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Resumo:

The use of distributed key-value stores (KVS) has experienced fast adoption by various types of applications in recent years due to key advantages such as HTTP-based RESTful APIs, high availability and elasticity. Due to great scalability characteristics, KVS systems commonly use consistent hashing as data placement mechanism. Although KVS systems offer many advantages, they were not designed to dynamically adapt to changing workloads which often include data access skew. Furthermore, the underlying physical storage nodes may be heterogeneous and do not expose their performance capabilities to higher level data placement layers. In this paper, we address those issues and propose an essential step towards a dynamic autonomous solution by leveraging deep reinforcement learning. We design a self-learning approach that incrementally changes the consistent hashing, improving the load balancing among storage nodes. Our approach is dynamic in the sense that it is capable of avoiding hot spots, i.e. overloaded storage nodes when facing different workloads including uneven data popularity situations. Also, we design our solution to be pluggable. It assumes no previous

knowledge of the storage nodes capabilities, thus different KVS deployments may make use of it. Our experiments show that our method performs well on changing workloads including data access skew aspects. In addition, we evaluate our strategy on scenarios when storage nodes heterogeneity changes. The results demonstrate that our approach can adapt, building up on the knowledge about the storage node's performance it has already acquired.

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