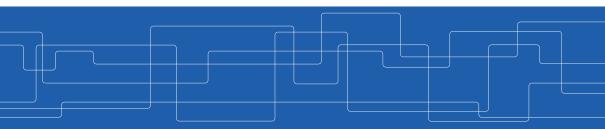


Parallel Processing - Spark

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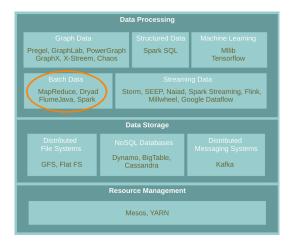
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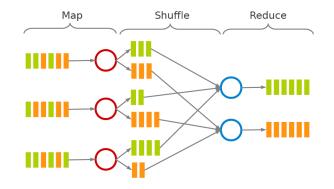


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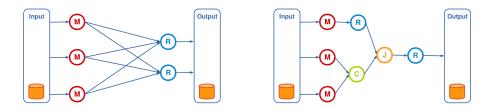
MapReduce Reminder





Motivation (1/2)

• Acyclic data flow from stable storage to stable storage.





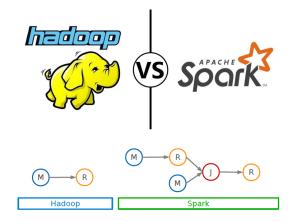
Motivation (2/2)

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





So, Let's Use Spark





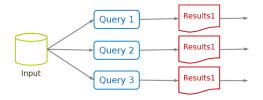
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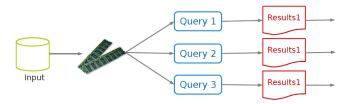






Spark vs. MapReduce (2/2)





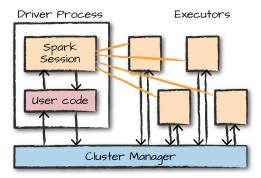


Spark Application



Spark Applications Architecture

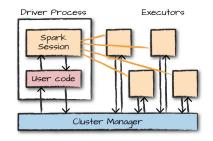
- Spark applications consist of
 - A driver process
 - A set of executor processes



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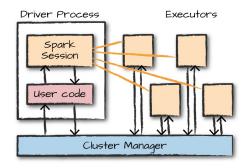


- ► The heart of a Spark application
- Sits on a node in the cluster
- Runs the main() function
- Responsible for three things:
 - Maintaining information about the Spark application
 - Responding to a user's program or input
 - · Analyzing, distributing, and scheduling work across the executors





- 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





- 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()



- ► 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)



SparkSession vs. SparkContext

- Prior to Spark 2.0.0, a the spark driver program uses SparkContext to connect to the cluster.
- In order to use APIs of SQL, Hive and streaming, separate SparkContexts should to be created.
- 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.

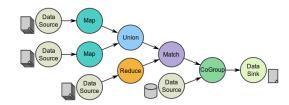


Programming Model



Spark Programming Model

- ► Job is described based on directed acyclic graphs (DAG) data flow.
- ► A data flow is composed of any number of data sources, operators, and data sinks by connecting their inputs and outputs.
- Parallelizable operators





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.



- ► 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.



When To Use RDDs?

- Short answer: you should not manually create RDDs unless you have a very specific reason.
- ► They are a much lower-level API that provides a lot of power.
- ▶ But, lack of the optimizations that are available in the Structured APIs.
- ► The most likely reason to use RDDs: custom partitioning of data.
 - Fine-grained control over the physical distribution of data.



Creating RDDs



Creating RDDs - Parallelized Collections

- Use the parallelize method on a SparkContext.
- ► This turns a single node collection into a parallel collection.
- ► You can also explicitly state the number of partitions.
- In the console shell, you can either use sc or spark.sparkContext

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



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



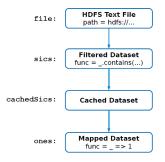
Transformations



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



```
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)

- distinct removes duplicates from the RDD.
- filter returns the RDD records that match some predicate function.

```
val nums = sc.parallelize(Array(1, 2, 3))
val even = nums.filter(x => x % 2 == 0)
// 2
val words = sc.parallelize("this it easy, this is a test".split(" "))
val distinctWords = words.distinct()
// a, this, is, easy,, test, it
```

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



Generic RDD Transformations (2/3)

 map and flatMap apply a given function on each RDD record independently.



```
val nums = sc.parallelize(Array(1, 2, 3))
val squares = nums.map(x => x * x)
// 1, 4, 9
```

```
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,
```



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

- ► In a (k, v) pairs, k is is the key, and v is the value.
- ► To make a key-value RDD:
 - map over your current RDD to a basic key-value structure.
 - Use the keyBy to create a key from the current value.
 - Use the zip to zip together two RDD.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))
val keyword1 = words.map(word => (word, 1))
// (take,1), (it,1), (easy,,1), (this,1), (is,1), (a,1), (test,1)
```

```
val keyword2 = words.keyBy(word => word.toSeq(0).toString)
// (t,take), (i,it), (e,easy,), (t,this), (i,is), (a,a), (t,test)
```

```
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)
```



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

- keys and values extract keys and values, respectively.
- ▶ lookup looks up the values for a particular key with an RDD.
- mapValues maps over values.

```
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)
```

```
val k = keyword.keys
val v = keyword.values
```

```
val tValues = keyword.lookup("t")
// take, this, test
```

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)

Aggregate the values associated with each key.



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))

```
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))
```



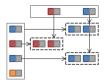
Key-Value RDD Transformations - Aggregation (2/2)

- 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)), (h,(1,6)), (,,(1,9)), (e,(1,8)), ...
```



Actions





- ► Transformations allow us to build up our logical transformation plan.
- We run an action to trigger the computation.
 - Instructs Spark to compute a result from a series of transformations.
- 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.
- Variations on this function: takeOrdered and takeSample.

```
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)

```
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)

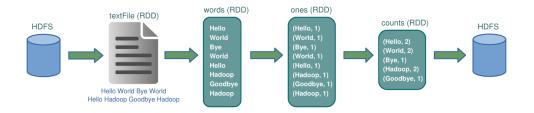
- saveAsTextFile writes the elements of an RDD as a text file.
 - Local filesystem, HDFS or any other Hadoop-supported file system.
- saveAsObjectFile explicitly writes key-value pairs.

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

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



```
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



- When you cache an RDD, each node stores any partitions of it that it computes in memory.
- An RDD that is not cached is re-evaluated each time an action is invoked on that RDD.
- ► A node reuses the cached RDD in other actions on that dataset.
- 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()
```



- 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



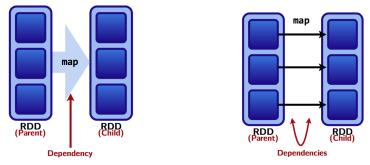
More About Lineage

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





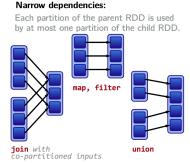
► RDD dependencies encode when data must move across network.





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





Two Types of Dependencies (2/2)

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

Wide dependencies:

Each partition of the parent RDD may be depended on by multiple child partitions.

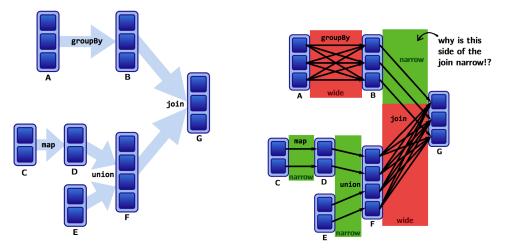




join with inputs not co-partitioned



Example





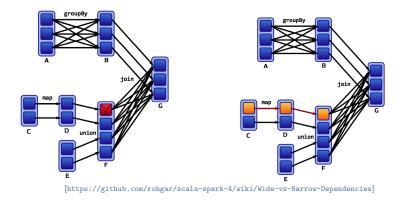
Lineages and Fault Tolerance (1/2)

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



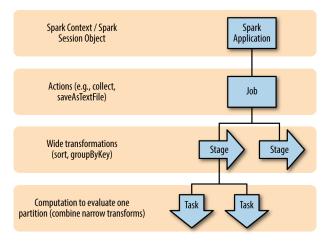
Lineages and Fault Tolerance (2/2)

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



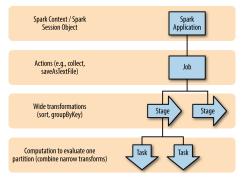


The Anatomy of a Spark Job



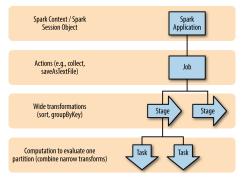


- ► A Spark job is the highest element of Spark's execution hierarchy.
 - Each Spark job corresponds to one action.
 - Each action is called by the driver program of a Spark application.



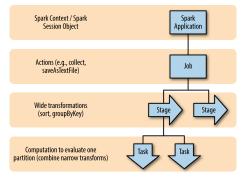


- Each job breaks down into a series of stages.
 - Stages in Spark represent groups of tasks that can be executed together.
 - Wide transformations define the breakdown of jobs into stages.





- ► 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.





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 (k, v):
 - p = k.hashCode() % numPartitions
 - Then, all tuples in the same partition p are sent to the machine hosting p.



Hash Partitioning (2/2)

- ► Assume a key-value RDD, with keys k = [8, 96, 240, 400, 401, 800], and a desired number of partitions of p = 4.
- Assume, that hashCode() is the identity, i.e., n.hashCode() = n.
- The hash partitioning distributes the keys as follows among the partitions (p = k % 4):
 - partition 0: [8, 96, 240, 400, 800]
 - partition 1: [401]
 - partition 2: []
 - partition 3: []

► The result is a very unbalanced distribution which hurts performance.



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.



Range Partitioning (2/2)

- Using range partitioning the distribution can be improved significantly:
 - Assumptions: (a) keys non-negative, and (b) 800 is biggest key in the RDD
 - Set of ranges: [1, 200], [201, 400], [401, 600], [601, 800]
- ► The range partitioning distributes the keys as follows among the partitions:
 - partition 0: [8, 96]
 - partition 1: [240, 400]
 - partition 2: [401]
 - partition 3: [800]
- ► The resulting partitioning is much more balanced.



Partition Operations (1/2)

- mapPartitions is similar to map, but runs separately on each partition of the RDD.
- mapPartitionsWithIndex applies the function on specific partitions.
- The given functions must be of type Iterator<T> => Iterator<U> when running on an RDD of type T.

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "), 2)
def func(partIndex:Int, withinPartIter: Iterator[String]) = {
   withinPartIter.toList.map(value => s"Partition: $partIndex => $value").iterator
}
words.mapPartitionsWithIndex(func).collect()
// Array(Partition: 0 => take, Partition: 0 => it, Partition: 0 => easy,,
// Partition: 1 => this, Partition: 1 => is, Partition: 1 => a, Partition: 1 => test)
```



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), ...
val tunedPartitioner = new RangePartitioner(3, keyword)
val partitioned = keyword.partitionBy(tunedPartitioner).persist()
partitioned.getNumPartitions
```

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





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



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