Paper Data and Task Scheduling in Distributed Computing Environments

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Abstract—Data-aware scheduling in today's large-scale heterogeneous environments has become a major research and engineering issue. Data Grids (DGs), Data Clouds (DCs) and Data Centers are designed for supporting the processing and analysis of massive data, which can be generated by distributed users, devices and computing centers. Data scheduling must be considered jointly with the application scheduling process. It generates a wide family of global optimization problems with the new scheduling criteria including data transmission time, data access and processing times, reliability of the data servers, security in the data processing and data access processes. In this paper, a new version of the Expected Time to Compute Matrix (ETC Matrix) model is defined for independent batch scheduling in physical network in DG and DC environments. In this model, the completion times of the computing nodes are estimated based on the standard ETC Matrix and data transmission times. The proposed model has been empirically evaluated on the static grid scheduling benchmark by using the simple genetic-based schedulers. A simple comparison of the achieved results for two basic scheduling metrics, namely makespan and average flowtime, with the results generated in the case of ignoring the data scheduling phase show the significant impact of the data processing model on the schedule execution times.

Keywords—data cloud, data grid, data processing, data scheduling, ETC Matrix.

1. Introduction

In the recent decade, we witness an explosive growth in the volume, velocity, and variety of the data available on the Internet. Pethabythes of data were created on a daily basis. The data is generated by the highly distributed users and various types sources like the mobile devices, sensors, individual archives, social networks, Internet of Things devices, enterprise, cameras, software logs, etc. Such data explosions has led to one of the most challenging research issues of the current Information and Communication Technology (ICT) era: how to effectively and optimally manage and schedule such large data for unlocking information?

Scheduling problems in the distributed computing environments are mainly defined based on the task processing CPU-related criteria, namely makespan, flowtime, resource utilization, energy consumption and many others [1]. In such cases, all data-related criteria, like the data transmission time, data access rights, data availability (replication) and security in data access issues are mostly ignored. Usually it is assumed, that transmission is very fast, data access rights are granted, due to the single domain of LANs

JOURNAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 4/2014 and clusters (even if the whole infrastructure is highly distributed), so there is no need for special data access management. Obviously, the situation is very different in current large scale setting, where data sources needed for task completion can be located at different sites under different administrative domains.

Data-aware scheduling has been explored already in many research in cluster, grid and recently cloud computing [2], [3]. Most of the current efforts are focused on the data processing optimization, storage (loads of the data servers) in the data centers or scheduling of data transmission and data location [4] for efficient resource/storage utilization or energy-effective scheduling in large-scale data centers [5], [6]. A recent example is that of GridBatch [7] for large scale data-intensive problems on cloud infrastructures. However, the large amount of data to be efficiently processed remains a real research challenge, especially in the recent Big Data era. One of the key issues contributing to the massive processing efficiency is the scheduling with data transmission requirements.

In this paper, a new data-aware Expected Time to Compute Matrix (ETC Matrix) scheduling model is defined for computational grids and physical layers of the cloud systems, which takes into account new criteria such as data transmission and decoupling of data from processing [8]–[10]. The main aim of this work is to integrate the above criteria into a multi-objective optimization model in a similar way that it has been provided for computational grid scheduling with ETC Matrix [11]. However, the grid schedulers in presented model must take into account the features of both Computational Grid (CG) and Data Grid (DG) in order to achieve desired performance of grid-enabled applications [12], [13]. Therefore, in this paper a general data-aware independent batch task scheduling problem is considered.

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows. The data-aware ECT Matix model for independent batch scheduling and main scheduling criteria are defined in Section 2. The empirical results are analyzed in Section 3. The paper is summarized in Section 4.

2. Data-aware Expected Time to Compute (ETC) Matrix Model

Let's consider a simple batch scheduling problem in computational physical infrastructure (big distributed cluster, grid or physical layer of the cloud system), where the tasks

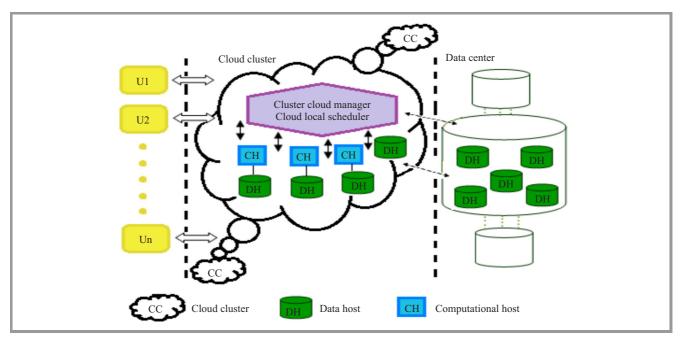


Fig. 1. Data-aware meta-task grid scheduling problem.

are processed independently and require multiple data sets from different heterogeneous data hosts. These data sets may be replicated at various locations and can be transferred to the computational grid through the networks of various capabilities. A possible variant of this scenario is presented in Fig. 1.

The components of the whole system, task and data structures in such scenario can be defined as follows:

- a batch of tasks $N = \{t_1, \ldots, t_n\}$ is defined as a metatask structure,
- a set of computing grid nodes $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_m\}$ available for a given batch;
- a set of data-files $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ needed for the batch execution,
- a set of data-hosts $D = \{dh_1, \dots, dh_s\}$ dedicated for the data storage purposes, having the necessary data services capabilities.

The computational load of the meta-task is defined as a *tasks workload vector* $WL_{batch} = [wl_1, ..., wl_n]$, where wl_j is the estimated computational load of task t_j (expressed in millions of instructions (MI). Each task t_j requires for its execution the following set of data files $F_j = \{f_{(1,j)}, ..., f_{(r,j)}\}$ $(F_j \subseteq F_{batch})$, which is replicated and allocated at the following data servers DH_j .¹

The computing capacity of computational servers available for a given batch is defined by a *computing capacity vector* $CC_{batch} = [cc_1, ..., cc_m]$, where cc_i denotes the computing capacity of the server *i* expressed in million instructions per second (MIPS). The estimation of the prior load of each machine from M_{batch} can be represented by a *ready times vector ready_times*(*batch*) = [*ready*₁,...,*ready*_m]. An Expected Time to Compute (ETC) matrix model [11] is used for estimation of the completion times of tasks assigned to a given computational server. Usually, the elements of the ETC matrix can be computed as the ratio of the coordinates of *WL* and *CC* vectors, namely:

$$ETC[i][j] = \frac{wl_j}{cc_i}.$$
(1)

The values of ETC[j][i] for each pair machine m_i and task t_j in Eq. (1) depend mainly on the processing speeds of the machines, but need also express the heterogeneity of tasks and resources in the system. Therefore, in this approach the Gaussian distribution for generating the coordinates of both WL and CC vectors is used. Additionally, in data-aware scheduling, there is a need to estimate the data transfer time. For each data file $f_{cj} \in F$ ($c \in \{1, ..., r\}$) necessary for the execution of the task t_j , the time required to transfer this file from the data host $dh_d \in D$ to the server m_i is denoted $TT_{ij}[c][d]$ and can be calculated in the following way:

$$TT_{ij}[c][d] = RES[c][d] + \frac{Size[f_{cj}]}{B[dh_d, i]}, \qquad (2)$$

where RES[c][d] is a response time of the data server dh_d and is defined as a difference between the request time to dh_d and the time when the first byte of the data file f_c is received at the computational server m_i for computing the task t_j (note, that the values of *i* and *j* are fixed here). The $Size[f_c, j]$ denotes the size (in Mbits) of the data file f_c needed for execution of the task t_j , and by $B[dh_d, i]$ the

 $^{{}^{1}}DH_{j}$ is a subset of *DH*. Each file $f_{(p,j)} \in F_{j}$ $(p \in \{1, ..., r\})$ is replicated on the servers from DH_{j} . It is assumed that each data host can serve multiple data files at a time and data replication is a priori defined as a separate replication process.

bandwidth of logical link (in Mbits/time_unit) between dh_d and m_i .

RES[c][d] are the elements of the Data Response Times Matrix $RES_{s \times r}$. In presented approach, the Gamma distribution [14] for generating those data response times is used. This method is widely used for estimation of the data transfer times [15]. It is similar to the Coefficient-of-Variation (CVB) [16] method used for generating the stochastic matrices with highly distributed two-dimensional random variables. It may be used also for generation ETC matrices [1]. The key parameters for this method are defined as follows:

- the cumulative estimated response times of all data servers while transferring an "average" data file, *res*_{ave},
- the variance in the response times of data server, *svar_{dh}*,
- the variance in the heterogeneity of data files, $rvar_f$.

The parameters res_{ave} and $svar_{dh}$ are used for estimating the response times $RES[\hat{c}][d]$ of the data servers for the file $f_{\hat{c}}$ with the "average" data server speed in the systems. The times $RES[\hat{c}][d]$ are generated by using the gamma distribution with the shape and scale parameters denoted by α_s and β_s respectively. That is:

$$RES[\hat{c}][d] = Gamma(\alpha_s, \beta_s), \tag{3}$$

where:

$$\alpha_s = \frac{1}{svar_{dh}^2},\tag{4}$$

$$\beta_s = \frac{res_{ave}}{\alpha_s} \,. \tag{5}$$

The generated vector of $RES[\hat{c}][d]$ parameters $(dh_d \in D)$ defines one row (indexed by \hat{c}) of the RES matrix. Each element of this row is then used for generating one column of the RES matrix, that is:

$$RES[c][d] = Gamma(\alpha_r, \beta_r), \tag{6}$$

where:

$$\alpha_r = \frac{1}{rvar_f^2},\tag{7}$$

$$\beta_r = \frac{RES[\hat{c}][d]}{\alpha_r} \,. \tag{8}$$

and $f_c \in F$, $c \neq \hat{c}$.

The resources completion times are the main scheduling parameters in the ETC matrix model. It is denoted by completion[j][i] estimated completion time for the task t_j on machine m_i . It is defined as the wall-clock time taken for the task from its submission till completion. In data-aware scheduling, it depends on computing and transmission times specified in Eqs. (1) and (2). The impact of the data transfer time on the task completion time depends on

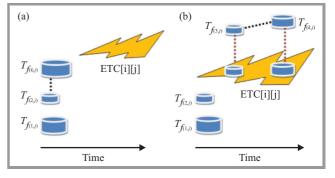


Fig. 2. Two variants of task completion times estimation assigned to the machine m_i with k data files needed for the task execution.

the mode, in which the data files are processed by the task. Figure 2 presents two such scenarios (see also [17]).

In the "a" scenario, data files needed for the execution of task t_j are transferred to the computational server before the calculation of all tasks assigned to this server, including task t_j . The number of simultaneous data transfers determines the bandwidth available for each transfer. The completion time of the task t_j on machine m_i in this case is defined as follows:

$$completion_{a}[i][j] = \max_{f_{cj} \in F; dh_{d} \in D} TT_{ij}[[c][d] + ETC[i][j].$$
(9)

In the "b" scenario, some of the data files are transferred as in scenario "a", but the major data needed for the execution of each task assigned to the server m_i (also task t_j) is transferred during the execution of the tasks. In this case, the transfer times of the streamed data files are masked by the computation times of the tasks. The completion time of the task t_j on machine m_i in this scenario is defined in the following way:

$$completion_{b}[i][j] = \max_{f_{cj} \in \widehat{F}_{j}} TT_{ij}[c][d] + \sum_{f_{lj} \in [F \setminus \widehat{F}_{j}]} (TT_{ij}[l][d] + ETC[i][j])$$
(10)

where F_j denotes a set of data files which are transferred prior the execution of the task t_j and in fact all tasks assigned to this server.

In this paper the data hosts as the data storage centers are considered, which are separated from the computing resources.

2.1. Scheduling Criteria

A general data-aware batch scheduling process is realized in the following steps:

- get the information on available resources,
- get the information on pending tasks,
- get the information on data hosts where data files for tasks completion are required,

- prepare a batch of tasks and compute a schedule for that batch on available machines and data hosts,
- allocate tasks,
- monitor (failed tasks are re-scheduled).

These steps can be graphically represented as in Fig. 3.

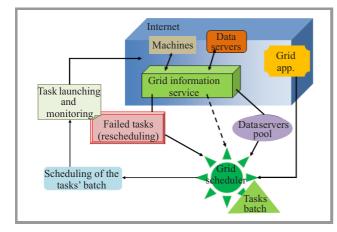


Fig. 3. Phases of the data-aware batch scheduler.

The main objectives in data-aware scheduling are similar to the objectives formulated for conventional scheduling in distributed computational systems without data files [1] and include minimization of completion time, makespan and average flowtime, namely:

• Minimizing completion time of the task batch defined in the following way:

$$completion_{batch} = \sum_{t_j \in N_{batch}; m_i \in M_{batch}} completion[i][j], (11)$$

where completion[i][j] is defined as in Eq. 9 or Eq. 10 depending on considered data transfer scenario;

• Minimizing makespan *C_{max}*:

$$C_{max} = \max_{m_i \in M_{batch}} completion[i], \qquad (12)$$

where *completion*[i] is computed as the sum of completion times of tasks assigned to machine m_i calculated by using Eq. 9 or Eq. 10;

• Minimizing average flowtime \tilde{F} . A flowtime for a machine m_i can be calculated as a workflow of the tasks sequence on a given machine m_i , that is to say:

$$F[i] = completion[i].$$
(13)

The cumulative flowtime in the whole system is defined as the sum of F[i] parameters, that is:

$$F = \sum_{i \in M} F[i].$$
(14)

Finally, the scheduling objective is to minimize the average flowtime \tilde{F} for one machine defined as follows:

$$\tilde{F} = \frac{F}{m}.$$
(15)

In the above equations the ETC matrix model is used which is very useful for the formal definition of all main scheduling criteria. The *completion*[*i*] parameters are the coordinates of the completion vector *completion* = $[completion[1], \dots, completion[m]]^T$. The extended list of the scheduling criteria defined in terms of completion times and by using the ETC matrix model can be found in [1].

3. Experiments

The main aim of the experiments is to illustrate the impact of the data transfer times on the completion times of the physical resources in the system. The values of makespan and average flowtime calculated by using Eqs. 12 and 15 are compared with the case of conventional scheduling, where data transfer times are ignored. In such a case it is assumed that all necessary data is stored at computational nodes and ready for use, which is unrealistic. For the analysis both data transfer scenarios specified in Section 2, namely scenario "a" and scenario "b" are considered. Therefore, the completion times in Eq. 12 are estimated by using Eq. 9 in the first scenario, and Eq. 10 in the second scenario.

The experiments were provided with simple genetic-based scheduler defined in Subsection 3.2, which has been used already as grid batch scheduler by many researchers in the domain (see [18], [19] and [20]). There are many other genetic grid and cloud schedulers that are more effective in the optimization of the makespan and flowtime criteria [1]. However, such effectiveness is not the main aim of this analysis. All those schedulers are also quite complex methods from the implementation and scaling perspectives. Therefore, a simple scheduler was used to show, how much the data transfer may delay the execution of schedules.

3.1. Data Grid Simulator

For the experiments the Sim-G-Batch simulator defined in [1] is used. The basic set of the input data for the simulator includes:

- the workload vector of tasks,
- the computing capacity vector of machines,
- the vector of prior loads of machines, and
- the ETC matrix of estimated execution times of tasks on machines.

The Sim-G-Batch simulator is highly parametrized to reflect the various realistic scheduling scenarios. In this

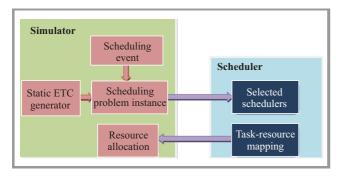


Fig. 4. Selected components of Sim-G-Batch simulator for the experiments on static benchmarks.

The benchmark for small static grid was generated by the *Static ETC Generator* module of the simulator. The instances in this benchmark are classified into 12 types of ETC matrix, according to task heterogeneity, machine heterogeneity and consistency of computing. These instances are labeled by the following parameters [1]:

$$Gauss_xx_yyzz.0$$
 (16)

where:

- Gauss is the Gaussian distributions used in generating the WL and CC vectors,
- xx denotes the type of consistency of ETC matrix $(\hat{c} \text{consistent}, \tilde{\tilde{t}} \text{inconsistent}, \text{ and } \hat{s} \text{semi-consistent}),$
- yy indicates the heterogeneity of tasks (*hi* high heterogeneity, and *lo* low heterogeneity),
- zz expresses the heterogeneity of the resources (hi high, and lo low).

The ETC matrix is consistent if for each pair of the resources m_i and $m_{\hat{i}}$ the following condition is satisfied: if the completion time of some task t_j is shorter at resource m_i than at resource $m_{\hat{i}}$, then all tasks can be executed (and finalized) faster at m_i than at $m_{\hat{i}}$. The inconsistency of the matrix *ETC* means that there no consistency relation among resources. Semi-consistent *ETC* matrices are inconsistent matrices having a consistent sub-matrix.

The following probability distributions have been used in the experiments: N(1000;175) for resources and N(250000000;43750000) for tasks, where $N(\alpha, \sigma)$ denotes the Gaussian distribution with mean α and standard deviation σ . The computing cluster network is composed of 64 nodes (machines) and there are 1024 tasks submitted for scheduling. In addition, 32 data servers and 2048 data files for a given batch is assumed. The data hosts response times are generated by using the Gamma distribution ac-

cording to the description in Section 2 with the following parameters $res_{ave} = 10$, and $0.1 \le svar_{dh}$, $rvar_f \le 0.35$. The sizes of data files and the bandwidth are generated by the uniform distributions defined for the following intervals [2;1600] and [10;100] respectively.

3.2. Genetic-based Scheduler

Genetic-based meta-heuristics have shown great potential to solve multi-criteria grid or cloud scheduling problems by trading-off various preferences and goals of the system users and managers [21], [22]. Simple single-population genetic schedulers can be promoted as the effective methods for solving small-scale static scheduling problems. In the experiments a simple $(\mu + \lambda)$ -like evolutionary scheduler is used similar to those used for solving classical combinatorial optimization problems [23]. The general schema of this scheduler is presented in Fig. 5.

In the implementation of the scheduler two schedules' representations are used, namely direct representation and permutation-based encoding. In the direct representation, each schedule is defined as the schedule vector $x = [x_1, \ldots, x_n]^T$, where $x_i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ are the labels of the computational resources, to which the particular tasks labeled by 1,...,n are assigned. In permutation-based representation, for each resource a sequence of tasks assigned to that resource is defined. The tasks in the sequence are increasingly sorted with respect to their completion times. In this representation, some additional information about the numbers of tasks assigned to each machine is required. In this work the direct representation for the encoding of the individuals in the base populations denoted by P^t and P^{t+1} in Fig. 5 is used. The permutation-based representation is necessary for the implementation of the specialized genetic operators. Based on the results of tuning process provided in [18], [20] and [21], the optimal configuration of genetic operators for considered scheduler is defined as follows:

- selection Linear Ranking,
- crossover Cycle Crossover,
- mutation Rebalancing,
- replacement Steady State.

All those genetic operators are commonly used in solving the large-scale combinatorial problems [23]. The main idea of the Cycle Crossover (CX) is identification of the cycle of alleles (positions). The existing cycles (of tasks) are kept unchanged. The remaining fragments in the parental strings are exchanged, and the resulting permutation strings are repaired if some task labels are duplicated. In rebalancing mutation, first the most overloaded machine m_i is selected. Then two tasks t_j and $t_{\hat{j}}$ are identified as follows: $t_{\hat{j}}$ is assigned to another machine $m_{\hat{i}}$, t_j is assigned to m_i and $ETC[\hat{i}][\hat{j}] \leq ETC[i][j]$. Then the assignments for tasks t_j and $t_{\hat{j}}$ are interchanged. In Steady State replacement

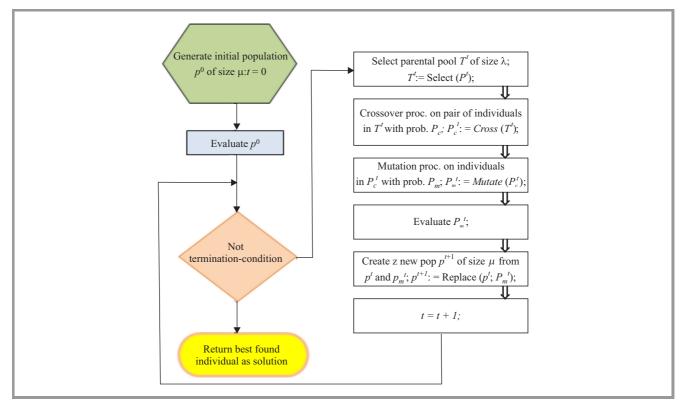


Fig. 5. General template of the GA-scheduler implementation.

method, the set of the highest quality offsprings replaces the similar set (of the same cardinality) of the solutions of the worst quality in the old base population.

Table 1 Key parameters of the GA-scheduler (n - the number of tasks in the batch)

Parameter	Value	
μ	$4 \cdot (\log_2 n - 1)$	
λ	$\mu/3$	
mut_prob	0.15	
cross_prob	0.9	
nb_of_epochs	$20 \cdot n$	
max_time_to_spend	25 s	

The values of the control parameters for the genetic scheduler are presented in Table 1. The number of individuals in base populations shown as P^t and P^{t+1} in Fig. 5 is denoted by μ , λ is the number of individuals in offspring populations T^t , P_c^t and P_m^t . The parameters *cross_prob*, *mut_prob* are used for the notation of of the crossover and mutation probabilities. The *nb_of_epochs* denotes the maximal number of main loop executions of the algorithm. Each loop execution is interpreted as genetic epoch. The maximal number of such epochs is defined as the main global stopping criterion for the scheduler. However, if the execution of those epochs will take much time, the algorithm is stopped after 25 s (*max_time_to_spend*).

3.2.1. Results

Tables 2 and 3 present the average values of makespan and average flowtime achieved in the scenarios "a" and "b" (see Section 2) and No data transfer case. Each experiment has been executed 30 times under the same configuration of all input parameters and data for simulator and scheduler. Both tables present the results averaged over 30 independent runs of the simulator with $[\pm s.d.] s.d$ -standard deviation values.

Both makespan and average flowtime are expressed in arbitrary (but not concrete) time units.

In makespan optimization, scenario "b" is the case, where most of the achieved results are better than for the prior load of all data files before the task execution (scenario "a"). In the case of average flowtime optimization, the impact of the consistency of ETC matrix on the mode of the data transfer is even better illustrated. In all cases for consistent and semi-consistent matrices and for inconsistent matrices with high heterogeneity of computing resources, it is better to request just necessary data files during the computation (scenario "b"). The differences in the flowtime values in scenario "a" and scenario "b" are more significant than in the makespan case. However, in both makespan and flowtime optimizations, it is observed that the flowtime values are much higher in the case of additional data transfer times, than in the "data transfer-free" scheduling. In the case of inconsistent and semi-consistent ETC matrices, it is almost doubled.

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Instance	Scenario "a"	Scenario "b"	No data transfer
Gauss_c_hihi	10020355.256	9621178.557	7506387.215
	[±801234.852]	[±998911.259]	[±631202.153]
Gauss_c_hilo	226250.310	213490.536	139974.423
	[±19936.993]	[±19343.184]	[±10846.362]
Gauss_c_lohi	459987.880	468466.775	238839.338
	[±19323.273]	$[\pm 22765.627]$	[±18892.634]
Gauss_c_lolo	6761.231	6926.864	5109.783
	[±770.132]	$[\pm 240.019]$	$[\pm 258.635]$
Gauss_i_hihi	6093651.564	5866694.694	3069945.734
Gauss_1_mm	[±702187.019]	[±1191799.837]	$[\pm 877534.287]$
Causa i bila	146705.432	145813.231	75588.928
Gauss_i_hilo	$[\pm 4451.987]$	[± 4062.978]	$[\pm 3184.872]$
Gauss_i_lohi	198611.123	187170.435	109343.652
Gauss_1_lon1	[±20873.994]	[±19351.412]	$[\pm 25636.425]$
Gauss_i_lolo	5194.763	5117.546	2616.643
Gauss_1_1010	[±122.543]	$[\pm 138.321]$	[±156.792]
Gauss s hihi	8085209.000	7961402.628	4254421.785
Gauss_s_nini	$[\pm 578839.375]$	[±663325.239]	$[\pm 853673.523]$
Causa a bila	186281.400	167445.544	99009.537
Gauss_s_hilo	$[\pm 14746.582]$	[±10831.231]	[±8763.471]
Gauss_s_lohi	215692.530	220844.573	126822.639
Gauss_s_IONI	[±64353.500]	$[\pm 53473.637]$	$[\pm 98723.537]$
Gauss_s_lolo	6856.982	6554.654	3498.623
	[±453.321]	[±643.308]	[±764.364]

Table 2 Makespan values in three scheduling scenarios

4. Conclusions and Research Directions

In this paper the new version of ETC Matrix model for batch scheduling in the physical clusters was defined, where separate computing and data servers are located. In this model, the completion times of all tasks assigned to the computing nodes of the network have included the data transmission times. Two data transmission scenarios were considered with prior load of all files necessary for the execution of assigned tasks, and with the ad-hoc delivery of just requested (necessary) data files during the task execution. The results of the performed experiments show that omitting the data transfer phase in the scheduling process may lead to the bad estimations of the scheduling times, and more general scheduling costs.

The performed analysis in its early stage. The author plans to extend it to the virtual resources and databases and the extended cloud infrastructures, where the mobile devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.) are considered as the computational nodes of the physical cloud layer and can additionally store and generate the data. This will allow to validate proposed model in much more realistic cloud scheduling scenarios, but also will increase the complexity of the scheduling problem.

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Instance	Scenario "a"	Scenario "b"	No data transfer
Gauss_c_hihi	1865377511.523	1739118543.763	1039888902.5391
	$[\pm 62551800.572]$	[±108789000.698]	$[\pm 87276600.974]$
Gauss_c_hilo	38856381.645	37530920.723	26758471.974
	[±1855790.927]	[±1572700.673]	[±1761150.029]
Gauss_c_lohi	45736995.532	44536681.673	33480185.582
	$[\pm 1662420.635]$	$[\pm 4060500.216]$	$[\pm 4362160.982]$
Gauss_c_lolo	130462.627	1233817.453	891295.864
	$[\pm 51414.523]$	$[\pm 56050.981]$	$[\pm 34862.735]$
Gauss_i_hihi	629477886.653	578364926.537	349268315.516
	$[\pm 121534968.473]$	$[\pm 2075608399.845]$	[±147994960.873]
Gauss_i_hilo	23654208.787	23615230.173	12427872.618
Gauss_1_nito	$[\pm 894854.731]$	[±749330.642]	$[\pm 680981.333]$
Gauss_i_lohi	23344908.394	23417596.793	12718274.271
	[±2909746.766]	$[\pm 3324080.433]$	$[\pm 4395729.934]$
Gauss i lolo	826185.831	829731.985	450123.843
Gauss_1_1010	[±25385.445]	$[\pm 34978.732]$	$[\pm 32745.674]$
Gauss s hihi	1048266515.861	994973664.431	522894137.524
Gauss_s_nini	[±103674264.922]	$[\pm 90143000.322]$	[±107532000.119]
Gauss_s_hilo	29959243.952	28415261.227	16871684.228
	[±1173072.427]	$[\pm 1556320.435]$	$[\pm 2152640.536]$
Gauss_s_lohi	22655131.553	21648611.228	14923174.777
Gauss_s_ioni	$[\pm 4981350.195]$	$[\pm 6657510.587]$	[±7907100.555]
Gauss_s_lolo	1005375.388	998332.695	582565.111
	$[\pm 66981.229]$	[±67459.762]	$[\pm 44452.203]$

Table 3 Flowtime values in three scheduling scenarios

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