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Common Patterns in Spark Data Processing

Chapter 16



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Common Patterns in Spark Programming

In this chapter you will learn

- What kinds of processing and analysis Spark is best at
- How to implement an iterative algorithm in Spark
- How GraphX and MLlib work with Spark

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Common Spark Use Cases (1)

- Spark is especially useful when working with any combination of:
 - Large amounts of data
 - Distributed storage
 - Intensive computations
 - Distributed computing
 - Iterative algorithms
 - In-memory processing and pipelining

Common Spark Use Cases (2)

Examples

- Risk analysis
 - "How likely is this borrower to pay back a loan?"
- Recommendations
 - "Which products will this customer enjoy?"
- Predictions
 - "How can we prevent service outages instead of simply reacting to them?"
- Classification
 - "How can we tell which mail is spam and which is legitimate?"

Spark Examples

- Spark includes many example programs that demonstrate some common **Spark programming patterns and algorithms**
 - k-means
 - Logistic regression
 - Calculate pi
 - Alternating least squares (ALS)
 - Querying Apache web logs
 - Processing Twitter feeds
- Examples
 - -\$SPARK HOME/examples/lib
 - spark-examples-version.jar Java and Scala examples
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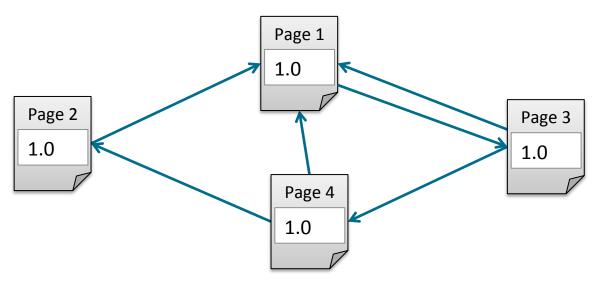


Example: PageRank

- PageRank gives web pages a ranking score based on links from other pages
 - Higher scores given for more links, and links from other high ranking pages
- Why do we care?
 - PageRank is a classic example of big data analysis (like WordCount)
 - Lots of data needs an algorithm that is distributable and scalable
 - Iterative the more iterations, the better than answer

PageRank Algorithm (1)

Start each page with a rank of 1.0



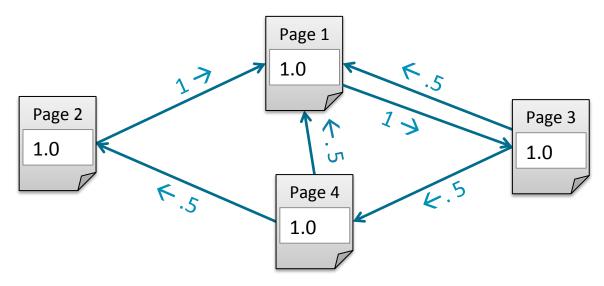


PageRank Algorithm (2)

Start each page with a rank of 1.0

On each iteration:

each page contributes to its neighbors its own rank divided by the number of its neighbors: $contrib_p = rank_p / neighbors_p$

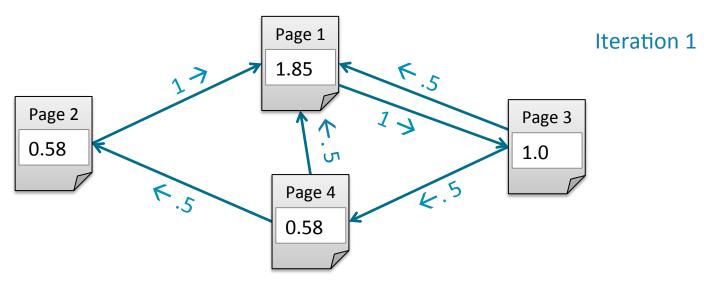


PageRank Algorithm (3)

Start each page with a rank of 1.0

On each iteration:

- each page contributes to its neighbors its own rank divided by the number of its neighbors: $contrib_p = rank_p / neighbors_p$
- Set each page's new rank based on the sum of its neighbors contribution: new-rank = Σ contribs * .85 + .15



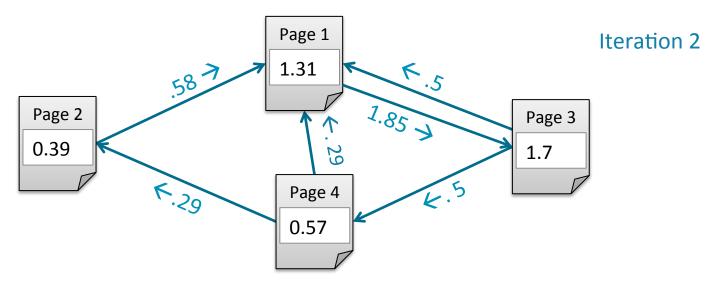
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Each iteration incrementally improves the page ranking





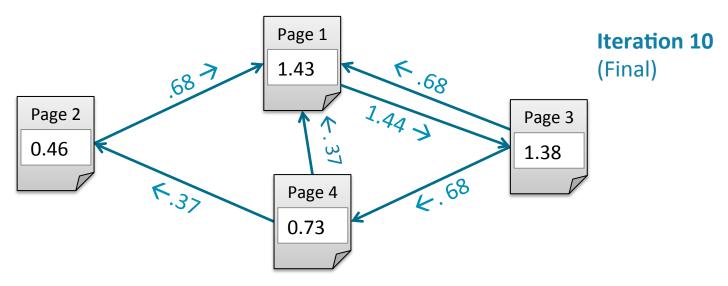
PageRank Algorithm (5)

Start each page with a rank of 1.0

On each iteration:

- each page contributes to its neighbors its own rank divided by the number of its neighbors: $contrib_p = rank_p / neighbors_p$
- Set each page's new rank based on the sum of its neighbors contribution: new-rank = Σ contribs * .85 + .15

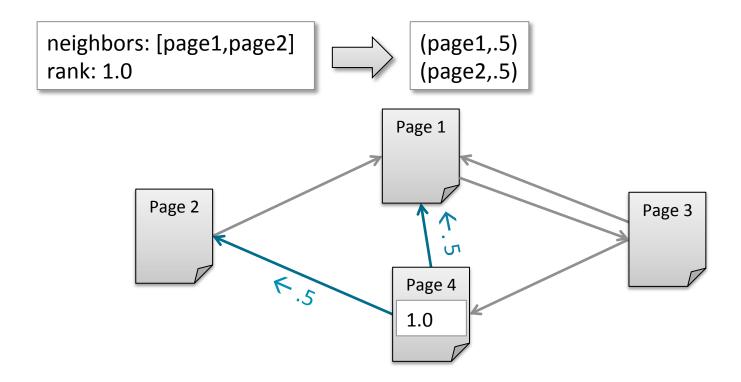
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PageRank in Spark: Neighbor Contribution Function

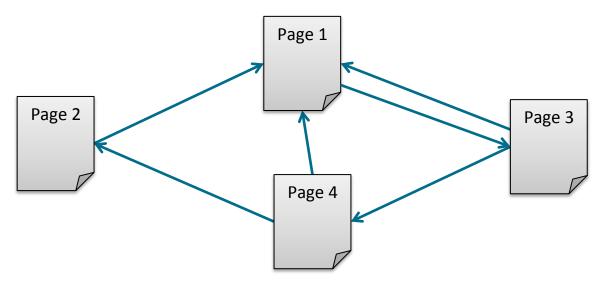
```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):
    for neighbor in neighbors: yield(neighbor, rank/len(neighbors))
```



PageRank in Spark: Example Data

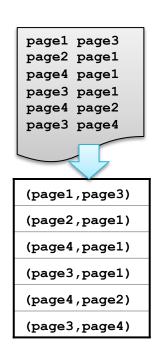
Data Format: source-page destination-page

page1 page3 page2 page1 page4 page1 page3 page1 page4 page2 page3 page4



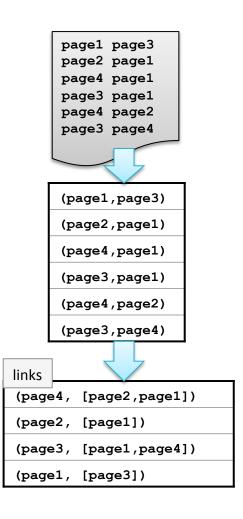
PageRank in Spark: Pairs of Page Links

```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
links = sc.textFile(file) \
   .map(lambda line: line.split()) \
   .map(lambda pages: (pages[0],pages[1]))\
   .distinct()
```



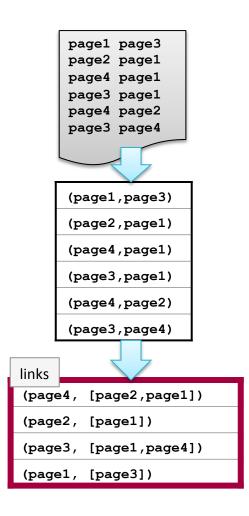
PageRank in Spark: Page Links Grouped by Source Page

```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
links = sc.textFile(file) \
   .map(lambda line: line.split())\
   .map(lambda pages: (pages[0],pages[1]))\
   .distinct()\
   .groupByKey()
```



PageRank in Spark: Persisting the Link Pair RDD

```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
links = sc.textFile(file) \
   .map(lambda line: line.split())\
   .map(lambda pages: (pages[0],pages[1]))\
   .distinct() \
   .groupByKey()\
   .persist()
```



PageRank in Spark: Set Initial Ranks

```
links
                                                                   (page4, [page2,page1])
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
                                                                   (page2, [page1])
links = sc.textFile(file) \
                                                                   (page3, [page1,page4])
   .map(lambda line: line.split()) \
                                                                   (page1, [page3])
   .map(lambda pages: (pages[0],pages[1]))\
   .distinct() \
   .groupByKey()\
                                                                   ranks
   .persist()
                                                                   (page4, 1.0)
ranks=links.map(lambda (page, neighbors): (page, 1.0))
                                                                   (page2, 1.0)
                                                                   (page3, 1.0)
                                                                   (page1, 1.0)
```

PageRank in Spark: First Iteration (1)



PageRank in Spark: First Iteration (2)



PageRank in Spark: First Iteration (3)

```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
links = ...
ranks = ...
for x in xrange(10):
  contribs=links\
    .join(ranks)\
    .flatMap(lambda (page, (neighbors, rank)): \
       computeContribs(neighbors,rank))
  ranks=contribs\
    .reduceByKey(lambda v1,v2: v1+v2)
```

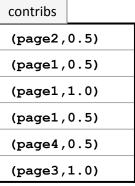
contribs	
(page2,0.5)	
(page1,0.5)	
(page1,1.0)	
(page1,0.5)	
(page4,0.5)	
(page3,1.0)	



(page4,0.5)
(page2,0.5)
(page3,1.0)
(page1,2.0)

PageRank in Spark: First Iteration (4)

```
def computeContribs(neighbors, rank):...
links = ...
ranks = ...
for x in xrange(10):
  contribs=links\
    .join(ranks)
    .flatMap(lambda (page, (neighbors, rank)): \
       computeContribs(neighbors,rank))
  ranks=contribs\
    .reduceByKey(lambda v1,v2: v1+v2)\
    .map(lambda (page,contrib): \
         (page, contrib * 0.85 + 0.15))
```





(page4,0.5) (page2, 0.5) (page3,1.0)

(page1,2.0)



(page4,.58) (page2,.58) (page3,1.0) (page1,1.85)

PageRank in Spark: Second Iteration



Checkpointing (1)

Maintaining RDD lineage provides resilience but can also cause problems when the lineage gets very long

Iter1

Iter2

Iter3

Iter4 data... data...

data...

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- e.g., iterative algorithms, streaming

- Recovery can be very expensive
- Potential stack overflow

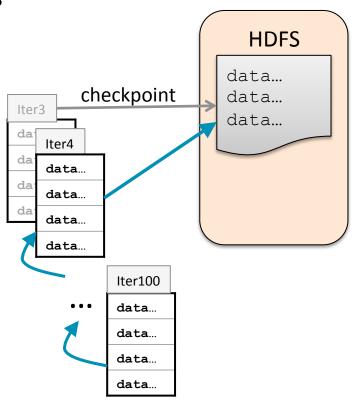
```
data...
myrdd = ...initial-value...
                                                        data...
while x in xrange(100):
                                                               Iter100
    myrdd = myrdd.transform(...)
                                                               data...
myrdd.saveAsTextFile(dir)
                                                               data...
                                                               data...
```



Checkpointing (2)

- Checkpointing saves the data to HDFS
 - Provides fault-tolerant storage across nodes
- Lineage is not saved
- Must be checkpointed before any actions on the RDD

```
sc.setCheckpointDir(directory)
myrdd = ...initial-value...
while x in xrange(100):
  myrdd = myrdd.transform(...)
  if x \% 3 == 0:
    myrdd.checkpoint()
    myrdd.count()
myrdd.saveAsTextFile(dir)
```





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Graph Analytics

- Many data analytics problems work with "data parallel" algorithms
 - Records can be processed independently of each other
 - Very well suited to parallelizing
- Some problems focus on the relationships between the individual data items. For example:
 - Social networks
 - Web page hyperlinks
 - Roadmaps
- These relationships can be represented by graphs
 - Requires "graph parallel" algorithms

Graph Analysis Challenges at Scale

Graph Creation

- Extracting relationship information from a data source
 - For example, extracting links from web pages

Graph Representation

- e.g., adjacency lists in a table

Graph Analysis

- Inherently iterative, hard to parallelize
- This is the focus of specialized libraries like Pregel, GraphLab

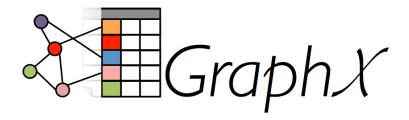
Post-analysis processing

- e.g., incorporating product recommendations into a retail site

Graph Analysis in Spark

Spark is very well suited to graph parallel algorithms

- GraphX
 - UC Berkeley AMPLab project on top of Spark
 - Unifies optimized graph computation with Spark's fast data parallelism and interactive abilities
 - Supersedes predecessor Bagel (Pregel on Spark)



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Machine Learning

- Most programs tell computers exactly what to do
 - Database transactions and queries
 - Controllers
 - Phone systems, manufacturing processes, transport, weaponry, etc.
 - Media delivery
 - Simple search
 - Social systems
 - Chat, blogs, email, etc.
- An alternative technique is to have computers learn what to do
- Machine Learning refers to programs that leverage collected data to drive future program behavior
- This represents another major opportunity to gain value from data

The 'Three Cs'

- Machine Learning is an active area of research and new applications
- There are three well-established categories of techniques for exploiting data
 - Collaborative filtering (recommendations)
 - Clustering
 - Classification



Collaborative Filtering

- Collaborative Filtering is a technique for recommendations
- Example application: given people who each like certain books, learn to suggest what someone may like in the future based on what they already like
- Helps users navigate data by expanding to topics that have affinity with their established interests
- Collaborative Filtering algorithms are agnostic to the different types of data items involved
 - Useful in many different domains

Clustering

- Clustering algorithms discover structure in collections of data
 - Where no formal structure previously existed
- They discover what clusters, or groupings, naturally occur in data
- Examples
 - Finding related news articles
 - Computer vision (groups of pixels that cohere into objects)

Classification

- The previous two techniques are considered 'unsupervised' learning
 - The algorithm discovers groups or recommendations itself
- Classification is a form of 'supervised' learning
- A classification system takes a set of data records with known labels
 - Learns how to label new records based on that information
- Examples
 - Given a set of e-mails identified as spam/not spam, label new e-mails as spam/not spam
 - Given tumors identified as benign or malignant, classify new tumors

Machine Learning Challenges

- Highly computation intensive and iterative
- Many traditional numerical processing systems do not scale to very large datasets
 - -e.g., MatLab

MLlib: Machine Learning on Spark

- MLlib is part of Apache Spark
- Includes many common ML functions
 - ALS (alternating least squares)
 - k-means
 - Logistic Regression
 - Linear Regression
 - Gradient Descent
- Still a 'work in progress'

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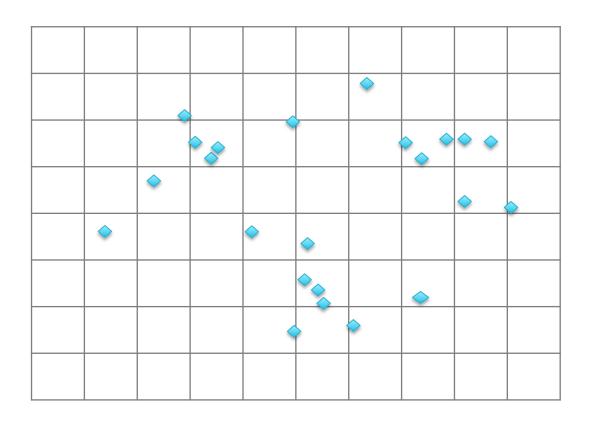
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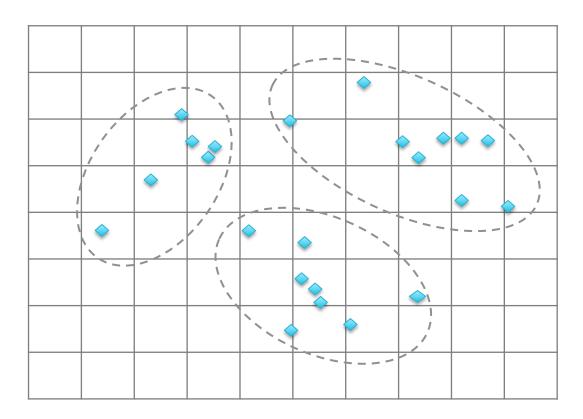
- A common iterative algorithm used in graph analysis and machine learning
- You will implement a simplified version in the homework assignment



Clustering (1)

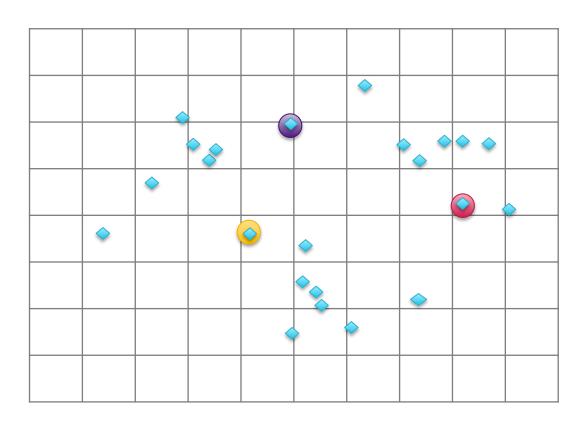


Clustering (2)



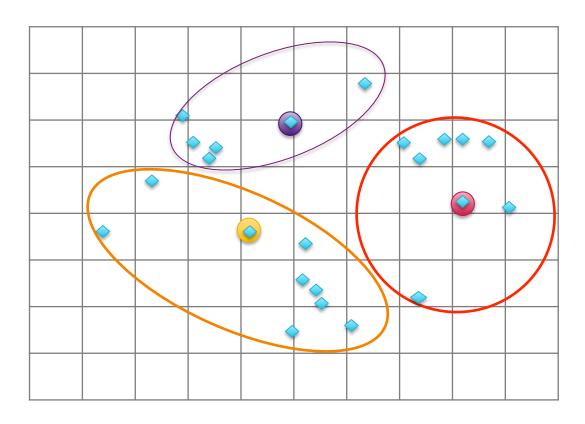
Goal: Find "clusters" of data points

Example: k-means Clustering (1)



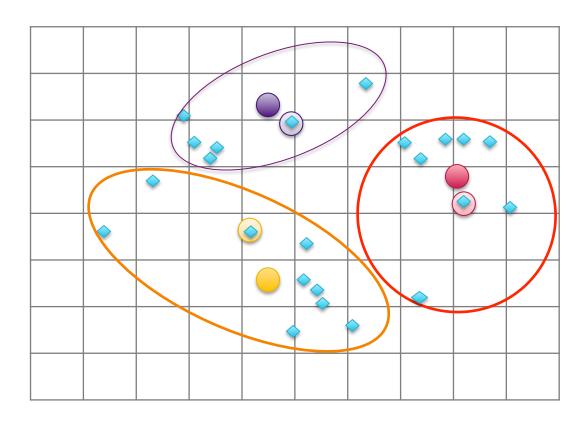
1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers

Example: k-means Clustering (2)



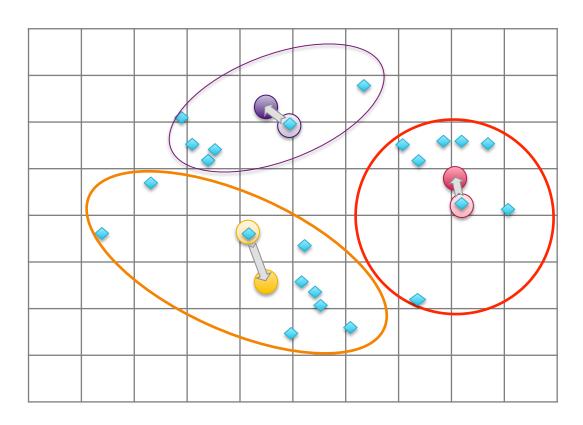
- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center

Example: k-means Clustering (3)



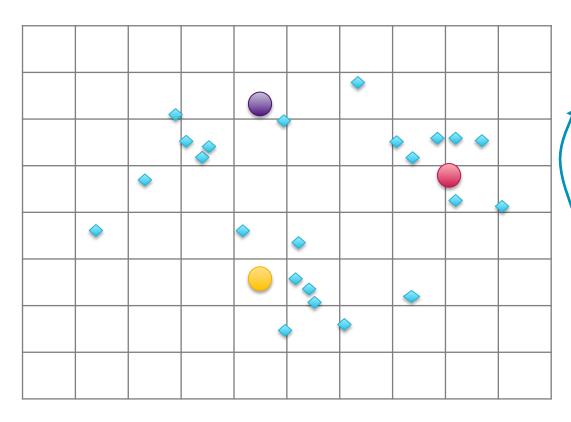
- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center
- 3. Find the center (mean) of each cluster

Example: k-means Clustering (4)



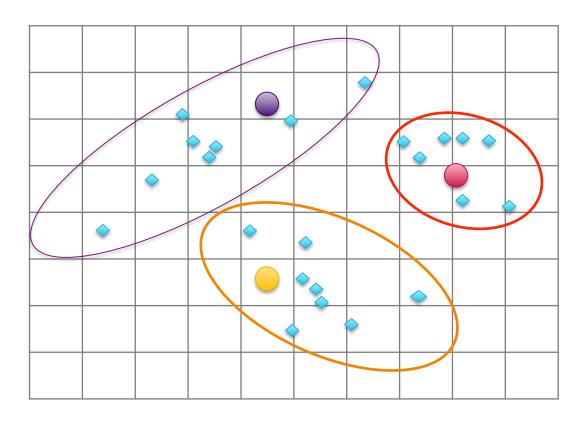
- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center
- 3. Find the center (mean) of each cluster
- 4. If the centers changed, iterate again

Example: k-means Clustering (5)



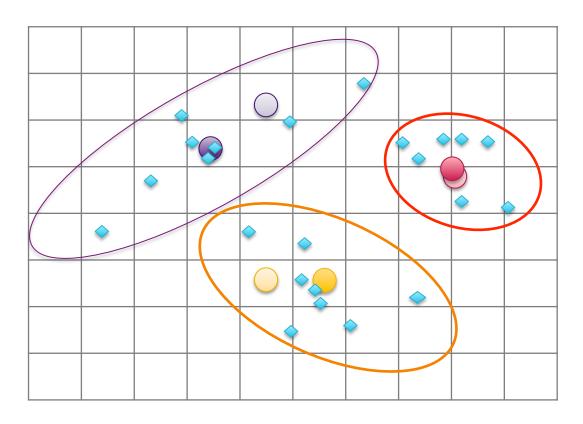
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Example: k-means Clustering (6)



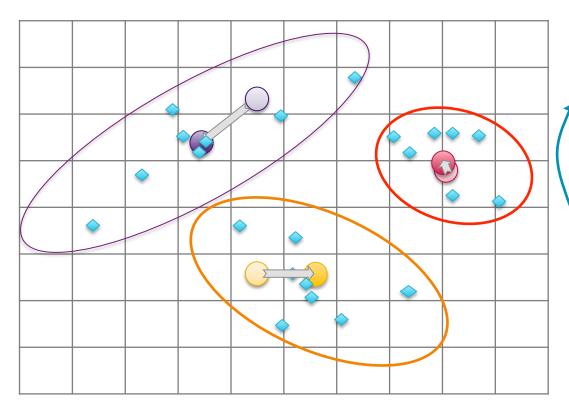
- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center
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Example: k-means Clustering (7)



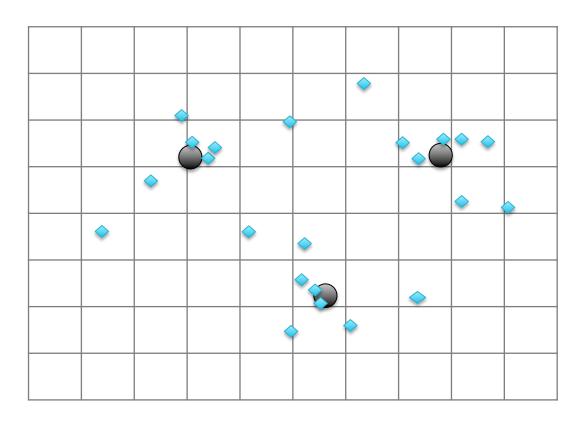
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Example: k-means Clustering (8)



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- If the centers changed, iterate again

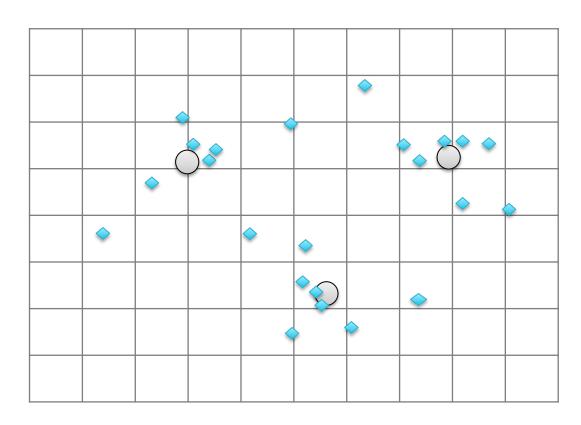
Example: k-means Clustering (9)



- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center
- 3. Find the center (mean) of each cluster
- 4. If the centers changed, iterate again

5. Done!

Example: Approximate k-means Clustering



- 1. Choose *K* random points as starting centers
- 2. Find all points closest to each center
- 3. Find the center (mean) of each cluster
- 4. If the centers changed by more than *c*, iterate again

5. Close enough!

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Essential Points

- Spark is especially suited to big data problems that require iteration
 - In-memory persistence makes this very efficient
- Common in many types of analysis
 - e.g., common algorithms such as PageRank and k-means
- Spark includes specialized libraries to implement many common functions
 - GraphX
 - MLlib

GraphX

- Highly efficient graph analysis (similar to Pregel et al.) and graph construction, representation and post-processing

MLlib

 Efficient, scalable functions for machine learning (e.g., logistic regression, k-means)

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Homework

Iterative Processing in Spark

- In this homework assignment you will
 - Implement k-means in Spark in order to identify clustered location data points from Loudacre device status logs
 - Find the geographic centers of device activity

Optional Homework: Partition Data Files Using Spark

- In this homework assignment you will
 - Define "regions" according to the k-means points identified above
 - Use Spark to create a dataset for device status data, partitioned by region
- Please refer to the Homework description

