

Experiment 11

Aim:

To perform data analytics using **Apache Spark** on the Amazon Food Dataset to identify **pairs of products that are frequently reviewed together** by the same users.

Theory:

Apache Spark is a distributed computing framework used for large-scale data processing. It provides RDD and DataFrame APIs to perform parallel operations on large datasets across multiple cluster nodes.

The Amazon Food Review dataset contains user IDs and product IDs reviewed by users.

To find frequently co-reviewed products, we must:

- Transform raw (user, product) data into:
user_id → list of product_ids
- Generate all product pairs reviewed by each user.
- Count how many users reviewed each product pair together.
- Filter pairs with frequency greater than 1.
- Sort by frequency to identify strongly associated product pairs.

Spark transformations used:

- map(), groupByKey(), flatMap()
- reduceByKey(), filter(), sortBy()
- DataFrame functions like collect_list() and explode()

This experiment demonstrates Spark's ability to handle large datasets and compute meaningful relationships at scale.

Procedure:

Step 1: Download Dataset

Download the **Amazon Fine Food Reviews** dataset from:

<https://snap.stanford.edu/data/web-FineFoods.html>

Step 2: Load Data into Spark

Read CSV/TSV file containing UserId and ProductId.

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook running on localhost:8888/notebooks/Pyspark/Experiment11.ipynb. The code in cell [15] is as follows:

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[4]: from pyspark.sql.functions import collect_list, explode, array_sort
[5]: spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("AmazonFoodPairs").getOrCreate()
[6]: df = spark.read.option("header", True).option("sep", ",").csv("Reviews.csv")
[15]: df.show()
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The output of cell [15] displays a DataFrame with columns: Id, ProductId, UserId, ProfileName, HelpfulnessNumerator, HelpfulnessDenominator, Score, Time, and Summary. The data includes rows with reviews and their details.

Id	ProductId	UserId	ProfileName	HelpfulnessNumerator	HelpfulnessDenominator	Score	Time	Summary
1	B001E4KFG0	A35GXH7AUHU8GW	delmartian	1	1	5	1303862400	Good Quality Dog ... I have bought se
2	B00813GRG4	A1D87F6ZCVE5NK	d1l pa	0	0	1	1346976000	Not as Advertised Product arrived
3	B000LQOCHE	ABXLMWJIXXAIN	"Natalia Corres "...	1	1	4	1219017600	""Delight"" says... "This is a confe
4	B000UA0QIQ	A395BORC6FGVXV	Karl	3	3	2	1307923200	Cough Medicine If you are looki
5	B006K2ZZ7K	A1UQRSCLF8GW1T	"Michael D. Bigha...	0	0	5	1350777600	Great taffy Great taffy at a
6	B006K2ZZ7K	ADT0SRK1MGOEU	Twoapennything	0	0	4	1342051200	Nice Taffy I got a wild hai
7	B006K2ZZ7K	A1SP2KVKFXXRU1	David C. Sullivan	0	0	5	1340150400	Great! Just as g... This saltwater t
8	B006K2ZZ7K	A3JRGQVEQN31IQ	Pamela G. Williams	0	0	5	1336003200	Wonderful, tasty ... This taffy is so

Step 3: Extract User–Product Pairs

Convert rows into key-value pairs:
(UserId, ProductId)

Step 4: Group Products by User

Use groupByKey() or DataFrame groupBy().agg(collect_list()) to obtain:
UserId → [P1, P2, P3, ...]

Step 5: Generate Product Pairs

For each user's product list, generate all 2-item combinations:

(P1, P2), (P1, P3), (P2, P3), ...

Step 6: Count Pair Frequencies

Use reduceByKey() or DataFrame groupBy().count() to compute:

(ProductA, ProductB) → frequency

Step 7: Filter & Sort

Keep only those pairs appearing more than once and sort them in descending order of frequency.

Step 8: Save Output

Write results to HDFS/local storage as CSV/text.

Output:

A list of product pairs reviewed together more than once, displayed or saved in sorted order.
Example:

(B001E4KFG0, B00813GRG4) → 12

(B00474GHKQ, B00813GRG4) → 9

(B0078LX05C, B00474GHKQ) → 8

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[11]: result = pairs_df.groupBy("pair").count().filter("count > 1").orderBy("count", ascending=False)
[12]: result.show()

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|      pair|count|
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|[B002QWP89S, B002...| 682|
|[B0026RQTGE, B002...| 682|
|[B002QWHJOU, B002...| 682|
|[B002QWHJOU, B002...| 682|
|[B0026RQTGE, B002...| 682|
|[B0026RQTGE, B002...| 682|
|[B000UBD88A, B001...| 608|
|[B001RVFEP2, B001...| 604|
|[B000VK8AVK, B007...| 604|
|[B0026KPDG8, B007...| 604|
|[B000VK8AVK, B001...| 604|
|[B0026KPDG8, B006...| 604|
|[B0013NUGDE, B002...| 604|
|[B000VK8AVK, B006...| 604|
|[B0026KNQSA, B002...| 604|
|[B0013NUGDE, B007...| 604|
|[B0013NUGDE, B006...| 604|
|[B0013NUGDE, B001...| 604|
|[B0026KNQSA, B006...| 604|
|[B0026KPDG8, B007...| 604|
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only showing top 20 rows
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Fig of Result

Conclusion:

In this experiment, we successfully applied Apache Spark to analyze a large, real-world dataset. We discovered frequently co-reviewed product pairs using transformations and aggregations. This demonstrates Spark's ability to efficiently handle parallel computation for big data analytics.