Parallel Processing - Spark

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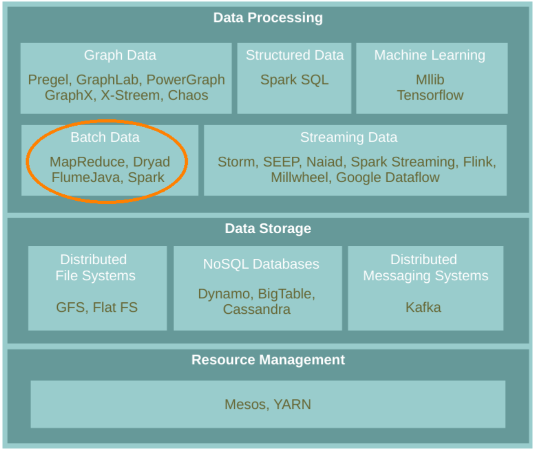

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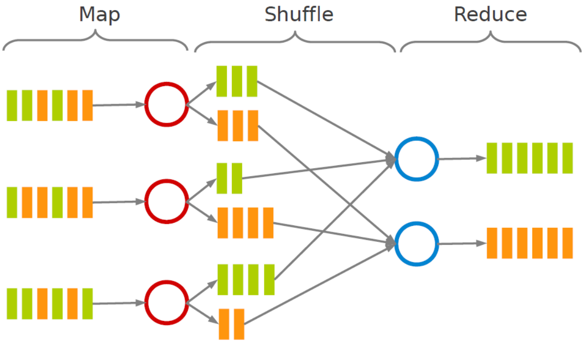

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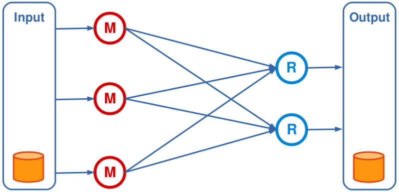

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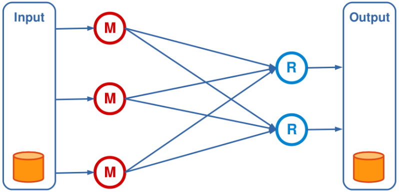
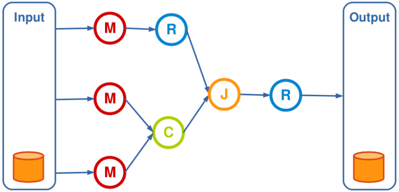
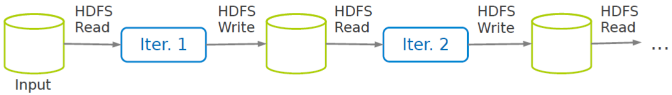




Motivation (2/2)

- MapReduce is expensive (slow), i.e., always goes to disk and HDFS.



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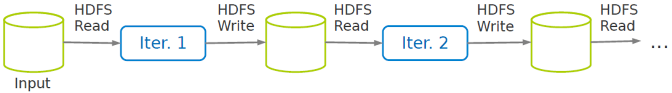

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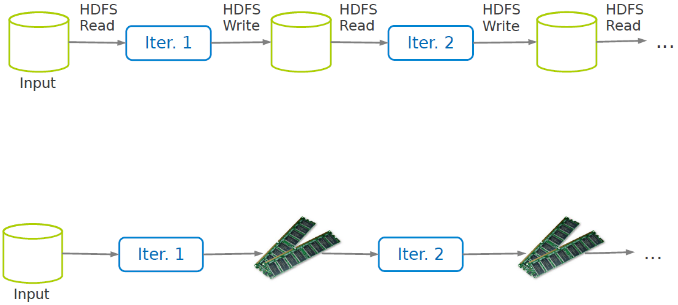

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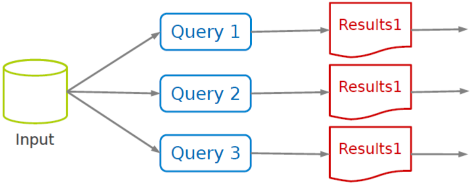

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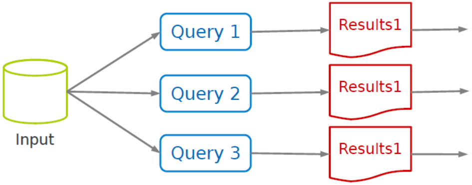
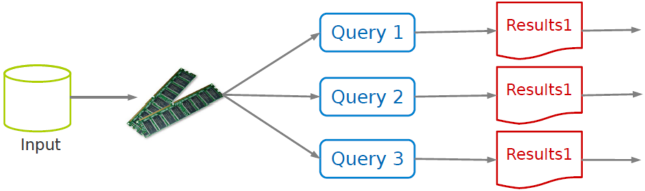
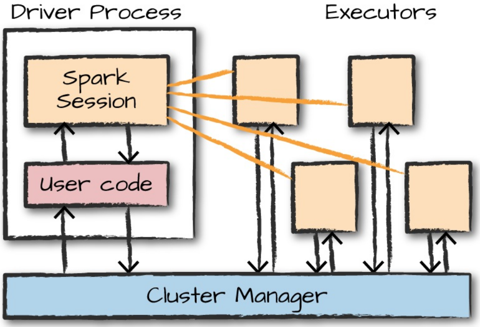




Spark Application

Spark Applications Architecture

- Spark applications consist of
  - A driver process
  - A set of executor processes



[M. Zaharia et al., Spark: The Definitive Guide, O'Reilly Media, 2018]

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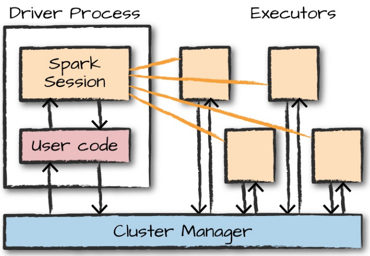

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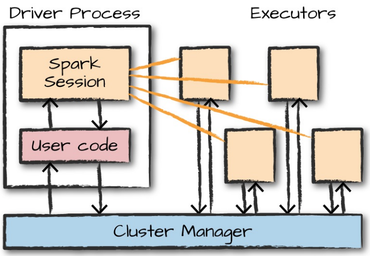
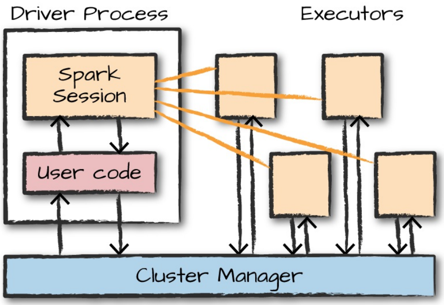
  - Maintaining information about the Spark application
  - Responding to a user's program or input
  - Analyzing, distributing, and scheduling work across the executors



Executors

- Responsible for two things:
  - Executing code assigned to it by the driver
  - Reporting the state of the computation on that executor back to the driver



SparkSession

- A driver process that controls a Spark application.
- Main entry point to Spark functionality.
- A one-to-one correspondence between a `SparkSession` and a Spark application.
- Available in console shell as `spark`.

```
SparkSession.builder.master(master).appName(appName).getOrCreate()
```

SparkContext

- The entry point for low-level API functionality.
- You access it through the `SparkSession`.
- You can access a `SparkContext` via `spark.sparkContext`.
- Available in console shell as `sc`.

```
val conf = new SparkConf().setMaster(master).setAppName(appName)
new SparkContext(conf)
```

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- SparkSession provides access to all the spark functionalities that SparkContext does, e.g., SQL, Hive and streaming.
- SparkSession internally has a SparkContext for actual computation.

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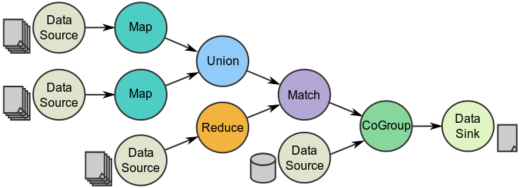

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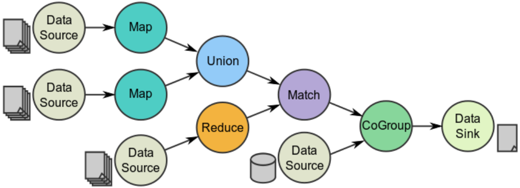

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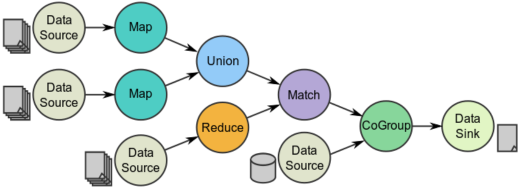

Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD) (1/3)

- A distributed memory abstraction.
- Immutable collections of objects spread across a cluster.
  - Like a LinkedList <MyObjects>

Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD) (2/3)

- An RDD is divided into a number of partitions, which are atomic pieces of information.
- Partitions of an RDD can be stored on different nodes of a cluster.

Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD) (3/3)

- RDDs were the primary API in the Spark 1.x series.
- They are not commonly used in the Spark 2.x series.
- Virtually all Spark code you run, compiles down to an RDD.

Types of RDDs

- Two types of RDDs:
  - Generic RDD
  - Key-value RDD

- Both represent a collection of objects.

- Key-value RDDs have special operations, such as aggregation, and a concept of custom partitioning by key.

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- The most likely reason to use RDDs: custom partitioning of data.
  - Fine-grained control over the physical distribution of data.

Creating RDDs

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val wordsCollection = "take it easy, this is a test".split(" ")
val words = spark.sparkContext.parallelize(wordsCollection, 2)
```

Creating RDDs - External Datasets

- Create RDD from an external storage.
  - E.g., local file system, HDFS, Cassandra, HBase, Amazon S3, etc.
- Text file RDDs can be created using `textFile` method.

```
val myFile1 = sc.textFile("file.txt")
val myFile2 = sc.textFile("hdfs://namenode:9000/path/file")
```

RDD Operations

RDD Operations

- RDDs support two types of operations:
  - Transformations: allow us to build the logical plan
  - Actions: allow us to trigger the computation

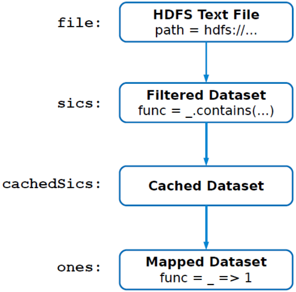
Transformations

Transformations

- Create a new RDD from an existing one.
- All transformations are lazy.
  - Not compute their results right away.
  - Remember the transformations applied to the base dataset.
  - They are only computed when an action requires a result to be returned to the driver program.

Lineage

- Lineage: transformations used to build an RDD.
- RDDs are stored as a chain of objects capturing the lineage of each RDD.




```scala
val file = sc.textFile("hdfs://...")
val sics = file.filter(_.contains("SICS"))
val cachedSics = sics.cache()
val ones = cachedSics.map(_ => 1)
val count = ones.reduce(_+_)
```

Generic RDD Transformations (1/3)

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def startsWithT(individual:String) = { individual.startsWith("t") }
val tWordList = words.filter(word => startsWithT(word))
// this, test
```

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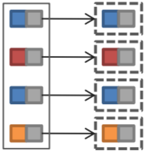

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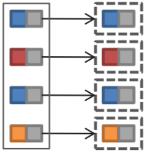

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val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))
val tWords = words.map(word => (word, word.startsWith("t")))
// (take,true), (it,false), (easy,,false), (this,true), (is,false), (a,false), (test,true)
```

Generic RDD Transformations (3/3)

- sortBy sorts an RDD records.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))

val sortedWords = words.sortBy(word => word.length())
// a, it, is, take, this, test, easy,
```

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// (take,1), (it,1), (easy,,1), (this,1), (is,1), (a,1), (test,1)
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  - Use the `zip` to zip together two RDD.

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```

```
val numRange = sc.parallelize(0 to 6)
val keyword3 = words.zip(numRange)
// (take,0), (it,1), (easy,,2), (this,3), (is,4), (a,5), (test,6)
```

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- `keys` and `values` extract keys and values, respectively.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))
val keyword = words.keyBy(word => word.toLowerCase.toSeq(0).toString)
// (t,take), (i,it), (e,easy,), (t,this), (i,is), (a,a), (t,test)

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- `mapValues` maps over values.

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```
val mapV = keyword.mapValues(word => word.toUpperCase)
// (t,TAKE), (i,IT), (e,EASY,), (t,THIS), (i,IS), (a,A), (t,TEST)
```

Key-Value RDD Transformations - Aggregation (1/2)

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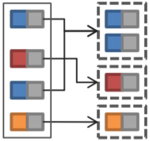

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val kvChars = ...
// (t,1), (a,1), (k,1), (e,1), (i,1), (t,1), (e,1), (a,1), (s,1), (y,1), (,,1), ...

val grpChar = kvChars.groupByKey().map(row => (row._1, row._2.reduce(addFunc)))
// (t,5), (h,1), (,,1), (e,3), (a,3), (i,3), (y,1), (s,4), (k,1))
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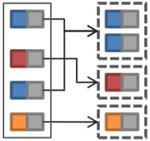

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```
def addFunc(left:Int, right:Int) = left + right
val redChar = kvChars.reduceByKey(addFunc)
// (t,5), (h,1), (,,1), (e,3), (a,3), (i,3), (y,1), (s,4), (k,1))
```

Key-Value RDD Transformations - Aggregation (2/2)

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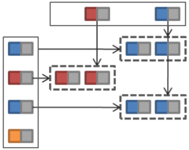
- `groupByKey` or `reduceByKey`?
- In `groupByKey`, each executor must hold all values for a given key in memory before applying the function to them.
  - This is problematic in massive skewed key.
- In `reduceByKey`, the reduce happens within each partition, and does not need to put everything in memory.

Key-Value RDD Transformations - Join

- join performs an inner-join on the key.
- fullOtherJoin, leftOuterJoin, rightOuterJoin, and cartesian.



```
val keyedChars = ...
// (t,4), (h,6), (,,9), (e,8), (a,3), (i,5), (y,2), (s,7), (k,0)

val kvChars = ...
// (t,1), (a,1), (k,1), (e,1), (i,1), (t,1), (e,1), (a,1), (s,1), (y,1), (,,1), ...

val joinedChars = kvChars.join(keyedChars)
// (t,(1,4)), (t,(1,4)), (t,(1,4)), (t,(1,4)), (t,(1,4)), (h,(1,6)), (,,(1,9)), (e,(1,8)), ...
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- There are three kinds of actions:
  - Actions to view data in the console
  - Actions to collect data to native objects in the respective language
  - Actions to write to output data sources

RDD Actions (1/6)

- `collect` returns all the elements of the RDD as an array at the driver.
- `first` returns the first value in the RDD.

```
val nums = sc.parallelize(Array(1, 2, 3))

nums.collect()
// Array(1, 2, 3)

nums.first()
// 1
```

RDD Actions (2/6)

- take returns an array with the first n elements of the RDD.

```scala
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words.take(5)
// Array(take, it, easy,, this, is)
```

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- Variations on this function: takeOrdered and takeSample.

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val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))

words.take(5)
// Array(take, it, easy,, this, is)
```

```
words.takeOrdered(5)
// Array(a, easy,, is, it, take)

val withReplacement = true
val numberToTake = 6
val randomSeed = 100L
words.takeSample(withReplacement, numberToTake, randomSeed)
// Array(take, it, test, this, test, take)
```

RDD Actions (3/6)

- count returns the number of elements in the dataset.
- countByValue counts the number of values in a given RDD.
- countByKey returns a hashmap of (K, Int) pairs with the count of each key.
  - Only available on key-valye RDDs, i.e., (K, V)

```scala
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test, take it easy".split(" "))

words.count()
// 10

words.countByValue()
// Map(this -> 1, is -> 1, it -> 2, a -> 1, easy, -> 1, test, -> 1, take -> 2, easy -> 1)
```

RDD Actions (4/6)

- `max` and `min` return the maximum and minimum values, respectively.

```
val nums = sc.parallelize(1 to 20)

val maxValue = nums.max()
// 20

val minValue = nums.min()
// 1
```

RDD Actions (5/6)

- `reduce` aggregates the elements of the dataset using a given function.
- The given function should be commutative and associative so that it can be computed correctly in parallel.

```
sc.parallelize(1 to 20).reduce(_ + _)
// 210

def wordLengthReducer(leftWord:String, rightWord:String): String = {
  if (leftWord.length > rightWord.length)
    return leftWord
  else
    return rightWord
}

words.reduce(wordLengthReducer)
// easy,
```

RDD Actions (6/6)

- `saveAsTextFile` writes the elements of an RDD as a text file.
  - Local filesystem, HDFS or any other Hadoop-supported file system.
- `saveAsObjectFile` explicitly writes key-value pairs.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))

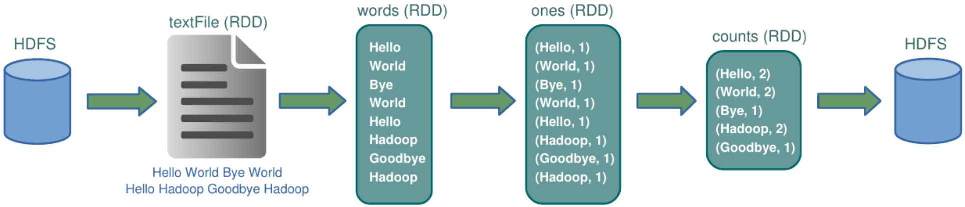
words.saveAsTextFile("file:/tmp/words")
```

Example

```
val textFile = sc.textFile("hdfs://...")

val words = textFile.flatMap(line => line.split(" "))
val ones = words.map(word => (word, 1))
val counts = ones.reduceByKey(_ + _)

counts.saveAsTextFile("hdfs://...")
```



Cache and Checkpoints

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- There are two functions for caching an RDD:
  - `cache` caches the RDD into memory
  - `persist(level)` can cache in memory, on disk, or off-heap memory

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))

words.cache()
```

Checkpointing

- checkpoint saves an RDD to disk.
- Checkpointed data is not removed after SparkContext is destroyed.
- When we reference a checkpointed RDD, it will derive from the checkpoint instead of the source data.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))

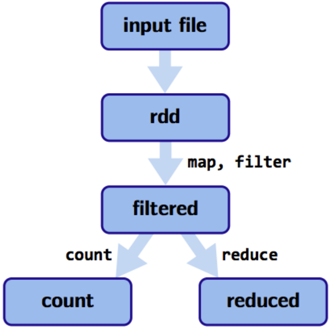
sc.setCheckpointDir("/path/checkpointing")
words.checkpoint()
```

Execution Engine

More About Lineage

- A DAG representing the computations done on the RDD is called lineage graph.

```
val rdd = sc.textFile(...)
val filtered = rdd.map(...).filter(...).persist()
val count = filtered.count()
val reduced = filtered.reduce()
```



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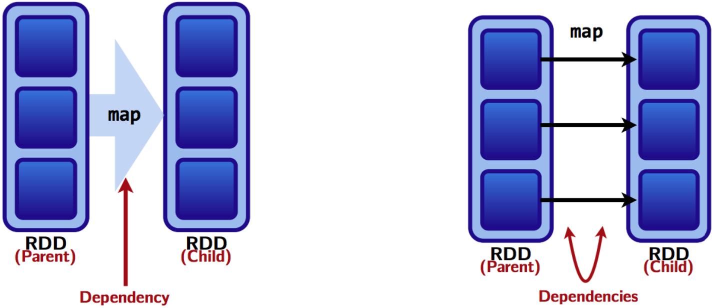
Dependencies

- RDD dependencies encode when data must move across network.



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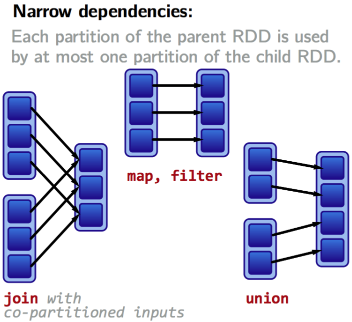
Two Types of Dependencies (1/2)

- Narrow transformations (dependencies)
  - Each input partition will contribute to only one output partition.
  - With narrow transformations, Spark can perform a pipelining



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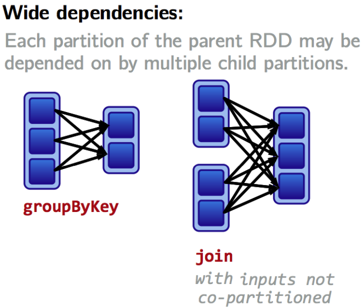
Two Types of Dependencies (2/2)

- Wide transformations (dependencies)
  - Each input partition will contribute to many output partition.
  - Usually referred to as a shuffle



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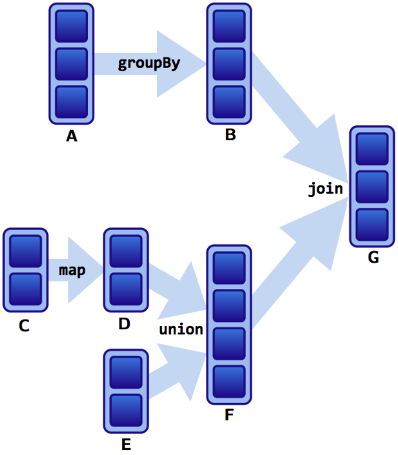

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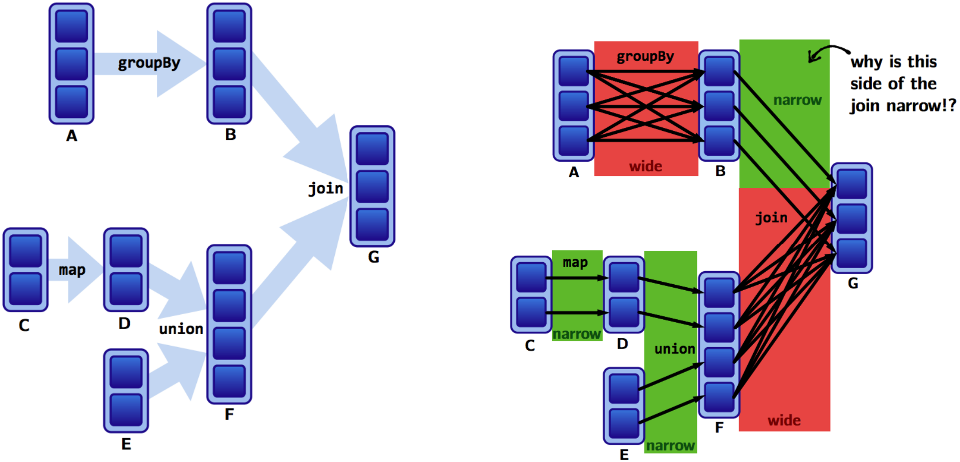

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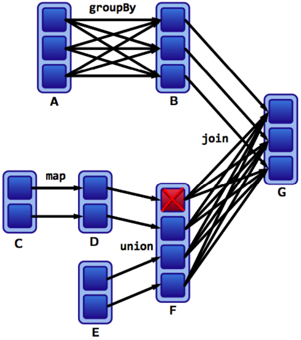
Lineages and Fault Tolerance (1/2)

- No replication.
- Lineages are the key to fault tolerance in Spark.
- Recompute only the lost partitions of an RDD.

Lineages and Fault Tolerance (2/2)

- Assume one of the partitions fails.



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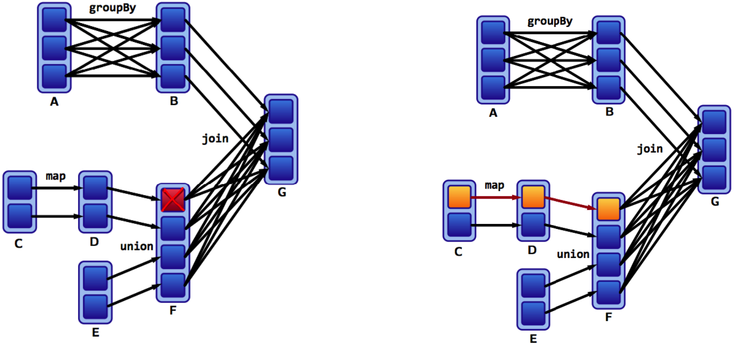
- Assume one of the partitions fails.
- We only have to recompute the data shown below to get back on track.



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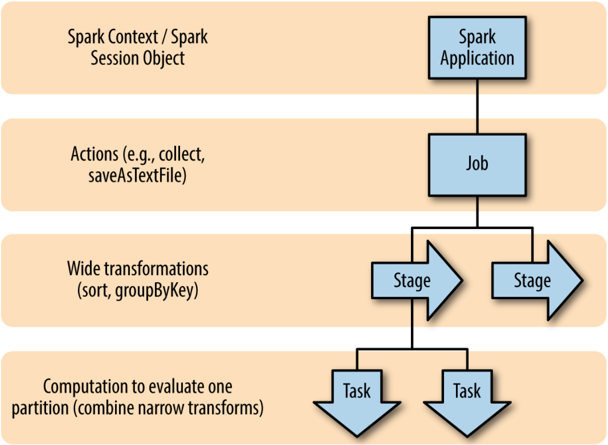
The Anatomy of a Spark Job



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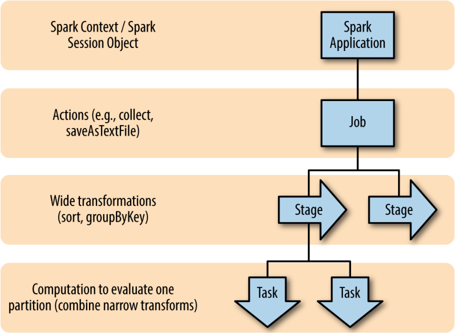
Jobs

- A Spark job is the highest element of Spark's execution hierarchy.
  - Each Spark job corresponds to one action.
  - Each action is called by the driver program of a Spark application.



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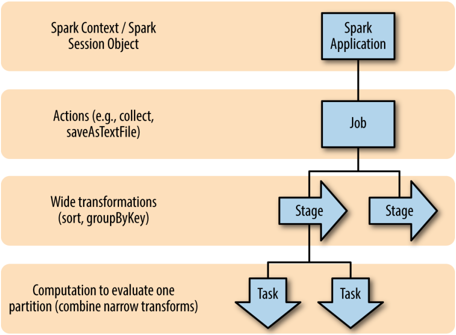
Stages

- Each job breaks down into a series of stages.
  - Stages in Spark represent groups of tasks that can be executed together.
  - Wide transformations define the breakdown of jobs into stages.



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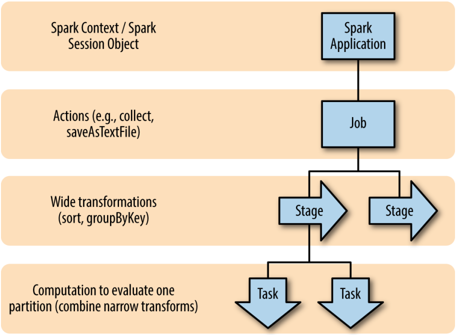
Tasks

- A stage consists of tasks, which are the smallest execution unit.
  - Each task represents one local computation.
  - All of the tasks in one stage execute the same code on a different piece of the data.



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Advanced Spark Features

Distributed Shared Variables

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- Example: the `counter` is referenced within the `foreach` function, it's no longer the `counter` on the driver node.

```
var counter = 0
val rdd = sc.parallelize(Array(1, 2, 3, 4))

// Wrong: Don't do this!!
rdd.foreach(x => counter += x)

println("Counter value: " + counter)
```

Shared Variables (2/2)

- General read-write shared variables across tasks is inefficient.
- Two types of shared variables: accumulators and broadcast variables.

Accumulators

- Aggregating values from worker nodes back to the driver program.
  - Example: counting events that occur during job execution.
- Worker code can add to the accumulator with its `+=` method.
- The driver program can access the value by calling the `value` property on the accumulator.

```
val accum = sc.accumulator(0)
val rdd = sc.parallelize(Array(1, 2, 3, 4))

rdd.foreach(x => accum += x)

println("Counter value: " + accum.value)
// Counter value: 10
```

Broadcast Variables (1/4)

- The broadcast values are sent to each node only once, and should be treated as read-only variables.
- The process of using broadcast variables can access its value with the `value` property.

```
scala> val broadcastVar = sc.broadcast(Array(1, 2, 3))
broadcastVar: spark.Broadcast[Array[Int]] = spark.Broadcast(b5c40191-...)

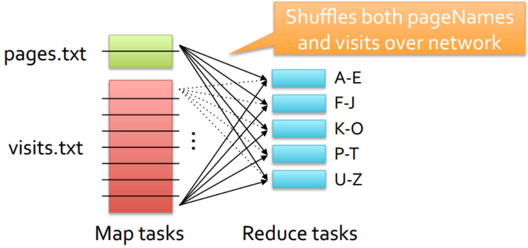
scala> broadcastVar.value
res0: Array[Int] = Array(1, 2, 3)
```

Broadcast Variables (2/4)

```
// Load RDD of (URL, name) pairs
val pageNames = sc.textFile("pages.txt").map(...)

// Load RDD of (URL, visit) pairs
val visits = sc.textFile("visits.txt").map(...)

val joined = visits.join(pageNames)
```



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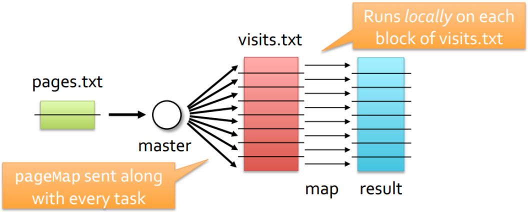

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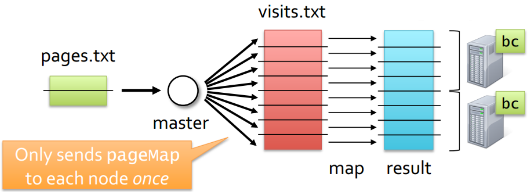

Partitioning and Shuffle Operations

Shuffle Operations

- The shuffle is Spark's mechanism for re-distributing data so that it's grouped differently across partitions.

- This typically involves copying data across executors and machines, making the shuffle a complex and costly operation.

Spark Built-in Partitioners

- Hash partitioner
- Range partitioner

Hash Partitioning (1/2)

- Hash partitioning attempts to spread data evenly across partitions based on the key.
- E.g., `groupByKey`
  - First computes the partition `p` of each tuple $(\mathtt{k}, \mathtt{v})$:
    `p = k.hashCode() % numPartitions`
  - Then, all tuples in the same partition `p` are sent to the machine hosting `p`.

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Range Partitioning (1/2)

- Key-value RDDs may contain keys that have an ordering defined, e.g., Int, Char, String, ...

- For such RDDs, range partitioning may be more efficient.

- Using a range partitioner, keys are partitioned according to:
  - An ordering for keys
  - A set of sorted ranges of keys

- Tuples with keys in the same range appear on the same machine.

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Partition Operations (2/2)

- foreachPartitions is similar to mapPartition, but does not return a return a value.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "), 2)

words.foreachPartition { iter =>
  import java.io._
  import scala.util.Random
  val rndName = new Random().nextInt()
  val pw = new PrintWriter(new File(s"/tmp/file-${rndName}.txt"))
  while (iter.hasNext) {
    pw.write(iter.next())
  }
  pw.close()
}
```

Partitioning Data

- How do we set a partitioning for our data?
- There are two ways to create RDDs with specific partitionings:
  1. Call `partitionBy` on an RDD, providing an explicit partitioner.
  2. Using transformations that return RDDs with specific partitioners.

Partitioning Data Using partitionBy

- Invoking `partitionBy` creates an RDD with a specified partitioner.

```
val keyword = ...
// (t,1), (a,1), (k,1), (e,1), (i,1), (t,1), (e,1), (a,1), (s,1), (y,1), (,,1), ...

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- The result of partitionBy should be persisted, otherwise the partitioning is repeatedly applied each time the partitioned RDD is used.

Partitioning Data Using Transformations

- Some operations on RDDs automatically result in an RDD with a known partitioner - for when it makes sense.

- For example
  - When using `sortByKey`, a `RangePartitioner` is used.
  - When using `groupByKey`, a `HashPartitioner` is used.

Controlling Partitions (1/2)

- The challenge is that not all values for a single key necessarily reside on the same partition, or even the same worker, but they must be co-located to compute the result.

- For example, the `reduceByKey` generates a tuple of a key and the result of executing a reduce function against all values associated with that key.

Controlling Partitions (2/2)

- With RDDs, you have control over how data is exactly physically distributed across the cluster.
- `coalesce` effectively collapses partitions on the same worker in order to avoid a shuffle.
- `repartition` operation allows you to repartition your data up or down.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "), 2)

words.coalesce(1).getNumPartitions

words.repartition(10)
```

Summary

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- RDD: a distributed memory abstraction
- Two types of operations: transformations and actions
- Lineage graph
- Caching
- Wide vs. narrow dependencies
- Shared variables
- Paritioning and shuffle

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