Software Architecture Documentation

Estimating Pi using the monte Carlo Method

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1. Introduction and Background

The purpose of this document is to show the advantages of the development approach using Message Queue. A simple example using 'Zero Message Queue' is included.

Message Queues has the following advantages:

- Allows you to send reliable chunks of data(message).
- Framing is done by the message queue protocol itself.
- Clients using done by the message queue do not have to loop and keep calling functions live recv() until a whole message has arrived.
- Able to mix and match entire population of clients and servers by attaching them to the same messaging framework.

2. High-level design

Message Queues typically supports the following topologies:

- Pipeline :

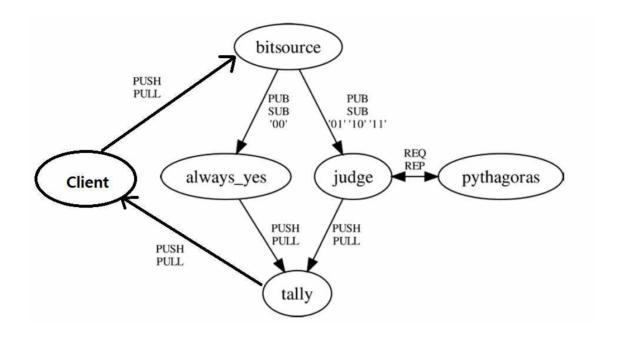
Every gueued message is delivered to exactly one customer.

- Publisher-Subscriber :

publishers do not program the messages to be sent directly to specific subscribers. Publisher categorize messages into classes without knowledge of which subscribers are there, and subscribers specify a filter that narrows their interest to messages with a particular format.

- Request-Reply:

Messages make a round-trip. Client need to stay connected and wait for the reply, and the queue needs some addressing scheme to correct client. Example written with ZMQ has following network topology:



3. Logical View and Process View

- The example is an implementation of a network that estimates PI values using the Monte Carlo method using message queues.
- It has six workers : client, bitsource, always_yes, judge, pythagoras, and tally.
- Each worker has a function for its own operation, and the client prints the change of the PI value in real time.

The following is a brief explanation of the operations of workers.

client: Client asks the user the desired number of data points N, receives (number of iterations, pi value) from tally

bitsource: Produce random points in the unit square.

always_yes: Coordinates in the lower-left quadrant are inside the unit circle.

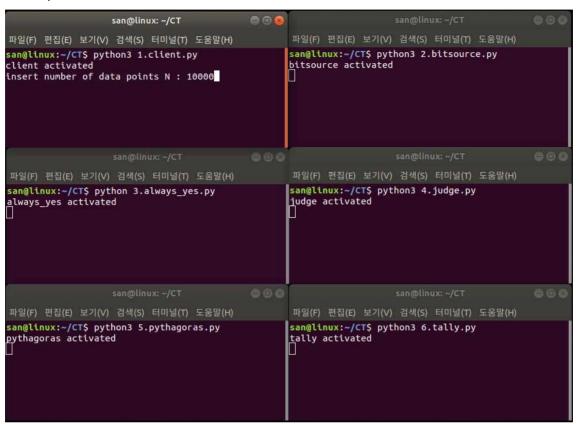
judge: Determine whether each input coordinate is inside the unit circle

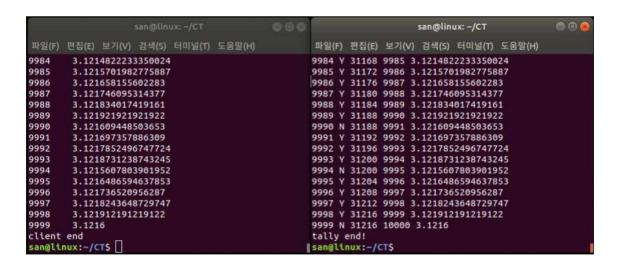
pythagoras: Return the sum-of-squares of number sequences

tally: Tally how many points fall within the unit circle, print PI and send messages to client

4. Test Cases

- Inputed 10000 for N value :





Each workers runs on different terminal.

The PI value was approximated using the Monte Carlo method.