Distributed Feature Calculation with Pydoop

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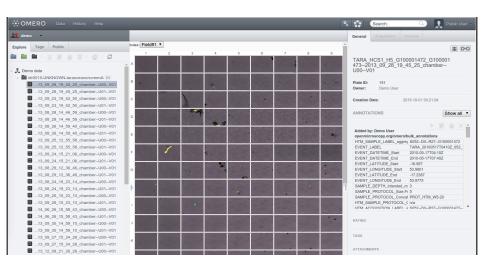
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The Problem

- Compute features on 37 TB of image data from the IDR project:
- http://idr-demo.openmicroscopy.org
 - 11 genetic/siRNA screens from published papers
- http://idr-demo.openmicroscopy.org/mito
 - Mitocheck screen (http://mitosys.org)
- http://idr-demo.openmicroscopy.org/tara
 - Tara Oceans study
 (http://oceans.taraexpeditions.org/en)



IDR on OMERO





How to ...

- Get data out of OMERO
 - OMERO script dumps individual planes to disk
 - As image (e.g., TIFF)
 - As .npy
 - OMERO script gets file paths, Bio-Formats reads images
- Convert data to a format that Python can read
 - Image & .npy already OK
 - Bio-Formats wrappers (python-bioformats, PIMS)
 - Avro
- Distribute the workload
 - Manually (:)
 - Multiprocessing
 - Hadoop



MapReduce and Hadoop

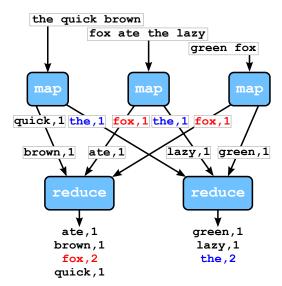
- Designed for data-driven applications
- Abstraction layer that hides parallelization details
- The developer writes two functions: map and reduce

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function MAP(key, value)
for word \leftarrow value do
emit(word, 1)

function REDUCE(key, values)
count \leftarrow 0
for v \leftarrow values do
count \leftarrow count + v
emit(key, count)
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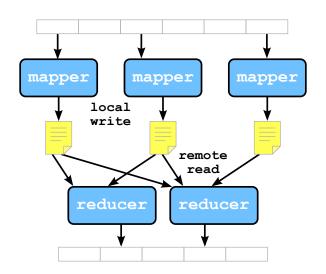


MapReduce — Word Count





MapReduce — Execution Model





Pydoop-features

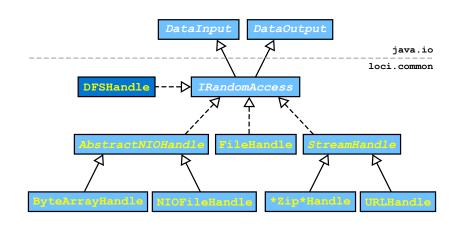
- Pydoop (http://crs4.github.io/pydoop)
 - Python Hadoop API
 - Brings Python's wealth of scientific libraries to Hadoop
 - ≈ 100 downloads / day
 - Support for transparent Avro serialization
- Pydoop-features

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(https://github.com/simleo/pydoop-features)
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- Bio-Formats-based Hadoop input format for bio images
 - Uses a custom HDFS-aware Bio-Formats handler
- Pydoop-based MapReduce features computation
 - Map-only job
 - uses WND-CHARM
- Avro-based serialization of images and output features

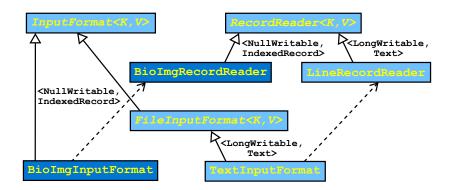


DFS File Handler for Bio-Formats





Hadoop Input Format for Bio Images





Preliminary Results

- Feature extraction on dvs/kschleicher/140119
 - 59 .dv files
 - Single-series, 180 image planes, 51 MB each
- 1. Input format assigns whole series to each map task
 - Analyzed all files in parallel on 59 CPU cores
 - Running time \approx 33 min, 6% worse than ideal
- 2. Input format assigns plane range to each map task
 - 118 cores, each processing 90 out of 180 planes
 - \blacksquare Running time \approx 19 min, 22% worse than ideal
 - optimal distribution level somewhere in between the whole series to single plane spectrum



Current Issues and Limitations

- Code assumes that all series have the same core metadata
- RGB support still WIP
- DFSHandle actually performs bad!
 - Hadoop is designed for streaming access to data
 - TIFF requires arbitrary seeks
 - Could be fixed by adding a caching layer to Bio-Formats
 - However, it does not have a significant impact on computationally intensive applications like WND-CHARM



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