - Allow users to create their own algebraic operators
 - Support trees of algebraic operators that can be executed on multiple nodes in parallel
- E.g. Apache Tez, Spark
 - Tex provides low level API; Hive on Tez compiles SQL to Tez
 - Spark provides more user-friendly API

Algebraic Operations in Spark



- Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD) abstraction
 - Collection of records that can be stored across multiple machines
- RDDs can be created by applying algebraic operations on other RDDs
- RDDs can be lazily computed when needed
- Spark programs can be written in Java/Scala/R
 - Our examples are in Java
- Spark makes use of Java 8 Lambda expressions; the code
 - s > Arrays.asList(s.split(" ")).iterator()
 - defines unnamed function that takes argument s and executes the expression Arrays.asList(s.split(" ")).iterator() on the argument
- Lambda functions are particularly convenient as arguments to map, reduce and other functions

Algebraic Operations in Spark



- Algebraic operations in Spark are typically executed in parallel on multiple machines
 - With data partitioned across the machines
- Algebraic operations are executed lazily, not immediately
 - Our preceding program creates an operator tree
 - Tree is executed only on specific functions such as saveAsTextFile() or collect()
 - Query optimization can be performed on tree before it is executed

Spark DataFrames and DataSet



- RDDs in Spark can be typed in programs, but not dynamically
- The DataSet type allows types to be specified dynamically
- Row is a row type, with attribute names
 - In code below, attribute names/types of instructor and department are inferred from files read
- Operations filter, join, groupBy, agg, etc defined on DataSet, and can execute in parallel

```
Dataset<Row> instructor = spark.read().parquet("...");
Dataset<Row> department = spark.read().parquet("...");
instructor.filter(instructor.col("salary").gt(100000))
.join(department, instructor.col("dept name")
.equalTo(department.col("dept name")))
.groupBy(department.col("building"))
.agg(count(instructor.col("ID")));
```

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Streaming Data and Applications



- Streaming data refers to data that arrives in a continuous fashion
 - Contrast to data-at-rest
- Applications include:
 - Stock market: stream of trades
 - e-commerce site: purchases, searches
 - Sensors: sensor readings
 - Internet of things
 - Network monitoring data
 - Social media: tweets and posts can be viewed as a stream
- Queries on streams can be very useful
 - Monitoring, alerts, automated triggering of actions

Querying Streaming Data



- Approaches to querying streams:
- Windowing: Break up stream into windows, and queries are run on windows
 - Stream query languages support window operations
 - Windows may be based on time or tuples
 - Must figure out when all tuples in a window have been seen
 - Easy if stream totally ordered by timestamp
 - Punctuations specify that all future tuples have timestamp greater that some value
- Continuous Queries: Queries written e.g. in SQL, output partial results based on stream seen so far; query results updated continuously
 - Have some applications, but can lead to flood of updates

Querying Streaming Data (Cont.)



- Approaches to querying streams (Cont.):
- Algebraic operators on streams:
 - Each operator consumes tuples from a stream and outputs tuples
 - Operators can be written e.g., in an imperative language
 - Operator may maintain state

Pattern matching:

- Queries specify patterns, system detects occurrences of patterns and triggers actions
- Complex Event Processing (CEP) systems
- E.g., Microsoft StreamInsight, Flink CEP, Oracle Event Processing

Stream Processing Architectures



- Many stream processing systems are purely in-memory, and do not persist data
- Lambda architecture: split stream into two, one output goes to stream processing system and the other to a database for storage
 - Easy to implement and widely used
 - But often leads to duplication of querying effort, once on streaming system and once in database

Stream Extensions to SQL



- SQL Window functions described in Section 5.5.2
- Streaming systems often support more window types
 - Tumbling window
 - E.g., hourly windows, windows don't overlab
 - Hopping window
 - E.g., hourly window computed every 20 minutes
 - Sliding window
 - Window of specified size (based on timestamp interval or number of tuples) around each incoming tuple
 - Session window
 - Groups tuples based on user sessions

Window Syntax in SQL

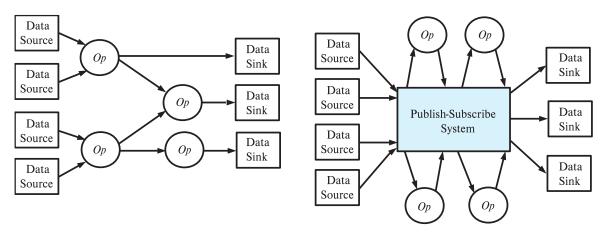


- Windowing syntax varies widely by system
- E.g., in Azure Stream Analytics SQL:
 select item, System. Timestamp as window end, sum(amount)
 from order timestamp by datetime
 group by itemid, tumblingwindow(hour, 1)
- Aggregates are applied on windows
- Result of windowing operation on a stream is a relation
- Many systems support stream-relation joins
- Stream-stream joins often require join conditions to specify bound on timestamp gap between matching tuples
 - E.g., tuples must be at most 30 minutes apart in timestamp

Algebraic Operations on Streams



- Tuples in streams need to be routed to operators
- Routing of streams using DAG and publish-subscribe representations
 - Used in Apache Storm and Apache Kafka respective



(a) DAG representation of streaming data flow

(b) Publish-subscribe representation of streaming data flow

Publish Subscribe Systems



- Publish-subscribe (pub-sub) systems provide convenient abstraction for processing streams
 - Tuples in a stream are published to a topic
 - Consumers subscribe to topic
- Parallel pub-sub systems allow tuples in a topic to be partitioned across multiple machines
- Apache Kafka is a popular parallel pub-sub system widely used to manage streaming data
- More details in book

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Graph Data Model



- Graphs are a very general data model
- ER model of an enterprise can be viewed as a graph
 - Every entity is a node
 - Every binary relationship is an edge
 - Ternary and higher degree relationships can be modelled as binary relationships

Graph Data Model (Cont.)



- Graphs can be modelled as relations
 - node(ID, label, node_data)
 - edge(fromID, toID, label, edge_data)
- Above representation too simplistic
- Graph databases like Neo4J can provide a graph view of relational schema
 - Relations can be identified as representing either nodes or edges
- Query languages for graph databases make it
 - easy to express queries requiring edge traversal
 - allow efficient algorithms to be used for evaluation

Graph Data Model (Cont.)



- Suppose
 - Relations instructor and student are nodes, and
 - Relation advisor represents edges between instructors and student
- Query in Neo4J:
 match (i:instructor)<-[:advisor]-(s:student)
 where i.dept name= 'Comp. Sci.'
 return i.ID as ID, i.name as name, collect(s.name) as advisees
- match clause matches nodes and edges in graphs
- Recursive traversal of edges is also possible
 - Suppose prereq(course_id, prereq_id) is modeled as an edge
 - Transitive closure can be done as follows:

```
match (c1:course)-[:prereq *1..]->(c2:course)
return c1.course id, c2.course id
```

Parallel Graph Processing



- Very large graphs (billions of nodes, trillions of edges)
 - Web graph: web pages are nodes, hyper links are edges
 - Social network graph: people are nodes, friend/follow links are edges
- Two popular approaches for parallel processing on such graphs
 - Map-reduce and algebraic frameworks
 - Bulk synchronous processing (BSP) framework
- Multiple iterations are required for any computations on graphs
 - Map-reduce/algebraic frameworks often have high overheads per iteration
 - BSP frameworks have much lower per-iteration overheads
- Google's Pregel system popularized the BSP framework
- Apache Giraph is an open-source version of Pregel
- Apache Spark's GraphX component provides a Pregel-like API

Bulk Synchronous Processing



- Each vertex (node) of a graph has data (state) associated with it
 - Vertices are partitioned across multiple machines, and state of node kept in-memory
- Analogous to map() and reduce() functions, programmers provide methods to be executed for each node
 - Node method can send messages to or receive messages from neighboring nodes
- Computation consists of multiple iterations, or supersteps
- In each superstep
 - Nodes process received messages
 - Update their state, and
 - Send further messages or vote to halt
 - Computation ends when all nodes vote to halt, and there are no pending messages