DATA516/CSED516
Scalable Data Systems and Algorithms

Lecture 8
Column-store DBMSs
Announcements

• Three “mini-homeworks” due Dec. 4
• Review (C-Store) due Dec. 4
• Project
  – Sunday, Nov. 29th: Project milestone due
  – Tuesday, Dec. 1st: project/hw office hours
  – Tuesday Dec. 8th: project presentations
  – Thursday, Dec. 10th: final reports due
Project Milestone

• Hard deadline: Sunday evening (Nov. 29\textsuperscript{th})
• Preliminary draft of your final report
• 2-3 pages.
• Include Title and Author!
• Suggested structure
  – Section 1: what question do you want to ask?
  – Section 2: describe the system(s) and the data
  – Section 3: briefly report what you have tried
  – Section 4: what do you need to do until Tuesday?
Tuesday, Dec. 1st

- Checkout the google spreadsheets
- I will meet with you individually, for 5’
- Join the zoom breakout room at your time
- Give me an updated of your project and next step(s); I will let you know any concerns
- During the rest of the time on Dec 1st, plan to work on your project or hw; Remy will be available 7:30-9pm, on the section zoom
Tuesday, Dec. 8th

Project presentations: 5pm – 10pm
• You have 5 minutes (4 + 1 for questions)
• Prepare 4 slides in a google presentation. Suggestions:
  – Slide 1: Title slide: project title, your name,
  – Slide 2: Question: What question did you investigate?
  – Slide 3: Method: How did you go about answering it?
  – Slide 4: Results: What did you find?
• You will share your screen on zoom
• VOTE! Everyone votes for every presentation; 3 awards.
• I will ask you to place your google slides on a shared drive; details TBD
Today’s Lecture

• Columnar Storage: store data in column-oriented fashion
References

• Ailamaki et al. *Weaving Relations for Cache Performance*, VLDB’2001

• The Design and Implementation of Modern Column-Oriented Database Systems Daniel Abadi, et al., Foundations and Trends in Databases

• Also:
  – *C-Store: A Column-oriented DBMS*. Stonebraker et al. VLDB’05
  – *The Vertica Analytic Database: CStore 7 Years Later*. Lamb et. al. VLDB’12
Column-Oriented Storage

• C-store ideas and research since 1970’s
• Circa 2000: PAX (will discuss…)
• 2004: C-store research prototype at MIT
  – Started by Mike Stonebraker
  – Lead graduate student Daniel Abadi
  – 2005: Vertica founded by M. Stonebraker & A. Palmer
  – 2011: Vertica acquired by HP
  – 2012: As of VLDB’12 paper, 500 production deployments of Vertica, three over a PB in size
• 2013: All major DB vendors include some column-store implementation
• 2016: PAX adopted by Snowflake
Consider a relation storing tweets:
{Tweets(tid, user, time, content)}

How should we store it on disk?
Design Exercise

• Design choice: **One OS file for each relation**
  – Option 1: DBMS creates one big file with “files” inside
  – Option 2: DBMSs uses disk directly, with “files” inside”

• The OS (or DBMS) provides an API of the form
  – Seek to some position (or “skip” over B bytes)
  – Read/Write B bytes
Recall: Working with Pages

• Reading/writing to/from disk
  – Seeking takes a long time!
  – Reading sequentially is fast

• To simplify buffer manager, want to cache a collection of same-sized objects

• Solution: Read/write pages of data
  – A page should correspond to a disk block
Continuing our Design

Key question:

• How should we organize tuples on a page?

Let’s first assume all tuples are of the same size

Tweets(tid int, user char(10),
    time int, content char(140))
Design Exercise 1

• Think how you would store tuples on a page
  – Fixed length tuples
  – Variable length tuples

• Requirements
  – Insert a new tuple
  – Look up a tuple given a RID (= Record ID)
  – Remove a tuple given a RID
  – Modify a tuple
  – Enumerate all tuples
Page Formats

Issues to consider:

• 1 page = 1 disk block = fixed size (e.g. 8KB)
• Records:
  – Fixed length
  – Variable length
• Record id = RID
  – Typically RID = (PageID, SlotNumber)

Why do we need RID’s in a relational DBMS ?
Because of indexes and also for transactions
Page Format Approach 1

Fixed-length records: packed representation
Divide page into slots. Each slot can hold one tuple
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How do we insert a new record?

How do we delete a record? Cannot remove record (why?)

How do we handle variable-length records?
Page Format Approach 2

- Can handle variable-length records
- Can move tuples inside a page without changing RIDs
- RID is (PageID, SlotID) combination

Header contains slot directory
+ Need to keep track of nb of slots
+ Also need to keep track of free space (F)

Slot directory
Record Formats

Fixed-length records => Each field has a fixed length (i.e., it has the same length in all the records)

| Field 1 | Field 2 | ... | ... | Field K |

Information about field lengths and types is in the catalog
Record Formats

Variable length records

Field 1  Field 2  ...  ...  Field K

Record header

Remark: NULLS require no space at all (why?)
From Row-Store to Column-Store

Rows stored contiguously on disk (+ tuple headers)

Columns stored contiguously on disk (no headers needed)
Two Options

Column Store:
• 1 column = 1 file
• Requires a complete rewrite of query engine
• Potential for major performance gain for some queries, but need a lot of work to get there (will see this)

PAX:
• Split the table into blocks (original PAX) or chunks (Snowflake)
• Inside each chunk, store the attribute column-wise
• Obtain most of the performance gain, with very little update to the query engine
An Intermediate Format: PAX

• PAX = Partition Attributes Across

• Addresses memory access bottleneck (not the disk bottleneck)
From Row to Column Storage (Initial Designs - 1985)

Figure 2.1: Storage models for storing database records inside disk pages: NSM (row-store) and DSM (a predecessor to column-stores). Figure taken from [5].
Records are stored sequentially
- Offsets to start of each record at end of page

Ailamaki VLDB’01 http://research.cs.wisc.edu/multifacet/papers/vldb01_pax_talk.ppt
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Need New Data Page Layout

- Eliminates unnecessary memory accesses
- Improves inter-record locality
- Keeps a record’s fields together
- Does not affect I/O performance

and, most importantly, is…

low-implementation-cost, high-impact

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`select name from R where age > 50`

Fewer cache misses, low reconstruction cost

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A Real NSM Record

NSM: All fields of record stored together + slots

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PAX: Group fields + amortizes record headers

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PAX - Summary

• Improves processor cache locality
• Does not affect I/O behavior
  – Same disk accesses for NSM or PAX storage
  – No need to change the buffer manager

• Today:
  – Most (all?) commercial engines use a PAX layout of the disk
  – Beyond disk: Snowflake partitions tables horizontally into files, then uses column-store inside each file (hence, PAX)
Column-Store

• Store an entire attribute in a different file

• While the idea had been around before PAX, getting all the details right in order to extract the extra performance took a long time
C-Store Illustration

Row-based (4 pages)

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C-Store also avoids large tuple headers
Column-Oriented Databases

• Main idea:
  – Physical storage: complete vertical partition; each column stored separately: R.A, R.B, R.A
  – Logical schema: remains the same R(A,B,C)

• Main advantage:
  – Improved transfer rate: disk to memory, memory to CPU, better cache locality
Basic Trade-Off

• **Row stores**
  – Quick to update entire tuple (1 page IO)
  – Quick to access a single tuple

• **Column stores**
  – Avoid reading unnecessary columns
  – Better compression

• **Entire system needs a different design**
  – Not only storage manager
  – To achieve high performance
From Row to Column Storage (Modern Designs)

Figure 1.1: Physical layout of column-oriented vs row-oriented databases.

Basic tradeoffs:
- Reading all attributes of one record, v.s.
- Reading some attributes of many records
Figure 1.2: Performance of C-Store versus a commercial database system on the SSBM benchmark, with different column-oriented optimizations enabled.
Key Architectural Trends (Sec. 1)

- Virtual IDs
- Block-oriented and vertical processing
- Late materialization
- Column-specific compression
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• Virtual IDs
  – Offsets (arrays) instead of keys

• Block-oriented and vertical processing
  – Iterator model: one tuple → one block of tuples

• Late materialization
  – Postpone tuple reconstruction in query plan

• Column-specific compression
  – Much better than row-compression (why?)
Vectorized Processing

Review:

• Volcano-style iterator model
  – Next() method
  – Pipelining

• Materialization of all intermediate results

• Discuss in class:

  select avg(A) from R where A < 100
Vectorized Processing

• Vectorized processing:
  – Next() returns a block of tuples (e.g. N=1000) instead of single tuple

• Pros:
  – No more large intermediate results
  – Tight inner loop for selection and/or avg

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  – Bit-vector (see also bit-map indexes)
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- Retrieve those values in column D: ‘x’, ‘d’, ‘y’, ‘d’, ‘d’, ...
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Late Materialization (Sec. 4)

Ex: SELECT R.b from R where R.a=X and R.d=Y

Early materialization

Late materialization

Extract values
Jive Join (Sec. 4)

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FROM emp, dept
WHERE emp.dept_id = dept.id
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Jive Join (Sec. 4)

```
SELECT emp.age, dept.name
FROM emp, dept
WHERE emp.dept_id = dept.id
```

One column will be out of order

Add new indexes

Sort

Fetch `dept.name`
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More Details

• Sort columns according to some criterion
  – Helps with range queries on that column
  – Helps compressing that column
  – But need to sort all the other columns the same way

• Create additional (redundant) ”views”, called “projections”, by sorting on different columns
Vertica Data Model Details

Data organized into *projections*:
- Sorted subsets of the attributes
- Each table has one super projection
- Includes all table attributes

**Original Data**

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![Diagram of data organization into projections]

Super projection sorted by date
- Non-super projection containing only (cust, price) attributes, sorted by cust

From: The Vertica Analytic Database: CStore 7 Years Later. Lamb et. Al. VLDB’12
Parallel Processing

- Segment data horizontally across nodes
- Organize as column store on each node

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Super projection sorted by date & segmented by hash(sale_id)
Non-super projection containing only(cust, price) attributes, sorted by cust, segmented by hash(cust)
Vertica Data Model Details

Segmented on several nodes

Node 1

Node 2
Vertica Data Partitioning

• Cross-node partitioning called “segmentation”
  – Hash-partitioning
  – Other expression

• Each node assigned multiple local segments
  – To facilitate elasticity
  – Enables moving segments as cluster size changes

• Can also replicate all tuples in projection
Vertica Intra-Node Partitioning

- C-store proposed intra-node data partitioning
  - Similar to other parallel DBMS such as Teradata
- In contrast, Vertica divides each on-disk structure into logical regions at runtime and processing the regions in parallel
- Vertica also supports explicit data partitioning
  - Partitions segments within nodes into smaller pieces
  - CREATE TABLE … PARTITION BY <expr>
  - Benefits:
    - Fast deletion
    - Pruning of partitions during query execution
Segmentation = horizontal partitioning across nodes
- Each projection has own segmentation
- More segments than nodes for elasticity

Partition = horizontal within a node
- Same partition for all projections & nodes

ROS = Read Optimized Store
- Each column’s data within its ROS container is stored as a single file
- Total of 28 files of user data
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  – Queries on Read Optimized Store (ROS)
C-Store/Vertica Design

Writeable Store (WS)

Tuple Mover

Read-optimized Store (RS)

Uncompressed row-store

compressed column store

Figure 1. Architecture of C-Store

From: C-Store: A Column-oriented DBMS. Stonebraker et. Al. VLDB’05
Read and Write Optimized Stores

• **Write Optimized Store (WOS)**
  – In memory data: buffer delete/insert/update operations
  – Column vs row does not matter

• **Tuples never modified in place**
  – Use “delete vector” to track deleted tuples
  – Eventually removed by tuple mover during ROS merge

• **Tuple mover**
  – Move between WOS and ROS
  – When moving tuples out, creates a new ROS container
  – Merges ROS files together
    • Better compression & faster processing (fewer files to merge)
Read and Write Optimized Stores

• **Read Optimized Store (ROS)**
  – Multiple ROS containers
  – Stored on standard file system
  – Logically contains some number of complete tuples sorted by the projection’s sort order, stored as a pair of files per column: position index & data
    • The position index = only metadata per disk block
  – Column files may be independently retrieved
Final Thoughts

Simulating a Column-Store in a Row-Store DBMS:

• **Vertical partitioning**
  – Two-column tables: (key, attribute)

• **Index-only plans**
  – Create a B+ tree index on each attribute
  – Answer queries using indexes only, without reading actual data

• **Materialized views**
  – Each view contains a subset of columns