ESE532: System-on-a-Chip Architecture

Day 16: October 25, 2017
Deduplication and Compression Project

Midterm: average 56, std. dev 16

Midterm

- Solution … (not out, next few days…)
- Suspect bit time constrained
- Biggest role prepare you for final
  – Know what these exams look like
  – Don't Panic – but take as serious diagnostic
  – 10% of grade
  – Will replace midterm grade with final exam grade if that is higher

Today

- Motivation
- Project
- Content-Defined Chunking
- Hashing / Deduplication
- LZW Compression
- Exam in after us today
  – Try to finish 4:20pm
  – …and we should clear room for them

Message

- Can reduce data size by identifying and reducing redundancy
- Can spend computation and data storage to reduce communication traffic

Problem

- Always want more
  – Bandwidth
  – Storage space
- Carry data with me (phone, laptop)
- Backup laptop, phone data
  – Maybe over limited bw links
- Never delete data
- Download movies, books, datasets
- Make most use of space, bw given

Opportunity

- Significant redundant content in our raw data streams (data storage)
- **More formally**:
  – Information content < raw data
- Reduce the data we need to send or store by identifying redundancies

Example

- Two identical files
  - Different parts of my file systems
- Don't store separate copies
  - Store one
  - And the other says "same as the first file"
    - e.g. keep a pointer

Why Identical?

- Eniac file system (common file server)
  - Multiple students have copies of assignment(s)
  - Snapshots (.snapshot)
    - Has copies of your directory an hour ago, days ago, weeks ago
      - …but most of that data hasn't changed

Broadening

- History file systems
  - snapshot, Apple Time Machine
- Version Control (git, svn)
- Manually keep copies
- Download different software release versions
  - With many common files

Cloud Data Storage

- E.g. Drop Box, Apple Cloud
- Saves data for large class of people
  - Want to only store one copy of each
- Synchronize with local copy on phone/laptop
  - Only want to send one copy on update
  - Only want to send changes
    - Data not already known on other side
    - (or, send that data compactly by just naming it)

Placement

- At file server
  - Deduplicate/compress data as stored
- In client
  - Dedup/compress to send to server
- In data center network
  - Dedup/compress data to send between server
- Network infrastructure
  - Dedup/compress from central to regional server

Optimizing the Bottleneck

- Saving data (transmitted, stored)
- By spending compute cycles
  - And storage database
- When communication (storage) is the bottleneck
  - We're willing to spend computation to better utilize the bottleneck resource

Project

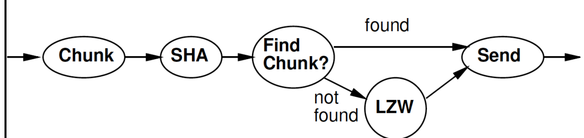
Project

- Perform deduplication/compression at network speeds (1Gb/s, 10Gb/s)
- Use "chunks" instead of files
- Turn a raw/uncompressed data stream into one that exploits
  - Duplicate chunks
  - Redundancies within chunks

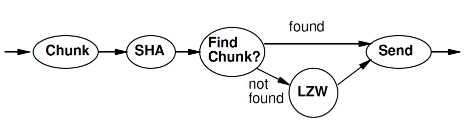
Project Context

- File server input link from network
  - Compress data before sending to disk
- Network link in data center or infrastructure
  - Compress data that goes over network

Project Task



Content-Defined Chunking



Files or chunks?

- Why files might be wrong granularity?

Blocks

- We regularly cut files into fixed-sized blocks
  - Disk sectors or blocks
  - inodes in File systems
- Why might fixed-sized blocks not be right division for deduplication?

Common Modifications

- Add a line of text
- Remove a line of text
- Fix a typo
- Rewrite a paragraph
- Trim or compose a video sequence

Content-Define Chunking

- Would like to re-align pieces around unchanged/common sequences
  - Around the content
- Break up larger thing (file) into pieces based on features of content

Preclass 1 and 2

- How much duplication opportunity in
  - Preclass 1 blocks?
  - Preclass 2 chunks?
- Why chunks able to do better?

Chunks

- Pieces of some larger file (data stream)
- Variable size
  - Over a limited range
- Discretion in how formed / divided

Chunk Creation

- How do we identify chunks?

Signature or Hash Digest

- A short, deterministic value generated from a set of data bytes
  - A document, chunk, block, or object
- Use for
  - Detecting equality (or likely equality)
  - Or, at least, detecting equivalence classes
    - Something must at least have the same signature to possibly be equal
- Hash should be short
  - Cannot be a 1:1 mapping from a large file (or chunk) to a short hash value

Example Hashes

- Sum up the bytes (or words) modulo some value
  - Variant: weighted sum
- XOR together the bits in some way
  - Variant: lots of different ways to shuffle bits for xor

Hashes and Chunk Creation

- Compute a hash on a window of values
  - Window: sequence of N-bytes
- Scan window over the input
- When hash has some special value (like 0)
  - Declare separate off a new chunk

Hashes as Chunk Cut Points

- What does this do?
- Guarantees that each chunk begins (or ends) at some fixed hash
- For a particular substring that matches the target hash
  - Always occurs at beginning (or end) of chunk
- If have a large body of repeated text
  - Will synchronize cuts at the same points based on the content

Chunk Size

- Assume hash is uniformly random
- The likelihood of each window having a particular value is the same
- So, if hash has a range of N, the probability of a particular window having the magic "cut" value is 1/N
- …making the average chunk size N
- So, we engineer chunk size by selecting the range of the hash we use
  - E.g. 12b hash for 2^{12} = 4KB chunks

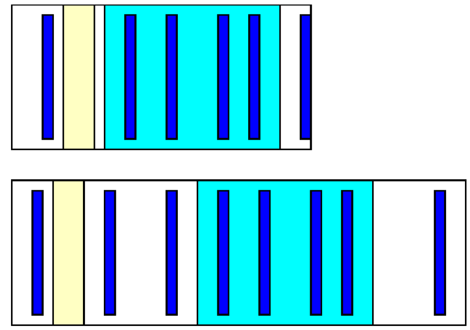
Chunking Design

- Raises questions
  - How big should chunks be?
    - Apply maximum and minimum size beyond content definition?
  - How big should hash window be?
- Discuss
  - What forces drive larger chunks, smaller?
  - What forces drive larger windows, smaller?

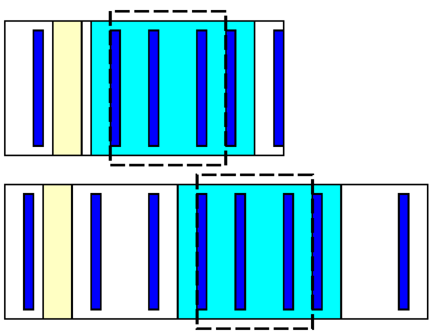
Example Text

- Beginning of repeated block of text.
- This stuff is has already been seen.
- But, we are only matching on something that has a hash of zero.
- Maybe this line has a hash of zero.
- But, our repeated text is before and after the magic window with the matched hash value.

Example Data Stream



Example Data Stream



Rolling Hash

- A Windowed hash that can be computed incrementally
- $\text{Hash}(a[x+0],a[x+1],\ldots a[x+W-1])=$ $\text{Hash}(a[x-1],a[x+0],\ldots a[x+W-2])$ $- F(a[x-1])+F(A[x+W-1])$
- i.e., hash computation is associative
- (+,- used abstractly here, could be in some other domain than modulo arithmetic)

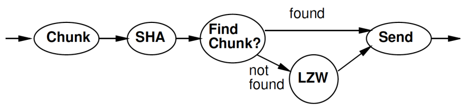
Rabin Fingerprinting

- Particular scheme for *rolling hash* due to Michael Rabin based on polynomial over a finite field
- Commonly used for this chunking application

Content-Defined Chunking

- Compute rolling hash (Rabin Fingerprint) on input stream
- At points where hash value goes to 0, create a new chunk

Hashing Deduplication



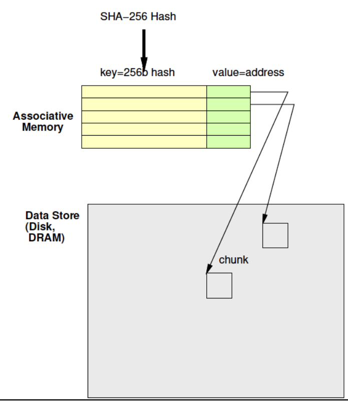
Hashes for Equality

- We can also (separately) take the hash signature of an entire chunk
- The longer we make the hash, the lower the likelihood two *different* chunks will have the same hash
- If hash is perfectly uniform,
  - N-bit hash, two chunks have a 2^{-N} chance of having the same hash.

Deduplicate

- Compute chunk hash
- Use chunk hash to lookup known chunks
  - Data already have on disk
  - Data already sent to destination, so destination will know
- If lookup yields a chunk with same hash
  - Check if actually equal (maybe)
- If chunks equal
  - Send (or save) pointer to existing chunk

Deduplication Architecture



Associative Memory

- Maps from a key to a value
- Key not necessarily dense
  - Contrast simple RAM
- Talk about options to implement next week

Secure Hash

- We regularly use signatures to identify if a file has been tampered with
- Again, hashes are same, mean data might be the same
- For security, we would like additional property
  - not easy to make the anti-tamper signature match

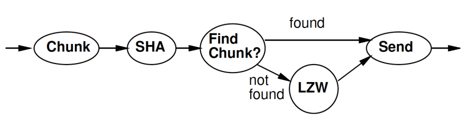
Cryptographic Hash

- One-way functions
- Easy to compute the hash
- Hard to invert
  - Ideally, only way to get back to input data is by brute force
- Key: someone cannot change the content (add a backdoor to code) and then change some further to get hash signature to match original

SHA-256

- Standard secure hash with a 256b hash digest signature
- Heavily analyzed
- Heavily used
  - TLS, SSL, PGP, Bitcoin, …

LZW Compression



Preclass 3, 4, 5

- Message?
- Bits in unencoded (decoded) message?
- Bits for encoded message?

Idea

- Use data already sent as the dictionary
  - Give short names to things in dictionary
  - Don't need to pre-arrange dictionary
  - Adapt to common phrases/idioms in a particular document

Encoding

- Greedy simplification
  - Encode by successively selecting the longest match between the head of the remaining string to send and the current window

Algorithm Concept

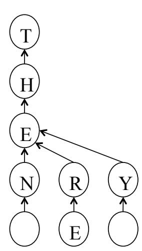
- While data to send
  - Find largest match in window of data sent
  - If length too small (length=1)
    - Send character
  - Else
    - Send <x,y> = <match-pos,length>
  - Add data encoded into sent window

Idea

- Represent all strings as prefix tree
- Share prefix among substrings

Tree Example

- THEN AND THERE, THEY STOOD…



Tree Algorithm

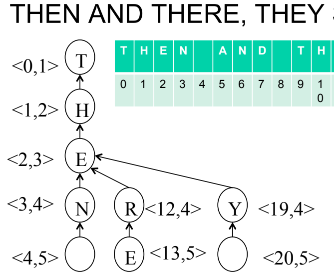
Root for each character

- Follow tree according to input until no more match
- Send <name of last tree node>
  - An <x,y> pair
- Extend tree with new character
- Start over with this character

Tree Example

- Label with <lastpos,len> pair
- THEN AND THERE, THEY STOOD…

T	H	E	N		A	N	D		T	H	E	R	E	,		T	H	E	Y
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

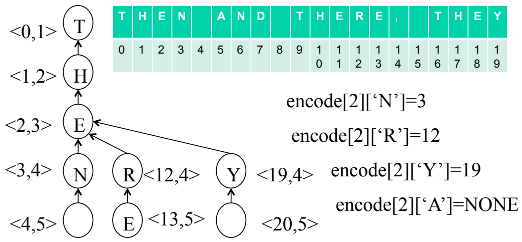


Large Memory

- int encode[SIZE][256];
- Name tree node by position in chunk
  - lastpos
- c is a character
- Encode[lastpos][c] holds the next tree node that extends tree node lastpos by c
  - Or NONE if there is no such tree node

Tree Example

- Label with <lastpos,len> pair
- THEN AND THERE, THEY STOOD…



Memory Tree Algorithm

```
curr – pointer into input chunk
// follow tree
y=0;
while(encode[x][input[curr]]!=NONE)
   x=encode[x][c]; y++;
If (y>0)
  send <x,y>
  send input[curr]
  encode[x][input[curr]]=curr
```


Complexity

- How much work per character to encode?

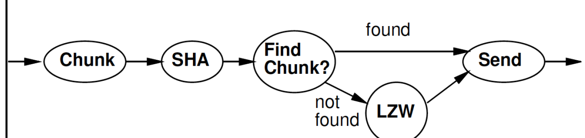
Compact Memory

- int encode[SIZE][256];
- How many entries in this table are not NONE?

Compact Memory

- int encode[SIZE][256];
- Table is very sparse
- Store as associative memory
  - At most SIZE entries
- Look at how to implement associative memories next time

Project Task



Big Ideas

- Can reduce data size by identifying and reducing redundancy
- Can spend computation and data storage to reduce communication traffic

Admin

- HW7 due Friday
- Project assignment out
- Shuffling schedule a bit to deal with project needs
  - Monday → (near) associative memories
  - (…more shuffling to come…)
- First project milestone due next Friday
  - Including teaming