**Exercise 3**

*SparkSQL*

**Prior Knowledge**

Unix Command Line Shell

Simple Python

Apache Spark in Jupyter (from previous exercise)

**Learning Objectives**

SparkSQL

Reading CSV files in Spark

**Software Requirements**

(see separate document for installation of these)

* Apache Spark
* Jupyter

1. Let’s create a new directory for our work. Type the following at the terminal window on your virtual machine.  
     
   cd  
   mkdir sql  
   cd sql
2. The data you need for this exercise is stored in the github repository for this course. You can link them into the current directory for easy access

ln -s ~/BigData/datafiles/wind/2015/\*.csv .

1. You can check that the links to the files are there by listing the directory

ls -a

1. Now start Jupyter:  
     
   jupyter notebook
2. Give the notebook a useful name
3. Now create a cell with our line to configure tab completion:

%config IPCompleter.greedy=True

1. Run that cell.
2. Now, create a new cell which will have our main code in it.  
     
   Type the following into the new cell (you don’t need to type the comments):  
      
   # spark initialisation, needs to be done before later imports  
   import findspark

findspark.init()

#where the data is stored

datafiles='/home/big/sql/\*.csv'

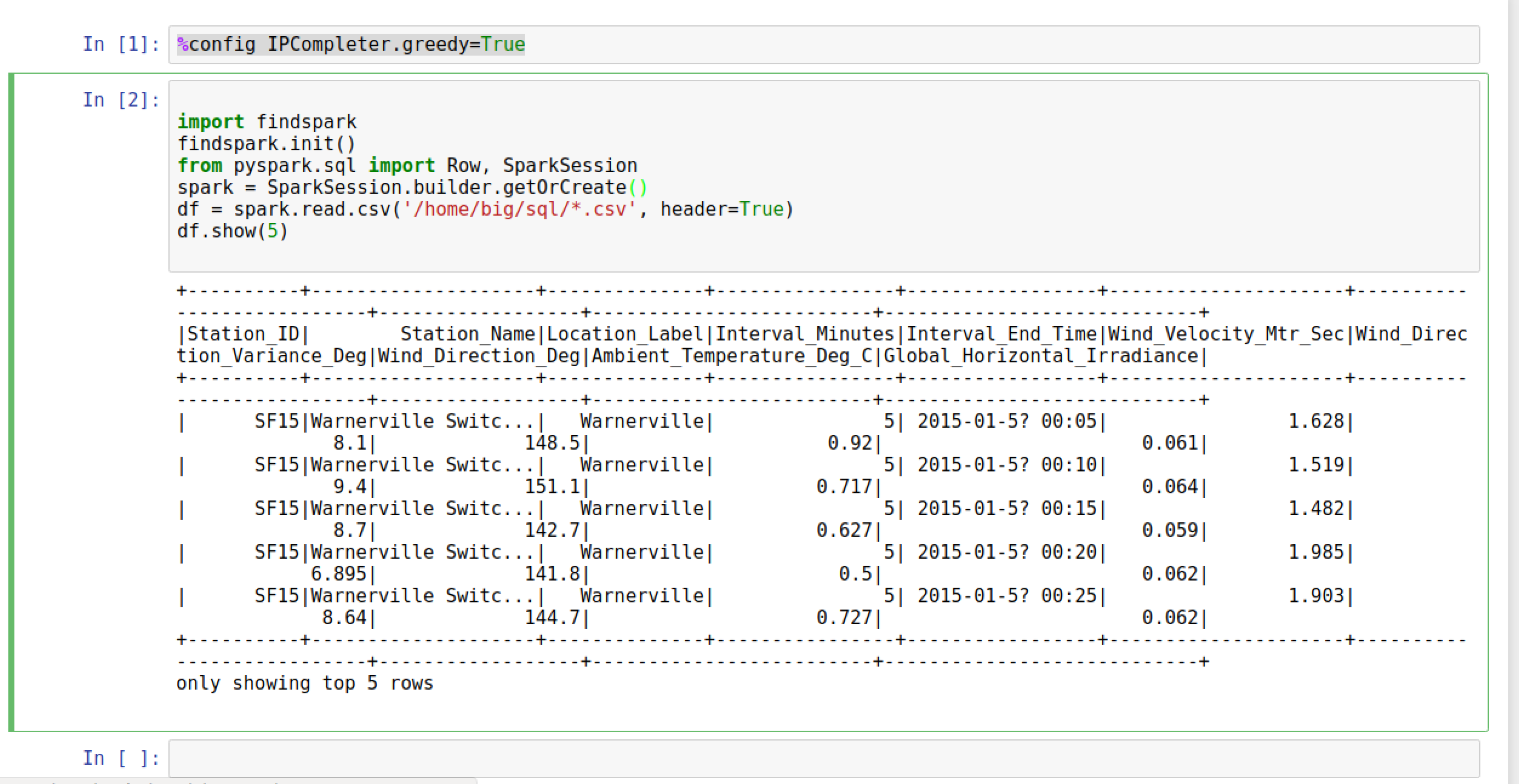
#initialisation of spark sql session  
from pyspark.sql import Row, SparkSession

spark = SparkSession.builder.getOrCreate()  
  
# read the wind data from CSV files  
df = spark.read.csv(datafiles, header=True)

# show the top 5 rows  
df.show(5)

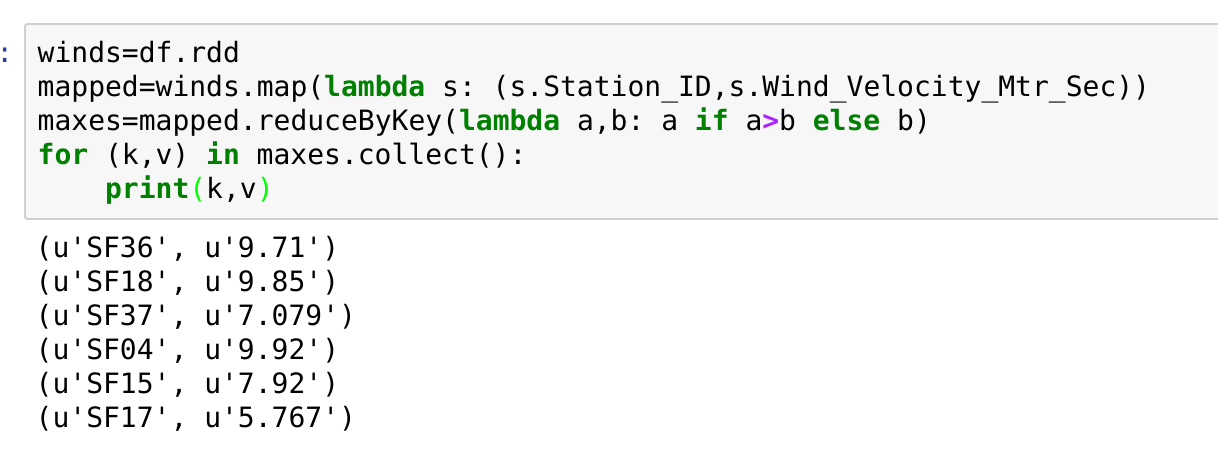
The df object we have is not an RDD, but instead a DataFrame. This is basically a SQL motivated construct that is similar to a Pandas or R dataframe (but not exactly the same!)

Run the cell. You should see:



This is data from weather stations in San Francisco showing the wind speed, direction and temperature throughout 2015.

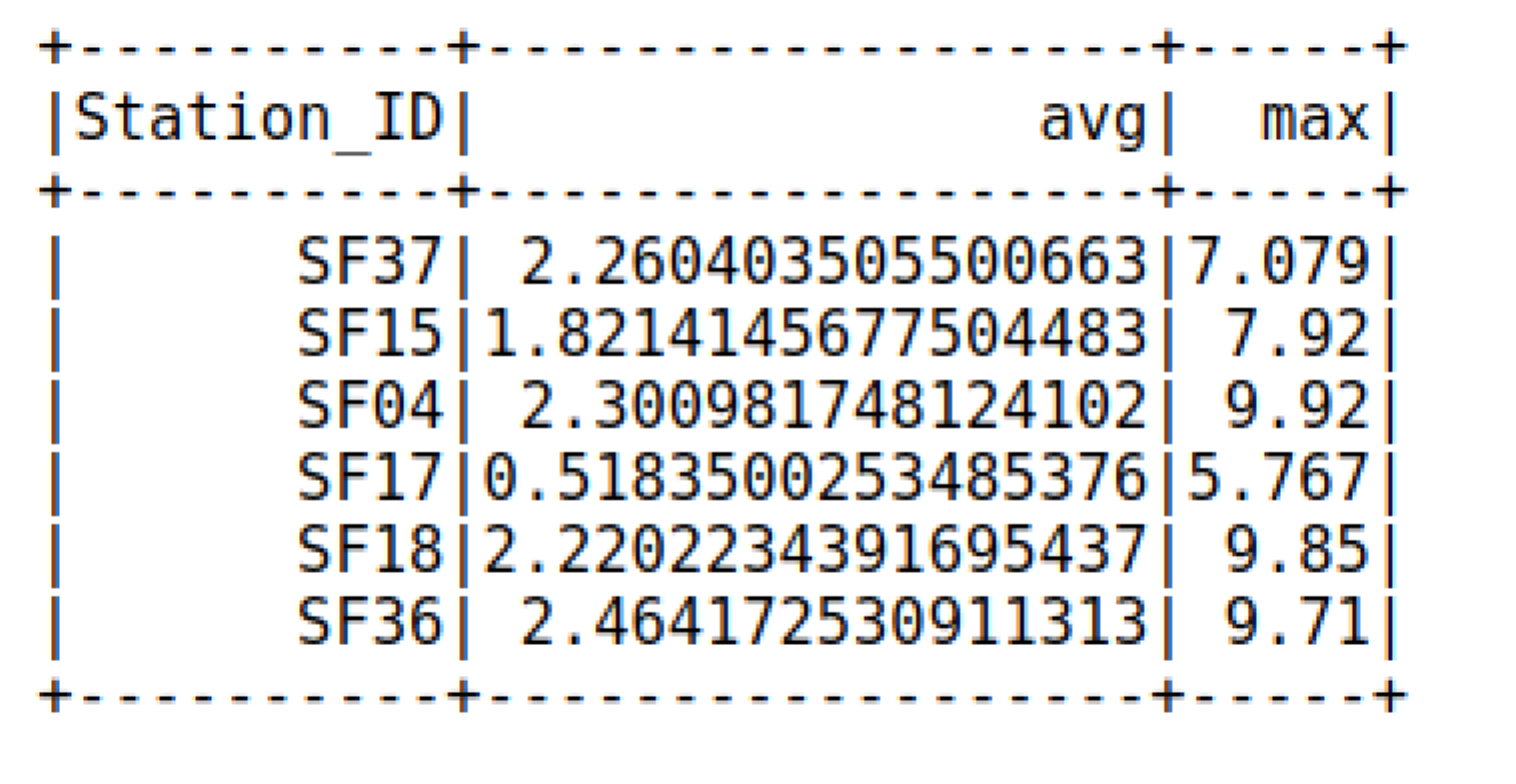
1. Before we do this as SQL, we are going to look at the data using the same map/reduce model we used previously. To do this, we will convert the he DataFrame into an RDD, allowing us to do functional programming on it (map/reduce/etc). Create a new cell below the one where you have initialised and loaded in the data, then type the following:  
     
   *Note that this doesn’t copy the data, but just exposes the rdd which is already hiding inside the dataframe.*  
     
   winds = df.rdd
2. Let’s do the normal step of mapping the data into a simple <K,V> pair. Each column in the row can be accessed by the syntax e.g. row.Station\_ID  
     
   We can therefore map our RDD with the following:   
   mapped = winds.map(lambda s: (s.Station\_ID, s.Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec))
3. We can simply calculate the maximum values with this reducer:  
     
   maxes = mapped.reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a if (a>b) else b)
4. And once again collect / print:  
     
   for (k,v) in maxes.collect(): print k,v
5. Now run the cell. You should see:

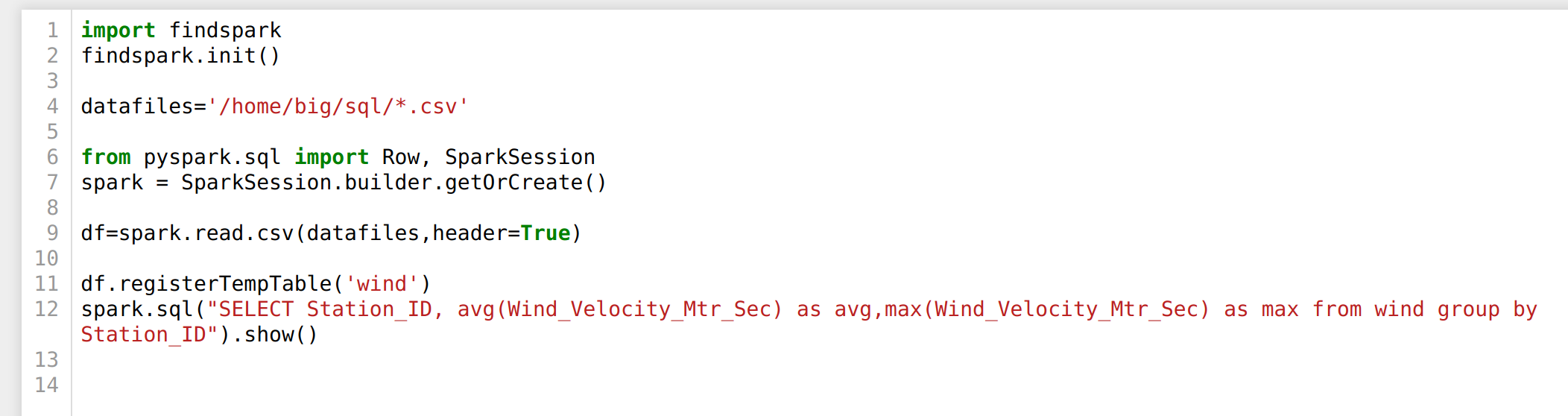
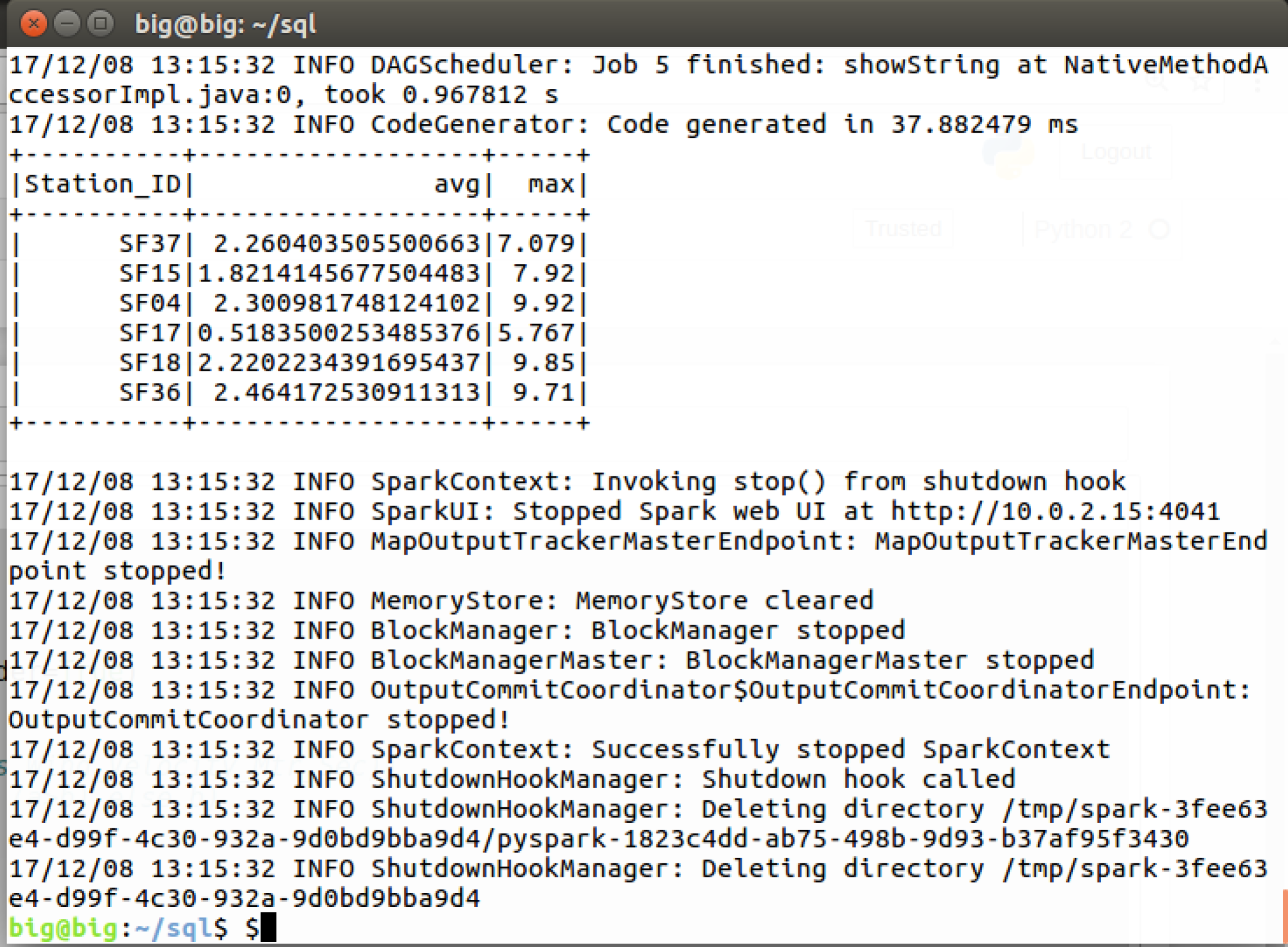


1. You can also turn the response of a collect into a Python Map, which is handy. Try these (in new cells):  
     
   print(maxes.collectAsMap())  
   print(maxes.collectAsMap()['SF04'])

**PART B – Using SQL**

1. There is an easier way to do all this if you are willing to write some SQL.  
   First, in a new cell, we need to give our DataFrame a table name:  
   df.registerTempTable('wind')
2. Now we can use a simple SQL statement against our data.   
     
   spark.sql("SELECT Station\_ID, avg(Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec) as avg,max(Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec) as max from wind group by Station\_ID").show()

Now run the cell and you should see something like:  
  


1. One thing you might like is that you can convert from a Spark Dataframe to a Pandas dataframe just by calling **toPandas**()   
   Note that when you do this, you are collecting the results back from a cluster to a single server (the master).
2. Recap. We have:
   1. Used Spark to read in CSV files
   2. Explored Map/Reduce on those CSV files
   3. Used SQL to query the data.
3. We are going to make this into a standalone program now. Copy the python code (from the initialisation and sql cells) and paste into a file called wind.py  
     
   You can use Atom, PyCharm, nano or some other editor, or even just create a new text file in Jupyter .
4. It should look something like this:  
   
5. Try running it as a standalone program:  
     
   ~/spark/bin/spark-submit wind.py
6. You should see lots of log ending like this:  
   

In the next exercise we are going to run this code in the cloud using AWS. That’s all for now.

Congratulations, this lab is complete.