CS 744: BAGPIPE

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ADMINISTRIVIA

- Midterm grades on Gradescope!
 - Submit regrade requests through Gradescope
- Course Project: Check in by April 16th



RECOMMENDATION MODELS





EMBEDDING TABLES

Convert categorical features to numerical features Example: Geographic Location to a vector

Extremely memory intensive, could be up to TBs

Have sparse access pattern

Geographical Location Embedding Table

UserID Embedding Table

Product ID Embedding Table

DISTRIBUTED TRAINING ITERATION





BAGPIPE DESIGN



EMBEDDING ACCESS PATTERNS



LONG TAIL ACCESSES



Models are trained with a batch of examples.

- For a batch only fetch unique embeddings

- Since hot embeddings are replicated, unique embeddings are comprised of long-tail accesses.

LOOKAHEAD ALGORITHM

Look at " \mathcal{L} " next batches ahead of current batch to extract access pattern of embeddings by future batches





LOOKAHEAD GUARANTEES

An embedding used by batch x, will either be available in cache, or no preceding batch in range [x- \mathcal{L} , x) has accessed it.

Consequently, we can prefetch embeddings used by batch x, once embeddings for batch x- \mathcal{L} have been updated

CACHE SYNCHRONIZATION

At the end of each iteration, each trainer synchronizes caches



SUMMARY

Recommendation models: Embeddings access overheads

BagPipe: Efficient distributed training Lookahead to pre-fetch and cache embeddings Cache synchronization across trainers



DISCUSSION

https://forms.gle/xfTAHiQ5bNENZk7m9

Consider a recommendation model trained on a graph where we use 2-hop neighbors. What are some challenges in using BagPipe-style ideas for such a workload?



NEXT STEPS

Next class: Serverless computing

Project check-ins next week