COMP5349 – Cloud Computing

Week 8: Programming with Apache Spark and Flink

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Self-Reflection Survey

- Please re-submit in eLearning as we had to re-create the self reflection survey on the weekend
- Please answer <u>all</u> questions in a single session
 - please review the instructions
 - ▶ if unsure, choose the middle option
- In the lab today:
 - ▶ Demos on Azure
 - Exercises with both Spark and Flink

Review Question 1

Which system uses Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD)?

■ A: Apache Flink

■ B: Apache Hadoop

■ C: Apache Spark



http://tinyurl.com/mpkjmw



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Review Question 2

What is the main strength of Spark?

A: in-memory processing

■ B: fail safety

C: pipelined processing



http://tinyurl.com/knqekz6



Review Question 3

What is the main strength of Flink?

A: in-memory processing

B: fail safety

C: pipelined processing



http://tinyurl.com/meqatdd



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 - Wordcount Example
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 - ► RDD and Data Set Operations
- Lambda Expression
- MR Design Patterns in Spark & Flink
- A Complete Example

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[based on slides by Dr Ying Zhou]

Spark & Flink Program Skeletons

- Regular programs in Java / Scala / Python
- 1. Initialise the runtime environment
- Load or create source data
- Specify the data transformations
 - This might include usage of self-defined UDFs
- 4. Specify where the **output** should go
- 5. Execute



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Comparison

- In the following, each step with either Spark or Flink
- First Java, but also all examples in Python available

Step 1: Initialisation

Spark:

- Every Spark application represented as a driver program
 - In Java, the driver program is just a normal java class with a main method
- Every Spark application needs to create a SparkContext object, which is used to access a cluster. In Java language The SparkContext object is of type JavaSparkContext

Flink:

- In Java, a Flink main program is a normal Java class with a main() method
- Every Flink application needs to create an ExecutionEnvironment object, which is used to access the cluster. In Java, this object is of type ExecutionEnvironment



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Spark – Driver Initialisation

- A Spark program is just a regular main program that creates SparkContext object, which is used to access a cluster.
 - ▶ In Java, this object is of type JavaSparkContext
 - ▶ In Python, this object is of type ...
- The spark context provides methods for
 - Data input
 - Data output
 - **...**
- The data processing steps are defined using RDDs

WordCount in Spark (Java)

```
import java.util.Arrays;
import org.apache.spark.SparkConf;
import org.apache.spark.JavaSparkContext;
import org.apache.spark.JavaRDD;
import org.apache.spark.JavaPairRDD;
public class WordCountExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      SparkConf conf = new SparkConf().setAppName("WordcountExample")
                                        .setMaster("...");
      JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(conf);
      JavaRDD<String> textFile = sc.textFile("hdfs://...");
      JavaPairRDD<String, Integer> counts =
      textFile.flatMap(s -> Arrays.asList(s.split(" ")).iterator())
               .mapToPair(word -> new Tuple2<>(word, 1))
               .reduceByKey((a, b) -> a + b);
      counts.saveAsTextFile("hdfs://...");
   }
}
```

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[Cf.: http://spark.apache.org/examples.html]

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WordCount in Spark (Python)

from pyspark import SparkConf, SparkContext

```
myconf = (SparkConf().setMaster("...")
                      .setAppName ("WordcountExample")
                      .set("spark.executor.memory", "1g")
                      .pyFiles(['wordcount.py']))
sc = SparkContext(myconf)
text file = sc.textFile("hdfs://...")
counts = text file.flatMap(lambda line: line.lower.split(" ")) \
                   .map(lambda word: (word, 1)) \
                   .reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
counts.saveAsTextFile("hdfs://...")
```

Spark– Linking and Execution

- Need to add additional libraries to the program
- Spark Java:
 - spark-assembly-1.6.1-hadoop2.6.0.jar
 - ▶ spark-core 2.10-0.9.0-incubating.jar

```
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```

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PySpark Shell

With PySpark, there is also the possibility to use the Python shell to explore data interactively and as a simple way to learn the API:

```
./bin/pyspark
>>> words = sc.textFile("hdfs://...")
>>> words.filter(lambda w: w.startswith("spar")).take(5)
  [u'spar', u'sparable', u'sparada', u'sparadrap', ...]
>>> help(pyspark) # Show all pyspark functions
```

By default, the bin/pyspark shell creates a SparkContext 'sc' that runs applications locally on a single core. To connect to a non-local cluster, or use multiple cores, set the MASTER environment variable.

[https://spark.apache.org/docs/0.9.1/python-programming-guide.html]



Flink – Program Initialisation

- A Flink program is just a regular main program that creates an Flink "execution environment" (an ExecutionEnvironment object), which is used to access the cluster
 - ▶ In Java, this object is of type ExecutionEnvironment
 - ▶ In Python, this object is of type flink.plan.Environment
- The execution environment provides methods for
 - Data input
 - Data output
 - execute(): actually executes the defined Flink workflow in the cluster
- The processing workflow is defined using DataSet objects and its API to manipulate data sets



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WordCount in Flink (Java)

```
public class WordCountExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
  final ExecutionEnvironment env = ExecutionEnvironment.getExecutionEnvironment();
      DataSet<String> data = env.readTextFile("hdfs://...");
      DataSet<Tuple2<String,Integer>> wordCounts =
         data.flatMap(new Tokenizer())
         .groupBy(0) // group by tuple field "0"
                       // sum up tuple field "1"
         .sum(1);
      wordCounts.writeAsCsv("hdfs://...", "\n", "");
      env.execute("Word Count Example");
   public static class Tokenizer
          implements FlatMapFunction<String, Tuple2<String,Integer>> {
      @Override public void flatMap (String line,
                                Collector<Tuple2<String, Integer>> out) {
         for (String word : line.toLowerCase().split(" "))
         { out.collect(new Tuple2<String, Integer>(word, 1));}
      }
   }
}
```

WordCount in Flink (Python)

[Cf.: https://ci.apache.org/projects/flink/flink-docs-release-1.2/dev/batch/python.html]

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Flink - Linking and Execution

- need to include the corresponding Flink library in our project
- simplest way is via a Maven (build tool) project template
- Flink Java:

Flink Python:

➤ Apart from setting up Flink, no additional work is required.

The flink package, along with the plan and optional packages are automatically distributed among the cluster via HDFS when running a job. Python 2.7 or 3.4 should be used.

Lessons Learned

- Flink's Python binding is not as mature as its Java API
 - Eg. more manual function definitions needed
- Some operations are pre-defined, but in some we need to introduce and use own functions
 - Cf. in Python example the reduce function before where we need to define an appropriate sum aggregator first
 - ▶ Or in the Java code, the **tokenizer** is user-defined



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More on Spark

The following is another example that relates to the MovieLens data set used in the tutorial

```
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```

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Spark: Resilient Distributed Datasets

- RDDs are created by
 - ▶ Parallelizing an existing collection
 - ▶ Referencing a dataset in an external storage system, such as HDFS
- RDDs have partitions
 - ▶ Based on source file partition (such as blocks of HDFS files)
 - Or created during transformation, repartition

```
//parallelizing existing collection
  List<Integer> data = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
  JavaRDD<Integer> distData = sc.parallelize(data);

//referencing a data set in HDFS
  JavaRDD<String> ratingData =
        sc.textFile("hdfs://ip-10-171-118-84.ec2.internal:8020/share/ml/u.data");
```

Handling Key Value Pairs in Spark

- Spark have special RDD types to handle data in key value format
 - In Java, key-value pairs are represented using the scala.Tuple2 class from the Scala standard library.
 - ► The RDDs of key-value pair are represented by the JavaPairRDD type
 - JavaPairRDD<String, Integer>
- JavaPairRDDs are constructed from norm JavaRDDs



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Spark RDD Operations

- Transformation
 - create a new dataset from an existing one
 - ► Eg. map(func), flatMap(func), mapToPairs(func), reduceByKey(func)
- Action
 - return a value to the driver program after running a computation on the data set
 - ► Eg. count(), first(), collect(), saveAsTextFile(path)
- Most RDD operations take one or more functions as parameter
 - ▶ Most of them can be viewed as higher order functions
- Spark has strong functional programming flavour!

Flink DataSet Operations

- Functionality similar to the RDDs in Spark
 - Cf. documentation
 - ▶ No in-memory caching though, but inherently pipelined processing
- Most DataSet operations take one or more functions as parameter
 - Most of them can be viewed as higher order functions
- Flink also has a strong functional programming flavour!



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Anonymous Functions

- Functional argument can be compactly expressed using anonymous functions
 - ► E.g: map (a-> 2*a)
- Lambda expressions are a way to express anonymous functions in a programming language
- Nearly all functional languages and most script languages support anonymous function
- Java supports anonymous functions beginning with Java 8 in the form of lambda expression
 - ▶ Function interface is used in previous versions



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Lambda Expressions in Java

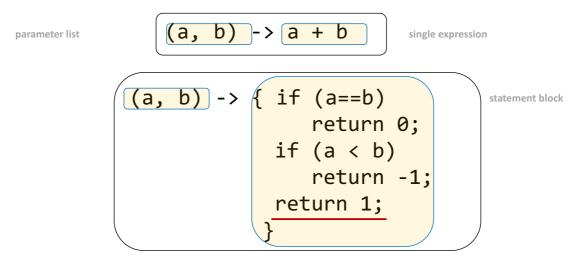
```
// create an RDD from local file system as a collection of strings
JavaRDD<String> lines = sc.textFile("data.txt");
// create an RDD of Integer using the map transformation
// the transformation take a line as string and returns the number
// of characters
JavaRDD<Integer> lineLengths = lines.map($ -> s.length());
// call the reduce action to find total number of characters in the file
int totalLength = lineLengths.reduce((a, b) -> a + b);
```

All transformations in Spark or Flink are *lazy*, in that they do not compute their results right away. Instead, they just remember the transformations applied to some base dataset (e.g. a file). The transformations are only computed when an action requires a result to be returned to the driver program.

Adding a line lineLengths.persist(); before reduce action would cause lineLengths to be saved in memory for later use

Lambda Expression in Java

- A Lambda Expression consists of the following
 - A comma-separated lists of formal parameters enclosed in parentheses
 - ▶ The arrow token , ->
 - ▶ A body, which consists of a single expression or a statement block





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RDD Operation Functional Argument

String -> int

```
JavaRDD<Integer> lineLengths = lines.map(s -> s.length());
 int (totalLength) = lineLengths.reduce((a, b) -> a + b);
                                                                     (int, int) -> int
map
<R> JavaRDD<R> map(Function<T,R> f)
Return a new RDD by applying a function to all elements of
                                               T reduce(Function2<T,T,T> f)
                                               Reduces the elements of this RDD using the specified commutative and associative binary operator.
public interface Function<T1,R>
                                                           public interface Function2<T1,T2,R>
extends java.io.Serializable
                                                            extends java.io.Serializable
                                                            A two-argument function that takes arguments of type T1 and T2 and returns an R.
 Method Summary
                                                             Method Summary
  Modifier and Type
                                 Method and Description
                                 call(T1 v1)
                                                              Modifier and Type
                                                                                             Method and Description
                                                                                             call(T1 v1, T2 v2)
```

Anonymous Functions with Flink

- The previous examples were using Java and the Spark API
- Same concept (lambda expressions) are also supported natively in Python
- Flink API also relies heavily on lambda expressions
 - Please see documentation and lab for details



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MR Design Patterns with Spark or Flink

- In Week 5, we covered a series of MR design patterns
- In the following, want to briefly run through how those can be represented in Spark or Flink
- Input Transformation
 - ▶ In MR: Part of the map() function
 - ▶ In Spark: New RDD based on initial RDD;
 - ▶ In Flink: New DataSet based on initial Data Set



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MR Design Pattern: Filtering

- Filtering input data
 - In MR: Part of the map() function
 - ▶ In Spark: RDD.filter (predicate) operation
 - Only entries where the predicate function returns TRUE are kept
 - ▶ In Flink: ...
 - Only entries where the predicate function returns TRUE are kept
- Example:
 - ► Spark:

```
JavaRDD<Movie> movies = sc. ...

JavaRDD<Movie> result = movies.filter( m -> 1 <= m.id <= 100);
```

Flink:

```
DataSet<String> data = env.readTextFile("hdfs://...");
DataSet<String> result = data.filter( line -> ! line.contains("error") );
```

MR Design Pattern: Aggregation

- Aggregating values
 - In MR: implemented with the reduce() function
 - ▶ In Spark: reduceByKey()
 - ▶ In Flink: sequence of groupBy() followed by reduce()
 - both systems offer predefined aggregation functions such as sum() or count()

Example:

Spark:

```
JavaPairRDD<String, Integer> counts =
        textFile.flatMap( ... )
                 .mapToPair(word -> new Tuple2<>(word, 1))
                 .reduceByKey((a, b) -> a + b);
► Flink:
  DataSet<Integer> textfile.flatMap( { ... return (word,1) } )
                            .groupBy( 0 )
                            .sum(1);
```



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MR Design Pattern: Join

- Joining two input data sets
 - In MR: pair of map() and reduce() function with appropriate keys
 - ▶ In Spark: join() method of PairRDDs (we need a key per value)
 - performs a hash join across the cluster with resulting <k,(v1, v2)> pairs where (k, v1) was in the first, and (k, v2) in the second RDD
 - ▶ In Flink: join() method on Data Sets
 - both offer various sub-forms of joins, such as cross-join (Flink), or left or right outer join (Spark)
- Example:
 - Spark

```
JavaPairRDD<> input1, input2;
JavaPairRDD<> result = input1.join(input2)
```

► Flink:

```
DataSet<> input1, input2;
DataSet<> result = input1.join(input2)
                         .where(0)
                                     // key of first input (tuple field 0)
                         .equalTo(1); // key of 2nd input (tuple field 1)
```







Combiner, Partitioner, Composite Keys

Combiner

Spark PairedRDDs offer a combineByKey() method

Partitioner

- Spark RDDs can get their partitioner class attribute overridden
- Spark PairedRDDs have a partitionBy() method
- ► Flink DataSets support partitionByHash(), partitionByRange() and partitionCustom() methods

Composite Keys

- ▶ In Spark:
- In Flink: quite natural via Tuple specification

[cf. https://spark.apache.org/docs/0.6.2/api/core/spark/RDD.html] [cf. https://ci.apache.org/projects/flink/flink-docs-release-1.2/dev/batch/index.html] 08-37



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Combining two data values

- Problem: Both Flink and Spark use Lazy Evaluation
 - You cannot use single result values of one computation inside another, because it ahs not been computed yet, but is just a placeholder for a 'sub-query'
- Two approaches:
 - ▶ 1. Cross-Join
 - 2. Broadcast variables (Flink)

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 - Various transformations

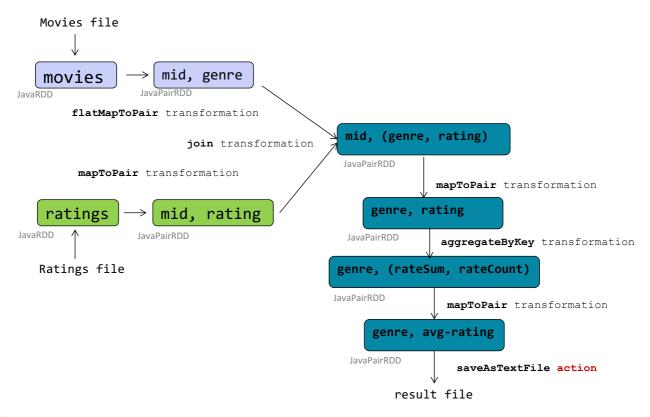


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Sample Program

- Two data sets stored as txt files
- Movies (mid, title, genres)
 - ► Sample data:
 - ▶ 1, Toy Story (1995), Adventure | Animation | Children | Comedy | Fantasy
- Ratings (uid, mid, rating, timestampe)
 - Sample data:
 - ► 1,253,3.0,900660748
- We want to find out the average rate for each genre
 - ▶ We would join the two data sets on movie id (mid) and keep only the genre and rating data, we then group the rating data based on genre and find the average for each genre.

Spark: RDD Operation Design



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Spark Application Code Snippet: I

```
public class MovieLens {
public static void main(String[] args) {
   String inputDataPath = args[0], outputDataPath = args[1];
    //Prepare Spark Context
   SparkConf conf = new SparkConf();
   conf.setAppName("Movie Lens Application");
   JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(conf);
   //read ratings and movie data as JavaRDD<String>
   JavaRDD<String> ratingData = sc.textFile(inputDataPath+"ratings.csv"),
                    movieData = sc.textFile(inputDataPath + "movies.csv");
    //convert ratingData to a key value pair RDD (mid, rating)
    //the text file format is: userId,movieId,rating,timestamp
    JavaPairRDD<String, Float> ratingExtraction = ratingData.mapToPair(s ->
        String[] values = s.split(",");
                                                                                Lambda expression
            new Tuple2<String, Float>(values[1],Float.parseFloat(values[2]));
```

In Java, a key value pair is wrapped as a type Tuple2.
The mapToPair transformation takes a function of type
PairFunction as parameter, this function takes a parameter and returns a Tuple2 object

mapToPair

<K2,V2> JavaPairRDD<K2,V2> mapToPair(PairFunction<T,K2,V2> f)
Return a new RDD by applying a function to all elements of this RDD.



Spark Application Code Snippet: II

A map or mapToPair transformation always expects a one-to-one mapping between the input and output.

If you need to filter the input by some condition and only return the value that satisfy the condition, you should use filter transformation.

If an input would produce 0 or more output, you should use **flatMapToPair** transformation.

The **flatMapToPair** transformation takes a function of type **PairFlatMapFunction** as parameter. This function takes a parameter and returns an **Iterable** collection of **Tuple2** objects



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mapToPair and flatMapToPair

mapToPair

 $< \texttt{K2,V2} \ \ \, \texttt{JavaPairRDD} < \texttt{K2,V2} \ \ \, \texttt{mapToPair}(\texttt{PairFunction} < \texttt{T,K2,V2} > \ \texttt{f})$

Return a new RDD by applying a function to all elements of this RDD

public interface PairFunction<T,K,V>
extends java.io.Serializable

A function that returns key-value pairs (Tuple2<K, V>), and can be used to construct PairRDDs

Method Summary Methods Modifier and Type Method and Description scala.Tuple2<K,V> call(T t)

flatMapToPair

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} $<$K2,V2>$ JavaPairRDD<$K2,V2>$ flatMapToPair(PairFlatMapFunction<$T,K2,V2>$ f) \end{tabular}$

Return a new RDD by first applying a function to all elements of this RDD, and then flattening the results

public interface PairFlatMapFunction<T,K,V>
extends java.io.Serializable

A function that returns zero or more key-value pair records from each input record. The key-value pairs are represented as scala. Tuple 2 objects.

Method Summary	
Methods	
Modifier and Type	Method and Description
Iterable <scala.tuple2<k,v>></scala.tuple2<k,v>	call(T t)



Spark Application Code Snippet: III

```
//join the two RDDs to find the ratings for each genre
//join function performs an inner join
//The result RDD would have the following format
//(movieID, (genre, rating))

JavaPairRDD<String, Tuple2<String,Float>> joinResults =
    movieGenres.join(ratingExtraction);

//Join is based on movieID, which is not useful in our calculation
//We only want to retain the value which is (genre, rating) and
//convert it to a PairRDD
JavaPairRDD
JavaPairRDD
An RDD of Tuple2<String,Float>

A Tuple2<String,Float>

Return the same Tuple2<String,Float>
```



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Spark Application Code Snippet: IV

There are a few transformations similar to the **reducer** in MapReduc framework

groupByKey groups the values for each key. This is like the step of preparing input for reducer in MapReduce framework

reduceByKey merge the values for each key using a given reduce function. This will also perform the merging locally on each "mapper" before sending results to a reducer, similarly to a "combiner" in MapReduce. But the type of the merged value should be the same as the type of the input value!

foldByKey is similar to reduceByKey except that you can supply a natural zero value.

aggregateByKey is more general than reduceByKey. It allows the merged value to have different type of the input value. It takes at least a natural zero value and two functions as parameter.

All above transformations can take extra parameter to indicate the number of partition, or a partitioner object. This is like specifying the number of **reducers** in MapReduce, or specifying a customized partitioner.

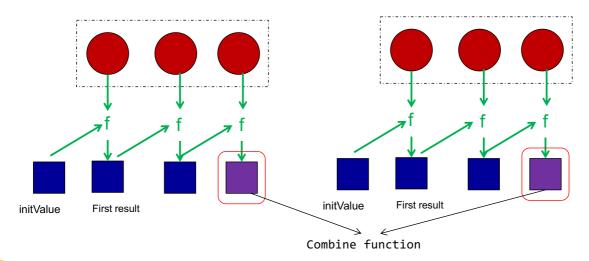


aggregateByKey Transformation

aggregateByKey

```
public <U> JavaPairRDD<K,U> aggregateByKey(U zeroValue,
                                  int numPartitions,
                                  Function2<U,V,U> seqFunc
                                  Function2<U,U,U> combFunc)
```

Aggregate the values of each key, using given combine functions and a neutral "zero value". This function can return a different result type, U, than the type of the values in this RDD, V. Thus, we need one operation for merging a V into a U and one operation for merging two U's, as in scala. Traversable Once. The former operation is used for merging values within a partition, and the latter is used for merging values between partitions. To avoid memory allocation, both of these functions are allowed to modify and return their first argument instead of creating a new U.





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Spark Application Code Snippet: IV (revisit)

```
JavaPairRDD genreRatingAvg = joinResultsNoID.aggregateByKey(
           new Tuple2<Float, Integer> (0.0f,0),
           (r,v)-> new Tuple2<Float, Integer> (r._1+ v2, r._2+1),
           (v1,v2) -> new Tuple2<Float,Integer> (v1._1 + v2._1, v1._2 + v2._2))
           .mapToPair(
            ft -> new Tuple2(t._1, (t._2._1 * 1.0 / t._2._2))
    // this is an action
    genreRatingAvg.saveAsTextFile(outputDataPath + "latest.rating.avg.per.genre");
    sc.close():
}
```

we want to use aggregateByKey to find out the rating sum and rating count per genre. the sum and count can be stored in a Tuple2 object of float and integer, initialized to 0.0 and 0

For each rating value, we increment the sum and the count respectively

To merge two intermediate results, the partial sums are added up and the partial count added

A mapToPair transformation is applied to calculate the average using the final sum and count

aggregateByKey Running Example



Read ("Drama", 3.5), "Drama" is a new key accumulators ["Drama"] = <0.0,0> accumulators ["Drama"] = <0.0+3.5,0+1> = <3.5,1> //call seqFunc Read ("Action", 4.0), "Action" is an old key accumulators ["Action"] = <5.0+4.0,1+1> = <9.0,2> //call seqFunc ("Action", <3.0,1>) ("Drama", <3.5,1>)

("Drama",<11.0,3>)

new Tuple2<Float, Integer> (0.0f,0) // init value
(v1,v2)-> new Tuple2<Float, Integer> (v1._1+ v2, v1._2+1) // seqFunc
(v3,v4) -> new Tuple2<Float,Integer> (v3._1 + v4._1, v3._2 + v4._2)) // combFunc

("Action",<12.0,3>)

Merge by calling combFunc

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