

Experiences Scaling Use of Google's Sawzall

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Programming, not Theory

Not focus on theory.

- No theorems.
- No models.
- No algorithms.

Focus on users' programming of parallel systems.

- Users write code.
 - Not system developers.
- Users write tests.

Summary

Sawzall eases writing map reductions.

Structured Sawzall scales.

Parallel system API should

- separate fundamental model concepts.
 - Ex: map reduction = **map** + **reduce** + **record enumeration**
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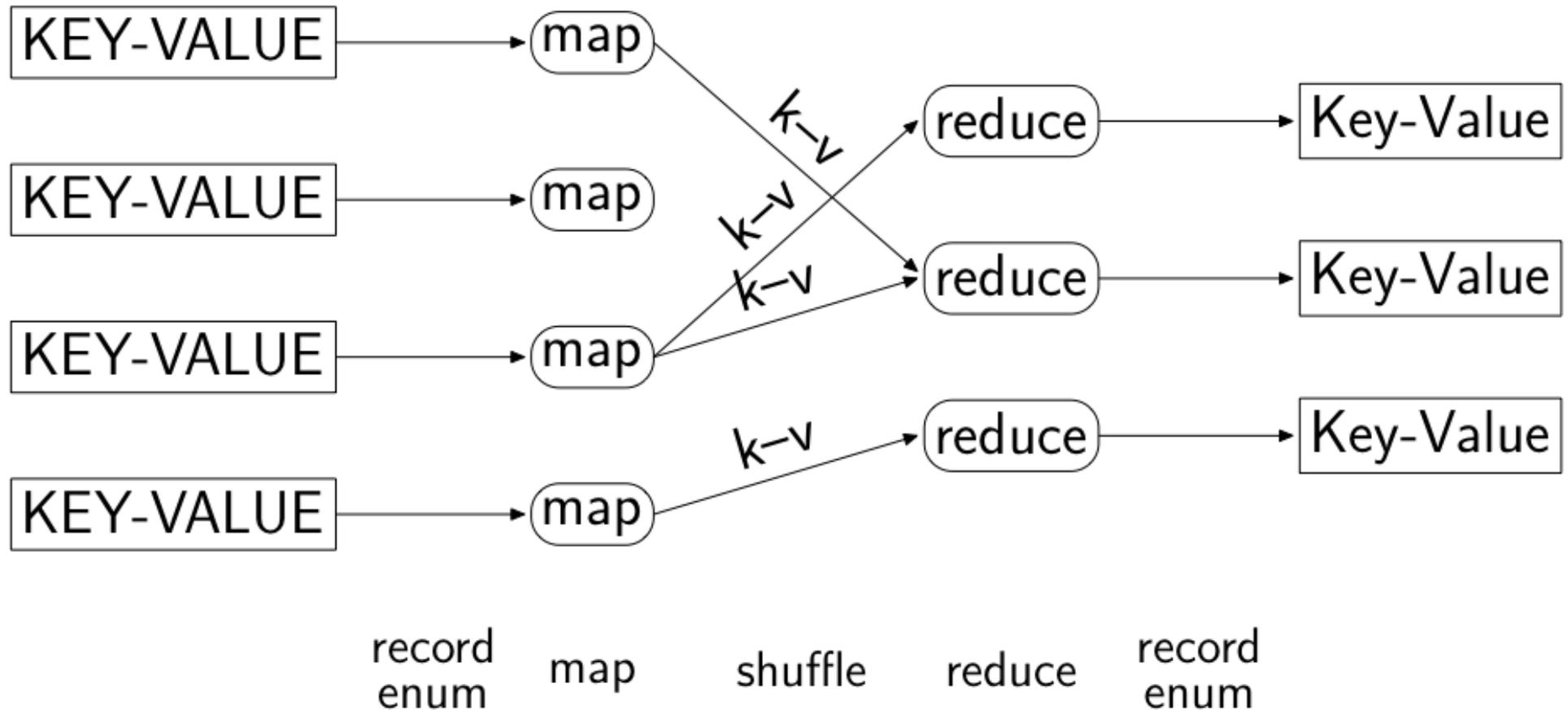
Outline

Map reductions and MapReduce

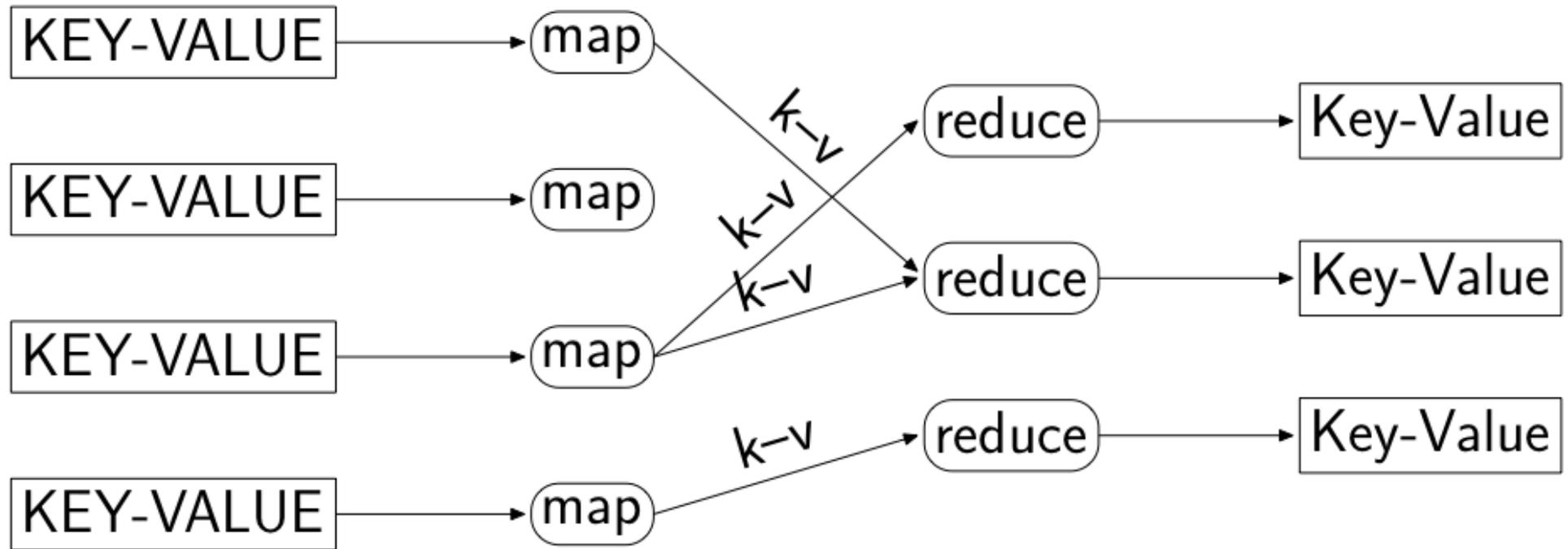
Map reductions and Saw + Sawzall

Structured Saw + Sawzall

Map Reduction



MapReduce: C++ Library



MapReduce

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enum

shuffle

record
enum

user code

minor
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key
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reduce
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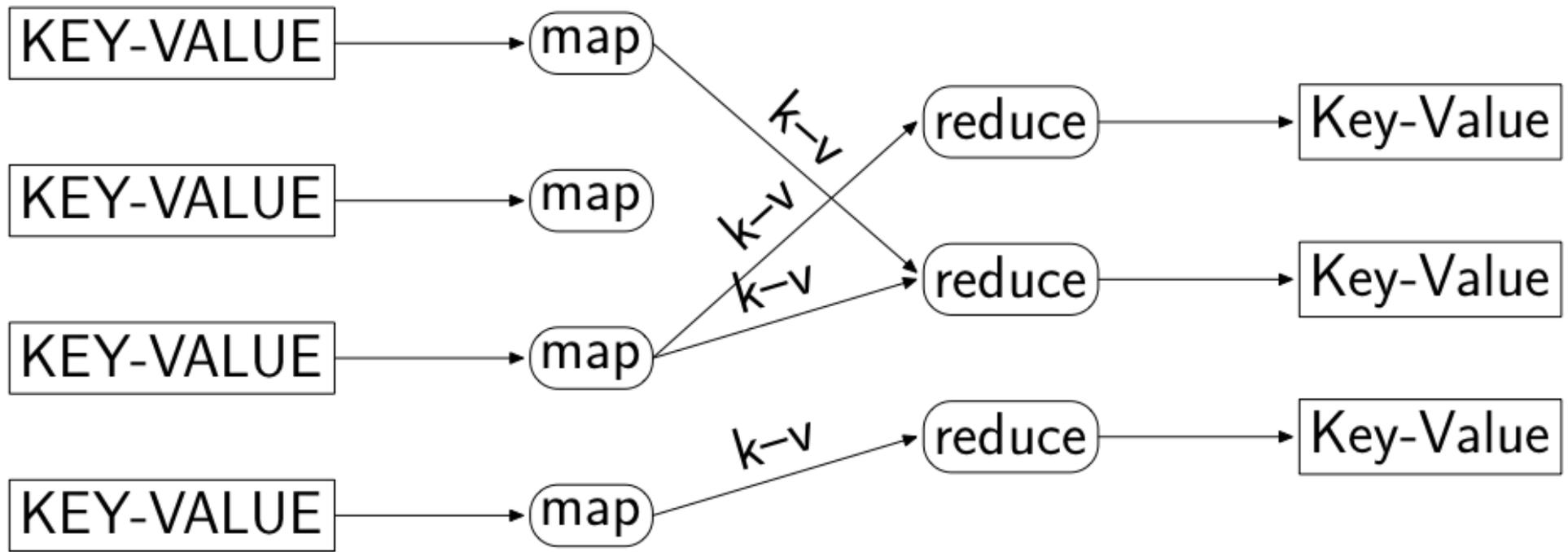
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Sawzall: Simpler Map Reductions



saw+Sawzall

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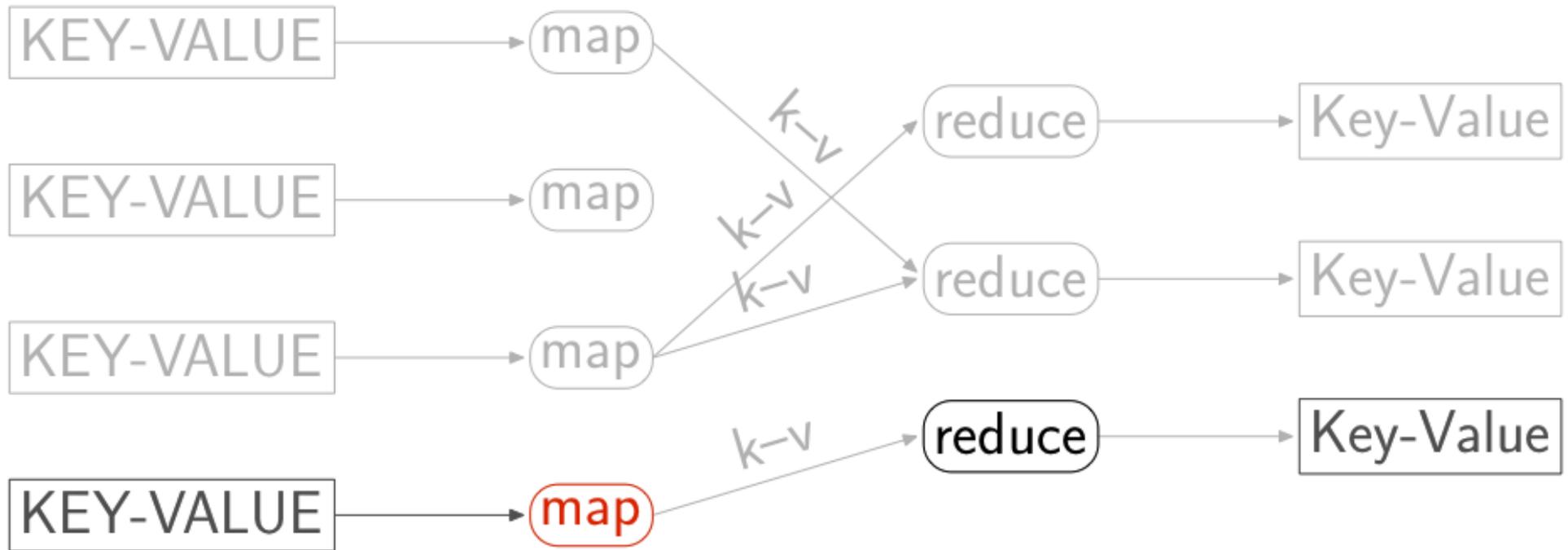
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Sawzall Mental Model: One Record



saw+Sawzall	record enum	shuffle; sharding	reductions	record enum
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Sample Program

Compute the query number per latitude-longitude degree.

Sawzall query-location.sz1:

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proto "querylog.proto"  
queries_per_degree: table sum[lat: int][lon: int] of int;  
log_record: QueryLogProto = input;  
loc: Location = locationinfo(log_record.ip);  
emit queries_per_degree[int(loc.lat)][int(loc.lon)] <- 1;
```

Shell code:

```
saw --program=query-location.sz1 --input=... --output=...
```

Saw + Sawzall Use

Used

- since 2003
- by 100s of Googlers
- in 1000s of programs
- to compute a lot of data
- that is directly or indirectly externally facing.

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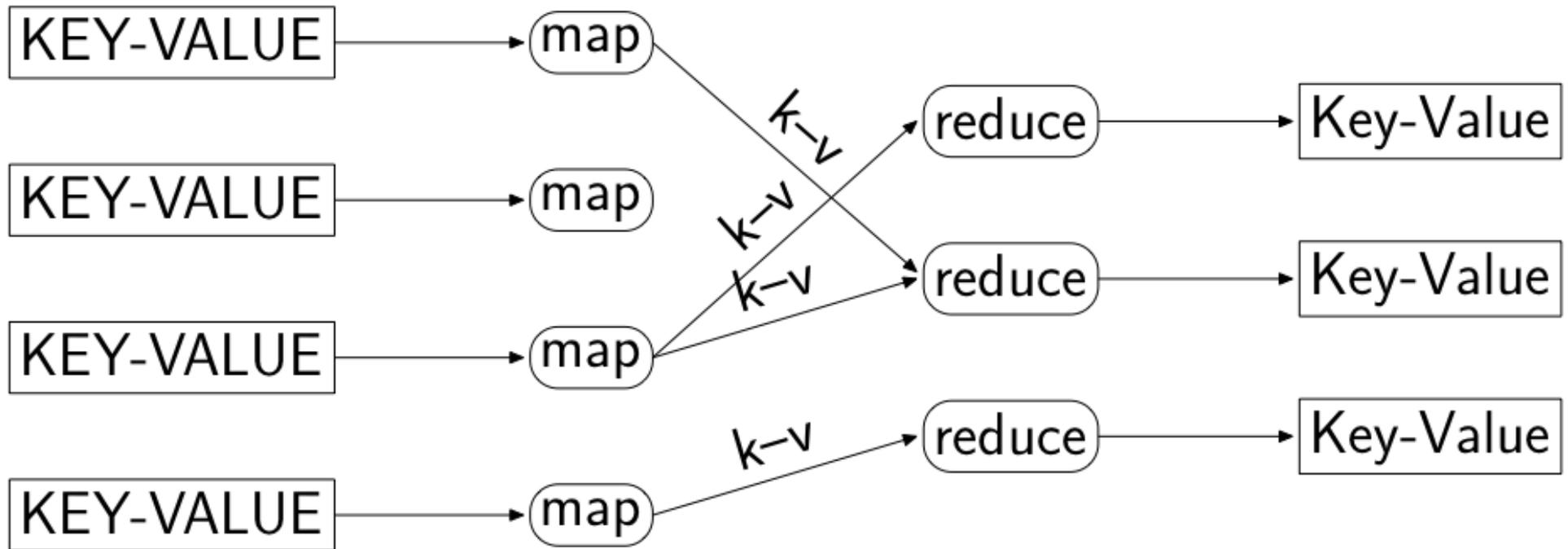
Structured Saw + Sawzall

Scaling Programs

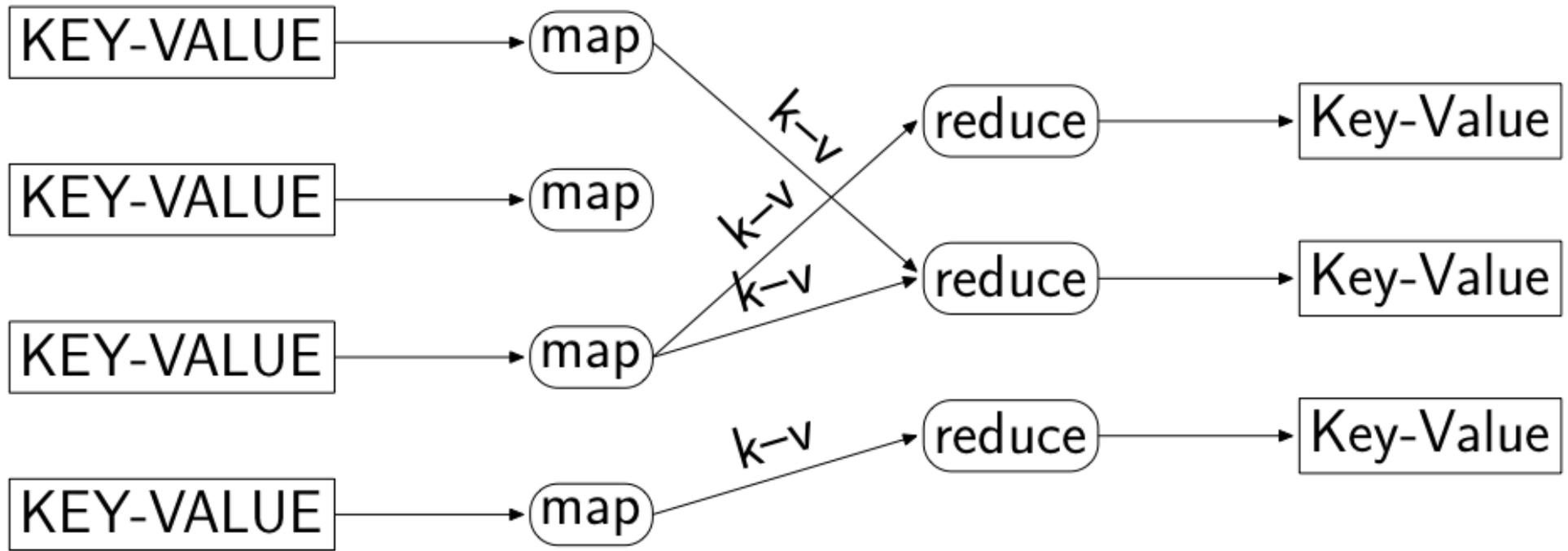
Code ecosystems support sharing tested code.

- + Sawzall function libraries have tests.
- Programs shared by copying.
- Typically untested.

Sawzall Testing Model: Map Reduction



Structured Pgms: Separate Concepts



saw+Sawzall

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map: function(log: QueryLogProto,  
              reduce: function(int, int)) {  
  loc: Location = locationinfo(log_record.ip);  
  reduce(loc.lat, loc.lon);  
}
```

```
reduce: function(lat: int, lon: int) {  
  queries_per_degree: table sum[lat: int][lon: int] of int;  
  emit queries_per_degree[int(loc.lat)][int(loc.lon)] <- 1;  
}
```

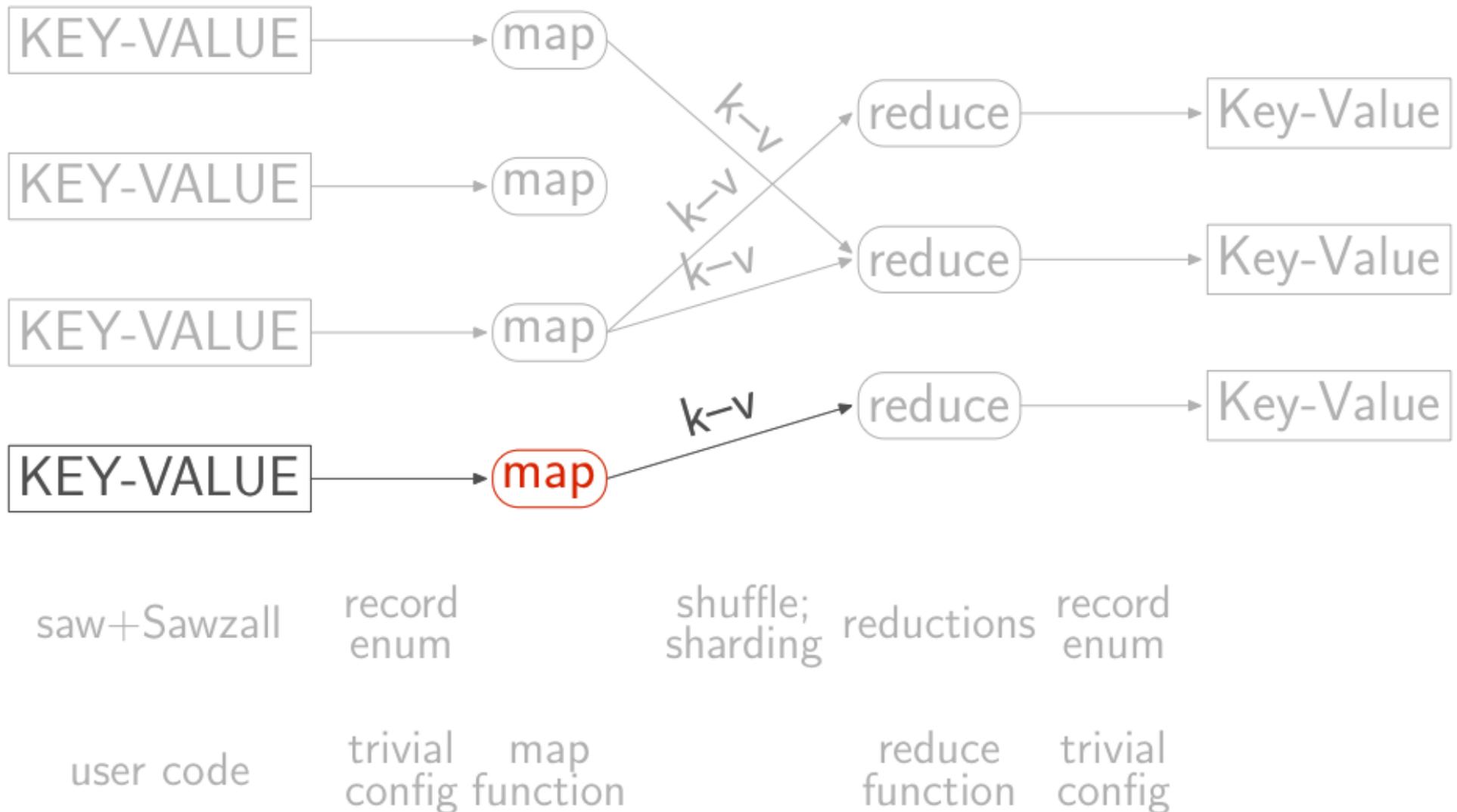
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log_record: QueryLogProto = input;
```

```
map(log_record, reduce);
```

Shell code:

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```

Structured Testing Model



Test Structured Programs

Test map functions ...

- one record at a time ...
- using mocked reduce function.
- Advantages:
 - No distributed I/O.
 - Single processor only.

Not test

- reduce functions or
- order enumeration.

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MapReduce

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