



OLA-RAW: Scalable Exploration over Raw Data

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Illustrative Example

Gamma ray burst identification



SELECT AGGREGATE(expression) AS agg FROM candidate WHERE predicate HAVING agg < threshold



Existing Solutions

| | Time to query | Execution | Storage |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| files External Table | instant | slow | zero |
| SQL*Loader | loading | fast | full replication |
| SCANRAW | instant | fast | adaptive |

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SELECT AGGREGATE(expression) AS agg FROM candidate WHERE predicate HAVING agg > threshold WITH ACCURACY α







Research Problem

Can we find an efficient parallel solution to execute approximate queries over raw files?
 Instant access to data In-situ data processing
 Generate results fast Online aggregation (OLA)
 Minimize storage In-memory synopsis



Related Work

 Adaptive partial loading [Idreos et al., CIDR 2011] Only load necessary attributes before query starts
 NoDB [Alagianis et al., SIGMOD 2012] Instead of loading, build index and cache necessary attributes in memory
 Invisible loading [Abouzied et al., EDBT/ICDT 2013] Portion of necessary data is loaded into database for every query
 Data vaults [Ivanova et al., SSDBM 2012] Memory cache for complex data in scientific repositories
 SCANRAW [Cheng and Rusu, SIGMOD 2014] Load data using spare system resources without affecting query processing





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- How to generate random samples in-situ in parallel?

• How to efficiently reuse extracted samples?







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Parallel Bi-Level Sampling



Inspection paradox: Result order \neq **Random chunk order!!!**

Estimator and Variance

$$\widehat{\tau} = \frac{N}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \widehat{y}_j = \frac{N}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{M_j}{m_j} \sum_{i \in C'_j} x_i$$

$$Var(\hat{\tau}) = \frac{N}{N-1} \frac{N-n}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left(y_j - \frac{\sum_{i \in T} x_i}{N} \right)^2 + \frac{N}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left[\frac{M_j}{M_j - 1} \frac{M_j - m_j}{m_j} \sum_{i \in C_j} \left(x_i - \frac{y_j}{M_j} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\widehat{Var}(\widehat{\tau}) = \frac{N}{n} \frac{N-n}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{M_j}{m_j} y'_j - \frac{\sum_{j'=1}^{n} \frac{M_j}{m_j} y'_{j'}}{n} \right)^2 + \frac{N}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[\frac{M_j}{m_j} \frac{M_j - m_j}{m_j - 1} \sum_{i \in C'_j} \left(x_i - \frac{y'_j}{m_j} \right)^2 \right]$$

How many samples are enough?



Make sure to generate good-enough estimate in one pass over data

Generate accurate estimate for each chunk

Resource-Aware Bi-Level Sampling







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- What kind of samples should be preserved?
 - Chunk-based variance-driven
- When to populate synopsis?
 - During query
- How to make sure the additional samples have not been selected before?
 - Permutation seeds + offset





Evaluation

System: 16 cores, 64 GB of memory, 4 disks in RAID-0 with 565 MB/s I/O bandwidth

| Dataset | # Tuples | # Chunks | # Columns | Size |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| ptf-csv | 1B | 1000 | 8 | 68 GB |
| ptf-fits | 1B | 1000 | 8 | 60 GB |
| wiki | 1.8B | 130 | 4 | 19 GB |
| synthetic | 134M | 512 | 16 | 20 GB |







Resource-Aware Bi-Level Sampling







Resource Utilization





OLA-RAW is a novel resource-aware bilevel sampling method for parallel online aggregation over raw data

OLA-RAW is an efficient scheme for data exploration that avoids unnecessary work





Thank you! Questions?

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