Performance Improvements in Apache Spark 2.0

Whole Stage Code Generation and Vectorization

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What's in Apache Spark 2.0.0?

- Over 2,000 JIRA tickets
- Some examples:
 - ▶ (Dataset-oriented) API evolution in Spark 2.0
 - Create a full-fledged built-in SQL parser
 - Add support for off-heap caching
 - Umbrella for Model export/import for Pipeline API
 - Epic: Whole stage codegen

Project Tungsten - Closer to bare metal

- ► Tungsten 1.0:
 - Memory management and binary processing
 - Code generation for expression evaluation
 - See Project Tungsten: Bringing Apache Spark Closer to Bare Metal, Xin and Rosen (2015)

Project Tungsten 2.0 - reduce CPU bottlenecks

- virtual function calls
- reading or writing intermediate data to CPU cache or memory
- ▶ all following graphs from Agarwal, Liu, and Xin (2016)

Simple aggregate query with filter

```
select count(*) from store_sales
where ss_item_sk = 1000
```

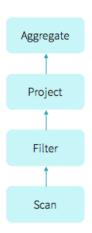


Figure: Filtered count query

Pre-2.0 Apache Spark: Volcano Iterator Model

```
class Filter(child: Operator, predicate: (Row => Boolean))
  extends Operator {
  def next(): Row = {
    var current = child.next()
    while (current == null || predicate(current)) {
        current = child.next()
    }
    return current
  }
}
```

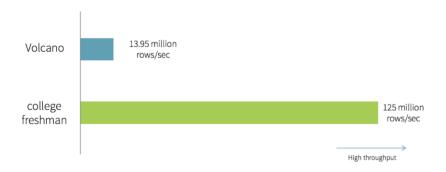
See Graefe (1994)

Handwritten Code

```
var count = 0
for (ss_item_sk in store_sales) {
   if (ss_item_sk == 1000) {
      count += 1
   }
}
```

Handwritten vs. Volcano

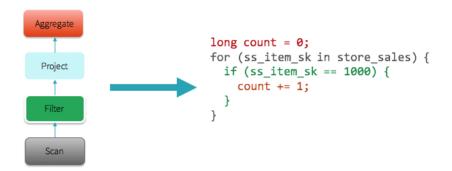
Single threaded data from Parquet on disk



Whole Stage Code Generation

- No virtual function dispatches
- Intermediate data in CPU registers
- Loop unrolling and SIMD

Whole Stage Code Generation



explain()

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Vectorization

Stuff

 $\label{lem:condition} $$ \operatorname{spark.sql.execution.vectorized.ColumnarBatch.Row spark.sql("select count(a) from df").explain() $$ \operatorname{sparkSession.SparkSession.builder.getOrCreate()} $$$

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