Optimizing End-to-End Performance of Distributed Workflows in heterogeneous Environment using resource sharing

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ABSTRACT

Next-generation computation-intensive applications in various domains feature large-scale computing workflows that are often modeled as directed acyclic graphs and deployed in distributed network environments.

With limited computing resources, it is often unavoidable to map multiple modules to the same computer node which results in a resource contention

among concurrently executing independent modules. Considering the implications of such resource sharing in workflow mapping algorithms is crucial for improving the end-to-end performance of these distributed

applications. We conduct a deep investigation into workflow execution dynamics under a fair share based resource sharing system and propose Recursive Critical Path with Fair Share- RCPFS algorithm. We will compare its performance with the existing RCP algorithm by using an extensive set of simulated data and comparing the resulting minimum end-to-end MED values. RCPFS will provide a lower value of MED as compared to RCP by including the exact resource sharing dynamics in workflow mapping.

1. BACKGROUND

- Applications processing huge amounts of data that varies in volume, velocity, variety and veracity (also known as Big Data) are gaining an industry wide importance.[1, 2]
- Such applications are considered as a workflow of interdependent computing modules represented as a directed acyclic graph and mapped on a heterogeneous network.[3, 4, 5]
- The objective of such mapping is to select a set of computing nodes in the physical computer network and assign each computing module in the virtual task graph to one of the selected nodes to achieve minimum end to end delay (MED).
- The Efficient Linear pipeline configuration- ELPC algorithm is a dynamic programming based approach which models the computing workflow as a linear pipeline, partitions the modules of the task graph into groups and maps them onto a set of selected computing nodes in a network. [6] (Fig 4)
- The recursive critical path-RCP algorithm, improves upon ELPC algorithm by considering the task graph as a directed acyclic graph instead of a pipeline, which gives more realistic representation. [7] (Fig. 1, Fig. 5)
- When multiple modules get mapped to a common node they can compete for the processing power and bandwidth of the communication link. (Fig. 2)
- Including the implications of such resource sharing in the mapping algorithm can improve the MED value obtained from the mapping. (Fig. 3)

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