Big data: architectures and data analytics

Introduction to Spark

Spark

- Apache Spark™ is a fast and general-purpose engine for large-scale data processing
- Spark aims at achieving the following goals in the Big data context
  - Generality: diverse workloads, operators, job sizes
  - Low latency: sub-second
  - Fault tolerance: faults are the norm, not the exception
  - Simplicity: often comes from generality

Originally developed at the University of California - Berkeley's AMPLab

Iterative jobs, with MapReduce, involve a lot of disk I/O for each iteration and stage

Spark History

MapReduce and Iterative Jobs
MapReduce and Iterative Jobs

- Disk I/O is very slow (even if it is local I/O)

Apache Spark: Motivation and Opportunity

- Motivation
  - Using MapReduce for complex iterative jobs or multiple jobs on the same data involves lots of disk I/O
- Opportunity
  - The cost of main memory decreased
    - Hence, large main memories are available in each server
- Solution
  - Keep more data in main memory
    - Basic idea of Spark

From MapReduce to Spark

- MapReduce: Iterative job

Spark: Iterative job

- Data are shared between the iterations by using the main memory
  - Or at least part of them
  - 10 to 100 times faster than disk

From MapReduce to Spark

- MapReduce: Multiple analyses of the same data

Spark: Multiple analyses of the same data

- Data are read only once from HDFS and stored in main memory
  - Split of the data across the main memory of each server
Spark: Resilient Distributed Data sets (RDDs)

- Data are represented as Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs)
  - Partitioned/Distributed collections of objects spread across the nodes of a clusters
  - Stored in main memory (when it is possible) or on local disk
- Spark programs are written in terms of operations on resilient distributed data sets

Spark Computing Framework

- Provides a programming abstraction (based on RDDs) and transparent mechanisms to execute code in parallel on RDDs
  - Hides complexities of fault-tolerance and slow machines
  - Manages scheduling and synchronization of the jobs

Spark: Resilient Distributed Data sets (RDDs)

- RDDs are built and manipulated through a set of parallel
  - Transformations
    - map, filter, join, ...
  - Actions
    - count, collect, save, ...
- RDDs are automatically rebuilt on machine failure

MapReduce vs Spark

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MapReduce vs Spark

- Lower overhead for starting jobs
- Less expensive shuffles

In-Memory RDDs Can Make a Big Difference

- Two iterative Machine Learning algorithms:
  - K-means Clustering
    - Hadoop MR
    - Spark
  - Logistic Regression
    - Hadoop MR
    - Spark
### Petabyte Sort Challenge

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<td>618 GB/s</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Sort rate/node</td>
<td>0.97 GB/min</td>
<td>20.7 GB/min</td>
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Daytona Only 107 TB sort benchmark record (tied for 1st place)

### Spark: Main components

Spark SQL - structured data
Spark Streaming - real-time
MLlib - (Machine learning and Data mining)
GraphX - (Graph processing)

- Spark is based on a basic component (the Spark Core component) that is exploited by all the high-level data analytics components
- This solution provides a more uniform and efficient solution with respect to Hadoop where many non-integrated tools are available
- When the efficiency of the core component is increased also the efficiency of the other high-level components increases

### Spark Components

- **Spark Core**
  - Contains the basic functionalities of Spark exploited by all components
    - Task scheduling
    - Memory management
    - Fault recovery
    - ...
  - Provides the APIs that are used to create RDDs and applies transformations and actions on them

- **Spark SQL structured data**
  - This component is used to interact with structured datasets by means of the SQL language
  - It supports also
    - Hive Query Language (HQL)
  - It interacts with many data sources
    - Hive Tables
    - Parquet
    - JSON
Spark Components

- Spark Streaming real-time
  - It is used to process live streams of data in real-time
  - The APIs of the Streaming real-time components operated on RDDs and are similar to the ones used to process standard RDDs associated with "static" data sources

- MLlib
  - It is a machine learning/data mining library
  - It can be used to apply the parallel versions of some machine learning/data mining algorithms
    - Data preprocessing and dimensional reduction
    - Classification algorithms
    - Clustering algorithms
    - Itemset mining
    - ...

- GraphX
  - A graph processing library
  - Provides many algorithms for manipulating graphs
    - Subgraph searching
    - PageRank
    - ...

Spark Schedulers

- Spark can exploit many schedulers to execute its applications
  - Hadoop YARN
    - Standard scheduler of Hadoop
  - Mesos cluster
    - Another popular scheduler
  - Standalone Spark Scheduler
    - A simple cluster scheduler included in Spark