Machine learning with Spark using PySpark

Objectives

- Review
 - Spark
- Introduction to Spark MLlib (Spark ML) documentation
 - Individual
 - Pair
- Your time today (capstones/resumes/other)

Spark Review

- What is the point of Spark? (What's it for?)
- What part of the Hadoop ecosystem does Spark typically replace?
 - Why is it better?
- What are the four main parts of a Spark application?
- What are the two APIs through which we interact with data in Spark?
 - How are they different?
- What are the types of operations required to get results out of data in Spark?
 - What's lazy evaluation? What's a DAG?
- If you were to whiteboard making a Spark application, what steps would be in it?

Spark MLlib (Spark ML)

https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-guide.html

- When you are doing machine learning, DataFrames (or DataSets in case of Java or Scala) provide better performance.
- For this reason, the RDD-based version of the machine learning libraries in no longer being developed (MLlib)
- Nice examples in guide (in 4 languages)

Recommenders (collaborative filtering) example:

Examples

In the following example, we load ratings data from the MovieLens dataset, each row consisting of a user, a movie, a rating and a timestamp. We then train an ALS model which assumes, by default, that the ratings are explicit (implicitPrefs is False). We evaluate the recommendation model by measuring the root-mean-square error of rating prediction.

Refer to the ALS Python docs for more details on the API.

from pyspark.ml.evaluation import RegressionEvaluator
from pyspark.ml.recommendation import ALS
from pyspark.sql import Row

Assignments today

- Individual
 - Text processing and sentiment analysis
 - Provided solution uses nltk -> DO NOT download
 all of nltk. Just do this ------>
- Pair
 - Spark Cluster on EC2
 - K-means clustering of Wikipedia articles
- Optional: your time today (capstones/resumes/other)

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