Spark

Fast, Interactive, Language-Integrated Cluster Computing

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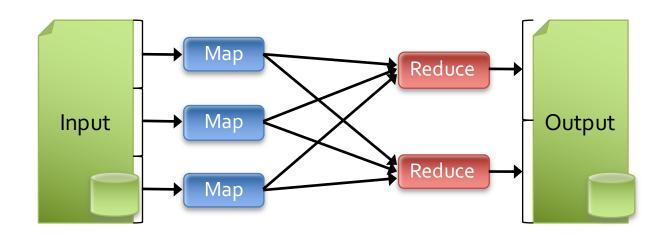


Project Goals

- Extend the MapReduce model to better support two common classes of analytics apps:
 - Iterative algorithms (machine learning, graphs)
 - Interactive data mining
- Enhance programmability:
 - Integrate into Scala programming language
 - Allow interactive use from Scala interpreter

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Benefits of data flow: runtime can decide where to run tasks and can automatically recover from failures

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- Acyclic data flow is inefficient for applications that repeatedly reuse a working set of data:
 - Iterative algorithms (machine learning, graphs)
 - Interactive data mining tools (R, Excel, Python)
- With current frameworks, apps reload data from stable storage on each query

Solution: Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs)

- Allow apps to keep working sets in memory for efficient reuse
- Retain the attractive properties of MapReduce
 - Fault tolerance, data locality, scalability
- Support a wide range of applications

Spark Operations

Transformations (define a new RDD)	map	flatMap union
	filter sample groupByKey reduceByKey	join cogroup cross
	sortByKey	mapValues
	collect	
Actions	reduce	
(return a result to	count	
driver program)	save	
lookup		pKey

Outline

Spark programming model

Implementation

User applications

Programming Model

Resilient distributed datasets (RDDs)

- Immutable, partitioned collections of objects
- Created through parallel transformations (map, filter, groupBy, join, ...)
 on data in stable storage
- Can be cached for efficient reuse

Actions on RDDs

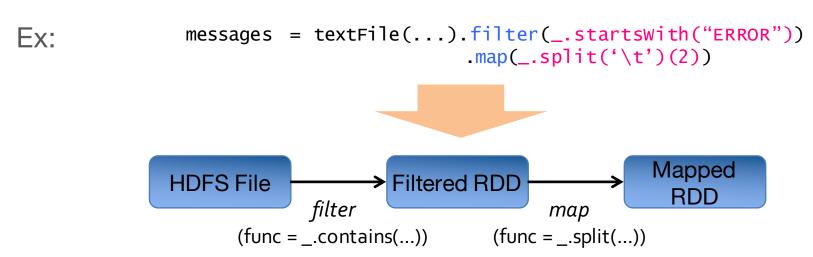
Count, reduce, collect, save, ...

Example: Log Mining

Load error messages from a log into memory, then interactively search for various patterns

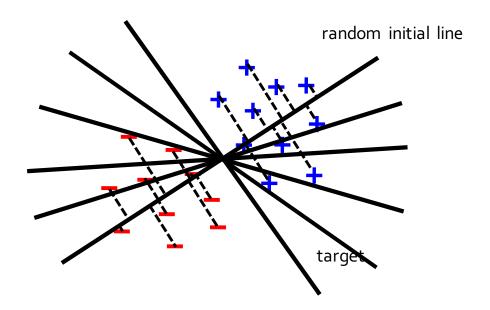
RDD Fault Tolerance

RDDs maintain *lineage* information that can be used to reconstruct lost partitions



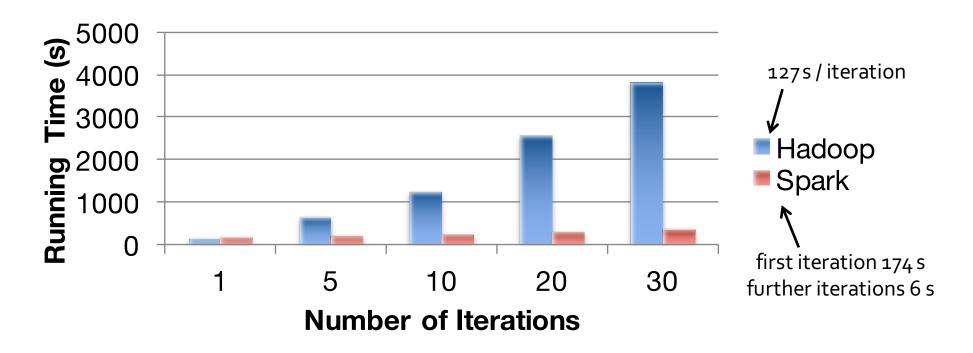
Example: Logistic Regression

Goal: find best line separating two sets of points



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Logistic Regression Performance



This is for a 29 GB dataset on 20 EC2 m1.xlarge machines (4 cores each)

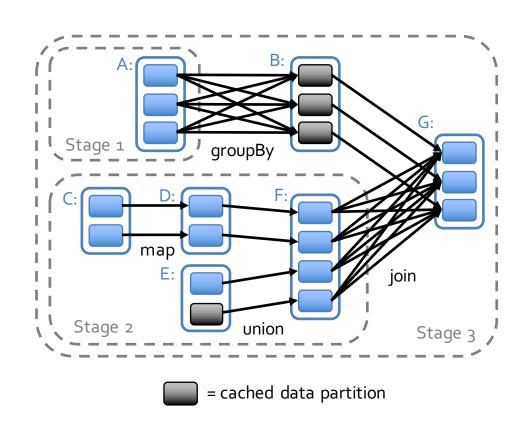
Spark Scheduler

Dryad-like DAGs

Pipelines functions within a stage

Cache-aware work reuse & locality

Partitioning-aware to avoid shuffles



Conclusion

- Spark provides a simple, efficient, and powerful programming model for a wide range of apps
- Download our open source release:

www.spark-project.org

Related Work

DryadLINQ, FlumeJava

- Similar "distributed collection" API, but cannot reuse datasets efficiently across queries
- Relational databases
 - Lineage/provenance, logical logging, materialized views

GraphLab, Piccolo, BigTable, RAMCloud

- Fine-grained writes similar to distributed shared memory
- Iterative MapReduce (e.g. Twister, HaLoop)
 - Implicit data sharing for a fixed computation pattern
- Caching systems (e.g. Nectar)
 - Store data in files, no explicit control over what is cached

