ID2221 – Lab 3 Spark Streaming, Kafka and Cassandra

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1. Introduction

In this lab, we are given the task of implementation a Spark Streaming application that reads streaming data in Kafka (in a key, value format), and stores the average of each key in Cassandra, calculating and updating this value continuously.

2. Code explanation

The code ("KafkaSpark.scala") is pretty straightforward to understand. The main function of the KafkaSpark object:

- Initializes the Cassandra Scheme and table (if it does not exist yet) in order to store the results.
- Connects to Kafka in order to read the stream of data generated by the generator script.
- Does a mapping word -> count.
- Averages up all the counts by words.
- Records the results to Cassandra.

3. Running the script

In order to test the solution:

- (1) Create the Kafka topic "avg".
- (2) Launch kafka and cassandra (as it is mentioned in the assignment description).
- (3) Execute "sbt run" in both generator and SparkStreaming folders in parallel.
- (4) Check the content of Cassandra table "avg_space.avg", by entering the Cassandra command line and doing: use avg_space; and then select * from avg;

4. Results

We got the following results after executing the generator for about 30 seconds:

```
cqlsh:avg_space> select * from avg;
  ord | count
    z | 15.90423
a | 15.91878
    c | 15.93994
      15.94357
        15.34126
15.93955
        15.91628
       15.83854
       15.91728
        15.90199
15.83402
        15.78686
        15.35929
        15.78637
        15.94006
15.9487
        15.92539
        15.93233
         15.9392
        15.99458
15.97127
        15.91599
         15.98311
        15.93112
        15.82516
15.88258
(26 rows)
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