

Ex. No. 3	Basic RDD Transformations and Actions in Spark
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AIM

To understand and implement basic **RDD Transformations** (map, filter, flatMap, reduceByKey) and a variety of **RDD Actions** (retrieval and aggregation) in Apache Spark using PySpark.

Procedure:

1. Start Spark Environment

- Install and configure Apache Spark and Python (PySpark).
- Set environment variables SPARK_HOME and update PATH.
- Open **PySpark shell** or a **Jupyter Notebook** with PySpark support.

2. Initialize SparkContext

- Import SparkContext from pyspark.
- Create a SparkContext object with a descriptive application name.

3. Create an RDD

- Use parallelize() to create an RDD from a Python list.
- Alternatively, load from an external text file using textFile().

4. Apply Transformations

- **flatMap()** → Split sentences into words.
- **map()** → Create key-value pairs (word, 1).
- **reduceByKey()** → Count word occurrences.
- **filter()** → Select words with frequency above a threshold.

5. Perform Actions

- **Retrieval Actions:** collect(), take(), takeSample(), takeOrdered(), top(), first(), isEmpty(), foreach().

- **Aggregation Actions:** count(), countByValue(), reduce(), fold(), aggregate().

6. Display and Compare Results

- Print outputs for each action.
- Observe differences between **data retrieval** and **aggregation** actions.

7. Stop SparkContext

- Call sc.stop() to release resources.

Program:

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from pyspark import SparkContext

# Step 1: Initialize SparkContext
sc = SparkContext("local", "Basic RDD Transformations and Actions")

# Step 2: Create an RDD
data = ["Spark is fast", "Spark is powerful", "Spark is easy to use"]
rdd = sc.parallelize(data)

# Step 3: Transformations
words = rdd.flatMap(lambda line: line.split(" "))
word_pairs = words.map(lambda word: (word, 1))
word_count = word_pairs.reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
filtered_words = word_count.filter(lambda x: x[1] > 1)

# Step 4: Retrieval Actions
print("\n--- Retrieval Actions ---")
print("Collect:", words.collect())
print("Take(5):", words.take(5))
print("TakeSample (no replacement, 4):", words.takeSample(False, 4))
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print("TakeOrdered (alphabetical, 5):", words.takeOrdered(5))
print("Top(5):", words.top(5))
print("First element:", words.first())
print("IsEmpty?:", words.isEmpty())
# foreach action (prints each word; order not guaranteed)
print("\nForeach output:")
words.foreach(lambda w: print("Word:", w))
# Step 5: Aggregation Actions
print("\n--- Aggregation Actions ---")
print("Count:", words.count())
print("CountByValue:", dict(words.countByValue()))
print("Reduce (total word count):", words.map(lambda x: 1).reduce(lambda a, b: a + b))
print("Fold (total word count):", words.map(lambda x: 1).fold(0, lambda a, b: a + b))
# Aggregate: Calculate average word length
agg_result = words.aggregate(
    (0, 0), # (total length, word count)
    lambda acc, value: (acc[0] + len(value), acc[1] + 1), # seqOp
    lambda acc1, acc2: (acc1[0] + acc2[0], acc1[1] + acc2[1]) # combOp
)
avg_word_length = agg_result[0] / agg_result[1]
print("Aggregate (avg word length):", avg_word_length)

# Step 6: Stop SparkContext
sc.stop()
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Output:

--- Retrieval Actions ---

Collect: ['Spark', 'is', 'fast', 'Spark', 'is', 'powerful', 'Spark', 'is', 'easy', 'to', 'use']

Take(5): ['Spark', 'is', 'fast', 'Spark', 'is']

TakeSample (no replacement, 4): ['is', 'to', 'easy', 'Spark']

TakeOrdered (alphabetical, 5): ['Spark', 'Spark', 'Spark', 'easy', 'fast']

Top(5): ['use', 'to', 'powerful', 'is', 'is']

First element: Spark

IsEmpty?: False

Foreach output:

Word: Spark

Word: is

Word: fast

Word: Spark

Word: is

Word: powerful

Word: Spark

Word: is

Word: easy

Word: to

Word: use

--- Aggregation Actions ---

Count: 11

CountByValue: {'Spark': 3, 'is': 3, 'fast': 1, 'powerful': 1, 'easy': 1, 'to': 1, 'use': 1}

Reduce (total word count): 11

Fold (total word count): 11

Aggregate (avg word length): 3.81818181818183

Result :

The Program was executed Succesfully.