

Data Integration and Analysis

07 Data Provenance and Blockchain

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Announcements/Org

■ #1 Video Recording

- Link in **TUbe** & **TeachCenter** (lectures will be public)
- Optional attendance (independent of COVID)
- Virtual lectures (recorded) until end of year
<https://tugraz.webex.com/meet/m.boehm>



Agenda

- **Motivation and Terminology**
- **Data Provenance**
- **Blockchain Fundamentals**

Data Provenance

Motivation and Terminology

Excursus: FAIR Data Principles



[<https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>]

■ #1 Findable

- Metadata and data have globally unique **persistent identifiers**
- Data describes w/ rich **meta data**; registered/indexes and searchable

■ #2 Accessible

- Metadata and data retrievable via open, free and universal **comm protocols**
- Metadata accessible even when data no longer available

■ #3 Interoperable

- Metadata and data use a formal, **accessible, and broadly applicable format**
- Metadata and data use FAIR vocabularies and qualified references

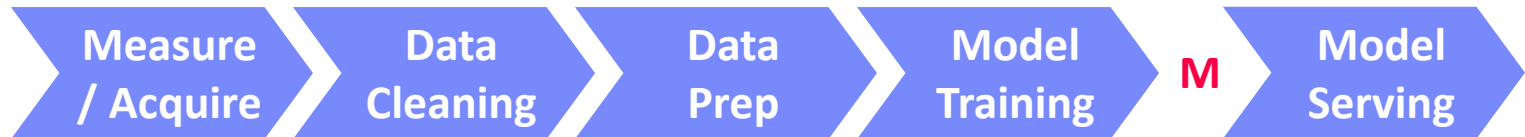
■ #4 Reusable

- Metadata and data described with plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
- Clear license, **associated with provenance**, meets community standards

Terminology

■ Data Provenance

- Track and understand data origins and transformations of data (**where?**, **when?**, **who?**, **why?**, **how?**)



- Contains meta data, context, and modifications (transform, enrichment)
 - Synonyms: **data lineage**, **data pedigree**
- ## ■ Data Catalogs (curation/**governance**)
- Directory of datasets including data provenance (meta data, artifacts)
 - Raw/original, curated datasets, derived data products
- ## ■ Blockchain
- Data structure logging transactions in **verifiable** and **permanent way**

Applications and Goals

a) High-Level Goals

- **#1 Versioning and Reproducibility** (analogy experiments)
- **#2 Explainability, Interpretability, Verification**

b) Low-Level Goals

- **#3 Full and Partial Reuse of Intermediates**
- **#4 Incremental Maintenance of MatViews, Models, etc**
- **#5 Tape/log of Executed Operations** → Auto Differentiation
- **#6 Recomputation for Caching / Fault Tolerance**
- **#7 Debugging via Lineage Query Processing**





Data Provenance

Overview Data Provenance

- **Def Data Provenance**

- Information about the **origin** and **creation process** of data

- **Example**

- Debugging suspicious query results

```
SELECT Customer, sum(O.Quantity*P.Price)
FROM Orders O, Products P
WHERE O.PID = P.PID
GROUP BY Customer
```



Customer	Sum
A	7620
B	120
C	130
D	75

OID	Customer	Date	Quantity	PID
1	A	2019-06-22	3	2
2	B	2019-06-22	1	3
3	A	2019-06-22	101	4
4	C	2019-06-23	2	2
5	D	2019-06-23	1	4
6	C	2019-06-23	1	1

PID	Product	Price
1	X	100
2	Y	15
4	Z	75
3	W	120

Overview Data Provenance, cont.

■ An Abstract View

- **Data:** schema, structure → data items
- **Data composition** (granularity): attribute, tuple, relation
- **Transformation:** consumes inputs, produces outputs
- **Hierarchical transformations:** query w/ views, query block, operators
- **Additional:** env context (OS, libraries, env variables, state), users

[Boris Glavic: CS595 Data Provenance – Introduction to Data Provenance, **Illinois Institute of Technology, 2012**]



■ Goal: Tracing of Derived Results

- Inputs and parameters
- Steps involved in creating the result
- ➔ Store and query data & provenance
- General Data Protection Regulation (**GDPR**)?

[Zachary G. Ives: Data Provenance: Challenges, Benefits, Research, **NIH Webinar 2016**]



1. Read file1
2. Sort rows
3. Compute median
4. Write to file2

Prov.

Classification of Data Provenance

■ Overview

- Base query $Q(D) = O$ with database $D = \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$
- **Forward lineage query:** $L_f(R_i'', O')$ from subset of input relation to output
- **Backward lineage query:** $L_b(O', R_i)$ from subset of outputs to base tables

■ #1 Lazy Lineage Query Evaluation

- Rewrite (**invert**) lineage queries as relational queries over input relations
- No runtime overhead but slow lineage query processing

■ #2 Eager Lineage Query Evaluation

- Materialize **annotations** (data/transforms) during base query evaluation
- Runtime overhead but fast lineage query processing
- Lineage capture: **Logical** (relational) vs **physical** (instrumented physical ops)

[Fotis Psallidas, Eugene Wu:
Smoke: Fine-grained Lineage at
Interactive Speed. **PVLDB 2018**]



Why-Provenance

[Boris Glavic: CS595 Data Provenance – Provenance Models and Systems, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2012]



Overview Why

- **Goal:** Which input tuples contributed to an output tuple t in query Q
- Representation: Set of witnesses w for tuple t (**set semantics!**)
 - $w \subseteq I$ (subset of all tuples in instance I)
 - $t \in Q(w)$ (tuple in result of query over w)

Example Witnesses

```
SELECT Customer, Product
FROM Orders O, Products P
WHERE O.PID=P.PID
```

	Customer	Date	PID		PID	Product
o1	A	2019-06-22	2	p1	1	X
o2	B	2019-06-22	3	p2	2	Y
o3	A	2019-06-22	2	p3	4	Z
				p4	3	W



- **Witnesses** for **t1**:
 $w1 = \{o1, p2\}$, $w2 = \{o3, p2\}$,
 $w3 = \{o1, p2, p3\}$, ..., $w_n = I$
- Minimal witnesses for **t1**:
 $w1 = \{o1, p2\}$, $w2 = \{o3, p2\}$

	Customer	Product
t1	A	Y
t2	B	W

Others: Where/How Provenance

How-Provenance

[Boris Glavic: CS595 Data Provenance – Provenance Models and Systems, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2012]



Overview

- Model how tuples were combined in the computation
- Alternative use:** need one of the tuples (e.g., union/projection)
- Conjunctive use:** need all tuples together (e.g., join)

Provenance Polynomials

- Semiring annotations** to model provenance ($\mathbb{N}[I], +, \times, 0, 1$)

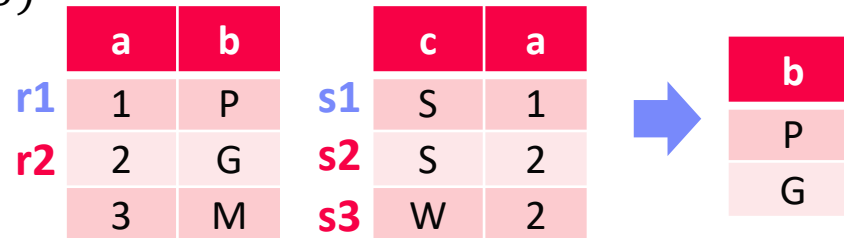
Examples

- $q = \pi_a(R)$



r1 + r2

- $q = \pi_b(R \bowtie S)$



Provenance Polynomials

r1 x s1

(r2 x s2) + (r2 x s3)

Why Not?-Provenance

[Adriane Chapman, H. V. Jagadish:
Why not? SIGMOD 2009]



Overview

- Why are items not in the results
- **Example Problem:**
 “Window-display-books < \$20”
 → (Euripides, Medea).
 → **Why not** (Hrotsvit, Basilius)?

>= 20\$?

Bug in the
query / system?

Not in
book store?

Author	Title	Price	Publisher
	Epic of Gilgamesh	\$150	Hesperus
Euripides	Medea	\$16	Free Press
Homer	Iliad	\$18	Penguin
Homer	Odyssey	\$49	Vintage
Hrotsvit	Basilius	\$20	Harper
Longfellow	Wreck of the Hesperus	\$89	Penguin
Shakespeare	Coriolanus	\$70	Penguin
Sophocles	Antigone	\$48	Free Press
Virgil	Aeneid	\$92	Vintage

Evaluation Strategies

- Given a user question (why no tuple satisfies predicate S), dataset D, result set R, and query Q, leverage **why lineage**
- **#1 Bottom-Up:** from leafs in topological order to find last op eliminating $d \in S$
- **#2 Top-Down:** from result top down to find last op, **requires stored lineage**

Apache Atlas

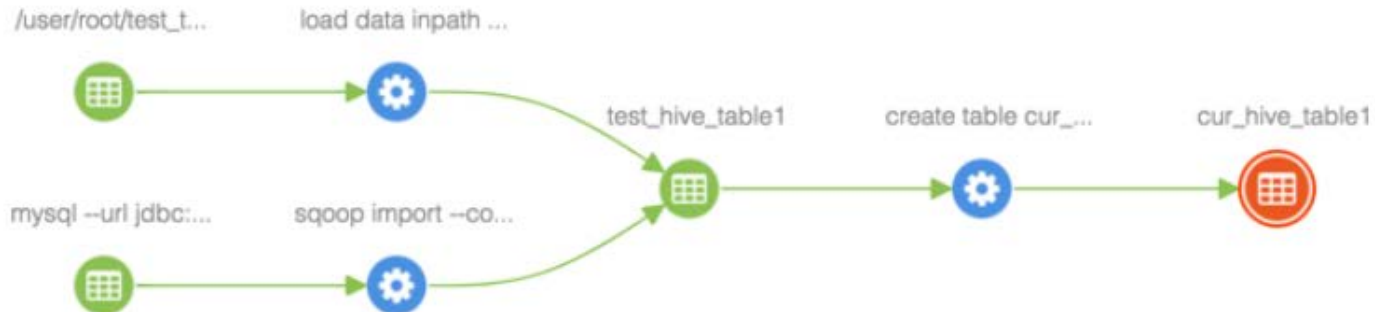


■ Apache Atlas Overview

- Metadata management and governance capabilities
- Build catalog (data classification, cross-component lineage)

■ Example

- Configure Atlas hooks w/ Hadoop components
- Automatic tracking of lineage and side effects



[<https://www.cloudera.com/tutorials/cross-component-lineage-with-apache-atlas-across-apache-sqoop-hive-kafka-storm/.html>]

Provenance for ML Pipelines (fine-grained)

DEX: Dataset Versioning

- Versioning of datasets, stored with delta encoding
- Checkout, intersection, union queries over deltas
- Query optimization for finding efficient plans

[Amit Chavan, Amol Deshpande: DEX: Query Execution in a Delta-based Storage System. **SIGMOD 2017**]



MISTIQUE: Intermediates of ML Pipelines

- Capturing, storage, querying of intermediates
- Lossy deduplication and compression
- Adaptive querying/materialization for finding efficient plans

[Manasi Vartak et al: MISTIQUE: A System to Store and Query Model Intermediates for Model Diagnosis. **SIGMOD 2018**]



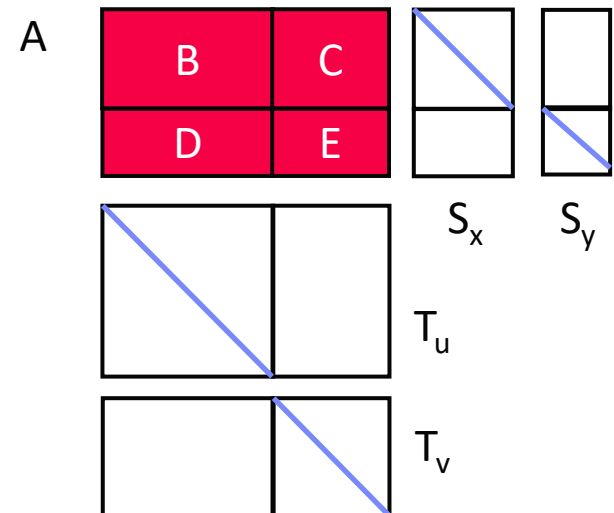
Linear Algebra Provenance

- Provenance propagation by decomposition
- Annotate parts w/ provenance polynomials (identifiers of contributing inputs + impact)

$$A = S_x B T_u + S_x C T_v + S_y D T_u + S_y E T_v$$



[Zhepeng Yan, Val Tannen, Zachary G. Ives: Fine-grained Provenance for Linear Algebra Operators. **TaPP 2016**]



Provenance for ML Pipelines (**coarse-grained**)

■ MLflow

- Programmatic API for tracking parameters, experiments, and results
- **autolog()** for specific params

[Credit: <https://databricks.com/blog/2018/06/05>]

```
import mlflow
mlflow.log_param("num_dimensions", 8)
mlflow.log_param("regularization", 0.1)
mlflow.log_metric("accuracy", 0.1)
mlflow.log_artifact("roc.png")
```

■ Flor (on Ground)

- DSL embedded in python for managing the workflow development phase of the ML lifecycle
- DAGs of Actions, Artifacts, and Literals
- Data context generated by activities in Ground

[Credit: <https://rise.cs.berkeley.edu/projects/jarvis/>]

[Joseph M. Hellerstein et al:
Ground: A Data Context
Service. **CIDR 2017**]



■ Dataset Relationship Management

- **Reuse, reveal, revise, retarget, reward**
- Code-to-data relationships (data provenance)
- Data-to-code relationships (potential transforms)

[Zachary G. Ives, Yi Zhang,
Soonbo Han, Nan Zheng,:
Dataset Relationship
Management. **CIDR 2019**]

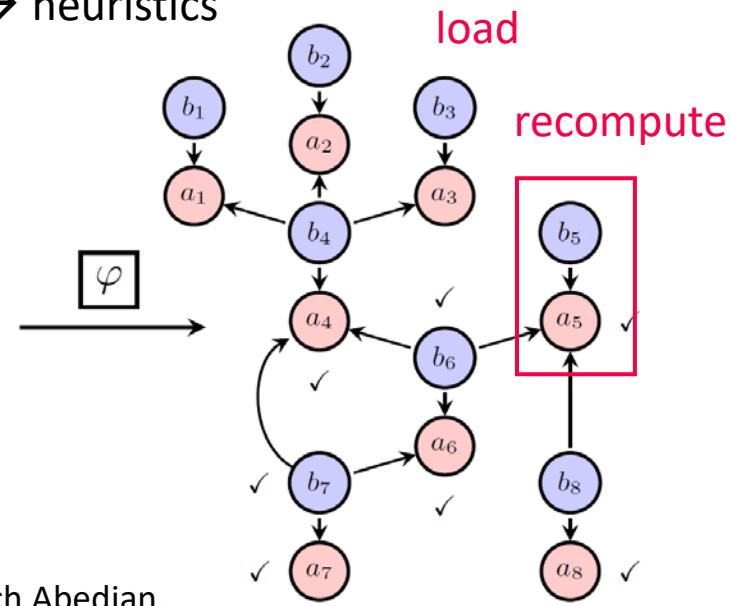
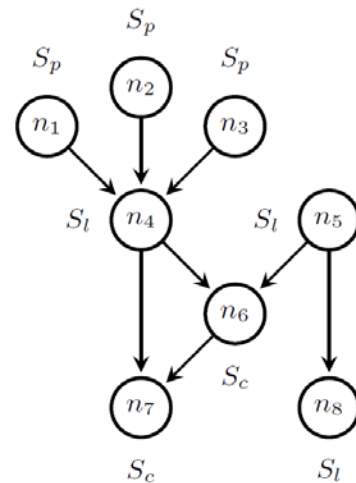


Provenance for ML Pipelines (coarse-grained), cont.

■ HELIX

- Goal: focus on iterative development w/ small modifications (trial & error)
- Caching, reuse, and recomputation
- Reuse as **Max-Flow problem** → **NP-hard** → heuristics
- Materialization to disk for future reuse

[Doris Xin, Stephen Macke, Litian Ma, Jialin Liu, Shuchen Song, Aditya G. Parameswaran: Helix: Holistic Optimization for Accelerating Iterative Machine Learning. **PVLDB 2018**]



■ Collaborative Optimizer



[Behrouz Derakhshan, Alireza Rezaei Mahdiraji, Ziawasch Abedjan, Tilmann Rabl, Volker Markl: Optimizing Machine Learning Workloads in Collaborative Environments. **SIGMOD 2020**]

Lineage Tracing & Reuse in SystemDS

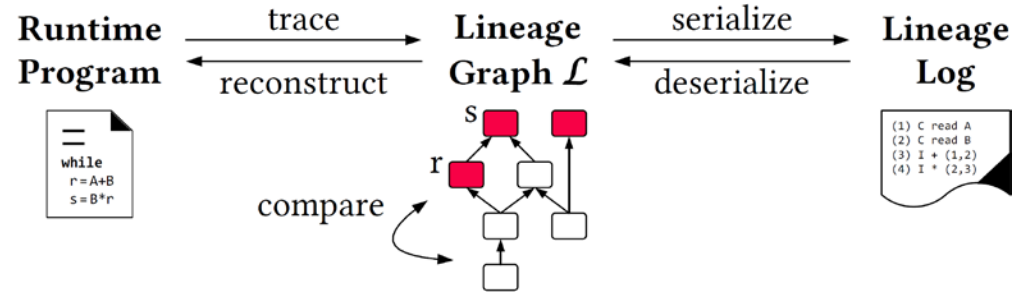


■ Problem

- **Exploratory data science** (data preprocessing, model configurations)
- **Reproducibility** and **explainability** of trained models (data, parameters, prep)
- ➔ **Lineage/Provenance as Key Enabling Technique:**
 Model versioning, reuse of intermediates, incremental maintenance, auto differentiation, and debugging (query processing over lineage)

■ Efficient Lineage Tracing

- Tracing of inputs, literals, and **non-determinism**
- **Trace lineage of logical operations**
- **Deduplication** for loops/functions
- Program/output reconstruction



[Arnab Phani, Benjamin Rath, Matthias Boehm: LIMA: **Fine-grained** Lineage Tracing and Reuse in Machine Learning Systems, **SIGMOD 2021**]



Lineage Tracing & Reuse in SystemDS



- **Multi-level, Lineage-based Reuse**

- Lineage trace uniquely identifies intermediates
- Reuse intermediates at function / block / operation level

- **Full Reuse of Intermediates**

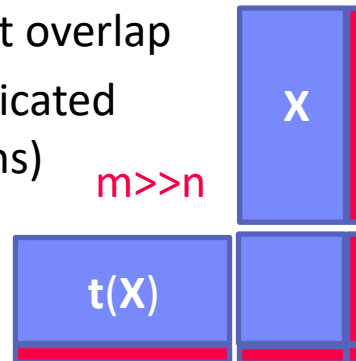
- Before executing instruction, probe output lineage in cache
Map<Lineage, MatrixBlock>
- Cost-based/heuristic caching and eviction decisions (compiler-assisted)

```
for( i in 1:numModels )
  R[,i] = lm(X, y, lambda[i,], ...)
```

```
m_lmDS = function(...) {
  l = matrix(reg,ncol(X),1)
  A = t(X) %*% X + diag(1)
  b = t(X) %*% y
  beta = solve(A, b) ...}
```

- **Partial Reuse of Intermediates**

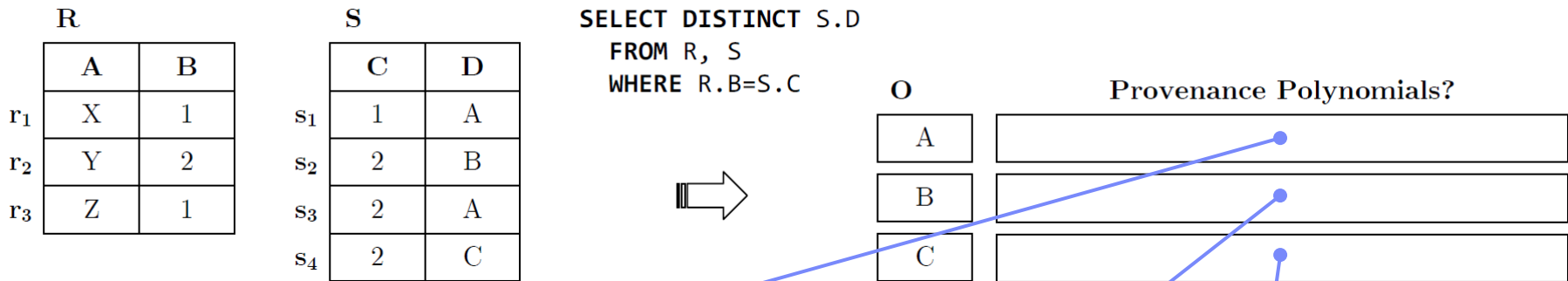
- **Problem:** Often partial result overlap
- Reuse partial results via dedicated rewrites (compensation plans)
- Example: stepIm



```
m_stepIm = function(...) {
  while( continue ) {
    parfor( i in 1:n ) {
      if( !fixed[1,i] ) {
        Xi = cbind(Xg, X[,i])
        B[,i] = lm(Xi, y, ...)
      }
    }
    # add best to Xg
    # (AIC)
  } }
```

BREAK (and Test Yourself)

- Given below tables R and S (with tuples r_i and s_i), query Q and results O, specify the provenance polynomials for every tuple in O. (3 points)



A: $r_1 \times s_1 + r_3 \times s_1 + r_2 \times s_3$
(equivalent: $(r_1 + r_3) \times s_1 + r_2 \times s_3$)

B: $r_2 \times s_2$

C: $r_2 \times s_4$

Blockchain Fundamentals

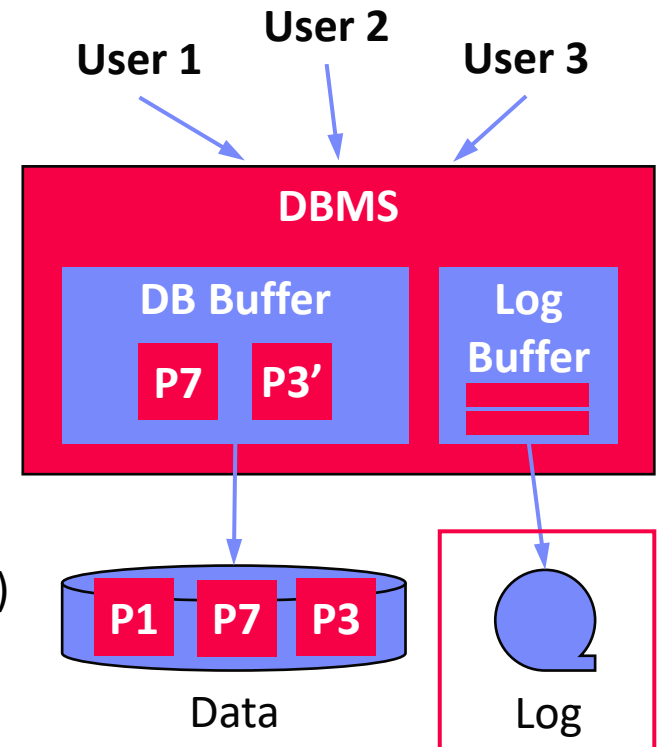
Recap: Database (Transaction) Log

Database Architecture

- **Page-oriented storage** on disk and in memory (DB buffer)
- Dedicated **eviction algorithms**
- Modified in-memory pages marked as dirty, flushed by cleaner thread
- **Log**: append-only TX changes
- Data/log often placed on different devices and periodically archived (backup + truncate)

Write-Ahead Logging (WAL)

- The log records representing changes to some (dirty) data page must be on **stable storage before the data page** (UNDO - atomicity)
- **Force-log on commit** or full buffer (REDO - durability)
- **Recovery**: forward (REDO) and backward (UNDO) processing
- Log sequence number (LSN)



[C. Mohan, Donald J. Haderle, Bruce G. Lindsay, Hamid Pirahesh, Peter M. Schwarz: ARIES: A Transaction Recovery Method Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking and Partial Rollbacks Using Write-Ahead Logging. **TODS 1992**]



Bitcoin and Blockchain

[**Satoshi Nakamoto**: Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System, **White paper 2008**]



Motivation

- Peer-to-peer (decentralized, anonymous) electronic cash/payments
- Non-reversible transactions** w/o need for trusted third party

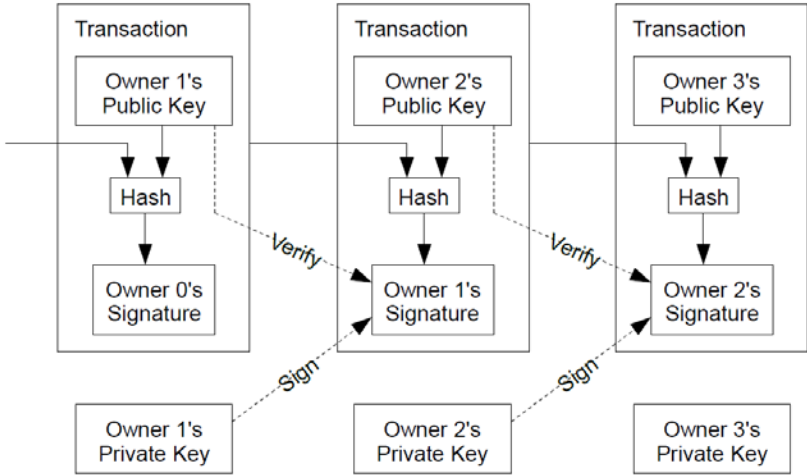
Statistics

	Market Price (USD)	Average Block Size	Transactions per Day	Mempool Size
Nov 21 2019:	\$7,862.72 <small>USD</small>	1.16 <small>Megabytes</small>	303,921 <small>Transactions</small>	11,304,890 <small>Bytes</small>
Nov 19 2020: (Paypal Oct 2020)	\$17,975.24 <small>USD</small>	1.29 <small>Megabytes</small>	310,424 <small>Transactions</small>	19,920,773 <small>Bytes</small>

[<https://www.blockchain.com/charts>]

Transaction Overview

- Electronic coin defined as chain of digital signatures
- Transfer by signing hash of previous TX and public key of next owner
- Double-spending problem** (without global verification)



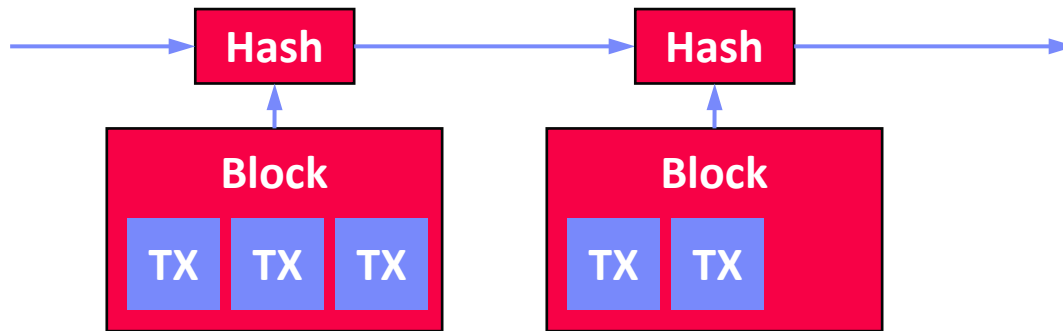
Blockchain Data Structure

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Timestamp Server

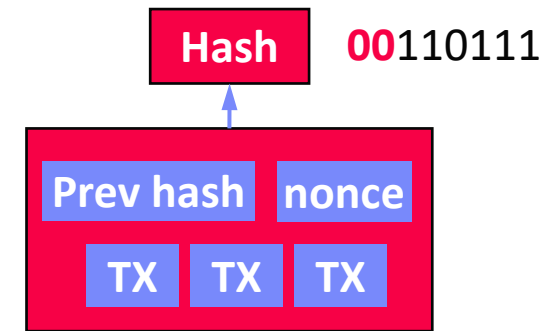
- Decentralized timestamp server: chain of hashes → **public ledger**



Enforces order dependency
→ No double-spending

Proof-of-Work

- Scanning for value (nonce) which **SHA-256 hash** begins with a number of zero bits
→ exponential in number of zeros
- # zero bits determined by MA of avg blocks/hour
- Hard to recompute for chain, easy to check
- Majority decision**: CPU time, longest chain



Merkel tree (hash tree)

Blockchain Data Structure, cont.

Bitcoin Mining

- HW: from CPU to GPUs/FPGAs/ASICs (**10-70 TH/s @ 2-3KW**)
- Usually mining pools → **“mining cartels”**



Hash Rate of Bitcoin Network

- **~10 min per block** (144 blocks per day)



@Malaysia

Nov 12, 2021:
~160EH

[<https://www.blockchain.com/en/charts/hash-rate?daysAverageString=7×pan=180days>, **Nov 12 2021**]

Blockchain Communication

[**Satoshi Nakamoto**: Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System, **White paper 2008**]



■ Networking Protocol

- New **TXs are broadcast** to all nodes
- Each node collects new **TXs into a block**
- Each node works on finding **proof-of-work** for its block
 - **Incentive**: 1st TX in block new coin
(halves every 210k blocks) for the block creator + TX fees
- When a node finds a proof-of-work, **broadcast the block** to all nodes
- Nodes accept the block if **all TXs are valid** (double spending)
- Nodes express **acceptance by working on next block** in the chain, using the hash of the accepted block as the previous hash

2008: **50BTC**
 2012: **25BTC**
 2016: **12.5BTC**
 2020: **6.25BTC**

■ Fault Tolerance

- **TX broadcasts**: no need to reach all but many → next block contains it
- **Block broadcast**: no need to reach all → next block references it

Smart Contracts (Ethereum)



■ Motivation

- **Problem:** Bitcoin TXs for transferring X \$BTC from A to B (exchange as assets)
- **Goals:** voting, auctions, games, bets, legal agreements (notary)

■ Ethereum

- Decentralized platform that allows creation, management, and execution of smart contracts
- Ether cryptocurrency, block mining rate: seconds (5 ETH/block)



[Credit: Shana Hutchison]

■ Smart Contract

- Store smart contract (turing-complete programs) on the blockchain
- **On transfer/trigger:** run smart contract (in) in Ethereum Virtual Machine
- Language: Serpent/Solidity (deterministic, w/ control flow and function calls)
 - ➔ Problem: while(true) ➔ EVM gas and fees (start gas, gas price)
- Immutability guarantees persistence

Consensus Mechanisms


“means of showing that one invested a non-trivial amount of effort related to some statement”

■ Proof of Work (PoW)

- Validation by performing work, existence of HW resources
- **High HW cost of attacks**
- **Wasted work, resources, energy** (only first block, no real outcome, e-waste)

■ Proof of Stake (PoS)

- Validation by stake-weighted random node selection
- **Intrinsic coin cost, less HW resources/energy**
- **Untested attack mitigation?**

Ethereum 2.0 
→ PoS/sharding
over time

■ Proof of Space/Capacity

- Upfront creation of “plot files”, store nonces+hashes, find solutions, occasional validation
- **HW costs of attacks**, use of **unused space**
- **Moderate adoption**

[<https://www.chia.net/>]

[Stefan Dziembowski, Sebastian Faust, Vladimir Kolmogorov, Krzysztof Pietrzak: Proofs of Space. IACR Cryptol. 2013]



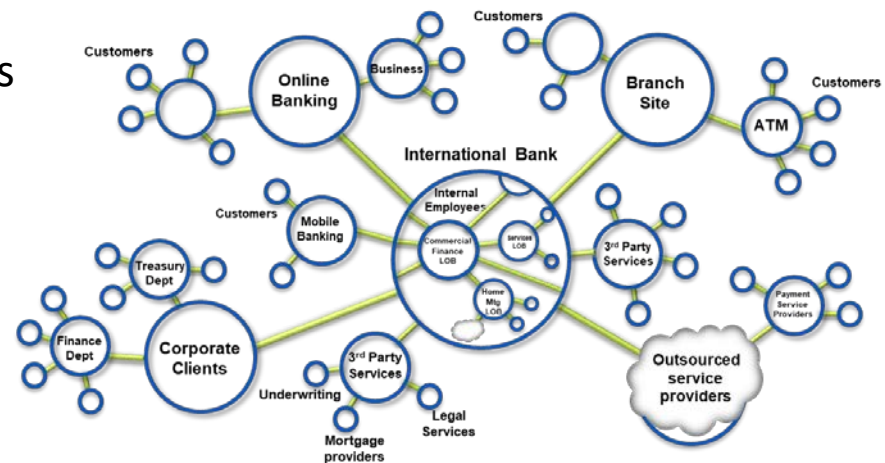
Permissioned/Private Blockchains



■ Private Setup

- Business Networks connect businesses
- **Participants with Identity**
- Assets flow over business networks
- Transactions describe exchange or change of states of assets
- **Smart contracts** underpin transactions
- Blockchain as shared, replicated, permissioned ledger (TX log):
consensus, provenance, immutability

[**C. Mohan**: State of Permissionless and Permissioned Blockchains: Myths and Reality, 2019]



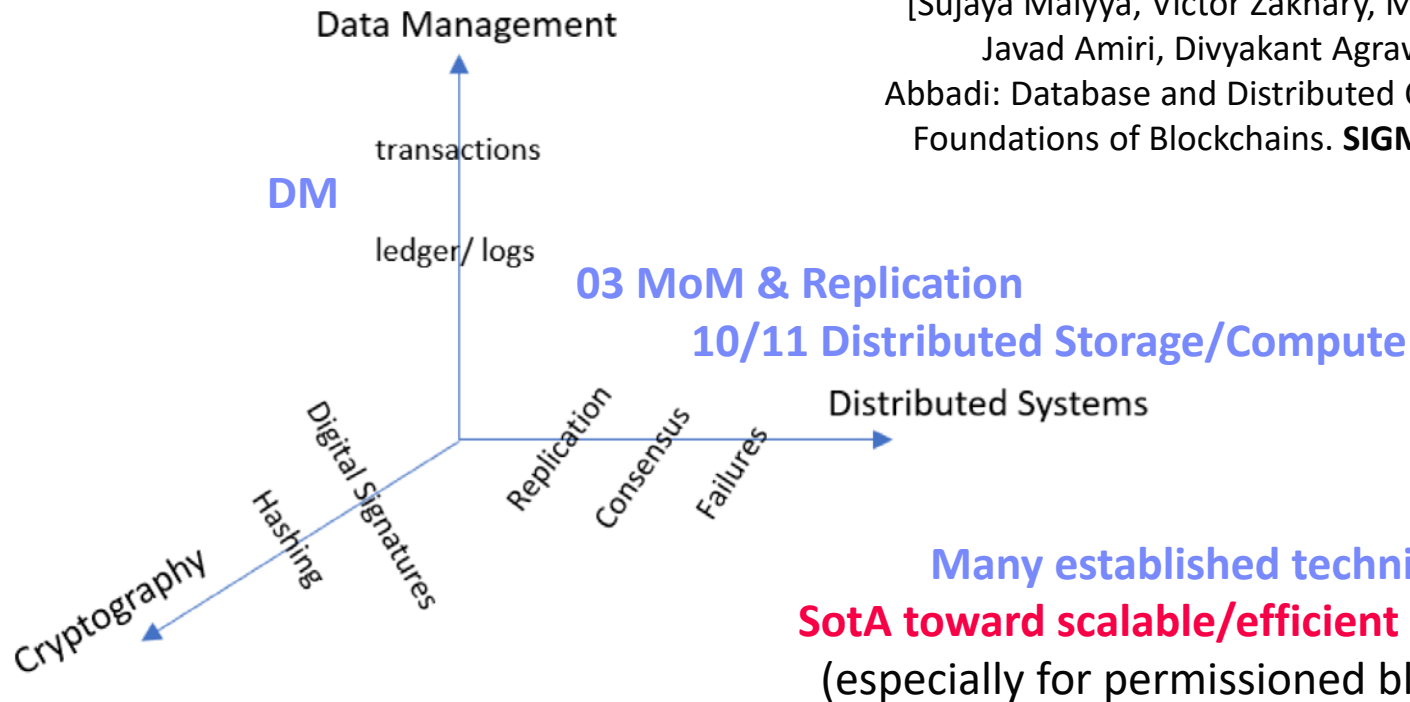
■ Hyperledger Fabric (<https://github.com/hyperledger/>)



- IBM, Oracle, Baidu, Amazon, Alibaba, Microsoft, JD, SAP, Huawei, Tencent
- **Blockchain-as-a-Service** (BaaS) offerings: distributed ledger, libs, tools

Discussion Blockchain

[Sujaya Maiyya, Victor Zakhary, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Divyakant Agrawal, Amr El Abbadi: Database and Distributed Computing Foundations of Blockchains. **SIGMOD 2019**]



➔ **Recommendation:** Investigate business requirements/context, decide on technical properties and acceptable trade-offs

Summary and Q&A

■ Summary

- Motivation and Terminology
- Data Provenance
- Blockchain Fundamentals

■ Next Lectures (Part B)

- **08 Cloud Computing Foundations** [Nov 27]
- **09 Cloud Resource Management and Scheduling** [Dec 04]
- **10 Distributed Data Storage** [Dec 11]