

Group 2 Project– Status Report – May 9, 2018
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Topic: Power and data movement

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Goals:

1. Write benchmark codes that target specific configurations expected to be power efficient or power inefficient.
 2. Conduct a study using the benchmarks to actually measure the power consumption.
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1. Settle on Raspberry Pi 3 as hardware platform
2. Benchmark #1 - Transfer and operation on compressed vs non-compressed data
 - a. Compare data movement cost of uncompressed data to cost of compression/decompression in the core prior to operation
 - b. Single-core performance
 - c. Benchmark variables
 - i. Data size
 - ii. Operation complexity
 - iii. Operation cache use
 - iv. Data type (diverse data sets)
 - v. Data config
 1. Some large blocks
 2. Many small blocks
 - vi. Different compression algos
 - d. Measurements
 - i. Performance
 1. Latency
 - ii. Power
 - e. Operations
 - i. Word count
 - ii. Sort
3. Map Reduce
 - a. Extend the compression/un-compression idea to map reduce across multiple cores on the same CPU.

Tasks

- Obtain hardware resources – Jason/Kelly
 - Start with Raspberry Pi 3 – four core with microSD “harddrive”
 - Possibly connect 2 Raspi’s via Ethernet to extend MapReduce benchmark to many CPUs.
 - Power meter – Jason
 - Decide on operations and dataset for compress/uncompress benchmark – Kelly
 - Decide on compression algorithms – Jason
 - Look into how to isolate experiment setup on RasbPi. - Jason
 - Create map-reduce code – Shikha/Ajinkya
 - Decide on function to be executed in map-reduce – Shikha/Ajinkya
 - Shikha’s word-count map-reduce code?
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Approach

1. What is measurable? We want to be able to objectively evaluate.
2. Benchmark
 - Look at data configuration/complexity as a potential source of power differentiation
 - Routines or algorithms to manipulate the data
3. Depending on what is measurable, we need to decide at what level of hardware to observe.
4. Do we look at artificial data movement or data movement as the result of data organization/computation?
5. Weekly meetings – Tuesday at noon in the fishbowl

Tasks:

Jason – what power measurements are available? What hardware is available?

Kelly – begin initial data configuration definitions/investigations

Shikha - come up with ideas on stressing CPU power use - both data movement and computation

Ajinkya - what instrumentation is available for gather statistics regarding CPU/system operation. Are there some current research interests in power usage?