DataFrames for Large-scale Data Science

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Year of the lamb, goat, sheep, and ram ...?

A slide from 2013 ...

Spark

Fast and expressive cluster computing system interoperable with Apache Hadoop

Improves efficiency through:

- » In-memory computing primitives
- » General computation graphs

Up to 100× faster (2-10× on disk)

Improves usability through:

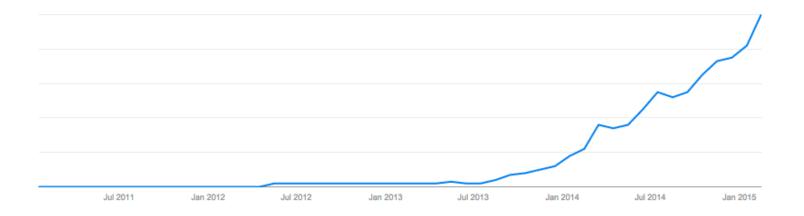
- » Rich APIs in Scala, Java, Python
- » Interactive shell

→ Often 5× less code

From MapReduce to Spark

```
public static class WordCountMapClass extends MapReduceBase
  implements Mapper<LongWritable, Text, Text, IntWritable> {
  private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
  private Text word = new Text();
  public void map (LongWritable key, Text value,
                  OutputCollector<Text, IntWritable> output,
                  Reporter reporter) throws IOException
    String line = value.toString();
    StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(line);
   while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
      word.set(itr.nextToken());
      output.collect(word, one);
public static class WorkdCountReduce extends MapReduceBase
  implements Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {
  public void reduce(Text key, Iterator<IntWritable> values,
                     OutputCollector<Text, IntWritable> output,
                     Reporter reporter) throws IOException {
    int sum = 0;
    while (values.hasNext()) {
      sum += values.next().get();
    output.collect(key, new IntWritable(sum));
```

Spark's Growth



Google Trends for "Apache Spark"



Beyond Hadoop Users

Early adopters







Users

Understands MapReduce & functional APIs



Data Scientists Statisticians R users ... PyData



RDD API

- Most data is structured (JSON, CSV, Avro, Parquet, Hive ...)
 - Programming RDDs inevitably ends up with a lot of tuples (_1, _2, ...)

 Functional transformations (e.g. map/reduce) are not as intuitive

```
pdata.map(lambda x: (x.dept, [x.age, 1])) \
    .reduceByKey(lambda x, y: [x[0] + y[0], x[1] + y[1]]) \
    .map(lambda x: [x[0], x[1][0] / x[1][1]]) \
    .collect()
```

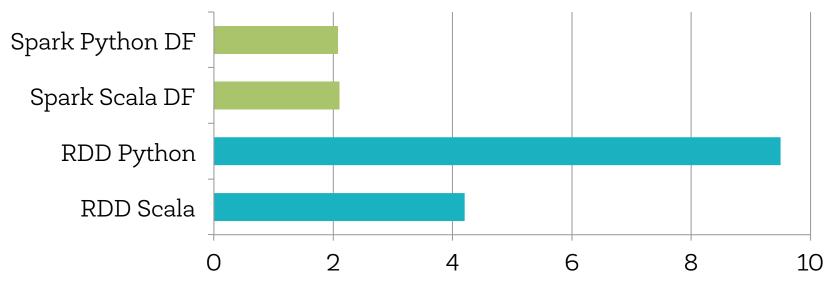
data.groupBy("dept").avg("age")



DataFrames in Spark

- Distributed collection of data grouped into named columns (i.e. RDD with schema)
- Domain-specific functions designed for common tasks
 - Metadata
 - Sampling
 - Project, filter, aggregation, join, ...
 - UDFs
- Available in Python, Scala, Java, and R (via SparkR)





Runtime performance of aggregating 10 million int pairs (secs)



Agenda

- Introduction
- Learn by demo
- Design & internals
 - API design
 - Plan optimization
 - Integration with data sources

Learn by Demo (in a Databricks Cloud Notebook)

- Creation
- Project
- Filter
- Aggregations
- Join
- SQL
- UDFs
- Pandas

For the purpose of distributing the slides online, I'm attaching screenshots of the notebooks.

DataFrames for Large-scale Data Science I'm going to walk through a few examples, covering:

- DataFrame creation
- Viewing data samples
- Project
- Filter
- Aggregations
- Joins
- UDFs
- Pandas integration



Creating DataFrames

1. from a table in Hive

```
> commits = sqlContext.table("sparkCommits")
  Command took 0.04s
> commits.dtypes
  Out[61]:
  [('commitHash', 'string'),
   ('parentHashes', 'string'),
   ('authorName', 'string'),
   ('authorEmail', 'string'),
   ('authorDate', 'string'),
   ('committerName', 'string'),
   ('committerEmail', 'string'),
   ('committerDate', 'string'),
   ('encoding', 'string'),
   ('subject', 'string'),
   ('body', 'string')]
```



> display(commits.limit(5))

| commitHash | parentHashes | authorName | authorEmail | auth |
|--|--|-------------|---------------------|------|
| f48199eb354d6ec8675c2c1f96c3005064058d66 | 0765af9b21e9204c410c7a849c7201bc3eda8cc3 | Reynold Xin | rxin@databricks.com | 142 |
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Command took 0.05s

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2. from files (e.g. JSON, Parquet) with automatic schema inference

```
# If the underlying format has self-describing schema, DataFrames will use that schema.
# For JSON, it will automatically infer the schema based on the data.
tweets = sqlContext.load("/home/rxin/tweets-demo.json", "json")
Command took 2.22s
```

tweets.printSchema()

```
root
 |-- coordinates: struct (nullable = true)
     |-- coordinates: array (nullable = true)
           |-- element: double (containsNull = false)
      |-- type: string (nullable = true)
 |-- created_at: string (nullable = true)
 I-- entities: struct (nullable = true)
      |-- hashtags: array (nullable = true)
           |-- element: struct (containsNull = false)
           | |-- indices: array (nullable = true)
                     |-- element: long (containsNull = false)
                |-- text: string (nullable = true)
      |-- media: array (nullable = true)
           |-- element: struct (containsNull = false)
                |-- display_url: string (nullable = true)
```



3. from RDDs

```
# Turn a RDD of tuples into a DataFrame with two columns: key and value
rdd = sc.parallelize(range(10)).map(lambda x: (str(x), x))
kvdf = rdd.toDF(["key", "value"])
Command took 0.33s
```

display(kvdf)

| key | value |
|-----|-------|
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 7 |
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In Scala, you can create DataFrames from RDD/Seq of case classes/tuples

```
> val df = Seq(("Reynold Xin", 1), ("Michael Armbrust", 2)).toDF("name", "id")
  df: org.apache.spark.sql.DataFrame = [name: string, id: int]
  Command took 0.27s
  df.show()
                    id
  name
  Reynold Xin
  Michael Armbrust 2
  Command took 0.16s
> case class Person(name: String, id: Int)
  val df1 = Seq(Person("Reynold Xin", 1), Person("Michael Armbrust", 2)).toDF
  df1.show()
                    id
  name
  Reynold Xin
  Michael Armbrust 2
  defined class Person
  df1: org.apache.spark.sql.DataFrame = [name: string, id: int]
  Command took 0.95s
```



Filter

```
> c = commits
display(c[c.authorEmail == "rxin@databricks.com"])
```

| commitHash | parentHashes | authorName | authorEmail | authorDate | committerName | committerEmail |
|--|--|-------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| f48199eb354d6ec8675c2c1f96c3005064058d66 | 0765af9b21e9204c410c7a849c7201bc3eda8cc3 | Reynold Xin | rxin@databricks.com | 1423522306 | Reynold Xin | rxin@databricks.com |
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Command took 0.07s

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Project (i.e. selecting some fields)

display(c.filter(c.authorEmail.like("rxin%")).select(c.authorDate, c.subject))

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Use a Python UDF to convert time

```
from pyspark.sql.types import IntegerType, TimestampType, DateType
from datetime import datetime, tzinfo

# Define a UDF that convert the timestamp into a DataType
toDate = udf(lambda x: datetime.utcfromtimestamp(float(x)), DateType())

# Define a UDF that computes time of day with timezone offsets
hourOfDay = udf(lambda x: (datetime.utcfromtimestamp(float(x)).hour + 16) % 24, IntegerType())
```

> display(c.filter(c.authorEmail.like("rxin%")).select(toDate(c.authorDate).alias("commitDate"), c.subject))

| commitDate | subject | | |
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| 2013-05-15 | Added derby dependency to Maven pom files for the JDBC Java test. | | |
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| 2014-10-21 | Update Building Spark link. | | |
| 2014-09-08 | [SPARK-3019] Pluggable block transfer interface (BlockTransferService) | | |
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Aggregations

```
> from pyspark.sql.functions import *
def desc(colName):
    return col(colName).desc()
```

> display(c.groupBy("authorName").count().sort(desc("count")).limit(10))

| authorName | count |
|--------------------|-------|
| Matei Zaharia | 1585 |
| Patrick Wendell | 812 |
| Reynold Xin | 778 |
| Tathagata Das | 354 |
| Mosharaf Chowdhury | 290 |
| Ankur Dave | 264 |
| Josh Rosen | 227 |
| Joseph E. Gonzalez | 185 |
| Drachant Charma | 100 |

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Command took 0.43s



Joining two data sets

```
> f = sqlContext.table("sparkFilesChanged")
  Command took 0.07s
> display(f.head(5))
   commitHash
                                                                                path
                                                                                project/SparkBuild.scala
   0734d09320fe37edd3a02718511cda0bda852478
                                                                                core/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/mapred/SparkHadoopMapRedUtil.scala
   26d31d15fda3f63707a28d1a1115770ad127cf8f
                                                                                project/MimaExcludes.scala
   26d31d15fda3f63707a28d1a1115770ad127cf8f
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   9b6ebe33db27be38c3036ffeda17096043fb0fb9
                                                                                sql/catalyst/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/sql/catalyst/SqlParser.scala
   Command took 0.43s
```

```
> # How many authors have changed each file?
display(
   f.join(c, f.commitHash == c.commitHash)
        .groupBy("path").agg(col("path"), countDistinct("authorName").alias("numAuthors"))
        .sort(desc("numAuthors"))
}
```

| path | numAuthors |
|---|------------|
| project/SparkBuild.scala | 86 |
| core/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/SparkContext.scala | 72 |
| pom.xml | 66 |
| core/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/util/Utils.scala | 61 |
| docs/configuration.md | 53 |
| core/pom.xml | 45 |
| ec2/spark_ec2.py | 43 |
| core/src/main/scala/org/apache/spark/rdd/RDD.scala | 43 |
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| Showing the first 1000 rows. | |

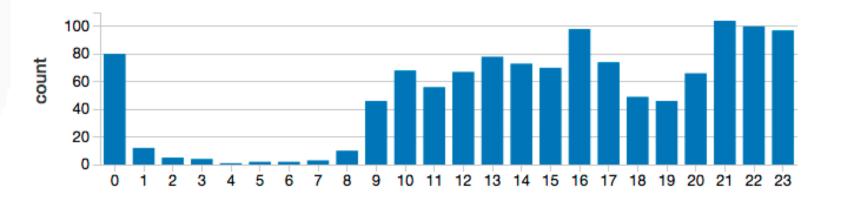




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Question: when does Reynold go to bed and wake up?

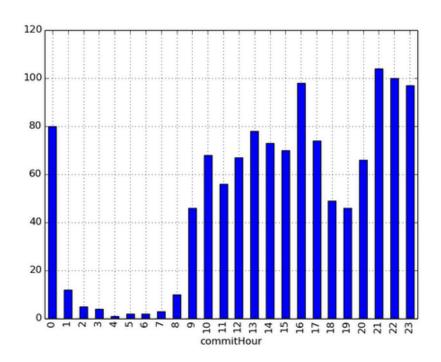
```
> byHours = (c.select(c.committerName, hourOfDay(c.committerDate).cast("string").alias("commitHour"))
    .filter(c.committerName == "Reynold Xin")
    .groupBy("commitHour").count())
display(byHours)
```





Integrating with Pandas

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.clf()
byHours.toPandas().plot(x='commitHour', y='count', kind='bar')
display()
```





You can also run SQL over DataFrames

> c.registerTempTable("commits")

Command took 0.07s

> %sql describe commits

| col_name | data_type | comment |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| commitHash | string | |
| parentHashes | string | |
| authorName | string | |
| authorEmail | string | |
| authorDate | string | |
| committerName | string | |
| committerEmail | string | |
| committerDate | string | |
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Command took 0.02s

> %sql select authorName, count(*) cnt from commits group by authorName order by cnt desc limit 5

| authorName | cnt |
|--------------------|------|
| Matei Zaharia | 1585 |
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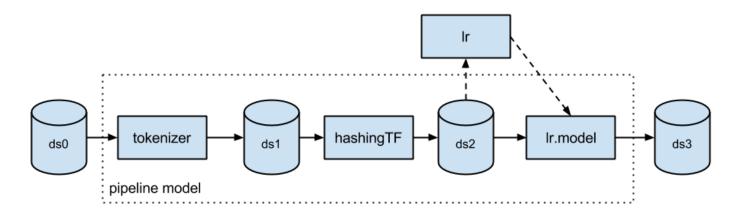


Command took 0.36s

Machine Learning Integration

```
tokenizer = Tokenizer(inputCol="text", outputCol="words")
hashingTF = HashingTF(inputCol="words", outputCol="features")
lr = LogisticRegression(maxIter=10, regParam=0.01)
pipeline = Pipeline(stages=[tokenizer, hashingTF, lr])

df = context.load("/path/to/data")
model = pipeline.fit(df)
```





Design Philosophy

Simple tasks easy

- DSL for common operations
- Infer schema automatically (CSV, Parquet, JSON, ...)
- MLlib pipeline integration

Performance

- Catalyst optimizer
- Code generation

Complex tasks possible

- RDD API
- Full expression library

Interoperability

- Various data sources and formats
- Pandas, R, Hive ...

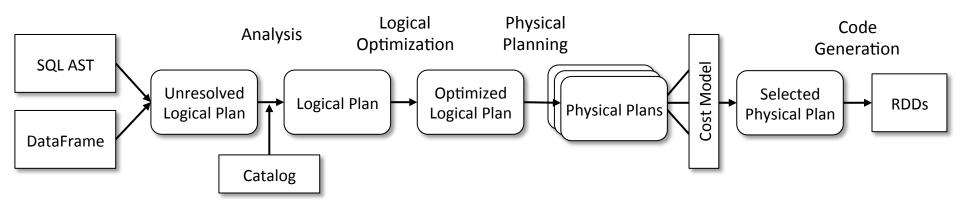


DataFrame Internals

Represented internally as a "logical plan"

• Execution is lazy, allowing it to be optimized by Catalyst

Plan Optimization & Execution



DataFrames and SQL share the same optimization/execution pipeline

DataFrame is represented internally as a "logical plan"

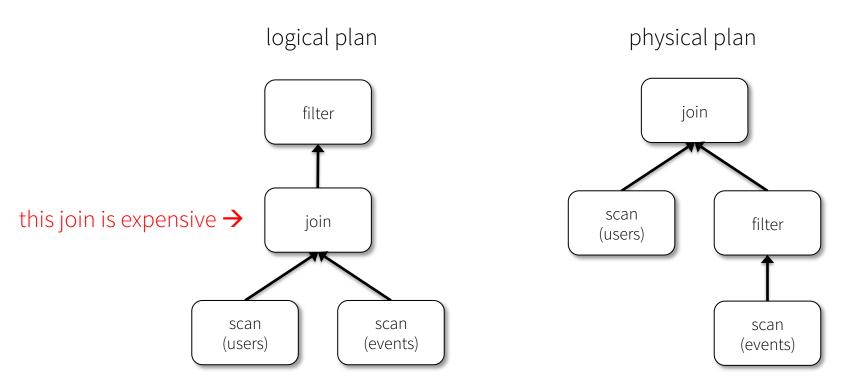
```
> c.select(c.authorName, c.subject).filter(c.authorName == "Reynold Xin").explain(extended = True)
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                 Project [authorName#27, subject#34]
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            Filter (authorName#27 = Reynold Xin)
                PhysicalRDD [authorName#27,subject#34], MapPartitionsRDD[162] at map at newParquet.scala:499
            Code Generation: false
            == RDD ==
```

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Command took 0.08s

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joined = users.join(events, users.id == events.uid)
filtered = joined.filter(events.date >= "2015-01-01")





Data Sources supported by DataFrames

built-in















Postgre**SQL**

external















and more ...

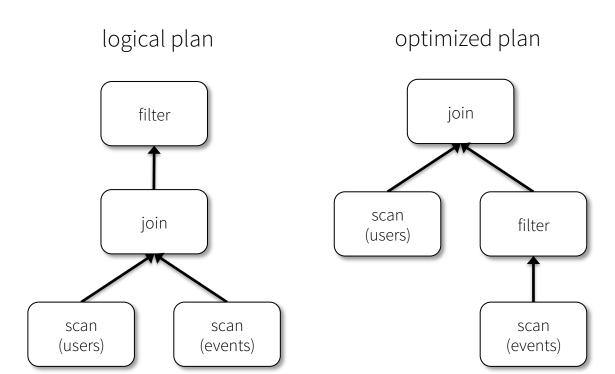


More Than Naïve Scans

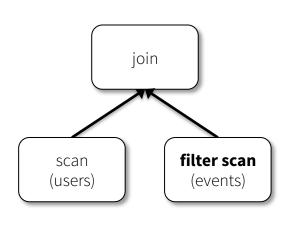
- Data Sources API can automatically prune columns and push filters to the source
 - Parquet: skip irrelevant columns and blocks of data; turn string comparison into integer comparisons for dictionary encoded data
 - JDBC: Rewrite queries to push predicates down



joined = users.join(events, users.id == events.uid)
filtered = joined.filter(events.date > "2015-01-01")



optimized plan with intelligent data sources

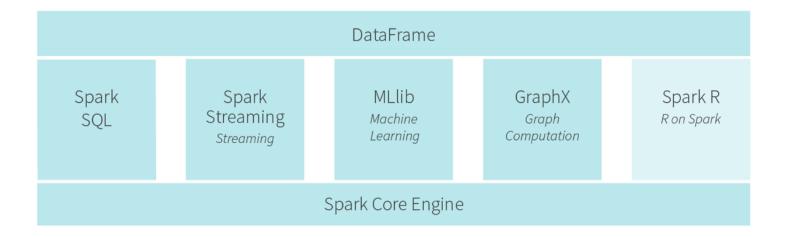


DataFrames in Spark

- APIs in Python, Java, Scala, and R (via SparkR)
- For new users: make it easier to program Big Data
- For existing users: make Spark programs simpler & easier to understand, while improving performance
- Experimental API in Spark 1.3 (early March)

Our Vision

Alpha / Pre-alpha





Thank you! Questions?

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More Information

Blog post introducing DataFrames:

http://tinyurl.com/spark-dataframes

Build from source:

http://github.com/apache/spark (branch-1.3)

