

INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE LECTURE 15: MAP-REDUCE

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V. MAP-REDUCE USING PYTHON & MRJOB

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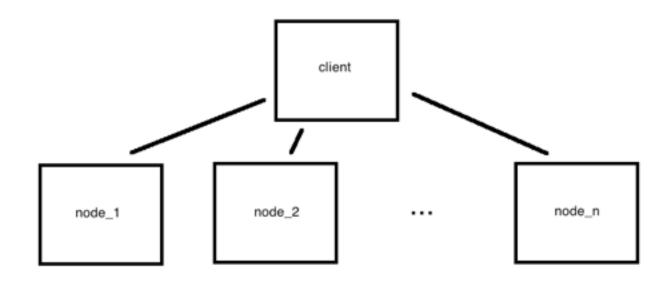
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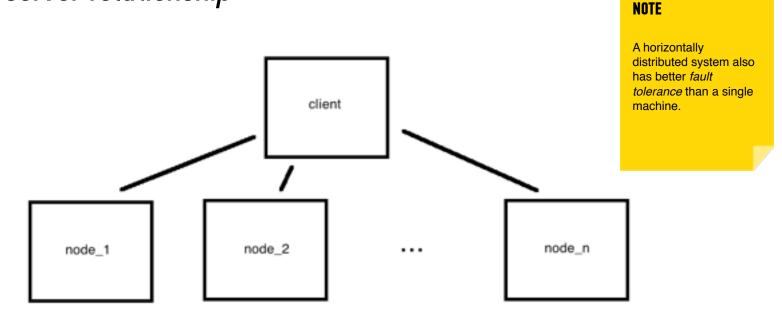
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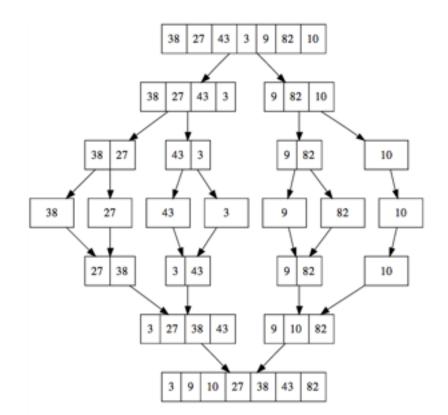
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This is how recursive algorithms work, for example.

One famous example of divide and conquer is merge sort.





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NOTE

Parallelizing an ML algorithm can be a non-trivial exercise!

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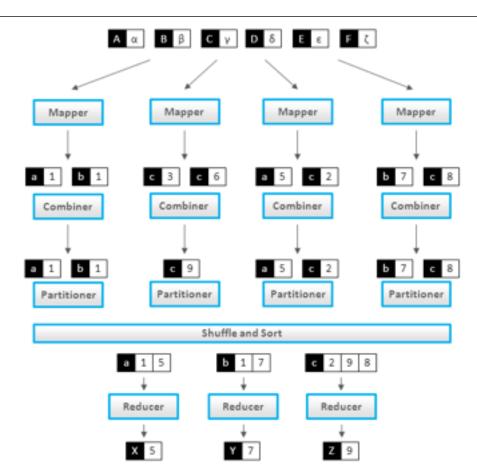
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MAP-REDUCE



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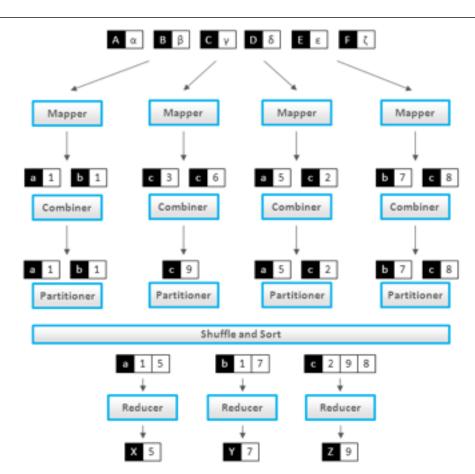
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combiners — perform reducer operations on the mapper node (optional step, to reduce network traffic and disk I/O).

partitioners — shuffle/sort/redirect mapper output reducers — aggregate results



It's possible to overlay the map-reduce framework with an additional declarative syntax.

This makes operations like select & join easier to implement and less error prone.

Popular examples include Pig and Hive.

Why Pig?

Because I bet you can read the following script.

A Real Pig Script

```
top_5.pig
users = load 'users.csv' as (username: chararray, age: int); -
users 1825 = filter users by age >= 18 and age <= 25;
pages = load 'pages.csv' as (username: chararray, url: chararray); -
joined = join users_1825 by username, pages by username; -
grouped = group joined by url; -
summed = foreach grouped generate group as url, COUNT(joined) AS views;
sorted = order summed by views desc;
top 5 = limit sorted 5;
     top_5 into 'top_5_sites.csv';
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Now, just for fun... the same calculation in vanilla Hadoop MapReduce.

No, seriously.

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- commercial distributions (Cloudera, MapR, etc)
- Google's internal implementation

That said, Hadoop has a large user base.



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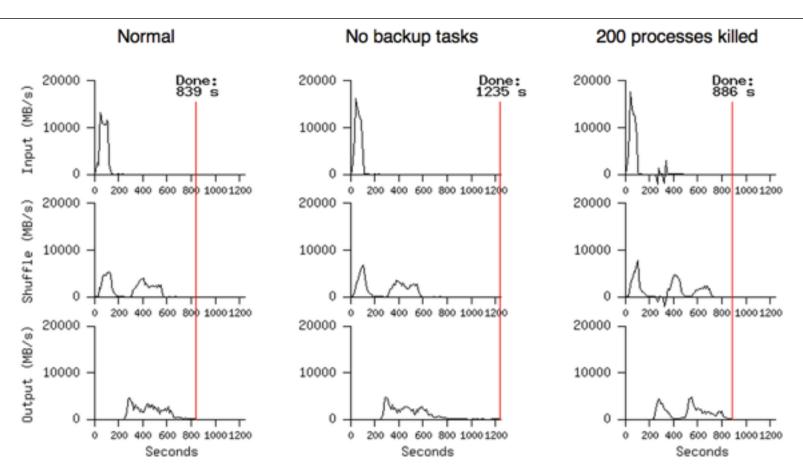
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If you use Amazon EMR, you can use their file system (Amazon S3) as well.



III. WORD COUNT EXAMPLE

Map-reduce processes data in terms of key-value pairs:

```
input <k1, v1> mapper <k1, v1> \rightarrow <k2, v2> (partitioner) <k2, v2> \rightarrow <k2, [all k2 values]> reducer <k2, [all k2 values]> \rightarrow <k3, v3>
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mapper(k1, v1):
// k1 = line number
// v1 = line contents (eg, space-delimited string)

words = tokenize(v1) // split string into words
for word in words:
    emit (word, 1)
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reducer(k2, k2_vals):
// k2 = word
// k2_vals = word counts
emit k2, sum(k2_vals)
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Reducer output is aggregated...

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Reducer output is aggregated & sorted by key.

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