

# Lesson 5: Advanced Applications

## 5.7 Training Models with `spark.ml`

# spark.ml API

- **ML Dataset:** Uses Spark SQL `DataFrames` to hold variety of data types (including `Vectors` and predictions)
- **Transformer:** Algorithm which transforms one `DataFrame` into another (models, feature engineering, etc.)
- **Estimator:** Algorithm which can be fit on a `DataFrame` to produce a `Transformer` (learning algorithm which produces a model)
- **Pipeline:** Chains multiple `Transformers` and `Estimators` together into a workflow
- **Param:** All `Transformers` and `Estimators` share a common API for specifying parameters
- **Evaluator:** Operates on a `DataFrame` of predictions and computes an evaluation metric



