





A Low-Cost Multi-Failure Resilient Replication Scheme for High Data Availability in Cloud Storage

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Outline

- Introduction
- A Low-Cost Multi-Failure Resilient Replication Scheme (MRR)
- Design of MRR
- Performance Evaluation
- Conclusions







Motivation

- Data loss and machine failures in emerging cloud systems
 - Non-correlated machine failures
 - Multiple machines fail concurrently
 - Correlated machine failures
 - Machines fail individually
 - Power outages
 - » 1-2 times a year [Google, LinkedIn, Yahoo]
 - Large scale network failures
 - » 5-10 times a year [Google, LinkedIn]
 - And more
 - » Rolling software/hardware updates
- Design principle
 - Multi-failure resilient replication scheme



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[1] A. Cidon, S. Rumble, R. Stutsman, S. Katti, J. Ousterhout, and M. Rosenblum. Copysets: Reducing the frequency of data loss in cloud storage. In *Proc. of ATC*, 2013.



Motivation (cont.)

- Limitation of existing approaches
 - Random Replication
 - High data loss probability, high storage cost and consistency maintenance cost
 - Copyset Replication
 - High storage cost and consistency maintenance cost



Scatter width (S): # of possible nodes storing the secondary replicas of a chunk

- Design principle
 - Cost-effective replication scheme



Motivation (cont.)

- Data popularity existing in cloud storage systems [2-3]
 - File popularity
 - CDFs of the total # of jobs that access each file and the # of concurrent accesses [2]



- Design principle
 - Popularity-aware replication
- [2] G. Ananthanarayanan, S. Agarwal, S. Kandula, A. Greenberg, I. Stoica, D. Harlan, and E. Harris. Scarlett: Coping with skewed content popularity in mapreduce clusters. In *Proc. of EuroSys*, 2011.
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Proposed Solution

- MRR: A Low-Cost Multi-Failure Resilient Replication Scheme
 - Features of MRR
 - Popularity awareness
 - Multi-failure resilience
 - Cost-effectiveness

A Low-Cost Multi-Failure Resilient Replication Scheme (MRR)





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MRR

Concepts

- Correlated machine failures: multiple machines (servers) fail simultaneously
- Non-correlated machine failures: machines fail individually
- Fault-tolerant set (FTS): a distinct set of servers holding all replicas of a given data chunk

Problem statement

 Replicate the chunks of data objects so that the request failure probability, storage cost and consistency maintenance cost are minimized in both correlated failures and non-correlated failures



MRR

Goal

 Design a low-cost multi-failure resilient replication scheme for achieving high data availability while reducing storage cost and consistency maintenance cost caused by replication





Challenges

- Challenges of MRR design
 - How to significantly reduce data loss probability in both correlated and non-correlated machine failures
 - How to leverage data popularity to reduce cost (storage cost and consistency maintenance cost) caused by replication without compromising expected data availability much
 - How to determine popularity of data objects and the replication degree of each data object



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Design of MRR

- Reduce data loss probability
 - BIBD-based method to generate FTSs (fault-tolerant sets) and constrain the replicas of each data chunk in one FTS



Balanced Incomplete Block Design (BIBD)



Reduce cost

- Use less replicas for unpopular data
- Choose storage mediums for data objects based on data popularity



Data Popularity

- Determine data popularity
 - The popularity φ_{ij} of a data object (D_{ij}) is determined by its application rank and expected visit frequency (denoted by v_{ij}), i.e., # of visits in an epoch (say epoch t)

$$\varphi_{ij}(\cdot) = \alpha \cdot b_{a_i} + \beta \cdot v_{ij} \tag{1}$$

- where α and β are weights. The request probability of D_{ij} is proportional to its popularity, that is

$$r_{ij} = k_1 \cdot \varphi_{ij}(\cdot) \tag{2}$$

- where k_1 is a certain coefficient



Nonlinear Integer Programming Model

• Determine replication degree of data objects

$$\min \ \{\bar{P}_r + C_c + C_s\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (r_{ij} \cdot M \cdot (P_f)^{d_{ij}}) \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (M \cdot d_{ij}) \cdot \delta_{com} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (s_{ij} \cdot d_{ij} \cdot c_{s_{ij}} \cdot T \\ s.t. \ \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{ij=1}^m r_{ij} \cdot M_i (P_f)^{d_{ij}} \le P_r^{th} \ (0 < r_{ij} < 1) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (M \cdot d_{ij}) \cdot \delta_{com} \le C_c^{th} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (s_{ij} \cdot d_{ij} \cdot c_{s_{ij}} \cdot T) \le C_s^{th} \end{cases}$$

- Relaxed NLIP optimization model is convex
- Lagrange multipliers for deriving the solution for real-number optimization problem



System Design

• MRR algorithm



Architecture of MRR

- Rank the replication degrees in ascending order d_1, \dots, d_l
- Group data objects with d_i (i = 1, ..., l) together (D_i)
- Use BIBD-based method to generate FTSs
- Store each chunk's replicas with d_i to all nodes in an FTS with d_i



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Performance Evaluation

Methods for comparison

Random replication (RR)

Choose secondary replica holders from a window of nodes around the primary node based on Facebook's design

Copyset Replication (Copyset) [1]

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- Replication Degree Customization (RDC) [4]

[4] M. Zhong, K. Shen, and J. Seiferas. Replication degree customization for high availability. In *Proc. of EuroSys*, 2008.



Experiment Setup

• Set parameters in Facebook, HDFS and RAMCloud environments

System	Chunks per node	Cluster size	Scatter width
Facebook	10000	1000-5000	10
HDFS	10000	100-10000	200
RAMCloud	8000	100-10000	N-1

- Distribution of file popularity and updates follow those of CTH trace
- Use CTH trace to generate data request
- 7 simulated data centers



Experiment Setup (cont.)

• Parameter settings

Parameter	Meaning	Setting
Ν	# of servers	1000-10000
М	# of chunks of a data object	3
R	# of servers in each FTS	3
λ	# of FTSs containing a pair of servers	1
S	Scatter width	4
p	Prob. of a server failure	0.5
P_r^{th}	Threshold for expected request failure	0.05
C_c^{th}	Threshold for consistency maint. cost	1000000
C_s^{th}	Threshold for storage cost	300000
m	# of data objects in each application	1000
n	# of data applications	5





Prob. of data loss: MRR < Copyset < RDC < RR





Availability: MRR > Copyset > RDC > RR





Result: Storage cost follows RR \approx Copyset > RDC > MRR; consistency maintenance cost follows MRR < Copyset \approx RR < RDC





Prob. of data loss: MRR < RDC < Copyset < RR; prob. of data loss decreases as scatter width decreases





Availability: MRR > Copyset > RDC > RR; availability increases as scatter width decreases



Evaluation of MRR (cont.)

Experimental results on Amazon S3



Result: Storage cost ratio follows RR \approx Copyset > RDC > MRR; consistency maintenance cost ratio follows RDC > RR \approx Copyset > MRR



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Conclusions

• Our contributions

- Build a NLIP model to maximize expected data availability with considering data popularity and reduce cost caused by replication
- Based on the derived replication degree from NLIP, present MRR to handle data loss in correlated and non-correlated failures; MRR restricts replicas of a data chunk into an FTS, which reduces data loss probability
- MRR uses different storage mediums for data objects based on data popularity to further reduce storage cost
- Conduct extensive trace-driven experiments to compare MRR with other state-of-the-art replication schemes

Future work

- Update frequency for reducing consistency maintenance cost
- Node joining and node leaving
- Influence of changing network connections
- Power consumption of machines



Thank you! Questions & Comments?

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