Map-Reduce and the New Software Stack

Mining of Massive Datasets
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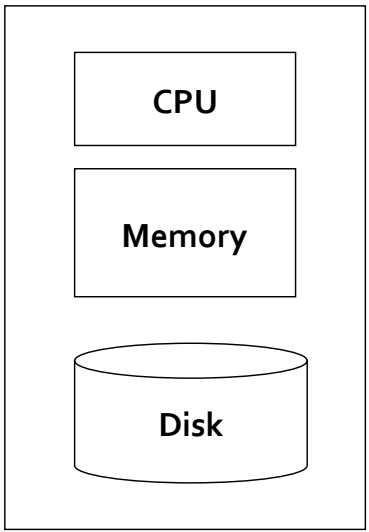
MapReduce

- Much of the course will be devoted to **large scale computing** for **data mining**
- **Challenges:**
  - How to distribute computation?
  - Distributed/parallel programming is hard
- **Map-reduce** addresses all of the above
  - Google's computational/data manipulation model
  - Elegant way to work with big data

Single Node Architecture



① Read data from disk to memory
② Algorithm access data from memory
③ Algorithm runs on CPU

Machine Learning, Statistics

What if memory is not enough for all data ?

⇒ **"Classical" Data Mining**

Algorithm look at disk AND memory & CPU.

read a portion to memory at a time.
process in chunks and write back to disk.

! still can be inefficient !

foundamental limitation : disk read bandwidth

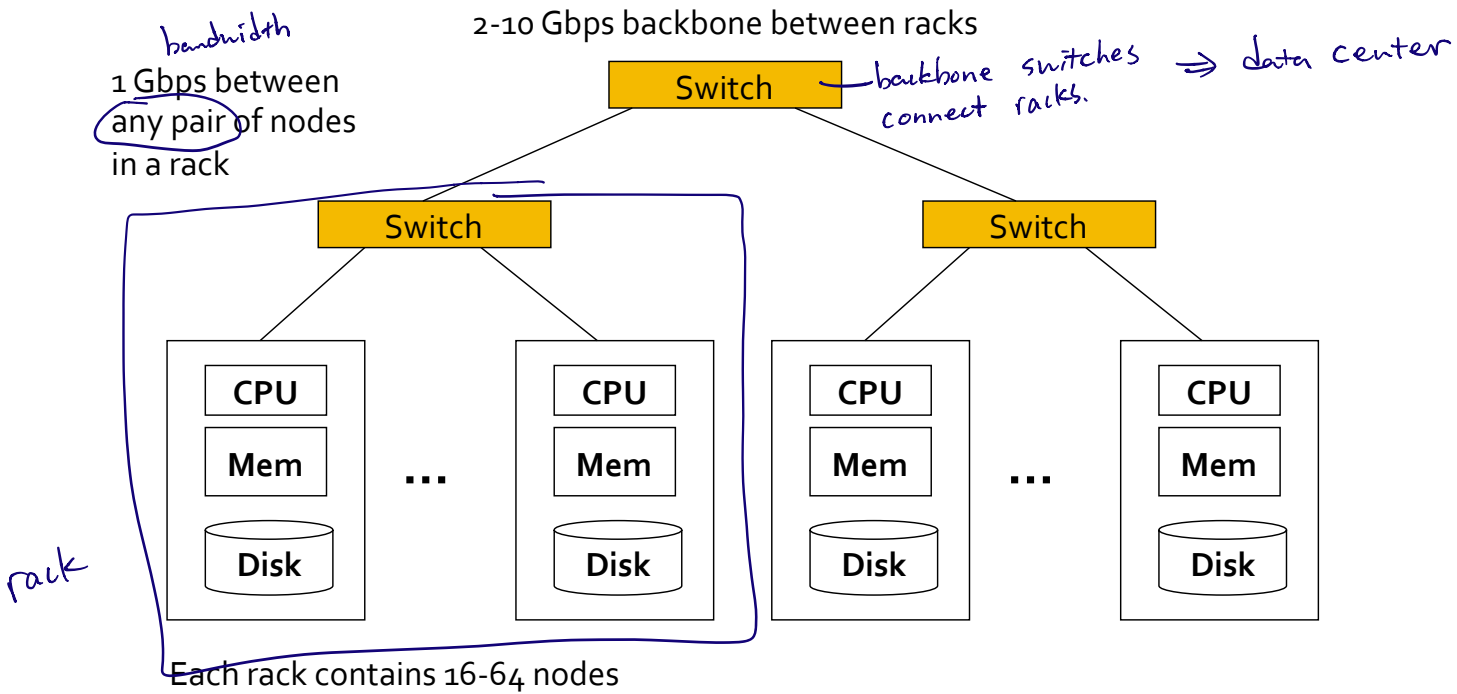
Motivation: Google Example

- 20+ billion web pages x 20KB = 400+ TB
- 1 computer reads 30-35 MB/sec from disk
  - ~4 months to read the web
- ~1,000 hard drives to store the web
- Takes even more to **do** something useful with the data!
- **Today, a standard architecture for such problems is emerging:**

multiple disks & CPUs.

  - Cluster of commodity Linux nodes
  - Commodity network (ethernet) to connect them

Cluster Architecture



In 2011 it was guestimated that Google had 1M machines, http://bit.ly/Shh0RO


Data center.
racks & connections.

Large-scale Computing

- **Large-scale computing** for **data mining** problems on **commodity hardware**
- **Challenges:**
  - **How do you distribute computation?**
  - **How can we make it easy to write distributed programs?**
  - **Machines fail:**
    - One server may stay up 3 years (1,000 days)
    - If you have 1,000 servers, expect to loose 1/day
    - People estimated Google had ~1M machines in 2011
      - 1,000 machines fail every day!

Storage Infrastructure

- **Problem:**
  - If nodes fail, how to store data persistently?
- **Answer:**
  - **Distributed File System:**
    - Provides global file namespace
    - Google GFS; Hadoop HDFS;
- **Typical usage pattern**
  - Huge files (100s of GB to TB)
  - Data is rarely updated in place
  - Reads and appends are common

Idea and Solution

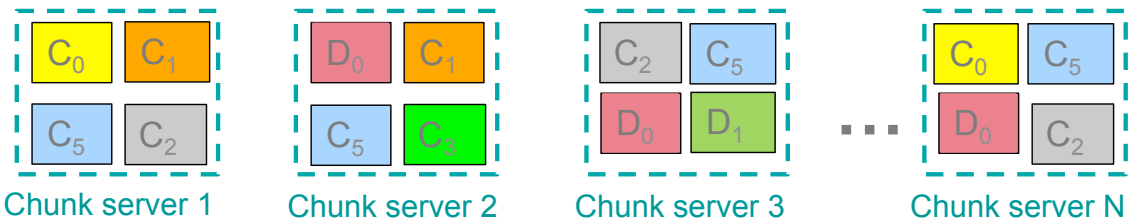
(Network bottleneck.)

- **Issue: Copying data over a network takes time**
- **Idea:**
  - Bring computation close to the data
  - Store files multiple times for reliability
- **Map-reduce** addresses these problems
  - Google's computational/data manipulation model
  - Elegant way to work with big data
  - **Storage Infrastructure – File system**
    - Google: GFS. Hadoop: HDFS
  - **Programming model**
    - Map-Reduce

① Store data redundantly on multiple nodes for persistence & availability
② Move computation close to data to minimize data movement
③ Simple programming model to hide the complexity of all this magic

Distributed File System

- **Reliable distributed file system**
- Data kept in "chunks" spread across machines
- Each chunk replicated on different machines
  - Seamless recovery from disk or machine failure



Bring computation directly to the data!

Chunk servers also serve as compute servers

Distributed File System

- **Chunk servers**
  - File is split into contiguous chunks
  - Typically each chunk is 16-64MB
  - Each chunk replicated (usually 2x or 3x)
  - Try to keep replicas in different racks
- **Master node**
  - a.k.a. Name Node in Hadoop's HDFS
  - Stores metadata about where files are stored
  - Might be replicated
- **Client library for file access**
  - Talks to master to find chunk servers
  - Connects directly to chunk servers to access data

chunk server act as compute servers : computation happens on the chunk server that actually has data

→ spread across machines

Bring computation to data

: in case the switch fails and entire rack is not available.

Programming Model: MapReduce

Warm-up task:

- We have a huge text document
- Count the number of times each distinct word appears in the file
- **Sample application:**
  - Analyze web server logs to find popular URLs

Task: Word Count

Case 1:

- File too large for memory, but all <word, count> pairs fit in memory. Make Hash Table : word → count

Case 2: What if word count pairs are too large?

- Count occurrences of words:
  - **`words(doc.txt) | sort | uniq -c`**
    - where **`words`** takes a file and outputs the words in it, one per a line

Unix command

get all words in doc.

get all same words together

get unige word

count it

output word count pair

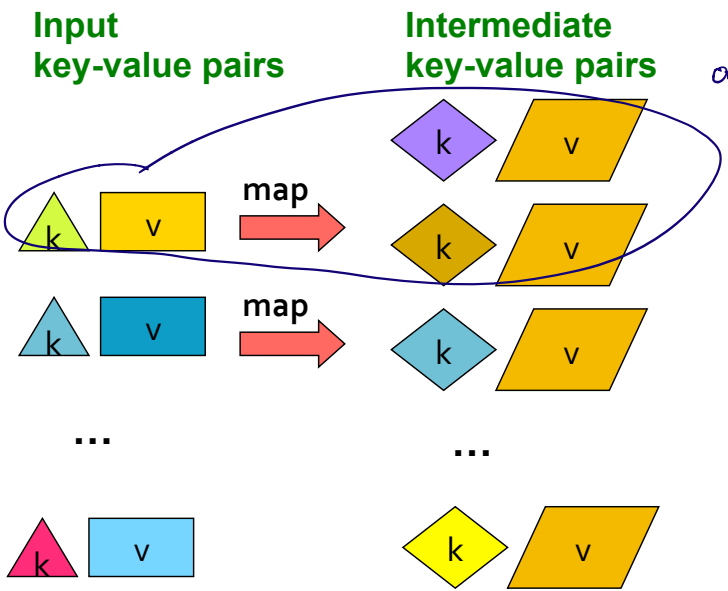
- Case 2 captures the essence of **MapReduce**
  - Great thing is that it is naturally parallelizable

MapReduce: Overview

- Sequentially read a lot of data
- **Map:** words (doc.txt)
  - Scan input file record-at-a-time
  - Extract something you care about ⇒ (keys)
- **Group by key:** Sort and Shuffle sort
- **Reduce:** uniq -c look for keys & do some functions
  - Aggregate, summarize, filter or transform
- Write the result

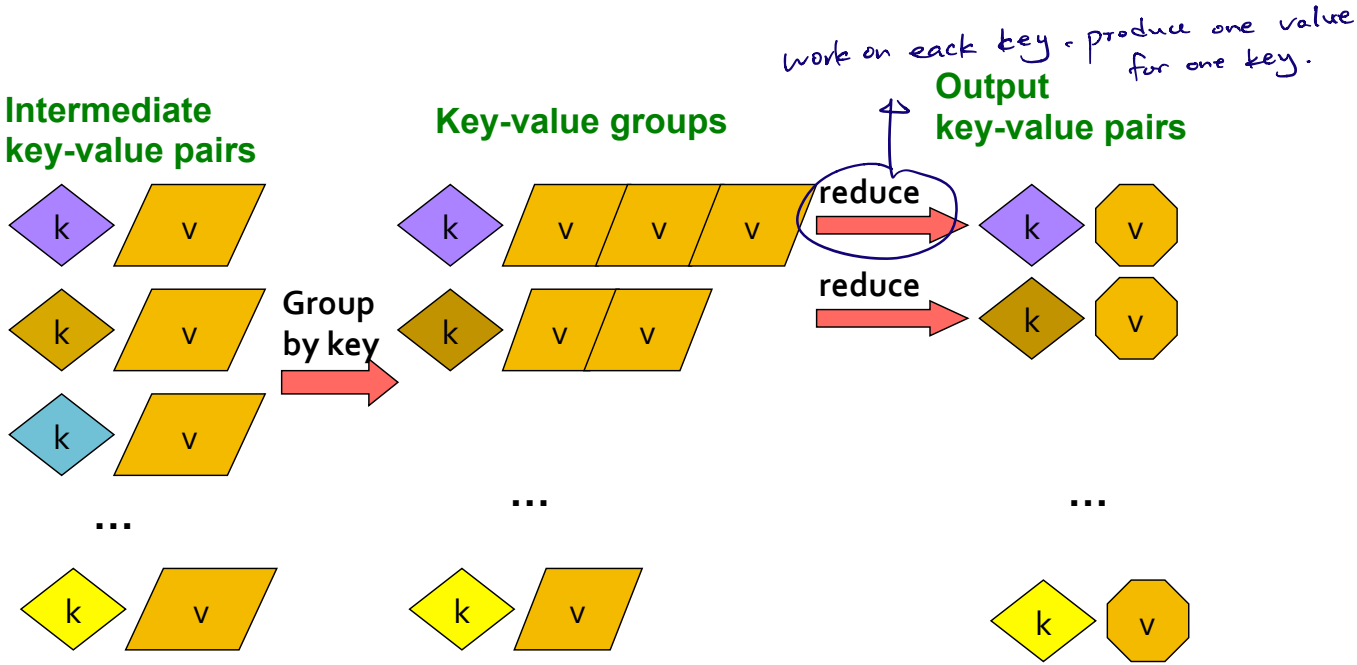
Outline stays the same, **Map** and **Reduce** change to fit the problem

MapReduce: The Map Step



one input kv pairs can produce several intermediate kv pairs

MapReduce: The Reduce Step

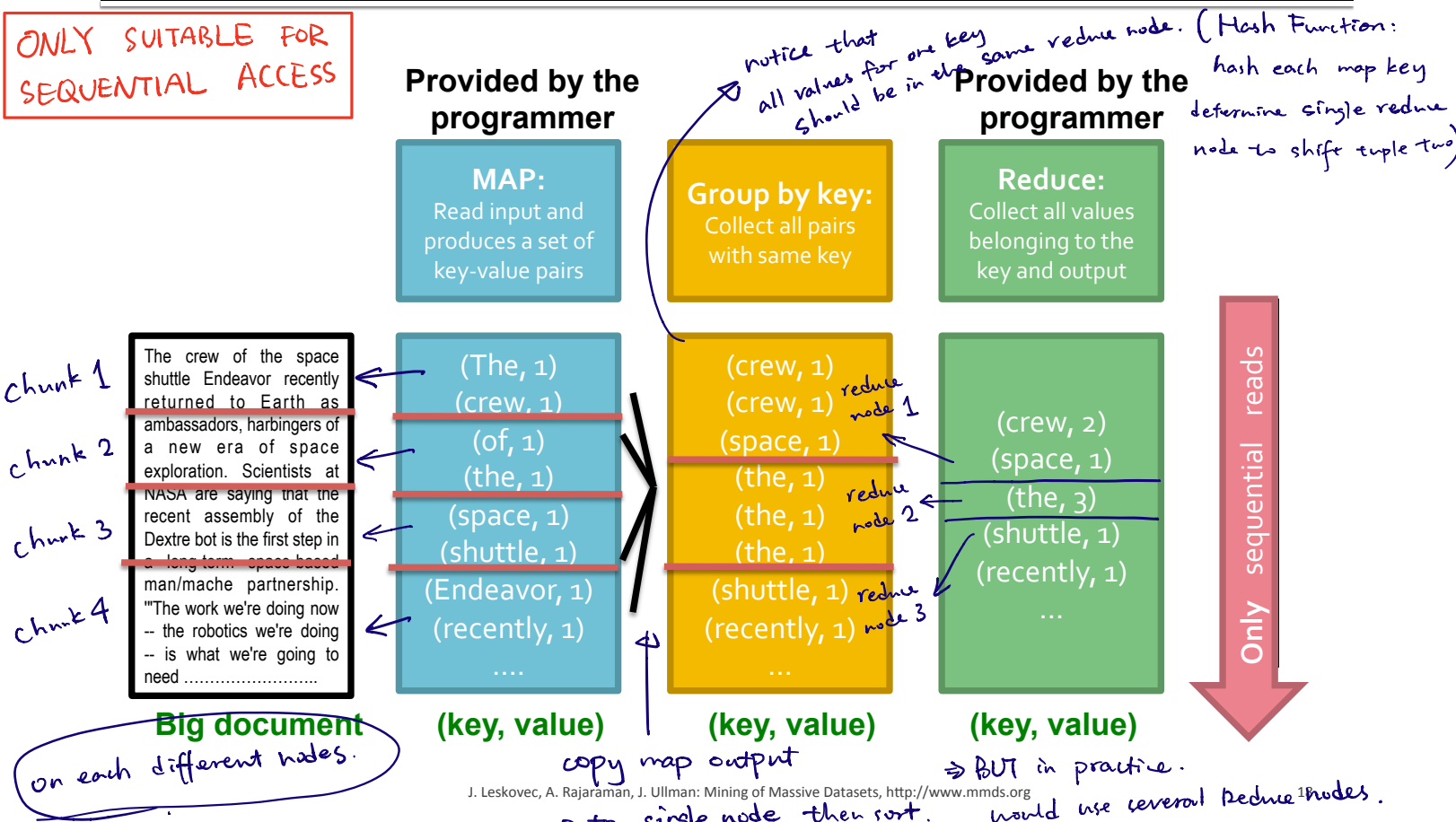


More Specifically

- **Input:** a set of key-value pairs
- Programmer specifies two methods:
  - **Map(k, v)** → <k', v'>*
    - Takes a key-value pair and outputs a set of key-value pairs
      - E.g., key is the filename, value is a single line in the file
    - There is one Map call for every *(k,v)* pair
  - **Reduce(k', <v'>*)** → <k', v''>* group
    - **All values *v'* with same key *k'* are reduced together and processed in *v'* order**
    - There is one Reduce function call per unique key *k'*

MapReduce: Word Counting

ONLY SUITABLE FOR SEQUENTIAL ACCESS



Word Count Using MapReduce

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map(key, value):
// key: document name; value: text of the document
   for each word w in value:
      emit(w, 1)
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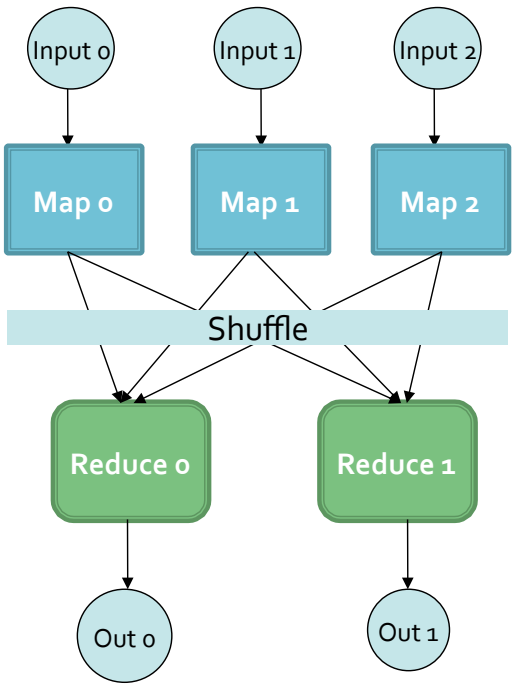
```
reduce(key, values):
// key: a word; value: an iterator over counts
      result = 0
      for each count v in values:
            result += v
      emit(key, result)
```

Map-Reduce

- Programmer specifies:
  - Map and Reduce and input files
- **Workflow:**
  - Read inputs as a set of key-value-pairs
  - **Map** transforms input kv-pairs into a new set of k'v'-pairs
  - Sorts & Shuffles the k'v'-pairs to output nodes
  - All k'v'-pairs with a given k' are sent to the same **reduce**
  - **Reduce** processes all k'v'-pairs grouped by key into new k''v''-pairs
  - Write the resulting pairs to files
- All phases are distributed with many tasks doing the work

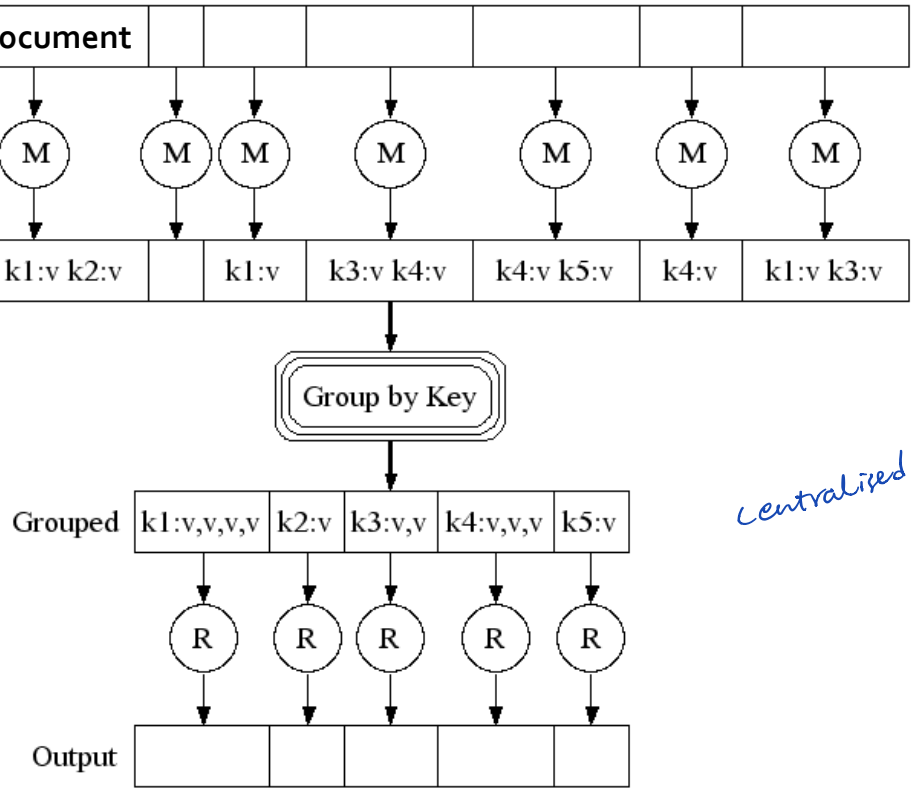


Map-Reduce: A diagram

MAP:
Read input and produces a set of key-value pairs

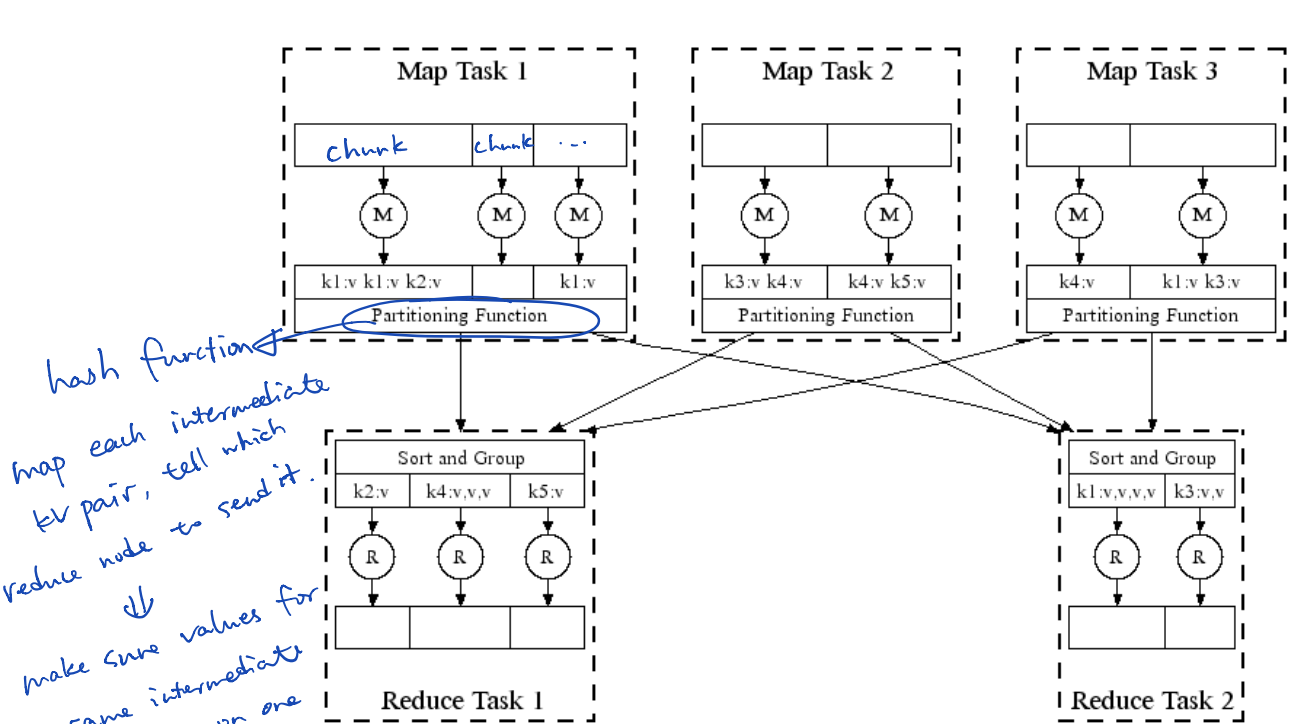
Group by key:
Collect all pairs with same key
(Hash merge, Shuffle, Sort, Partition)

Reduce:
Collect all values belonging to the key and output



centralised system.

Map-Reduce: In Parallel



Reduce task starts after all Map task

hash function: map each intermediate kv pair, tell which reduce node to send it.

make sure values for the same intermediate key would be on one reduce node

All phases are distributed with many tasks doing the work

Map-Reduce: Environment

Map-Reduce environment takes care of:

- Partitioning the input data
- Scheduling the program's execution across a set of machines where the map nodes, reduce nodes ...
- Performing the **group by key** step
- Handling machine failures
- Managing required inter-machine communication

Data Flow

- **Input and final output are stored on a distributed file system (FS):**
  - Scheduler tries to schedule map tasks "close" to physical storage location of input data

⇒ No data copies in Map step. locate the chunk for data needed, then compute on that particular chunk server.

- **Intermediate results are stored on local FS of Map and Reduce workers** to avoid more network traffic

{ output of map step
intermediate result of reduce step

- **Output is often input to another MapReduce task**

Coordination: Master

- **Master node takes care of coordination:**
  - **Task status:** (idle, in-progress, completed) status flag
  - **Idle tasks** get scheduled as workers become available
  - When a map task completes, it sends the master the location and sizes of its *R* intermediate files, one for each reducer
    - Stored on local, let master node know the info
    - master push the info to the reducer.
  - Master pushes this info to reducers
    - Once reducer know the map step is finished, copy each R intermediate files
- Master pings workers periodically to detect failures

Dealing with Failures

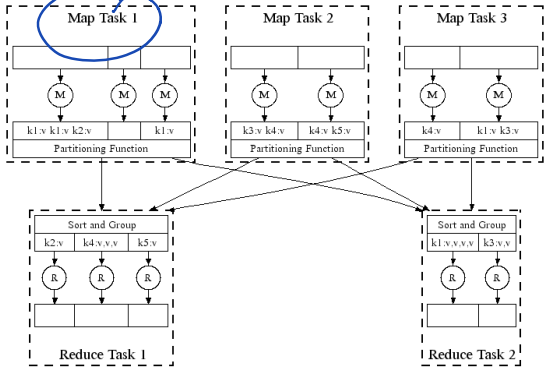
- **Map worker failure**
  - Map tasks completed or in-progress at worker are reset to idle
  - Reduce workers are notified when task is rescheduled on another worker
- **Reduce worker failure**
  - Only in-progress tasks are reset to idle
  - Reduce task is restarted
- **Master failure**
  - MapReduce task is aborted and client is notified

How many Map and Reduce jobs?

- *M* map tasks, *R* reduce tasks
- **Rule of a thumb:**
  - Make *M* much larger than the number of nodes in the cluster
  - One DFS chunk per map is common
  - Improves dynamic load balancing and speeds up recovery from worker failures
- **Usually *R* is smaller than *M***
  - Because output is spread across *R* files

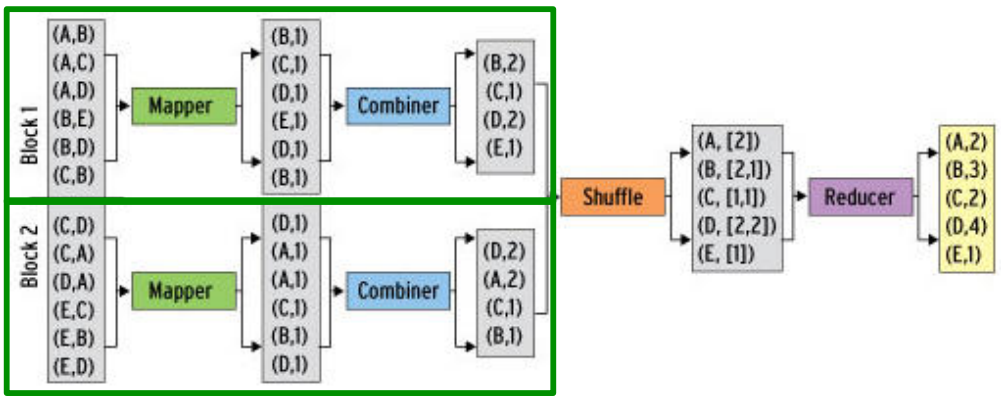
Refinement: Combiners

- Often a Map task will produce many pairs of the form $(k,v_1), (k,v_2), \ldots$ for the same key k
  - E.g., popular words in the word count example
- **Can save network time by pre-aggregating values in the mapper:**
  - combine(k, list(v_1)) → v_2
  - Combiner is usually same as the reduce function
- Works only if reduce function is commutative and associative



Refinement: Combiners

- **Back to our word counting example:**
  - Combiner combines the values of all keys of a single mapper (single machine):



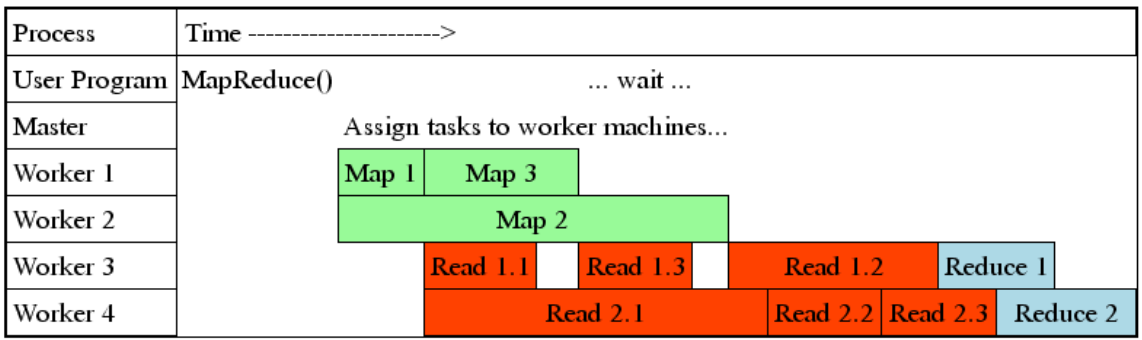
  - Much less data needs to be copied and shuffled!

Refinement: Partition Function

- **Want to control how keys get partitioned**
  - Inputs to map tasks are created by contiguous splits of input file
  - Reduce needs to ensure that records with the same intermediate key end up at the same worker
- **System uses a default partition function:**
  - **hash(key) mod *R***
- **Sometimes useful to override the hash function:**
  - E.g., **hash(hostname(URL)) mod *R*** ensures URLs from a host end up in the same output file

Task Granularity & Pipelining

- **Fine granularity tasks:** map tasks >> machines
  - Minimizes time for fault recovery
  - Can do pipeline shuffling with map execution
  - Better dynamic load balancing



Refinements: Backup Tasks

- **Problem**
  - Slow workers significantly lengthen the job completion time:
    - Other jobs on the machine
    - Bad disks
    - Weird things
- **Solution**
  - Near end of phase, spawn backup copies of tasks
    - Whichever one finishes first "wins"
- **Effect**
  - Dramatically shortens job completion time

Problems Suited for Map-Reduce

Example: Host size

- **Suppose we have a large web corpus**
- Look at the metadata file
  - Lines of the form: (URL, size, date, …)
- **For each host, find the total number of bytes**
  - That is, the sum of the page sizes for all URLs from that particular host
- **Other examples:**
  - Link analysis and graph processing
  - Machine Learning algorithms

Example: Language Model

- **Statistical machine translation:**
  - Need to count number of times every 5-word sequence occurs in a large corpus of documents
- **Very easy with MapReduce:**
  - **Map:**
    - Extract (5-word sequence, count) from document
  - **Reduce:**
    - Combine the counts

Example: Join By Map-Reduce

- **Compute the natural join *R(A,B)* ⋈ *S(B,C)***
- *R* and *S* are each stored in files
- Tuples are pairs *(a,b)* or *(b,c)*

A	B
a_1	b_1
a_2	b_1
a_3	b_2
a_4	b_3

R

⋈

B	C
b_2	c_1
b_2	c_2
b_3	c_3

S

=

A	C
a_3	c_1
a_3	c_2
a_4	c_3

Map-Reduce Join

- **Use a hash function *h* from B-values to *1...k***
- **A Map process turns:**
  - Each input tuple *R(a,b)* into key-value pair *(b,(a,R))*
  - Each input tuple *S(b,c)* into *(b,(c,S))*
- **Map processes** send each key-value pair with key *b* to Reduce process *h(b)*
  - Hadoop does this automatically; just tell it what *k* is.
- Each **Reduce process** matches all the pairs *(b, (a,R))* with all *(b,(c,S))* and outputs *(a,b,c)*.

Cost Measures for Algorithms

- **In MapReduce we quantify the cost of an algorithm using**

1. *Communication cost* = total I/O of all processes
2. *Elapsed communication cost* = max of I/O along any path
3. (*Elapsed*) *computation cost* analogous, but count only running time of processes

Note that here the big-O notation is not the most useful (adding more machines is always an option)

Example: Cost Measures

- **For a map-reduce algorithm:**
  - **Communication cost =** input file size + 2 × (sum of the sizes of all files passed from Map processes to Reduce processes) + the sum of the output sizes of the Reduce processes.
  - **Elapsed communication cost** is the sum of the largest input + output for any map process, plus the same for any reduce process

What Cost Measures Mean

- Either the I/O (communication) or processing (computation) cost dominates
  - Ignore one or the other
- Total cost tells what you pay in rent from your friendly neighborhood cloud
- Elapsed cost is wall-clock time using parallelism

Cost of Map-Reduce Join

- **Total communication cost**
  = $O(|R|+|S|+|R \bowtie S|)$
- **Elapsed communication cost** = $O(s)$
  - We're going to pick ***k*** and the number of Map processes so that the I/O limit ***s*** is respected
  - We put a limit ***s*** on the amount of input or output that any one process can have. ***s*** **could be:**
    - What fits in main memory
    - What fits on local disk
- With proper indexes, computation cost is linear in the input + output size
  - So computation cost is like comm. cost

Pointers and Further Reading

Implementations

- Google
  - Not available outside Google
- **Hadoop**
  - An open-source implementation in Java
  - Uses HDFS for stable storage
  - Download: http://lucene.apache.org/hadoop/
- Aster Data
  - Cluster-optimized SQL Database that also implements MapReduce

Cloud Computing

- Ability to rent computing by the hour
  - Additional services e.g., persistent storage
- Amazon's "Elastic Compute Cloud" (EC2)
- Aster Data and Hadoop can both be run on EC2
- **For CS341 (offered next quarter) Amazon will provide free access for the class**

Reading

- Jeffrey Dean and Sanjay Ghemawat: MapReduce: Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters
  - http://labs.google.com/papers/mapreduce.html
- Sanjay Ghemawat, Howard Gobioff, and Shun-Tak Leung: The Google File System
  - http://labs.google.com/papers/gfs.html

Resources

- Hadoop Wiki
  - Introduction
    - http://wiki.apache.org/lucene-hadoop/
  - Getting Started
    - http://wiki.apache.org/lucene-hadoop/GettingStartedWithHadoop
  - Map/Reduce Overview
    - http://wiki.apache.org/lucene-hadoop/HadoopMapReduce
    - http://wiki.apache.org/lucene-hadoop/HadoopMapRedClasses
  - Eclipse Environment
    - http://wiki.apache.org/lucene-hadoop/EclipseEnvironment
- Javadoc
  - http://lucene.apache.org/hadoop/docs/api/

Resources

- Releases from Apache download mirrors
  - http://www.apache.org/dyn/closer.cgi/lucene/hadoop/
- Nightly builds of source
  - http://people.apache.org/dist/lucene/hadoop/nightly/
- Source code from subversion
  - http://lucene.apache.org/hadoop/version_control.html

Further Reading

- Programming model inspired by functional language primitives
- Partitioning/shuffling similar to many large-scale sorting systems
  - NOW-Sort ['97]
- Re-execution for fault tolerance
  - BAD-FS ['04] and TACC ['97]
- Locality optimization has parallels with Active Disks/ Diamond work
  - Active Disks ['01], Diamond ['04]
- Backup tasks similar to Eager Scheduling in Charlotte system
  - Charlotte ['96]
- Dynamic load balancing solves similar problem as River's distributed queues
  - River ['99]