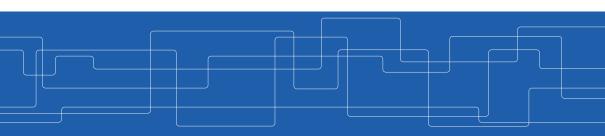


Parallel Processing - Spark

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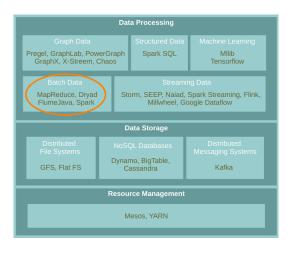


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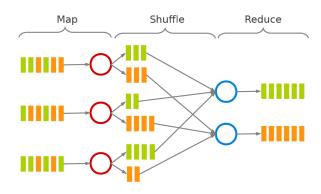


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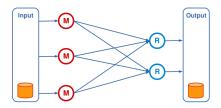


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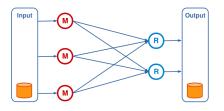




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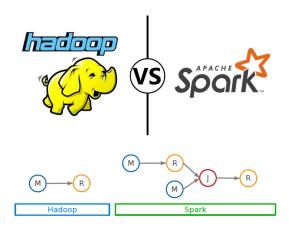
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▶ MapReduce is expensive (slow), i.e., always goes to disk and HDFS.





So, Let's Use Spark





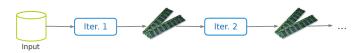
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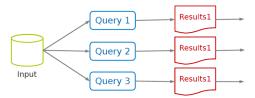
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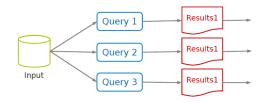


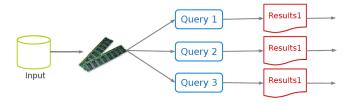
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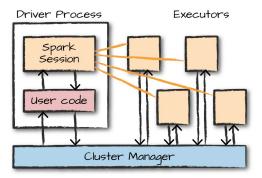


Spark Application



Spark Applications Architecture

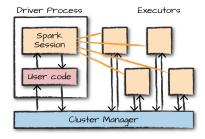
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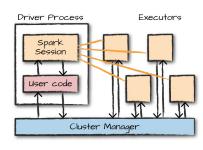


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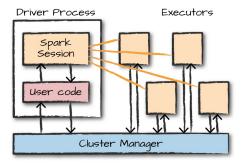


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 - Responding to a user's program or input
 - Analyzing, distributing, and scheduling work across the executors





- ► 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.
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- ► You access it through the SparkSession.
- ► You can access a SparkContext via spark.sparkContext.
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```
val conf = new SparkConf().setMaster(master).setAppName(appName)
new SparkContext(conf)
```



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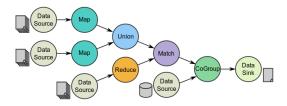


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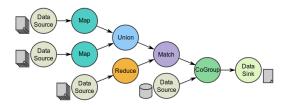
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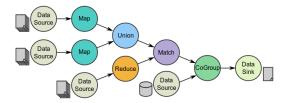
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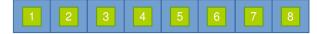
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Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD) (1/3)

- ► 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.

- ► 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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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")
```



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



Transformations

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- ► 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.

```
file: HDFS Text File path = hdfs://...

sics: Filtered Dataset func = _.contains(...)

cachedSics: Cached Dataset

ones: Mapped Dataset func = _ => 1
```

```
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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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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val keyword2 = words.keyBy(word => word.toSeq(0).toString)
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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)
```



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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// take, this, test
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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)

Aggregate the values associated with each key.



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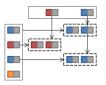
Key-Value RDD Transformations - Aggregation (2/2)

- ► 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.



```
 \begin{array}{l} \text{val keyedChars} = \dots \\ // \; (t,4), \; (h,6), \; (,,9), \; (e,8), \; (a,3), \; (i,5), \; (y,2), \; (s,7), \; (k,0) \\ \\ \text{val kvChars} = \dots \\ // \; (t,1), \; (a,1), \; (k,1), \; (e,1), \; (i,1), \; (t,1), \; (e,1), \; (a,1), \; (s,1), \; (y,1), \; (,,1), \; \dots \\ \\ \text{val joinedChars} = \text{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)), \; \dots \\ \end{array}
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 - 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

- ▶ 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
```

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

```
val words = sc.parallelize("take it easy, this is a test".split(" "))
words.take(5)
// Array(take, it, easy,, this, is)
```

RDD Actions (2/6)

- ▶ take returns an array with the first n elements of the RDD.
- ▶ Variations on this function: takeOrdered and takeSample.

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```

```
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)
```

- 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)
```

▶ 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,
```

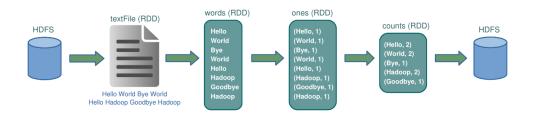
- ▶ saveAsTextFile writes the elements of an RDD as a text file.
 - Local filesystem, HDFS or any other Hadoop-supported file system.
- saveAsObjectFile explicitly writes key-value pairs.

```
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



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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()
```

- 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()
```



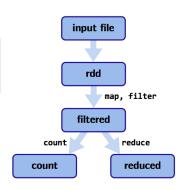
Execution Engine



More About Lineage

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

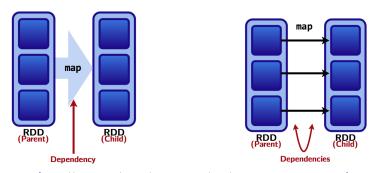
```
val rdd = sc.textFile(...)
val filtered = rdd.map(...).filter(...).persist()
val count = filtered.count()
val reduced = filtered.reduce()
```



[https://github.com/rohgar/scala-spark-4/wiki/Wide-vs-Narrow-Dependencies]



▶ RDD dependencies encode when data must move across network.



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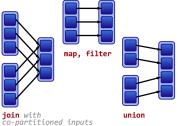


Two Types of Dependencies (1/2)

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

Narrow dependencies:

Each partition of the parent RDD is used by at most one partition of the child RDD.



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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

Wide dependencies:

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





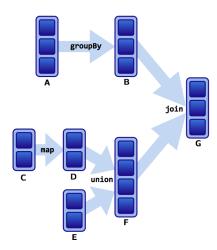
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with inputs not co-partitioned

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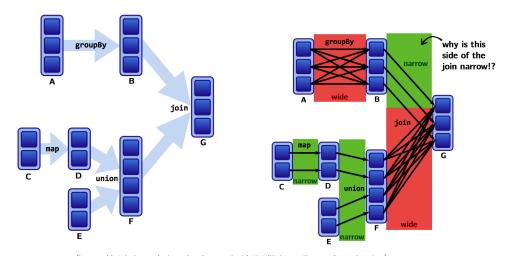


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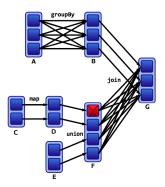
Lineages and Fault Tolerance (1/2)

- ► 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)

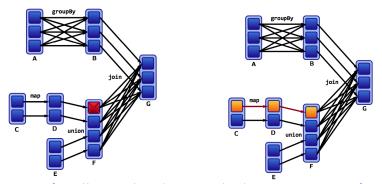
► Assume one of the partitions fails.





Lineages and Fault Tolerance (2/2)

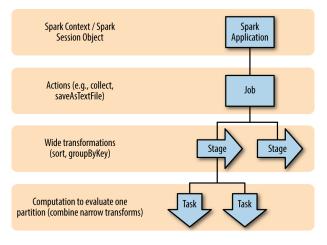
- Assume one of the partitions fails.
- ▶ We only have to recompute the data shown below to get back on track.



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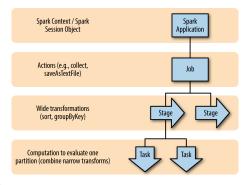


The Anatomy of a Spark Job



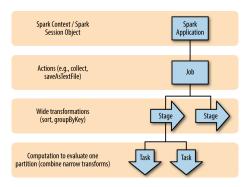


- ► A Spark job is the highest element of Spark's execution hierarchy.
 - Each Spark job corresponds to one action.
 - Each action is called by the driver program of a Spark application.



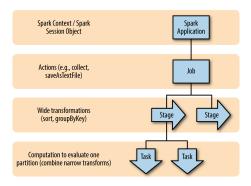


- ► Each job breaks down into a series of stages.
 - Stages in Spark represent groups of tasks that can be executed together.
 - Wide transformations define the breakdown of jobs into stages.





- ► 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.



Summary

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

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Questions?