Spark MLlib

Spark MLlib is the Spark component providing the machine learning/data mining algorithms:
- Pre-processing techniques
- Classification (supervised learning)
- Clustering (unsupervised learning)
- Itemset mining

Spark MLlib - Data types

Spark MLlib is based on a set of basic local and distributed data types:
- Local vector
- Labeled point
- Local matrix
- Distributed matrix

MLlib APIs are divided into two packages:
- org.apache.spark.mllib
  - It contains the original APIs built on top of RDDs
  - This version of the APIs is in maintenance mode and will be probably deprecated in the next releases of Spark
- org.apache.spark.ml
  - It provides higher-level API built on top of DataFrames (i.e., Dataset<Row>) for constructing ML pipelines
  - It is recommended because the DataFrame-based API is more versatile and flexible
  - It provides the pipeline concept

DataFrames for ML contain objects based on those basic data types.
Local vectors

- Local \texttt{org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector} objects in MLlib are used to store vectors of double values
  - Dense and sparse vectors are supported
  - The MLlib algorithms work on vectors of doubles
    - Vectors of doubles are used to represent the input records/data
      - One vector for each input record
    - Non double attributes/values must be mapped to double values

- The following code shows how a vector can be created in Spark
  
  ```java
  import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;
  import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
  // Create a dense vector (1.0, 0.0, 3.0).
  Vector dv = Vectors.dense(1.0, 0.0, 3.0);
  // Create a sparse vector (1.0, 0.0, 3.0) by
  // specifying its indices and values corresponding to non-zero entries
  Vector sv = Vectors.sparse(3, new int[]{0, 2}, new double[]{1.0, 3.0});
  ```

Local vectors

- Dense and sparse representations are supported
  - E.g., a vector \((1.0, 0.0, 3.0)\) can be represented
    - in dense format as \([1.0, 0.0, 3.0]\)
    - or in sparse format as \((3, [0, 2], [1.0, 3.0])\)
      - where 3 is the size of the vector
      - The array [0,2] contains the indexes of the non-zero cells
      - The array [1.0, 3.0] contains the values of the non-zero cells

Labeled points

- Local \texttt{org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint} objects are local vectors of doubles associated with a label
  - The label is a double value
    - For the classification problem, each class label is associated with an integer value (casted to a double) ranging from 0 to \(C-1\), where \(C\) is the number of distinct classes
    - For the regression problem, the label is the real value to predict
  - Both dense and sparse vectors associated with a label are supported

- LabeledPoint objects are created by invoking the \texttt{LabeledPoint(double label, Vector features)} constructor
  - Note that label is a double and also Vector is a vector of doubles
  - Given a LabeledPoint
    - The \texttt{double label()} method returns the value of its label
    - The \texttt{org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector features()} method returns the vector containing the values of its attributes/features
In MLlib, labeled points are used by supervised (classification and regression) machine learning algorithms to represent records/data points:

- The label part represents the target of the analysis
- The features part represents the predictive attributes/features that are used to predict the target attribute, i.e., the value of label

Suppose the analyzed records/data points are characterized by:

- 3 real (predictive) attributes/features
- A class label attribute that can assume two values: 0 or 1
  - This is a binomial classification problem
- We want to predict the value of the class label attribute based on the values of the other attributes/features

Consider the following two records/data points:

- Attributes/features = [1.0, 0.0, 3.0] -- Label = 1
- Attributes/features = [2.0, 5.0, 3.0] -- Label = 0
- Two LabeledPoint objects to represent those two data points in Spark

```java
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint;

// Create a LabeledPoint for the first record/data point
LabeledPoint record1 = new LabeledPoint(1, Vectors.dense(1.0, 0.0, 3.0));

// Create a LabeledPoint for the second record/data point
LabeledPoint record2 = new LabeledPoint(0, Vectors.dense(2.0, 5.0, 3.0));
```

Value of the class label

Vector of doubles representing the values of the predictive features/attributes

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// Create a LabeledPoint for the second record/data point
LabeledPoint record2 = new LabeledPoint(0, Vectors.dense(2.0, 5.0, 3.0));
```
Consider again the following two records/data points:
- Attributes/features = [1.0, 0.0, 3.0] -- Label = 1
- Attributes/features = [2.0, 5.0, 3.0] -- Label = 0

Now we will use sparse vectors instead of dense ones to represent those two data points in Spark.

import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint;

// Create a LabeledPoint for the first record/data point
LabeledPoint record1 = new LabeledPoint(1, Vectors.sparse(3, new int[]{0, 2}, new double[]{1.0, 3.0}) );

// Create a LabeledPoint for the second record/data point
LabeledPoint record2 = new LabeledPoint(0, Vectors.sparse(3, new int[]{0, 1, 2}, new double[]{2.0, 5.0, 3.0}) );

Spark MLlib - Main concepts:
- Spark MLlib uses DataFrames (alias of Dataset<Row>) as input data
- Hence, the input of the MLlib algorithms are structured data (i.e., tables)
- All input data must be represented by means of "tables" before applying the MLlib algorithms
  - Also the document collections must be transformed in a tabular format

The DataFrames used by the MLlib algorithms are characterized by several columns associated with different characteristics of the input data:
- label
  - Target of a classification/regression analysis
- features
  - A vector containing the values of the attributes/features of the input record/data points
- text
  - The original text of a document before being transformed in a tabular format
- ..

Transformer:
- A Transformer is a ML algorithm/procedure that transforms one Dataset<Row> into another Dataset<Row>
  - E.g., A feature transformer might take a Dataset<Row>, read a column (e.g., text), map it into a new column (e.g., feature vectors), and output a new Dataset<Row> with the mapped column appended
  - E.g., a classification model is a Transformer that can be applied on a Dataset<Row> with features and transforms it into a Dataset<Row> with also the prediction column
Estimator
- An Estimator is a ML algorithm/procedure that is applied on a Dataset<Row> to produce a Transformer (a model)
  - Each Estimator implements a method fit(), which accepts a Dataset<Row> and produces a Model of type Transformer
  - An Estimator abstracts the concept of a learning algorithm or any algorithm that fits or trains on an input dataset and returns a model
    - E.g., The Logistic Regression classification algorithm is an Estimator, and calling fit() on it a Logistic Regression Model is built, which is a Model and hence a Transformer

Pipeline
- A Pipeline chains multiple Transformers and Estimators together to specify a Machine learning/Data Mining workflow
  - The output of a transformer/estimator is the input of the next one in the pipeline
  - E.g., a simple text document processing workflow aiming at building a classification model includes several steps
    - Split each document into a set of words
    - Convert each set of words into a numerical feature vector
    - Learn a prediction model using the feature vectors and the associated class labels

Parameter
- All Transformers and Estimators share common APIs for specifying parameters

In the new APIs of Spark MLlib the use of the pipeline approach is preferred/recommended
- This approach is based on the following steps
  1. The set of Transformers and Estimators that are needed are instantiated
  2. A pipeline object is created and the sequence of transformers and estimators associated with the pipeline are specified
  3. The pipeline is executed and a model is created
  4. (optional) The model is applied on new data

Classification algorithms
- Spark MLlib provides a (limited) set of classification algorithms
  - Logistic regression
  - Decision trees
  - SVMs (with linear kernel)
    - Only binary classification problem are supported by the implemented SVMs
  - Naïve Bayes
  - …
All the available classification algorithms are based on two phases:
- **Model generation** based on a set of training data
- **Prediction** of the class label of new unlabeled data

All the classification algorithms available in Spark work only on numerical attributes:
- Categorical values must be mapped to integer values (i.e., numerical values) before applying the MLlib classification algorithms.

All the Spark classification algorithms are built on top of an input Dataset<Row> containing (at least) two columns:
- **label**
  - The class label, i.e., the attribute to be predicted by the classification model
  - It is an integer value (casted to a double)
- **features**
  - A vector of doubles containing the values of the predictive attributes of the input records/data points
  - The data type of this column is org.apache.spark.mllib.linalg.Vector

Consider the following classification problem:
- We want to predict if new customers are good customers or not based on their monthly income and number of children
- Predictive attributes
  - Monthly income
  - Number of children
- Class Label (target attribute)
  - Customer type: Good customer/Bad customer
  - We map “Good customer” to 1 and “Bad customer” to 0

Input training data:
- i.e., the set of customers for which the value of the class label is known
- They are used by the classification algorithm to infer a classification model

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CustomerType</th>
<th>MonthlyIncome</th>
<th>NumChildren</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Good customer</td>
<td>1400.0</td>
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Input training data:
- The categorical values of CustomerType (the class label column) must be mapped to integer values (finally casted to doubles)

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Input training data:
- Input Dataset<Row> that must be generated as input for the MLlib classification algorithms

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<th>feature</th>
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<td>[11105.5, 0.0]</td>
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Classification algorithms: Example of expected input Dataset<Row>

- Input Dataset<Row> that must be generated as input for the MLlib classification algorithms

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In the generated Dataset<Row> the names of the predictive attributes are not preserved.

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Logistic regression and structured data

- The following slides show how to
  - Create a classification model based on the logistic regression algorithm
    - The model is inferred by analyzing the training data, i.e., the example records/data points for which the value of the class label is known
  - Apply the model to new unlabeled data
    - The inferred model is applied to predict the value of the class label of new unlabeled records/data points

Logistic regression and structured data: training data

- In the following example, the input training data is stored in a text file that contains
  - One record/data point per line
  - The records/data points are structured data with a fixed number of attributes (four)
    - One attribute is the class label
      - We suppose that the first column of each record contains the class label
    - The other three attributes are the predictive attributes that are used to predict the value of the class label
    - The input file has not the header line

Logistic regression and structured data: training data

- Consider the following example input training data file
  1.0, 0.0, 1.1, 0.1
  0.0, 2.0, 1.0, -1.0
  0.0, 2.0, 1.3, 1.0
  1.0, 0.0, 1.2, -0.5

- It contains four records/data points
- This is a binary classification problem because the class label assumes only two values
  - 0 and 1
Logistic regression and structured data: training data

- The first operation consists of transforming the content of the input training file into a Dataset<Row> containing two columns
  - label
  - features
- In the following solution, we will first define an RDDs of LabeledPoint objects and then we will "transform" it into a Dataset<Row>
- However, other approaches can be used to achieve the same result

Logistic regression and structured data: training data

- Input training file
  - 1.0,0.0,1.1,0.1
  - 0.0,2.0,1.0,-1.0
  - 0.0,2.0,1.3,1.0
  - 1.0,0.0,1.2,-0.5
- Input training Dataset<Row> to be generated

Logistic regression and structured data: training data

- Input training file
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- Input training Dataset<Row> to be generated

Logistic regression and structured data: unlabeled data

- The file containing the unlabeled data has the same format of the training data file
  - However, the first column is empty because the class label is unknown
- We want to predict the class label value of each unlabeled data by applying the classification model that has been inferred on the training data
- The predicted class label value is stored in a new column, called "prediction" of the returned Dataset<Row>

Logistic regression and structured data: unlabeled data

- Consider the following example input unlabeled data file
  - -1.0,1.5,1.3
  - 3.0,2.0,-0.1
  - 0.0,2.2,-1.5
- It contains three unlabeled records/data points
- Note that the first column is empty (the content before the first comma is the empty string)
Logistic regression and structured data: unlabeled data

- Also the unlabeled data must be stored into a Dataset<Row> containing two columns
  - label
  - features
- A label value is required also for unlabeled data
  - Any numerical value can be used
    - The specified value does not impact on the prediction because the label column is not used to perform the prediction
    - Usually the value -1.0 is used

Input unlabeled data file
-1.0,1.5,1.3
3.0,2.0,-0.1
0.0,2.2,-1.5

Input unlabeled data Dataset<Row> to be generated

A value must be specified also for the label column. I arbitrarily set it to -1.0 for all records

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Logistic regression and structured data: unlabeled data

- After the application of the classification model on the unlabeled data, Spark returns a new Dataset<Row> containing
  - The same columns of the input data
  - A new column called prediction
    - For each input unlabeled record, it contains the predicted class label value
    - Also other two columns, associated with the probabilities of the predictions, are returned
      - We do not consider them in the following example

Input unlabeled data Dataset<Row>

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Returned Dataset<Row> with the predicted class label values

<table>
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<tr>
<th>label</th>
<th>feature</th>
<th>prediction</th>
<th>rawPrediction</th>
<th>probability</th>
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package it.polito.bigdata.spark.sparkmllib;
import org.apache.spark.api.java.*;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Row;
import org.apache.spark.sql.SparkSession;
import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineModel;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineStage;
import org.apache.spark.ml.classification.LogisticRegression;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint;

public class SparkDriver {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String inputFileTraining = args[0];
        String inputFileTest = args[1];
        String outputPath = args[2];
        // Create a Spark Session object and set the name of the application
        // We use some Spark SQL transformation in this program
        SparkSession ss = SparkSession.builder()
                .appName("MLlib - logistic regression").getOrCreate();
        // Create a Java Spark Context from the Spark Session
        // When a Spark Session has already been defined this method
        // is used to create the Java Spark Context
        JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(ss.sparkContext());

        // Training step
        JavaRDD<String> trainingData = sc.textFile(inputFileTraining);
        // Map each input record/data point of the input file to a LabeledPoint
        JavaRDD<LabeledPoint> trainingRDD = trainingData.map(record -> {
            String[] fields = record.split(",");
            double classLabel = Double.parseDouble(fields[0]);
            double[] attributesValues = new double[]{Double.parseDouble(fields[1]),
                                                    Double.parseDouble(fields[2]),
                                                    Double.parseDouble(fields[3])};
            // Create a dense vector based on the content of attributesValues
            Vector attrValues = Vectors.dense(attributesValues);
            // Return a LabeledPoint based on the content of the current line
            return new LabeledPoint(classLabel, attrValues);
        });

        // Prepare training data.
        // We use LabeledPoint, which is a JavaBean.
        // We use Spark SQL to convert RDDs of JavaBeans
        // into Dataset<Row>. The columns of the Dataset are label
        // and features
        Dataset<Row> training = ss.createDataFrame(trainingRDD, LabeledPoint.class).cache();
    }
}
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// and features.

Dataset<Row> training = 
    ss.createDataFrame(trainingRDD, LabeledPoint.class).cache();

The training data are represented by means of a Dataset<Row> of LabeledPoint.
Each element of this DataFrame has two columns:
- label: the class label
- features: the vector of real values associated with the attributes of the input record

This Dataset is cached because the logistic regression algorithm iterates and applies multiple actions on it.

// Create a LogisticRegression object.
// LogisticRegression is an Estimator that is used to
// create a classification model based on logistic regression.
LogisticRegression lr = new LogisticRegression();

// We can set the values of the parameters of the
// Logistic Regression algorithm using the setter methods.
// There is one set method for each parameter
// For example, we are setting the number of maximum iterations to 10
// and the regularization parameter to 0.01.
lr.setMaxIter(10);
lr.setRegParam(0.01);

// Define the pipeline that is used to create the logistic regression
// model on the training data
// In this case the pipeline contains one single stage/step (the model
// generation step).
Pipeline pipeline = new Pipeline().
    setStages(new PipelineStage[]{lr});

// Execute the pipeline on the training data to build the
// classification model
PipelineModel model = pipeline.fit(training);

// Now, the classification model can be used to predict the class label
// of new unlabeled data

// Execute the pipeline and train the model
// *************************
// Prediction step
// *************************
// Read unlabeled data
// For the unlabeled data only the predictive attributes are available
// The class label is not available and must be predicted by applying
// the classification model inferred during the previous phase
JavaRDD<String> unlabeledData = sc.textFile(inputFileTest);
Logistic regression and structured data: Example

//Map each unlabeled input record/data point of the input file to
//a LabeledPoint
JavaRDD<LabeledPoint> unlabeledRDD = unlabeledData.map(record ->
    String[] fields = record.split(",");
    //The last three cells of fields contain the (numerical) values of the
    //three predictive attributes
    //Create an array of doubles containing those three values
    double[] attributesValues = new double[3];
    attributesValues[0] = Double.parseDouble(fields[1]);
    attributesValues[1] = Double.parseDouble(fields[2]);
    attributesValues[2] = Double.parseDouble(fields[3]);
    return new LabeledPoint(classLabel, attributesValues);
}

predictions = model.transform(unlabeledRDD);

predictionsDF = ss.createDataFrame(predictions, LabeledPoint.class);

predictionsDF = predictionsDF.select("features", "prediction");

df.printSchema();

predictionsRDD.saveAsTextFile(outputPath);

close();

The following slides show how to

- Create a classification model based on the decision tree algorithm
  - The model is inferred by analyzing the training data, i.e., the example records/data points for which the value of the class label is known
  - Apply the model to new unlabeled data
    - The inferred model is applied to predict the value of the class label of new unlabeled records/data points

The same example structured data already used in the running example related to the logistic regression algorithm are used also in this example related to the decision tree algorithm.

In the following example, the input training data is stored in a text file that contains

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- The records/data points are structured data with a fixed number of attributes (four)
  - One attribute is the class label
  - We suppose that the first column of each record contains the class label
  - The other three attributes are the predictive attributes that are used to predict the value of the class label
- The input file has not the header line

Also in this case the training data must be represented by means of a Dataset<Row> characterized by two columns:

- label
- features

The code that is used to solve this problem is similar to the one we used to build a logistic regression model

The only difference is given by the use of the Decision Tree algorithm instead of the Logistic regression one in the defined Pipeline

Input training file

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1.0</td>
<td>[0.0, 2.2, -1.5]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

After the application of the classification model on the unlabeled data, Spark returns a new Dataset<Row> containing:

- The same columns of the input data
- A new column called prediction
  - For each input unlabeled record, it contains the predicted class label value
- Also other columns, associated with the probabilities of the predictions, are returned
  - We do not consider them in the following example

Input unlabeled data Dataset<Row>:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>label</th>
<th>feature</th>
<th>prediction</th>
<th>rawPrediction</th>
<th>probability</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-1.0</td>
<td>[1.0, 1.5, 1.3]</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2.0</td>
<td>[3.0, 2.0, -0.1]</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2.0</td>
<td>[0.0, 2.2, -1.5]</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```java
package it.polito.bigdata.spark.sparkmllib;
import org.apache.spark.api.java.*;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Row;
import org.apache.spark.sql.SparkSession;
import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineModel;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
import org.apache.spark.api.java.JavaSparkContext;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Row;
import org.apache.spark.sql.SparkSession;
import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineModel;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.LabeledPoint;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
public class SparkDriver {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String inputFileTraining = args[0];
        String inputFileTest = args[1];
        String outputPath = args[2];
        // Create a Spark Session object and set the name of the application
        SparkSession ss = SparkSession.builder().appName("MLlib - Decision Tree").getOrCreate();
        JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(ss.sparkContext());
        // Create a Spark Session object and set the name of the application
        String inputFileTraining = args[0];
        String inputFileTest = args[1];
        String outputPath = args[2];
        // Create a Spark Session object and set the name of the application
        SparkSession ss = SparkSession.builder().appName("MLlib - Decision Tree").getOrCreate();
        JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(ss.sparkContext());
    }
```
Decision trees and structured data: Example

// Training step
// Read training data from a text file
// Each line has the format: class-label, list of three numerical attribute values.
// E.g., 1.0,5.8,0.5 | 1.7
JavaRDD< String > trainingData = sc.textFile(inputFileTraining);

// Map each input record/data point of the input file to a LabeledPoint
JavaRDD< LabeledPoint > trainingRDD = trainingData.map(record -> {
    String[] fields = record.split( "\," );
    // Fields of 0 contains the id of the class
    double classLabel = Double.parseDouble( fields[0] );
    // The other three cells of fields contain the (numerical)
    // values of the three predictive attributes
    double[] attributesValues = new double[3];
    attributesValues[0] = Double.parseDouble( fields[1] );
    attributesValues[1] = Double.parseDouble( fields[2] );

    // Create a dense vector based on the content of attributesValues
    Vector attrValues = Vectors.dense( attributesValues );

    // Return a LabeledPoint based on the content of the current line
    return new LabeledPoint( classLabel, attrValues );
});

// Prepare training data.
// We use LabeledPoint, which is a JavaBean.
// We use Spark SQL to convert RDDs of JavaBeans into Dataset<Row>. The columns of the Dataset are label and features
Dataset<Row> training = ss.createDataFrame( trainingRDD, LabeledPoint.class ).cache();

// Create a DecisionTreeClassifier object.
// DecisionTreeClassifier is an Estimator that is used to create a classification model based on decision trees.
// The algorithm infers a model that can be used to predict the value of the label attribute based on content of vector that is stored in the feature attribute
DecisionTreeClassifier dc = new DecisionTreeClassifier();

// We can set the values of the parameters of the Decision Tree
// For example we can set the measure that is used to decide if a node must be split
// In this case we set gini index
dc.setImpurity("gini");

// Define the pipeline that is used to create the logistic regression model on the training data
// In this case the pipeline contains one single stage (the model generation step).
Pipeline pipeline = new Pipeline().setStages(new PipelineStage[] { dc });

We use a Decision Tree Classifier in this application.
Execute the pipeline on the training data to build the classification model:
```
PipelineModel model = pipeline.fit(training);
```

Now, the classification model can be used to predict the class label of new unlabeled data:
```
// Prediction step
```

Read unlabeled data:
```
JavaRDD<String> unlabeledData = sc.textFile(inputFileTest);
```

Map each unlabeled input record/data point of the input file to a `LabeledPoint`:
```
JavaRDD<LabeledPoint> unlabeledRDD = unlabeledData.map(record -> {
    String[] fields = record.split("\,");
    // The last three cells of fields contain the (numerical) values of the three predictive attributes
    double[] attributesValues = new double[3];
    attributesValues[0] = Double.parseDouble(fields[1]);
    attributesValues[1] = Double.parseDouble(fields[2]);
    attributesValues[2] = Double.parseDouble(fields[3]);
    Vector attrValues = Vectors.dense(attributesValues);
    // The class label is unknown. To create a LabeledPoint a class label value must be specified also for the unlabeled data. I set it to -1 (an invalid value).
    double classLabel = -1;
    // Return a new LabeledPoint
    return new LabeledPoint(classLabel, attrValues);
});
```

Create the DataFrame based on the new test data:
```
Dataset<Row> test = ss.createDataFrame(unlabeledRDD, LabeledPoint.class);
```

Make predictions on test documents using the transform() method:
```
Dataset<Row> predictions = model.transform(test);
```

Select only the features (i.e., the value of the attributes) and the predicted class for each record:
```
Dataset<Row> predictionsDF = predictions.select("features", "prediction");
```

Save the result in an HDFS file:
```
JavaRDD<Row> predictionsRDD = predictionsDF.javaRDD();
predictionsRDD.saveAsTextFile(outputPath);
```

Close the Spark Context object:
```
sc.close();
```
Frequently the class label is a categorical value (i.e., a string).

As reported before, Spark MLlib works only with numerical values and hence categorical class label values must be mapped to integer (and then double) values.

The Estimators `StringIndexer` and `IndexToString` support the transformation of categorical class label into numerical one.

- `StringIndexer` maps each categorical value of the class label to an integer (finally casted to a double).
- `IndexToString` is used to perform the opposite operation.

Main steps:
1. Use `StringIndexer` to extend the input DataFrame with a new column, called “label”, containing the numerical representation of the class label column.
2. Create a column, called “features”, of type vector containing the predictive features.
3. Infer a classification model by using a classification algorithm (e.g., Decision Tree, Logistic regression).
   - The model is built by considering only the values of features and label. All the other columns are not considered by the classification algorithm during the generation of the prediction model.
Categorical class labels

4. Apply the model on a set of unlabeled data to predict their numerical class label
5. Use IndexToString to convert the predicted numerical class label values to the original categorical values

Categorical class labels: Example – Training data

- Input training file
  Positive, 0.0, 1.1, 0.1
  Negative, 2.0, 1.0, -1.0
  Negative, 2.0, 1.3, 1.0

- Initial training Dataset<Row>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>categoricalLabel</th>
<th>feature</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0, 1.1, 0.1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>[2.0, 1.0, -1.0]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>[2.0, 1.3, 1.0]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Training Dataset<Row> after StringIndexer

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>categoricalLabel</th>
<th>feature</th>
<th>label</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0, 1.1, 0.1]</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>[2.0, 1.0, -1.0]</td>
<td>0.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>[2.0, 1.3, 1.0]</td>
<td>0.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mapping generated by StringIndexer: “Positive”: 1.0 “Negative”: 0.0

Categorical class labels: Example – Unlabeled data

- Input unlabeled data file
  ,1.0,1.5,1.3
  ,3.0,2.0,-0.1
  ,0.0,2.2,-1.5

- Initial unlabeled data Dataset<Row>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>categoricalLabel</th>
<th>feature</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[-1.0, 1.5, 1.3]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[3.0, 2.0, -0.1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0, 2.2, -1.5]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Input unlabeled data file:
-1.0,1.5,1.3
3.0,2.0,-0.1
0.0,2.2,-1.5

Initial unlabeled data:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>categoricalLabel</th>
<th>feature</th>
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<td>Positive</td>
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<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[3.0,2.0,-0.1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0,2.2,-1.5]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The categoricalLabel attribute must be set to a valid value also for the unlabeled data otherwise the StringIndexer component of the Pipeline raises an error. Select the class label value that you prefer. It does not impact on the predicted class label value.

Initial unlabeled data Dataset<Row>:

<table>
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<th>feature</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Positive</td>
<td>[-1.0,1.5,1.3]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[3.0,2.0,-0.1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0,2.2,-1.5]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dataset<Row> after prediction + IndexToString:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>categoricalLabel</th>
<th>feature</th>
<th>label</th>
<th>prediction</th>
<th>predictedLabel</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[-1.0,1.5,1.3]</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Positive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[3.0,2.0,-0.1]</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Negative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>[0.0,2.2,-1.5]</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Positive</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In the following example, the input training data is stored in a text file that contains:
- One record/data point per line
- The records/data points are structured data with a fixed number of attributes (four)
  - One attribute is the class label
  - Categorical attribute assuming two values: Positive, Negative
  - The other three attributes are the predictive attributes that are used to predict the value of the class label
- The input file has not the header line

package it.polito.bigdata.spark.sparkmllib;
import java.io.Serializable;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;

@.SuppressWarnings("serial")
public class MyLabeledPoint implements Serializable {
  private String categoricalLabel;
  private Vector features;

  public MyLabeledPoint(String categoricalLabel, Vector features) {
    this.categoricalLabel = categoricalLabel;
    this.features = features;
  }

  public String getCategoricalLabel() {
    return categoricalLabel;
  }
}
public Vector getFeatures() {
    return features;
}
	public void setFeatures(Vector features) {
	    this.features = features;
    }

package it.polito.bigdata.spark.sparkmlib;
import org.apache.spark.api.java.*;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Dataset;
import org.apache.spark.sql.Row;
import org.apache.spark.ml.Pipeline;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineModel;
import org.apache.spark.ml.PipelineStage;
import org.apache.spark.ml.classification.DecisionTreeClassifier;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vector;
import org.apache.spark.ml.linalg.Vectors;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.IndexToString;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.StringIndexer;
import org.apache.spark.ml.feature.StringIndexerModel;

public class SparkDriver {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String inputFileTraining;
        String inputFileTest;
        String outputPath;

        inputFileTraining = args[0];
        inputFileTest = args[1];
        outputPath = args[2];

        // Create a Spark Session object and set the name of the application
        // We use some Spark SQL transformation in this program
        SparkSession ss = SparkSession.builder()
            .appName("MLlib - Decision Tree - Categorical label").getOrCreate();

        // Create a Java Spark Context from the Spark Session
        // When a Spark Session has already been defined this method
        // is used to create the Java Spark Context
        JavaSparkContext sc = new JavaSparkContext(ss.sparkContext());

        // *************************
        // Training step
        // *************************
        // Read training data from a textual file
        // Each line has the format: class-label,list of numerical attribute values
        // The class label is a String
        // E.g., Positive,0.5,0.4,5.1,2
        JavaRDD<String> trainingData = sc.textFile(inputFileTraining);

        // Map each input record/data point of the input file to a MyLabeledPoint object
        // MyLabeledPoint is a class that I defined to store the information about
        // (records) data points with class label of type String
        JavaRDD<MyLabeledPoint> trainingRDD = trainingData.map(record -> {
            String[] fields = record.split(",");

            // Fields of 0 contains the id of the class
            String classLabel = fields[0];

            // The other three cells of fields contain the values of the
            // three predictive attributes
            double[] attributesValues = new double[3];

            attributesValues[0] = Double.parseDouble(fields[1]);
            attributesValues[1] = Double.parseDouble(fields[2]);
            attributesValues[2] = Double.parseDouble(fields[3]);

            return new MyLabeledPoint(classLabel, attributesValues);
        });

        // Create a dense vector based on the content of
        // attributesValues
        Vector attrValues = Vectors.dense(attributesValues);

        // Return a LabeledPoint based on the content of the
        // current line
        return new MyLabeledPoint(classLabel, attrValues);
    }
}
// Prepare training data.
// We use MyLabeledPoint, which is a JavaBean.
// We use Spark SQL to convert RDDs of JavaBeans
// into DataFrames.
// Each data point has a set of features and a label
Dataset<Row> training =
    ss.createDataFrame(trainingRDD, MyLabeledPoint.class).cache();

// The StringIndexer Estimator is used to map each class label
// to an integer value (casted to a double).
// A new attribute called label is generated by applying
// transforming the content of the categoricalLabel attribute.
StringIndexerModel labelIndexer = new StringIndexer()
    .setInputCol("categoricalLabel")
    .setOutputCol("label")
    .fit(training);

// Create a DecisionTreeClassifier object.
// DecisionTreeClassifier is an Estimator that is used to create a
// classification model based on decision trees
// By default, the MLlib decision tree algorithm considers only the content
// of the Features attribute to predict the value of the label attribute
// The other attributes are not considered during the generation of the
// model (i.e., in this case the value of categoricalLabel is not considered by
// the MLlib decision tree algorithm)
DecisionTreeClassifier dc = new DecisionTreeClassifier();

// We can set the values of the parameters of the
// Decision Tree.
// (For example we can set the measure that is used to decide if a
// node must be split.
// In this case we set it to the gini index
dc.setImpurity("gini");

// At the end of the pipeline we must convert indexed labels back
// to original labels (from numerical to string).
// The content of the prediction attribute is the index of the predicted class
// The original name of the predicted class is stored in the predictedLabel
// attribute.
// IndexToString creates a new column (called predictedLabel in
// this example) that is based on the content of the prediction column.
// prediction is a double while predictedLabel is a string
IndexToString labelConverter = new IndexToString()
    .setInputCol("prediction")
    .setOutputCol("predictedLabel")
    .setLabels(labelIndexer.labels());

This IndexToString component is used to remap the
numerical predictions available in the "prediction"
column to the original categorical values that are stored
in the new column called "predictedLabel"
Dataset<Row> unlabeled =
// Create the JavaRDD
// the classification model inferred during the previous phase
// The class label is not available and must be predicted by applying
// For the unlabeled data only the predictive attributes are available
// Read unlabeled data
// *************************
// Prediction step
// *************************
// of new unlabeled data
// Now, the classification model can be used to predict the class label
// of new unlabeled data

Dataset<Row> predictions =
// The transform will only use the 'features' columns
// Create a dense vector based in the content of attributesValues Vector attrValues - Vectors.dense(attributesValues);

predictionsDF =
// Make predictions on test documents using the transform()
// (The transform will only use the 'features' columns)
// The returned DataFrame has the following schema (attributes)
// - Features: vector (values of the attributes)
// - label: double (value of the class label)
// - rawPrediction: vector (nullable = true)
// - probability: vector (The i-th cell contains the probability that the current record belongs to the i-th class)
// - predictedLabel: string (nullable = true)
// Select only the features (i.e., the value of the attributes) and (the predicted class for each record (the categorical version)
Dataset<Row> predictionsDF = predictions.select("features", "predictedLabel");
// Make predictions on test documents using the transform() method.
// The transform will only use the 'features' columns.
Dataset<Row> predictions = model.transform(unlabeled);

// The returned DataFrame has the following schema (attributes):  
// - features: vector (values of the attributes)
// - label: double (value of the class label)
// - rawPrediction: vector (nullable = true)
// - probability: vector (The \(i\text{-th}\) cell contains the probability that the current record belongs to the \(i\text{-th}\) class)
// - prediction: double (the predicted class label)
// - predictedLabel: string (nullable = true)

// Select only the features (i.e., the value of the attributes) and the predicted class for each record (the categorical version)
Dataset<Row> predictionsDF = predictions.select("features", "predictedLabel");

// Save the result in an HDFS file
JavaRDD<Row> predictionsRDD = predictionsDF.javaRDD();
predictionsRDD.saveAsTextFile(outputPath);

// Close the Spark Context object
sc.close();
Sparse labeled data: The LIBSVM format

- LIBSVM files can be loaded into Dataset<Row>
  by combining the following methods:
  - read(), format("libsvm"), and load(String inputpath)
- The returned Dataset<Row> (i.e., DataFrame)
  has two columns:
  - label: double
    - The double value associated with the label
  - features: vector
    - A sparse vector associated with the predictive features

...SparkSession ss = parkSession.builder()
  .appName("Test read LIBSMV file").getOrCreate();

Dataset<Row> data = ss.read().format("libsvm")
  .load("sample_libsvm_data.txt");
...