Spark Essentials: Transformations

transformation	description
map(func)	return a new distributed dataset formed by passing each element of the source through a function func
filter(func)	return a new dataset formed by selecting those elements of the source on which func returns true
flatMap(func)	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)
<pre>sample(withReplacement, fraction, seed)</pre>	sample a fraction <i>fraction</i> of the data, with or without replacement, using a given random number generator seed
union(otherDataset)	return a new dataset that contains the union of the elements in the source dataset and the argument
<pre>distinct([numTasks]))</pre>	return a new dataset that contains the distinct elements of the source dataset

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<pre>groupByKey([numTasks])</pre>	when called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs, returns a dataset of $(K, Seq[V])$ pairs
<pre>reduceByKey(func, [numTasks])</pre>	when called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs, returns a dataset of (K, V) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using the given reduce function
<pre>sortByKey([ascending], [numTasks])</pre>	when called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs where K implements Ordered, returns a dataset of (K, V) pairs sorted by keys in ascending or descending order, as specified in the boolean ascending argument
<pre>join(otherDataset, [numTasks])</pre>	when called on datasets of type (K, V) and (K, W) , returns a dataset of $(K, (V, W))$ pairs with all pairs of elements for each key
<pre>cogroup(otherDataset, [numTasks])</pre>	when called on datasets of type (K, V) and (K, W), returns a dataset of (K, Seq[V], Seq[W]) tuples — also called groupWith
cartesian(otherDataset)	when called on datasets of types T and U, returns a dataset of (T, U) pairs (all pairs of elements)

Spark Essentials: Actions

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reduce(func)	aggregate the elements of the dataset using a function func (which takes two arguments and returns one), and should also be commutative and associative so that it can be computed correctly in parallel
collect()	return all the elements of the dataset as an array at the driver program – usually useful after a filter or other operation that returns a sufficiently small subset of the data
count()	return the number of elements in the dataset
first()	return the first element of the dataset – similar to $take(I)$
take(n)	return an array with the first n elements of the dataset – currently not executed in parallel, instead the driver program computes all the elements
<pre>takeSample(withReplacement, fraction, seed)</pre>	return an array with a random sample of <i>num</i> elements of the dataset, with or without replacement, using the given random number generator seed

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saveAsTextFile(path)	write the elements of the dataset as a text file (or set of text files) in a given directory in the local filesystem, HDFS or any other Hadoop-supported file system. Spark will call tostring on each element to convert it to a line of text in the file
saveAsSequenceFile(path)	write the elements of the dataset as a Hadoop SequenceFile in a given path in the local filesystem, HDFS or any other Hadoop-supported file system. Only available on RDDs of key-value pairs that either implement Hadoop's Writable interface or are implicitly convertible to Writable (Spark includes conversions for basic types like Int, Double, String, etc).
countByKey()	only available on RDDs of type (K , V). Returns a 'Map' of (K , Int) pairs with the count of each key
foreach(func)	run a function func on each element of the dataset – usually done for side effects such as updating an accumulator variable or interacting with external storage systems