

CSL7110 Assignment 1: MapReduce & Spark

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GitHub Repository:

https://github.com/chiragphor/CSL7110_Assignment1

(Please verify this link points to your actual repo)

Q1: WordCount Execution

The WordCount example was executed successfully. (Please insert screenshot of execution here manually if needed, or refer to the "outputs" folder in the repo).

Q2: Map Phase Input/Output

For the input lyrics "We're up all night...", the Map phase processes lines as values with byte offsets as keys.

Input Pairs (Key: LongWritable, Value: Text):

```
(0, "We're up all night till the sun")
(31, "We're up all night to get some")
(63, "We're up all night for good fun")
(95, "We're up all night to get lucky")
```

Output Pairs (Key: Text, Value: IntWritable):

```
("We're", 1), ("up", 1), ("all", 1), ("night", 1), ("till", 1), ("the", 1), ("sun", 1)
("to", 1), ("get", 1), ("some", 1), ...
```

Types:

Input Key: LongWritable (Byte Offset)

Input Value: Text (Line context)

Output Key: Text (Word)

Output Value: IntWritable (Count 1)

Q3: Reduce Phase Input/Output

The Shuffle/Sort phase groups values by key.

Input Pairs (Key: Text, Value: Iterable<IntWritable>):

```
("up", [1, 1, 1, 1])
("to", [1, 1, 1])
("get", [1, 1])
("lucky", [1])
```

Types:

Input Key: Text

Input Value: Iterable<IntWritable>

Output Key: Text

Output Value: IntWritable (Sum)

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Q4: WordCount.java Modifications

The code was modified to use Hadoop IO types.

```
public void map(LongWritable key, Text value, Context context)
public void reduce(Text key, Iterable<IntWritable> values, Context context)

job.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
job.setOutputValueClass(IntWritable.class);
```

Q5: Map Function Implementation

Implemented using `String.replaceAll("[^a-zA-Z\\s]", "")` to handle punctuation and `StringTokenizer` for splitting.

Q6: Reduce Function Implementation

Implemented to iterate through `IntWritable` values and sum them up.

Q7: Execution on 200.txt

Executed on the cluster. The output file contains word counts for the dataset.

Q8: HDFS Replication

Q: Why don't we have a replication factor for directories?

A: Directories in HDFS are metadata constructs stored in the NameNode's memory (namespace). They do not have physical data blocks distributed across DataNodes, so "replication" in the block storage sense does not apply.

Q: How does changing replication factor impact performance?

A:

1. Higher replication: Increases fault tolerance and data availability. It can improve read performance by allowing more tasks to read data locally (data locality). However, it increases write overhead (more network traffic to replicate) and storage usage.
2. Lower replication: Saves space and faster writes, but reduces fault tolerance and read reliability/locality.

Q9: Execution Time & Split Size

Added timing code using `System.currentTimeMillis()`.

Experimenting with `split.maxsize`:

- Smaller split size -> More splits -> More Map tasks -> Higher parallelism but more container startup overhead.
 - Larger split size -> Fewer Map tasks -> Less overhead but potentially lower parallelism.
- Optimum depends on cluster capacity and file size.

Q10: Book Metadata Extraction

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Implemented in spark/q10_metadata.py using Python Regex.

Regex used:

- Title: "Title:\s*(.+) "
- Release Date: "Release [Dd]ate:\s*(.+?)(?:\s*\[|)\$)"
- Language: "Language:\s*(.+) "
- Encoding: "Character set encoding:\s*(.+) "

Challenges:

- Inconsistent headers (e.g., "Posting Date" vs "Release Date").
- Multi-line values.
- Missing fields.

Handling in Real-world:

- Use robust parsers/libraries.
- Data validation pipelines.
- Fallback patterns.

Q11: TF-IDF & Book Similarity

Implemented using PySpark native functions (q11_tfidf.py).

Concepts:

- TF (Term Frequency): How often a word appears in a doc.
- IDF (Inverse Doc Frequency): $\log(N/df)$, weights down common words.
- TF-IDF: Highlights words important to a specific doc but rare globally.

Cosine Similarity:

- Measures angle between vectors.
- Range [0, 1].
- Good for text because it ignores document length (magnitude).

Scalability:

- Pairwise comparison is $O(N^2)$. Spark helps via distributed computing, but for massive datasets, approximate nearest neighbor (LSH) is preferred to avoid full shuffling.

Q12: Author Influence Network

Implemented in spark/q12_influence.py.

Influence Definition: Author A \rightarrow Author B if A released a book within $X=5$ years before B.

Representation: DataFrame of edges (author_a, author_b).

Pros: Easy SQL aggregations. Cons: Expensive cross-joins.

Scalability: Cross-join is expensive. Optimization: Partition by time window or use GraphFrames.