Eddies: Continuously Adaptive Query Processing

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Query in Large Scale System

Hardware and Workload Complexity

- heterogeneous hardware mix
- unpredictable hardware performance
- Data Complexity
 - Static cost estimates become unreliable
- User Interface Complexity
- > Query Processing should be adaptive.

Steps for a typical Query Processor

- Express query as algebra expression (set of operators)
- Enumerate alternative plans for evaluating the expression using *equivalence rules, access methods, and implementation algorithms*
- For each alternative plan, estimate the cost of each enumerated plan
- Choose the plan with the least estimate cost

Eddies



- Continuously reorders the application of pipelined operators in a query plan, on a tuple-by-tuple basis.
- Data flows into the eddy from input relations R, S and T
- The eddy routes tuples to operators: the operators run as independent threads, returning tuples to the eddy
- The eddy sends a tuple to the output only when it has been handled by all the operators
- The eddy adaptively chooses an order to route each tuples through the operators

Eddies

Traditional Query Processor (System R)

- Frequency : batch (daily/weekly)
- Effect : all aspects of Query Processing

Eddies

- Frequency : per tuple
- Effect : reordering of pipelined operators



Reordering operators during runtime sounds cool.

- Will it always work?
 - Synchronization Barrier
 - Moments of Symmetry

Synchronization Barriers

- The processing of fasthi is postponed for a long time while consuming many tuples from slowlow.
- Favor minimal barriers.



Moments of Symmetry

The order of the inputs to the join can often be changed without modifying any state in the join.



- Commutativity of operator
 - + Moments of symmetry
 - reordering of a plan tree

Join Algorithms

- Nest Loop Join
 - Moments of Symmetry : End of each inner loop
 - Synchronization Barrier : End of each inner loop
- Merge Join
 - Moments of Symmetry : Symmetric
 - Synchronization Barrier : data dependent
- Hybrid Hash Join
 - Moments of Symmetry : none
 - Synchronization Barrier : none

Join Algorithms and Reordering

- In order for an eddy to be most effective
 - Frequent moments of symmetry
 - Adaptive or non-existent barriers
 - Minimal ordering constraints
- Ripple joins offer very frequent moments of symmetry and attractive adaptivity.

Routing Tuples in Eddies

- An eddy's tuple buffer is implemented as a priority queue with a flexible prioritization scheme.
- An operator is given the highest-priority tuple in the buffer that has the corresponding Ready bit set.

Naïve Eddy

The query operator with low cost will quickly process its input tuple and is ready to process another.

-> The consumption rate of low cost operator is higher than that of high cost operator.

- In case where the cost of the query varies, the eddy performs better then the possible static plans.
- Not suitable for the cases where selectivity of the operators are varied.

Fast Eddy

- Gives priority to operators with low cost and low selectivity.
 - Lottery Scheduling
- Each time the eddy gives a tuple to an operator, it credits the operator one "ticket".
 - -> favor low cost
- Each time the operator returns a tuple to the eddy, one ticket is debited from the eddy's running count for that operator.

-> favor low selectivity

Performance of two Joins

- 3 table query: hash ripple join between
 R and S, and an index join between
 S and T
- Eddy do well in even in static scenarios
- Perform nearly optimally



Changing Join Cost

- Two index joins
 - Slow: 5 second delay, Fast: no time delay
 - Swap speeds after 30 seconds



Delayed Delivery



Delay in delivery of R by 10 Seconds RS selectivity at 100 %, ST selectivity at 20 %

- Eddy does not adapt to initial delays of R
- RS join does not produce any output tuples during the early part of processing
 - Eddy awards most S tuples to the RS join initially
- Ticket scheme does not capture the growing selectivity inherent in a join with delayed input

Re-Optimization vs. Eddies

- Re-Optimization (Kabra, Dewitt) : Reordering queries at the end of pipelines
 - Reordering operators only after temporary results are materialized
- Eddies
 - Assumption : The choice of spanning tree, join algorithms and access methods are predetermined.
 - Adaptively reorder pipelined operators on-the-fly.
 - Learning algorithm that adaptively learns how to route the tuples to the pipelined operators

Strength of Eddies

- Per tuples adaptivity : Be beneficial for rapidly changing, unpredictable environments
- Can be used in concert with existing optimizers to improve adaptability within pipelines.

Future Work

- Routing policy: adaptively converge quickly to optimal execution when conditions change
- Make adaptive the choices of spanning tree, join algorithms, and access methods.