Introduction to PySpark RDD

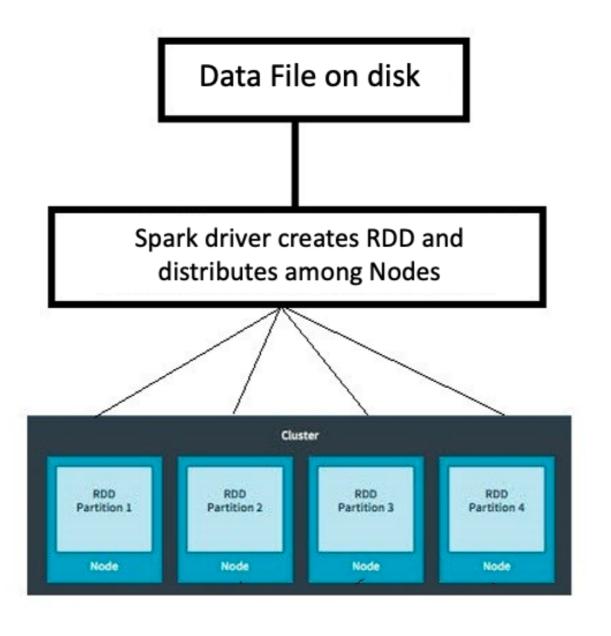
BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK

Upendra Devisetty
Science Analyst, CyVerse



What is RDD?

• RDD = Resilient Distributed Datasets





Decomposing RDDs

- Resilient Distributed Datasets
 - Resilient: Ability to withstand failures
 - Distributed: Spanning across multiple machines
 - Datasets: Collection of partitioned data e.g, Arrays, Tables, Tuples etc.,

Creating RDDs. How to do it?

- Parallelizing an existing collection of objects
- External datasets:
 - Files in HDFS
 - Objects in Amazon S3 bucket
 - lines in a text file
- From existing RDDs



Parallelized collection (parallelizing)

parallelize() for creating RDDs from python lists

```
numRDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
helloRDD = sc.parallelize("Hello world")

type(helloRDD)
```

<class 'pyspark.rdd.PipelinedRDD'>

From external datasets

• textFile() for creating RDDs from external datasets

```
fileRDD = sc.textFile("README.md")

type(fileRDD)
```

<class 'pyspark.rdd.PipelinedRDD'>

Understanding Partitioning in PySpark

- A partition is a logical division of a large distributed data set
- parallelize() method

```
numRDD = sc.parallelize(range(10), minPartitions = 6)
```

textFile() method

```
fileRDD = sc.textFile("README.md", minPartitions = 6)
```

• The number of partitions in an RDD can be found by using getNumPartitions() method

Let's practice

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK



RDD operations in PySpark

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK

Upendra Devisetty
Science Analyst, CyVerse



Overview of PySpark operations





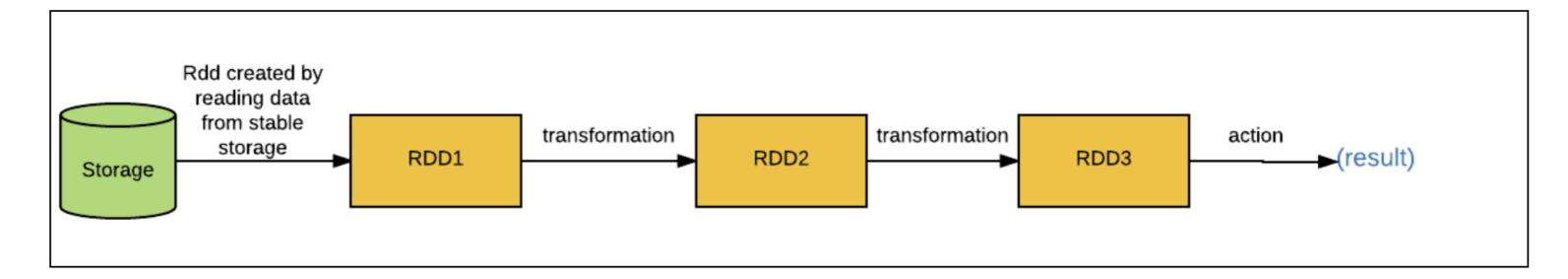
+



- Transformations create new RDDs
- Actions perform computation on the RDDs

RDD Transformations

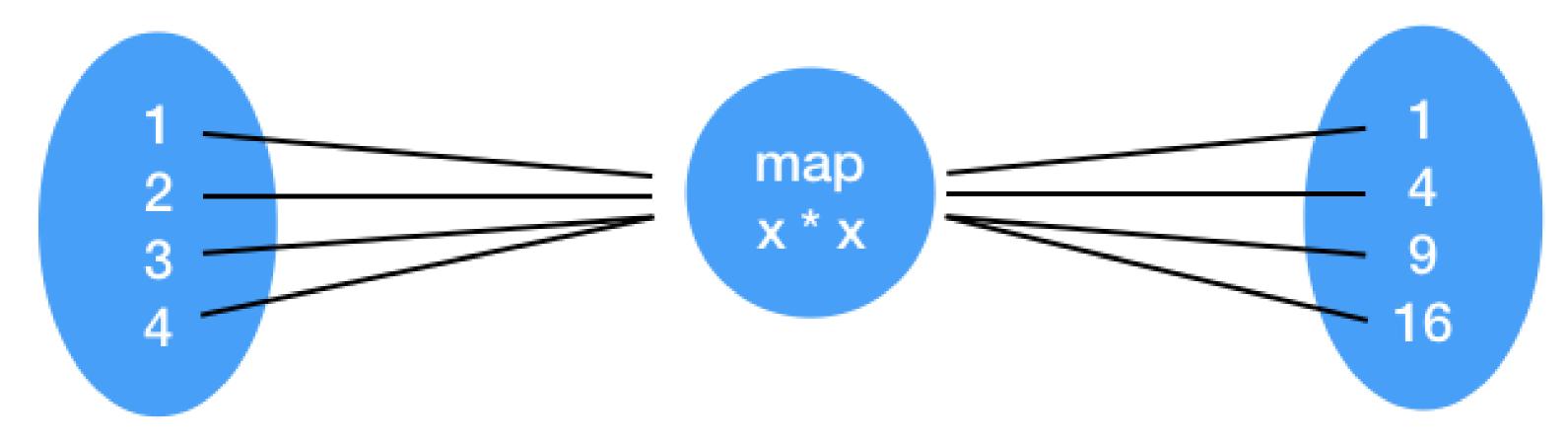
Transformations follow Lazy evaluation



- Basic RDD Transformations
 - o map(), filter(), flatMap(), and union()

map() Transformation

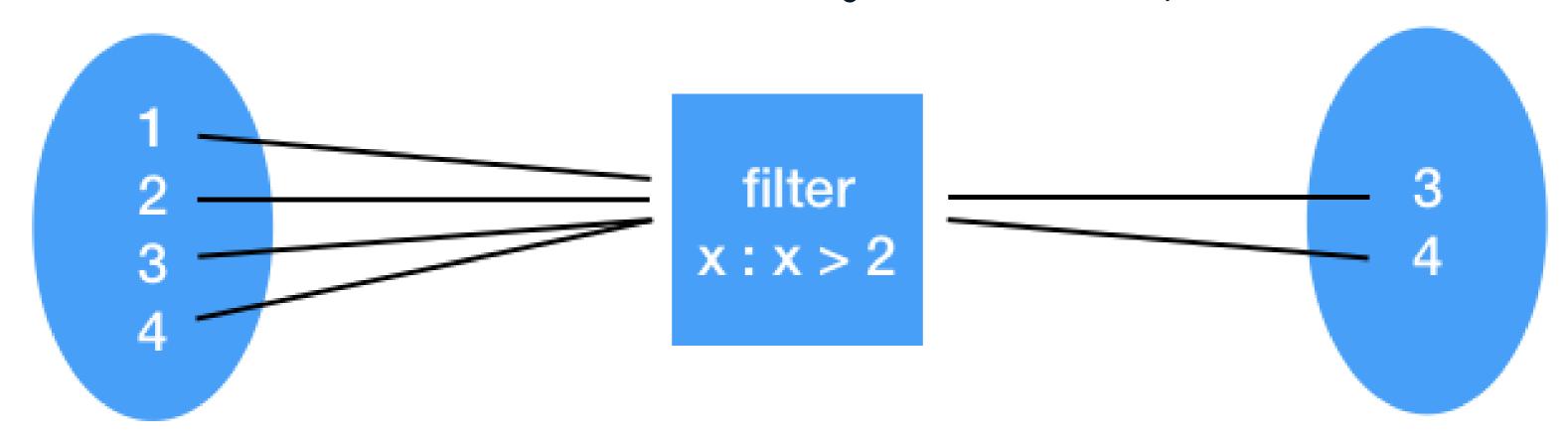
• map() transformation applies a function to all elements in the RDD



```
RDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
RDD_map = RDD.map(lambda x: x * x)
```

filter() Transformation

• Filter transformation returns a new RDD with only the elements that pass the condition



```
RDD = sc.parallelize([1,2,3,4])
RDD_filter = RDD.filter(lambda x: x > 2)
```

flatMap() Transformation

• flatMap() transformation returns multiple values for each element in the original RDD

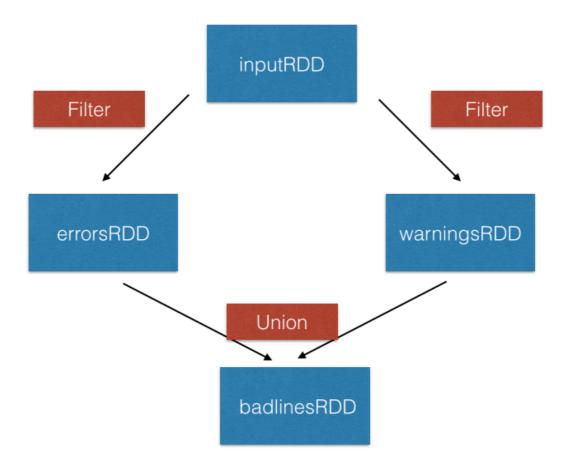
```
["Hello world", "How are you"]

flatMap
x: x.split(" ")

["Hello", "world", "How", "are", "you"]
```

```
RDD = sc.parallelize(["hello world", "how are you"])
RDD_flatmap = RDD.flatMap(lambda x: x.split(" "))
```

union() Transformation



```
inputRDD = sc.textFile("logs.txt")
errorRDD = inputRDD.filter(lambda x: "error" in x.split())
warningsRDD = inputRDD.filter(lambda x: "warnings" in x.split())
combinedRDD = errorRDD.union(warningsRDD)
```



RDD Actions

- They are operations that return a value after running a computation on the RDD
- Basic RDD Actions
 - collect()
 - take(N)
 - o first()
 - count()

collect() and take() Actions

- collect() return all the elements of the dataset as an array
- take(N) returns an array with the first N elements of the dataset

```
RDD_map.collect()
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16]
```

```
RDD_map.take(2)
```

[1, 4]

first() and count() Actions

• first() prints the first element of the RDD

```
RDD_map.first()
```

[1]

• count() return the number of elements in the RDD

```
RDD_flatmap.count()
```

7

Let's practice RDD operations

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK



Working with Pair RDDs in PySpark

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK

Upendra DevisettyScience Analyst, CyVerse



Introduction to pair RDDs in PySpark

- Real life datasets are usually key/value pairs
- Each row is a key and maps to one or more values
- Pair RDD is a special data structure to work with this kind of datasets
- Pair RDD: Key is the identifier and value is the data



Creating pair RDDs

- Two common ways to create pair RDDs
 - From a list of key-value tuple
 - From a regular RDD
- Get the data into key/value form for paired RDD

```
my_tuple = [('Sam', 23), ('Mary', 34), ('Peter', 25)]
pairRDD_tuple = sc.parallelize(my_tuple)
```

```
my_list = ['Sam 23', 'Mary 34', 'Peter 25']
regularRDD = sc.parallelize(my_list)
pairRDD_RDD = regularRDD.map(lambda s: (s.split(' ')[0], s.split(' ')[1]))
```

Transformations on pair RDDs

- All regular transformations work on pair RDD
- Have to pass functions that operate on key value pairs rather than on individual elements
- Examples of paired RDD Transformations
 - reduceByKey(func): Combine values with the same key
 - groupByKey(): Group values with the same key
 - sortByKey(): Return an RDD sorted by the key
 - o join(): Join two pair RDDs based on their key

reduceByKey() transformation

- reduceByKey() transformation combines values with the same key
- It runs parallel operations for each key in the dataset
- It is a transformation and not action

sortByKey() transformation

- sortByKey() operation orders pair RDD by key
- It returns an RDD sorted by key in ascending or descending order

```
pairRDD_reducebykey_rev = pairRDD_reducebykey.map(lambda x: (x[1], x[0]))
pairRDD_reducebykey_rev.sortByKey(ascending=False).collect()
[(47, 'Messi'), (34, 'Ronaldo'), (22, 'Neymar')]
```

groupByKey() transformation

• groupByKey() groups all the values with the same key in the pair RDD

```
airports = [("US", "JFK"),("UK", "LHR"),("FR", "CDG"),("US", "SFO")]
regularRDD = sc.parallelize(airports)
pairRDD_group = regularRDD.groupByKey().collect()
for cont, air in pairRDD_group:
    print(cont, list(air))
FR ['CDG']
US ['JFK', 'SFO']
UK ['LHR']
```

join() transformation

• join() transformation joins the two pair RDDs based on their key

```
RDD1 = sc.parallelize([("Messi", 34),("Ronaldo", 32),("Neymar", 24)])
RDD2 = sc.parallelize([("Ronaldo", 80),("Neymar", 120),("Messi", 100)])
```

```
RDD1.join(RDD2).collect()
[('Neymar', (24, 120)), ('Ronaldo', (32, 80)), ('Messi', (34, 100))]
```

Let's practice

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK



More actions

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK

Upendra Devisetty
Science Analyst, CyVerse



reduce() action

- reduce(func) action is used for aggregating the elements of a regular RDD
- The function should be commutative (changing the order of the operands does not change the result) and associative
- An example of reduce() action in PySpark

```
x = [1,3,4,6]
RDD = sc.parallelize(x)
RDD.reduce(lambda x, y : x + y)
```

14

saveAsTextFile() action

• saveAsTextFile() action saves RDD into a text file inside a directory with each partition as a separate file

```
RDD.saveAsTextFile("tempFile")
```

• coalesce() method can be used to save RDD as a single text file

```
RDD.coalesce(1).saveAsTextFile("tempFile")
```



Action Operations on pair RDDs

- RDD actions available for PySpark pair RDDs
- Pair RDD actions leverage the key-value data
- Few examples of pair RDD actions include
 - o countByKey()
 - collectAsMap()

countByKey() action

- countByKey() only available for type (K, V)
- countByKey() action counts the number of elements for each key
- Example of countByKey() on a simple list

```
rdd = sc.parallelize([("a", 1), ("b", 1), ("a", 1)])
for kee, val in rdd.countByKey().items():
    print(kee, val)
```

```
('a', 2)
('b', 1)
```

collectAsMap() action

- collectAsMap() return the key-value pairs in the RDD as a dictionary
- Example of collectAsMap() on a simple tuple

```
sc.parallelize([(1, 2), (3, 4)]).collectAsMap()
```

```
{1: 2, 3: 4}
```

Let's practice

BIG DATA FUNDAMENTALS WITH PYSPARK

