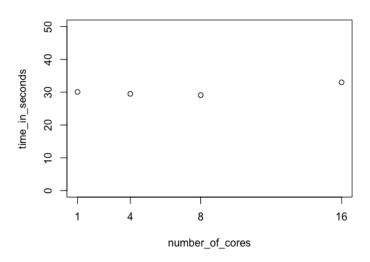
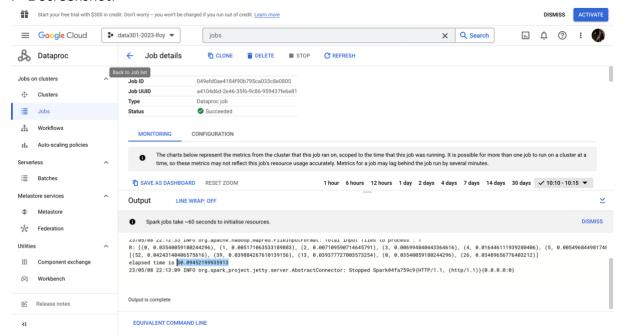
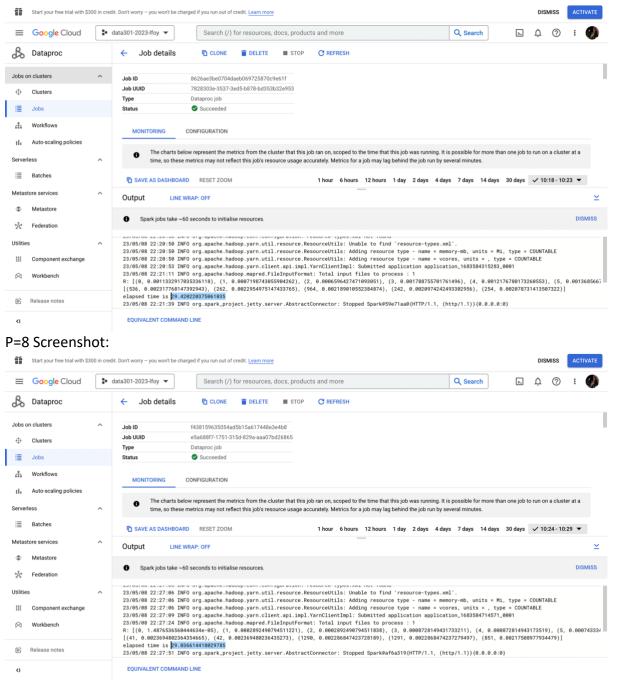
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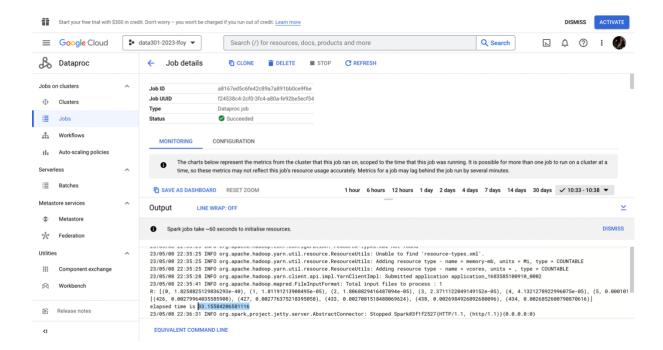
## P=1 Screenshot:



P=4 Screenshot:



P=16 Screenshot:



## (b).

Looking at the data, we can see the time taken to complete PageRank on proportionally increasing file sizes stayed roughly constant when moving from 1 through to 16 cores – with the most significant increase being between 8 and 16 cores (29.0 to 33.1). Gustafson's Law, in the context of this lab, states that as the number of CPU cores increases – we can increase our file size proportionally and keep computation time somewhat constant. The trend present in my data is consistent with Gustafson's law, as a proportional increase in problem size and processing power gave us roughly constant results for time.

The reason that the timings were not more constant is likely due to the inconsistencies that come with working with PySpark and parallel systems in general. For example, hardware issues and communication overhead can make slight differences between tests.