Scaling Up
Pig

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Pig

High-level language

- instead of writing low-level map and reduce functions

Easy to program, understand and maintain

Created at Yahoo!

Produces sequences of Map-Reduce programs

(Lets you do “joins” much more easily)
Your data analysis task -> a **data flow sequence**

- **Data flow sequence**
  = sequence of **data transformations**

Input -> **data flow** -> output

You specify the **data flow** in **Pig Latin** (Pig’s language)

- Pig turns the data flow into a sequence of MapReduce jobs automatically!
Pig: 1st Benefit

Write only a few lines of Pig Latin

Typically, MapReduce development cycle is long

- Write mappers and reducers
- Compile code
- Submit jobs
- ...
Pig: 2nd Benefit

Pig can perform a **sample run** on representative subset of your input data automatically!

Helps debug your code in smaller scale (**much faster!**), before applying on full data.
What Pig is good for?

Batch processing, since it’s built on top of MapReduce

- Not for random query/read/write

May be slower than MapReduce programs coded from scratch

- You trade ease of use + coding time for some execution speed
How to run Pig

Pig is a client-side application
(run on your computer)

Nothing to install on Hadoop cluster
How to run Pig: 2 modes

Local Mode

• Run on your computer
• Great for trying out Pig on small datasets

MapReduce Mode

• Pig translates your commands into MapReduce jobs and turns them on Hadoop cluster
• Remember you can have a single-machine cluster set up on your computer
Pig program: 3 ways to write

Script

**Grunt** (interactive shell)
  - Great for debugging

Embedded (into Java program)
  - Use PigServer class (like JDBC for SQL)
  - Use PigRunner to access Grunt
Grunt (interactive shell)

Provides “code completion”; press “Tab” key to complete Pig Latin keywords and functions

Let’s see an example Pig program run with Grunt

• Find highest temperature by year
Example Pig program

Find highest temperature by year

records = LOAD 'input/ncdc/micro-tab/sample.txt'
   AS (year:chararray, temperature:int, quality:int);

filtered_records =
   FILTER records BY temperature != 9999
   AND (quality = = 0 OR quality = = 1 OR
       quality = = 4 OR quality = = 5 OR
       quality = = 9);

grouped_records = GROUP filtered_records BY year;

max_temp = FOREACH grouped_records GENERATE
   group, MAX(filtered_records.temperature);

DUMP max_temp;
Example Pig program

Find highest temperature by year

grunt>
records = LOAD 'input/ncdc/micro-tab/sample.txt'
    AS (year:chararray, temperature:int, quality:int);

grunt> DUMP records;  
(1950,0,1)
(1950,22,1)
(1950,-11,1)
(1949,111,1)
(1949,78,1)  
called a “tuple”

grunt> DESCRIBE records;
records: {year: chararray, temperature: int, quality: int}
Example Pig program

Find highest temperature by year

```
grunt>
filtered_records =
    FILTER records BY temperature != 9999
    AND (quality == 0 OR quality == 1 OR
        quality == 4 OR quality == 5 OR
        quality == 9);
```

```
grunt> DUMP filtered_records;
(1950,0,1)
(1950,22,1)
(1950,-11,1)
(1949,111,1)
(1949,78,1)
```

In this example, no tuple is filtered out
Example Pig program

Find highest temperature by year

grunt> grouped_records = GROUP filtered_records BY year;

grunt> DUMP grouped_records;

(1949, {(1949, 111, 1), (1949, 78, 1)})
(1950, {(1950, 0, 1), (1950, 22, 1), (1950, -11, 1)})

called a “bag”
= unordered collection of tuples

grunt> DESCRIBE grouped_records;

grouped_records: {group: chararray, filtered_records: {year: chararray, temperature: int, quality: int}}
Example Pig program

Find highest temperature by year

```pig
(max_temp = FOREACH grouped_records GENERATE group, MAX(filtered_records.temperature);

DUMP max_temp;
```

```plaintext
(1949,111)
(1950,22)
```
Run Pig program on a subset of your data

You saw an example run on a tiny dataset

How to do that for a larger dataset?

• Use the **ILLUSTRATE** command to generate sample dataset
Run Pig program on a subset of your data

```
grunt> ILLUSTRATE max_temp;
```

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How does Pig compare to SQL?

SQL: “fixed” schema

PIG: loosely defined schema, as in

```
records = LOAD 'input/ncdc/micro-tab/sample.txt'
  AS (year:chararray, temperature:int, quality:int);
```
How does Pig compare to SQL?

**SQL**: supports fast, random access (e.g., <10ms)

**PIG**: batch processing
Much more to learn about Pig

Relational Operators, Diagnostic Operators (e.g., describe, explain, illustrate), utility commands (cat, cd, kill, exec), etc.

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<td>Loads data from the filesystem or other storage into a relation</td>
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<td>STORE</td>
<td>Saves a relation to the filesystem or other storage</td>
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<td>FILTER</td>
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<td>DISTINCT</td>
<td>Removes duplicate rows from a relation</td>
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<td>FOREACH..GENERATE</td>
<td>Adds or removes fields from a relation</td>
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<td>MAPREDUCE</td>
<td>Runs a MapReduce job using a relation as input</td>
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<td>GROUP</td>
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