Caching

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What is caching?

- Keeping data in memory
- Spark tends to unload memory aggressively

Eviction Policy

- Least Recently Used (LRU)
- Eviction happens independently on each worker
- Depends on memory available to each worker



Caching a dataframe

TO CACHE A DATAFRAME:

df.cache()

TO UNCACHE IT:

df.unpersist()



Determining whether a dataframe is cached

df.is_cached False df.cache() df.is_cached True



Uncaching a dataframe

```
df.unpersist()
df.is_cached()
```

False



Storage level

```
df.unpersist()
df.cache()
df.storageLevel
```

```
StorageLevel(True, True, False, True, 1)
```

In the storage level above the following hold:

- 1. useDisk = True
- 2. useMemory = True
- 3. use0ffHeap = False
- 4. deserialized = True
- 5. replication = 1

Persisting a dataframe

The following are equivalent in Spark 2.1+:

- df.persist()
- df.persist(storageLevel=pyspark.StorageLevel.MEMORY_AND_DISK)
- df.cache() is the same as df.persist()

Caching a table

```
df.createOrReplaceTempView('df')
spark.catalog.isCached(tableName='df')
```

False

```
spark.catalog.cacheTable('df')
spark.catalog.isCached(tableName='df')
```

True

Uncaching a table

```
spark.catalog.uncacheTable('df')
spark.catalog.isCached(tableName='df')
```

False

spark.catalog.clearCache()

Tips

- Caching is lazy
- Only cache if more than one operation is to be performed
- Unpersist when you no longer need the object
- Cache selectively

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The Spark Ul

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Use the Spark Ul inspect execution

- Spark Task is a unit of execution that runs on a single cpu
- Spark Stage a group of tasks that perform the same computation in parallel, each task
 typically running on a different subset of the data
- Spark Job is a computation triggered by an action, sliced into one or more stages.



Finding the Spark UI

- 1. http://[DRIVER_HOST]:4040
- 2. http://[DRIVER_HOST]:4041
- 3. http://[DRIVER_HOST]:4042
- 4. http://[DRIVER_HOST]:4043

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Spark Jobs (?)

User: mark

Total Uptime: 3 s

Scheduling Mode: FIFO

▶ Event Timeline

Spark Jobs (?)

User: mark

Total Uptime: 9.1 min **Scheduling Mode:** FIFO

Completed Jobs: 1

▶ Event Timeline

Completed Jobs (1)

Job Id ▼	Description	Submitted	Duration	Stages: Succeeded/Total	Tasks (for all stages): Succeeded/Total
0	load at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0		0.5 s	1/1	1/1
		19:56:18			





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RDDs

RDD Name	Storage Level	Cached Partitions	Fraction Cached	Size in Memory	Size on Disk
*FileScan parquet [word#9,id#10L,title#11,part#12] Batched: true, Format: Parquet, Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/Users/mark/code/datacamp_py/sherlock_full_parts.parquet], PartitionFilters: [], PushedFilters: [], ReadSchema: struct <word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int></word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>	Memory Deserialized 1x Replicated	1	100%	554.9 KB	0.0 B



Spark catalog operations

- spark.catalog.cacheTable('table1')
- spark.catalog.uncacheTable('table1')
- spark.catalog.isCached('table1')
- spark.catalog.dropTempView('table1')

Spark Catalog

spark.catalog.listTables()

[Table(name='text', database=None, description=None, tableType='TEMPORARY', isTemporary:

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Pyspark 2.2.1 Python3 application UI

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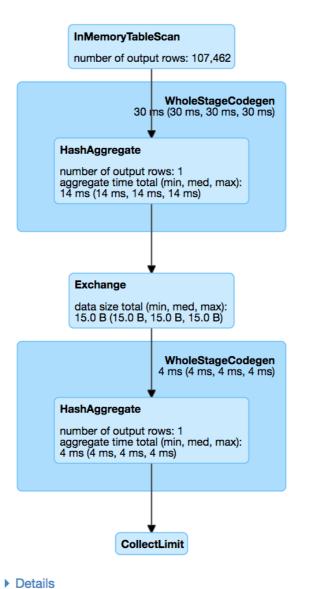
RDD Name	Storage Level	Cached Partitions	Fraction Cached	Size in Memory	Size on Disk
In-memory table df	Memory Deserialized 1x Replicated	1	100%	554.9 KB	0.0 B



Details for Query 1

Submitted Time: 2018/12/23 20:16:51

Duration: 0.9 s **Succeeded Jobs:** 2





Spark UI Storage Tab

Shows where data partitions exist

- in memory,
- or on disk,
- across the cluster,
- at a snapshot in time.

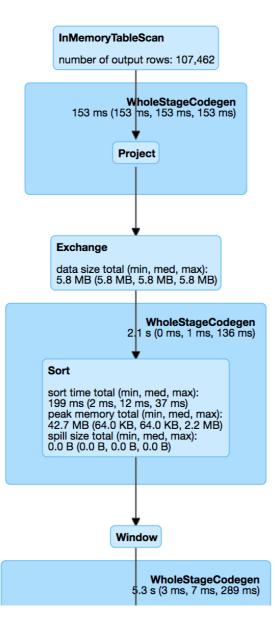
Spark UI SQL tab

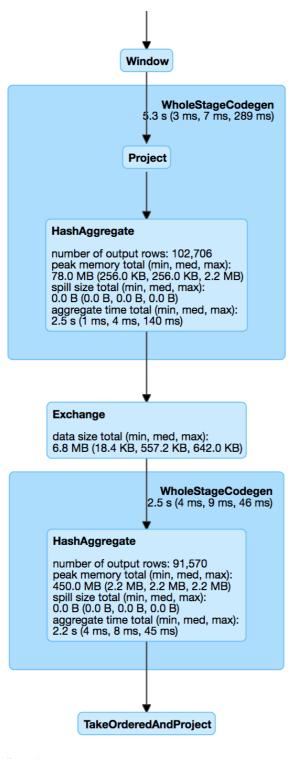
```
query3agg = """
SELECT w1, w2, w3, COUNT(*) as count FROM (
   SELECT
   word AS w1,
   LEAD(word,1) OVER(PARTITION BY part ORDER BY id ) AS w2,
   LEAD(word, 2) OVER(PARTITION BY part ORDER BY id ) AS w3
   FROM df
GROUP BY w1, w2, w3
ORDER BY count DESC
11 11 11
spark.sql(query3agg).show()
```

Details for Query 2

Submitted Time: 2018/12/23 20:54:16

Duration: 4 s **Succeeded Jobs:** 3





Details



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Stages for All Jobs

Completed Stages: 6

Completed Stages (6)

Stage Id ▼	Description	Submitted	Duration	Tasks: Succeeded/Total	Input	Output	Shuffle Read	Shuffle Write
5	showString at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 +details	2018/12/23 20:54:19	0.6 s	200/200			3.7 MB	
4	showString at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 +details	2018/12/23 20:54:17	2 s	200/200			1972.4 KB	3.7 MB
3	showString at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 +details	2018/12/23 20:54:16	0.8 s	1/1	677.8 KB			1972.4 KB
2	hasNext at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 +details	2018/12/23 20:52:41	12 ms	1/1				
1	hasNext at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 +details	2018/12/23 20:52:41	11 ms	1/1				
0	load at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0+details	2018/12/23 20:52:33	0.3 s	1/1				





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Spark Jobs (?)

User: mark

Total Uptime: 18 min Scheduling Mode: FIFO Completed Jobs: 4

▶ Event Timeline

Completed Jobs (4)

Job Id ▼	Description	Submitted	Duration	Stages: Succeeded/Total	Tasks (for all stages): Succeeded/Total
3	showString at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0	2018/12/23 20:54:16	4 s	3/3	401/401
2	hasNext at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0	2018/12/23 20:52:41	20 ms	1/1	1/1
1	hasNext at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0	2018/12/23 20:52:41	18 ms	1/1	1/1
0	load at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0	2018/12/23 20:52:33	0.5 s	1/1	1/1



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Logging INTRODUCTION TO SPARK SQL IN PYTHON



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Logging primer

```
2019-03-14 15:92:65,359 - INFO - Hello world
```

Logging with DEBUG level

```
2018-03-14 12:00:00,000 - INFO - Hello world
2018-03-14 12:00:00,001 - DEBUG - Hello, take 2
```

Debugging lazy evaluation

- lazy evaluation
- distributed execution

A simple timer

```
t = timer()
t.elapsed()
1. elapsed: 0.0 sec
t.elapsed() # Do something that takes 2 seconds
2. elapsed: 2.0 sec
t.reset() # Do something else that takes time: reset
t.elapsed()
3. elapsed: 0.0 sec
```



class timer

```
class timer:
    start_time = time.time()
    step = 0
    def elapsed(self, reset=True):
        self.step += 1
        print("%d. elapsed: %.1f sec %s"
              % (self.step, time.time() - self.start_time))
        if reset:
            self.reset()
    def reset(self):
        self.start_time = time.time()
```

Stealth CPU wastage

```
2018-12-23 22:24:20,472 - INFO - No action here.

1. elapsed: 0.0 sec

2. elapsed: 2.0 sec
```

Disable actions

```
ENABLED = False

t = timer()
logger.info("No action here.")
t.elapsed()
if ENABLED:
    logger.info("df has %d rows.", df.count())
t.elapsed()
```

```
2019-03-14 12:34:56,789 - Pyspark - INFO - No action here.

1. elapsed: 0.0 sec

2. elapsed: 0.0 sec
```

Enabling actions

Rerunning the previous example with ENABLED = True triggers the action:

```
2019-03-14 12:34:56,789 - INFO - No action here.

1. elapsed: 0.0 sec

2019-03-14 12:34:58,789 - INFO - df has 1107014 rows.

2. elapsed: 2.0 sec
```

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Query Plans

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Explain

EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM table1



Load dataframe and register

```
df = sqlContext.read.load('/temp/df.parquet')

df.registerTempTable('df')
```



Running an EXPLAIN query

```
spark.sql('EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM df').first()
```

```
Row(plan='== Physical Plan ==\n
*FileScan parquet [word#1928,id#1929L,title#1930,part#1931]
  Batched: true,
 Format: Parquet,
  Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
 PartitionFilters: [],
 PushedFilters: [],
  ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>')
```

Interpreting an EXPLAIN query

```
== Physical Plan ==
  FileScan parquet [word#1928,id#1929L,title#1930,part#1931]
  Batched: true,
  Format: Parquet,
  Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
  PartitionFilters: [],
  PushedFilters: [],
```

ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>'

df.explain()

```
df.explain()
```

```
== Physical Plan ==
FileScan parquet [word#963,id#964L,title#965,part#966]
Batched: true, Format: Parquet,
Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
PartitionFilters: [], PushedFilters: [],
ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>
```

```
spark.sql("SELECT * FROM df").explain()
```

```
== Physical Plan ==
FileScan parquet [word#712,id#713L,title#714,part#715]
Batched: true, Format: Parquet,
Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
PartitionFilters: [], PushedFilters: [],
ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>
```



df.explain(), on cached dataframe

```
df.cache()
df.explain()

== Physical Plan ==
```

```
spark.sql("SELECT * FROM df").explain()
```

```
== Physical Plan ==
InMemoryTableScan [word#0, id#1L, title#2, part#3]
+- InMemoryRelation [word#0, id#1L, title#2, part#3], true, 10000, StorageLevel(disk, memory, deserialized, 1 replicas)
+- FileScan parquet [word#0,id#1L,title#2,part#3]
    Batched: true, Format: Parquet,
    Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
    PartitionFilters: [], PushedFilters: [],
    ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>
```



Words sorted by frequency query

```
SELECT word, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM df
GROUP BY word
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Equivalent dot notation approach:

```
df.groupBy('word')
   .count()
   .sort(desc('count'))
   .explain()
```

Same query using dataframe dot notation

```
== Physical Plan ==
*Sort [count#1040L DESC NULLS LAST], true, 0
+- Exchange rangepartitioning(count#1040L DESC NULLS LAST, 200)
   +- *HashAggregate(keys=[word#963], functions=[count(1)])
      +- Exchange hashpartitioning(word#963, 200)
         +- *HashAggregate(keys=[word#963], functions=[partial_count(1)])
            +- InMemoryTableScan [word#963]
                  +- InMemoryRelation [word#963, id#964L, title#965, part#966],
                     true, 10000, StorageLevel(disk, memory, deserialized,
                     1 replicas)
                        +- *FileScan parquet [word#963,id#964L,title#965,part#966]
                           Batched: true, Format: Parquet,
                           Location: InMemoryFileIndex[file:/temp/df.parquet],
                           PartitionFilters: [], PushedFilters: [],
                           ReadSchema: struct<word:string,id:bigint,title:string,part:int>
```

Reading from bottom up

- FileScan parquet
- InMemoryRelation
- InMemoryTableScan
- HashAggregate(keys=[word#963], ...)`
- HashAggregate(keys=[word#963], functions=[count(1)])`
- Sort [count#1040L DESC NULLS LAST]`

Query plan

The previous plan had the following lines, which are missing from the plan above:

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