Optimization of Plant Phenotyping Workflows for the Cloud

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Introduction

- Data-intensive scientific workflows
- High-throughput Phenotyping (HTP)
 - Terabytes of input data
 - Huge resource consumption
 - Different teams working on same intermediate data
 - Heterogeneous data
- Complex data
 - Output data size is unpredictable, known during workflow execution
- Multisite cloud
 - Geo-distributed
 - Heterogeneous



High-throughput phenotyping (HTP) processing management



- Study the impact of different environmental conditions for various genotypes
- Quantify plants by Imaging
- Automatic High-throughput system
 - Imaging (12 sides & top view)
 - 250 GB/day
 - 10 TB/essay
 - 30 TB / year
 - Watering and whole-plant transpiration
 - Temperature + weight measured every day

F. Tardieu, L. Cabrera-Bosquet, T. Pridmore T, M. Bennett (2017) Plant Phenomics, From Sensors to Knowledge. Current Biology 27(15):R770-R783

Use Case : Scientific workflow for HTP image analysis



- A8 : Stem detection
- A9 : Organ segmentation

- Data intensive workflow for images processing
- Generate a segmentation of plant organs from raw images
- Simplified in 9 Activities
- Computation time and size of generated data is highly variable from similar input data (images)

C. Pradal, S. Artzet, J. Chopard, et al. (2017) InfraPhenoGrid: A scientific workflow infrastructure for plant phenomics on the Grid. Fut. Gen. Comp. Sys. 67: 341-353

High-throughput phenotyping (HTP) processing management



Data intensive workflow in clouds



Use Case : Workflow execution on multisite cloud



Problem definition

- Goal:
 - Efficiently execute multiple workflows in a heterogeneous multisite cloud
- Approach:
 - Adapt a distributed cache to workflows executions
- Problems:
 - Which newly generated intermediate data should be cached?
 - At which site each cached data should be stored?
 - How to efficiently schedule the workflow with cached data?

Approach: Cost model

• Which newly generated intermediate data should be cached?

$$p(f, s_i, s_j) = \frac{T_{write}(Output(f), s_i, s_j)}{T_{input}(f, s_i) + T_{compute}(f, s_i) - T_{tr}(Output(f), s_j, s_i)}$$

• At which site each cached data should be stored?

$$s^*(f)_{s_i} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{s_j}(d_{f,i,j} * \frac{(1 - L(s_j))}{T_{write}(Output(f), s_i, s_j)})$$

• Time to feed the cache:

$$T_{feed_cache}(f, s_i, s_j, d_{f,i,j}) = d_{f,i,j} * T_{write}(Output(f), s_i, s_j)$$

Where the workflow fragment should be executed?

$$T_{execute}(f,s) = T_{input}(f,s) + T_{compute}(f,s) + T_{wait}(s)$$

Approach: Cost model

- Total cost:
 - Depends on the execution site: s_i
 - The cache site: s_i
 - The boolean decision to cache: $d_{f,i,i}$

$$T_{total}(f, s_i, s_j, d_{f,i,j}) = T_{execute}(f, s_i) + T_{feed_cache}(f, s_i, s_j, d_{f,i,j})$$

- Global decision:
 - Find the tuple of execution site, cache site and cache decision that minimize the overall cost

$$(s_{exec}^*, s_{cache}^*, d_{f,i,j}) = \underset{s_i, s_j}{\operatorname{argmin}}(T_{total}(f, s_i, s_j, d_{f,i,j}))$$

System design : SWfMS Architecture



- New SWfMS features:
 - Cache manager:
 - Handle the distributed cache
 - Cache index:
 - A shared index for all SWf
 - Allows cached data to be reuse from any SWf
 - Replicated on all cloud sites



Experimental Evaluation

- Experimental setup:
 - Use the Phenomenal SWf
 - Raw data from remote server:
 - 200 Gigabytes of data
 - 35 time series of plants = 15,000 computational tasks
 - 3 sites in France: Lyon, Lille, Montpellier
 - 96 vCPUs in total
 - 180 GB storage for the cache in total
- Algorithms:
 - Baseline:
 - D-Sgreedy: greedy-based schedule a fragment on a site when available
 - D-Fgreedy: schedule fragments on the site that minimize the execution time and intermediate data transfers
 - Proposed:
 - D-CacheA: based on the global decision proposed

Evaluation: Multiple users

- The workflow is executed by 4 users
- There is no cached data for the first one
- Each user share 60% of the input data with the others
- Heterogeneous cloud sites
- Shorter total time by:
 - 24% for the first user
 - 43% for the others



Evaluation: Different cloud configurations

- The workflow is executed once
- There is cached data existing for 60% of the input data
- Three cloud configurations (homogeneous to very heterogeneous)

- Shorter total time by:
 - ~ similar time for homogeneous sites
 - o **18%**
 - o **42%**



Conclusion

- The proposed approach enables:
 - Efficient execution of workflows in a multisite cloud with a cache
 - Automatically share intermediate data between users
- Contributions:
 - An **architecture** for executing workflows in multisite cloud with caching
 - A **scheduling algorithm** that minimize the total cost of executing a workflow with cache
 - An **experimental evaluation** on a data-intensive application

Thank you!

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