

Scalable Stream Processing - Spark Streaming and Beam

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Where Are We?





Spark Streaming



- ▶ Run a streaming computation as a series of very small, deterministic batch jobs.
 - Chops up the live stream into batches of X seconds.
 - Treats each batch as RDDs and processes them using RDD operations.
 - Discretized Stream Processing (DStream)





• DStream: sequence of RDDs representing a stream of data.





Any operation applied on a DStream translates to operations on the underlying RDDs.





StreamingContext

StreamingContext is the main entry point of all Spark Streaming functionality.

val conf = new SparkConf().setAppName(appName).setMaster(master)
val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1))

The second parameter, Seconds (1), represents the time interval at which streaming data will be divided into batches.



- Socket connection
 - Creates a DStream from text data received over a TCP socket connection.

ssc.socketTextStream("localhost", 9999)

- File stream
 - Reads data from files.

streamingContext.fileStream[KeyClass, ValueClass, InputFormatClass](dataDirectory)

streamingContext.textFileStream(dataDirectory)

► Connectors with external sources, e.g., Twitter, Kafka, Flume, Kinesis, ...



Transformations (1/2)

- Transformations on DStreams are still lazy!
- ► DStreams support many of the transformations available on normal Spark RDDs.
- Computation is kicked off explicitly by a call to the start() method.



Transformations (2/2)

- map: a new DStream by passing each element of the source DStream through a given function.
- reduce: a new DStream of single-element RDDs by aggregating the elements in each RDD using a given function.
- reduceByKey: a new DStream of (K, V) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using the given reduce function.



Example - Word Count (1/6)

First we create a StreamingContex

```
import org.apache.spark._
import org.apache.spark.streaming._
```

// Create a local StreamingContext with two working threads and batch interval of 1 second.
val conf = new SparkConf().setMaster("local[2]").setAppName("NetworkWordCount")
val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1))



Example - Word Count (2/6)

- Create a DStream that represents streaming data from a TCP source.
- ► Specified as hostname (e.g., localhost) and port (e.g., 9999).

val lines = ssc.socketTextStream("localhost", 9999)



Example - Word Count (3/6)

- Use flatMap on the stream to split the records text to words.
- ▶ It creates a new DStream.

```
val words = lines.flatMap(_.split(" "))
```





Example - Word Count (4/6)

- ▶ Map the words DStream to a DStream of (word, 1).
- Get the frequency of words in each batch of data.
- Finally, print the result.

```
val pairs = words.map(word => (word, 1))
val wordCounts = pairs.reduceByKey(_ + _)
wordCounts.print()
```



Example - Word Count (5/6)

• Start the computation and wait for it to terminate.

// Start the computation
ssc.start()

// Wait for the computation to terminate
ssc.awaitTermination()



Example - Word Count (6/6)

```
val conf = new SparkConf().setMaster("local[2]").setAppName("NetworkWordCount")
val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1))
```

```
val lines = ssc.socketTextStream("localhost", 9999)
val words = lines.flatMap(_.split(" "))
val pairs = words.map(word => (word, 1))
val wordCounts = pairs.reduceByKey(_ + _)
wordCounts.print()
```

```
ssc.start()
ssc.awaitTermination()
```





Window Operations (1/2)

- ► Spark provides a set of transformations that apply to a over a sliding window of data.
- A window is defined by two parameters: window length and slide interval.
- ► A tumbling window effect can be achieved by making slide interval = window length





Window Operations (2/2)

reduceByWindow(func, windowLength, slideInterval)

- Returns a new single-element DStream, created by aggregating elements in the stream over a sliding interval using func.
- reduceByKeyAndWindow(func, windowLength, slideInterval)
 - Called on a DStream of (K, V) pairs.
 - Returns a new DStream of (K, V) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using function func over batches in a sliding window.



Example - Word Count with Window

```
val conf = new SparkConf().setMaster("local[2]").setAppName("NetworkWordCount")
val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1))
val lines = ssc.socketTextStream("localhost", 9999)
val words = lines.flatMap(_.split(" "))
val pairs = words.map(word => (word, 1))
val windowedWordCounts = pairs.reduceByKeyAndWindow(_ + _, Seconds(30), Seconds(10))
windowedWordCounts.print()
```

ssc.start()
ssc.awaitTermination()





What about States?

- Accumulate and aggregate the results from the start of the streaming job.
- Need to check the previous state of the RDD in order to do something with the current RDD.
- Spark supports stateful streams.



Checkpointing

▶ It is mandatory that you provide a checkpointing directory for stateful streams.

val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1)) ssc.checkpoint("path/to/persistent/storage")



Stateful Stream Operations

mapWithState

• It is executed only on set of keys that are available in the last micro batch.

def mapWithState[StateType, MappedType](spec: StateSpec[K, V, StateType, MappedType]):
 DStream[MappedType]

StateSpec.function(updateFunc)
val updateFunc = (batch: Time, key: String, value: Option[Int], state: State[Int])

► Define the update function (partial updates) in StateSpec.



Example - Stateful Word Count (1/4)

```
val ssc = new StreamingContext(conf, Seconds(1))
ssc.checkpoint(".")
val lines = ssc.socketTextStream(IP, Port)
val words = lines.flatMap(_.split(" "))
val pairs = words.map(word => (word, 1))
val stateWordCount = pairs.mapWithState(StateSpec.function(updateFunc))
val updateFunc = (key: String, value: Option[Int], state: State[Int]) => {
 val newCount = value.getOrElse(0)
 val oldCount = state.getOption.getOrElse(0)
  val sum = newCount + oldCount
  state.update(sum)
  (key, sum)
```



Example - Stateful Word Count (2/4)

- The first micro batch contains a message a.
- updateFunc = (key: String, value: Option[Int], state: State[Int]) => (key, sum)
- Input: key = a, value = Some(1), state = 0
- Output: key = a, sum = 1



Example - Stateful Word Count (3/4)

- The second micro batch contains messages a and b.
- updateFunc = (key: String, value: Option[Int], state: State[Int]) => (key, sum)
- Input: key = a, value = Some(1), state = 1
- Input: key = b, value = Some(1), state = 0
- Output: key = a, sum = 2
- Output: key = b, sum = 1



Example - Stateful Word Count (4/4)

- The third micro batch contains a message b.
- updateFunc = (key: String, value: Option[Int], state: State[Int]) => (key, sum)
- Input: key = b, value = Some(1), state = 1
- Output: key = b, sum = 2



Structured Streaming



Structured Streaming

• Treating a live data stream as a table that is being continuously appended.



Data stream as an unbounded table



Programming Model (1/2)

- Defines a query on the input table, as a static table.
 - Spark automatically converts this batch-like query to a streaming execution plan.
- Specify triggers to control when to update the results.
 - Each time a trigger fires, Spark checks for new data (new row in the input table), and incrementally updates the result.



Programming Model (2/2)





- Three output modes:
- 1. Append: only the new rows appended to the result table since the last trigger will be written to the external storage.
- 2. Complete: the entire updated result table will be written to external storage.
- 3. Update: only the rows that were updated in the result table since the last trigger will be changed in the external storage.



Five Steps to Define a Streaming Query (1/5)

- ► Define input sources.
- ► Use spark.readStream to create a DataStreamReader.

```
val spark = SparkSession.builder.master("local[2]").appName("appname").getOrCreate()
val lines = spark.readStream.format("socket")
    .option("host", "localhost")
    .option("port", 9999)
```

```
.load()
```



Five Steps to Define a Streaming Query (2/5)

- Transform data.
- E.g., below counts is a streaming DataFrame that represents the running word counts.

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.functions._
val words = lines.select(split(col("value"), "\\s").as("word"))
val counts = words.groupBy("word").count()
```



Five Steps to Define a Streaming Query (3/5)

- Define output sink and output mode.
- ► Use DataFrame.writeStream to define how to write the processed output data.

val writer = counts.writeStream.format("console").outputMode("complete")



Five Steps to Define a Streaming Query (4/5)

Specify processing details.

```
\\ word count details
import org.apache.spark.sql.streaming._
val checkpointDir = "..."
val writer2 = writer
   .trigger(Trigger.ProcessingTime("1 second"))
   .option("checkpointLocation", checkpointDir)
```



Five Steps to Define a Streaming Query (5/5)

- ► Start the query.
- streamingQuery represents an active query and can be used to manage the query.

val streamingQuery = writer2.start()



Basic Operations (1/2)

Most of operations on DataFrame/Dataset are supported for streaming.

```
case class Call(action: String, time: Timestamp, id: Int)
val df: DataFrame = spark.readStream.json("s3://logs")
val ds: Dataset[Call] = df.as[Call]
```

Selection and projection

```
df.select("action").where("id > 10") // using untyped APIs
ds.filter(_.id > 10).map(_.action) // using typed APIs
```



Basic Operations (2/2)

Aggregation

df.groupBy("action") // using untyped API
ds.groupByKey(_.action) // using typed API

SQL commands

```
df.createOrReplaceTempView("dfView")
spark.sql("select count(*) from dfView") // returns another streaming DF
```



Google Dataflow and Beam





MillWheel Dataflow

- ► MillWheel is a framework for building low-latency data-processing applications.
- ► A dataflow graph of transformations (computations).
- Stream: unbounded data of (key, value, timestamp) records.
 - Timestamp: event-time





Key Extraction Function and Computations

- Stream of (key, value, timestamp) records.
- Key extraction function: specified by the stream consumer to assign keys to records.
- Computation can only access state for the specific key.
- ▶ Multiple computations can extract different keys from the same stream.





Persistent State

- ► Keep the states of the computations
- Managed on per-key basis
- Stored in Bigtable or Spanner
- ► Common use: aggregation, joins, ...





What is Google Cloud Dataflow?







Google Cloud Dataflow (1/2)

• Google managed service for unified batch and stream data processing.





- Open source Cloud Dataflow SDK
- Express your data processing pipeline using FlumeJava.
- ► If you run it in batch mode, it executed on the MapReduce framework.
- ▶ If you run it in streaming mode, it is executed on the MillWheel framework.



Windowing and Triggering

- ▶ Windowing determines where in event time data are grouped together for processing.
- Triggering determines when in processing time the results of groupings are emitted as panes.



Example (1/3)

Batch processing





Example (2/3)

- Trigger at period (time-based triggers)
- Trigger at count (data-driven triggers)





- Fixed window, trigger at period (micro-batch)
- Fixed window, trigger at watermark (streaming)





Where is Apache Beam?







From Google Cloud Dataflow to Apache Beam

- In 2016, Google Cloud Dataflow team announced its intention to donate the programming model and SDKs to the Apache Software Foundation.
- ► That resulted in the incubating project Apache Beam.





Programming Components

- Pipelines
- PCollections
- ► Transforms
- ► I/O sources and sinks



- A pipeline represents a data processing job.
- Directed graph of operating on data.
- A pipeline consists of two parts:
 - Data (PCollection)
 - Transforms applied to that data





PCollections (1/2)

- A parallel collection of records
- Immutable
- Must specify bounded or unbounded





PCollections (2/2)

```
// Create a Java Collection, in this case a List of Strings.
static final List<String> LINES = Arrays.asList("line 1", "line 2", "line 3");
```

```
PipelineOptions options = PipelineOptionsFactory.create();
Pipeline p = Pipeline.create(options);
```

```
// Create the PCollection
p.apply(Create.of(LINES)).setCoder(StringUtf8Coder.of())
```



Transformations

- A processing operation that transforms data
- ► Each transform accepts one (or multiple) PCollections as input, performs an operation, and produces one (or multiple) new PCollections as output.
- Core transforms: ParDo, GroupByKey, Combine, Flatten



Example: HashTag Autocompletion (1/3)

#SuperBo Q	
#SuperBowl	
#SuperBowIXLIX	
#superbowlcommercials	1
#SuperBowlSunday	

Example: HashTag Autocompletion (2/3)



Example: HashTag Autocompletion (3/3)



Pipeline p = Pipeline.create(); p.begin()

.apply(TextIO.Read.from("gs://..."))

.apply(ParDo.of(new ExtractTags()))

.apply(Count.perElement())

.apply(ParDo.of(new ExpandPrefixes())

.apply(Top.largestPerKey(3))

.apply(TextIO.Write.to("gs://..."));



Summary



Spark

- Mini-batch processing
- DStream: sequence of RDDs
- RDD and window operations
- Structured streaming
- Google cloud dataflow
 - Pipeline
 - PCollection
 - Transforms



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Questions?