Week3

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Exercise 2.5.1

Question

What is the communication cost of each of the following algorithms, as a function of the size of the relations, matrices, or vectors to which they are applied?

- (a) The matrix-vector multiplication algorithm of Section 2.3.2.
- (b) The union algorithm of Section 2.3.6.
- (c) The aggregation algorithm of Section 2.3.8.
- (d) The matrix-multiplication algorithm of Section 2.3.10

Answer

- (a) The fact that vector v cannot be stored in memory and is split up does not affect the total number of keys being created. As stated in the text: "From each matrix element m_{ij} it produces the key-value pair (i, m_{ij}, v_j) ". The number of keys at the output is a lot smaller since the result is in some sense 'aggregating' data. So, the communication cost is simply the the number of key value pairs needed, or O(rc), with r being the number of rows of the matrix and c is the number of columns.
- (b) The union algorithm produces a total t key-value tuples, where t = r + s. The reducer will be on the same order as the input. Therefore the communication is O(t) = O(r + s).
- (c) The mapper has an input size of r, the number of tuples in relation R. The reducer is harder to determine since it depends on how well the A attribute groups the data. Worse case, where each tuple is its own group, would mean that there is r tuples. The algorithm there is O(r).
- (d) The number of key value pairs generated from M will be the number of columns of N, c_N , times the number of rows of M, r_M . Similar logic for matrix N, we have $c_M r_N$. The reducer must produce $r_M c_N$ tuples as the final output. The order of the algorithm however, is $O(r_M c_N + c_M r_N + r_M * c_N)$. Since $c_M = r_N$ for matrix multiplication to work, this reduces to $O(2r_M c_N + c_M^2)$. For square matrices, this becomes $O(n^2)$, where n is the dimension of the matrices.

Question

Exercise 2.6.1: Describe the graphs that model the following problems. (a) The multiplication of an $n \times n$ matrix by a vector of length n. (b) The natural join of R(A, B) and S(B, C), where A, B, and C have domains of sizes a, b, and c, respectively. (c) The grouping and aggregation on the relation R(A, B), where A is the grouping attribute and B is aggregated by the MAX operation. Assume A and B have domains of size a and b, respectively.

Answer

- (a) The graph model of the problems lists out the set of inputs, outputs and a many to many relationship between the two. The set of outputs is the nx1 vector output, which are a set of n values. The set of inputs are the key-value tuples of the form $(i, m_{ij}v_j)$ where i ranges from 0 to n, and j ranges from 0 to n as well. If the output is labled v, then the input $(i, m_{ij}v_j)$ maps to v_i .
- (b) The set of inputs are all possible R tuples with all the possible S tuples. The outputs are all possible triples, with components from the domains of A, B, and C in that order. Each output is mapped from two inputs. For output (a,b,c), the two inputs (a,b) and (b,c) map to it.
- (c) The set of inputs are the tuples in the R relation, (a, b). The outputs are of the form (a, MAX(b)), where MAX(b) is the maximum value of the b values that have corresponding key of a. Each output is mapped to the inputs that have the same corresponding key value, since the a component is how we aggregate.