

# Soft Computing

## Job Performance Evaluation Using Back-propagation Network

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### 1 Introduction

Every user of a supercomputer needs to know whether their submitted job finished successfully and performed well. So far these tedious tasks are usually performed manually using only the output of their program and over-simplified metrics such as job runtime and utilized resources.

The aim of this project is to create a back-propagation neural network which can classify a job run whether it run well or it was in some way suspicious of unwanted behaviours such as poor performance or execution failure.

The network itself is supplied with fine-granular metric data acquired via Examon framework[2] which was run on Galileo supercomputer located in CINECA, Bologna, Italy. Where all job and metric data were gathered.

The structure of this document is as follows: in section 2 the theoretical background needed for this project is presented together with the description of Examon framework. In the following section 3 the data supplied to the network are described as well as the final format of the data. Afterwards, in section 4 the implementation of the network and its structure are laid out and in the last two sections 5 and 6 the achieved results, summary and further work are discussed.

### 2 Theoretical Background

#### 2.1 Backpropagation Network

Backpropagation networks are multi-layer feed-forward networks with supervised learning. There is no interconnection between neurons in the same layer but layers are fully connected to the next neighbouring layer in order to be able to do forward and backward propagation of values.

##### 2.1.1 Forward-propagation

Each neuron in all layers but input layer disposes of a weight for each input initialized to a random value in range  $< 0, 1 >$ , linear base function and sigmoidal activation function.

When forward propagating an input vector the vector is laid out onto the input neurons and the vector is recalculated using following formulas for the next layer until the input vector is propagated to the output layer which outputs the response of the whole network itself.

The base function is shown in 1:

$$f(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i x_i \quad (1)$$

where  $\vec{x}$  is the input vector,  $w$  are weights for each input of given neuron and  $n$  is the length of the neuron input vector and bias (term used as in [3][7]) value resulting in  $n = |x| + 1$ .

The sigmoidal activation function is presented in 2 where  $\lambda$  is a constant set to  $\lambda = 1$ .

$$g(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\lambda u}} \quad (2)$$

The output of a neuron is then given by using the equations 1 and 2:

$$y = g(f(\vec{x})) \quad (3)$$

### 2.1.2 Back-propagation

Back-propagation is used only when one trains the network and is one of the base methods for training feed-forward networks. The method is based on adjusting weights depending on the error calculated by equation 4 for an output neuron  $p$  using produced output ( $o$ ) and desired output ( $d$ ) values.

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m (d_{pj} - o_{pj})^2 \quad (4)$$

The change of weights is calculated using equation 5 where  $\nabla E_p$  is the derived error gradient and  $\mu$  the learning rate.

$$\Delta \vec{w}_p = -\mu \nabla E_p \quad (5)$$

To calculate one particular change of weight we use formula 6 where  $L$  is the given layer of the network,  $j$  is the  $j$ -th neuron in layer  $L$  and  $i$  is the  $i$ -th input of the neuron  $j$ .

$$\Delta w_{ji}^L = \mu \delta_j^L x_i^L \quad (6)$$

For the output layer  $L$  of the network we use formula 7.

$$\delta_j^L = (d_j - y_j^L) y_j^L (1 - y_j^L) \quad (7)$$

For hidden layers of the network we use the same principle propagating the error backwards from the output layer as shown in equation 8 where  $\lambda = 1$  and therefore left out.

$$\Delta^l w_{ji} = \mu^l \delta_j^l x_i = \mu \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} (\delta_k^{l+1} w_{kj})^l y_j (1 - y_j)^l x_i \quad (8)$$

Each repetition of forward and backward propagation of all inputs is called an epoch. Finally, we can choose when to update the weights, in batches after all input vectors were processed or using the stochastic method where weights are updated after processing each input.

## 2.2 Examon

Examon[2] framework is used for exascale monitoring of supercomputing facilities. It is built on top of MQTT protocol[6] which allows measured metrics to be sent to a central broker where received data are processed and stored in KairosDB[1] database utilizing Cassandra[5] cluster.

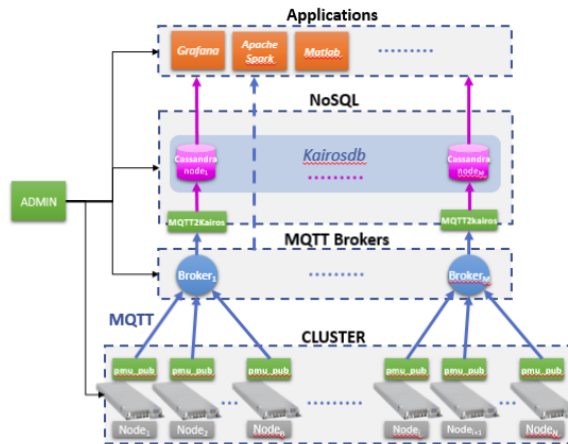


Figure 1: Examon framework architecture

KairosDB is used for storing metric data in time-series format whereas Cassandra, serving as a backend for KairosDB is also used for storing job-related data. More on data semantics is described in 3.

### 3 Data

As previously stated in 2.2 data are gathered via Examon framework and stored in Cassandra database. We can split the data into two categories. Job data and metric data.

The job data come from PBSPRO hooks which report various info about the job, mainly the allocated nodes, cores and other computational resources. The timestamps and events which are triggered by PBSPRO during the lifecycle of the job. We use this data for determining the runtime of a job, its resource allocations and location of the job in a cluster (node names and core numbers). The job data are sent via MQTT and stored directly to a Cassandra cluster.

Using the job data one can query metric data. These are measured independently of job data and are monitored on per-core, per-CPU or per-node basis categorized into metrics. Each measured value is then sent via MQTT to KairosDB where it is stored according to its cluster location and metric. There are over 30 metrics monitored including but not limited to core load; C6 and C3 CPU state shares; system, CPU, IO and memory utilization or various temperatures gathered from various places in a node.

For the project, twelve major metrics were chosen for the best reflection of job performance. A short summary of the chosen metrics is shown in table 1.

Metric name	Metric tag	unit	sampling rate	base
core's load	load_core	%	2s	per-core
C6 states	C6res	%	2s	per-core
C3 states	C3res	%	2s	per-core
instructions per second	ips	IPS	2s	per-core
system utilization	Sys_Utilization	%	20s	per-node
CPU utilization	CPU_Utilization	%	20s	per-node
IO utilization	IO_Utilization	%	20s	per-node
memory utilization	Memory_Utilization	%	20s	per-node
L1 and L2 bounds	L1L2_Bound	%	2s	per-core
L3 bounds	L3_Bound	%	2s	per-core
front-end bounds	front_end_bound	%	2s	per-core
back-end bounds	back_end_bound	%	2s	per-core

Table 1: Overview of measured metrics

KairosDB provides us with a REST API for querying metric data in various ways. The queries are formed using JSON objects and results are also returned as JSON objects. The KairosDB limits all stored data to 21 days

For complete data acquisition, we combined the job data and metric data together and queried only jobs which fit several conditions described in 4.1.

## 4 Implementation

In this section, we describe the implementation phase of the project. The project was implemented using Python 2.7.13. External library SciPy[4] was used for linear data interpolation.

### 4.1 Data Acquisition

First, job data were queried and filtered according to several rules:

- job run time must be between 10 and 60 minutes
- job must occupy the whole node (multiplies of 16 cores)
- job must be run in 15-day period

This resulted in 32 jobs which gave enough diversity for correct classification. All datapoints were aggregated by 30 seconds using averaging aggregator available in KairosDB.

The rule of minimum 10 minutes is because of any shorter job is usually a development, not production version of a program and in current HPC facilities such program is very cheap to run and therefore no deep performance analysis is needed. The same goes for jobs smaller than one node (16 cores).

Jobs longer than one hour are not suited for training the network because of too large input vectors exceeding the scope of this project and the loss of information in further data processing.

## 4.2 Data Labelling

In order to correctly label all chosen jobs and their metrics a simple graphical user interface was made. The GUI is based on previous work done during the PRACE Summer of HPC called Examon Web which is an extension of Examon framework visualizing specific views of all collected data.

Visualization is done in timeseries fashion using Dygraphs library. This helps to better understand the correlations between all metrics and in time combined.

The GUI is shown in figure 2 where you can see a check box for each metric and at the bottom a checkbox for the whole job. The metric checkbox labels the accompanying metric of suspicious behaviour and job one of suspicious behaviour of the job as a whole.



Figure 2: Part of Examon Web based data labelling tool

## 4.3 Data Processing

After labelling the job all metric data with labels are generated and can be worked on further. All metric vectors were interpolated to 80 values which provides good performance/detail compromise. Larger input vectors resulted in extremely longer runs and smaller input vectors resulted in poor outputs of the network.

## 4.4 Metric Networks

To achieve best results/speed combination a backpropagation neural network was created for each metric. This gives us the total of twelve networks completely independent of each other which means the training process can be fully parallelized.

All metric networks were configured the same way to achieve uniform results. The input layer disposes of 80 neurons with hidden layers of 4 and then 3 neurons and one output neuron.

This configuration was chosen based on trial and error experiments.

## 4.5 Job Network

Once all metric networks compute their output we have a vector of 12 values which serves as an input to the job classification network.

The network is created with 12 input neurons, one hidden layer of 4 neurons and one output neuron.

All networks output a single value. Metric networks because of further processing in the job network and the job network because of clearer values.

## 5 Achieved Results

## 6 Summary

As a proof of concept for classifying jobs on HPC cluster it was verified that such classifier can be made using a set of backpropagation networks. With rather small dataset to train and evaluate on the error rate wasn't minimal and can be further reduced using a larger labelled dataset and users' feedback.

Using the intermediate input from metric networks it can be used for intelligent dashboards in Examon Web where only suspicious metrics can be shown in combination with several fixed ones.

This work is the base for my master thesis and will be further expanded to provide complex insights on users' jobs.

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