

# Section 1: Reading the data

# **Explanations:**

Running the code section of Reading the data subsection, we result in one sample of the news\_rdd as below:

# Explanations:

Looking the sample we realize:

The news are in JSON format and have many different fields. The most important one of them are:

- "body": The main content of the news article. It contains the text of the article.
- "source": The source of the news article, in this case, "Qatre News Search Engine".
- "title": The title of the news article.
- "date\_published": The timestamp representing the date and time when the article was published. It's in Unix timestamp format (seconds since January 1, 1970).
- "uid": A unique identifier for the news article.
- "url": The URL of the news article.
- "crawler\_timestamp": The timestamp indicating when the article was crawled or fetched by a web crawler.
- "ingestor\_timestamp": The timestamp indicating when the article was ingested or processed.
- "summary": A summary or snippet of the article.
- "hostname": The hostname of the website where the article was published.
- "parser\_categories": Categories assigned to the article by a parser. In this sample, it seems to be an empty list.
- "keywords": Keywords associated with the article. (Some of them are empty as we'll see further.)
- "parser\_keyword": Keywords assigned by a parser.
- "author": The author of the article.
- "processed\_body": A processed version of the article body.
- "categories": Categories to which the article belongs. In this sample, it's labeled as "politics."
- "ner\_tags": Named Entity Recognition (NER) tags, providing information about named entities in the article, such as people, organizations, locations, etc.

# Section 2: Preprocessing

```
1# Parse the JSON lines and extract the body text
2parsed_news_rdd = news_rdd.map(lambda line: json.loads(line)['body'])
 4# Define a function to remove useless characters including '\n', '\u200c', and '\\n'
5def remove_useless_characters(text): 6  #Remove special characters, digits, and unwanted unicode characters  
7  text = re.sub(r'\\|\\n|\\u200c|\n', '', text)
      # Remove non-Persian characters and digits
       text = re.sub(r'[^-\s]', '', text)
       # Define a regular expression pattern that matches one or more spaces
                  re.compile(r
      # Apply the pattern to the text and replace the matches with a single space text = pattern.sub(" ", text)
return text
18# Define a list of Farsi stop words
19 def load_stop_words(file_paths):
      for file_path in file_paths:
    with open(file_path, 'r', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        stop_words_set.update(file.read().splitlines())
       {\tt return stop\_words\_set}
26# List of paths to your stop words files
27stop_words_files = ['verbal.txt', 'persian.txt', 'short.txt', 'chars.txt', 'nonverbal.txt']
29# Load stop words from files
30 \text{stop\_words} = load\_stop\_words (stop\_words\_files)
32# Remove useless characters
33clean_news_rdd = parsed_news_rdd.map(remove_useless_characters)
35# Remove the stop words from clean_news_rdd without splitting the text
                                                              .join([w for w in x.split() if w not in stop_words]))
36clean_news_rdd = clean_news_rdd.map(lambda x:
38# Process the cleaned news RDD by splitting
39processed_news_rdd = clean_news_rdd.flatMap(lambda text: text.split()) \
                                              . filter (lambda word: word not in stop words)
42# Take a random sample from the cleaned news RDD
43sample_clean_news = clean_news_rdd.takeSample(False, 1)
45# Print the sample news
46 print ('One sample of clean_news_rdd is:')
47 print (sample_clean_news)
49 print()
51\# Take 10 random samples from the processed news RDD
52sample_processed_news = processed_news_rdd.takeSample(False, 10)
54# Print the sample news
55 print ('Ten samples of processed_news_rdd is:')
56 print (sample_processed_news)
```

#### Explanations:

In this code, I considered everything manually as explained further. Because, at first tested the hazm library to do so, but that was not working well on this data. Here is a brief explanation from what I did:

#### 1. Parsing JSON and Extracting Body Text:

• I used the map transformation to parse each JSON line in the RDD and extract the "body" text.

#### 2. Removing Useless Characters:

- I defined a function, remove\_useless\_characters, to clean the text by removing special characters, unwanted Unicode characters, non-Persian characters, and extra spaces.
- Then, applied the defined function to each element in the RDD using the map transformation.

#### 3. Loading Stop Words:

- At first I define a list of file paths containing Persian stop words downloaded from GitHub.
- Then, loaded stop words from the files into a set using the load stop words function.

#### 4. Removing Stop Words:

• I used the map transformation to remove stop words from each element in the RDD. Stop words are removed without splitting the text.

#### 5. Processing Cleaned News RDD by Splitting:

- I used, the flatMap transformation to split each cleaned news text into words. This RDD is for having a split cleaned text with separated words for further uses.
- Then, applied a filter transformation to remove stop words.(this was not necessary because that was done before.)

Here is one sample of clean\_news\_rdd:

سماره مجله بامه جمهور ویزهنامهای برنامه هفتم توسعه تقدنامهای باب بابرنامه هفتم توسعه ضدعالت ضدتوسعه صد حامعه سه فصل منتشر بربرسی نقد متن فرامتن برنامه هفتم توسعه میردارد سرمقاله شماره فلم سردیر مجله مجنبی بامخواه پرسش اعاز زمانهای تغذیمهایمای باب با برنامه هفتم توسعه صد عدالت صد توسعه صد حامعه سه فصل منتشر بررسی نقد متن فرامتن برنامه هفتم توسعه میردارد سرمقاله شماره فلم سردیر مجله مجنبی بامخواه برسش اعاز زمانهای سمت حامله سمت با استالات التعالى و القرائي بر شكافهای طبقات به بیند نامقولی مید استال با المتعالى تعرفر و هستون به شكاف ميد ميدات مديد نامقولي ميد عدالت صد تعدالت صد تعدالت صد عدالت صد عدالت ميد ميدا به برنامه هفتم ديل عناوين صورتبيزه مستوليت وجوه صد توسعه برنامه هفتم ديل عناوين صورتبيزيد كونت بولين مديد عدالت استالات بولين شد التعدالي المستونيد دولت بولين بابرنامه جاده و حالات بولين مديد عدالت وضورت التعدالي مديد السياست اعتماعي عقالت بيروي كالاي خود استالات بولين مديد عدالت استالات تعرف المديد السياس اعداد صدر عمله الميدالية بابرنامه بولين السياس اعداد صدر عمله الميدالية بهدال بالديشي وسعه بولمانه بابرنامه برنامه بين عبد الكارامدي الديات توليد الكوي اسلامي البولي بيشرف فقدان بالديشية متينات برنامه هفتم توسعه برداخته نقد باكارآمدي اديات توليد الكوي اسلامي البولية برنامه بين ميانا مين ميانا بين ميانا عمل المينام بابرنام بين سرمقاله بين كلمه بأمل و تربيا ميانات و الميانات الميانا

# Explanations:

Here is ten samples of processed\_news\_rdd:

```
['افتاده', 'صحبتهایی', 'مهران', 'بیان', 'اخراج', 'پرده', 'ارزش', 'مدیرعامل', 'تحمیلی', 'رسانهای']
```

# Explanations:

As you can see in the outputs, the body part of the news is cleaned completely, all the unwanted characters, extra spaces and stop words are cleaned; and now, we have a text containing important words with a space between.(in the clean\_news\_rdd)

# Section 3: Exploration

# Title and URL of 5 Longest News

#### Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation from what I did:

- Parsing JSON Lines and Extracting Title, URL, and Body Length:
  - I used the map transformation to parse each JSON line in the RDD and extract the title, URL, and length of the body.
  - The lambda function within the map transformation converts each JSON line into a tuple containing

the title, URL, and the length of the body.

### • Top 5 Longest News by Body Length:

- I used the takeOrdered action to retrieve the top 5 longest news articles based on body length.
- The key parameter is set to -x[2] to order the articles in descending order of body length, the third field that is parsed.

The output is:

```
رِششمین روز محاکمه دژخیم حمید نوری در دادگاه دورس آلبانی - ادای شهادت حسین فارسی - چهارشنبه ۲۶آبان :Title
URL: https://news.mojahedin.org/id/978bfe13-a530-4421-8958-c66f58f17d34,
راعتراف های سینمایی رضا میر کریمی به شهرام مکری و مرتضی فرشباف :Title
,اعتراف-های-سینمایی-رضا-میر کریمی-به-شهرام-مکری-و-مرتضی-فرشباف/URL: https://www.isna.ir/news/1402061810772
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%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%87-%D9%86%D9%87%D9%85-%D8%B1%D8%A8%DB%8C%D8%B9-
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%D9%85%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%B9-%D8%AF%D9%82%DB%8C%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%AA%D8%A8%D8%B1,
سردار نیلفروشان: نسل جدید موشکهای هایپرسونیک در دست طراحی است:Title
رسر دار - نیلفر وشان - نسل - جدید - موشک - های - هایی مایپر سونیک - در - دست - طراحی - است/ Https://www.iscanews.ir/news/1197445
رتاکید بر تضارب منطقی آرا در گفتوگوی مسلمانان با یکدیگر :Title
رتاكيد-بر-تضارب-منطقي-آرا-در-گفت-وگوي-مسلمانان-با-يكديگر/https://www.isna.ir/news/1402070704238رتاكيد
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```

### Explanations:

That is as expected and is sorted by the news length.

# 20 Most frequent Words

#### Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation from what I did:

- Determining RDD for Word Frequencies:
  - I used the map transformation to convert each word in the processed news RDD into a tuple of the

- form (word, 1).
- then, applied the reduceByKey transformation to calculate the frequency of each word.

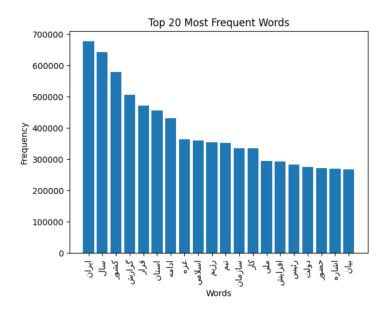
### • Top 20 Most Frequent Words:

- I used the takeOrdered action to retrieve the top 20 most frequent words based on their frequencies.
- The key parameter is set to -x[1] to order the words in descending order of frequency.

# • Plotting the Distribution of Words:

- I unpacked the top 20 words and their frequencies into separate lists (words and counts).
- Then, used the get\_display function from bidi.algorithm and the reshape function from arabic\_reshaper to handle the correct display of Persian words in the plot.

The output is:



# **Explanations:**

That is as expected and is sorted by frequency. All the results are reasonably according to the Persian news.

### The WordCloud of News

```
1from wordcloud import WordCloud
 2import math
 4# Extract keywords and their counts, checking for the existence of the 'keywords' key (keyword fields that are empty are ignored)
 5keywords_rdd = news_rdd.flatMap(lambda line: json.loads(line).get('keywords', []))
6 .map(lambda keyword: (keyword, 1)) \
                           .reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
 9# Calculate scores for word clouds
12# Normalize scores
3max_score = word_cloud_scores_rdd.max(key=lambda x: x[1])[1]
14word_cloud_scores_normalized_rdd = word_cloud_scores_rdd.map(lambda x: (x[0], x[1] / max_score))
16# Collect keywords and their normalized scores
7word_cloud_data = word_cloud_scores_normalized_rdd.collect()
19font_path = '/usr/share/fonts/truetype/farsifonts -0.4/nazli.ttf'
21# Create a WordCloud object with specified parameters
22wordcloud = WordCloud(width=1200, height=600, background_color='white', font_path=font_path)
24# Generate the word cloud from the collected data
{\tt 25} \, wordcloud \, . \, generate\_from\_frequencies \, (\, {\tt dict} \, (\, word\_cloud\_data \, ) \, )
27# Display the word cloud
28 plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
29 plt.axis('off')
29 plt.axis('
30 plt.show()
```

# Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation from what I did:

#### • Extracting Keywords and Counts:

- I used the flatMap transformation to extract keywords from each JSON line in the RDD, considering only non-empty keyword fields.
- I applied the map transformation to assign a count of 1 to each keyword.
- Then, used the reduceByKey transformation to calculate the total count for each keyword.

# • Calculating Scores for Word Clouds:

- I used the map transformation to calculate scores for word clouds based on the formula  $2^{\log_{10}(count)}$ .

#### • Normalizing Scores:

- I found the maximum score using the max action with the key parameter.
- I used the map transformation to normalize scores by dividing each score by the maximum score.

### • Collecting Keywords and Normalized Scores:

 I used the collect action to retrieve the keywords and their corresponding normalized scores, making word\_cloud\_data\_rdd as the RDD to save the word cloud of Keywords in order.

### • Creating WordCloud Object:

- I specified the font path for displaying Persian text (font\_path) which had to be a TrueType font.
- Then, created a WordCloud object with parameters such as width, height, background color, and font path.

# • Generating and Displaying Word Cloud:

 Finally, used the generate\_from\_frequencies method to generate the word cloud from the collected data.

The output is:



# **Explanations:**

The output shows the frequency of keywords by their font size in the picture. Means as much the keyword is more frequent, the font size of that, is higher and is represented bigger.

This figure will be used for further inferences.

#### Total Count Of News Per Day

 $<sup>^{24}</sup>$  Convert Unix timestamp to human-readable date and count news per day 4news\_per\_day\_rdd = news\_rdd.map(lambda line: json.loads(line)) \

### **Explanations:**

Here is a brief explanation from what I did:

# • Converting Unix Timestamp to Human-Readable Date and Counting News Per Day:

- I used the map transformation to parse each JSON line in the RDD and convert the Unix timestamp to a human-readable date (something as 2023/10/5, to can be used in the reduceByKey part because we want the same days have the same keys.)
- Then, assigned a count of 1 to each news article.
- Finally, applied the reduceByKey transformation to calculate the total count of news articles for each day.

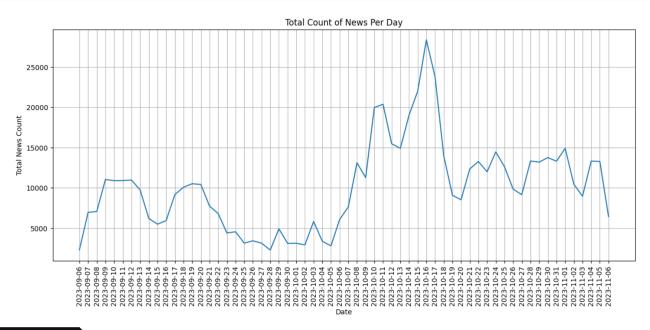
# • Collecting and Sorting Data by Date:

- I used the collect action to retrieve the data containing dates and corresponding news counts.
- Then, sorted the collected data by date.

# • Plotting the Timeline:

- At the end, unpacked the sorted data into separate lists (dates and counts) to use them for visualization of the result further.

The output is:



# **Explanations:**

• The figure shows the total count of news per day from September 6, 2023 to November 6, 2023, using a line graph.

- The total count of news varies from day to day, ranging from around 5,000 to over 20,000.
- There is a clear peak middle October, 2023, where the total count of news reaches more than 20,000. This is the highest value in the entire period and will be explained further.
- After the peak, the total count of news declines gradually until the end of April, and then remains relatively stable in the first week of May.

Based on this analysis, I can infer that the total count of news per day is influenced by the occurrence and magnitude of significant events that capture the public interest. The Notre Dame fire was such an event that generated a lot of news coverage and discussion. Other factors that may affect the total count of news per day include the availability and reliability of news sources, the diversity and quality of news content, and the preferences and habits of news consumers.

#### Total Count Of News (which have at least one of the 20 word clouds) Per day

```
1# Get the top 20 highest score keywords
 2top_20_keywords = sorted(word_cloud_data, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:20]
 4# Broadcast the set of top 20 word cloud keywords to all workers
 5top_20_keywords_broadcast = sc.broadcast(set([keyword for keyword, _ in top_20_keywords]))
 # Convert Unix timestamp to human-readable date and filter news with top 20 word clouds
 %news_with_top_word_clouds_per_day_rdd = news_rdd.map(lambda line: json.loads(line)) \
9     .filter(lambda news: top_20_keywords_broadcast.value.intersection(news.get('keywords', []))) \
0     .map(lambda news: (time.strftime('%Y-%n-%d', time.localtime(int(news['date_published']))), 1)) \
       .reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
13# Collect the data and sort by date
14news_with_top_word_clouds_per_day = sorted(news_with_top_word_clouds_per_day_rdd.collect())
16# Plot the timeline
plt.plot(dates
                   _with_top_word_clouds, counts_with_top_word_clouds)
20plt.xticks(rotation=90)
21plt.xlabel('Date')
22plt.ylabel('Total News Count with Top Word Clouds')
23 plt. title (
               Total Count of News Per Day with Top Word Clouds')
24 plt . grid ()
25 plt . show ()
```

# **Explanations:**

Here is a brief explanation from what I did: (Here, I just used 20 top word clouds as the question had said.)

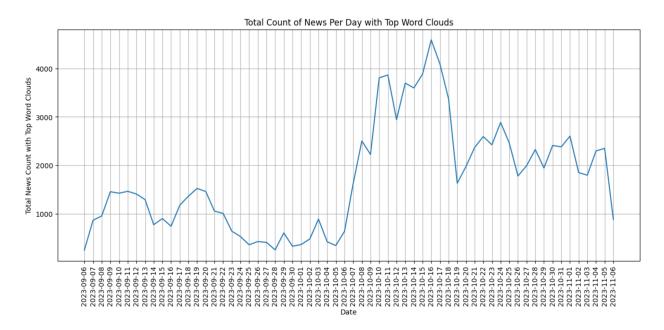
- Getting the Top 20 Highest Score Keywords:
  - I used the sorted function to obtain the top 20 highest score keywords from the previously collected word cloud data.
  - Then, sorted the keywords based on their scores in descending order.
- Broadcasting Top 20 Keywords to All Workers:
  - I used the sc.broadcast function to broadcast the set of top 20 word cloud keywords to all Spark workers.
  - This enables efficient sharing of the top keywords across the distributed computing environment.
- Filtering News with Top 20 Word Cloud Keywords:
  - I used the filter transformation to select news articles that contain at least one of the top 20 word cloud keywords.
  - Then, applied the map transformation to convert the filtered news articles into tuples containing the date and a count of 1.
  - Finally, used the reduceByKey transformation to calculate the total count of news articles for each day.
- Collecting and Sorting Data by Date:

- I used the collect action to retrieve the data containing dates and corresponding news counts with top word clouds.
- Then, sorted the collected data by date.

#### • Plotting the Timeline for News with Top Word Clouds:

- I unpacked the sorted data into separate lists (dates\_with\_top\_word\_clouds and counts\_with\_top\_word\_clouds).
- Then, created a plot using matplotlib.pyplot.plot to visualize the timeline of news counts per day for articles containing top word cloud keywords.

The output is:



# **Explanations:**

The timeline is almost like the previous timeline in general shape.

- The figure shows the total count of news per day that contains at least one word from the top 20 word clouds, from September 6, 2023 to December 6, 2023, using a line graph.
- The total count of news with top word clouds varies from day to day, ranging from around 500 to 4000.
- There is a clear peak around middle October, 2023, where the total count of news with top word clouds reaches almost 4000. This is the highest value in the entire period.
- After the peak, the total count of news with top word clouds declines sharply until the first week of December, and then remains relatively low.

# Inference

#### Explanations:

Comparing the two figures, I can also infer that:

As it can be easily seen from the timelines, the general shape of both timelines and its ups and downs and its peaks are almost the same and they occur on the same dates and have only minor differences. This indicates that the overall shape of the timelines depends on the important news trends that can be seen in the most

frequent news keywords or wordcloud. Because the changes in the volume of news are determined by important events, related to which so many news are published that their keywords are also included in the word cloud, and as a result, it creates a very high correlation between the general shape of these two timelines. This is normal because other news that are not trending have the same volume of publication on different days and only add a DC scale to the chart, which is clear from the difference in values on the two timelines.

On the other hand, The total count of news per day is generally higher than the total count of news per day with top word clouds, which means that there are many news articles that do not contain any of the top words.

First sharp growth in the news was in 7 October for the 'Al-Aqsa storm operation' of the Hamas group which caused a lot of news with the start of the war between Palestine and Israel and the successive attacks of Israel (as seen in the word clouds that many of the most frequent keywords are related to it, such as the Zionist regime, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Hamas, Al-Aqsa storm operation and...) and generated a lot of news coverage and discussion.

Then, the second sudden growth in the news could be related to the killing of Dariush Mehrjooi, the famous director of Iranian cinema, who was killed exactly on October 14, and resulted a sharp increase in the number of news as it can be seen.

But the news related to other top word cloud keywords, probably do not have a special effect on the timeline. Because, for example, the 'seventh news development program' was broadcast around July, which does not fit into the timeline at all, and naturally, any news related to it is evenly distributed throughout the timeline. Or the fact that we see many keywords related to sports news is because they are a large and important part of sports news and naturally have a series of repeated keywords that do not have a special effect on the shape of the timeline.

# Section 4: SON, A-priori algorithm

# The Most Frequent 3-words Sequences

# **Explanations:**

Here, for the purpose of finding the most frequent itemsets in this Massive data, I used a combination of two known algorithms, named SON and Apriori algorithms. Let me first explain this algorithms.

# **SON** Algorithm

#### Explanations:

The SON algorithm is a distributed and scalable method for mining frequent itemsets in large datasets using a two-phase MapReduce approach. The algorithm efficiently breaks down the data into manageable sub-files, allowing the discovery of frequent itemsets. Here's a brief explanation:

#### Phase 1 (First MapReduce Phase):

Divide the large datafile into smaller sub-files.

Each sub-file is processed by a mapper (similar to the Apriori algorithm) to find frequent itemsets.

The first-phase-reducer aggregates frequent itemsets found in each sub-file.

Unique frequent itemsets are obtained as candidate itemsets.

#### Phase 2 (Second MapReduce Phase):

Run MapReduce again with the list of candidate itemsets.

The second-phase-mapper checks if each basket contains any candidate itemsets.

Frequencies of itemsets are computed and sent to the second-phase-reducer.

Unique itemsets across the entire dataset are counted to determine frequent itemsets.

The SON algorithm combines parallel processing capabilities with the optimization of the Apriori algorithm, making it effective for mining frequent itemsets in big data scenarios.

# Apriori Algorithm

# Explanations:

The Apriori algorithm, is a classic method for discovering frequent itemsets in datasets, especially applied in association rule mining. Here's a brief explanation:

1. Initialization: Scan the dataset to find 1-itemsets meeting the minimum support threshold.

#### 2. Iteration:

Proceed iteratively, increasing itemset size at each step.

Generate candidate itemsets by joining frequent itemsets of the previous size.

#### 3. Pruning:

Prune candidate itemsets with an infrequent subset, exploiting the Apriori property.

#### 4. Support Calculation:

Scan the dataset to calculate support for remaining candidate itemsets.

#### 5. Termination:

Continue until no additional frequent itemsets can be found.

The Apriori algorithm utilizes prior knowledge of frequent itemset properties, that's why we call it Apriori.

Now, I'm going to explain you how I used these two algorithms for the case of question. Because it has a slight difference with the frequent itemsets in general case, which is we want 3-words combinations which come together; Means continuous sequence of 3 words. At first see this diagram to know the combined workflow of the algorithms is:

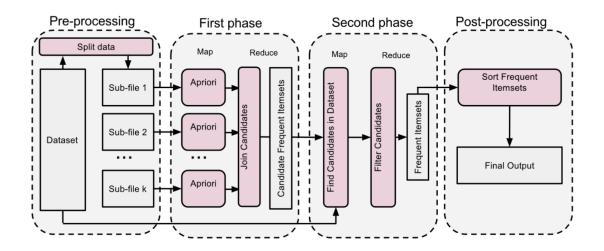


Fig. 1 - High level approach to our implementation of the SON MapReduce Algorithm

<sup>1</sup>from nltk import ngrams

<sup>3#</sup> A function to apply Apriori on a partition of the RDD

```
4def apriori(iterator, min_support, n):
             # A dictionary to store the counts of each n-gram
            counts = {}
# A set to store the frequent n-grams
frequent = set()
# Iterate over each text in the partition
                     text in iterator:
# Generate all n-grams from the text
ngram_list = ngrams(text.split(), n)
# Increment the count of each n-gram
10
11
12
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            for ng in ngram_list:
    counts[ng] = counts.get(ng, 0) + 1

# Filter out the n-grams that have at least min_support
for ng, count in counts.items():
    if count >= min_support:
                               frequent.add(ng)
             # Return the frequent
return iter (frequent)
                                           frequent n-grams as an iterator
       A function to apply the SON algorithm on the RDD
           function to apply the SON algorithm on the RDD son(rdd, min_support, n):

# Get the number of partitions of the RDD num_partitions = rdd.getNumPartitions()

# Apply Apriori on each partition with a lower support threshold candidates = rdd.mapPartitions(lambda x: apriori(x, min_support / num_partitions, n)).distinct()

# Count the occurrences of each candidate in the entire RDD counts = rdd.flatMap(lambda x: ngrams(x.split(), n)).map(lambda x: (x, 1)).reduceByKey(lambda x, y: x + y)

# Join the candidates with the counts and filter out those that do not meet the global support threshold frequent = candidates.map(lambda x: (x, None)).join(counts).filter(lambda x: x[1][1] >= min_support)

# Return the frequent n-grams as an RDD return frequent
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30\# Apply the SON algorithm on clean_news_rdd with min_support = 20000 and n = 3 37result = son(clean_news_rdd, 20000, 3)
40# Find the top 5 3-words phrases and their counts 41top_5_phrases = result.takeOrdered(5, key=lambda x: -x[1][1])
43# Print the top 5 3-words phrases and their counts 44print("The top 5 3-words phrases and their counts are:")
^{46}# Iterate over the top 5 phrases and print each one along with its count
47for i, (phrase, count) in enumerate(top_5_phrases, start=1):
48  # Extract individual words from the tuple
49  word1, word2, word3 = phrase
             # Print the phrase and its count
                                             \{ word1 \} \{ word2 \} \{ word3 \} with a repetition of \{ count[1] \}  times")
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# Explanations:

Here, I determined for instance top 5 frequent itemsets. Here's a brief explanation from what I did:

#### • Applying Apriori Algorithm on RDD Partition:

- I defined an apriori function to apply the Apriori algorithm on a partition of the RDD.
- Initialized a dictionary (counts) to store the counts of each n-gram and a set (frequent) to store frequent n-grams.(n-grams are a window of 3-words iterating through the text to take all the 3-word continuous sequences.)
- Iterated over each text in the partition, generated all n-grams, and incremented their counts in the counts dictionary.
- Filtered out n-grams that have at least min\_support, and returned the frequent n-grams as an iterator.

#### • Applying SON Algorithm on the RDD:

- I defined a son function to apply the SON algorithm on the RDD, using the apriori function on each partition.
- Got the number of partitions of the RDD and apply Apriori on each partition with a lower support threshold.
- Obtained the distinct set of candidates (candidates).
- Counted the occurrences of each candidate in the entire RDD (counts).
- Joined the candidates with the counts and filtered out those that do not meet the global support threshold.
- Returned the frequent n-grams as an RDD.

#### • Applying SON Algorithm on Cleaned News RDD:

- Then, applied the SON algorithm on clean news rdd with a minimum support of 20,000 and n equal to 3.
- Printing Top 5 3-Words Phrases and Their Counts:
  - I finally, used takeOrdered to retrieve the top 5 3-word phrases based on their counts.
  - Iterated over the top 5 phrases and print each one along with its count.

The output is:

The top 5 3-words phrases and their counts are:

- 1. 'جمهوری اسلامی ایران' with a repetition of 63961 times
- a repetition of 52574 times 3. "عمليات طوفان الاقصى" with a repetition of 29663 times 4. "مثينا مصدونيستي
- with a repetition of 23434 times 'ارتش رژیم صهیونیستی
- 5. 'برنامه مفتم توسعه with a repetition of 22925 times

# Explanations:

As you can see, The top 5 most frequent 3-word combinations in the news, had been seen in the word cloud of keywords and in the most frequent words determined earlier. This kind of clarifies the results, but I validate them using a stronger inference in the next part.

# Validation Of The Above Algorithm Using TF-IDF

# Explanations:

Now, in this part I'm going to use the TF-IDF approach to validate the previous part's results. In general, using the introduced formula for TF-IDF score in the Assignment, we can determine the most kind of important 3-words continuous combinations in the news and compare the results with the previous parts. If they have a reasonable conformity, we can justify them.

Let me first explain the TF-IDF flow and purposes.

#### **TF-IDF**

# Explanations:

#### General Explanation:

The Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) is a numerical statistic that reflects the importance of a term in a document relative to a collection of documents. The TF-IDF value is calculated using two main components:

**Term Frequency (TF):** This measures the frequency of a term in a document. It is calculated as the ratio of the number of times a term appears in a document to the total number of terms in the document.

$$TF(t,d) = \frac{f_{t,d}}{\operatorname{len}(d)}$$

Here,  $f_{t,d}$  is the frequency of term t in document d, and len(d) is the length of document d.

Inverse Document Frequency (IDF): This measures the importance of a term across the entire collection of documents. It is calculated as the logarithm of the ratio of the total number of documents to the number of documents containing the term.

$$IDF(t, D) = \log\left(\frac{N}{n_t}\right)$$

Here, N is the total number of documents, and  $n_t$  is the number of documents containing term t.

The **TF-IDF** score for a term t in a document d is given by the product of TF and IDF:

$$TF-IDF(t,d) = TF(t,d) \times IDF(t,D)$$

#### In Context of Our Case:

In the context of finding the most frequent 3-words phrases in Persian texts, TF-IDF can be used to assign importance scores to these phrases. The TF component accounts for the local importance of a phrase within each document, while the IDF component considers the global importance of the phrase across all documents.

The TF-IDF scores can help identify phrases that are not only frequent but also carry significant meaning and uniqueness within the collection of texts. By comparing the top 3-words phrases obtained from the SON algorithm with their TF-IDF scores, one can validate whether the identified phrases are truly informative and distinctive in the given context.

#### **Explanations:**

Here's a brief explanation from what I did:

- Calculating Term Frequencies (TF):
  - I used the flatMap transformation to generate 3-grams from each cleaned news text.
  - Assigned a count of 1 to each 3-gram and used reduceByKey to calculate the total count for each 3-gram.
  - Normalized the counts by dividing them by the length of the 3-gram.
- Calculating Document Frequencies (DF):
  - I used flatMap to create a set of unique 3-grams for each cleaned news text.
  - Assigned a count of 1 to each unique 3-gram and used reduceByKey to calculate the total count for each 3-gram.
- Calculating TF-IDF Scores:
  - I Joined the TF and DF RDDs based on the 3-grams.
  - Then, Calculated TF-IDF scores for each 3-gram using the formula TF-IDF =  $\frac{\text{TF}}{\text{length of 3-gram}} \times \log \left(1 + \frac{N}{\text{DF}}\right)$ , where N is the total number of documents.
- Printing Top 5 Important 3-Words Phrases Based on TF-IDF:
  - Finally, used takeOrdered to retrieve the top 5 3-word phrases based on TF-IDF scores.

- After all, Iterated over the top 5 phrases and printed each one along with its TF-IDF score.

And the output is:

The top 5 most important 3-words phrases based on TF-IDF score are:

1. 'بانامی ایران' with the TF-IDF score of 21347.866728638466

2. 'برای اسلامی ' with the TF-IDF score of 18796.986418671815

3. 'برای الوفان الاقصی ' with the TF-IDF score of 11836.372022688734

4. 'برنامه مفتم توسعه ' with the TF-IDF score of 10537.071811588752

5. 'برنامه مفیم توسعه ' with the TF-IDF score of 10509.534544587174

### **Explanations:**

As you can see, The top 5 most important 3-word combinations in the news(based on TF-IDF score), as the most frequent ones, had been seen in the word cloud of keywords and in the most frequent words determined earlier.

The results are surprisingly similar. In fact, it is better to say that the first 3 terms are the same between the result of this part and the previous part, and the last 2 terms are only in a different order, which can be justified by the closeness of the number of repetitions in the news and also the closeness of their TFIDF scores. So it can be concluded that with the introduced criterion, we were able to justify and validate the results of the previous part. This is also logical. Because usually the most frequent expressions are also the most important. Of course, these two cannot be equated, but due to their close relationship and the acceptable correlation they have in the context of news, their results can be used to determine each other's accuracy. If they had similar results to a good extent, both algorithms are correct and work well, otherwise, they may need to be revised depending on the context.