Efficient Execution of Multi-Query Data Analysis Batches Using Compiler Optimization Strategies

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Plenty of scientific data is becoming available

- More and more scientific data is being accumulated every day
  - **Sources**: Satellites, weather sensors, earthquake sensors, MRI machines, microscopes, etc…

- More and more scientific data repositories are becoming available
  - NASA’s National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC)
  - NLM’s Visible Human Repository
  - Brazil’s National Institute for Space Research (INPE) remote sensing data repository

- High-level key questions:
  - How can we locate and visualize the raw data collected by the sensors?
  - How can we test analytical models for prediction of physical phenomena (e.g., fire prediction in Southern California)?
  - How can we inspect, analyze, and infer conclusions from a myriad of data from different sensors (e.g., is College Park going to be as rainy as Seattle for too long?)
  - How can multiple people interact and query these repositories?
  - How can we leverage the fact that some parts of a dataset are more popular than others (e.g., if one is doing crop yield prediction, Iowa is probably more popular than New Mexico!) to optimize the query execution process?
Example applications

Virtual Microscope

Image Processing (Pathology)

Volumetric Reconstruction

Surface Groundwater Modeling

Satellite Data Analysis

Kronos
Query Batches

- The need to handle query batches arises in many situations
  - Multiple queries may be part of a sense-and-respond system (e.g., calculate the probability of a wildfire in Southern California to active a response from a fire brigade)
  - Multiple clients may be interacting with the database and queries are batched while the system is busy – Multi-Query Optimization (MQO)
  - A user may be generating a complex data product like a multimedia visualization that requires coalescing multiple data products

- Speeding up the execution of batches of queries
  - Many scientific datasets have regions of higher interest
    - Example: agriculture production areas, areas facing risk of wild fires, areas facing deforestation risks, etc.
  - Regions of higher interest are the target of multiple queries ➔ multiple queries on the same parts of a dataset have redundancies ➔ less redundancy, faster execution

- Key question: how to detect and remove the redundancies from query plans with user-defined aggregation functions and operations
- Set of declarative queries (PostgreSQL)
- Convert into a set of imperative query descriptions
- 3-part optimization phase
  - Loop Fusion (LF)
  - Common Sub-expression Elimination (CSE)
  - Dead Code Elimination (DCE)
- Execution of Optimized Query Plan
Application: Kronos

- **Remote sensing**
  - AVHRR (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer) datasets
    - 5-spectral bands
    - 1GB per day

- **Visualization**
  - Multiple correction, compositing algorithms, and cartographic projections
  - Query attributes
    - Spatial coordinates
    - Temporal coordinates
    - Zoom level
    - Correction algorithm
    - Compositing algorithm

- **Use for:** crop yield studies, wild fire prediction, etc.
First Step: Declarative to Imperative

A set of PostgreSQL queries is converted into an imperative description
- PostgreSQL has constructs to support user-defined primitives
- The imperative query description relies on a canonical loop with the iteration space defined as a multi-dimensional bounding box (the spatio-temporal attributes of a query)
- The loop body is a collection of assignment statements indicating the execution chain for a particular query
- The processing unit is a primitive: a user-defined entity with no side effects, registered in the database catalog

Query batch in PostgreSQL

```sql
QUERY1:
select *
from
Composite(Correction(Retrieval(AVHRR_DC), WaterVapor), MaxNDVI)
where
(lat>0 and lat<=20) and (lon>15.97 and lon<=65) and (day=1992/06) and
(deltalat=0.036 and deltalon=0.036 and deltaday=1);

QUERY2:
select *
from
Composite(Correction(Retrieval(AVHRR_DC), WaterVapor), MinCh1)
where
(lat>14.9 and lat<=20) and (lon>19.96 and lon<=55) and (day=1992/06) and
(deltalat=0.036 and deltalon=0.036 and deltaday=1);
```

Imperative Queries, using canonical loops

```python
for each point in bb: (0.000,15.972,199206) (20.000,65.000,199206) {
    T0 = Retrieval(l)
    T1 = Correction(T0, WaterVapor)
    O1 = Composite(T1, MaxNDVI)
}

for each point in bb: (14.964,19.964,199206) (20.000,55.000,199206) {
    T0 = Retrieval(l)
    T1 = Correction(T0, WaterVapor)
    O2 = Composite(T1, MinCh1)
}
```
Second step: Loop splitting and fusion

- Identify the loops with overlapping iteration spaces and merge them
- Loop splitting/fusion are the enablers for the other optimizations
Third Step: Common Sub-expression Elimination

- After *fusing* the loops, some of the statements in the loop body may become **redundant**
- Redundant statement can be replaced by a **copy operation**
- Copies are *usually cheaper* (I/O and computation) than invoking a primitive

**Input**

```plaintext
for each point in bb: (14.964,19.964,199206) (20.000,55.000,199206) {
    T0 = Retrieval(I)
    T1 = Correction(T0, WaterVapor)
    O1 = Composite(T1, MaxNDVI)
    T2 = Retrieval(I)
    T3 = Correction(T2, WaterVapor)
    O2 = Composite(T3, MinCh1)
}
```

**Output**

```plaintext
for each point in bb: (14.964,19.964,199206) (20.000,55.000,199206) {
    T0 = Retrieval(I)
    T1 = Correction(T0, WaterVapor)
    O1 = Composite(T1, MaxNDVI)
    T2 = copy.Retrieval(T0)
    T3 = copy.Correction(T1, WaterVapor)
    O2 = Composite(T3, MinCh1)
}
```
Fourth Step: Dead Code Elimination

- The elimination of common sub-expressions may generate dead code
  - Statements that are no longer relevant

- Dead code is dead! Statements can be eliminated, simplifying the query plan

- The final output can be used by the database virtual machine for execution
Experimental Environment

- **Porting Kronos**
  - Rewriting primitives to conform to the database requirements

- **Dataset**
  - 30GB of AVHRR datasets (January 1992)

- **Computational environment**
  - 24-processor, 24GB SunFire Solaris machine
  - Experiments used a single processor (parallel version is under development)

- **Workload**
  - Synthetic workload (from a Customer Behavior Model Graph) – which defines how queries in a batch are related
  - 4 different data/computation reuse profiles
  - 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, and 32-query batches
  - 256 x 256 pixel window
  - 2 setups: common sub-expression and loop fusion only (CSE-LF) and common sub-expression, dead code elimination, and loop fusion (CSE-DCE-LF)

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*Highest probability of data/computation reuse in the batch*

*Lowest probability of data/computation reuse in the batch*
Batch Execution Time

Relative Batch Execution Time Improvements

- Reduction in batch execution time can be as large as 70% with the optimizer: more data/computation reuse in the batch ➔ larger reduction
- Dead code elimination (DCE) causes a further reduction (irrelevant statements still consume time)
Average Query Turnaround Time

Although optimizing for batch execution, individual queries are executed faster too!

Decrease can be very significant if reuse potential is high in the batch: query turnaround time can be cut by a factor as large as 2.
Related Work

- The system resulting from this work is built on top of database infrastructure for multi-query optimization for data analysis queries that employs an active semantic data caching scheme (for details [SC 2001, CCGrid 2002, SC 2002, IPDPS 2002, IPDPS 2003])

- Employing compiler optimization strategies for speeding up query execution was thoroughly investigated by Ferreira and Agrawal (multiple publications listed in the paper)

- Earlier work on employing algorithmic-level information for multi-query optimization is [Kang, Dietz, Bhargava 1994]
Conclusions

- The optimization process is responsible for a significant decrease in batch and query execution times
  - From experimental results using a real application
  - With multiple user-defined primitives
- End-to-end optimization: from parsing a declarative query batch up to the virtual machine able to interpret and execute the query plans
- Projected extensions
  - Resource management issues: different (optimized) loop orderings lead to different memory usage patterns
    - Goal: minimize memory utilization, improve cache locality
  - Integration with semantic cache: database infrastructure is able to semantically tag and store final and intermediate results of previous queries
    - Goal: employ the cached aggregates during common sub-expression elimination
Additional Slides
Plan Generation Time

- Plan generation time is many orders of magnitude smaller than the batch processing time.
- Interestingly, adding dead code elimination (DCE) causes the plan generation time to drop.
- Although it requires more processing, it also lowers the number of statements and the complexity of the loops, which cause the optimization process to require less time.