MapReduce: Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters

CSE 454

Slides based on those by Jeff Dean, Sanjay Ghemawat, Google, Inc.

Motivation

Large-Scale Data Processing
 Want to use 1000s of CPUs
 But don't want hassle of *managing* things

MapReduce provides

- Automatic parallelization & distribution
- Fault tolerance
- \square I/O scheduling
- Monitoring & status updates

Map/Reduce

- Map/Reduce
 - Programming model from Lisp
 - and other functional languages)
- Many problems can be phrased this way
- Easy to distribute across nodes
- Nice retry/failure semantics



Map/Reduce ala Google

- map(key, val) is run on each item in set
 emits new-key / new-val pairs
- reduce(key, vals) is run for each unique key emitted by map()
 emits final output











Map

Reduce





Execution

- How is this distributed?
 - Partition input key/value pairs into chunks, run map() tasks in parallel
 - 2. After all map()s are complete, consolidate all emitted values for each unique emitted key
 - 3. Now partition space of output map keys, and run reduce() in parallel
- If map() or reduce() fails, reexecute!































Fault Tolerance / Workers

Handled via re-execution

- Detect failure via periodic heartbeats
- Re-execute completed + in-progress map tasks
 Why????
- Re-execute in progress *reduce* tasks

Task completion committed through master
 Robust: lost 1600/1800 machines once → finished ok
 Semantics in presence of failures: see paper

Master Failure

- Could handle, ... ?
- But don't yet
 - (master failure unlikely)

Refinement: Redundant Execution

Slow workers significantly delay completion time

- Other jobs consuming resources on machine
- Bad disks w/ soft errors transfer data slowly
- Weird things: processor caches disabled (!!)

Solution: Near end of phase, spawn backup tasks

Whichever one finishes first "wins"

Dramatically shortens job completion time

Refinement: Locality Optimization

Master scheduling policy:

- $\hfill \square$ Asks GFS for locations of replicas of input file blocks
- Map tasks typically split into 64MB (GFS block size)
- $\hfill \square$ Map tasks scheduled so GFS input block replica are on same machine or same rack

Effect

Thousands of machines read input at local disk speed
 Without this, rack switches limit read rate

Refinement Skipping Bad Records

- Map/Reduce functions sometimes fail for particular inputs
 - $\hfill\square$ Best solution is to debug & fix
 - Not always possible ~ third-party source libraries
 On segmentation fault:
 - Send UDP packet to master from signal handler
 Include sequence number of record being processed
 - If master sees two failures for same record:
 Next worker is told to skip the record

Other Refinements

- Sorting guarantees
 within each reduce partition
- Compression of intermediate data
- Combiner
 Useful for saving network bandwidth
- Local execution for debugging/testing
- User-defined counters

Performance

- Tests run on cluster of 1800 machines:
- 4 GB of memory
- $\hfill\square$ Dual-processor 2 GHz Xeons with Hyperthreading
- Dual 160 GB IDE disks
- Gigabit Ethernet per machine
- $\hfill \square$ Bisection bandwidth approximately 100 Gbps

Two benchmarks:

MR_GrepScan 1010 100-byte records to extract records matching a rare pattern (92K matching records)

MR_SortSort 1010 100-byte records (modeled after TeraSort benchmark)



Startup overhead is significant for short jobs





Usage in Aug 2004	
Number of jobs	29,423
Average job completion time	634 secs
Machine days used	79,186 days
Input data read	3,288 TB
Intermediate data produced	758 TB
Output data written	193 TB
Average worker machines per job	157
Average worker deaths per job	1.2
Average map tasks per job	3,351
Average reduce tasks per job	55
Unique map implementations	395
Unique <i>reduce</i> implementations	269
Unique <i>map/reduce</i> combinations	426



Conclusions

- MapReduce proven to be useful abstraction
- Greatly simplifies large-scale computations
- Fun to use:
 - focus on problem,
 - Iet library deal w/ messy details