AN INTRODUCTION TO SPARK AND TO ITS PROGRAMMING MODEL



Introduction to Apache Spark

- Fast, expressive cluster computing system compatible with Apache Hadoop
- It is much faster and much easier than Hadoop MapReduce to use due its rich APIs
- Large community
- Goes far beyond batch applications to support a variety of workloads:
 - including interactive queries, streaming, machine learning, and graph processing



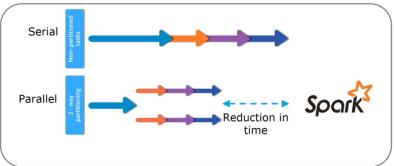


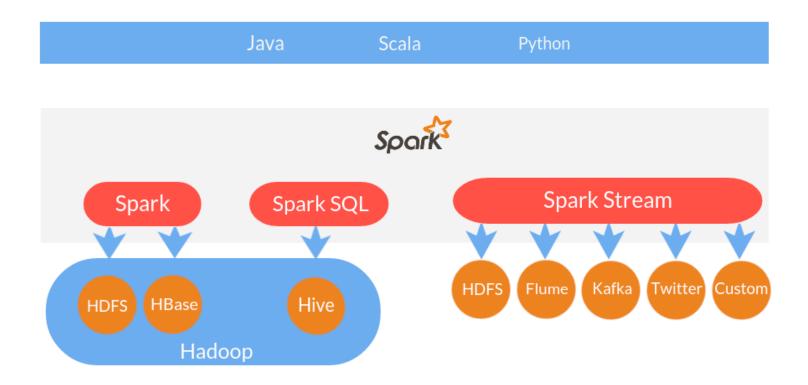
Figure: Real Time Processing In Spark

Figure: Data Parallelism In Spark

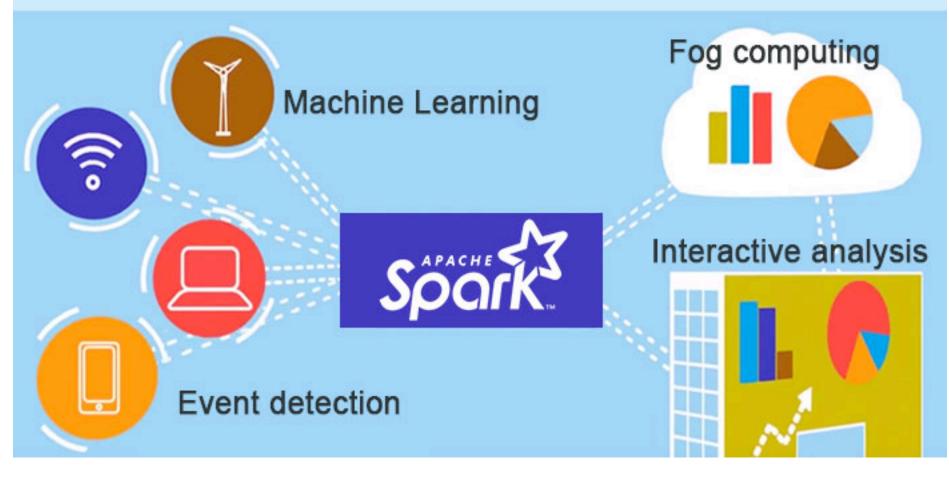


Introduction to Apache Spark

- General-purpose cluster in-memory computing system
- Provides high-level APIs in Java, Scala, python



Apache Spark Applications





Uses Cases

NETFLIX

Uses Spark Streaming to provide the best-in-class movie streaming and recommendation tool to its users.



Oses Spark to collect TBs
of raw and unstructured
data every day from its
users to convert it into
structured data. This
makes it ready for further
complex analytics.



Feeds real-time data into
Spark via Spark Streaming to
get instant insights on how
users are engaging with Pins
globally. This makes
Pinterest's recommendations
(i.e. to show Pins) to be
accurate.



Uses Cases

Spark Use Cases

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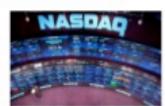
Twitter Sentiment Analysis With Spark

Trending Topics can be used to create campaigns and attract larger audience Sentiment helps in crisis management, service adjusting and target marketing



NYSE: Real Time Analysis of Stock Market Data





Banking: Credit Card Fraud Detection















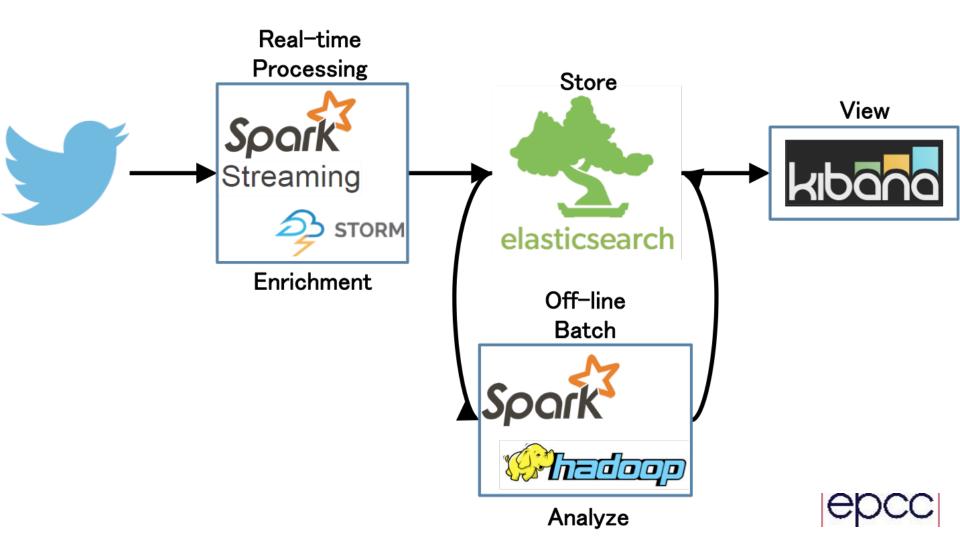






Real Time Data Architecture for analyzing tweets

- Twitter Sentiment Analysis



Spark Ecosystem

Spark SQL structured data

Spark Streaming real-time

MLib machine learning GraphX graph processing

Spark Core

Standalone Scheduler

YARN

Mesos



Spark Core

- Contains the basic functionality for
 - task scheduling,
 - memory management,
 - fault recovery,
 - interacting with storage systems,
 - and more.
- Defines the Resilient Distributed Data sets (RDDs)
 - main Spark programming abstraction.



Spark SQL

- For working with structured data.
- View datasets as relational tables
- Define a schema of columns for a dataset
- Perform SQL queries
- Supports many sources of data
 - Hive tables, Parquet and JSON
- DataFrame



Spark Streaming

- Data analysis of streaming data
 - e.g. log files generated by production web servers
- Aimed at hight-throughput and fault-tolerant stream processing
- Dstream → Stream of datasets that contain data from certal interval





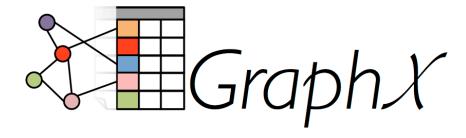
Spark MLlib

- MLlib is a library that contains common Machine Learning (ML) functionality:
 - Basic statistics
 - Classification (Naïve Bayes, decision tress, LR)
 - Clustering (k-means, Gaussian mixture, ...)
 - And many others!
- All the methods are designed to scale out across a cluster.



Spark GraphX

- Graph Processing Library
- Defines a graph abstraction
 - Directed multi-graph
 - Properties attached to each edge and vertex
 - RDDs for edges and vertices
- Provides various operators for manipulating graphs (e.g. subgraph and mapVertices)



Programming with Python Spark (pySpark)

- We will use Python's interface to Spark called pySpark
- A driver program accesses the Spark environment through a SparkContext objet
- They key concept in Spark are datasets called RDDs (Resilient Distributed Dateset)
- Basic idea: We load our data into RDDs and perform some operations

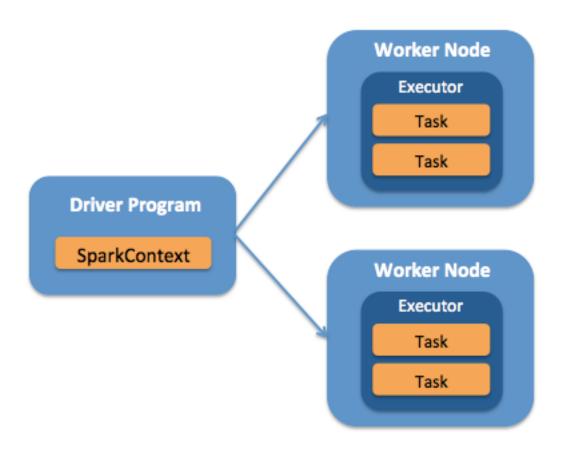


Programming environment - Spark concepts

- Driver programs access Spark through a SparkContext object which represents a connection to the computing cluster.
- In a shell the SparkContext is created for you and available as the variable sc.
- You can use it to build Resilient Distributed Data (RDD) objects.
- Driver programs manage a number of worker nodes called executors.



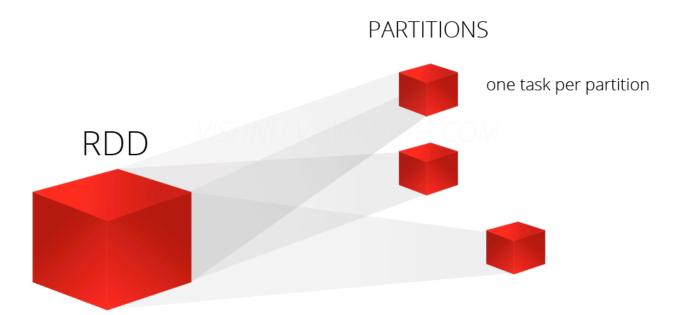
Programming environment- Spark concepts





RDD abstraction

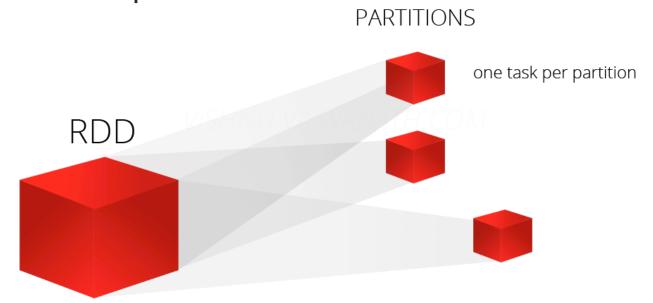
- Represent data or transformations on data
- It is distributed collection of items partitions
- Read-only → they are immutable
- Enables operations to be performed in parallel





RDD abstraction

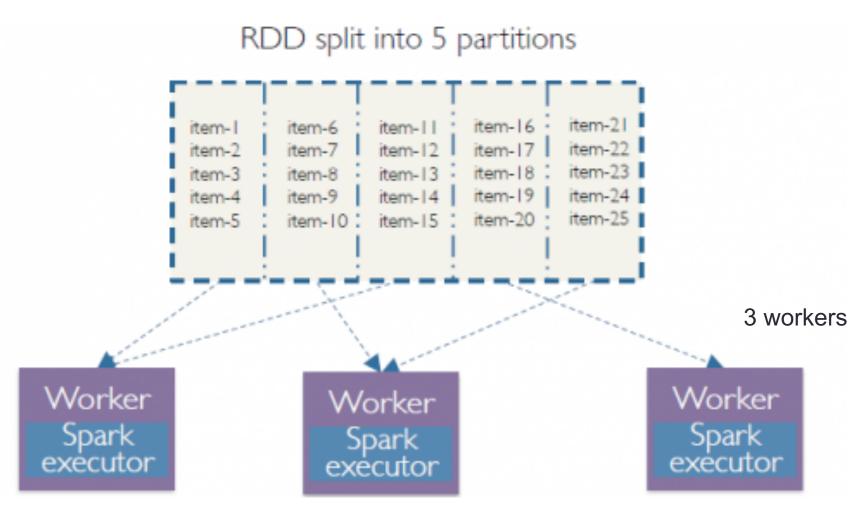
- Fault tolerant:
 - Lineage of data is preserved, so data can be re-created on a new node at any time
- Caching dataset in memory
 - different storage levels available
 - fallback to disk possible



Programming with RDDs

- All work is expressed as either:
 - creating new RDDs
 - transforming existing RDDs
 - calling operations on RDDs to compute a result.
- Distributes the data contained in RDDs across the nodes (executors) in the cluster and parallelizes the operations.
- Each RDD is split into multiple partitions, which can be computed on different nodes of the cluster.

Partition





An RDD can be created 2 ways

Parallelize a collection

```
# Parallelize in Python
wordsRDD = sc.parallelize(["fish", "cats", "dogs"])
```

Read from File

```
# Read a local txt file in Python
linesRDD = sc.textFile("/path/to/README.md")
```

- Take an existing in-memory collection and pass it to SparkContext's parallelize method
- Not generally used outside of prototyping and testing since it requires entire dataset in memor on one machine

- There are other methods to read data from HDFS, C*, S3, HBase, etc.



First Program!



RDD operations

- Once created, RDDs offer two types of operations:
 - transformations
 - transformations include map, filter, join
 - lazy operation to build RDDs from other RDDs
 - actions
 - actions include count, collect, save
 - return a result or write it to storage



Transformation vs Actions

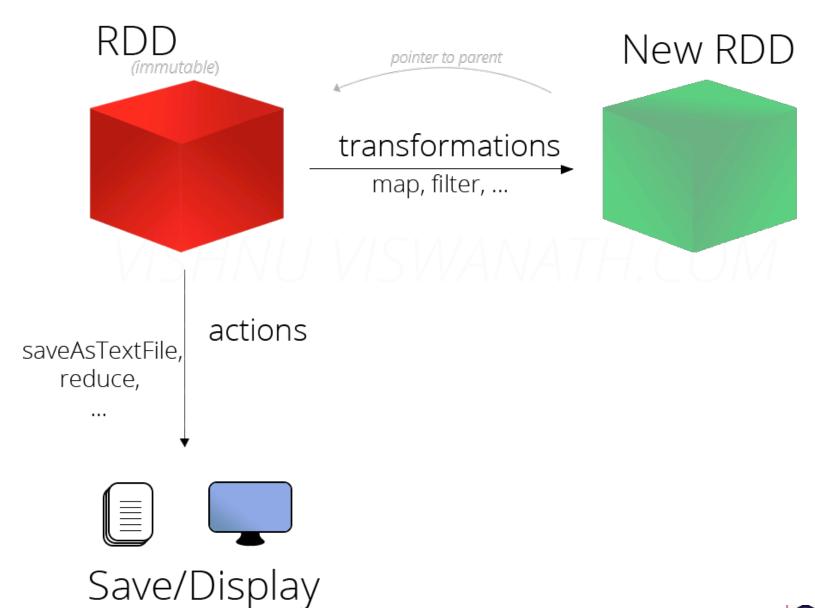
Transformations

```
map (func)
flatMap(func)
filter(func)
groupByKey()
reduceByKey(func)
mapValues(func)
sample(...)
union(other)
distinct()
sortByKey()
...
```

Actions

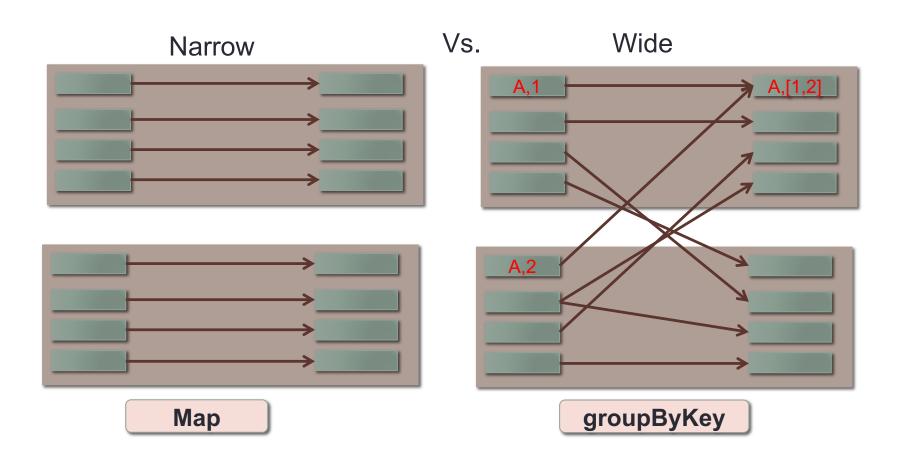
```
reduce(func)
collect()
count()
first()
take(n)
saveAsTextFile(path)
countByKey()
foreach(func)
...
```







Narrow Vs. Wide transformation



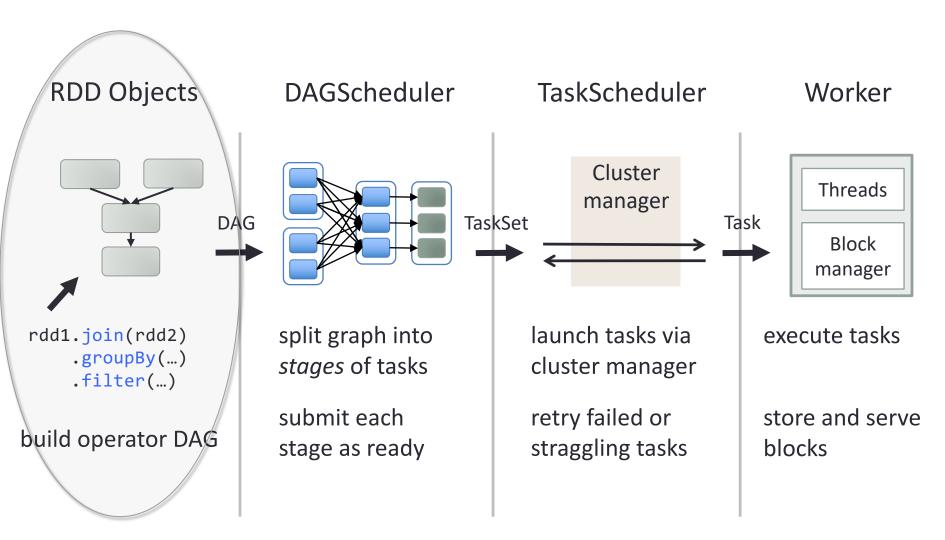


Life cycle of Spark Program

- 1) Create some input RDDs from external data or parallelize a collection in your driver program.
- 2) Lazily transform them to define new RDDs using transformations like filter() or map()
- 1) Ask Spark to cache() any intermediate RDDs that will need to be reused.
- 2) Launch actions such as count() and collect() to kick off a parallel computation, which is then optimized and executed by Spark.



Job scheduling





Example: Mining Console Logs

Load error messages from a log into memory, then interactively search for patterns

```
Base
                                                    Transformed
                                                                          Cache 1
                                        RDD
                                                        RDD
                                                                    Worker
lines = spark.textFile("hdfs://...")
                                                           tasks
errors = lines.filter(lambda s: s.startswith("ERROR"))
                                                                     Block 1
                                                       Driver
messages = errors.map(lambda s: s.split('\t')[2])
                                                               results
messages.cache()
                                             Action
                                                                       Cache 2
messages.filter(lambda s: "foo" in s).count()
                                                                     Worker
messages.filter(lambda s: "bar" in s).count()
                                                     Cache 3
                                                                    Block 2
                                                   Worker
                                                    Block 3
```



Some Apache Spark tutorials

- https://www.cloudera.com/documentation/enterprise/5-7-x/PDF/clouderaspark.pdf
- https://stanford.edu/~rezab/sparkclass/slides/itas_workshop.pdf
- https://www.coursera.org/learn/big-data-essentials
- https://www.cloudera.com/documentation/enterprise/5-6-x/PDF/clouderaspark.pdf



Spark: when not to use

- Even though Spark is versatile, that doesn't mean Spark's in-memory capabilities are the best fit for all use cases:
 - For many simple use cases Apache MapReduce and Hive might be a more appropriate choice
 - Spark was not designed as a multi-user environment
 - Spark users are required to know that memory they have is sufficient for a dataset
 - Adding more users adds complications, since the users will have to coordinate memory usage to run code

