# The Mining Algorithm of Frequent Itemsets based on Mapreduce and FP-tree

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*Abstract*—The date mining based on big data was a very important field. In order to improve the mining efficiency, the mining algorithm of frequent itemsets based on mapreduce and FP-tree was proposed, namely, MAFIM algorithm. Firstly, the data were distributed by mapreduce. Secondly, local frequent itemsets were computed by FP-tree. Thirdly, the mining results were combined by the center node. Finally, global frequent itemsets were got by mapreduce and the search strategy. Theoretical analysis and experimental results suggest that MAFIM algorithm is fast and effective.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Data mining[1] was used to find a novel, effective, useful and understandable knowledge from the dataset. The main research directions of data mining include association rules[1], classification, clustering and so on. The date mining based on big data[2,3] was a very important field. The key step of association rules was to get frequent itemsets[4,5] from dataset, and all frequent itemsets were subsets of maximal frequent itemsets. Therefore, all frequent itemsets could be found by mining maximal frequent itemsets. In order to improve the mining efficiency[6,7], the mining algorithm of frequent itemsets based on mapreduce and FP-tree was proposed, namely, MAFIM algorithm.

#### II. RELATED DESCRIPTION

### A. Description of Mining Global Frequent Itemsets

The global transaction database[8,9] as DB, number of transaction as D.  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , ...,  $P_n$ , as the computer node,  $DB_i$ (i=1,2,...,n) as local transaction database for DB stored in the  $P_i$  node, the number of transaction is  $D_i$ , then

$$DB = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} DB_i$$
,  $D = \sum_{i=1}^{n} D_i$ . Global frequent itemsets

mining is through many nodes cooperation and finally dig out the global frequent item[10,11]  $E_{DB}$  of DB and the maximum frequent itemsets  $F_{DB}$ .

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# B. Description of Global Maximum Frequent Itemsets

Global transaction database as db, number of transaction as  $d.db_i$  (i=1,2,...,n) as local transaction database for db stored in the  $P_i$  node, the number of transaction is  $d_i$ , then

$$db = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} db_i$$
,  $d = \sum_{i=1}^{n} d_i$ . Global maximal frequent

itemsets used  $E_{DB}$  and  $F_{DB}$  which have been mined, and digging out the whole transaction database's global frequent item  $DB \cup db$  and global maximal frequent itemsets  $F_{DB \cup db}$ .

#### C. Relevant Definition

Definition 1: To a set X, Local database  $DB_i(i=1,2,...,n)$  includes X's transaction number, called local frequency of X in  $DB_i$ , use X.si<sub>DB</sub> as the symbol. The local frequency of X in  $db_i$  was X.si<sub>db</sub>.

Definition 2: To a set X, Global transaction database DB includes X's transaction number, called global frequency of X in DB, use  $X.s_{DB}$  as the symbol. The global frequency of X in db was  $X.s_{db}$ .

Definition 3: To a set X, if  $X.si_{DB} \ge minsup \times D_i(i=1,2,...,n)$ , called X is a local frequent itemsets of  $DB_i$ , all local frequent itemsets compose to  $F_{DB_i}$ , where minsup is the minimum support threshold. All local frequent itemsets in  $db_i$  compose to  $F_{db_i}$ .

Definition 4: To a set X, if  $X.s_{DB} \ge minsup \times D$ , called X is a global frequent itemsets of DB, all global frequent itemsets compose to  $F_{DB}$ . All global frequent itemsets in db compose to  $F_{db}$ .

Definition 5: To sets X and Y, if  $X \subseteq Y$ , called X is a subset of Y, Y is a superset of X.

Definition 6: DB's global frequent itemsets X, if X is not a superset of all global frequent itemsets, called X is a global frequent itemsets of DB, all global frequent itemsets compose to  $F_{DB}$ . All global frequent itemsets in db compose to  $F_{DB}$ .

Definition 7:  $x_i$  is a item of DB, set X={  $x_i$  }, if  $X.s_{DB} \ge minsup \times D$ , called  $x_i$  is a global frequent item of DB, all global frequent itemsets compose to  $E_{DB}$ . All global frequent itemsets in db compose to  $E_{db}$ 

#### D. Relevant Theorem

Theorem 1: If the itemsets X is a global frequent itemsets for DB, then X is a local frequent itemsets in a local database  $DB_i$  (i=1,2,...,n).

Prove: X is a global frequent itemsets for DB,satisfy  $X.s_{DB} \ge (D_1 + D_2 + ... + D_n) \times \min \sup$ . According to the Pigeonhole principle, there is at least one local database DB<sub>i</sub>, make  $X.si_{DB} \ge \min sup \times D_i$ , so X is a local frequent itemsets of DB<sub>i</sub> theorem 1 established.

Theorem 2: If the itemsets X is a global maximum frequent itemsets for DB, then X is a subset of a local maximal frequent itemsets in a local database DB  $_i$  (i=1,2,...,n).

Prove: itemset X is the global maximum frequent itemsets of DB. The itemset X is global frequent itemsets . According to theorem 1, X is a local frequent itemsets of  $DB_i$  for a local database. According to the definition of 6, X is a subset of a local maximal frequent itemsets on the  $DB_i$ , theorem 2 established.

Theorem 3: The global maximum frequent itemsets of global transaction database DB and global increment transaction database A are respectively DB and B

The global maximum frequent itemsets of global transaction database DB and global increment transaction database db are  $F_{DB}$  and  $F_{db}$  respectively, the global maximum frequent itemset of DB  $\cup$  db is  $F_{DB \cup db}$ , for any set of  $X \in F_{DB \cup db}$ , both have itemset  $Y \in F_{DB} \cup F_{db}$ , promote  $X \subseteq Y$ .

Prove: If itemset X is any of any global maximum frequent itemsets, according to theorem 2, X may be a subset of the global maximal frequent itemsets in DB, and may be a subset of the global maximal frequent itemsets in db, theorem 3 established.

Theorem 4:  $E_{DB}$  is the global frequent item of DB which according to the support component in descending order,  $E_{db}$ is the global frequent item of db which according to the support component in descending order, all items in  $E_{DB} \cap E_{db}$ are global frequent items in DB  $\cup$  db.

Prove: If item X is any one of  $E_{DB} \cap E_{db}$ , then x is not only a global frequent items of DB, but also a global frequent items of db, X={x}, that X.s<sub>DB</sub>≥minsup×D and X.s<sub>db</sub>≥minsup×d,therefore,X.s<sub>DBUdb</sub>=X.s<sub>DB</sub>+X.s<sub>db</sub>≥minsup×(D +d), theorem 4 established.

#### III. MAFIM ALGORITHM

MAFIM algorithm was proposed. Firstly, the data were distributed by mapreduce. Secondly, local frequent itemsets were computed by FP-tree. Thirdly, the mining results were combined by the center node. Finally, global frequent itemsets were got by mapreduce and the search strategy.

The pseudocode of MAFIM is described as follows.

### **Alogrithm MAFIM**

Input: The local transaction database  $DB_i$  which has  $M_i$  tuples and  $M = \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i$ , *n* nodes  $P_i(i=1,2,...n)$ , the center node  $P_0$ , the minimum support threshold *min\_sup*. Output: The global frequent itemsets *F*. Methods: According to the following steps.

step1. /\* the data were distributed by mapreduce\*/

$$for(i=1;i<=n;i++)$$

$$P_0$$
 transmits  $DB_i$  to  $P_i$ ;

Step2. /\*local frequent itemsets were computed by FP-tree\*/

$$for(i=1;i \le n;i++)$$

$$F_i = \text{FP-growth}(FP\text{-}tree^i, \text{null});$$

}

step3./\* the mining results were combined by the center node\*/  $% 10^{-1}$ 

for(
$$i=1$$
; $i \le n$ ; $i++$ )  
 $P_i$  sends  $F_i$  to  $P_0$ ;

 $P_0$  combines  $F_i$  and produces F';  $/*F' = \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i */$ 

Step4./\*global frequency of itemsets were computed\*/ for each items  $d \in$  the remain of F'

$$d.s = \sum_{i=1}^{n} d.si;$$

step5./\*global frequent itemsets were got by mapreduce and the search strategy\*/

for each items  $d \in$  the remain of F'if  $(d.s \ge min\_sup*M)$  $F = F \cup d;$ 

#### IV. EXAMPLE OF MAFIM ALGORITHM

With 3 stations P1, P2 and P3, corresponding to a local database DB1, DB2 and DB3. Each database as shown in table I. Minimum support threshold min\_sup=0.42.

TABLE I. LOCAL DATABASE DB1, DB2, DB3

Local database	ID	Transaction		
DB1	100	a, b, c, k, m, f, e, l, p		
	101	c, k, b, m, o, q		
	102	a, b, c, d, e		
DB2	200	f, h, j, q		
	201	a, b, c, m, l, f, k		
	202	c, r, s, t, q		
DB3	300	a, b, c, d, e, f		
	301	b, c, d, k, q		
	302	f, s, m, q		

According to table 1 and min\_sup=0.42, can draw the global frequent items, in accordance with the degree of support in descending order, as shown in Table II.

TABLE II. GLOBAL FREQUENT ITEMS AND SUPPORT COUNT

Global frequent Items	Support count(Global frequency)	
с	7	
b	6	
f	5	
q	5	
a	4	
m	4	
k	4	

The global frequent itemset composed of

 $E = \{c, b, f, q, a, m, k\}.$ 

The search strategy implementation process as shown in table III. Min\_sup=0.42.

F'	Set the length of K	The search strategy	F
{{ c, b, m, k}, {c, b, a}, {c, b}}	4	{ c, b, m, k}	
{{c, b, a}, {c, b, m}, {c, b, k}, {b, m, k}, {c, b}}	3	{c, b, a} ✓	{{c, b, a}}
{{c, b, m}, {c, b, k}, {b, m, k}}	3	{c, b, m}	{{c, b, a}}
{{c, b, k}, {b, m, k}, {b, m}, {c, m}}	3	{c, b, k} √	{{c, b, a}, {c, b, k}}
{{b, m, k}, {b, m}, {c, m}}	3	{b, m, k}	{{c, b, a}, {c, b, k}}
{{b, m}, {c, m}, { m, k}}	2	{b, m}	{{c, b, a}, {c, b, k}}
{{c, m}, { m, k}}	2	{c, m}	{{c, b, a}, {c, b, k}}
{{ m, k}}	2	{ m, k}	{{c, b, a}, {c, b, k}}

TABLE III. THE SEARCH STRATEGY

## V. EXPERIMENTS OF MAFIM

MAFIM compares with CD and FDM in terms of communication traffic and runtime. The experimental data comes from the sales data in July 2015 of a supermarket. The results are reported in Fig .1 and Fig .2.

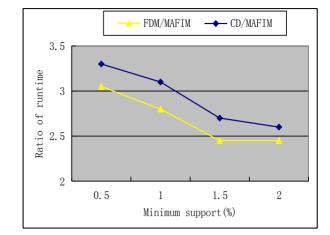


Figure 1. Comparison of communication traffic

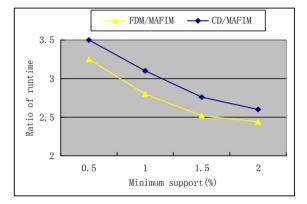


Figure 2. Comparison of runtime

The comparison experiment results indicate that under the same minimum support threshold, the communication traffic and runtime of MAFIM decreases while comparing with CD and FDM.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

The mining algorithm of frequent itemsets based on mapreduce and FP-tree was proposed. Firstly, the data were distributed by mapreduce. Secondly, local frequent itemsets were computed by FP-tree. Thirdly, the mining results were combined by the center node. Finally, global frequent itemsets were got by mapreduce. It can promote highly the efficiency of data mining.

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