

Spark Essentials



This Workshop

Programming Spark

Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs)

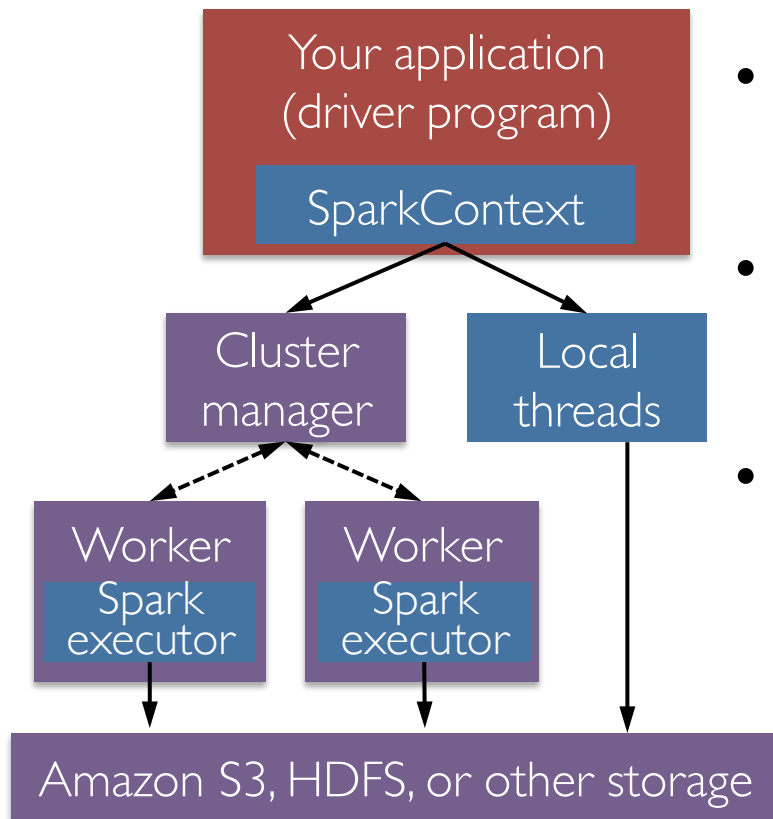
Creating an RDD

Spark Transformations and Actions

Python Spark (pySpark)

- We are using the Python programming interface to Spark ([pySpark](#))
- pySpark provides an easy-to-use programming abstraction and parallel runtime:
 - » “Here’s an operation, run it on all of the data”
- RDDs are the key concept

Spark Driver and Workers



- A Spark program is two programs:
 - » A **driver program** and a **workers program**
- Worker programs run on cluster nodes or in local threads
- RDDs are distributed across workers

Spark Context

- A Spark program first creates a **SparkContext** object
 - » Tells Spark how and where to access a cluster
 - » pySpark shell automatically creates the **sc** variable
 - » Programs must use a constructor to create a new **SparkContext**
- Use **SparkContext** to create RDDs

In the workshop, we set the parameter for you


Resilient Distributed Datasets

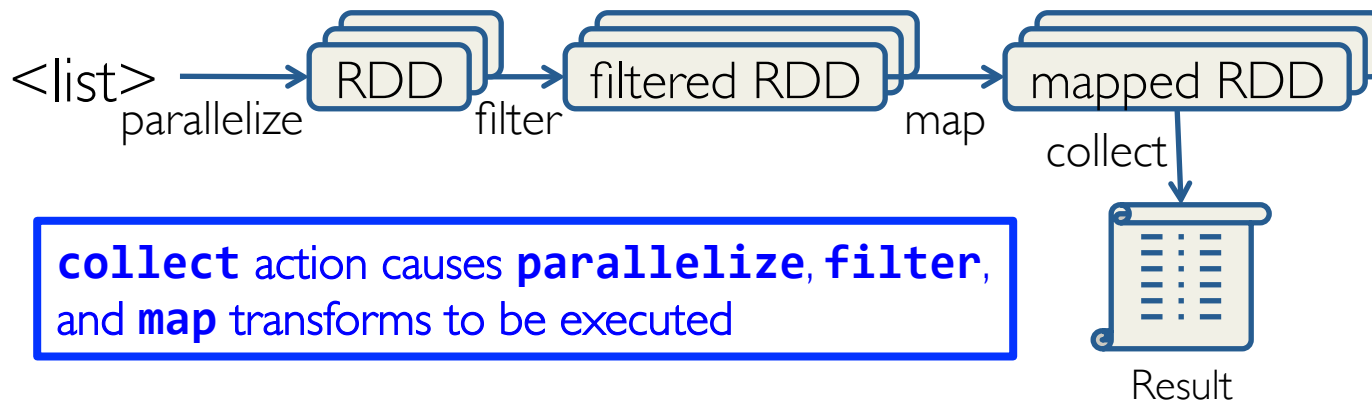
- The primary abstraction in Spark
 - » **Immutable once constructed**
 - » Track lineage information to efficiently recompute lost data
 - » Enable operations on collection of elements in parallel
- You construct RDDs
 - » by *parallelizing* existing Python collections (lists)
 - » by *transforming* an existing RDDs
 - » from *files* in HDFS or any other storage system

RDDs

- Two types of operations: *transformations* and *actions*
- Transformations are lazy (*not computed immediately*)
- Transformed RDD is executed when action runs on it
- Persist (cache) RDDs in memory or disk

Working with RDDs

- Create an RDD from a data source:  <list>
- Apply transformations to an RDD: map filter
- Apply actions to an RDD: collect count



Creating an RDD

- Create RDDs from Python collections (lists)

```
>>> data = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
>>> data
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
>>> rDD = sc.parallelize(data, 4)
```

```
>>> rDD
```

```
ParallelCollectionRDD[0] at parallelize at PythonRDD.scala:229
```

No computation occurs with `sc.parallelize()`

- Spark only records how to create the RDD with four partitions



Creating RDDs

- From HDFS, text files, [Hypertable](#), [Amazon S3](#), [Apache Hbase](#), SequenceFiles, any other Hadoop `InputFormat`, and directory or glob wildcard: `/data/201404*`

```
>>> distFile = sc.textFile("/user/hadoop/README.md", 4)
```

```
>>> distFile
```

```
/user/hadoop/README.md  
MapPartitionsRDD[1] at textFile at
```

```
NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0
```

Spark Transformations

- Create new datasets from an existing one
- Use *lazy evaluation*: results not computed right away – instead Spark remembers set of transformations applied to base dataset
 - » Spark optimizes the required calculations
 - » Spark recovers from failures and slow workers
- Think of this as a recipe for creating result

Some Transformations

Transformation	Description
<code>map(<i>func</i>)</code>	return a new distributed dataset formed by passing each element of the source through a function <i>func</i>
<code>filter(<i>func</i>)</code>	return a new dataset formed by selecting those elements of the source on which <i>func</i> returns true
<code>distinct([<i>numTasks</i>]))</code>	return a new dataset that contains the distinct elements of the source dataset
<code>flatMap(<i>func</i>)</code>	similar to map, but each input item can be mapped to 0 or more output items (so <i>func</i> should return a Seq rather than a single item)

Review: Python **lambda** Functions

- Small anonymous functions (not bound to a name)
lambda a, b: a + b
» returns the sum of its two arguments
- Can use lambda functions wherever function objects are required
- Restricted to a single expression

Transformations

```
>>> rdd = sc.parallelize([1, 2, 3, 4])  
>>> rdd.map(lambda x: x * 2)  
RDD: [1, 2, 3, 4] → [2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Function literals (green)
are closures automatically
passed to workers

```
>>> rdd.filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0)  
RDD: [1, 2, 3, 4] → [2, 4]
```

```
>>> rdd2 = sc.parallelize([1, 4, 2, 2, 3])  
>>> rdd2.distinct()  
RDD: [1, 4, 2, 2, 3] → [1, 4, 2, 3]
```

Spark Actions

- Cause Spark to execute recipe to transform source
- Mechanism for getting results out of Spark

Some Actions

Action	Description
<code>reduce(func)</code>	aggregate dataset's elements using function <i>func</i> . <i>func</i> takes two arguments and returns one, and is commutative and associative so that it can be computed correctly in parallel
<code>take(n)</code>	return an array with the first <i>n</i> elements
<code>collect()</code>	return all the elements as an array WARNING: make sure will fit in driver program
<code>takeOrdered(n, key=func)</code>	return <i>n</i> elements ordered in ascending order or as specified by the optional key function

Getting Data Out of RDDs

```
>>> rdd = sc.parallelize([1, 2, 3])  
>>> rdd.reduce(lambda a, b: a * b)  
Value: 6
```

```
>>> rdd.take(2)  
Value: [1,2] # as list
```

```
>>> rdd.collect()  
Value: [1,2,3] # as list
```

Spark Program Lifecycle

1. Create RDDs from external data or parallelize a collection in your driver program
2. Lazily transform them into new RDDs
3. **cache()** some RDDs for reuse
4. Perform actions to execute parallel computation and produce results

Spark Key-Value RDDs

- Similar to Map Reduce, Spark supports Key-Value pairs
- Each element of a Pair RDD is a pair tuple

```
>>> rdd = sc.parallelize([(1, 2), (3, 4)])  
RDD: [(1, 2), (3, 4)]
```

Some Key-Value Transformations

Key-Value Transformation	Description
<code>reduceByKey(<i>func</i>)</code>	return a new distributed dataset of (K,V) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using the given reduce function <i>func</i> , which must be of type (V,V) \rightarrow V
<code>sortByKey()</code>	return a new dataset (K,V) pairs sorted by keys in ascending order
<code>groupByKey()</code>	return a new dataset of (K, Iterable<V>) pairs

Key-Value Transformations

```
>>> rdd = sc.parallelize([(1,2), (3,4), (3,6)])
```

```
>>> rdd.reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
```

```
RDD: [(1,2), (3,4), (3,6)] → [(1,2), (3,10)]
```

```
>>> rdd2 = sc.parallelize([(1,'a'), (2,'c'), (1,'b')])
```

```
>>> rdd2.sortByKey()
```

```
RDD: [(1,'a'), (2,'c'), (1,'b')] →  
      [(1,'a'), (1,'b'), (2,'c')]
```

Spark References

- <http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/programming-guide.html>
- <http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/python/index.html>