

Data Stream Processing

This lecture is about processing a stream of data. We will rely on the structured streaming library of Apache Spark.

Structured streaming

A key aspect of structured streaming is to acquire/send data from a streaming data producer/consumer. That is, from a streaming source/sink.

Apache Spark provides methods to read/write from/to a stream, accordingly to some formats we may select from. Of course, some kind of configuration is required.

Firstly, there are the usual file-based formats like json, parquet, csv, text, and so on. Also, we can use socket connections to get/send text data from/to TCP servers, and more importantly, we can rely on functionalities of advanced message systems like Apache Kafka, which will play a sort of buffering role.

Secondly, we have to set an output mode, which defines how the results will be delivered. For instance, to see all data every time, only updates, or just the new records.

Further details can be found in <https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/structured-streaming-programming-guide.html>

Problem formulation

This exercise is about detecting credit card frauds in near real-time. This case-study is based on a Kaggle dataset that it is available in <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/ealtman2019/credit-card-transactions>. The dataset is expected to be a realistic example of synthetic data regarding credit card transactions.

We assume that a ML classification model has already been created and made available. Therefore, now we have to deal with a stream of transactions that are expected to be processed, like it would be in a real-time scenario. Hence, we will simulate such scenario, mostly relying on Spark's Structured Streaming.

The functional requirements for the Spark program we are going to create are as follows:

1. To load a ML model previously built.
2. To process credit card transactions held in a simulated data stream, by applying the ML model.
3. To explore the results obtained.

Also, in order to speed up some processing, we will use some files that were computed in advance.

Data available

- The dataset about the stream of credit card transactions can be downloaded from the location

| <https://bigdata.iscte.me/abd/credit-card-transactions-stream.zip>

- The ML classification model already built can be downloaded from the location

| <https://bigdata.iscte.me/abd/model-LinearSVM-credit-cards.zip>

All the files are in parquet format.

Initial settings

Additional packages and imports

```
In [1]: import findspark, pyspark

        from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
        from pyspark.sql.types import *
        import pyspark.sql.functions as F
```

```
In [2]: import os, sys
        import time

        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

```
In [3]: # Create the Spark session

        findspark.init()
        findspark.find()

        spark = SparkSession\
            .builder\
            .appName("StreamingCreditCards")\
            .config("spark.sql.shuffle.partitions",6)\
            .config("spark.sql.repl.eagereval.enabled",True)\
            .getOrCreate()
```

Setting default log level to "WARN".

To adjust logging level use sc.setLogLevel(newLevel). For SparkR, use setLogLevel(newLevel).

24/04/09 14:01:56 WARN NativeCodeLoader: Unable to load native-hadoop library for your platform... using builtin-j

```
In [4]: spark
```

Out [4]: **SparkSession - in-memory**

SparkContext

[Spark UI](#)

Version	v3.5.0
Master	local[*]
AppName	StreamingCreditCards

```
In [5]: # Some Spark related imports we will use hereafter
```

```
from pyspark.ml import PipelineModel
```

```
In [6]: from IPython.core.display import HTML  
display(HTML("<style>pre { white-space: pre !important; }</style>"))
```

Useful functions

```
In [7]: def plotBarColoured(df, xcol, ycol, colour):  
        return sns.barplot(data=df, x=xcol, y=ycol, color=colour)
```

Collect and label data

```
In [8]: # ! pwd & ls -la
```

Checking working directory and data files

```
In [ ]: pwd
```

```
In [10]: data_dir =
```

```
In [ ]: ls -la $data_dir
```

Reading the dataset

```
In [12]: # Reading data

         file_path =
         df_transactions = spark.read.parquet(file_path)
```

Checking data

Schema, show and count.

```
In [13]: df_transactions.
```

```
root
|-- User: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Card: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Year: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Month: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Day: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Time: timestamp (nullable = true)
|-- Use Chip: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant Name: long (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant City: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant State: string (nullable = true)
|-- Zip: double (nullable = true)
|-- MCC: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Is Fraud?: string (nullable = true)
|-- Correct Amount: float (nullable = true)
|-- Hour: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Min: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Transaction_Id: long (nullable = true)
```

User	Card	Year	Month	Day	Time	Use Chip	Merchant Name	Merchant City	Merchant State
0	0	2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:21:00	Swipe Transaction	3527213246127876953	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:42:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	2	2023-05-02 06:22:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	2	2023-05-02 17:45:00	Swipe Transaction	3414527459579106770	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	3	2023-05-02 06:23:00	Swipe Transaction	5817218446178736267	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	3	2023-05-02 13:53:00	Swipe Transaction	-7146670748125200898	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	4	2023-05-02 05:51:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	4	2023-05-02 06:09:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 06:14:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 09:35:00	Swipe Transaction	4055257078481058705	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 20:18:00	Swipe Transaction	-4500542936415012428	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 20:41:00	Online Transaction	-9092677072201095172	ONLINE	NULL
0	0	2002	9	6	2023-05-02 06:16:00	Swipe Transaction	2027553650310142703	Mira Loma	CA
0	0	2002	9	7	2023-05-02 06:16:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	7	2023-05-02 06:34:00	Swipe Transaction	-5475680618560174533	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	7	2023-05-02 09:39:00	Swipe Transaction	4055257078481058705	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	8	2023-05-02 06:10:00	Swipe Transaction	-34551508091458520	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	8	2023-05-02 06:38:00	Swipe Transaction	4060646732831064559	La Verne	CA
0	0	2002	9	8	2023-05-02 13:48:00	Swipe Transaction	-727612092139916043	Monterey Park	CA
0	0	2002	9	8	2023-05-02 22:01:00	Swipe Transaction	-6733168469687845480	Mira Loma	CA

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Out[13]: 24386900

Explore and evaluate data

At this point, we assume that data has been properly checked while model was created.

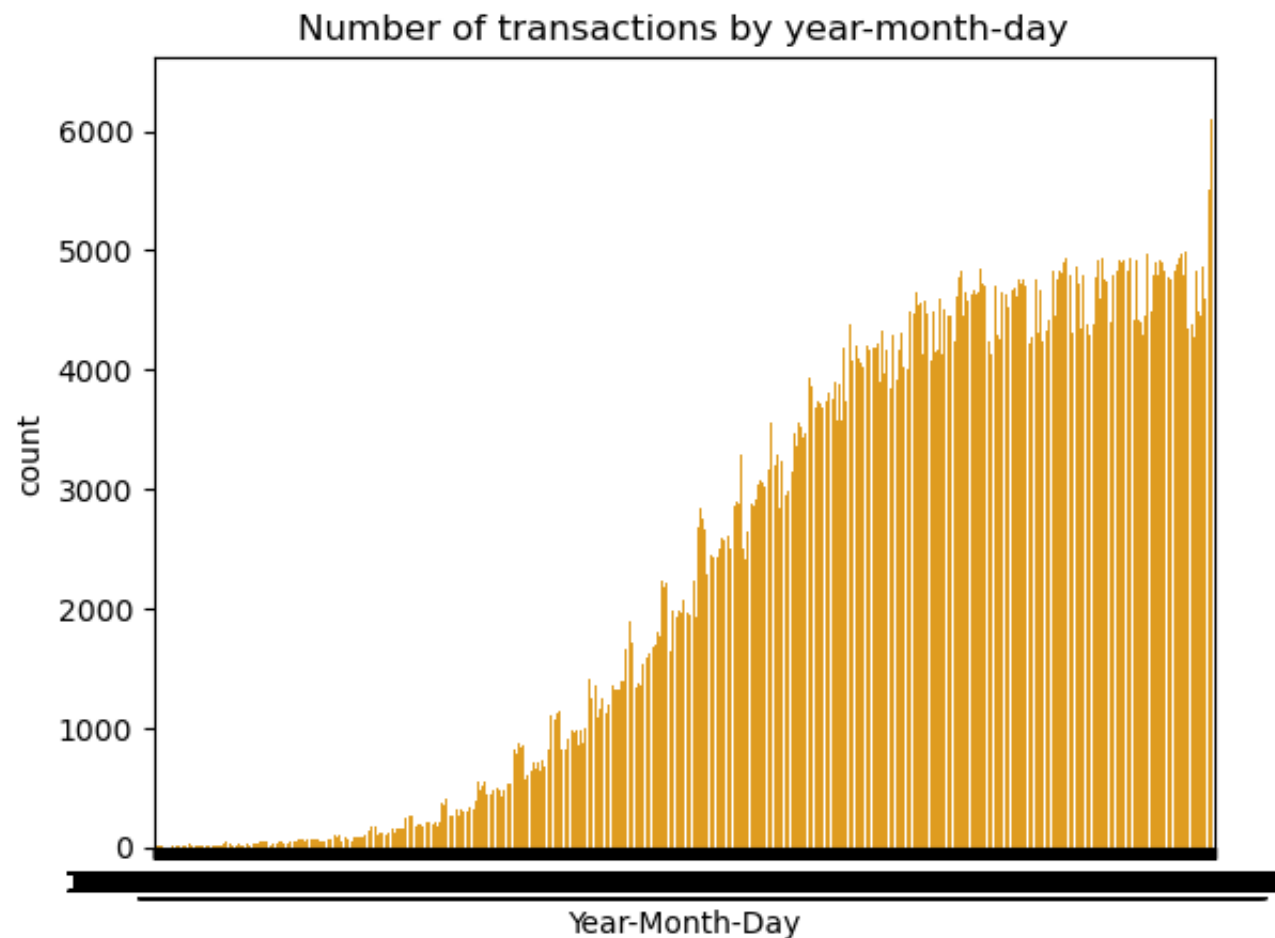
We leave it now but proper checking is warranted. Just do a plot of transactions over time.

In [14]: *# Just to remember ... number of transactions by year-month-day*

```

df_plot = ( df_transactions
            .groupby(['Year', 'Month', 'Day'])
            .count()
            .withColumn('Year-Month-Day', F.concat('Year',F.lit('_'),'Month',F.lit('_'),'Day'))
            .sort('Year-Month-Day', ascending=True)
            .toPandas()
            )
plotBarColoured(df_plot, 'Year-Month-Day', 'count', 'orange')
plt.title('Number of transactions by year-month-day')
plt.show()

```



```
In [15]: df_plot.head()
```

```
Out[15]:
```

	Year	Month	Day	count	Year-Month-Day
0	1991	10	1	6	1991_10_1
1	1991	10	10	4	1991_10_10
2	1991	10	11	1	1991_10_11
3	1991	10	12	3	1991_10_12
4	1991	10	13	8	1991_10_13

Data Stream

As we have no real time scenario in place, we will simulate a data stream by creating a built-in `rate` source to generate events at 1-second intervals, and join those 'ticks' with data from our downloaded dataset. This creates a regular stream of sample values. Alternatively, for practical applications, we could have used an Apache Kafka source or even a file source. Apache Kafka was the best solution for that matter.

```
In [16]: rate_source = spark.readStream.format("rate").load()
```

```
In [17]: rate_source.printSchema()
```

```
root
 |-- timestamp: timestamp (nullable = true)
 |-- value: long (nullable = true)
```

```
In [18]: # We should guarantee that we are using data sorted by transaction id (aka time)

df_transactions = df_transactions.
```

```
In [19]: df_transactions.select('Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Time', 'Hour', 'Min', 'Transaction_ID').show(20,truncate=False)
```

```
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```


Year	Month	Day	Time	Hour	Min	Transaction_ID
2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:21:00	6	21	0
2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:42:00	6	42	1
2002	9	2	2023-05-02 06:22:00	6	22	2
2002	9	2	2023-05-02 17:45:00	17	45	3
2002	9	3	2023-05-02 06:23:00	6	23	4
2002	9	3	2023-05-02 13:53:00	13	53	5
2002	9	4	2023-05-02 05:51:00	5	51	6
2002	9	4	2023-05-02 06:09:00	6	9	7
2002	9	5	2023-05-02 06:14:00	6	14	8
2002	9	5	2023-05-02 09:35:00	9	35	9
2002	9	5	2023-05-02 20:18:00	20	18	10
2002	9	5	2023-05-02 20:41:00	20	41	11
2002	9	6	2023-05-02 06:16:00	6	16	12
2002	9	7	2023-05-02 06:16:00	6	16	13
2002	9	7	2023-05-02 06:34:00	6	34	14
2002	9	7	2023-05-02 09:39:00	9	39	15
2002	9	8	2023-05-02 06:10:00	6	10	16
2002	9	8	2023-05-02 06:38:00	6	38	17
2002	9	8	2023-05-02 13:48:00	13	48	18
2002	9	8	2023-05-02 22:01:00	22	1	19

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Creating a continuous data stream

Circularly replaying the data as long as the process is running. It will be a simulated streaming version of the data.

In [20]: *# Circularly replay the data*

```
data_stream = ( rate_source
                .select(F.expr(f'value % {num_transactions}').alias('Transaction_Id'), 'timestamp')
                .join(df_transactions, 'Transaction_Id')
```

```
)
```

```
In [21]: data_stream.printSchema()
```

```
root
|-- Transaction_Id: long (nullable = true)
|-- timestamp: timestamp (nullable = true)
|-- User: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Card: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Year: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Month: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Day: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Time: timestamp (nullable = true)
|-- Use Chip: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant Name: long (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant City: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant State: string (nullable = true)
|-- Zip: double (nullable = true)
|-- MCC: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Is Fraud?: string (nullable = true)
|-- Correct Amount: float (nullable = true)
|-- Hour: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Min: integer (nullable = true)
```

```
In [22]: cols_to_check = data_stream.columns
```

Model deployment

Loading the binary classification model

```
In [23]: # Read the ML model via pipeline api (not the simple pipeline)
```

```
persisted_model = PipelineModel.
```

```
In [24]: # Check the model, namely the stages that were used
```

```
persisted_model.stages
```

```
Out[24]: [StringIndexerModel: uid=StringIndexer_e1064637f5a0, handleInvalid=skip, numInputCols=2, numOutputCols=2,
OneHotEncoderModel: uid=OneHotEncoder_6a398697f374, dropLast=true, handleInvalid=error, numInputCols=2, numOutp
VectorAssembler_f41b5139a541,
LinearSVCModel: uid=LinearSVC_912312635f03, numClasses=2, numFeatures=11838]
```

Streaming data transformer

Let us set the operation to be applied to the stream.

```
In [25]: # ML model directly applied to the streaming dataframe using `transform`
```

```
prediction_stream = persisted_model.transform(
```

```
In [26]: prediction_stream.printSchema()
```

```
root
|-- Transaction_Id: long (nullable = true)
|-- timestamp: timestamp (nullable = true)
|-- User: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Card: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Year: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Month: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Day: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Time: timestamp (nullable = true)
|-- Use Chip: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant Name: long (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant City: string (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant State: string (nullable = true)
|-- Zip: double (nullable = true)
|-- MCC: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Is Fraud?: string (nullable = true)
|-- Correct Amount: float (nullable = true)
|-- Hour: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Min: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Use Chip Index: double (nullable = false)
|-- Merchant City Index: double (nullable = false)
|-- Use Chip OHE: vector (nullable = true)
|-- Merchant City OHE: vector (nullable = true)
|-- features: vector (nullable = true)
|-- rawPrediction: vector (nullable = true)
|-- prediction: double (nullable = false)
```

Consuming predictions

The final step is to do something with the prediction data. For the time being, we are going to limit this step to just querying the data.

For real-world application, we can offer this kind of service to other applications.

Maybe in the form of an HTTP-based API or through pub/sub messaging interactions.

```
In [27]: cols_to_check.append('prediction')
```

```
cols_to_check
```

```
Out[27]: ['Transaction_Id',  
          'timestamp',  
          'User',  
          'Card',  
          'Year',  
          'Month',  
          'Day',  
          'Time',  
          'Use Chip',  
          'Merchant Name',  
          'Merchant City',  
          'Merchant State',  
          'Zip',  
          'MCC',  
          'Is Fraud?',  
          'Correct Amount',  
          'Hour',  
          'Min',  
          'prediction']
```

```
In [28]: # Just in case we want to start a table containing results but from scratch
```

```
spark.sql("drop table if exists cardtransactionstable")
```

```
Out[28]: DataFrame[]
```

```
In [29]: # In case we want to store in an in-memory table (the sink).  
# The query name will be the table name
```

```
# After executing the code, the streaming computation will start in the background
```

```
query_1 = ( prediction_stream  
            .select(cols_to_check)  
            .writeStream  
            .queryName("cardtransactionstable")  
            .outputMode("append") # append, update  
            .format("memory")
```

```
        .start()  
    )
```

```
24/04/09 14:02:41 WARN ResolveWriteToStream: Temporary checkpoint location created which is deleted normally when  
24/04/09 14:02:41 WARN ResolveWriteToStream: spark.sql.adaptive.enabled is not supported in streaming DataFrames/D
```

```
In [30]: # Setup an aggregation by day concerning the number of frauds detected  
#  
# We leave this as exercise  
  
# fraud_count = ...  
  
# query_2 = ...
```

```
In [31]: # Some extra checks  
  
spark.streams.active[0].isActive
```

```
Out[31]: True
```

```
In [32]: query_1.status
```

```
Out[32]: {'message': 'Initializing sources',  
          'isDataAvailable': False,  
          'isTriggerActive': False}
```

```
In [33]: query_1.lastProgress
```

Exploring results

```
In [34]: # Figure out the tables we hold  
  
spark.sql("show tables").show(truncate=False)
```

namespace	tableName	isTemporary
	cardtransactionstable	true

In [40]: *# Interactively query in-memory table*

```
spark.sql("select * from cardtransactionstable").show(truncate=False)
```

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Transaction_Id	timestamp	User	Card	Year	Month	Day	Time	Use Chip	Merchant Na
0	2024-04-09 14:02:42.115	0	0	2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:21:00	Swipe Transaction	35272132461
2	2024-04-09 14:02:44.115	0	0	2002	9	2	2023-05-02 06:22:00	Swipe Transaction	-7276120921
4	2024-04-09 14:02:46.115	0	0	2002	9	3	2023-05-02 06:23:00	Swipe Transaction	58172184461
5	2024-04-09 14:02:47.115	0	0	2002	9	3	2023-05-02 13:53:00	Swipe Transaction	-7146670748
8	2024-04-09 14:02:50.115	0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 06:14:00	Swipe Transaction	-7276120921
3	2024-04-09 14:02:45.115	0	0	2002	9	2	2023-05-02 17:45:00	Swipe Transaction	34145274595
6	2024-04-09 14:02:48.115	0	0	2002	9	4	2023-05-02 05:51:00	Swipe Transaction	-7276120921
7	2024-04-09 14:02:49.115	0	0	2002	9	4	2023-05-02 06:09:00	Swipe Transaction	-7276120921
1	2024-04-09 14:02:43.115	0	0	2002	9	1	2023-05-02 06:42:00	Swipe Transaction	-7276120921
9	2024-04-09 14:02:51.115	0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 09:35:00	Swipe Transaction	40552570784
10	2024-04-09 14:02:52.115	0	0	2002	9	5	2023-05-02 20:18:00	Swipe Transaction	-4500542936

24/04/09 14:03:17 WARN DAGScheduler: Broadcasting large task binary with size 1498.6 KiB
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In [41]: *# Interactively another query in-memory table*

```
spark.sql("select count(*) from cardtransactionstable").show()
```

```
+-----+
|count(1)|
+-----+
|      11|
+-----+
```

```
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```

Visual analysis ... we leave it as an exercise!

Stopping the process

```
In [ ]: # We can turn off the query now and eventually set up a different one

query_1.stop()
```

```
In [38]: # Notice that in a production environment, we have to establish
# that the query is awaiting termination so to prevent the driver
# process from termination when the stream is ative

# query_1.awaitTermination()

# query_2.awaitTermination()
```

```
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```

Additional exercise

Once this exercise is completed, create a new notebook with similar implementation but using a different streaming setup. Specifically, relying also in the messaging system Apache Kafka.

References

- Learning Spark - Lightning-Fast Data Analytics, 2nd Ed. J. Damji, B. Wenig, T. Das, and D. Lee. O'Reilly, 2020
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In []: