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Analyzing Graph Data: Using Spark GraphFrames

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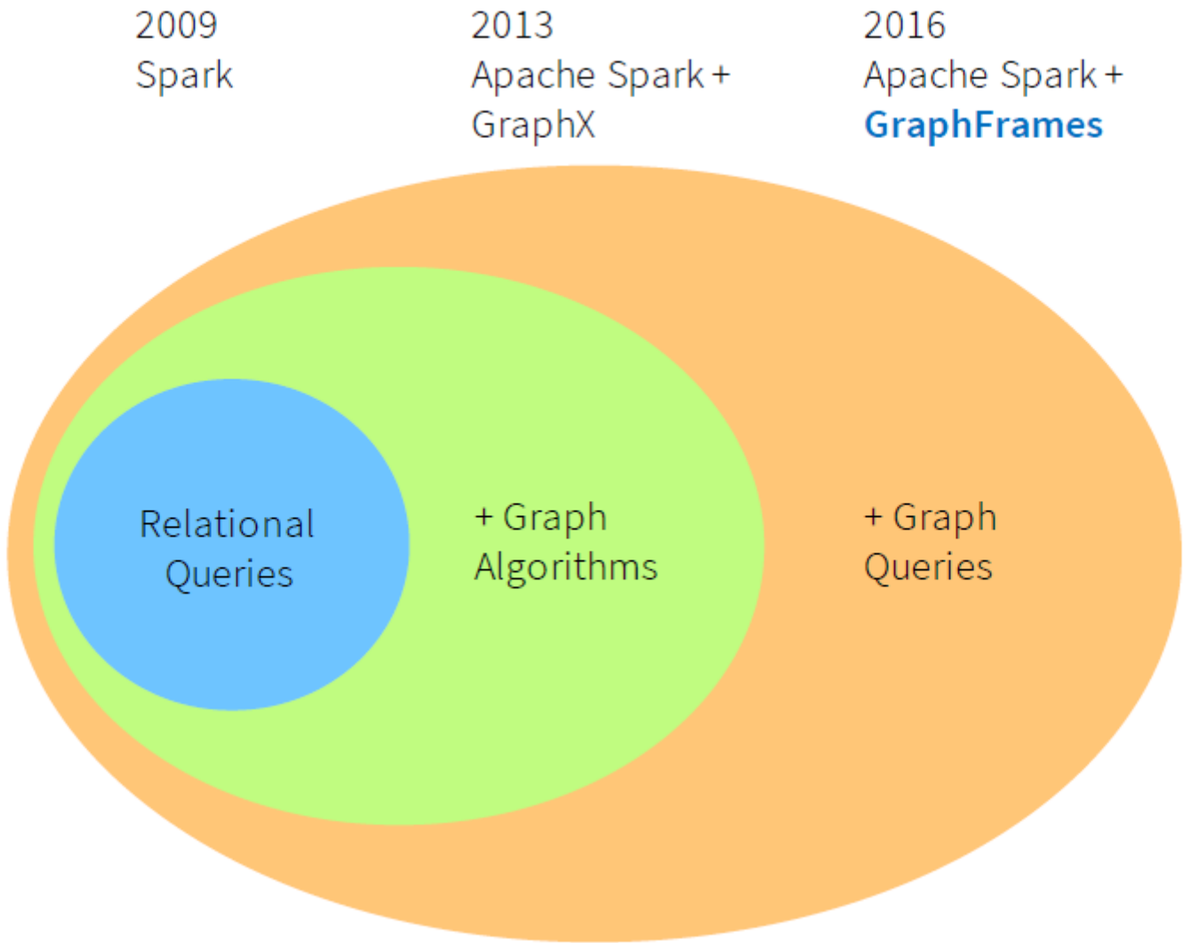
Spark GraphFrames

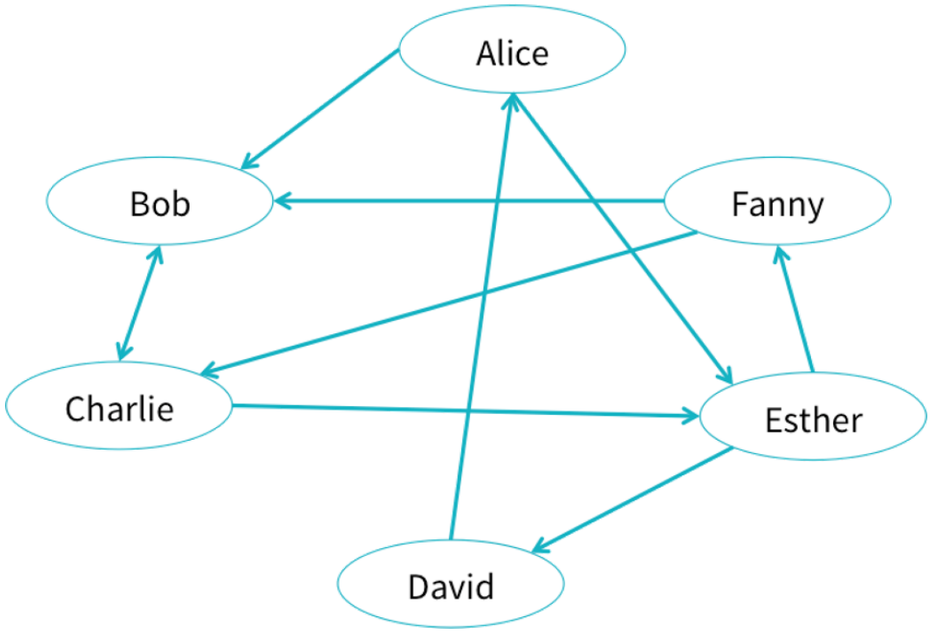
- Released in 2016
  - current version 0.7.0
- GraphFrames is a distributed graph processing library for Apache Spark built on top of DataFrames

GraphX is to RDDs as GraphFrames are to DataFrames

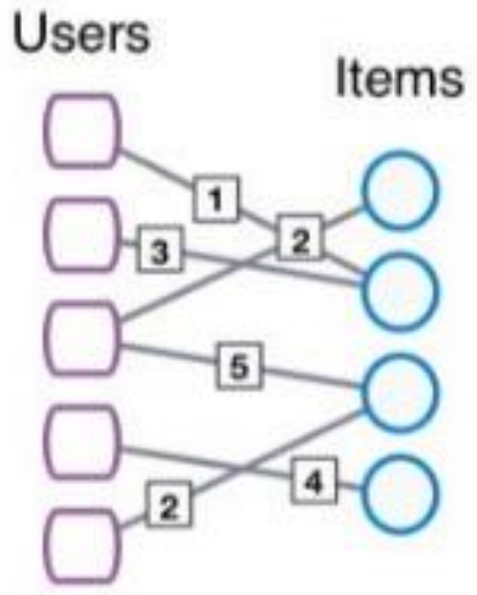


What is a Graph?

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



Example 1



Example 2: bipartite graph

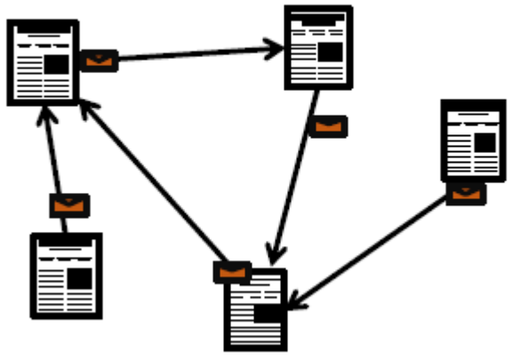
Graph Analytics Applications

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

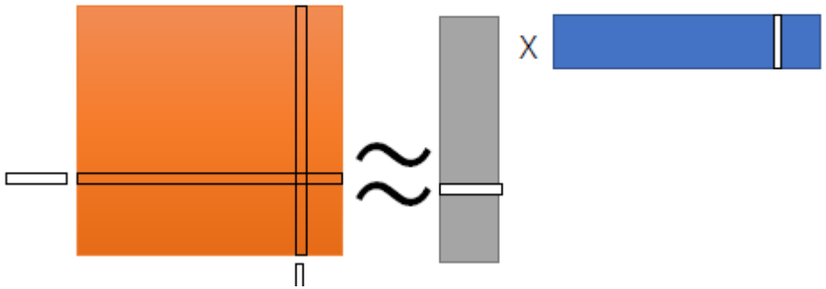
Graph Algorithms vs. Graph Queries

- Graph Algorithms

PageRank

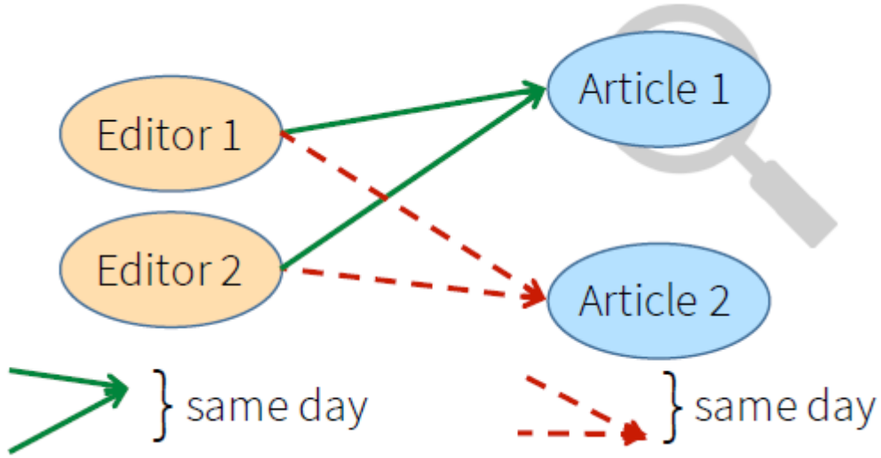


Alternating Least Squares



- Graph Queries

find which two editors collaborated on articles on Wikipedia



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

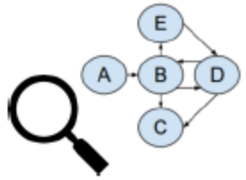
- Graph Algorithms

- Graph Queries

Spark GraphFrames is designed to provide both graph algorithms and graph queries

Graph Algorithms

Graph Queries



GraphFrames API

Pattern Query Optimizer

Spark SQL

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

New algorithms