# Introduction to PySpark RDD

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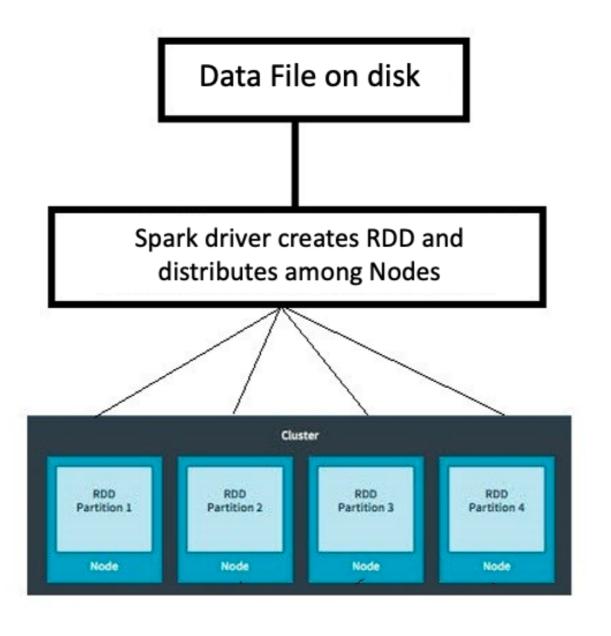


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### What is RDD?

• RDD = Resilient Distributed Datasets





### **Decomposing RDDs**

- Resilient Distributed Datasets
  - Resilient: Ability to withstand failures
  - Distributed: Spanning across multiple machines
  - Datasets: Collection of partitioned data e.g, Arrays, Tables, Tuples etc.,

### Creating RDDs. How to do it?

- Parallelizing an existing collection of objects
- External datasets:
  - Files in HDFS
  - Objects in Amazon S3 bucket
  - lines in a text file
- From existing RDDs



### Parallelized collection (parallelizing)

parallelize() for creating RDDs from python lists

```
numRDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
helloRDD = sc.parallelize("Hello world")

type(helloRDD)
```

<class 'pyspark.rdd.PipelinedRDD'>

#### From external datasets

• textFile() for creating RDDs from external datasets

```
fileRDD = sc.textFile("README.md")

type(fileRDD)
```

<class 'pyspark.rdd.PipelinedRDD'>

### Understanding Partitioning in PySpark

- A partition is a logical division of a large distributed data set
- parallelize() method

```
numRDD = sc.parallelize(range(10), minPartitions = 6)
```

textFile() method

```
fileRDD = sc.textFile("README.md", minPartitions = 6)
```

• The number of partitions in an RDD can be found by using getNumPartitions() method

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# RDD operations in PySpark

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### Overview of PySpark operations





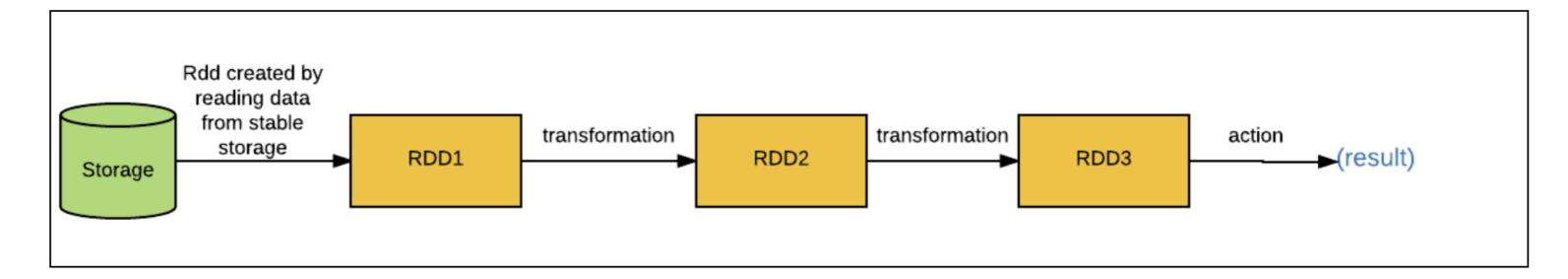
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- Transformations create new RDDs
- Actions perform computation on the RDDs

#### **RDD Transformations**

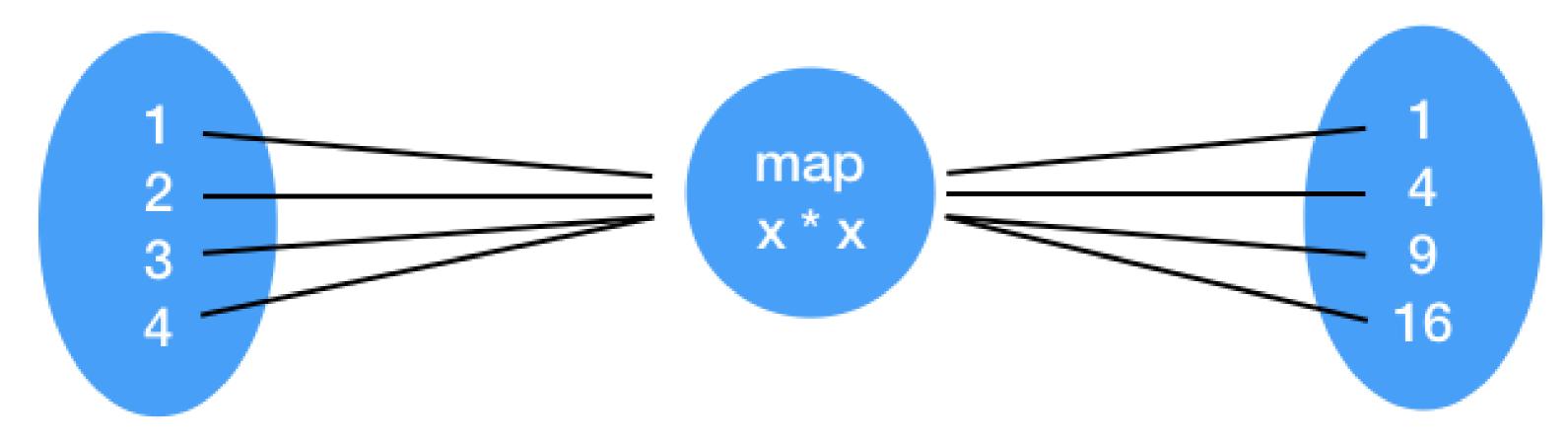
Transformations follow Lazy evaluation



- Basic RDD Transformations
  - o map(), filter(), flatMap(), and union()

### map() Transformation

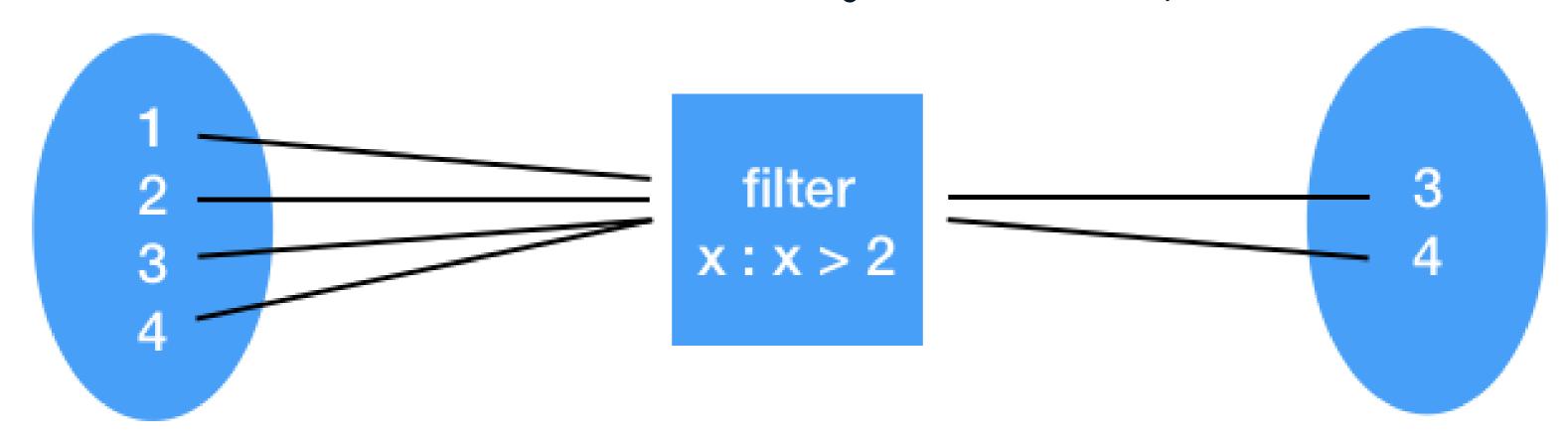
• map() transformation applies a function to all elements in the RDD



```
RDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
RDD_map = RDD.map(lambda x: x * x)
```

## filter() Transformation

• Filter transformation returns a new RDD with only the elements that pass the condition



```
RDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
RDD_filter = RDD.filter(lambda x: x > 2)
```

### flatMap() Transformation

• flatMap() transformation returns multiple values for each element in the original RDD

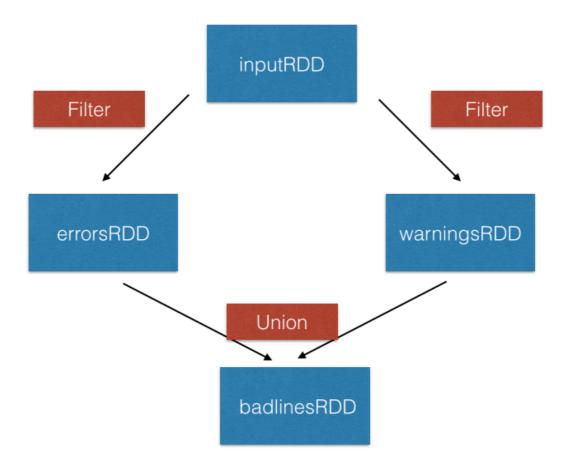
```
["Hello world", "How are you"]

flatMap
x: x.split(" ")

["Hello", "world", "How", "are", "you"]
```

```
RDD = sc.parallelize(["hello world", "how are you"])
RDD_flatmap = RDD.flatMap(lambda x: x.split(" "))
```

### union() Transformation



```
inputRDD = sc.textFile("logs.txt")
errorRDD = inputRDD.filter(lambda x: "error" in x.split())
warningsRDD = inputRDD.filter(lambda x: "warnings" in x.split())
combinedRDD = errorRDD.union(warningsRDD)
```



#### **RDD Actions**

- They are operations that return a value after running a computation on the RDD
- Basic RDD Actions
  - collect()
  - take(N)
  - o first()
  - count()

### collect() and take() Actions

- collect() return all the elements of the dataset as an array
- take(N) returns an array with the first N elements of the dataset

```
RDD_map.collect()
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16]
```

```
RDD_map.take(2)
```

[1, 4]

### first() and count() Actions

• first() prints the first element of the RDD

```
RDD_map.first()
```

#### [1]

• count() return the number of elements in the RDD

```
RDD_flatmap.count()
```

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# Working with 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 the data



### Creating pair RDDs

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

```
my_tuple = [('Sam', 23), ('Mary', 34), ('Peter', 25)]
pairRDD_tuple = sc.parallelize(my_tuple)
```

```
my_list = ['Sam 23', 'Mary 34', 'Peter 25']
regularRDD = sc.parallelize(my_list)
pairRDD_RDD = regularRDD.map(lambda s: (s.split(' ')[0], s.split(' ')[1]))
```

### 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
  - o join(): Join two pair RDDs based on their key

### reduceByKey() transformation

- reduceByKey() transformation combines values with the same key
- It runs parallel operations for each key in the dataset
- It is a transformation and not action

### sortByKey() transformation

- sortByKey() operation orders pair RDD by key
- It returns an RDD sorted by key in ascending or descending order

```
pairRDD_reducebykey_rev = pairRDD_reducebykey.map(lambda x: (x[1], x[0]))
pairRDD_reducebykey_rev.sortByKey(ascending=False).collect()
[(47, 'Messi'), (34, 'Ronaldo'), (22, 'Neymar')]
```

### groupByKey() transformation

• groupByKey() groups all the values with the same key in the pair RDD

```
airports = [("US", "JFK"),("UK", "LHR"),("FR", "CDG"),("US", "SFO")]
regularRDD = sc.parallelize(airports)
pairRDD_group = regularRDD.groupByKey().collect()
for cont, air in pairRDD_group:
    print(cont, list(air))
FR ['CDG']
US ['JFK', 'SFO']
UK ['LHR']
```

### join() transformation

• join() transformation joins the two pair RDDs based on their key

```
RDD1 = sc.parallelize([("Messi", 34),("Ronaldo", 32),("Neymar", 24)])
RDD2 = sc.parallelize([("Ronaldo", 80),("Neymar", 120),("Messi", 100)])
```

```
RDD1.join(RDD2).collect()
[('Neymar', (24, 120)), ('Ronaldo', (32, 80)), ('Messi', (34, 100))]
```

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### More actions

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### reduce() action

- reduce(func) action is used for aggregating the elements of a regular RDD
- The function should be commutative (changing the order of the operands does not change the result) and associative
- An example of reduce() action in PySpark

```
x = [1,3,4,6]
RDD = sc.parallelize(x)
RDD.reduce(lambda x, y : x + y)
```

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### saveAsTextFile() action

• saveAsTextFile() action saves RDD into a text file inside a directory with each partition as a separate file

```
RDD.saveAsTextFile("tempFile")
```

• coalesce() method can be used to save RDD as a single text file

```
RDD.coalesce(1).saveAsTextFile("tempFile")
```



### **Action Operations on pair RDDs**

- RDD actions available for PySpark pair RDDs
- Pair RDD actions leverage the key-value data
- Few examples of pair RDD actions include
  - o countByKey()
  - collectAsMap()

### countByKey() action

- countByKey() only available for type (K, V)
- countByKey() action counts the number of elements for each key
- Example of countByKey() on a simple list

```
rdd = sc.parallelize([("a", 1), ("b", 1), ("a", 1)])
for kee, val in rdd.countByKey().items():
    print(kee, val)
```

```
('a', 2)
('b', 1)
```

### collectAsMap() action

- collectAsMap() return the key-value pairs in the RDD as a dictionary
- Example of collectAsMap() on a simple tuple

```
sc.parallelize([(1, 2), (3, 4)]).collectAsMap()
```

```
{1: 2, 3: 4}
```

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