PART 2. SCALABLE FRAMEWORKS FOR REAL-TIME BIG DATA ANALYTICS
2. SERVING LAYER: CASSANDRA

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FAQs

- Assignment 2 has been posted
- URL for zookeeper has been updated
- Use the same machines and ports assignment
- Use only English message

Today’s topics

- Document-oriented storage system - continued
  - Apache Cassandra

ByteOrderPartitioner

- This partitioner orders rows lexically by key bytes
- The ordered partitioner allows ordered scans by primary key
  - If your application has user names as the partition key, you can scan rows for users whose names fall between Jake and Joe

- Disadvantage of this partitioner
  - Difficult load balancing
  - Sequential writes can cause hot spots
  - Uneven load balancing for multiple tables

Geohashes
(2-dimensional geospatial data to DHT)

- Used in Galileo, MongoDB
- Proximity search
- Subdivides the globe into a hierarchy represented by strings
  - (40.573879, -105.084282) → 9XJQBDJK4XUT
- Longer strings represent more precise coordinates
- Strings with similar prefixes are geographically close

Example: Geohash of this Room
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Adjacency with the geohash algorithm

- Geohash for Colorado State University: 
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- All the data points falling into this box will share the first 3 letters of their Geohash values.
- All the data points falling into this box will share the first 5 letters of their Geohash values.

Nodes are organized in a ring of rings

- A group of nodes manages a set of geohash spaces
- Individual nodes are responsible for managing the feature space
- Each node executes on a different physical machine

Apache Cassandra Replication

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"Apache Cassandra Virtual Node"

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The use of heterogeneous machines with vnodes

- Newer nodes might be able to bear more load immediately
  - You just assign a proportional number of vnodes to the machines with more capacity
    - e.g. If you started your older machines with 64 vnodes per node and the new machines are twice as powerful, give them 128 vnodes each and the cluster remains balanced even during transition

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Apache Cassandra
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  - Heartbeat
  - Node status
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- Repair
- Reads/write
- Compaction
- Hint
- CQL query parsing/execution

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  - ApplicationState
  - EndpointState
    - Wrapper of a heartbeat state and a set of application state

HeartBeatState

- Generation
  - Heartbeat
    - Periodically update monotonically increasing value
Application state

- {enum_name, value, version}

- Contained as a map in EndpointState per peer

ApplicationState enum

- DC/RACK
- SCHEMA
- LOAD
- SEVERITY
- I/O load
- STATUS

Status (AppState)

- Bootstrap
  - For new nodes
- Hibernate
- Normal
- Leaving/Left
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Gossip messaging

- Every second, each node starts a new round

- Peer selection (1-3 peers)
  - Live peer
  - Seed (maybe)
  - Unreachable peer (maybe)

Gossip Exchange

- SYN/ACK/ACK2
  - Similar to TCP 3-way handshake
  - Add anti-entropy to gossiping

SYN: GossipDigestSynMessage

- Initiator sends a digest of all the nodes it knows about to a peer

- {ipAddr, generation, heartbeat}
GossipDigestSynMessage

When we are in 10.0.0.2
- HeartbeatState: generation 1259909635, version 325
  - ApplicationState "load-information": 12.0, generation 1259909635, version 45
  - ApplicationState "normal": bxLpassF3XD8Kyks, generation 1259909635, version 87
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259909635, version 325
- ApplicationState "load-information": 10.0.0.1, generation 1259909635, version 18
- ApplicationState "normal": bj05IVc0lvRXw2xH, generation 1259912942, version 7
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259912942, version 18
- ApplicationState "load-information": 10.0.0.4, generation 1259912942, version 0
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259912942, version 0
- ApplicationState "load-information": 10.0.0.3, generation 1259912238, version 5
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259912238, version 5
- ApplicationState "load-information": 10.0.0.2, generation 1259911052, version 61
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259911052, version 61
- ApplicationState "load-information": 10.0.0.1, generation 1259909635, version 324
  - HeartBeatState: generation 1259909635, version 324

Max version number for this endpoint: 325, 61, 5, and 18

GossipDigestActMessage

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Messaging summary
- Each node starts a gossip round every second
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Practical implications
- Who is in the cluster?
- How are peers judged UP or DOWN?
- When does a node stop sending a peer traffic?
- When is one peer preferred over another?
- When does a node leave the cluster?

Cluster membership
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Failure detection: $\Phi$ Accrual Failure Detector

Failure detection (1/3)

- $\Phi$ Accrual Failure Detector
  - Accrual Failure Detection does not emit a Boolean value stating a node is up or down
    - Emits a value which represents a suspicion level for each of the monitored nodes
    - This value is defined as $\Phi$
  - Dynamically adjusts to reflect network and load conditions at the monitored nodes

Failure detection (2/3)

- Given some threshold $\Phi$, and assuming that we decide to suspect a node $A$
  - e.g. when $\Phi = 1$, then the likelihood that we will make a mistake is about 10%
  - The likelihood is about 1% with $\Phi = 2$
  - The likelihood is about 0.1% with $\Phi = 3$

Failure detection (3/3)

- Every node maintains a sliding window of inter-arrival times of gossip messages from other nodes in the cluster
  - Exponential Distribution
    - The nature of gossip channel and its impact on latency

Bootstrapping and persistence
### Bootstrapping

- When a node joins the ID ring, the mapping is persisted to the disk locally and in Zookeeper.
  - Then the token information is gossiped around the cluster.
- With bootstrapping, a node joins with a configuration file that contains a list of a few contact points.
  - Seeds of the cluster.
- Seeds can be provided by a configuration service (e.g. Zookeeper).

### Local persistence: Write Operation

- Write into a commit log
  - Durability and recoverability
  - Dedicated disk for each node
- Write into an in-memory data structure
  - When in-memory data structure crosses a certain threshold, it dumps itself to disk.
- Write into disk
  - Generates an index for efficient lookup based on row key.
- Similar to Bigtable (compaction).

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- First queries the in-memory data structure
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- To narrow down the lookup process
  - A bloom filter is stored in each data file and memory.

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- **Message: Accentuated**
  - Generates ACT
  - Peer receives GossipDigestAct2Message from 10.0.0.4:1259909635:0
    - Status: bootstrap {1}
    - Hb: 10
    - Gen: 1234
  - Peer receives GossipDigestAct2Message from 10.0.0.3:1259912238:0
    - Status: bootstrap {1}
    - Hb: 11
    - Gen: 2345
  - Peer receives GossipDigestAct2Message from 10.0.0.2:1259911052:61
    - Status: normal {2}
    - Hb: 17
    - Gen: 3333
  - Peer receives GossipDigestAct2Message from 10.0.0.1:1259909635:325
    - Status: normal {3}
    - Hb: 990
    - Gen: 4444
  - Node D has been re-started
  - A will take all of the metadata in B

**Reconciliation example**

- **Version number**
  - After reconciliation
    - Heartbeats are different.
    - B will update its Hb to A's status
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- Graph storage and processing models

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  - Terminate sockets

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Dynamic “Snitch”
- Determine when to avoid a slow node
- Scoring peers based on response times
  - Scores recalculated every 100ms (default)
  - The updates are capped at a maximum of 10,000 per scoring interval
  - Scores reset every 10 minutes (default)
  - Uses statistically significant random sampling

How do nodes leave?
Decommission

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Running Netflix on Cassandra in the Cloud
Cassandra Service Pattern

Cassandra Cluster
Managed by Priam
Between 6 to 72 nodes

Datacenter Update Flow

Access REST Service
Astyanax Cassandra Client
Service REST Clients

Production deployment
- Over 50 Cassandra Clusters
- Over 500 nodes
- Over 30 TB of daily backups
- Biggest cluster 72 nodes
- 1 cluster over 250 K Writes/s

High Availability
- Cassandra stores 3 local copies, 1 per zone
  - Synchronous access, durable, highly available
  - Read/Write One fastest, use for fire and forget
  - Read/Write Quorum 2 of 3, use for read-after-write
- AWS Availability Zones
  - Separate buildings
  - Separate power etc.
  - Fairly close together

Graph Storage systems

Graphs around us?
- Social graph
  - People you may know
- Ratings graph
  - Products you might like
- Social+ratings graph
  - Movies you should watch and the friends you should watch them with

Graph-like structure in RDBMS
- It can be stored and also handle queries
  - A single type of relationship
  - "who is my manager"
- Adding another relationship to the mix?
  - Requires schema changes and data movement
  - e.g. add preferences to lunch menu for each of the employees who have lunch at cafeteria
  - Add new table or column for new menu

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Traversal in Graph data

- A query on the graph is known as traversing the graph
- Traversing can be changed without having to change the nodes or edges
- Data can be traversed as it needs to be
- Traversing the joins or relationship is very fast
- Relationship between nodes is not calculated at query time
- It is actually persisted as a relationship

Graphs

G = (V, E) where,

V is a set of vertices
E is a set of edges

Homogeneous set of vertices connected by a homogeneous set of edges

Multi-relational property graph

An integrated model is useful
Allows for more interesting/novel algorithms
Allows for a universal model of things and their relationships
The property graph

- $G=(V,E,\lambda)$
  - Directed, attributed, edge-labeled graph
  - Multi-relational graph with key/value pairs on the elements

Graph query language

- Gremlin
  - A graph traversal language
  - Expresses complex graph traversals
  - Supports traversal patterns
    - Backtrack pattern, Path pattern, Loop pattern, Split/Merge Pattern, etc.

  ```gremlin>
  g.V('name','hercules').out('father').out('father').name
  ```

  - `g`: for the current graph
  - `v('name','hercules')`: get all vertices with name property "hercules"
  - `out('father')`: traverse outgoing father edge's from Hercules
  - `out('father')`: traverse outgoing father edge's from Hercules' father's vertex
  - `name`: get the name property of the "hercules" vertex's grandfather

Traversing with Functions

- Adding vertex and edge

  ```gremlin>
g.V('name','hercules').addV('name','theseus', 'type':'human').next() => v[302]
g.V('name','cerberus').addV('name','theseus', 'type':'human').next() => v[48]
g.addEdge(theseus,cerberus,'battled').next() => e[151200009:302:36028797018964038][302-battled->48]
```
What is Hercules' type?

```
name:hercules
father
mother
name:jupiter
type:god
name:alcmene
type:human
```

* This example is from http://thinkaurelius.github.io/titan/

Hercules is 'demigod'

```
gremlin> hercules.out('mother','father').type
===>human
===>god
```

Who else might Hercules know?

```
gremlin> hercules
===>v[0]
```

```
gremlin> hercules.out('knows')
===>v[1]
===>v[2]
===>v[3]
```
Hercules probably knows Neptune

This is a “textbook” style graph!

What if the types of edges are analyzed?
Finding paths

- Movie graph
  - How is this person related to this film?
- Book graph
  - Which authors of this book also wrote a New York Times Bestseller?
- Movie+Book graph
  - Which movies are based on a book by a New York Times Bestseller?

Who played Hercules in What movie?

Some part of the graph is removed for the space.

Queries generates social influence

- Who are the most influential people in
  - Java, mathematics, art, surreal art, politics?
- Which region of the social graph will propagate this advertisement the furthest?
- Which 3 experts should review this submitted article?
- Which people should I talk to at the upcoming conference and what topics should I talk to them about?

Pattern identification

- This connectivity pattern is a sign of a financial fraud.
  - Transaction graph
- Healthy discourse is typified by a discussion board with a branch factor in this range and a concept clique score in this range
  - Discussion graph

Graph computing engines:

Memory-based graph framework

- Graph size is constrained by local machine’s RAM
- Rich graph algorithm and visualization packages
- Applications
  - igraph
  - NetworkX
    - http://networkx.lanl.gov
  - JUNG

Disk-based graphs

- Graph size is constrained by the local disk
- Optimized for local graph algorithms
- Oriented towards property graphs
  - Graph database
    - Neo4j
      - http://neo4j.org

InfiniteGraph
  - http://infinitegraph.com

OrientDB
  - http://orientdb.org

DEX
  - http://www.sparsity-technologies.com/dex
Graph computing engines:
Cluster-based graphs

- Graph size is constrained by cluster’s total RAM
- Optimized for global graph algorithm
- Bulk synchronous parallel processing
  - Pregel/Hama
    - http://incubator.apache.org/hama
  - Graph
    - http://incubator.apache.org/graph
  - GoldenOrb
    - http://goldenorbos.org

Titan:
a Distributed Graph storage

Demands on Titan

- Processes graphs that have a 100+ billion edge scale with thousands of concurrent transactions
- Local graph traversals and batch graph processing
- Extremely scalable in the presence of:
  - Graph volume
  - Number of concurrent access to the graph

Key features

- Scalable graph
- Scalable access
- Real-time local traversals
- Global batch processing via Hadoop
- Open-source with Apache2 license

Options for the backend storage system

- Hbase
- Cassandra
- Oracle’s BerkeleyDB

Inherited features from Cassandra

- High availability
- No single point of failure
- Replication scheme
- Caching
- Elastic scalability
Distinctive challenges

- Storage model
- Graph Partitioning
- Edge compression
- Vertex-centric indices

Titan Storage Model

- Adjacency list in one column family
- Row key = vertex id
- Each property and edge in one column
  - Denormalized (i.e. stored twice)
- Direction and label/key as column prefix
  - Use slice predicate for quick retrieval

Type check (1/2)

- Type check for each of the data types
  - `time:”twelve”` is not acceptable

Type check (2/2)

- Functional Declarations
  - `TitanLabel father = g.makeType().name("father").functional()`
Locking system
- Ensures consistency over non-consistent storage backends
  1. Acquire lock at the end of the transaction
  2. Locking mechanism depends on storage layer consistency guarantees
  3. Verify original read
  4. Fail transaction if any precondition is violated

Graph Partitioning (1/2)
- Maximize locality of vertices
  - Co-locate vertices
  - Titan maintains multiple ID rings
  - OrderedPartitioner (from Cassandra) in storage backend
  - Dynamically determines good partition and allocates corresponding IDs
- Graph Partitioning is NP complete problem
  - Ongoing effort

Small-world networks
- Natural graphs have a small world, community/cluster property
  - High intra-connectivity within a community and low inter-
    connectivity between communities
**Edge compression (1/2)**

- The super node problem
  - The super node problem only exists from the vantage point of classic "textbook style" graphs
  - In the world of property graphs, intelligent disk-based filtering can interpret a "super node" as a more manageable low-degree vertex
  - Vertex-centric querying utilizes B-Trees and sort orders for speedy lookup of incident edges with particular qualities

**Top 5 Twitters based on Followers**

5) 34,952,307  
- Taylor Swift
4) 37,849,134  
- Barack Obama
3) 40,242,656  
- Lady Gaga
2) 44,951,137  
- Katy Perry
1) 45,728,072  
- Justin Bieber

http://twitaholic.com/top100/followers
**Vertex-centric Indices**

- Sort and index the incident edges (adjacent vertices)
  - Per vertex by primary key
  - Based on the edge's labels and properties
- Enables efficient focused traversals
  - Only retrieve edges that matter
- Uses push down predicates for quick, index-driven retrieval

https://github.com/thinkaurelius/titan/wiki/Vertex-Centric-Indices

**Vertex-centric Indices**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Incident edge size</th>
<th>No vertex-centric indices</th>
<th>Vertex-centric indices</th>
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<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>0.82 ms</td>
<td>0.50 ms</td>
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<tr>
<td>10000</td>
<td>7.06 ms</td>
<td>0.52 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100000</td>
<td>70.90 ms</td>
<td>0.46 ms</td>
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<tr>
<td>1000000</td>
<td>778.94 ms</td>
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**Pushdown predicates**

- Vertex-centric indices enables pushdown predicates efficiently
- A vertex has following information about the incident edges
  - Labels
  - Properties
  - Directions
- Vertex-centric query provides query from the perspective of a vertex.
- Edges that meet the query criteria are selected from the underlying graph representation
Pushdown predicates

vertex.query().direction(out)

7 edges

Pushdown predicates

vertex.query().direction(OUT).labels("likes")

5 edges

Pushdown predicates

vertex.query().direction(OUT).labels("likes").has("stars", 5)

1 edges

INTERACTING WITH GRAPH ANALYTICS

Faunus

- Hadoop-based Graph computing framework
- Graph analytics
- Breath-first traversals
- Global graph computations
- Batch big graph data
An Adjacency list + Cluster

A Distributed adjacency list

Fanus workflow

Graph analytics with Titan

PREGEL: A SYSTEM FOR LARGE-SCALE GRAPH PROCESSING

This material is built based on,

- Grzegorz Malewicz, Matthew H. Austern, Aart J.C. Bik, Names C. Dehnert, Ilan Horn, Naty Leiser, Grzegorz Czajkowski, “Pregel: a system for large-scale graph processing”, Proceedings of the 2010 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, pp. 135-146

- Apache's Hama
  - Open source project inspired by Pregel
  - http://hama.apache.org
Graph analysis at Google?

- MapReduce tasks
  - Google’s 85% of data analysis
  - Large-scale web search indexing
  - Clustering problems for Google News
  - Produce reports for popular queries (e.g., Google Trend)
  - Processing of satellite imagery data
  - Language model processing for statistical machine translations
  - Large-scale machine learning problems
  - Back-up/restore
- The other 20%?

Graph analysis at Google?

- Large graph analysis
  - Graph algorithms
    - PageRank
    - Shortest path
    - Connected components
    - Clustering techniques
  - Graph data
    - Web graph
    - Transportation routes
    - Citation relationships
    - Social networks

MapReduce is NOT great for graph processing

- Many iterations are needed for parallel graph processing
- Materializations of intermediate results at every MapReduce iteration causes performance bottleneck

Single Source Shortest Path (SSSP)

- Find shortest path from a source node to all target nodes
  - If you have a single processor machine?
    - Dijkstra’s algorithm

Finding SSSP using Dijkstra’s Algorithm
Dijkstra's Algorithm

Using MapReduce

Finding SSSP using MapReduce
Using MapReduce

Map input: <nodeID, dist, adj list>
- \( A, \langle 0, \langle B, 10 \rangle, \langle C, 5 \rangle \rangle \)
- \( B, \langle \inf, \langle C, 2 \rangle, \langle D, 1 \rangle \rangle \)
- \( C, \langle \inf, \langle B, 3 \rangle, \langle D, 9 \rangle \rangle \)
- \( D, \langle \inf, \langle E, 4 \rangle \rangle \)
- \( E, \langle \inf, \langle A, 7 \rangle, \langle D, 6 \rangle \rangle \)

Map output: <dest node ID, dist>
- \( B, 10 \)
- \( C, 5 \)
- \( E, \inf \)
- \( A, \inf \)

Flushed to local DFS

Using MapReduce

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= Map input for next iteration

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Keep going..
Pregel’s Computational Model

Computational Model

Inspired by Valiant’s Bulk Synchronous Parallel model (1990)

- Superstep: the vertices compute in parallel
  - Each vertex
    - Receives messages from the previous superstep
    - Executes the same user-defined function
    - Sends messages to other vertices
    - Mutates the topology of the graph if need be
    - Votes to halt if it has no further work to do
  - When to terminate?
    - All vertices are simultaneously inactive
    - There are no messages in transit

- Computation in the vertex
  - Executes the same user-defined function
  - Modifies the state
  - Sometimes changes the outgoing edges
  - Receive/send message
  - Mutate topology
  - There is no computation associated with the edges

- Computation Model (2/2)

- Input to the Pregel computation
  - A directed graph
    - Vertex
      - String vertex ID
      - Associated user defined value
    - Edge
      - Associated with their source vertices
      - User defined value and a target vertex ID

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- Vertex State Machine

- In superstep 0,
  - Every vertex is in the active state
  - All active vertices participate in the computation of any given superstep

- A vertex deactivates itself by voting to halt
  - The vertex has no further work to do unless triggered externally
  - Pregel will not process that vertex in subsequent supersteps

- Once a vertex is re-activated
  - It must explicitly deactivate itself again
Output of a Pregel program

- Set of values explicitly output by the vertices
  - Often a directed graph isomorphic to the input
  - E.g. clustering algorithm
  - Creates small set of disconnected vertices selected from a large graph
  - E.g. graph mining algorithm
  - Generates aggregated statistics mined from the graph

Message Passing (1/2)

- Vertices communicate directly with one another by sending messages
  - Message value
  - Name of the destination vertex
  - A vertex can send any number of messages in a superstep
  - There is no guaranteed order of messages in the iterator. However,
    - Message is delivered reliably
    - There will be no duplicate

Message Passing (2/2)

- Common usage pattern
  - A vertex V to iterate over its outgoing edges and sending a message to the destination vertex of each edge
  - Destination vertex need not be a neighbor of V
    - E.g.: A vertex can learn the identifier of a non-neighbor from a message received earlier
    - E.g.: implicitly vertex info is distributed
  - If destination does not exist, user-defined handler will be executed.
    - Create the missing vertex or remove the dangling edge

SSSP using parallel BFS in Pregel
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Combiners

- Sending message incurs overhead
- System can combine several messages intended for a vertex V into a single message
  - E.g. calculating sum: values intended for V will be combined as the local sum and then passed to the vertex V
- Combiner class overrides a virtual Combine() method
- For SSSP, more than 4x reduction in message traffic

Aggregators

- A mechanism for global communication
- Each vertex can provide a value to an aggregator in superstep S
  - System combines these values using a reduction operator
  - Resulting value is available to all vertices in the superstep S+1

- Pre-defined aggregator
  - min, max or sum operations

- User-defined aggregator
  - Specify the process in the Aggregator class

  Sticky aggregator
  - Uses input values from all supersteps
  - E.g. maintaining global edge count

Topology Mutations

- Some graph algorithms need to change the graph’s topology
  - Clustering algorithm
    - Might replace each cluster with a single vertex
  - Minimum spanning tree
    - Might remove all but the tree edges
  - Pregel allows the edges to be removed/add

Resolving conflicting requests (1/2)

- Multiple vertices may issue conflicting requests in the same superstep
  - E.g. two requests to add a vertex V, with different initial values

- Partial ordering
  - Mutations become effective in the superstep after the requests were issued
  - Within that superstep, removals are performed first
  - Edge removal before the vertex removal
  - After removal, addition will be performed
  - Vertex addition before the edge addition
Resolving conflicting requests (2/2)
- If there are multiple requests to create the same vertex in the same superstep
  - By default the system just picks one arbitrarily
  - Users can specify their own conflict resolution policy
  - By defining a handler method in their Vertex subclass

Global mutation
- Lazy coordination mechanism
  - Global mutation does not require coordination until the point when they are applied
  - A vertex V will handle its own modifications

Contrasting Pregel & MapReduce
- Many of graph algorithms can be written as a series of chained MapReduce invocations
  - Pregel
    - Once the vertices and edges are loaded into computing nodes, they will stay on that machine
    - Only messages will be transferred through the network
  - MapReduce
    - Passes the entire state of graph for every iteration
    - External coordinator is required to create a “chain” of MapReduce jobs

System Architecture
- Master/worker model
  - Worker
    - Processes user-defined tasks
    - Communicates with other workers (messaging)
  - Master
    - Maintains information about workers
    - No portion of graph assigned
    - Recovers from faults
    - Uses monitoring tools
  - Underlying persistent data storage: GFS or BigTable
  - Temporary data is stored on local disk
Step-by-step execution (1/4)

1. A client launches a Pregel job
   - Many copies of the user program begin executing on a cluster of machines
   - One of these copies acts as the master
   - Workers use the cluster management system’s name service to discover
     the master’s location
   - Send registration messages to the master

2. The master assigns a partition of the input to each worker
   - Each worker loads the vertices and marks them as active

Step-by-step execution (2/4)

2. The master assigns a partition of the input to each worker
   - Worker:
     - Loads the vertices and marks them as active
     - Maintains the state of its section of the graph
     - Executes user’s `Compute()` method on its vertices
     - Manages messages to and from other workers

Step-by-step execution (3/4)

3. The master instructs each worker to perform a superstep
   - Performs user-defined function on the active vertices
   - Messages are sent asynchronously
   - Before the end of the superstep
     - This step is repeated until: (a) all of the vertices are inactive
       simultaneously & (b) no messages are transferred

Step-by-step execution (4/4)

4. After the computation halts, the master may instruct each
   worker to save its portion of the graph

Fault tolerance (1/2)

- System maintains checkpoints
- The master periodically requests the workers to save the state of
  their partitions to persistent storage
  - State is saved as checkpoints, and includes …
  - Vertex values, edge values, incoming messages

Fault tolerance (2/2)

- Failure detection
  - Regular ‘ping’ message
- Recovery
  - The master reassigns graph partitions to the current available workers
  - The workers all reload their partition state from most recent available
    checkpoint
PageRank Algorithm

- Link analysis algorithm
- Probability distribution
  - Represents the likelihood that a person randomly clicking on links will arrive at any particular page
- Probability
  - Between 0 and 1
    - PageRank of 0.5
      - There is a 50% chance that a person clicking on a random link will be directed to the document with the 0.5 PageRank

Iterative approach

- A link to a page counts as a vote of support
- At t=0,
  - PR(pi;0)=1/N
- At each time step, the computation yields,

\[
PR(p_j; t+1) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum \frac{PF(p_j; t)}{L(p_j)}
\]

- Damping factor, \(d\)
  - An imaginary surfer who is randomly clicking on links and she/he will eventually stop
  - The probability that the imaginary person will continue in that step
  - Generally assumed as around 0.85

\[
PR(p_j; t+1) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum \frac{PF(p_j; t)}{L(p_j)}
\]

- Where, \(PR(p; t)\): PageRank for the page p at timestep t
- \(L(p)\): number of links from page p

- PR(A)=1, PR(B)=1, \(d = 0.85\)
  - PR(A) = (1-0.85)x1 = 0.15
  - PR(B) = (1-0.85)x1 = 0.15

- PR(A)=0, PR(B)=0, \(d = 0.85\)
  - PR(A) = (1-0.85)x0 = 0.15
  - PR(B) = (1-0.85)x0 = 0.15

- PR(A)=0.15, PR(B)=0.2775, \(d = 0.85\)
  - PR(A) = (1-0.85)x0.15 = 0.2775
  - PR(B) = (1-0.85)x0.15 = 0.2775

- PR(A)=0.385875, PR(B)=0.47799375, \(d = 0.85\)
  - PR(A) = (1-0.85)x0.385875 = 0.47799375
  - PR(B) = (1-0.85)x0.385875 = 0.47799375

The numbers just keep going up.
- But will the numbers stop increasing when they get to 1.0?
- What if a calculation over-shoots and goes above 1.0?
• PR(A)=40, PR(B)=40, d =0.85
  - PR(A) = (1-d) + (0.85)x40=34.25
  - PR(B) = (1-d) + (0.85)x34.25=29.1775

• PR(A)=34.25, PR(B)=29.1775, d =0.85
  - PR(A) = (1-d) + (0.85)x29.1775=24.950875
  - PR(B) = (1-d) + (0.85)x34.25=21.35824375


• The numbers are heading down.
• The numbers will get to 1.0 and stop

In Pregel

```cpp
class PageRankVertex:public Vertex<double, void, double> {
  public:
    virtual void Compute(MessageIterator* msgs) {
      if (superstep()>=1) {
        double sum = 0;
        for(; !msgs->Done(); msgs->Next())
          sum += msgs->Value();
        *MutableValue()=(0.15/NumVertices)+(0.85*sum;)
      }
      if (superstep() < 30) {
        const int64 n = GetOutEdgeIterator().size();
        SendMessageToAllNeighbors(GetValue()/n);
      } else {
        VoteToHalt();
      }
    }
};
```