

Data and Processing Models for Big Data

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Two worlds

High Performance Computing



HPC: Simulations and experiments on supercomputers









Big Data: Commercial and scientific analytics on clouds





Yet, their tools and cultures diverged... ... to the detriment of both!









Two ways of processing Big Data



Batch processing

- collecting a series of data
- storing it until a given quantity of data has been collected
- then processing all of that data as a group – in other words, as a batch



Real-time (stream) processing

- each piece of data is processed as soon as it is collected
- results available virtually instantaneously



Batch vs. real-time







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Which is better for which use-cases?







Understanding user behavior







Recommendations

















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Correctness

Latency

Cost





Batch vs. real-time



Exact results



Correctness Latency Cost

High-latency Stateless Approximate results Low-latency Stateful









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Relational Databases (RDBMS)

- Historically, the *defacto* standard
- Optionally equipped with some caches
- Good for small and
 medium size data







Traditional SQL databases

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Traditional SQL databases



Issues when the dataset is just too big





- Began to look at multi-node database
 solutions
 - Known as 'scaling out' or 'horizontal scaling'
 - RDBMS were not designed to be distributed
- Different approaches include
 - Master-slave
 - Sharding





Scaling RDBMS: Master/Slave

Data replicated on slaves

- All *writes* are written to the *master*
- All *reads* from the replicated *slaves*

Advantage

Good load balance for reads

Problems

- Critical reads may be incorrect as writes may not have been propagated down
- Large datasets are duplicated: huge storage









Scaling RDBMS: Sharding



Data partitioned to slaves

Advantage

Scales well for both reads
 and writes

Problems

- Not transparent, application needs to be partition-aware
- Can no longer have relationships/joins across partitions
- Loss of referential integrity
 across shards















Fundamental properties of RDBMS transactions

- Atomicity
 - every operation is executed in "all-or-nothing" fashion
- Consistency
 - every transaction preserves the consistency constraints on data: strong consistency
- Isolation
 - transactions do not interfere
- **Durability**
 - after a commit, the updates made are
 permanent regardless possible failures





Strong Consistency

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Strong Consistency















INSA Big Data: network shared data systems

In a distributed environment **ACID** guarantees are very **expensive**



Fundamental properties

of distributed data management systems

Consistency

- All nodes see the same data at the same time
- Availability
 - Every request receives a response
 - Node failures do not prevent survivors from continuing to operate

Partitioning

- Surviving failures of parts of the system
- The system continues to operate despite arbitrary message loss











CAP Theorem

- Describes the tradeoffs involved in distributed systems
- It is impossible for a distributed service to provide the following three guarantees at the same time
 - Consistency
 - Availability
 - Partition-tolerance











A simple example (and an informal proof)

Hotel booking: are we double-booking the same room?









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Forfeit availability



mongoDB



Examples

- Distributed databases
- Distributed locking
- Majority protocols

Traits

- Pessimistic locking
- Make minority partitions unavailable

Best effort availability







Consistency or Availability

- Consistency or Availability is not a "binary" decision
- AP systems relax consistency in favor of availability – but are not inconsistent
- CP systems sacrifice availability for consistency- but are not unavailable
- So, both AP and CP systems can offer a degree of consistency and availability, as well as partition tolerance







"Degrees" of consistency

Strong Consistency

• After the update completes, any subsequent access will return the same updated value

Eventual Consistency

 It is guaranteed that if no new updates are made to object, eventually all accesses will return the last updated value (e.g., propagate updates to replicas in a lazy fashion)

Weak Consistency

 It is not guaranteed that subsequent accesses will return the updated value







Eventual consistency









Xiuying -	read(a) = 1	write(a) = 2	read(a) = 1	•
Yves -	read(a) = 1		read(a) = 2	
Zaira -	read(a) = 1		read(a) = 1	











Eventual consistency



Facebook example

- Bob finds an interesting story and shares it with Alice by posting on her Facebook wall
- Bob asks Alice to check it out
- Alice logs in her account, checks her Facebook wall but finds:

Nothing is there!





Eventual consistency



Facebook example

- Reason: Facebook uses an eventual consistent model
- Why this instead of strong consistency?
- Facebook has more than 1 billion active users
- It is non-trivial to efficiently and reliably store the huge amount of data generated at any given time
- Eventual consistent model offers the option to reduce the load and improve availability





Dynamic tradeoff between **Consistency and Availability** Airline reservation system

 When most of seats are available: it is ok to rely on somewhat out-of-date data, availability is more critical





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 When the plane is close to be filled: it needs more accurate data to ensure the plane is not overbooked, consistency is more critical







BigData systems usually give up on (strong) consistency

Example: **NoSQL** (Not Only SQL) databases

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Consistency vs. Latency tradeoff

- CAP does not force designers to give up A or C but why there exists a lot of systems trading C?
- Latency!



- CAP does not explicitly talk about latency...
- ... however latency is crucial to get the essence of CAP







Availability and Latency are (almost) the same thing

