**CS286 Solving Big Data Problems – Exam #1 Study Guide**

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**Lecture #01 – Introduction to Big Data**

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| **Data Categories** | | **Data** – Raw values  **Information** – Set of data with meaning  **Knowledge** –Interpretation of the data with meaning.  **Wisdom** –Appropriate application of knowledge. |  |
| **Quantitative**   * Observable and **measureable** * Structured and **objective** * Numerical   **Example:** Income, Height | **Qualitative**   * Observable but not **measureable** * Unstructured and subjective * **Descriptive**   **Example:** Favorite Color |

**Storage Terminology**

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| **Directly Attached**  **Storage (DAS)**   * Storage attached directly to the processing node. * Lowest capacity * Minimal data sharing * **Highest Speed.** | **Network Attached Storage (NAS)**   * Storage accessible via a network connection. * **Capable of using NFS** | **Relational Database  Management System (RDBMS)**   * Traditional database providers. * **Examples:** Oracle, MySQL, IBM DB2 | **Storage Area**  **Network (SAN)**   * Storage accessible via a network connection. * Uses different protocols than NAS. | **Network File System (NFS)**  Allows a computer to view and store data on remote disk as if that disk was directly attached to the local computer.  **Access Transparency** – Access data the same way whether it is remote or local. |

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| **Data Analysis Categories** | | **Four Steps in Traditional Data Mining**   1. Problem Definition 2. Data gathering and preparation 3. Model building and evaluation 4. Knowledge Deployment   Process is **cyclical** and **may repeat multiple times**. |  |
| **Descriptive**   * **Backward** looking. * Hindsight * Explain a previous phenomenon. * **Analysis** | **Predictive**   * **Forward** looking * Foresight * Investigate future trends. * **Mining** |

**Big Data**

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| **Big Data** – Data whose scale, diversity, and complexity require new architecture, techniques, algorithms, and analytics to manage it and to extract value and hidden knowledge from it. | **3 V’s of Big Data** | | |
| **Volume** – The amount of data is too large for traditional database software tools to cope with.  **Example:** Image server | **Velocity** – The data is being produced at a rate that is beyond the performance limits of traditional systems.  **Example:** Social media site | **Variety** – Data lacks the structure to make it suitable for storage and analysis in traditional databases and data warehouses.  **Example:** Data organization variety. |

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| **Data Organization** | | | **Scaling to Process Big Data** | | |
| **Structured** – Every piece of data and its format is known. Fits in a database.  **Example:** RDBMS | **Semi-structured** – For some fields, data may not exist and some fields can have different formats. Not in a typical database but has structure.  **Example:** XML, CSV, JSON | **Unstructured** – Does not fit into a database well. Most data is in this category.  **Examples:** Text document, multimedia content. | **Scale Up**  **Limitations:**   * Large capital and operating expense. * Lower availability and scalability.   **Example:** Monolithic Database | **Scale Out**  **Limitations:**   * Synchronization overhead * Programming Complexity * Specialized hardware.   **Example:** Grid Cluster | **Sampling**  **Limitation:**   * Lower accuracy and precision.   **Example:** Any approach |

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| **Exploiting Locality of Reference** – In Big Data, accessing the data can be very time consuming. **Solution:** Keep the data and program close together.  **Distribute Data and Computation** – Map the data to multiple nodes and the program with it to decrease execution time. | **Three Laws of Big Data** | | |
| **Moore’s Law** – Every two years, the number of transistors per chip doubles.  **Kryder’s Law** – Every two years, storage capacity doubles. (**Storage version of Moore’s Law**) | **Amdahl’s Law** – The extent to which a program’s execution can be sped up is dependent on its level of parallelism. | **Murphy’s Law** – What can go wrong will go wrong.  **Big data must be resistant to failures.** |

**Hadoop**

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| **Summary of the Hadoop Strategy** | | | **Core of Hadoop**   1. **Hadoop File System (HDFS)** 2. **Map Reduce** | **Name Node**  Key component in HDFS that **stores the location of distributed data in the file system**. | **Job Tracker**  Manages **computation tasks in the Hadoop system**. |
| **Distribute Data**  Processing nodes share no data. | **Distribute Computation**  Achieve **parallelism without synchronization.** | **Tolerate Failures**  Eliminate **single points of failure**. |

**Lecture #02 – Introduction to HDFS and MapR-FS**

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| **File System**  Like a database. **A system to store data so that the data can be accessed later.**  **Typical Structure:** A rooted tree. | **Storage in a File System**  **Data** – Actual file in the FS.  **Metadata** – Information about the data/file.  **Example:** Size, location | **Block Structure in an ext2 File System** | | | | |
| **Hadoop Block Size:** 64MB | **Inode** – Data structure used to represent a file system object. This includes the location of the disk block location. | **Direct Block** – File block location **pointed to directly by the inode**. | **Indirect Block** – Block **pointed to by the inode through exactly one intermediary block**. | **Double Indirect Block** – Block **pointed to by the inode through exactly two intermediary blocks**. |

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| **Virtual File System**   * **Transition layer** between a generic file system and a real file system. * Virtualizes different file system types into a single common interface. * **Enables standard POSIX** file access. * **HDFS is not compatible with a virtual file system while MapR-FS is.** | **Distributed File System**   * **Centrally stores metadata** (e.g. **name node**) **and distributes actual data** (e.g. **data node**) * Overcomes **space, performance, and availability limitations of a single machine.** * **Location Transparency** – Abstracts data locality from client access. |

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| **Hadoop Data Write** | **Hadoop Data Read** | **Hadoop Write Pipeline** – Before a write can be acknowledged to the client, it must be acknowledged by the name node.   * Each replicate write is sequential **through a pipeline where one data node writes to the next**.   **Sequential Block Reading** – **Each file block is read sequentially** even if the blocks reside on multiple data nodes and could theoretically be read in parallel.   * **Block size:** 64MB |

**Hadoop File System (HDFS) Architecture**

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|  | **User Process**   * Connected to HDFS through the network. * **Communicates with the name node to know where to read and write data**. | **Name Node** – **Master**   * **Manages file names and locations on disk. Provides metadata information** * **All data is persisted in memory (RAM)** * May have a **secondary name node used to offload processing (e.g. writing logs) off the primary. Secondary is not for high availability.** * All writes must be acknowledged by the name node before they can be acknowledged to the user process. | **Data Node** – **Slave**   * Persistent storage disks for the data. * Data is replicated across multiple data nodes if possible across multiple racks. |

**Limitations of HDFS**

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| **Mutability**  Data is write once, read many. | **Block Size**  Single block size (e.g. **64MB**) for disk I/O, replication and sharding | **POSIX Semantics**  Must use the command “**hadoop fs**” to access the data. **Example POSIX Commands:** Open, close, read, write. | **Availability**  No snapshot or built-in mirroring capability. | **Scalability**  Name node only scales to 100M files. This is **due to the single name node persisting all data in RAM**. | **Performance**  Written in Java and runs on a block device |

**Overview of MapR File System (MapR-FS)**

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| **Physical Disk** – A single hard drive.  **Storage Pool** – Three striped physical disks. Striping is used to increase write performance. | **Node** – A set of storage pools.  **Topology** – A set of nodes. | **Container** – **Unit of shared storage**. It is the size of replicated data. A **storage pool has multiple containers**. | **Volume** – A tree of files and directories grouped for the purpose of applying a policy or set of policies. |  |

**MapR-FS Volume Features**

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| **Topologies**  Provide data placement policies. | **Compression**  Compress data as it is written to disk. | **Mirroring**  Copy data locally or remotely for protection **in real time for load balancing, backup, and disaster readiness.** | **Snapshots**  Maintain point-in-time data and updates. | **Quotas**  Restrict total capacity per-user or per-group. | **Permissions**  Restrict access to users or groups. | **Replication**  Replicate containers in a volume across the cluster |

**Differences between MapR-FS and HDFS**

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| **Block Size**  MapR-FS supports different block sizes for sharding, replication, and performing I/O. | **Mutability**  MapR-FS has full read write capability. | **Access**  MapR-FS volumes can be NFS-mounted. | **POSIX Support**  MapR-FS supports native OS commands to access data. | **Availability**  MapR-FS supports snapshots and local/remote mirroring support. | **Scalability**  No limit to the number of files. | **Performance**  **MapR-FS is written in C** and **runs on a raw device.** |