Scheduling and Management of Data Intensive Application Workflows in a Cloud

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Abstract: Nowadays, scientific experiments are being conducted in collaboration with teams that are dispersed globally. They share data and utilize distributed resources for conducting experiments. As a result, scientific data are replicated and cached at distributed locations around the world. These data are part of application workflows, which are designed for reducing the complexity of executing and managing large applications on distributed computing environments. In order to execute these workflows in time and cost efficient manner, a workflow management system must take into account the presence of multiple data sources in addition to distributed computing resources provided by platforms such as Grids and Clouds. Building upon existing workflow management concepts, we present workflow scheduling algorithms specifically designed for managing data intensive applications in a Cloud. We experiment these algorithms using several real world applications, such as, image registrations for Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), Gravitational wave search as workflow, distributed intrusion detection, and so forth, and describe our experiences when executing them using Amazon Cloud services.

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