LABWORK 4: Word Count

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I. Choice of Mapreduce implementation

The specific MapReduce implementation in my C code was chosen for its simplicity and effectiveness in performing a word count on a text file. Here are the key reasons for choosing this implementation:

- Straightforward Implementation: The implementation is relatively simple and easy to understand, making it suitable for educational purposes and initial exploration of map-reduce concepts.
- Clear Separation of Concerns: The code clearly separates the mapping (map function) and reducing (reduce function) phases, which aligns well with the fundamental map-reduce paradigm.
- **Minimalistic Design:** The implementation uses basic C programming constructs without dependencies on external libraries, making it portable and lightweight.
- **Illustrative Purposes:** This implementation serves as a practical example of how map-reduce can be applied to a simple problem, making it valuable for learning and understanding the core principles of map-reduce.

II. Workflow

a. Mapper

The "map" function in this implementation processes each line of input text to tokenize words and populate a "KeyValuePair" array ("pairs") with word counts.

1. **Input:** The "map" function takes a "line" of text as input.

```
// Mapper function
void map(char *line, KeyValuePair *pairs, int *pair_count)
```

- 2. **Tokenization:** It iterates through each character in line.
 - If the character is alphanumeric ("isalnum(*line)"), it appends the lowercase version of the character to a "word" buffer.

```
if (isalnum(*line)) {
    word[i++] = tolower(*line);
```

• When a non-alphanumeric character is encountered, the accumulated "word" (if not empty) is added to the "pairs" array with an initial count of 1.

3. **Increment Pair Count:** The "pair_count" pointer is incremented for each new "KeyValuePair" added to the "pairs" array.

b. Reducer

The "reduce" function aggregates word counts from the "pairs" array to produce the final word count results.

1. **Input:** The "reduce" function takes the populated "pairs" array and "pair_count" (number of items in the array) as input.

```
void reduce(KeyValuePair *pairs, int pair_count) {
```

2. Aggregation:

• It iterates through each "KeyValuePair" in the "pairs" array.

```
for (i = 0; i < pair_count; i++) {
```

• For each unique word (key), it sums up the counts (value) of all occurrences by iterating over the remaining elements of the array.

```
for (j = i + 1; j < pair_count; j++) {
    if (strcmp(pairs[i].key, pairs[j].key) == 0) {
        total_count += pairs[j].value;
        pairs[j].value = 0; // Mark as visited
    }
}</pre>
```

• Words that have been aggregated are marked as visited "(pairs[j].value = 0") to avoid redundant processing.

3. **Output:** For each unique word, it prints the word and its total count ("total_count") to produce the final word count results.

```
// Print the word and its count
if (pairs[i].value != 0) {
    printf("%s\t%d\n", pairs[i].key, total_count);
}
```

c. Figure

Here's is the figure that illustrated the workflow of Mapper and Reducer:

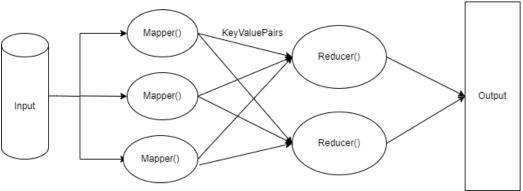
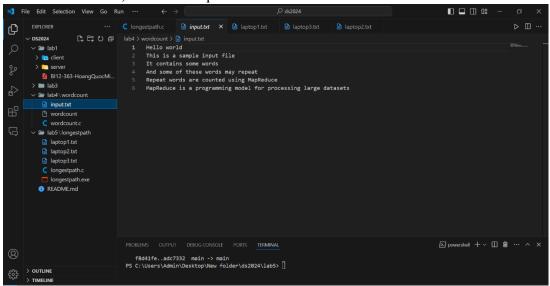


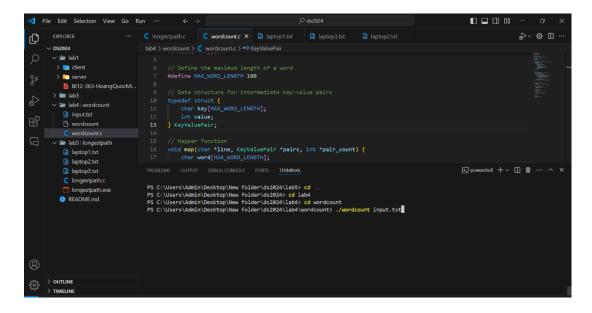
Figure 1. Workflow of MapReduce

III. Implementation

This is the test file, which is "input.txt"



Now we run the wordcount.c with input is the "input.txt"



And this is the result

