

During the performance analysis, we observed that Task 1, Task 2, and Task 3 took 13 minutes, 3.1 minutes, and 4.6 minutes to complete, respectively. By examining the DAG lineage graphs, statistics, and the number of tasks executed for each Spark Job, it was noted that Task 1 had the longest execution time. The primary reason was that the number of partitions for its RDD was too low, resulting in underutilization of all cores across our two VMs. To make better use of these cores and enhance parallelism, I increased the number of partitions to 8 in Task 2. This adjustment allowed for a more even distribution of data across more partitions, enabling more executor cores to participate in the computation, significantly reducing task completion time.

After killing one of the workers, the runtime for the same tasks increased by about 50%, from 3 minutes to 4.5 minutes. This increase can be attributed to the reduction in available computing resources. With one fewer worker, the cluster had fewer cores and memory available for task execution, leading to longer processing times as tasks queued up for the remaining resources.