Pair RDDs in PySpark

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Introduction to pair RDDs in PySPark

- Real life datasets are usually key/value pairs
- Each row is a key and maps to one or more values
- Pair RDD is a special data structure to work with this kind of datasets
- Pair RDD: Key is the identifier and value is data

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- Two common ways to create pair RDDs
 - 1. From a list of key-value tuple
 - 2. From a regular RDD
- Get the data into key/value form for paired RDD

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Transformations on pair RDDs

- All regular transformations work on pair RDD
- Have to pass functions that operate on key value pairs rather than on individual elements
- Examples of paired RDD Transformations
 - reduceByKey(func): Combine values with the same key
 - groupByKey(): Group values with the same key
 - sortByKey(): Return an RDD sorted by the key
 - join(): Join two pair RDDs based on their key

Let's code

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