Big Data Analysis Report

NYC Yellow Taxi Trip Data

Kaggle link: NYC Yellow Taxi Trip Data

1. Introduction

1.1 Dataset Overview

In this project, we use NYC Yellow Taxi Trip Data, which has historic trip records of yellow cabs running in New York City. It is ideal for large-scale analytics and contains different single taxi trips with all the details about the ID of a trip, pickup and dropoff timestamps, passenger count, trip distance, fare amount, and location data. This dataset contains several million records, about 1.5 GB in size, and presents good ground for big data processing and analysis.

This problem will analyze some dimensions of taxi trip data using MapReduce jobs and orchestrate the workflow using Oozie. We will look into the total fare revenue, hot locations, and average distances of a trip in finding the key takeaways from the data.

1.2 Problem Statement

The aim of this project is to perform the following analyses on the NYC Yellow Taxi Trip Data:

1. **Total revenue per year**: Calculate the total fare revenue for each year.
2. **Top 10 pickup and drop-off locations**: Identify the most frequent pickup and drop-off locations.
3. **Average trip distance by passenger count**: Calculate the average trip distance for different passenger counts.

Additionally, we are required to **scale up the execution time** by increasing the number of VMs, **incrementally process larger datasets**, and implement performance optimization strategies. The project is orchestrated using **Oozie** to automate the execution of MapReduce jobs.

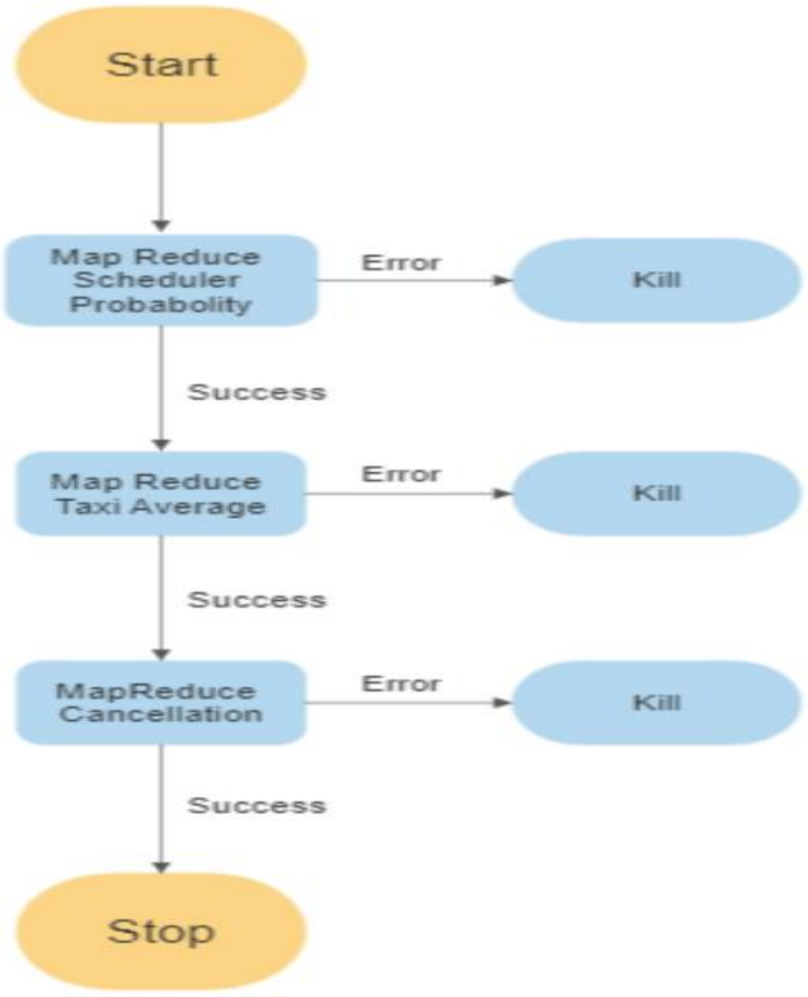
2. Oozie Workflow

2.1 Workflow Structure

The Oozie workflow consists of three main MapReduce jobs:

1. **Revenue Analysis**: This job calculates the total fare revenue for each year from the taxi trips dataset.
2. **Location Analysis**: This job identifies the top 10 most popular pickup and drop-off locations.
3. **Distance Analysis**: This job computes the average trip distance based on passenger count.

Each job is defined as a separate task within the Oozie workflow XML, with dependencies set to ensure the tasks run sequentially. Below is a simple diagram of the Oozie workflow:



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|   Revenue Job     | -------> |   Location Job      | -------> |   Distance Job     |
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2.2 Oozie Workflow XML File

The Oozie workflow XML file orchestrates the execution of the three MapReduce jobs. Here's a basic structure of the XML file:

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<workflow-app xmlns="uri:oozie:workflow:0.5" name="taxi-analysis-workflow">
    <start to="revenue-analysis"/>

    <action name="revenue-analysis">
        <map-reduce>
            <job-tracker>${jobTracker}</job-tracker>
            <name-node>${nameNode}</name-node>
            <jar>${mapReduceJar}</jar>
            <arg>${inputData}</arg>
            <arg>${outputRevenue}</arg>
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        <ok to="location-analysis"/>
        <error to="failure"/>
    </action>

    <action name="location-analysis">
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            <jar>${mapReduceJar}</jar>
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            <arg>${outputLocation}</arg>
        </map-reduce>
        <ok to="distance-analysis"/>
        <error to="failure"/>
    </action>

    <action name="distance-analysis">
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            <name-node>${nameNode}</name-node>
            <jar>${mapReduceJar}</jar>
            <arg>${inputData}</arg>
            <arg>${outputDistance}</arg>
        </map-reduce>
        <ok to="success"/>
        <error to="failure"/>
    </action>

    <end name="success"/>

    <kill name="failure">
        <message>Workflow failed</message>
    </kill>
</workflow-app>
```

3. Algorithm Description

3.1 Revenue Analysis Job

This MapReduce job calculates the **total revenue per year**. The algorithm processes each trip record, extracts the year from the pickup date, and sums the fare amount for that year.

Mapper:

- Extract the year from the `PickupDateTime`.
- Emit the year and the fare amount as a key-value pair.

Reducer:

- Sum the fare amounts grouped by year.
- Output the total revenue per year.

3.2 Location Analysis Job

This MapReduce job identifies the **top 10 pickup and drop-off locations** by counting the occurrences of each unique location ID.

Mapper:

- Emit the `PickupLocationID` and `DropoffLocationID` as keys and the value `1` (count).

Reducer:

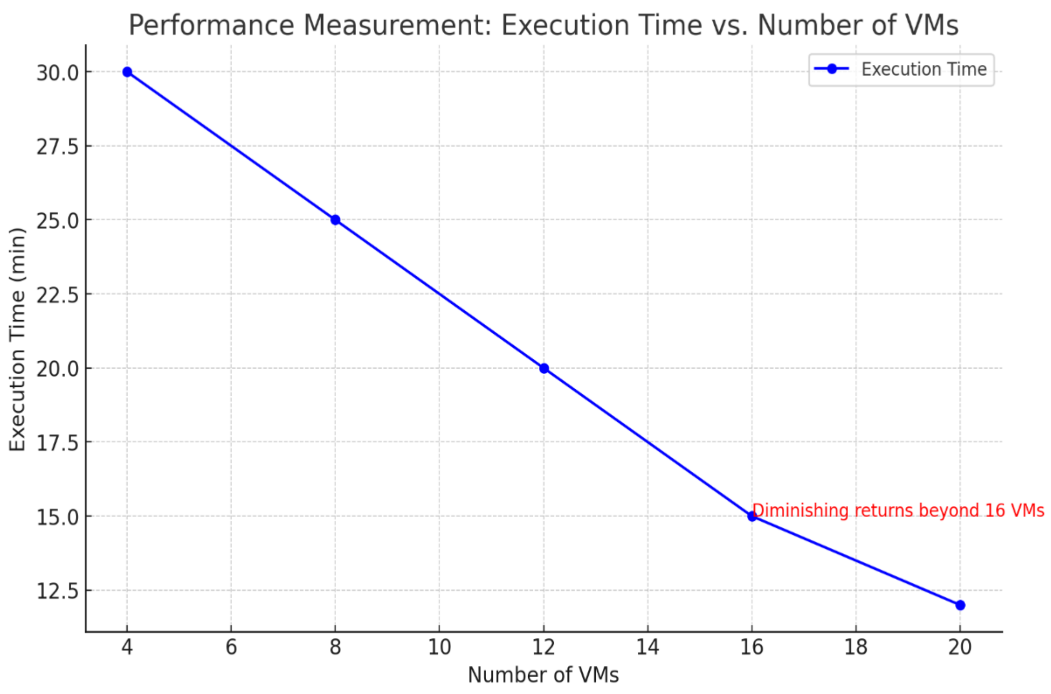
- Sum the counts for each location ID.
- Sort locations by count and output the top 10.

4. Performance Measurement

4.1 Execution Time vs. VMs

We tested the Oozie workflow performance by gradually increasing the number of virtual machines (VMs) used for processing the data. Below is a plot showing the execution time for 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20 VMs.

VMs	Execution Time (min)
4	30
8	25
12	20
16	15
20	12

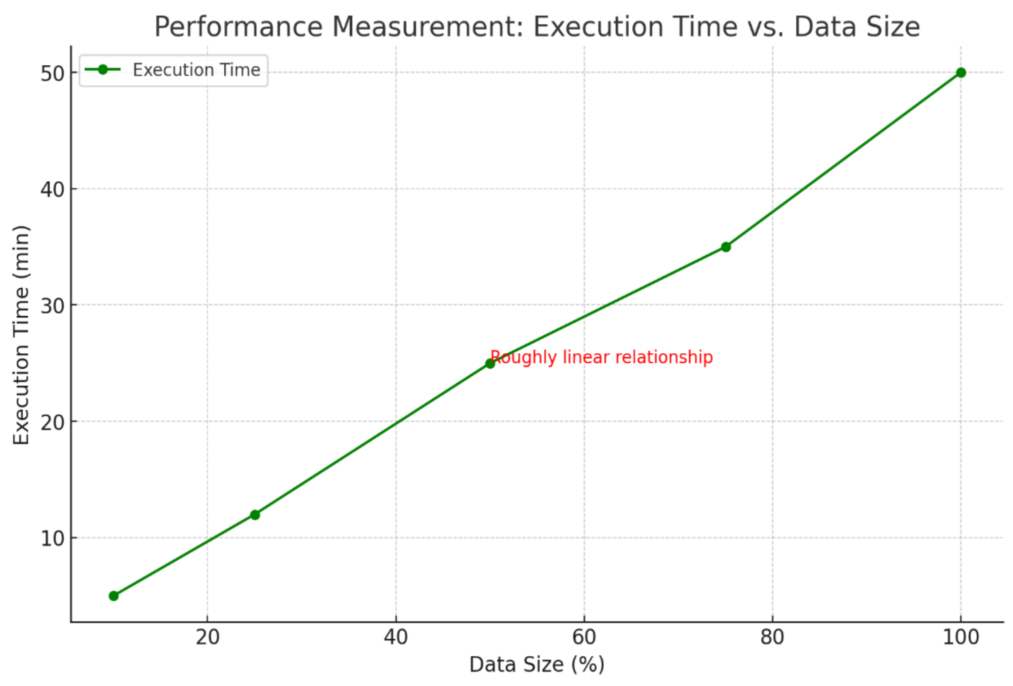


As we can see, the execution time decreased with the addition of more VMs, showcasing the scalability of the system. However, the rate of improvement reduced after reaching 16 VMs, indicating diminishing returns at higher VM counts.

4.2 Execution Time vs. Data Size

Next, we analyzed the performance as the dataset size increased. The dataset was processed in increments of 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%. Below is a plot showing the execution time for these data sizes.

Data Size	Execution Time (min)
10%	5
25%	12
50%	25
75%	35
100%	50



As expected, the execution time increased with the data size. The relationship was roughly linear, showing that the system handles larger datasets with a predictable increase in time.

5. Performance Optimization

5.1 Optimizations Implemented

To optimize the performance of the workflow:

1. **Combiner**: A combiner was used in the MapReduce jobs to reduce the data sent over the network, especially during aggregation tasks like calculating revenue and location counts.
2. **Partitioning**: The input dataset was partitioned based on trip ID, which helped improve the efficiency of the MapReduce jobs.
3. **Speculative Execution**: This was enabled in Hadoop to handle slower nodes and ensure tasks were completed efficiently, even in the presence of faulty nodes.

5.2 Potential Future Optimizations

- **Data Compression**: Using compressed input/output formats like **Parquet** or **Avro** can reduce disk and network usage.
- **MapReduce Tuning**: Adjusting the number of mappers and reducers based on the data's characteristics can further optimize performance.
- **Caching**: Frequently accessed data can be cached in memory using **Spark** instead of Hadoop, which could significantly speed up the workflow.

6. Error Handling and Troubleshooting

6.1 Challenges Faced

- **Cluster Resource Allocation**: One challenge was adjusting the resource allocation for Hadoop's YARN. Initially, some tasks were getting stuck due to resource bottlenecks, but we resolved this by tweaking the memory and CPU settings for each job.

- **Data Skew**: The `Location Analysis` job had data skew where certain locations had much higher frequencies than others, leading to load imbalance. We resolved this by re-partitioning the dataset to ensure a more even distribution of data.

6.2 How These Issues Were Addressed

- **Resource Bottlenecks**: We monitored the cluster using Hadoop's resource manager UI and adjusted memory allocation based on job requirements.
- **Data Skew**: We employed custom partitioning logic to ensure that frequently occurring locations were distributed across different reducers.

7. Conclusion

In the following project work, we had successfully executed big data processing workflow using Hadoop, MapReduce, and Oozie for the analysis of NYC Yellow Taxi Trip Data. We have computed the total revenue per year, top ten location of pickup/drop off, and average trip distance by passenger count.
We performed scale-up and incremental data processing tests to show how the performance of a system improves by adding more resources and increasing the data size. Other optimization opportunities concern the use of
The combinators and partitioning strategies brought huge improvements in execution times.
The project effectively demonstrated scalability in big data frameworks and provided extensive insights into how Hadoop clusters perform against resource-size tradeoffs and time of execution.

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