

Transformations and Actions on Pair RDDs

Big Data Analysis with Scala and Spark

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Some interesting Pair RDDs operations

Important operations defined on Pair RDDs:

(But not available on regular RDDs)

Transformations

- groupByKey
- reduceByKey
- mapValues
- keys
- join
- leftOuterJoin/rightOuterJoin

Action

countByKey

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```
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Partitions this traversable collection into a map of traversable collections according to some discriminator function.

In English: Breaks up a collection into two or more collections according to a function that you pass to it. Result of the function is the key, the collection of results that return that key when the function is applied to it. Returns a Map mapping computed keys to collections of corresponding values.

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Let's group the below list of ages into "child", "adult", and "senior" categories.

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val ages = List(2, 52, 44, 23, 17, 14, 12, 82, 51, 64)
val grouped = ages.groupBy { age =>
    if (age >= 18 && age < 65) "adult"
    else if (age < 18) "child"
    else "senior"
}
// grouped: scala.collection.immutable.Map[String,List[Int]] =
// Map(senior -> List(82), adult -> List(52, 44, 23, 51, 64),
// child -> List(2, 17, 14, 12))
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case class Event(organizer: String, name: String, budget: Int)
val eventsRdd = sc.parallelize(...)
                  .map(event => (event.organizer, event.budget))
val groupedRdd = eventsRdd.groupByKey()
// TRICK QUESTION! As-is, it "does" nothing. It returns an unevaluated RDD
groupedRdd.collect().foreach(println)
// (Prime Sound, CompactBuffer(42000))
// (Sportorg, CompactBuffer(23000, 12000, 1400))
// ...
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// (Innotech, 320000)
// (Association Balélec,50000)
```

mapValues (def mapValues[U](f: V => U): RDD[(K, U)]) can be thought of
as a short-hand for:

```
rdd.map { case (x, y): (x, func(y))}
```

That is, it simply applies a function to only the values in a Pair RDD.

countByKey (def countByKey(): Map[K, Long]) simply counts the number of elements per key in a Pair RDD, returning a normal Scala Map (remember, it's an action!) mapping from keys to counts.

```
// Calculate a pair (as a key's value) containing (budget, #events)
val intermediate = ??? // Can we use countByKey?
```

Example: we can use each of these operations to compute the average budget per event organizer, if possible.

Resutt should look like:

long, (total Budget, total# events organized))

```
// Calculate a pair (as a key's value) containing (budget, #events)
val intermediate =
  eventsRdd.mapValues(b => (b, 1))
           .reduceByKey((v1, v2) \Rightarrow (v1._1 + v2._1, v1._2 + v2._2))
// intermediate: RDD[(String, (Int, Int))]
val avgBudgets = intermediate.mapValues {
  case (budget, numberOfEvents) => budget / numberOfEvents
avgBudgets.collect().foreach(println)
// (Prime Sound, 42000)
// (Sportorg, 12133)
// (Innotech, 106666)
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PairRDDFunctions

For a list of all available specialized Pair RDD operations, see the Spark API page for PairRDDFunctions (ScalaDoc):

http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/scala/index.html#org.apache.spark.rdd.PairRDDFunctions

