

Laboratory Work 3: MapReduce with Phoenix++

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I. INTRODUCTION

Phoenix is a MapReduce framework for shared memory systems implemented using C, and reimplemented in Phoenix++ for C++. It uses an inheritance-based model, which when the `split()`, `map()`, and `reduce()` functions are overwritten, can implement MapReduce functionality.

Three different algorithms were implemented using Phoenix++: a word-count algorithm which counts the words in the input text; a Top-K algorithm which outputs the top K elements of the word-count; and a reverse index of words in the text. These algorithms were run on two text inputs, and a list of stopwords is supplied to exclude them from the operations.

II. RESULTS

A long and short set of data were used to run the algorithms. *Dracula* by Bram Stoker is used as the short text, as it is 820 *KB* in size. The running times of the algorithms can be seen in Table I.

TABLE I: Running Times

Algorithm	Small Data	Large Data
Word Count		
Top-K		
Reverse Index		

III. ALGORITHM DATA TYPES

In order to count the number of appearances of a single word, the word-count and top-K algorithms use a key-pair which uses the word as a key, and the number of appearances as the value. By specifying that the `WordCounter` class inherits from the `MapReduceSort` class using a `sum_combiner`, the MapReduce operation sums the values for each unique key during combination, and sorts the list. The mapping function used for these algorithms can be seen in Algorithm 1.

The inverted indexing algorithm makes use of different key-value pairs. The word is used as the key, and the line number which the word appeared is used as the value. The inverted indexing algorithm also inherits from the `MapReduceSort` class, but makes use of a `buffer_combiner` to list all of the unique values of line number for each key. The mapping function used for these algorithms can be seen in Algorithm 2.

The `split` function used in all of the algorithms can be seen in Algorithm 3.

IV. CONCLUSION

Phoenix++ is can successfully solve MapReduce problems, and has a simple method of utilising the framework. By making use of C++, one is able to manage the memory more closely and increase the performance of the code.

Phoenix++ was sucessfully used to solve the three MapReduce problems, on both small and larger input data.

APPENDIX A

PSEUDOCODE FOR WORD COUNT

input : Section of text in each bin.

output: Text separated into single words and count of appearance.

foreach *character in input* **do**

 | Change character to lower-case;

end

while *not at end of input* **do**

while *not at end of input & character is not alphabetic* **do**

 | Increase iterator;

end

 Set beginning of word to iterator;

while *not at end of input & (character is alphabetic or apostrophe)* **do**

 | Increase iterator;

end

if *not beginning of word* **then**

 | Output word and count 1;

end

end

Algorithm 1: Map function of the word count and top-K programs.

input : Section of text in each bin.

output: Text separated into single words and line number.

foreach *character in input* **do**

 | Change character to lower-case;

end

while *not at end of input* **do**

while *not at end of input & character is not alphabetic* **do**

 | Increase iterator;

end

 Set beginning of word to iterator;

while *not at end of input & (character is alphabetic or apostrophe)* **do**

 | Increase iterator;

end

if *not beginning of word* **then**

 | Output word and line number;

end

end

Algorithm 2: Map function of the reverse index program.

input : Chunk which receives the data.

output: success or failure to allocate data to chunk

if *at end of data* **then**

 | return 0;

end

while *iterator is less than the chunk size & not the end of the file* **do**

 | increase iterator;

end

return 1;

Algorithm 3: Split function for the Phoenix++ programs.

APPENDIX B

STOPWORDS

a	below	from	how	most	over	them	we	won't
about	between	further	how's	mustn't	own	themselves	we'd	why
above	both	had	i	my	same	then	we'll	why's
after	but	hadn't	i'd	myself	shan't	there	we're	would
again	by	has	i'll	needn't	she	there's	we've	wouldn't
against	can	hasn't	i'm	no	she'd	these	were	you
ain't	can't	have	i've	nor	she'll	they	weren't	you'd
all	could	haven't	if	not	she's	they'd	what	you'll
am	couldn't	having	in	now	should	they're	what's	you're
an	did	he	into	of	should've	they've	when	you've
and	didn't	he'd	is	off	shouldn't	this	when's	your
any	do	he'll	isn't	on	so	those	where	yours
are	does	he's	it	once	some	through	where's	yourself
aren't	doesn't	her	it's	only	such	to	which	yourselves
as	doing	here	its	or	than	too	while	
at	don't	here's	itself	other	that	under	who	
be	down	hers	just	ought	that'll	until	who's	
because	during	herself	let's	our	that's	up	whom	
been	each	him	me	ours	the	very	why	
before	few	himself	mightn't	ourselves	their	was	will	
being	for	his	more	out	theirs	wasn't	with	