MapReduce

Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters

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Outline

- The original MapReduce paper¹ (2004) and the journal version ²
- Influence of MapReduce paper (2004-2015)
- Beyond MapReduce (2015 ...)

¹ Dean, Jeffrey, and Sanjay Ghemawat. "MapReduce: Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters." To appear in OSDI (2004): 1.

² Dean, Jeffrey, and Sanjay Ghemawat. "MapReduce: simplified data processing on large clusters." Communications of the ACM 51.1 (2008): 107-113.

MapReduce is a programming model and an associated implementation for processing and generating large data sets.

— Literally the first sentence of the paper

Contributions

- 1. Programming model
- 2. MapReduce implementation (description)

The major contributions of this work are a simple and powerful interface that enables automatic parallelization and distribution of large-scale computations, combined with an implementation of this interface that achieves high performance on large clusters of commodity PCs

The restricted programming model

```
map: (k1,v1) => List[(k2,v2)]
reduce: (k2, List[v2]) => List[v3]
```

Inspired by LISP and other functional programming

Classical example

WordCount

Given lines of text

```
function map( name:String, line:String ) = {
  for( word in line )
    emit ( word, 1 )
}

function reduce( word:String, counts:Iterator[Int] ) = {
  sum = 0
  for( count in counts )
    sum += count
  emit ( word, sum )
}
```

Monoid requirements

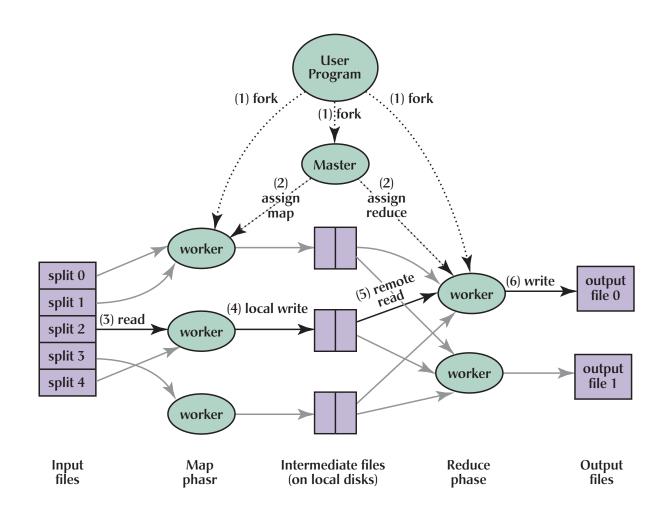
- The reduce function must be associative $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$
- The reduce function must have a neutral element e $(x \cdot e) = (e \cdot x) = x, \forall x$

It's still a restricted model

Some operations are not so easy to express in terms of map and reduce.

The implementation

- Automatic parallelization and distribution
- Fault tolerance
- I/O Scheduling
- Status and monitoring



Taken from ²

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Fault tolerance

- Monitor execution
- Re-execute stale / failed jobs
- Skipping Bad Records

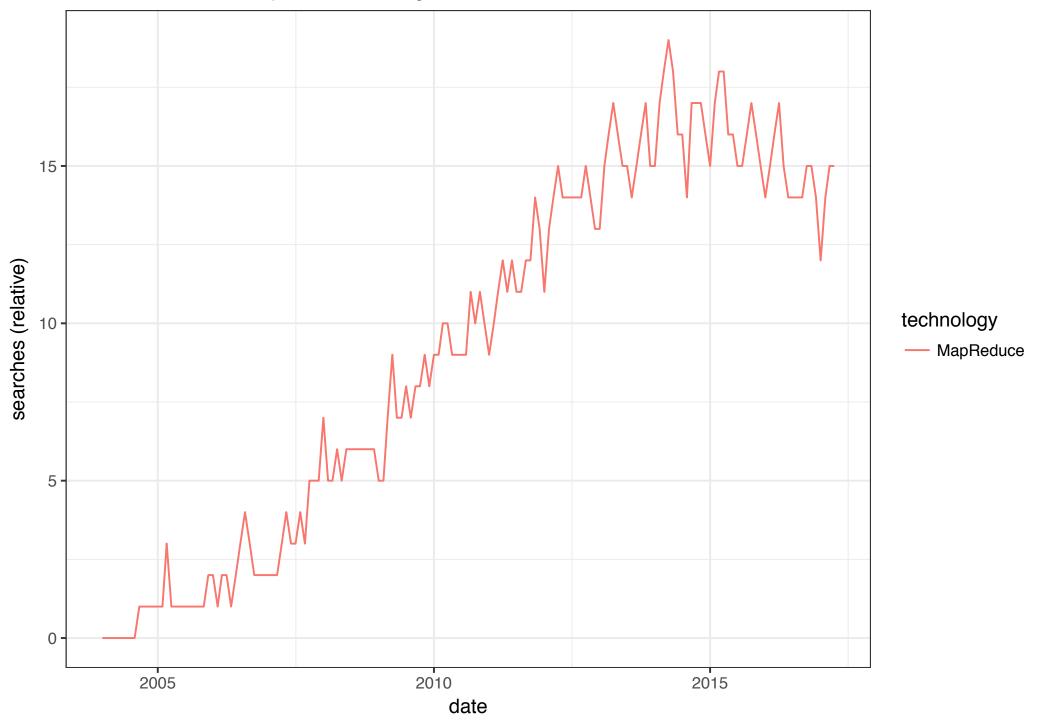
Optimizations

- Partitioning functions
- Combiner functions

Influence of MapReduce paper: Birth of an industry

MapReduce popularity

Relative searches for "MapReduce" on Google



Yahoo builds Hadoop

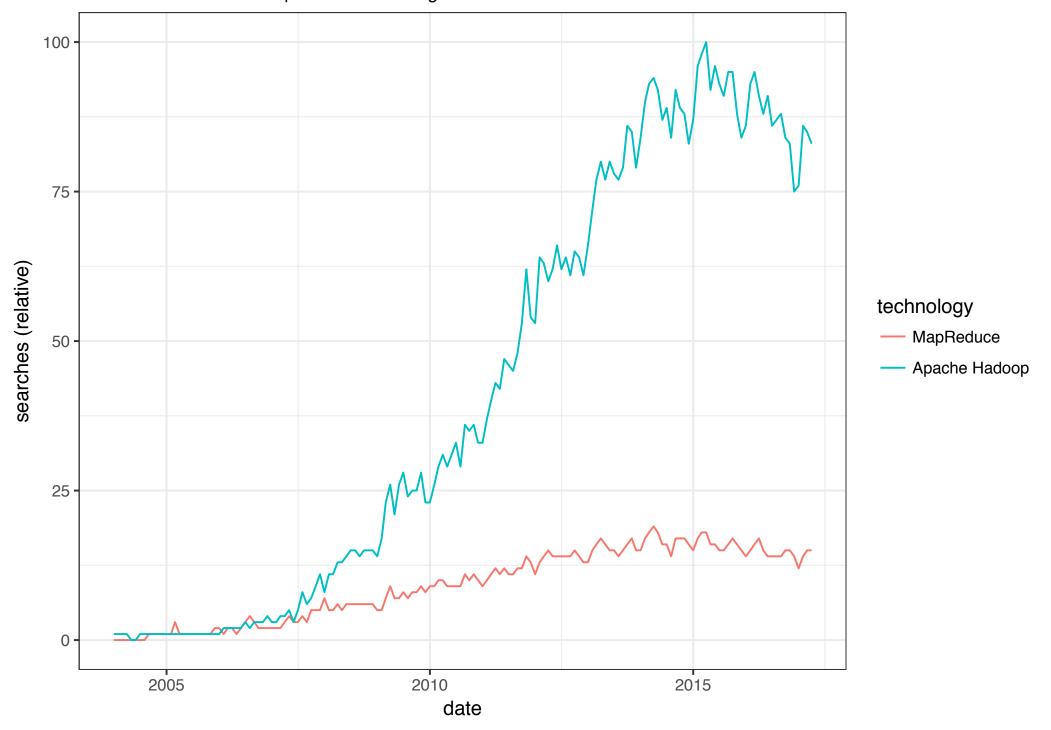
- Implements MapReduce framework based on MapReduce paper³
- Implements HDFS based on the GFS paper⁴

³ Hadoop: Open Source implementation of MapReduce

⁴ Ghemawat, Sanjay, Howard Gobioff, and Shun-Tak Leung. "The Google file system." ACM SIGOPS operating systems review. Vol. 37. No. 5. ACM, 2003.

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Hadoop ecosystem

PIG, Hive, ZooKeeper and others

All open source. Most part of the Apache Software Foundation.

Startups: HortonWorks & Cloudera

Beyond MapReduce

MapReduce, the bad parts

- Everything written to disk
 - Slow
 - RAM becomes cheaper (4GB in original paper)
 - Machine Learning workloads
- Very **restricted** programming model
 - Map Reduce all the things

Some contenders

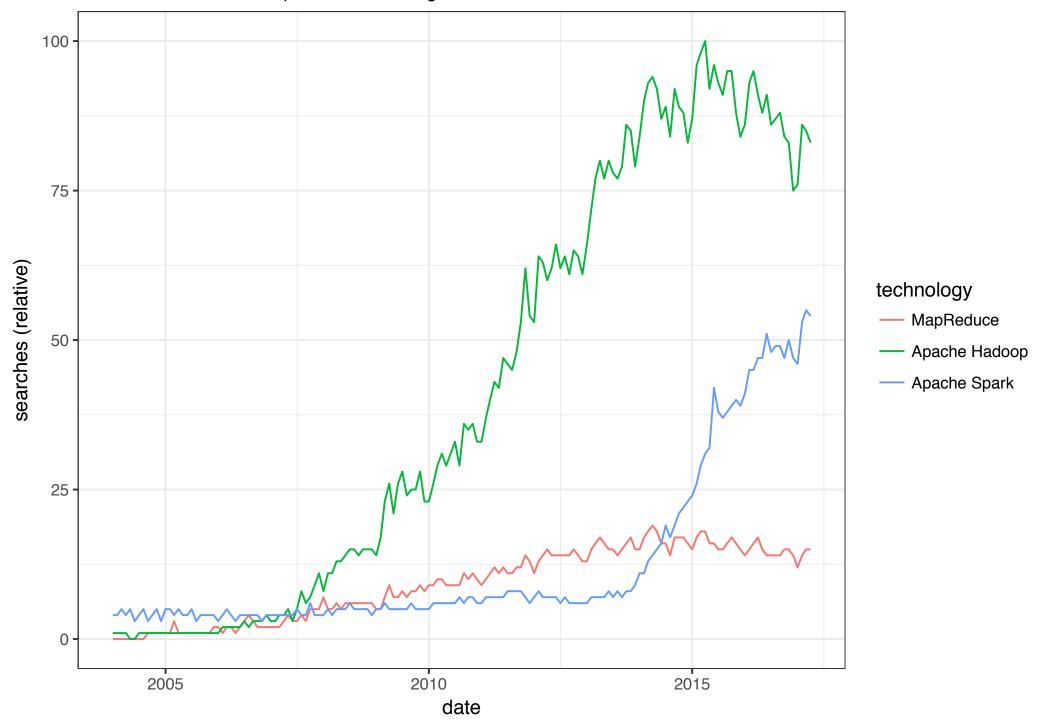
- Cascading
 - Wrapper around MapReduce (Google might have something similar)
- Spark
 - Keep the functional bits, throw out the rest

Spark, the MapReduce killer

- Lazy evaluation
- In memory caching
- More expressive API
- Transition to streaming

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Classical Example revisited

Wordcount

```
val lines = spark.textFile( "content.txt" )
val counts = lines.flatMap { line =>
   line.split( ' ' ).map( word => ( word, 1 ) )
}.reduceByKey( _ + _ )
println( counts.collect() )
```

Spark, the MapReduce heir

- Still part of Hadoop ecosystem
- Can run on YARN (MapReduce 3.0)
- Very heavily influenced by the functional programming API of Scala

Legacy of MapReduce

Big Data



Functional Programming