

Data-Intensive Information Processing Applications — Session #3

MapReduce Algorithm Design



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Issues from Last Class

- Everybody has access to the cluster?
- Hardware Sorting
- Names
 - Ying : Jordan Boyd-Graber
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- Input in Hadoop
- What is a node?
- Equal time: Avro

Input Types

- Recall: FileSplits (split), InputFormat (parse), RecordReader (iterate)
- InputFormat Options
 - TextInputFormat (offset, line text)
 - StreamInputFormat
 - Use StreamXmlRecordReader if values are XML documents
 - KeyValueTextInputFormat (key, line text)
 - Settable delimiter (tab is default)
 - SequenceFileInputFormat (key, binary)
 - Use for binary / serialized input
 - MapFile
 - Just like SequenceFile, but sorted (key must be comparable)
 - Other: HBase, conventional databases

What is a node?

- Not always 1 node per {computer, core}
- In many cases, nodes are virtual machines running in nodes (e.g. WorldLingo)
- How many nodes per machine depends on typical usage (e.g. IO vs CPU)

Avro

- Much like protocol buffers
- Uses JSON to compile schema
- Newer, but better connected with Hadoop
 - Could have better integration, but not there yet
- Benefits compared to protocol buffers
 - Schema is transmitted **with** serialization
 - Does **not** require compiling code
- Limitations compared to protocol buffers
 - Schema is transmitted **with** serialization
 - Cannot have nested fields
 - Cannot have null fields
- Again, not required to use them

Today's Agenda

- “The datacenter *is* the computer”
 - Understanding the design of warehouse-sized computes
- MapReduce algorithm design
 - How do you express everything in terms of m , r , c , p ?
 - Toward “design patterns”

The datacenter *is* the computer

“Big Ideas”

- Scale “out”, not “up”
 - Limits of SMP and large shared-memory machines
- Move processing to the data
 - Cluster have limited bandwidth
- Process data sequentially, avoid random access
 - Seeks are expensive, disk throughput is reasonable
- Seamless scalability
 - From the mythical man-month to the tradable machine-hour



Source: NY Times (6/14/2006)

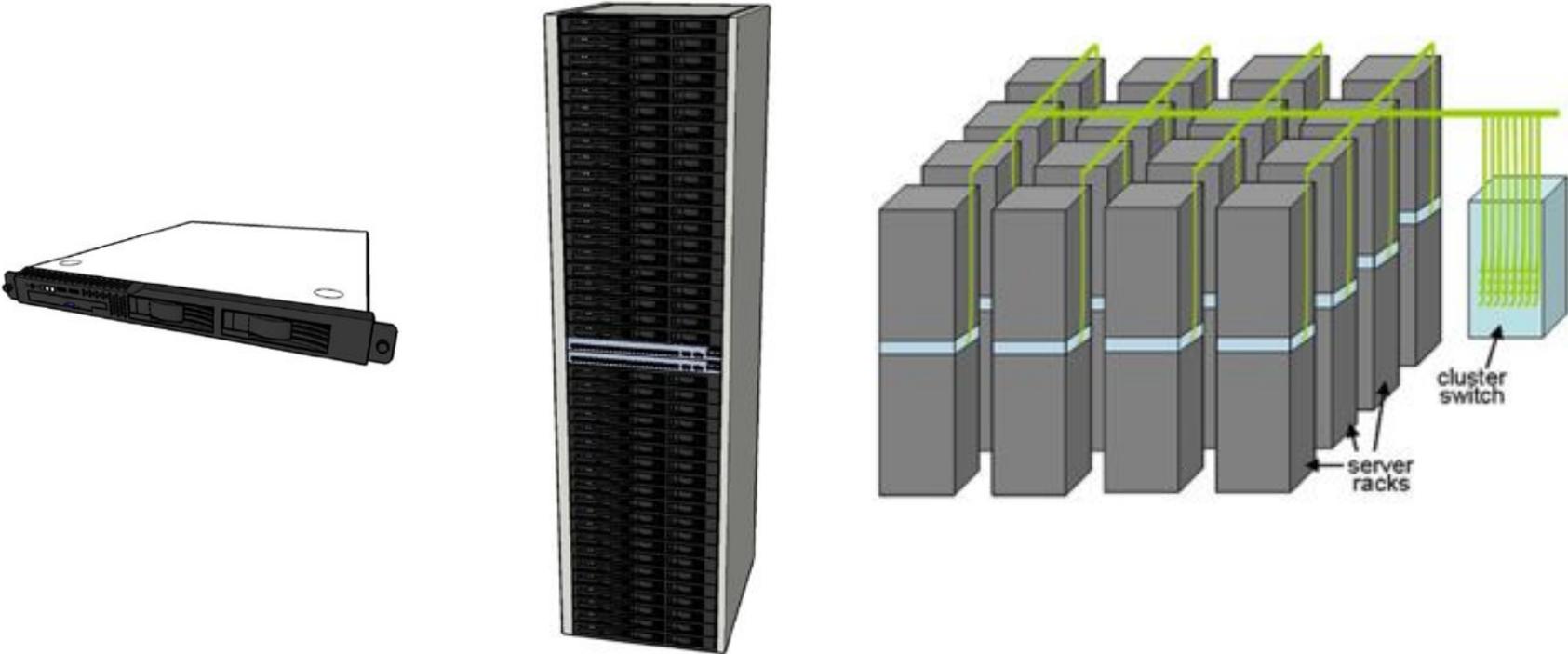


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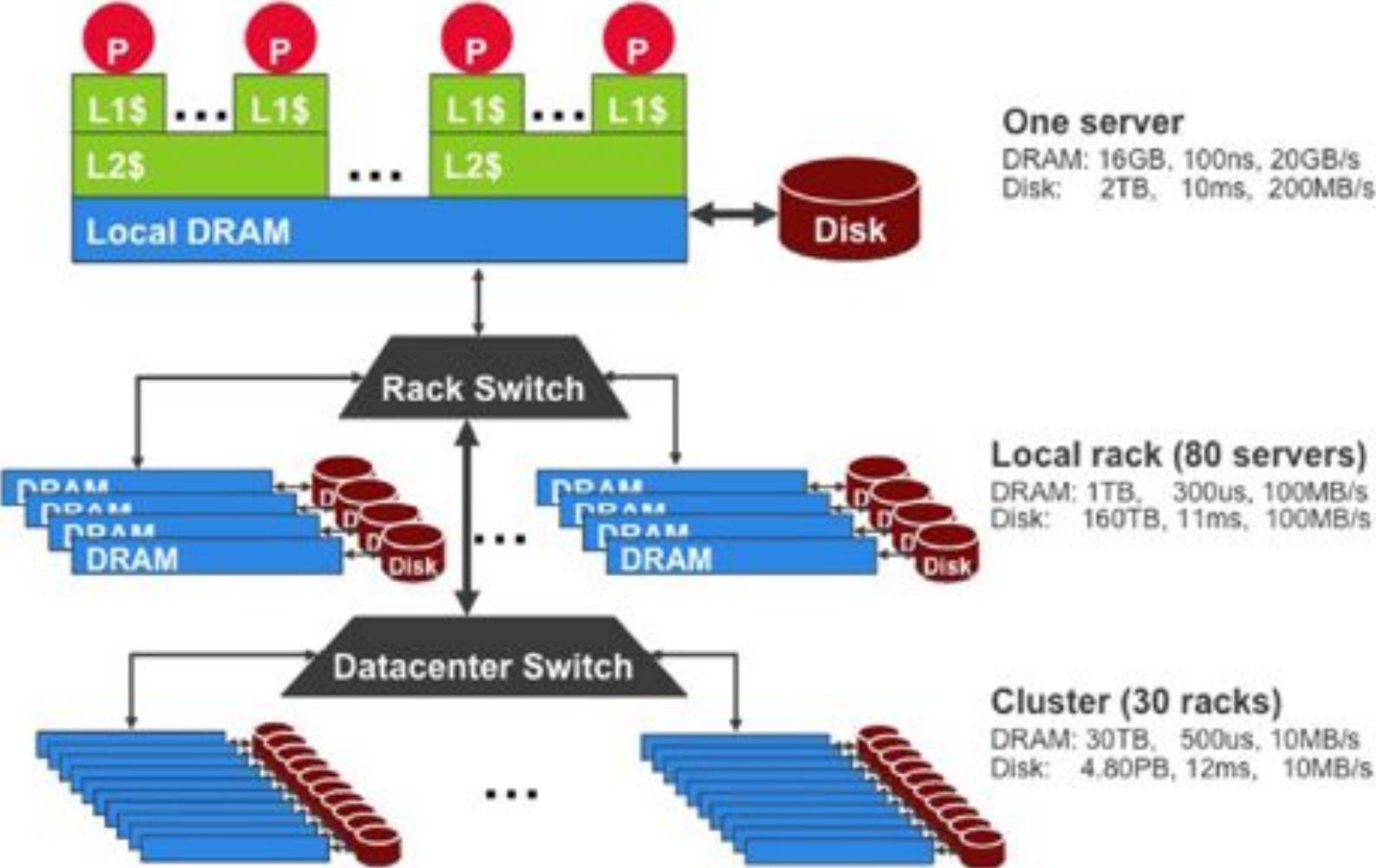
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Building Blocks



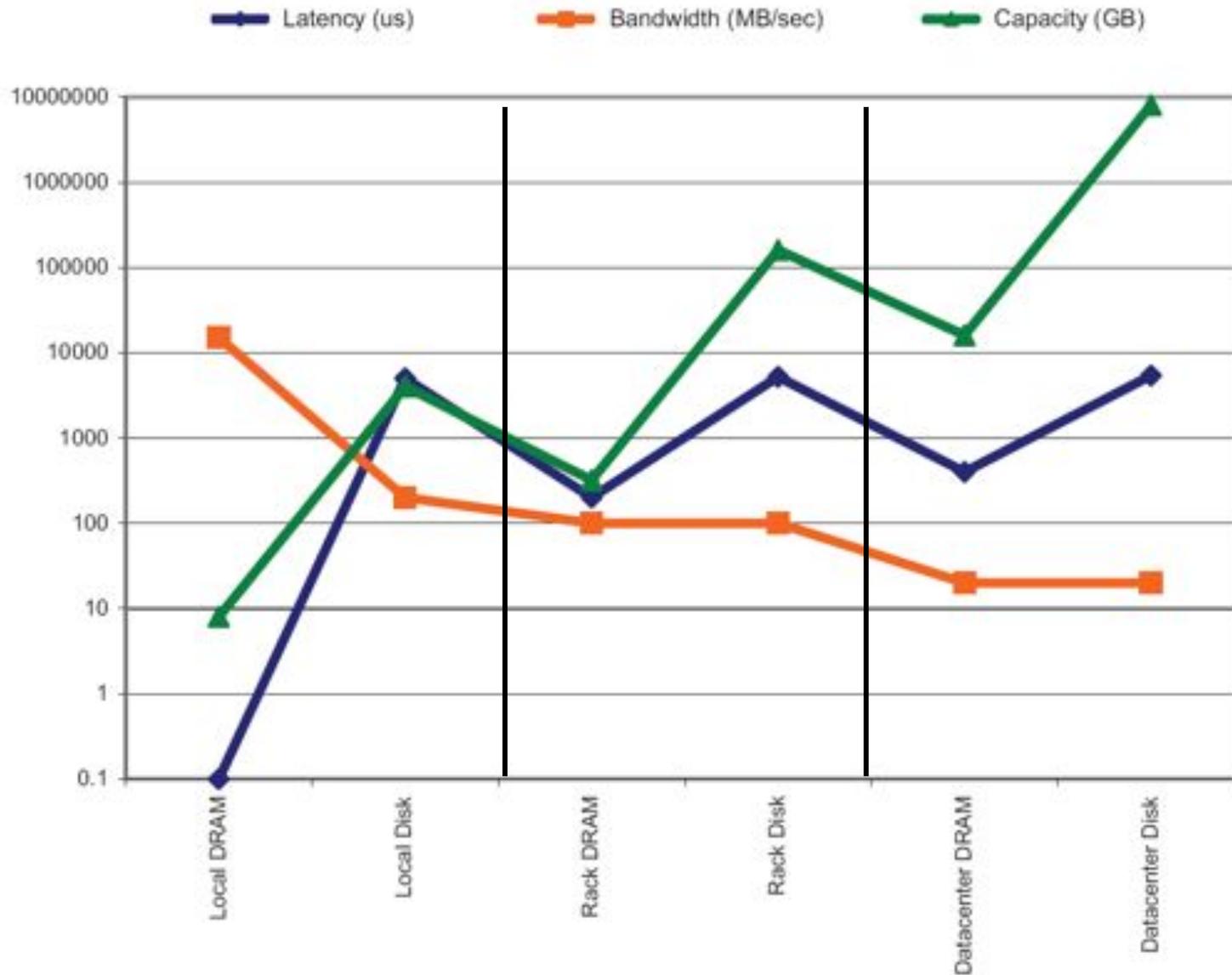
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Storage Hierarchy



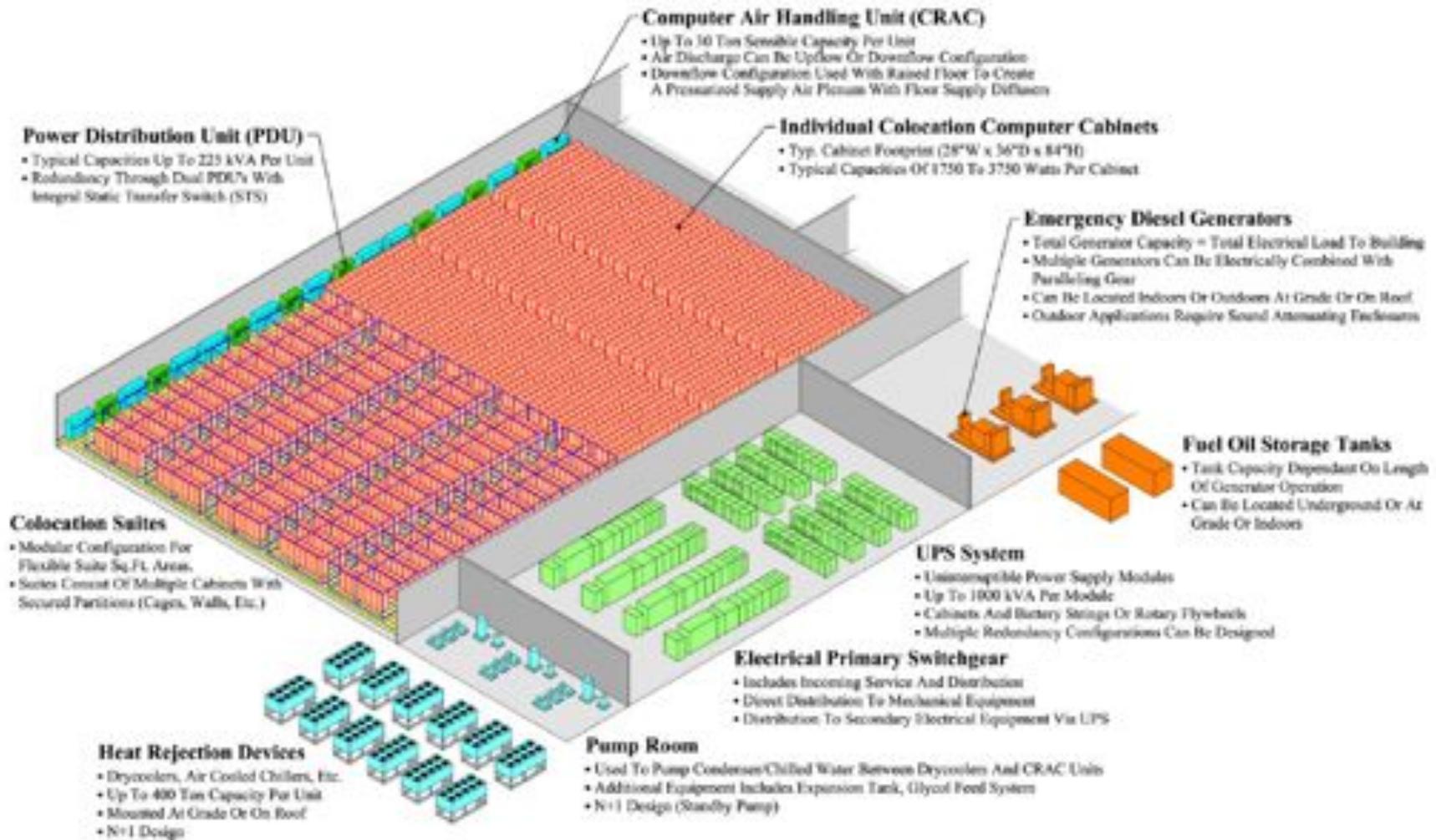
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Anatomy of a Datacenter



Why commodity machines?

	HP INTEGRITY SUPERDOME-ITANIUM2	HP PROLIANT ML350 G5
Processor	64 sockets, 128 cores (dual-threaded), 1.6 GHz Itanium2, 12 MB last-level cache	1 socket, quad-core, 2.66 GHz X5355 CPU, 8 MB last-level cache
Memory	2,048 GB	24 GB
Disk storage	320,974 GB, 7,056 drives	3,961 GB, 105 drives
TPC-C price/performance	\$2.93/tpmC	\$0.73/tpmC
price/performance (server HW only)	\$1.28/transactions per minute	\$0.10/transactions per minute
Price/performance (server HW only) (no discounts)	\$2.39/transactions per minute	\$0.12/transactions per minute

Source: Barroso and Urs Hölzle (2009); performance figures from late 2007

Why commodity machines?

- Diminishing returns for high-end machines
- Power usage is lower for mid-range machines
- If you're doing it right, many processes are memory

What about communication?

- Nodes need to talk to each other!
 - SMP: latencies ~ 100 ns
 - LAN: latencies ~ 100 μ s
- Scaling “up” vs. scaling “out”
 - Smaller cluster of SMP machines vs. larger cluster of commodity machines
 - E.g., 8 128-core machines vs. 128 8-core machines
 - Note: no single SMP machine is big enough
- Let’s model communication overhead...

Modeling Communication Costs

- Simple execution cost model:

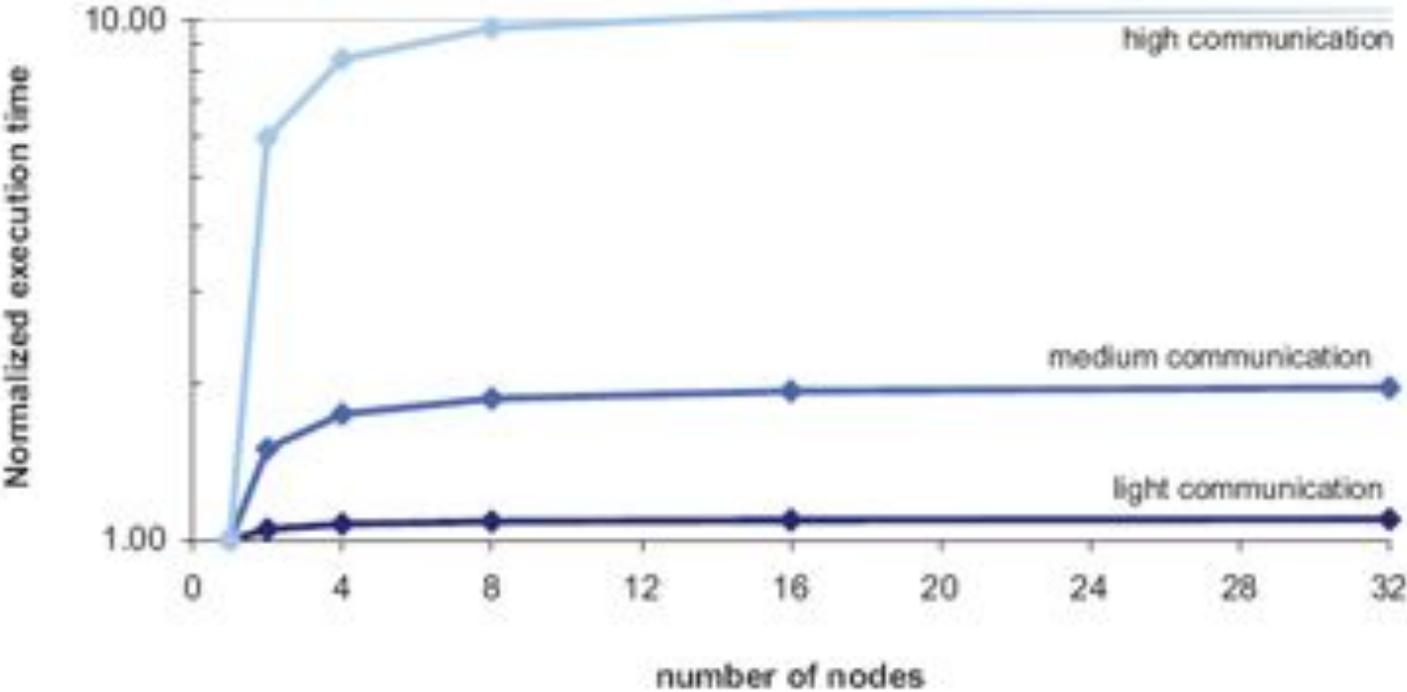
- Total cost = cost of computation + cost to access global data
- Fraction of local access inversely proportional to size of cluster
- n nodes (ignore cores for now)

$$1 \text{ ms} + f \times [100 \text{ ns} \times n + 100 \text{ } \mu\text{s} \times (1 - 1/n)]$$

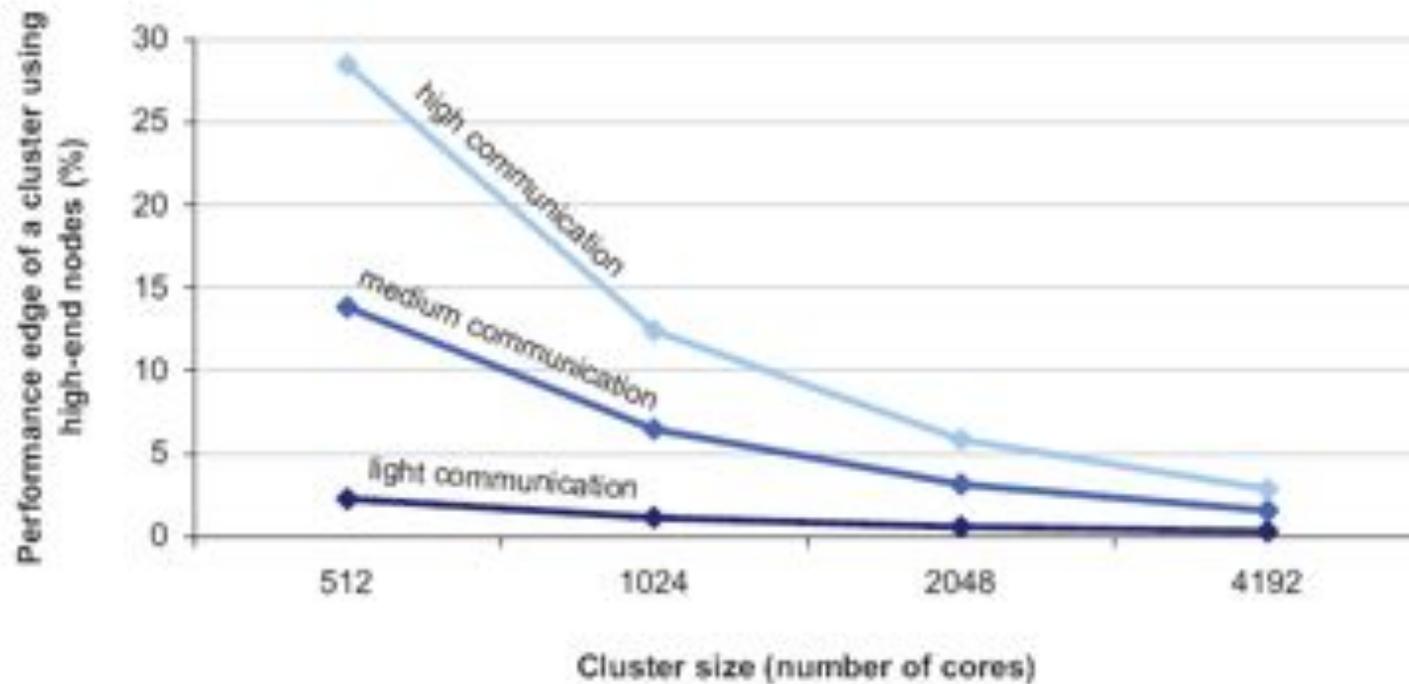
- Light communication: $f=1$
- Medium communication: $f=10$
- Heavy communication: $f=100$

- What are the costs in parallelization?

Cost of Parallelization



Advantages of scaling “up”



So why not?

Seeks vs. Scans

- Consider a 1 TB database with 100 byte records
 - We want to update 1 percent of the records
- Scenario 1: random access
 - Each update takes ~30 ms (seek, read, write)
 - 10^8 updates = ~35 days
- Scenario 2: rewrite all records
 - Assume 100 MB/s throughput
 - Time = 5.6 hours(!)
- Lesson: avoid random seeks!

Justifying the “Big Ideas”

- Scale “out”, not “up”
 - Limits of SMP and large shared-memory machines
- Move processing to the data
 - Cluster have limited bandwidth
- Process data sequentially, avoid random access
 - Seeks are expensive, disk throughput is reasonable
- Seamless scalability
 - From the mythical man-month to the tradable machine-hour

Numbers Everyone Should Know*

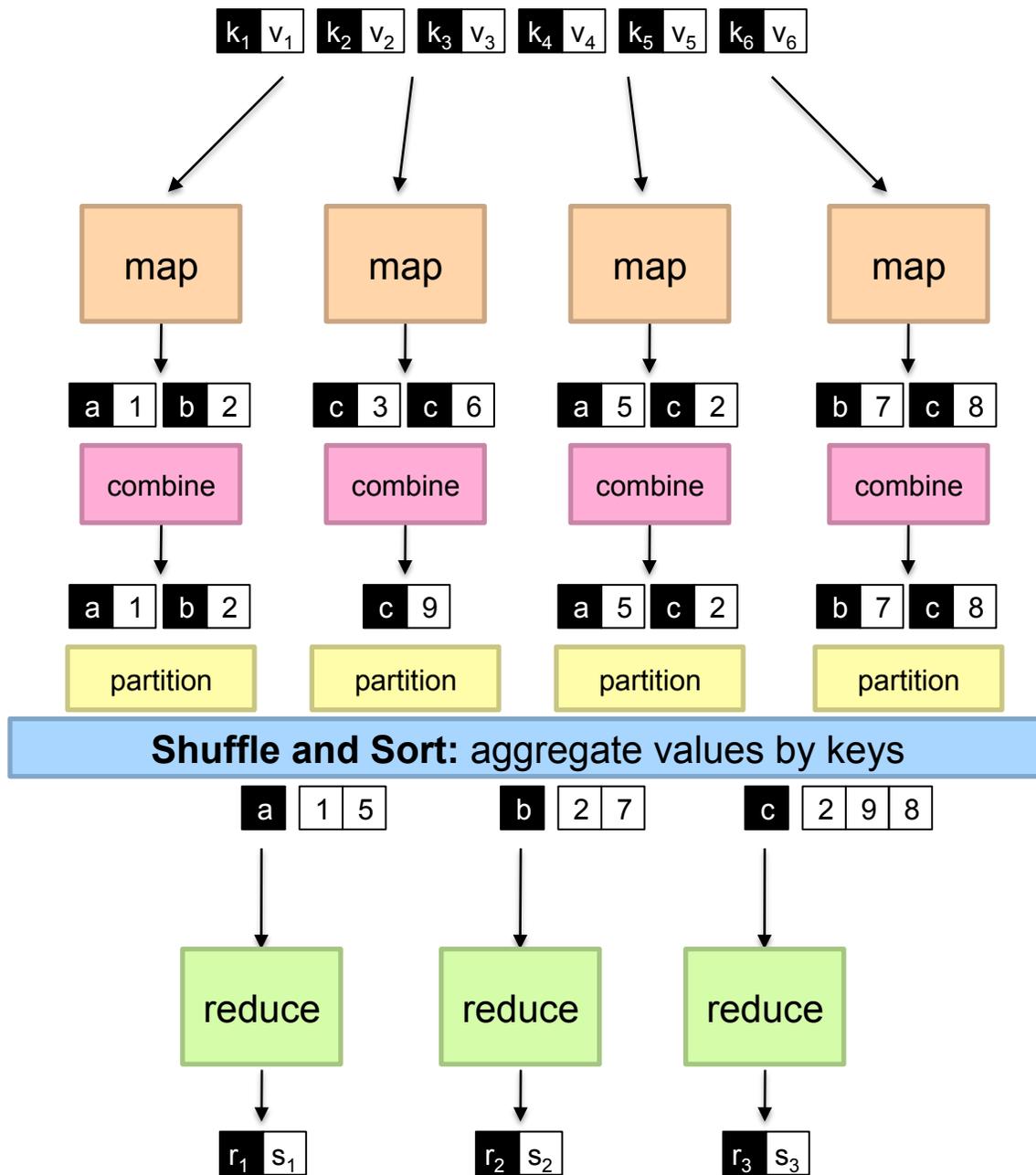
L1 cache reference	0.5 ns
Branch mispredict	5 ns
L2 cache reference	7 ns
Mutex lock/unlock	25 ns
Main memory reference	100 ns
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	20,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000 ns
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000 ns
Disk seek	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000 ns
Send packet CA → Netherlands → CA	150,000,000 ns

* According to Jeff Dean (LADIS 2009 keynote)

MapReduce Algorithm Design

MapReduce: Recap

- Programmers must specify:
 - map** $(k, v) \rightarrow \langle k', v' \rangle^*$
 - reduce** $(k', v') \rightarrow \langle k', v' \rangle^*$
 - All values with the same key are reduced together
- Optionally, also:
 - partition** $(k', \text{number of partitions}) \rightarrow \text{partition for } k'$
 - Often a simple hash of the key, e.g., $\text{hash}(k') \bmod n$
 - Divides up key space for parallel reduce operations
 - combine** $(k', v') \rightarrow \langle k', v' \rangle^*$
 - Mini-reducers that run in memory after the map phase
 - Used as an optimization to reduce network traffic
- The execution framework handles everything else...



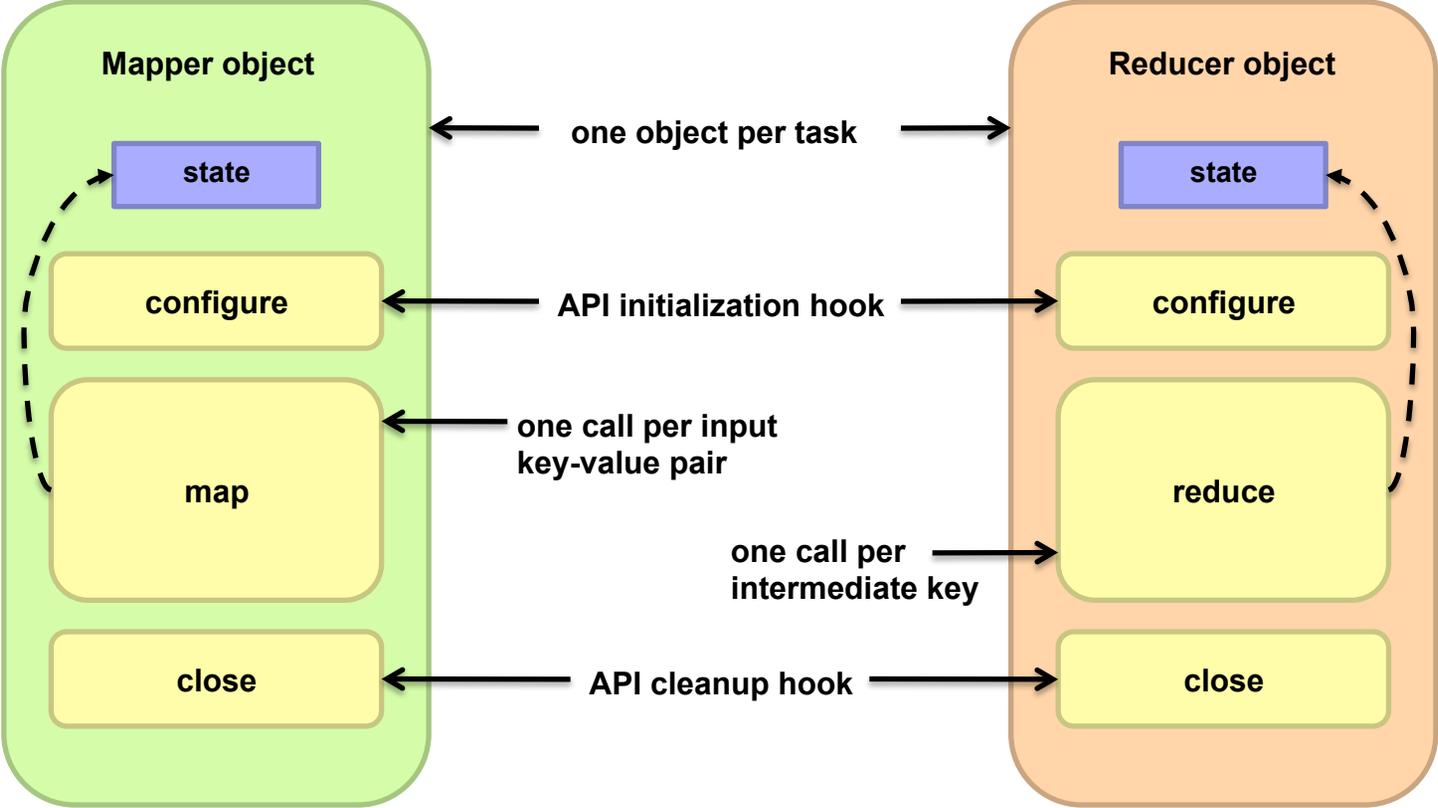
“Everything Else”

- The execution framework handles everything else...
 - Scheduling: assigns workers to map and reduce tasks
 - “Data distribution”: moves processes to data
 - Synchronization: gathers, sorts, and shuffles intermediate data
 - Errors and faults: detects worker failures and restarts
- Limited control over data and execution flow
 - All algorithms must be expressed in m, r, c, p
- You don't know:
 - Where mappers and reducers run
 - When a mapper or reducer begins or finishes
 - Which input a particular mapper is processing
 - Which intermediate key a particular reducer is processing

Tools for Synchronization

- Cleverly-constructed data structures
 - Bring partial results together
- Sort order of intermediate keys
 - Control order in which reducers process keys
- Partitioner
 - Control which reducer processes which keys
- Preserving state in mappers and reducers
 - Capture dependencies across multiple keys and values

Preserving State



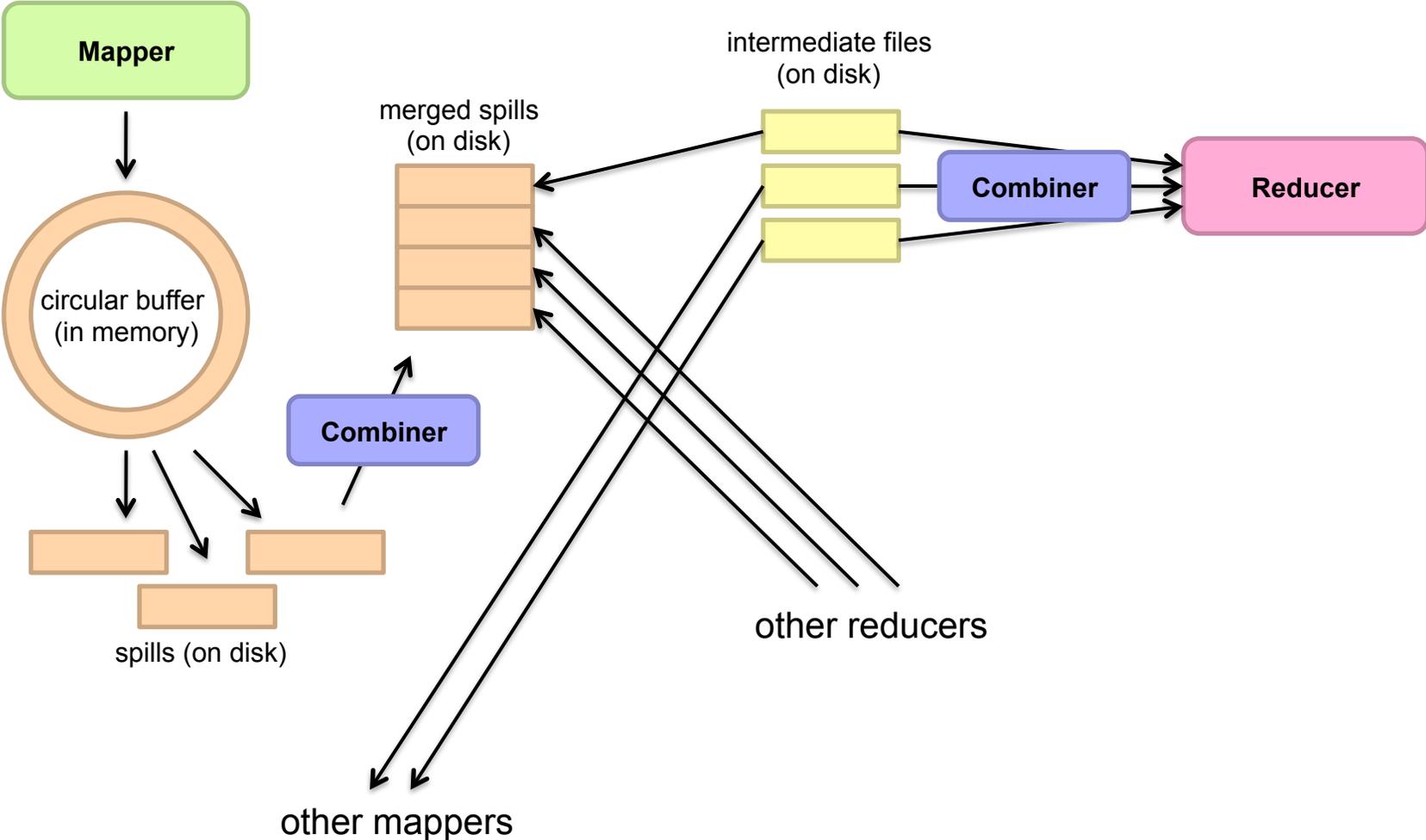
Scalable Hadoop Algorithms: Themes

- Avoid object creation
 - Inherently costly operation
 - Garbage collection
- Avoid buffering
 - Limited heap size
 - Works for small datasets, but won't scale!

Importance of Local Aggregation

- Ideal scaling characteristics:
 - Twice the data, twice the running time
 - Twice the resources, half the running time
- Why can't we achieve this?
 - Synchronization requires communication
 - Communication kills performance
- Thus... avoid communication!
 - Reduce intermediate data via local aggregation
 - Combiners can help

Shuffle and Sort



Word Count: Baseline

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(docid  $a$ , doc  $d$ )
3:     for all term  $t \in$  doc  $d$  do
4:       EMIT(term  $t$ , count 1)
5:
6: class REDUCER
7:   method REDUCE(term  $t$ , counts [ $c_1, c_2, \dots$ ])
8:      $sum \leftarrow 0$ 
9:     for all count  $c \in$  counts [ $c_1, c_2, \dots$ ] do
10:       $sum \leftarrow sum + c$ 
11:     EMIT(term  $t$ , count  $s$ )
```

What's the impact of combiners?

Word Count: Version 1

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(docid a, doc d)
3:      $H \leftarrow$  new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY
4:     for all term  $t \in$  doc d do
5:        $H\{t\} \leftarrow H\{t\} + 1$ 
6:     for all term  $t \in H$  do
7:       EMIT(term t, count  $H\{t\}$ )
```

▷ Tally counts for entire document

Are combiners still needed?

Word Count: Version 2

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method INITIALIZE
3:      $H \leftarrow \text{new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY}$ 
4:   method MAP(docid  $a$ , doc  $d$ )
5:     for all term  $t \in \text{doc } d$  do
6:        $H\{t\} \leftarrow H\{t\} + 1$ 
7:   method CLOSE
8:     for all term  $t \in H$  do
9:       EMIT(term  $t$ , count  $H\{t\}$ )
```

**Key: preserve state across
input key-value pairs!**

▷ Tally counts *across* documents

Are combiners still needed?

Design Pattern for Local Aggregation

- “In-mapper combining”
 - Fold the functionality of the combiner into the mapper by preserving state across multiple map calls
- Advantages
 - Speed
 - Why is this faster than actual combiners?
- Disadvantages
 - Explicit memory management required
 - Potential for order-dependent bugs

Combiner Design

- Combiners and reducers share same method signature
 - Sometimes, reducers can serve as combiners
 - Often, not...
- Remember: combiner are optional optimizations
 - Should not affect algorithm correctness
 - May be run 0, 1, or multiple times
- Example: find average of all integers associated with the same key

Computing the Mean: Version 1

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(string t, integer r)
3:     EMIT(string t, integer r)

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(string t, integers [r1, r2, ...])
3:     sum ← 0
4:     cnt ← 0
5:     for all integer r ∈ integers [r1, r2, ...] do
6:       sum ← sum + r
7:       cnt ← cnt + 1
8:     ravg ← sum/cnt
9:     EMIT(string t, integer ravg)
```

Why can't we use reducer as combiner?

Computing the Mean: Version 2

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(string t, integer r)
3:     EMIT(string t, integer r)

1: class COMBINER
2:   method COMBINE(string t, integers [r1, r2, ...])
3:     sum ← 0
4:     cnt ← 0
5:     for all integer r ∈ integers [r1, r2, ...] do
6:       sum ← sum + r
7:       cnt ← cnt + 1
8:     EMIT(string t, pair (sum, cnt))           ▷ Separate sum and count

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(string t, pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2) ...])
3:     sum ← 0
4:     cnt ← 0
5:     for all pair (s, c) ∈ pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2) ...] do
6:       sum ← sum + s
7:       cnt ← cnt + c
8:     ravg ← sum/cnt
9:     EMIT(string t, integer ravg)
```

Why doesn't this work?

Computing the Mean: Version 3

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(string t, integer r)
3:     EMIT(string t, pair (r, 1))

1: class COMBINER
2:   method COMBINE(string t, pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2) ...])
3:     sum ← 0
4:     cnt ← 0
5:     for all pair (s, c) ∈ pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2) ...] do
6:       sum ← sum + s
7:       cnt ← cnt + c
8:     EMIT(string t, pair (sum, cnt))

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(string t, pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2) ...])
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6:       sum ← sum + s
7:       cnt ← cnt + c
8:     ravg ← sum/cnt
9:     EMIT(string t, pair (ravg, cnt))
```

Fixed?

Computing the Mean: Version 4

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method INITIALIZE
3:      $S \leftarrow \text{new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY}$ 
4:      $C \leftarrow \text{new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY}$ 
5:   method MAP(string  $t$ , integer  $r$ )
6:      $S\{t\} \leftarrow S\{t\} + r$ 
7:      $C\{t\} \leftarrow C\{t\} + 1$ 
8:   method CLOSE
9:     for all term  $t \in S$  do
10:       EMIT(term  $t$ , pair ( $S\{t\}, C\{t\}$ ))
```

Are combiners still needed?

Algorithm Design: Running Example

- Term co-occurrence matrix for a text collection
 - $M = N \times N$ matrix ($N =$ vocabulary size)
 - M_{ij} : number of times i and j co-occur in some context (for concreteness, let's say context = sentence)
- Why?
 - Distributional profiles as a way of measuring semantic distance
 - Semantic distance useful for many language processing tasks

MapReduce: Large Counting Problems

- Term co-occurrence matrix for a text collection
= specific instance of a large counting problem
 - A large event space (number of terms)
 - A large number of observations (the collection itself)
 - Goal: keep track of interesting statistics about the events
- Basic approach
 - Mappers generate partial counts
 - Reducers aggregate partial counts

How do we aggregate partial counts efficiently?

First Try: “Pairs”

- Each mapper takes a sentence:
 - Generate all co-occurring term pairs
 - For all pairs, emit (a, b) → count
- Reducers sum up counts associated with these pairs
- Use combiners!

Pairs: Pseudo-Code

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(docid  $a$ , doc  $d$ )
3:     for all term  $w \in \text{doc } d$  do
4:       for all term  $u \in \text{NEIGHBORS}(w)$  do
5:         EMIT(pair ( $w, u$ ), count 1)      ▷ Emit count for each co-occurrence

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(pair  $p$ , counts [ $c_1, c_2, \dots$ ])
3:      $s \leftarrow 0$ 
4:     for all count  $c \in \text{counts } [c_1, c_2, \dots]$  do
5:        $s \leftarrow s + c$                 ▷ Sum co-occurrence counts
6:     EMIT(pair  $p$ , count  $s$ )
```

“Pairs” Analysis

- Advantages

- Easy to implement, easy to understand

- Disadvantages

- Lots of pairs to sort and shuffle around (upper bound?)
- Not many opportunities for combiners to work

Another Try: “Stripes”

- Idea: group together pairs into an associative array

(a, b) → 1

(a, c) → 2

(a, d) → 5

(a, e) → 3

(a, f) → 2

$a \rightarrow \{ b: 1, c: 2, d: 5, e: 3, f: 2 \}$

- Each mapper takes a sentence:
 - Generate all co-occurring term pairs
 - For each term, emit $a \rightarrow \{ b: \text{count}_b, c: \text{count}_c, d: \text{count}_d \dots \}$
- Reducers perform element-wise sum of associative arrays

$$\begin{array}{r} a \rightarrow \{ b: 1, \quad d: 5, e: 3 \} \\ + \quad a \rightarrow \{ b: 1, c: 2, d: 2, \quad f: 2 \} \\ \hline a \rightarrow \{ b: 2, c: 2, d: 7, e: 3, f: 2 \} \end{array}$$

**Key: cleverly-constructed data structure
brings together partial results**

Stripes: Pseudo-Code

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(docid  $a$ , doc  $d$ )
3:     for all term  $w \in \text{doc } d$  do
4:        $H \leftarrow \text{new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY}$ 
5:       for all term  $u \in \text{NEIGHBORS}(w)$  do
6:          $H\{u\} \leftarrow H\{u\} + 1$            ▷ Tally words co-occurring with  $w$ 
7:       EMIT(Term  $w$ , Stripe  $H$ )

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(term  $w$ , stripes [ $H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots$ ])
3:      $H_f \leftarrow \text{new ASSOCIATIVEARRAY}$ 
4:     for all stripe  $H \in \text{stripes } [H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots]$  do
5:       SUM( $H_f, H$ )                               ▷ Element-wise sum
6:     EMIT(term  $w$ , stripe  $H_f$ )
```

“Stripes” Analysis

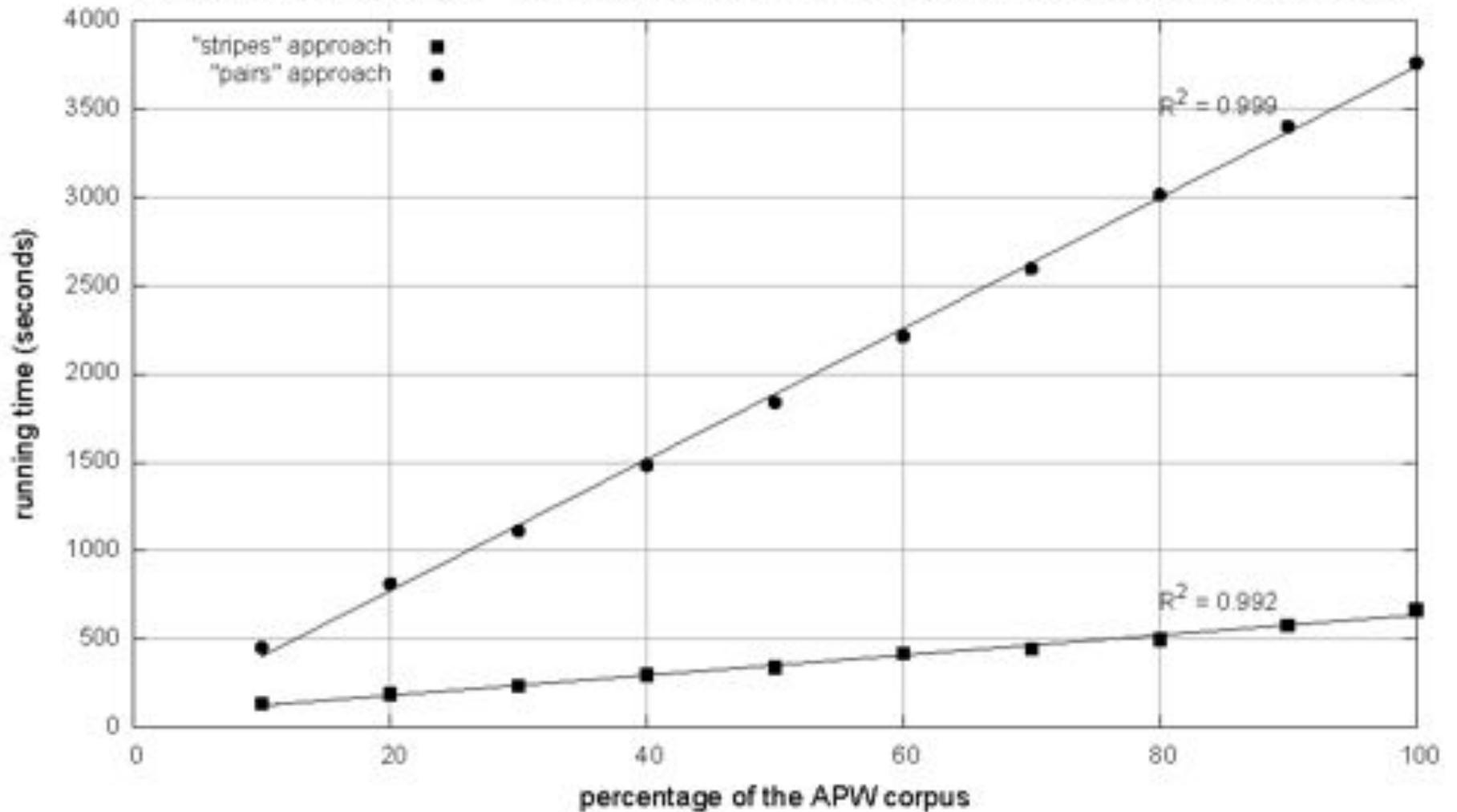
- Advantages

- Far less sorting and shuffling of key-value pairs
- Can make better use of combiners

- Disadvantages

- More difficult to implement
- Underlying object more heavyweight
- Fundamental limitation in terms of size of event space

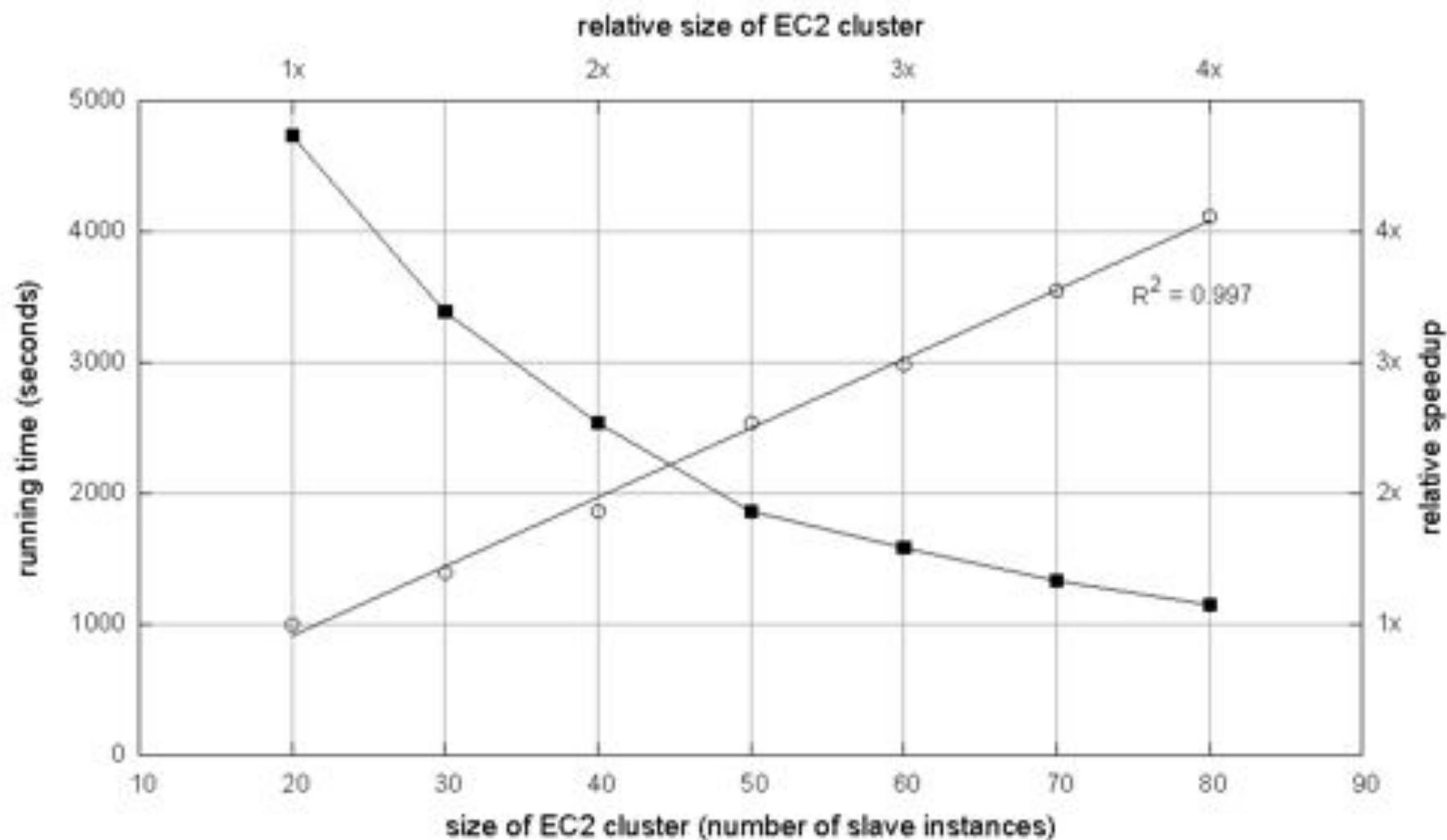
Comparison of "pairs" vs. "stripes" for computing word co-occurrence matrices



Cluster size: 38 cores

Data Source: Associated Press Worldstream (APW) of the English Gigaword Corpus (v3), which contains 2.27 million documents (1.8 GB compressed, 5.7 GB uncompressed)

Effect of cluster size on "stripes" algorithm



Relative Frequencies

- How do we estimate relative frequencies from counts?

$$f(B | A) = \frac{\text{count}(A, B)}{\text{count}(A)} = \frac{\text{count}(A, B)}{\sum_{B'} \text{count}(A, B')}$$

- Why do we want to do this?
- How do we do this with MapReduce?

f(B|A): “Stripes”

$a \rightarrow \{b_1:3, b_2:12, b_3:7, b_4:1, \dots\}$

- Easy!
 - One pass to compute (a, *)
 - Another pass to directly compute f(B|A)

$f(B|A)$: “Pairs”

$(a, *) \rightarrow 32$

Reducer holds this value in memory

$(a, b_1) \rightarrow 3$

$(a, b_2) \rightarrow 12$

$(a, b_3) \rightarrow 7$

$(a, b_4) \rightarrow 1$

...



$(a, b_1) \rightarrow 3 / 32$

$(a, b_2) \rightarrow 12 / 32$

$(a, b_3) \rightarrow 7 / 32$

$(a, b_4) \rightarrow 1 / 32$

...

○ For this to work:

- Must emit extra $(a, *)$ for every b_n in mapper
- Must make sure all a 's get sent to same reducer (use partitioner)
- Must make sure $(a, *)$ comes first (define sort order)
- Must hold state in reducer across different key-value pairs

“Order Inversion”

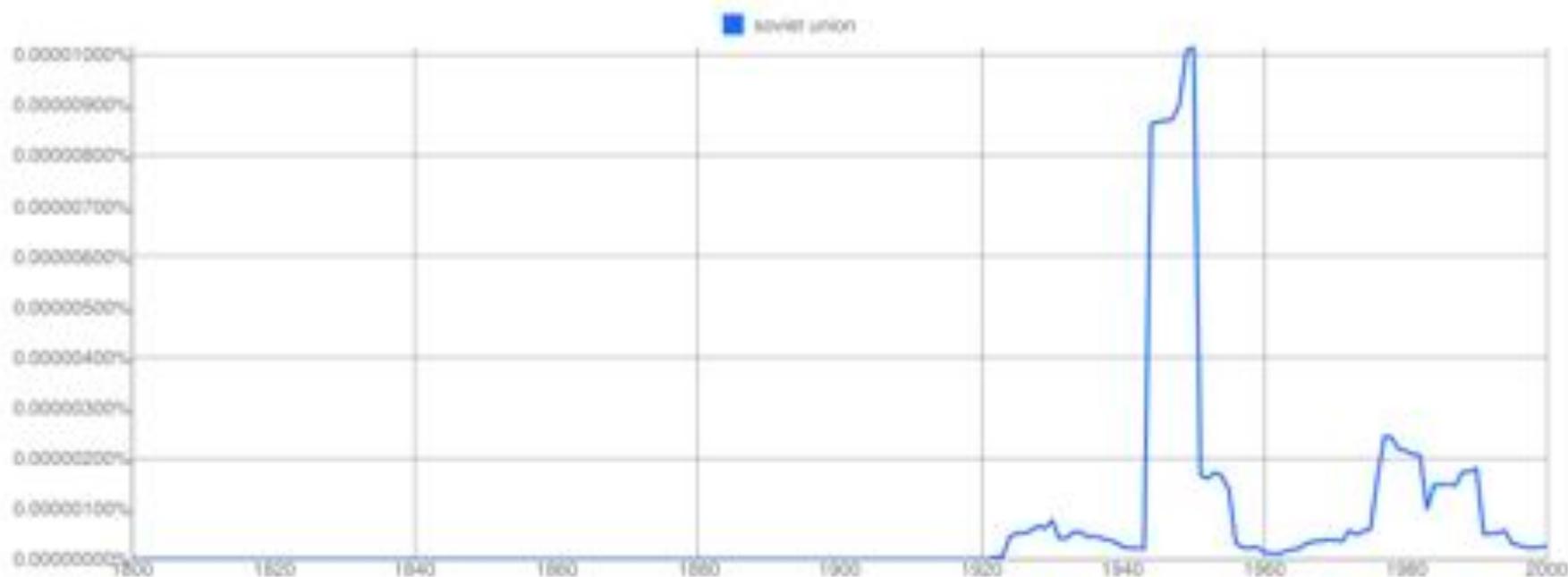
- Common design pattern
 - Computing relative frequencies requires marginal counts
 - But marginal cannot be computed until you see all counts
 - Buffering is a bad idea!
 - Trick: getting the marginal counts to arrive at the reducer before the joint counts
- Optimizations
 - Apply in-memory combining pattern to accumulate marginal counts
 - Should we apply combiners?

Order Inversion for Bigrams

Google labs Books Ngram Viewer

Graph these case-sensitive comma-separated phrases:
between and from the corpus with smoothing of

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N-Gram Probability

- Given the phrase „I pity the“, what is the the probability of the next word being „fool“?
- Requires counting up the number of times „I pity the fool“ appears in the corpus and dividing by the number of times „I pity the“ appears.
- Useful for spelling correction, machine translation, speech recognition
- When $N=2$, bigrams

Digging In: Bigram Example

- Run the program:
 - `hadoop jar cloud9.jar edu.umd.cloud9.example.bigram.BigramRelativeFrequency /tmp/wiki /umd-lin/jbg/output/bigram 15`
- Take a look at the output:
 - `Hadoop jar cloud9.jar edu.umd.cloud9.example.bigram.AnalyzeBigramRelativeFrequency / umd-lin/jbg/output/bigram`
- Definition
 - `Mapper<LongWritable, Text, PairOfStrings, FloatWritable>`
 - `Reducer<PairOfStrings, FloatWritable, PairOfStrings, FloatWritable>`

Digging In: Bigram Mapper

```
public void map(LongWritable key, Text value, Context context) {  
    String line = value.toString();  
    String prev = null;  
    StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(line);  
    while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {  
        String cur = itr.nextToken();  
        if (prev == null) continue;  
        bigram.set(prev, cur);  
        context.write(bigram, one);  
        bigram.set(prev, "*");  
        context.write(bigram, one);  
    }  
    prev = cur;  
}  
}
```

Digging In: Bigram Reducer

```
public void reduce(PairOfStrings key, Iterable<FloatWritable> values, Context context) {  
    float sum = 0.0f;  
    Iterator<FloatWritable> iter = values.iterator();  
    while (iter.hasNext()) sum += iter.next().get();  
    if (key.getRightElement().equals("*")) {  
        value.set(sum);  
        marginal = sum;  
    } else {  
        value.set(sum / marginal);  
        context.write(key, value);  
    }  
}
```

Synchronization: Pairs vs. Stripes

- Approach 1: turn synchronization into an ordering problem
 - Sort keys into correct order of computation
 - Partition key space so that each reducer gets the appropriate set of partial results
 - Hold state in reducer across multiple key-value pairs to perform computation
 - Illustrated by the “pairs” approach
- Approach 2: construct data structures that bring partial results together
 - Each reducer receives all the data it needs to complete the computation
 - Illustrated by the “stripes” approach

Digging In: Pairs

- Datatype:

- import edu.umd.cloud9.io.PairOfStrings

- Definitions:

**Reducer<PairOfStrings, IntWritable, PairOfStrings, IntWritable>
Mapper<LongWritable, Text, PairOfStrings, IntWritable>**

- Mapper

```
public void map(LongWritable key, Text line, Context context) {  
    String[] terms = line.toString().split("\\s+");  
    for (int i = 0; i < terms.length; i++) {  
        String term = terms[i];  
        for (int j = i - window; j < i + window + 1; j++) {  
            // OMITTED: Check to make sure valid pair  
            pair.set(term, terms[j]);  
            context.write(pair, one);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Digging In: Pairs

- Reducer

```
public void reduce(PairOfStrings key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context
context) {
    Iterator<IntWritable> iter = values.iterator();
    int sum = 0;
    while (iter.hasNext()) {sum += iter.next().get();}
    SumValue.set(sum);
    context.write(key, SumValue);
}
```

Digging In: Stripes

- Datatype:

- `import edu.umd.cloud9.io.fastuil.String2IntOpenHashMapWritable;`

- Definitions

```
Mapper<LongWritable, Text, Text, String2IntOpenHashMapWritable>  
Reducer<Text, String2IntOpenHashMapWritable, Text,  
        String2IntOpenHashMapWritable>
```

- Mapper

```
map(LongWritable key, Text line, Context context) {  
    String[] terms = line.toString().split("\\s+");  
    for (int i = 0; i < terms.length; i++) {  
        String term = terms[i];  
        map.clear();  
        for (int j = i - window; j < i + window + 1; j++) map.put(terms[j], 1);  
        textKey.set(term);  
        context.write(textKey, map);  
    }  
}
```

Digging In: Stripes

- Reducer

```
public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<String2IntOpenHashMapWritable> values,  
Context context) {  
    Iterator<String2IntOpenHashMapWritable> iter = values.iterator();  
    String2IntOpenHashMapWritable map = new String2IntOpenHashMapWritable();  
    while (iter.hasNext()) map.plus(iter.next());  
    context.write(key, map);  
}
```

Secondary Sorting

- MapReduce sorts input to reducers by key
 - Values may be arbitrarily ordered
- What if want to sort value also?
 - E.g., $k \rightarrow (v_1, r), (v_3, r), (v_4, r), (v_8, r) \dots$

Secondary Sorting: Solutions

- Solution 1:
 - Buffer values in memory, then sort
 - Why is this a bad idea?
- Solution 2:
 - “Value-to-key conversion” design pattern: form composite intermediate key, (k, v_1)
 - Let execution framework do the sorting
 - Preserve state across multiple key-value pairs to handle processing
 - Anything else we need to do?

Recap: Tools for Synchronization

- Cleverly-constructed data structures
 - Bring data together
- Sort order of intermediate keys
 - Control order in which reducers process keys
- Partitioner
 - Control which reducer processes which keys
- Preserving state in mappers and reducers
 - Capture dependencies across multiple keys and values

Issues and Tradeoffs

- Number of key-value pairs
 - Object creation overhead
 - Time for sorting and shuffling pairs across the network
- Size of each key-value pair
 - De/serialization overhead
- Local aggregation
 - Opportunities to perform local aggregation varies
 - Combiners make a big difference
 - Combiners vs. in-mapper combining
 - RAM vs. disk vs. network

Debugging at Scale

- Works on small datasets, won't scale... why?
 - Memory management issues (buffering and object creation)
 - Too much intermediate data
 - Mangled input records
- Real-world data is messy!
 - Word count: how many unique words in Wikipedia?
 - There's no such thing as "consistent data"
 - Watch out for corner cases
 - Isolate unexpected behavior, bring local



Questions?