Catching Failures of Failures at Big-Data Clusters: A Two-Level Neural Network Approach



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Big-Data Systems

- **Big-data** is becoming a key requirement for many applications
 - Used for large-scale simulations, scientific computations, sensor networks, ...
- Systems have large scale and are very complex
- A lot of job and task failures...
- …that potentially turn into significant resource waste

Resource Waste



Field data: Google cluster trace [1]

- ► Failed tasks of failed jobs (failures of failures)
 - ▶ 25% of tasks...
 - ▶ ... waste 60% of resources
- It is essential to predict failures of failures and mitigate resulting resource waste
- [1] J. Wilkes, More Google cluster data, Google research blog. Nov 2011.

Contibutions

- Development of on-line prediction methodology for job and task outcomes
 - Prediction upon job and task arrival
- Proposal of resource conservation policy
 - ▶ Terminates failures of failures after a grace period
 - ▶ Idea: misclassified tasks still have chance to complete successfully
- Goal: maximize resource conservation and minimize harmful terminations

Data Description

- ▶ Google cluster trace [1] used as case study
 - ▶ 29 days of workload
 - ▶ 672k+ jobs, 25M+ tasks

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Methodology



2-level prediction model

- Job classes: successful, failed
- ▶ Task classes: finish, eviction, fail, kill
- Based on Neural Networks (NN)
 - Input: job/task/system features
 - Output: prediction

Methodology



- Resource conservation policy
 - Only on failed tasks of failed jobs
 - Grace period depends on predicted class
 - AVG execution time: fail = 100min; eviction = 156min

Methodology



▶ More details in the paper...

- On-line prediction
- Prediction confidences
- Learning window size
- Grace period computation
- Feature set

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Testing Phase - Harmful Terminations



• AVG harmful terminations = 1.15%

Testing Phase - Resource Conservation



- RCC = Reduction of Resource Consumption
- ▶ Total *RRC* = 49% (CPU), 45% (RAM), 18% (DISK), 26% (time)

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