W205, Information Storage and Retrieval

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/root/EX2Tweetwordcount/documentation/Architecture.pdf

Introduction & Idea

Twitter data provides a valuable real time source of the web's (and accordingly those who use it) sentiment on nearly every topic / interest imaginable (current events, politics, religion, movies, etc). Being able to leverage and count words as they are being "tweeted" is a generally acceptable proxy for understanding what is important to people -- and in fact is used to gauge sentiment in a variety of ML applications. Leveraging a number of open source components, a reliable processing framework can be built and run to process real-time streaming tuples in Python. This data can be stored and analyzed both in real time and in batch capacities

The application that I built based off of the framework outlined in the <u>Exercise 2 document</u> does exactly that. All code and instructions necessary to run the application can be found in the <u>gregce/ex2 private github repository</u>.

Outline of Steps Taken

Setup Tasks

Following the general guideline of steps as instructed in the <u>Exercise 2 document</u>, the first step was to create an EC2 instance strictly to use for this exercise -- in this case a new instance was spun up using the ucbw205_complete_plus_postgres_PY2.7 AMI and an appropriate volume of data was attached. Accordingly, subsequent steps included:

- Once the AMI was live, I followed the step by step instructions in TheEasyButtonforYouAWSEnvironment 2.pdf
 - Including downloading and running the sh script from this location:
 https://s3.amazonaws.com/ucbdatasciencew205/setup_ucb_complete_plus_postgres.sh
 - When the application is being run from a fresh AMI where the [EX2 repo is cloned to /root], this same script is available in the location:
 /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/ami_setup/setup_ucb_complete_plus_postgres.sh
- First, lein, a dependency listed in <u>Exercise 2 document</u> was installed.

- Commands leveraged to do this are saved and stored /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/ami setup/setup lein.sh
- Following the installation of lein & streamparse, a project folder -- already referenced above, EX2Tweetwordcount, -- was created with the following command issued from /root: sparse quickstart EX2Tweetwordcount
 - This is unnecessary to replicate because the github repository that is cloned is actually the streamparse project with additional folders [ami_setup, serving, screenshots, documentation] saved within the project folder itself
- To avoid having to install a number of python libraries from scratch, I leveraged the Anaconda python distribution. This and the following dependencies were installed from the /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/ami_setup/conda_setup.sh
 - o Downloads and installs Anaconda2-2.4.0-Linux-x86 64.sh
 - Installs a number of libraries relevant for this exercise including (tweepy, psycopg2 and streamparse)
- Because postgres is already installed on the AMI, the only thing that needed to be configured was the **tcount** database and the **tweetwordcount** table. This was and can be installed by running the /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/ami setup/setup postgres.sh
 - The sh script depends on the db_create.sql file also found in the same ami_setup
- The git@github.com:UC-Berkeley-I-School/w205-labs-exercises.git repo was cloned and the files moved to the appropriate directories within EX2Tweetwordcount (e.g. the Tweets.py "spout" was moved to /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/src/spouts/)
- Finally, environment variables were set and stored in .bashrc to ensure that the application would run correctly:
 - A copy of the contents of my .bashrc file is saved in /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/ami_setup/.bashrc

Code Creation / Modification Tasks

- Once the above setup tasks were completed, the following code was created/modified in order to create an application representative of Figure 1 in the Exercise 2 document. It was decided that /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/topologies/tweetwordcount.clj was unnecessary to modify as it was already reflective of Figure 1. Below is a summary:
 - Modified:
 - /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/src/spouts/tweets.py
 - Twitter Credentials were added to the twitter_credentials dict corresponding to the twitter application I created
 - /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/src/bolts/parse.py
 - Added logic to improve regex stripping of non-ascii characters
 - Ensured that the emitted word was always lowercase
 - /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/src/bolts/wordcount.py
 - Updated the initialize function to define connections to the local postgres db
 - Updated the process function to

- Create a dictionary of word counts using the Collections.Counter module
- Check every time the dictionary grows to exceed 2000 items
- Create a dataframe that is then written (appended) to the tweetwordcount table
- Reads the dataset back and "reduces" the dataset from the previous append using the group by functionality
- Replaces the contents of the table and,
- Re-Initializes the word counter dictionary

Created

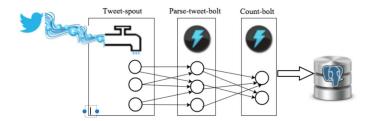
- /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/serving/finalresults.py
 - This is a command line application written to replicate the desired results as described in the Exercise 2 document.
 - o It accepts either no input or a single word as an input
 - It can be run in a separate terminal as the application is processing bolts to interactively return results from the postgres database
- /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/serving/histogram.py
 - This is a command line application written to replicate the desired results as described in the Exercise 2 document.
 - It accepts a lower and upper bound value separated by a comma
 - It too can be run in a separate terminal as the application is processing bolts to interactively return results from the postgres database
- /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/serving/

Application Architecture / Assumptions

Once all of the above steps were completed (or if starting from a fresh AMI, following the readme doc), the assumption to replicate the output of designed architecture (pictured below), was that:

- A terminal prompt would be opened from which to run sparse run.
- A second terminal prompt could be opened and while the Storm topology runs / or ran, the user could execute both the finalresults.py and histogram.py scripts with the appropriate arguments to return results in real time fromt he processed and stored data
- Screenshots depicting these general assumptions can be found both below and in the folder /root/EX2Tweetwordcount/serving/

Architecture



Other Screenshots

Twitter Stream

Incremental Final Results Output

Histogram Results Output

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| root@ip-172-31-43-214-/EX2Tweetwordcount/... | root@ip-172-31-43-214-/EX2Tweetwordcount.... | root@ip-172-31-43-214-/EX2Tweetwordcount/... | root@ip-172-31-43-214-/
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