Lab Assignment 3

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I. Code explanation

The file KafkaSpark.scala consists of an object KafkaSpark that includes the only method main.

In the main, as first step we create a cluster and link it to Cassandra. Then we create a keyspace and in that keyspace we create a table. The second step is to create a Streaming Context though Spark. We also set the checkpoint folder because it is a best practice and it was required to avoid an error at compile time. After that, we create a Map with the configuration for the Kafka Stream and a Set of topics the consumer will subscribe to. As final setting step, we create a Kafka DirectStream defining the Key and Value classes as String and the KeyDecoder and ValueDecoder classes ad StringDecoder.

To process the stream of data, we map the received pairs of key and value to a tuple that consists of the letter and the related double. The function mappingFunc is the one used to perform a stateful map transformation. The state consists of a tuple made with a Double that represents the average and an Int that represents the number of times the letter related to that average appeared. Into the function we use the state to compute the new average and update the new state consequently. The output of the function is a tuple that consists of the letter and the new average. The output is then saved dynamically into the Cassandra table we created previously.

II. How to run the code

The preliminary steps, after having installed Cassandra and Kafka, are:

Start Zookeeper

>zkServer start

Start Kafka

>kafka-server-start /path/to/server.properties

Create a topic 'avg'

>kafka-topics --create --zookeeper localhost:2181 --replicationfactor 1 --partitions 1 --topic avg

Start Cassandra

>cassandra -f

Run the generator

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>cd /path/to/generator/
>sbt run
Run the project
>cd /path/to/sparkstreaming/
>sbt run
To check the results, run:
>cqlsh
>SELECT * FROM avg_keyspace.avg
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III. Results

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cqlsh> SELECT * FROM avg_keyspace.avg;
 word | count
   z | 12.48514
   a | 12.48665
   c | 12.50123
   m | 12.5028
    f | 12.47593
   o | 12.45462
   n | 12.51061
   q | 12.48517
    g | 12.52795
   p | 12.51622
   e | 12.48368
    r | 12.47023
    d | 12.52545
   h | 12.49229
   w | 12.48222
    1 | 12.49499
    j | 12.51909
   v | 12.49571
   y | 12.51365
   u | 12.48365
    i | 12.50105
   k | 12.52028
   t | 12.47197
   x | 12.54012
   b | 12.47081
    s | 12.4971
(26 rows)
cqlsh>
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