Resilient Distributed Datasets: Spark

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Lecture 16

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Some material taken/derived from:
- Matei Zarahia's NSDI'12 talk slides.
- Utah CS6450 by Ryan Stutsman.

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Problems with MapReduce

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- Not very expressive
  - Iterative algorithms
    (PageRank, Logistic Regression, Transitive Closure)
  - Interactive and ad-hoc queries
    (Interactive Log Debugging)

- Lots of specialized frameworks
  - Pregel, GraphLab, PowerGraph, DryadLINQ, HaLoop…

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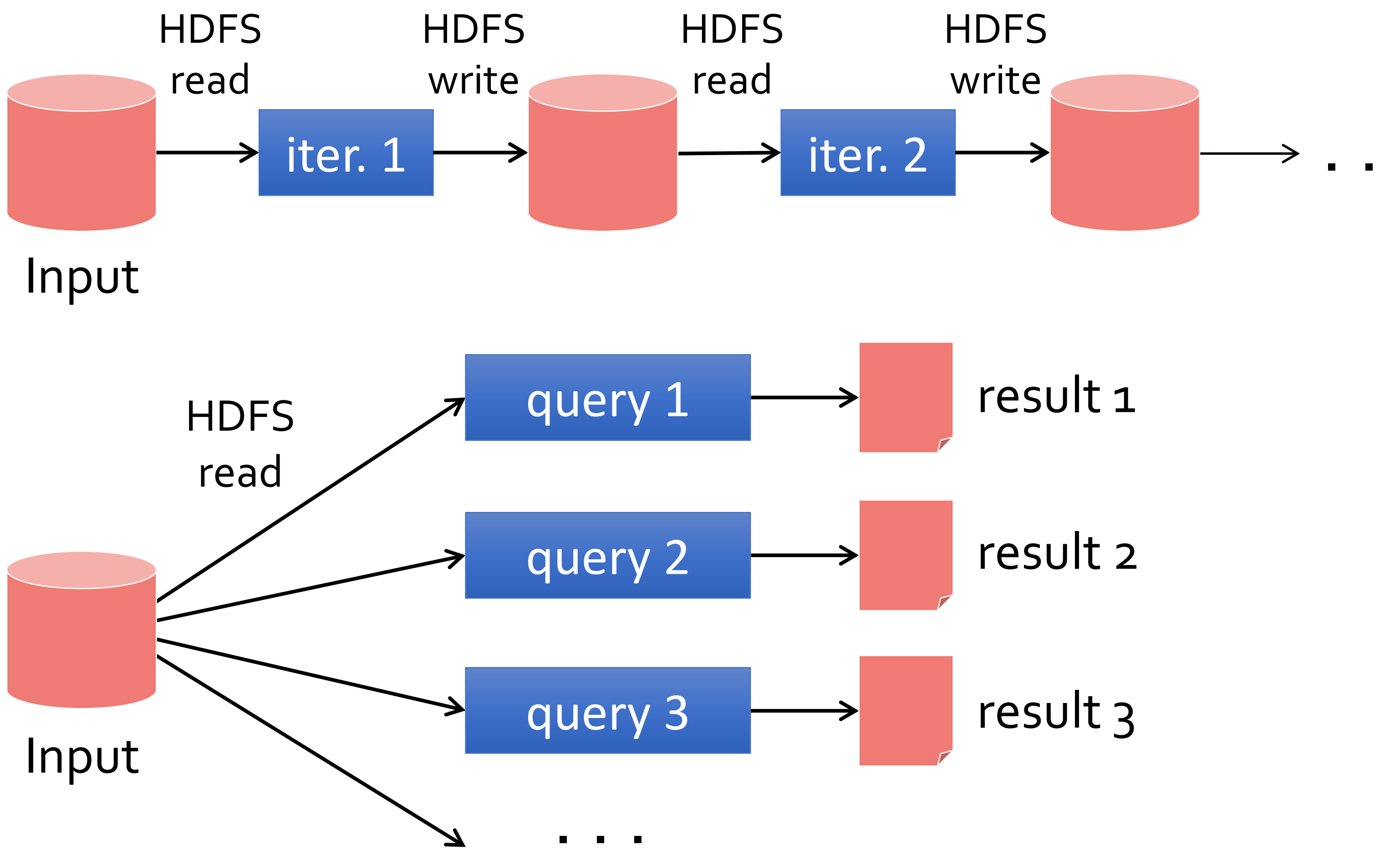
- Need the “chain” of operations to be exposed to make this work
- Also, does this break the MR fault-tolerance scheme?
  - Retry and Map or Reduce task since idempotent

Examples



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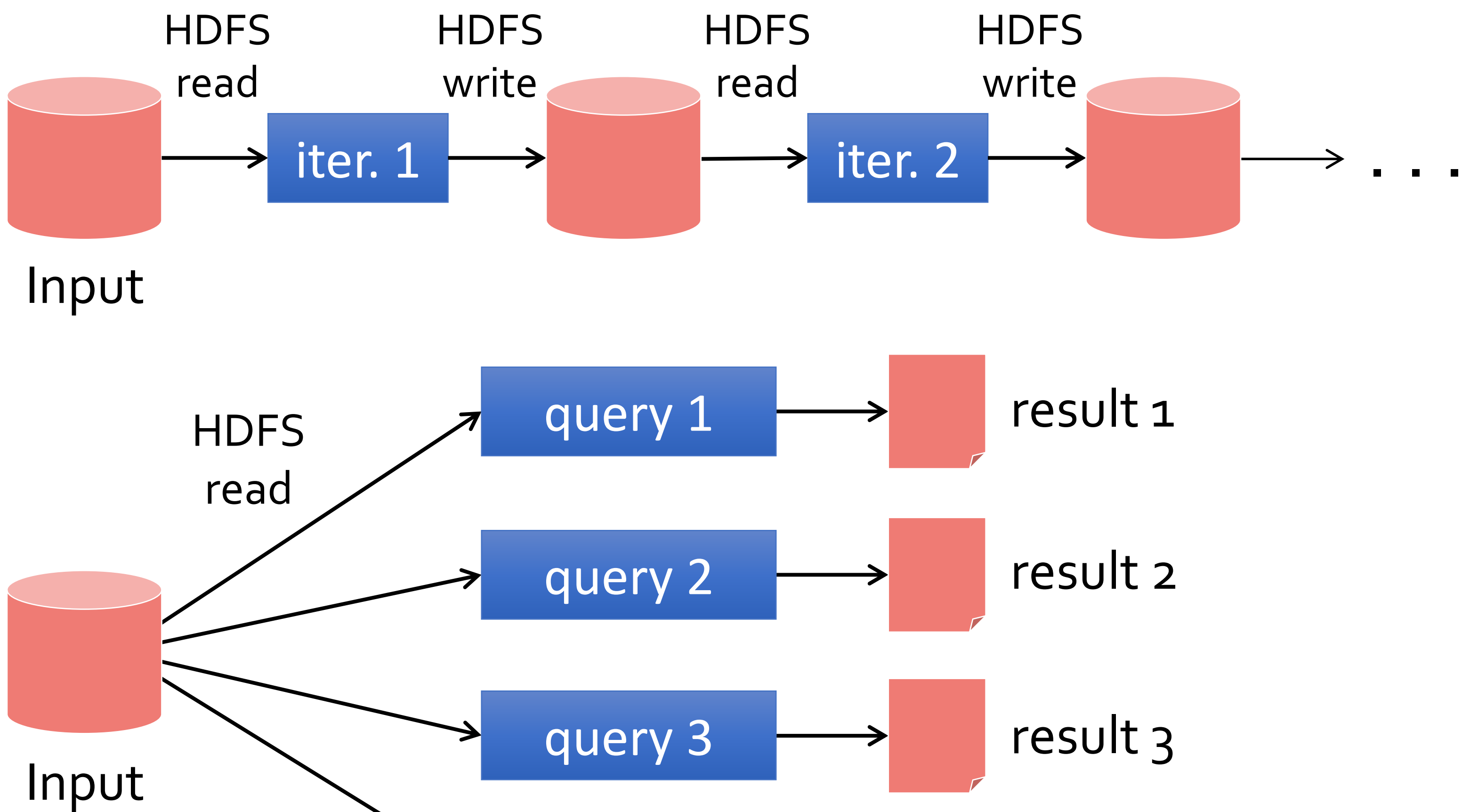

Slow due to replication and disk I/O, but necessary for fault tolerance

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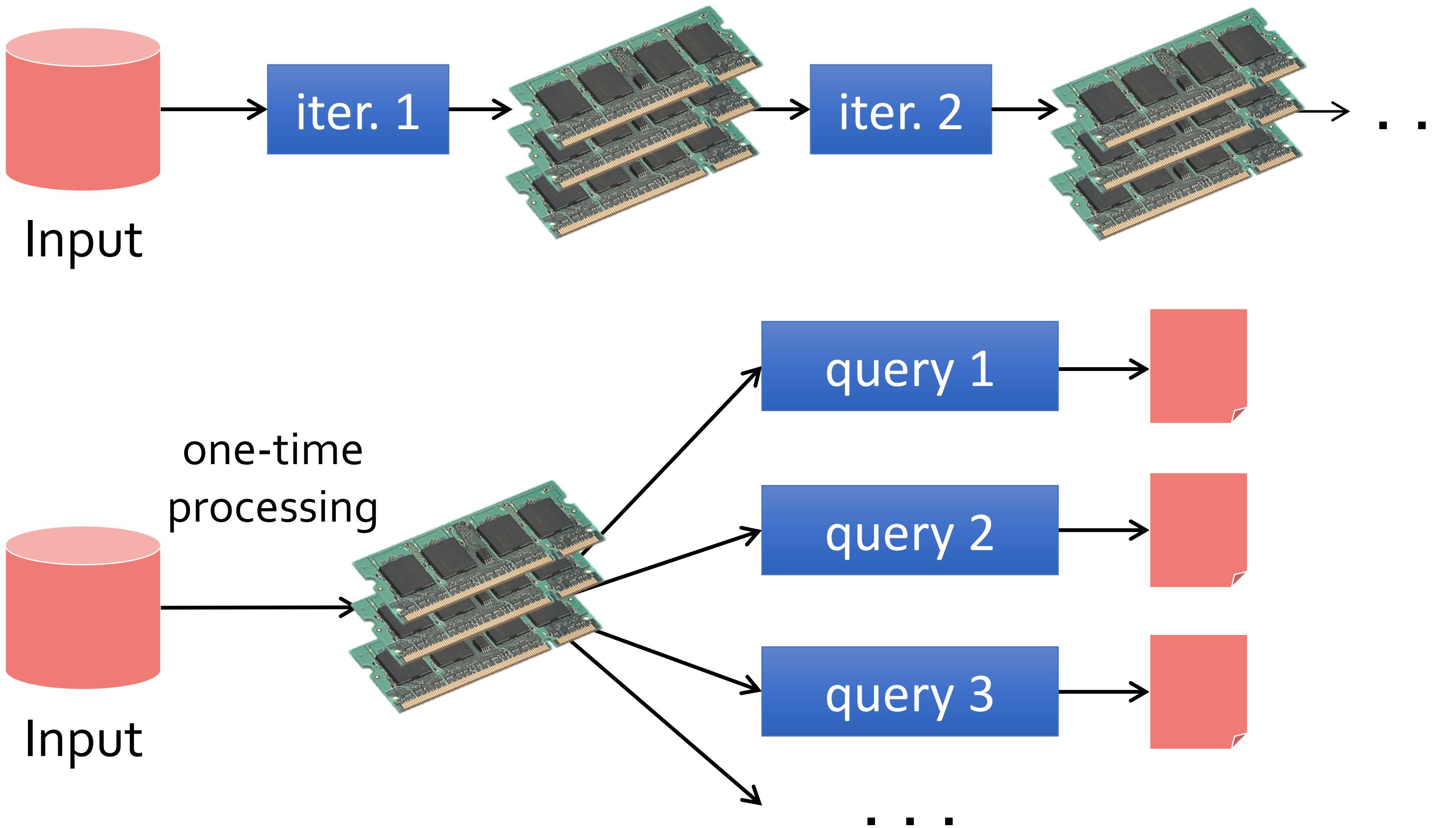

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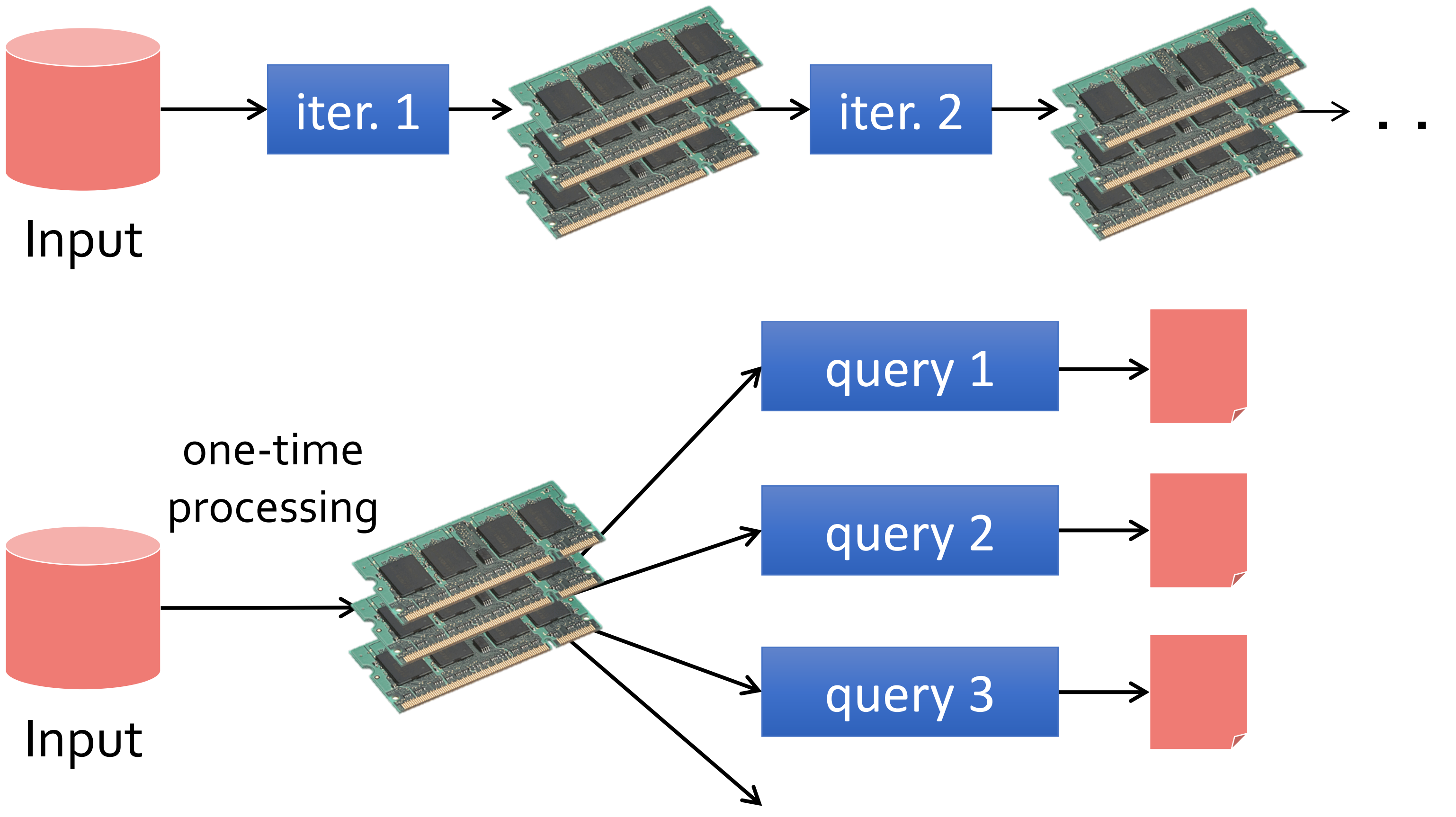

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- Existing storage systems allow fine-grained mutation to state
  - In-memory key-value stores
  - Requires replicating data or logs across nodes for fault tolerance
    - Costly for data-intensive apps
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Insight: leverage similar coarse-grained approach that transforms whole dataset per operation, like MapReduce (batch processing)

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Solution: Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs)

- Restricted form of distributed shared memory
  - Immutable, partitioned collections of records
  - Can only be built through *coarse-grained,* deterministic ***transformations*** (map, filter, join, …)

- Efficient fault recovery using *lineage*
  - Log one operation to apply to many elements
  - Recompute lost partitions on failure
  - No cost if nothing fails

Spark programming interface

- Scala API, exposed within interpreter as well
- RDDs
- Transformations on RDDs (RDD_1 → RDD_2)
- Actions on RDDs (RDD → output)
- Control over RDD partitioning (how items are split over nodes)
- Control over RDD persistence (in memory, on disk, or recompute on loss)

Transformations

Transformations (define a new RDD)	map filter sample groupByKey reduceByKey sortByKey	flatMap union join cogroup cross mapValues

RDDs in terms of Scala types → Scala semantics at workers

Transformations are lazy "thunks"; cause no cluster action

Actions

Actions (return a result to driver program)	collect reduce count save lookupKey

Consumes an RDD to produce output
either to storage (save), or
to interpreter/Scala (count, collect, reduce)

Causes RDD lineage chain to get executed on the cluster to produce the output
(for any missing pieces of the computation)

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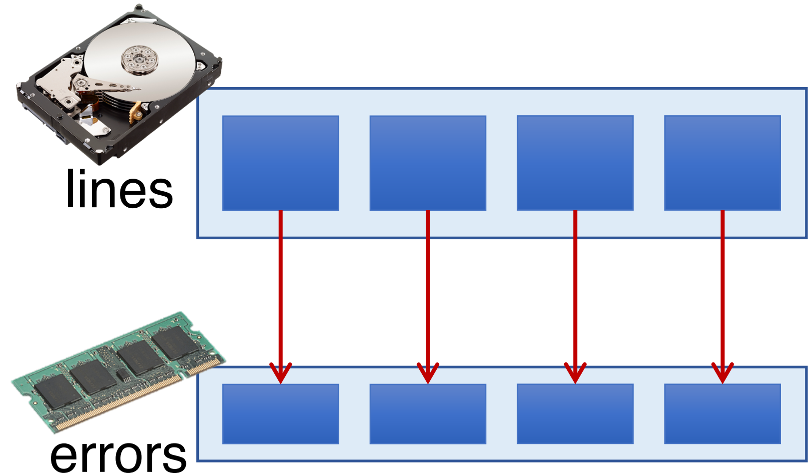


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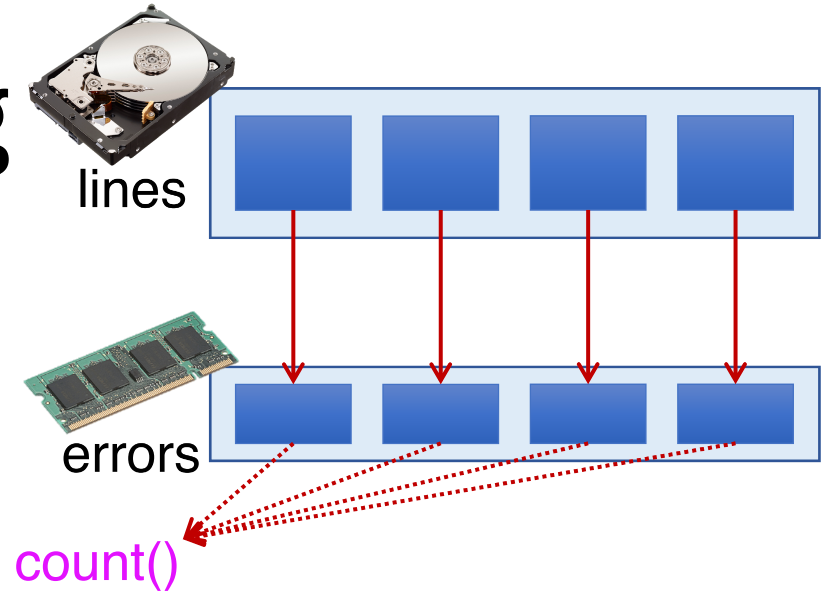

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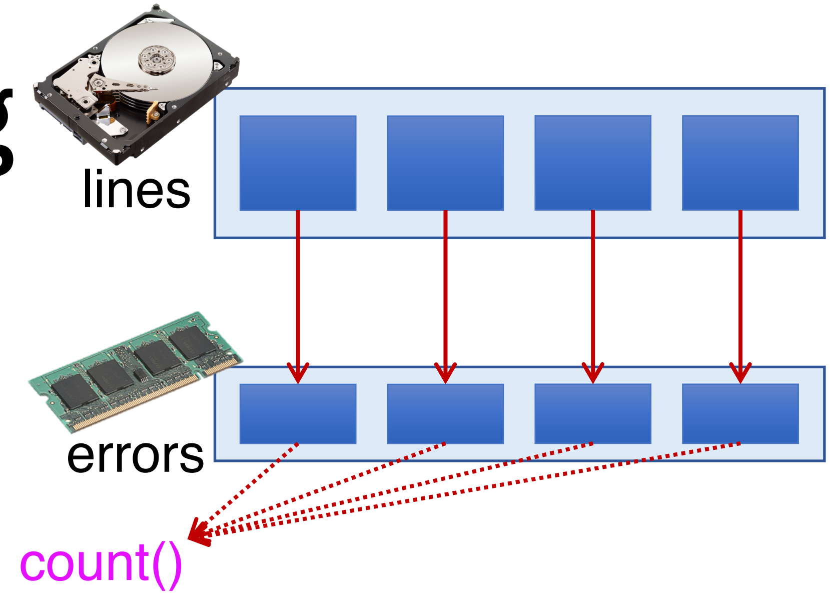


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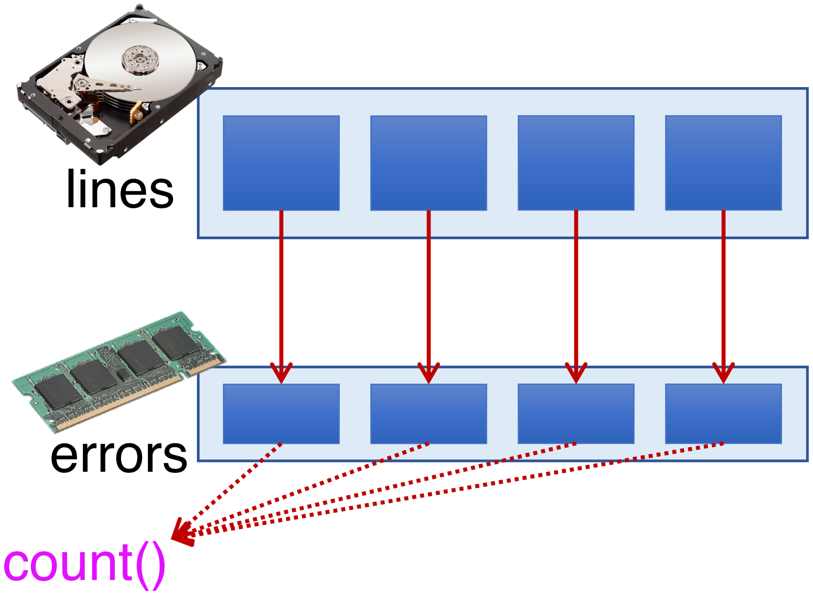

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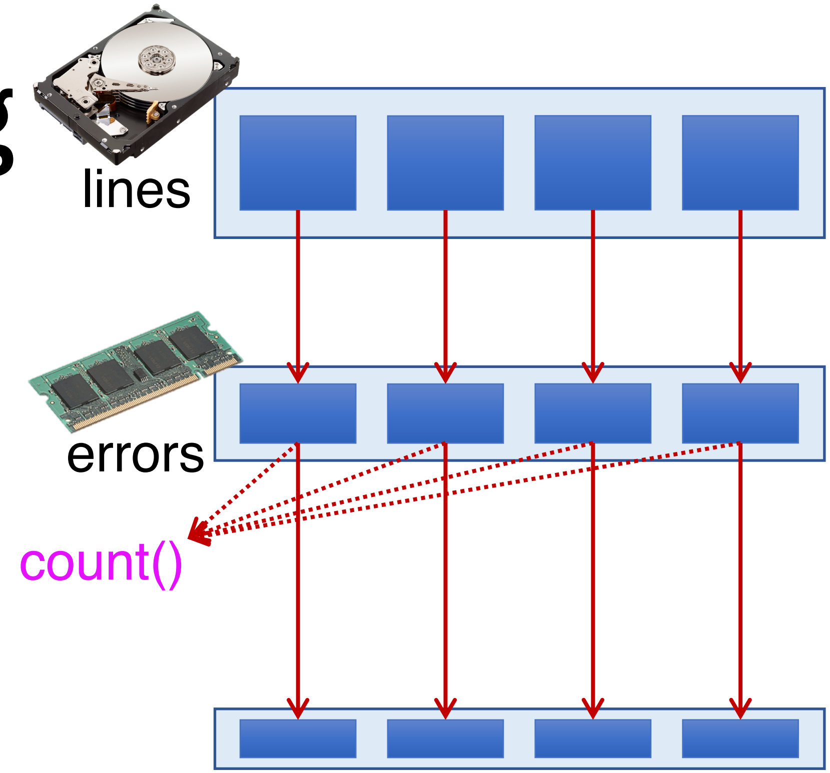

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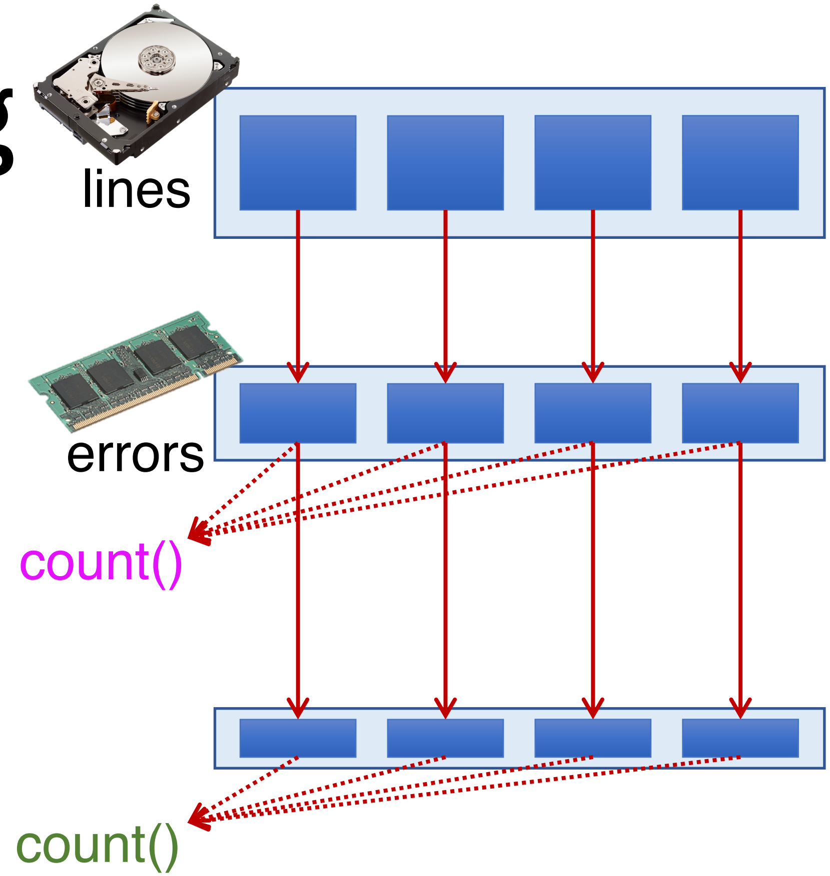

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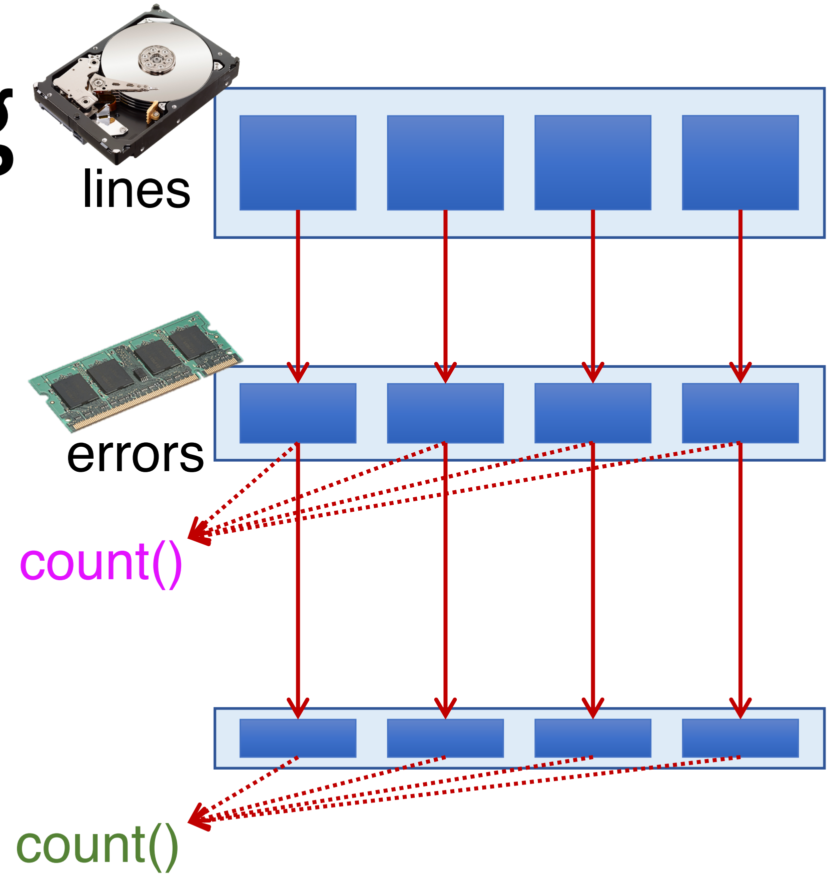

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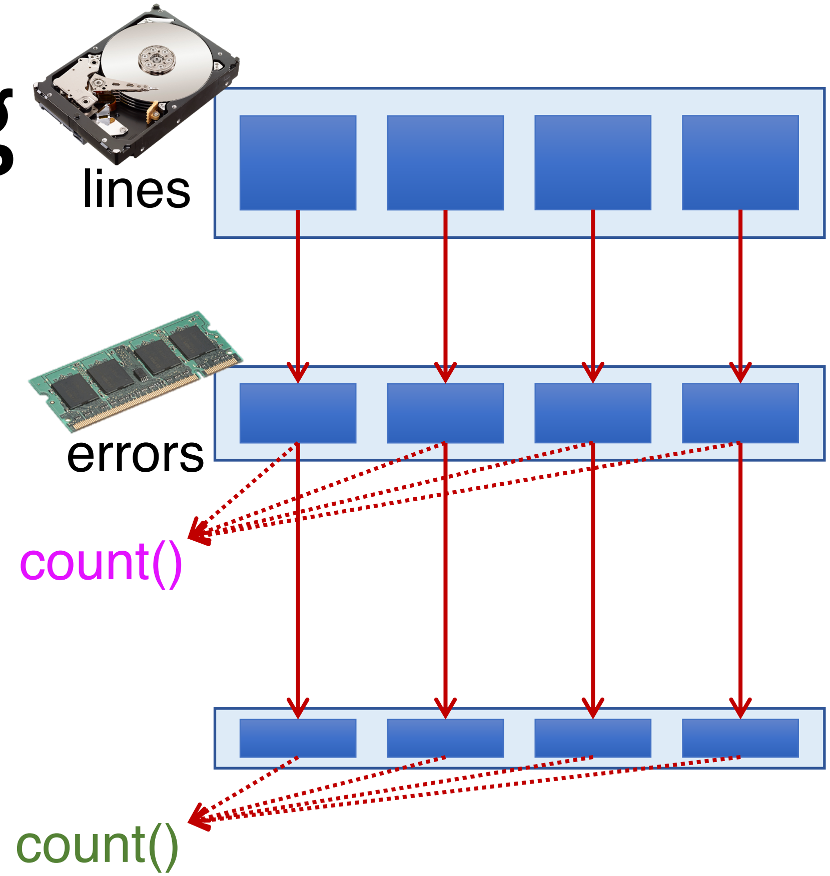

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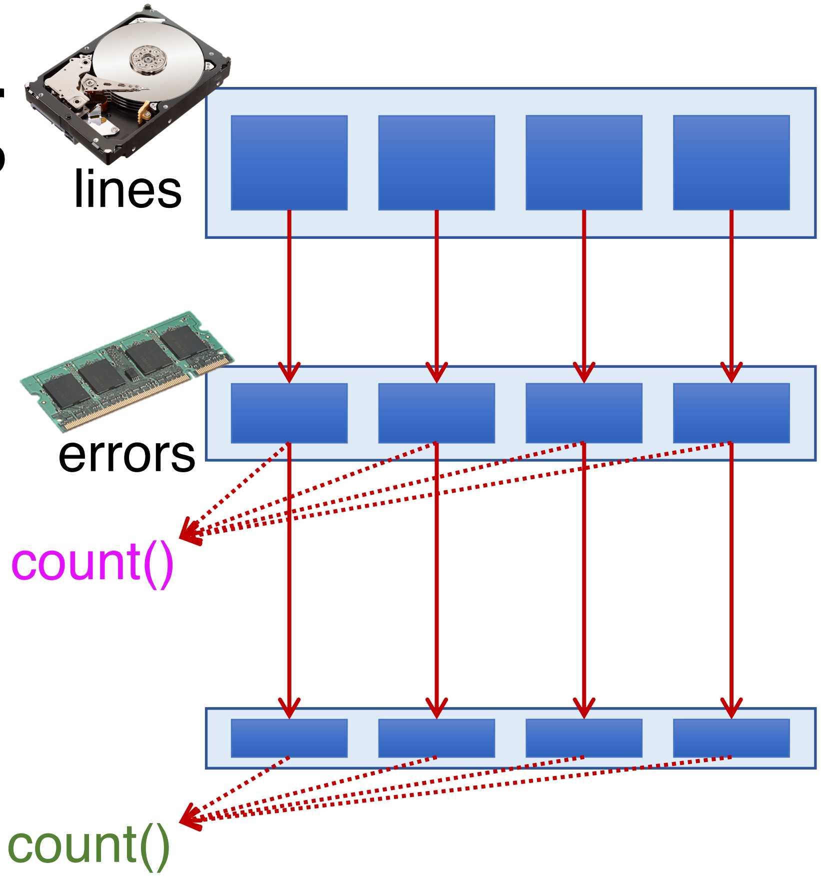

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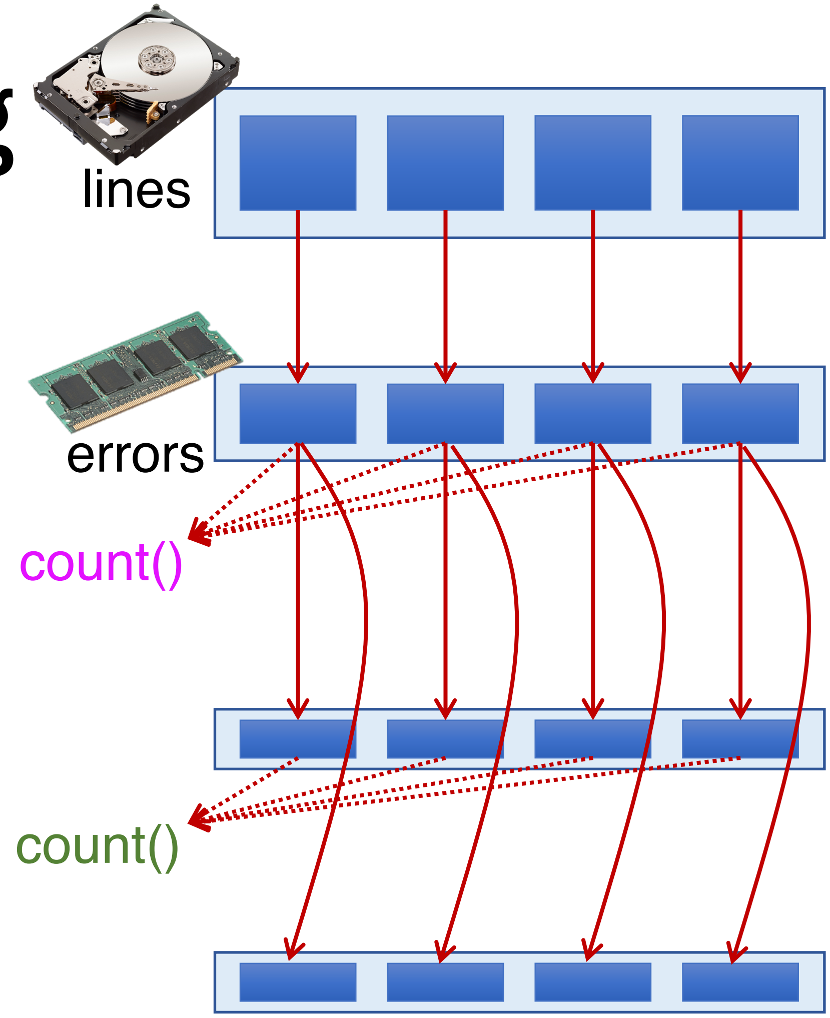

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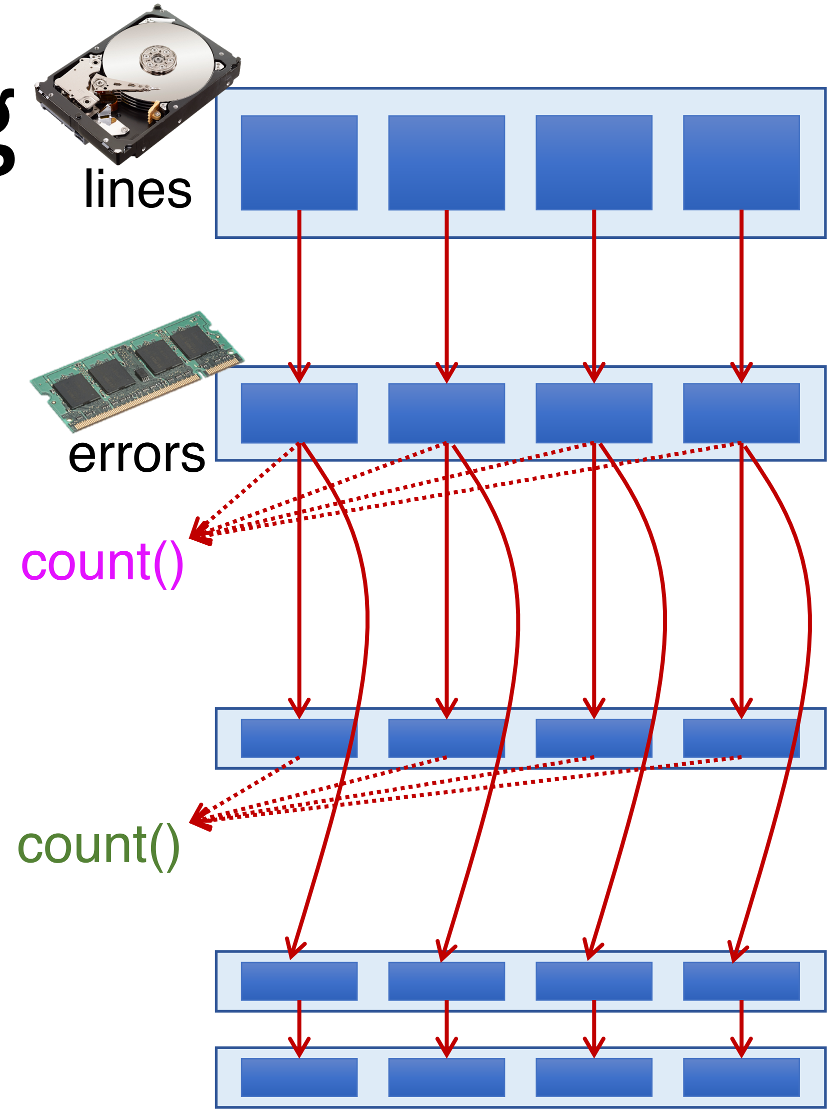

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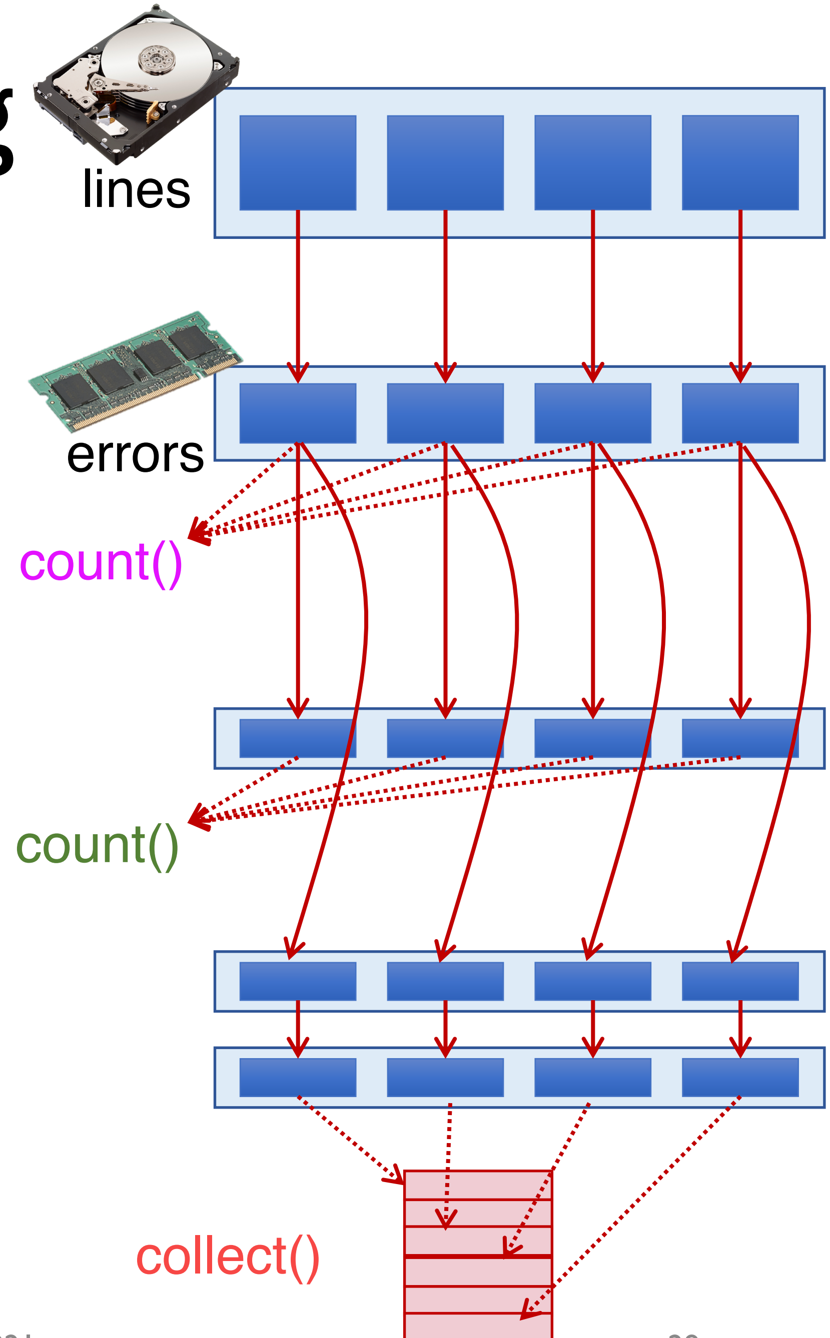

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- Q: If persist() asks for the materialization of an RDD why isn't it an action?

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↓ *filter(_.startsWith("ERROR"))*

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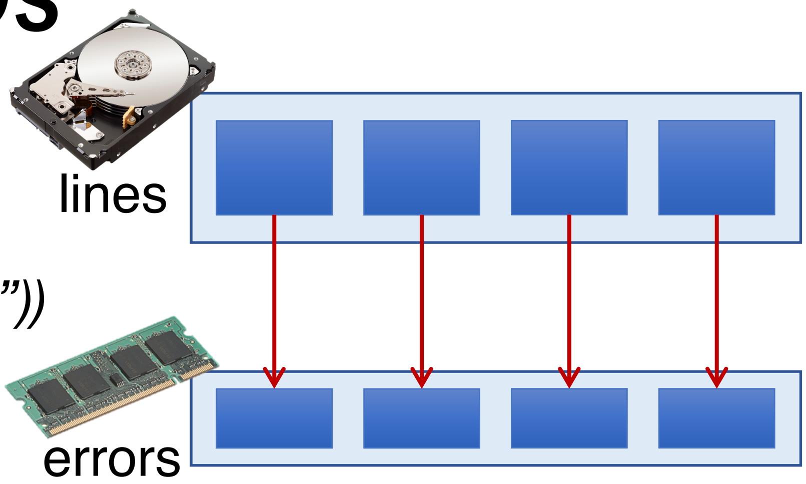

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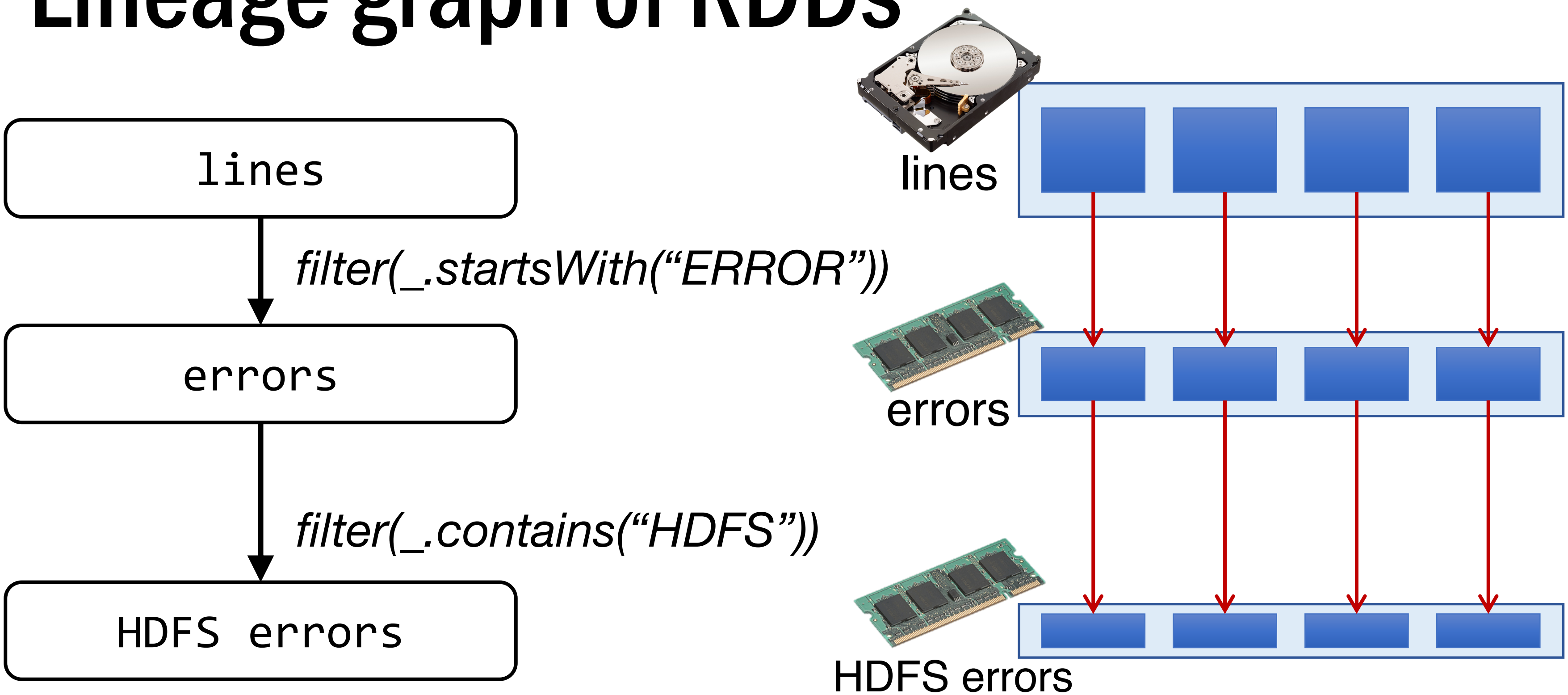

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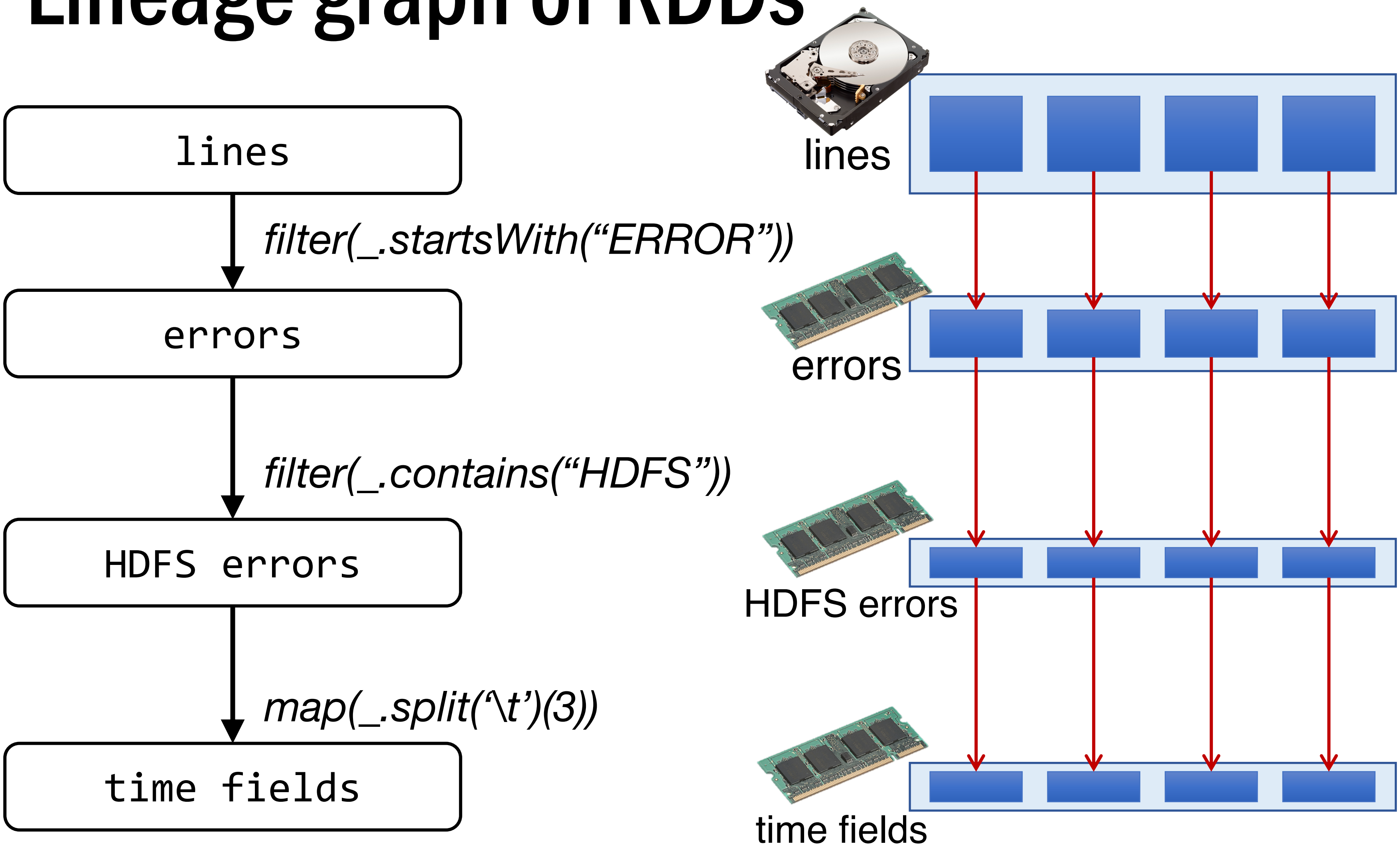

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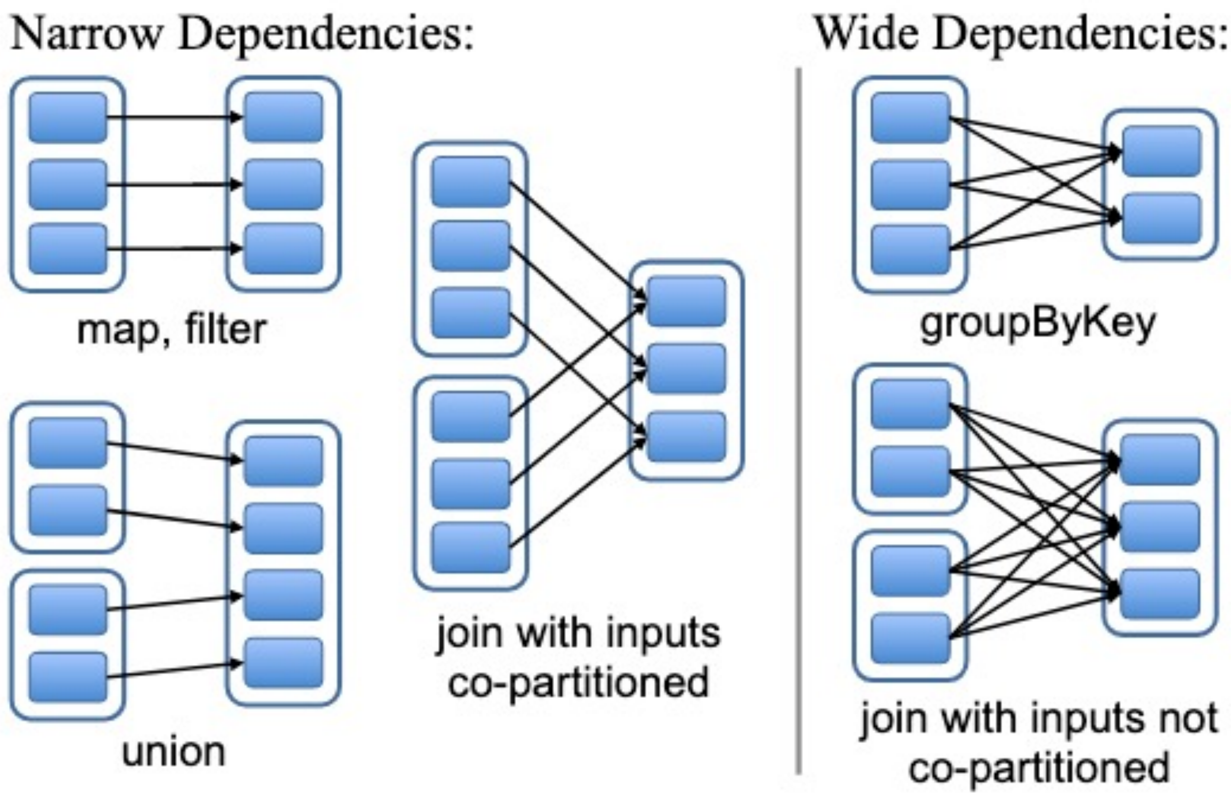


Narrow: each parent partition used by at most one child partition (can partition on one machine)

Wide: multiple child partitions depend on one parent partition

Must stall for all parent data, loss of child requires whole parent RDD (not just a small # of partitions)

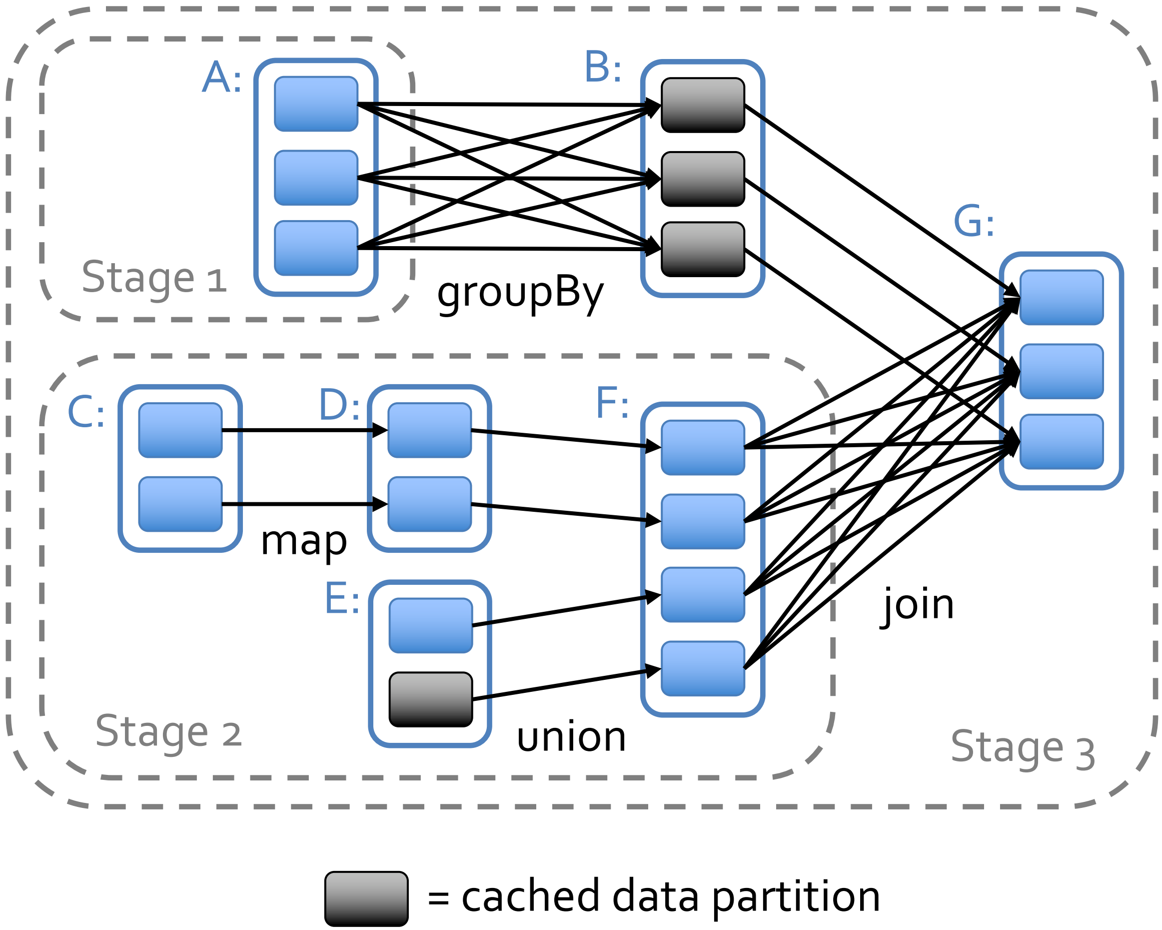
Task scheduler

Dryad-like DAGs

Pipelines functions within a stage

Locality & data reuse aware

Partitioning-aware to avoid shuffles



Interactive debugging (control and data flow)

Load error messages from a log into memory, then interactively search for various patterns

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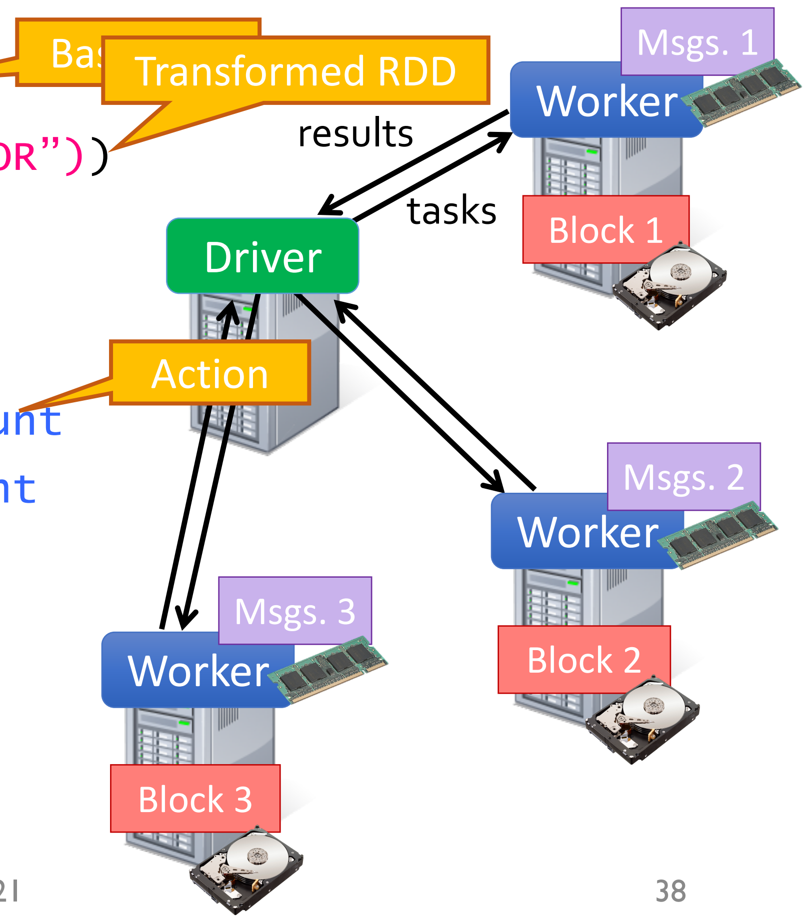

Result: scaled to 1 TB data in 5-7 sec
(vs 170 sec for on-disk data)

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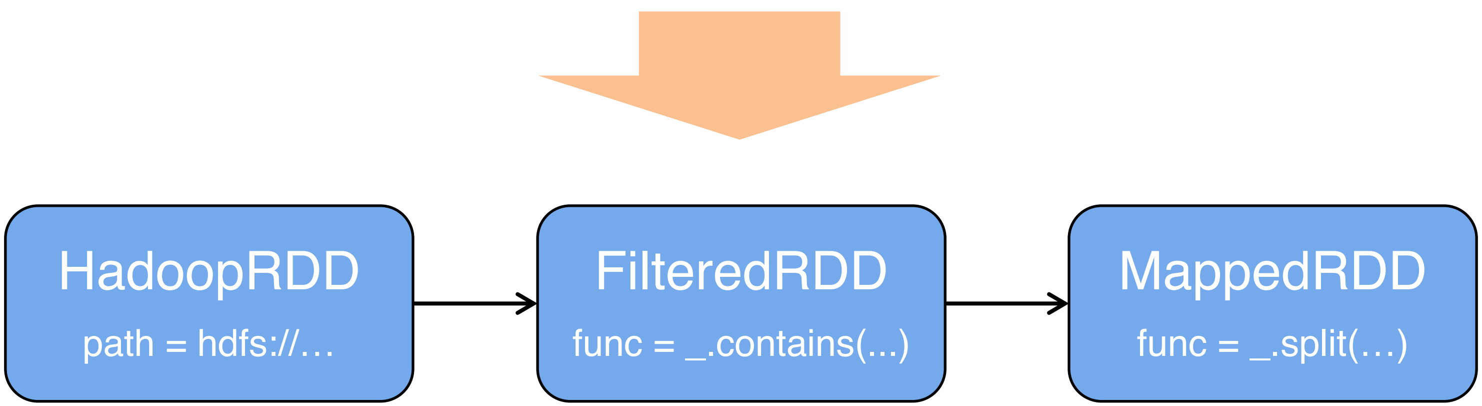

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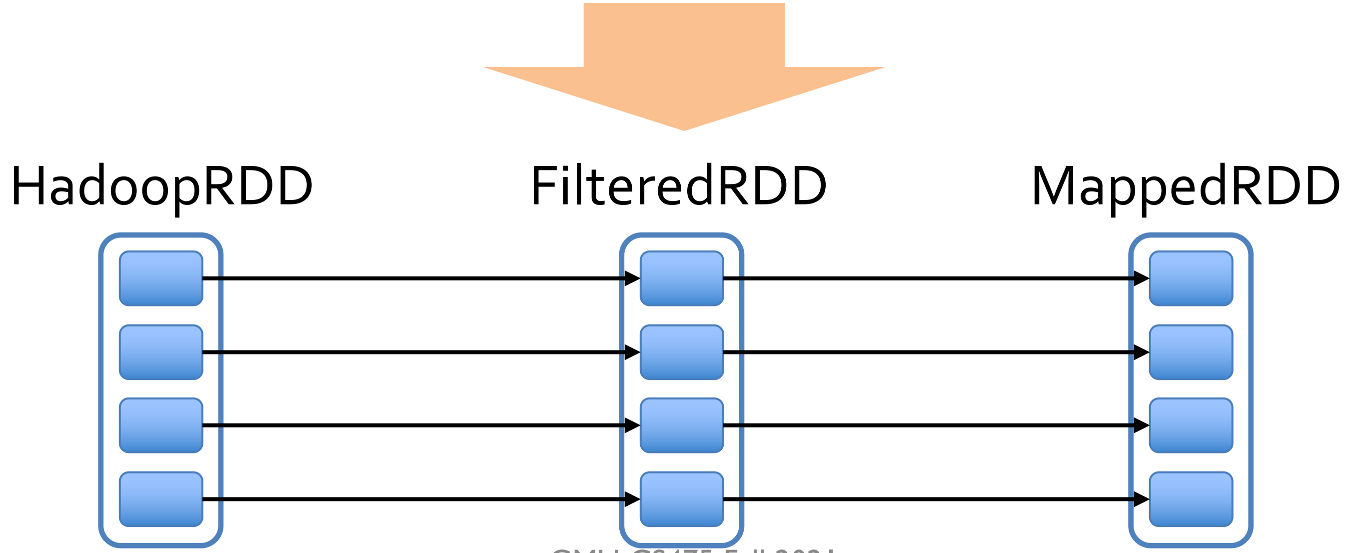

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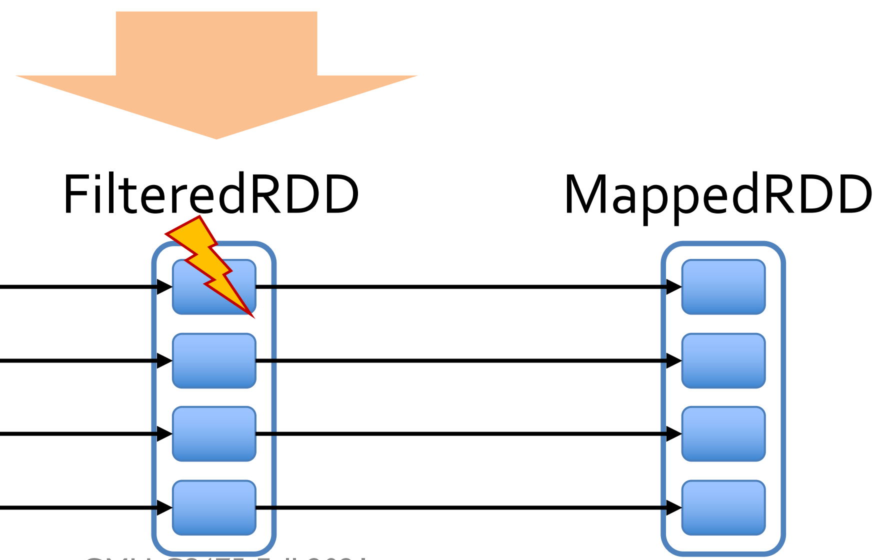
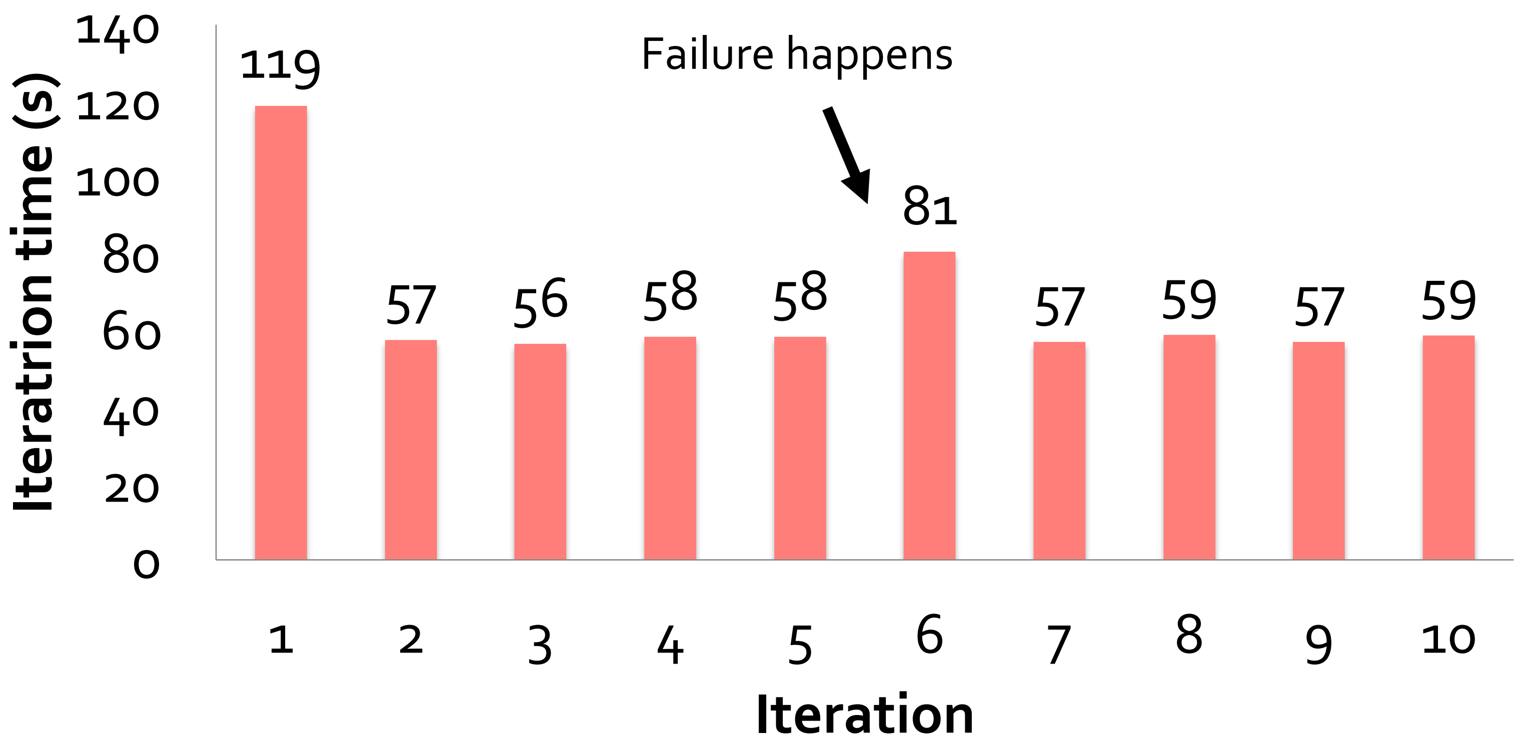


Fault recovery results



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For each neighbor in links emits (URL, RankContrib)

Reduce to RDD[(URL, Rank)]

Join (⋈)

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⋈

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If partitioning doesn't match, then need to reshuffle to match pairs. Same problem in `reduce()` for MapReduce.

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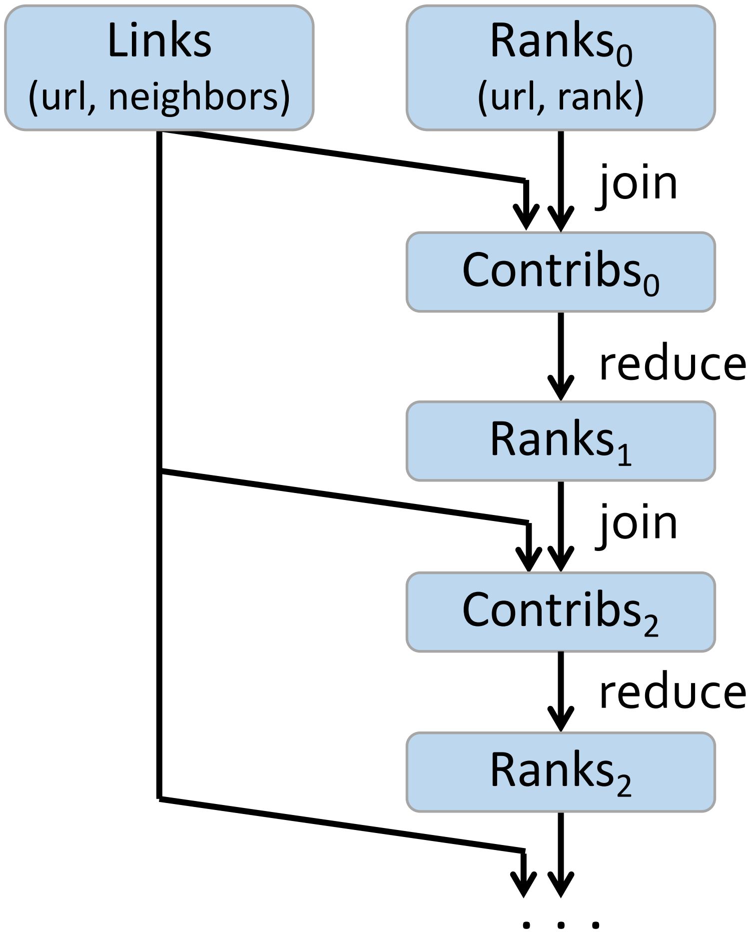

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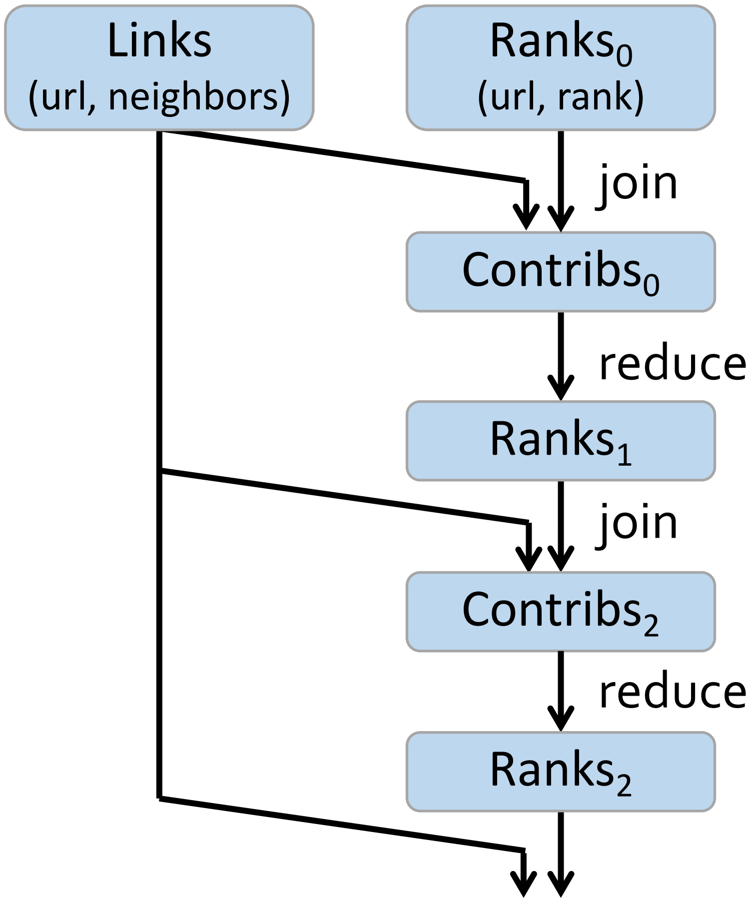

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Q: Where might we have placed **`persist()`**?

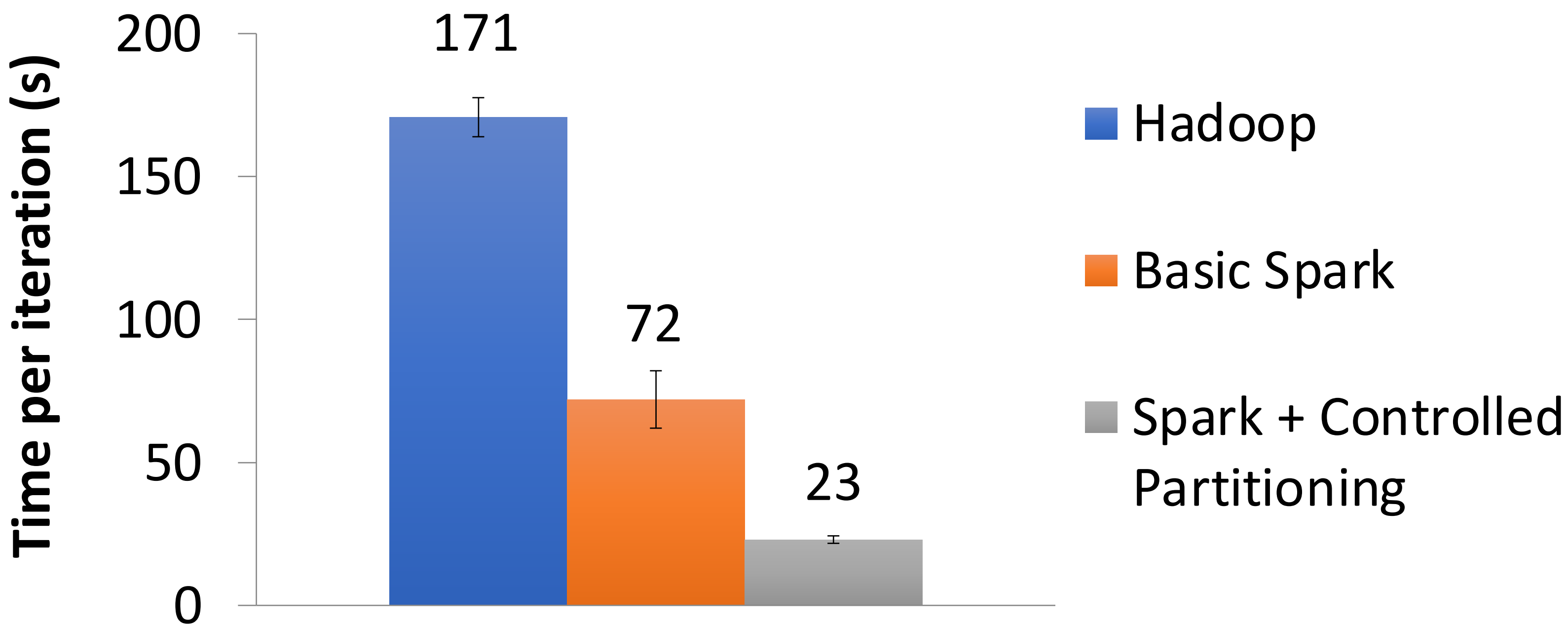
Co-partitioning example

Co-partitioning can avoid shuffle on join

But, fundamentally a shuffle on `reduceByKey`

Optimization: custom partitioner on domain

PageRank performance



* Figure 10a: 30 machines on 54 GB of Wikipedia data computing PageRank

Tradeoff space