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Analyzing Graph Data: Using Spark GraphFrames

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Slides credits go to Ankur Dave's 2016 Presentation "GraphFrames: Graph Queries in Apache Spark SQL"

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Spark GraphFrames

- Released in 2016
 - current version 0.7.0
- GraphFrames is a distributed graph processing library for Apache Spark built on top of DataFrames

GraphX is to RDDs as GraphFrames are to DataFrames

2009
Spark

2013
Apache Spark +
GraphX

2016
Apache Spark +
GraphFrames

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What is a Graph?

- Graph is a set of **vertices** and **edges**

Example 1

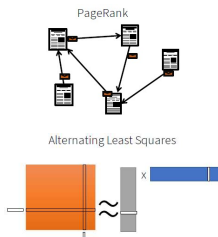
Example 2: bipartite graph

Graph Analytics Applications

- Fault detection
- Real-time recommendation engines
- Network and IT operations
- Identity and access management
- Master data management

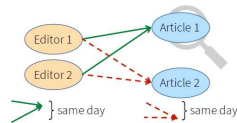
Graph Algorithms vs. Graph Queries

• Graph Algorithms



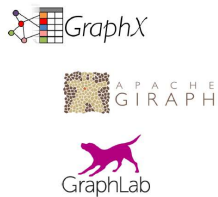
• Graph Queries

find which two editors collaborated on articles on Wikipedia



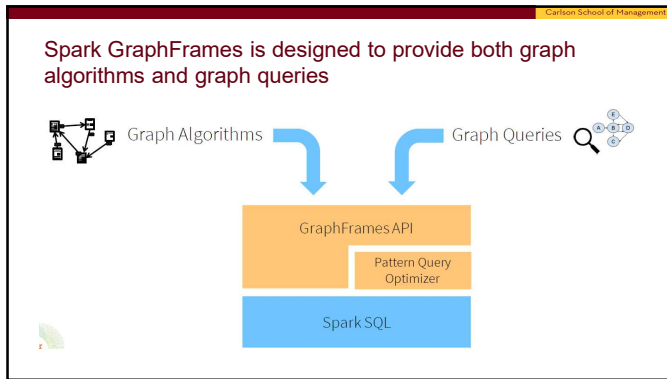
Traditionally graph algorithms and graph queries are handled by two separate systems

• Graph Algorithms



• Graph Queries





GraphFramesAPI

- Available in Scala, Java, and Python
- Currently as a [separate package via Github](#), but is promoted on Databricks website.

```

class GraphFrame {
  def vertices: DataFrame
  def edges: DataFrame

  def find(pattern: String): DataFrame
  def registerView(pattern: String, df: DataFrame): Unit

  def degrees(): DataFrame
  def pageRank(): GraphFrame
  def connectedComponents(): GraphFrame
  ...
}
  
```

Algorithms supported by GraphFrames

- PageRank**: Identify important vertices in a graph
- Shortest paths**: Find shortest paths from each vertex to landmark vertices
- Connected components**: Group vertices into connected subgraphs
- Strongly connected components**: Soft version of connected components
- Triangle count**: Count the number of triangles each vertex is part of
- Label Propagation Algorithm (LPA)**: Detect communities in a graph
- Breadth-first search (BFS)**: Find shortest paths from one set of vertices to another
- Motif finding**: Search for structural patterns in a graph

In GraphX (includes PageRank, Shortest paths, Connected components, Strongly connected components, Triangle count)

New algorithms (includes Label Propagation Algorithm (LPA), Breadth-first search (BFS), Motif finding)
