

Spark

# 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:

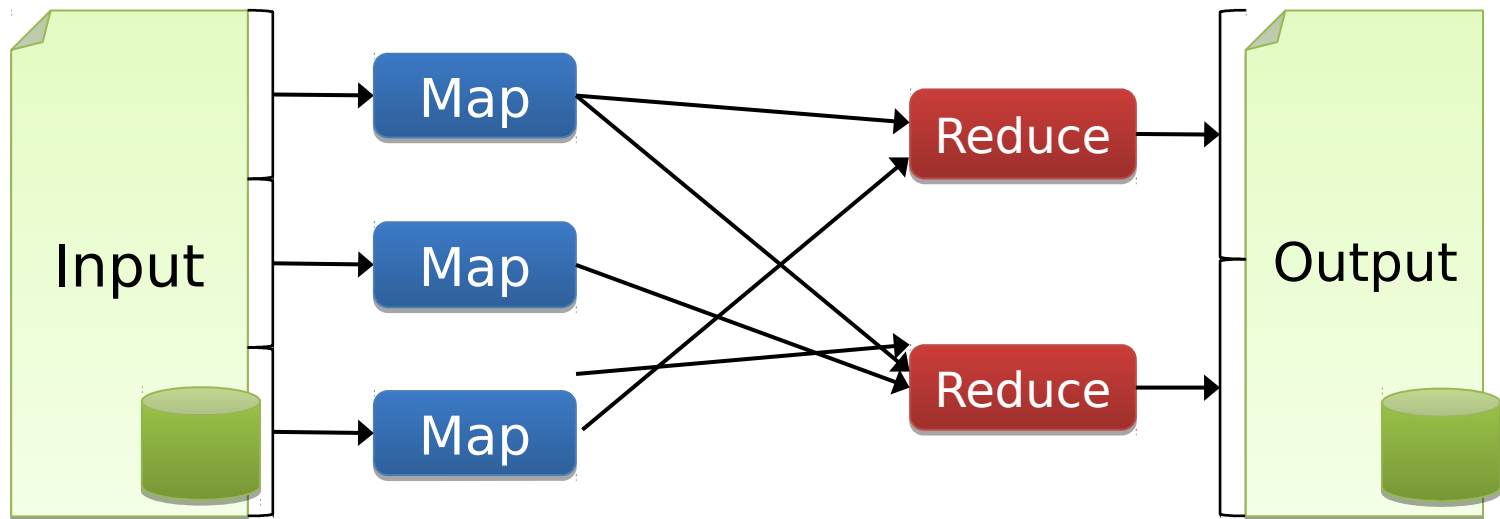
- » **Iterative** algorithms (machine learning, graphs)
- » **Interactive** data mining

Enhance programmability:

- » Integrate into Scala programming language
- » Allow interactive use from Scala interpreter

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The diagram shows a MapReduce job flow. At the top, a green document icon is connected by an arrow to a blue box labeled 'Map'. This 'Map' box is connected by an arrow to a red box labeled 'Reduce'. The 'Reduce' box is then connected by an arrow to another green document icon. Below this flow, there is a blue box labeled 'map' which is connected by an arrow to a green document icon. The entire diagram is partially obscured by a large blue rounded rectangle containing text.

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

# Motivation

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

# 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, ...



# Spark Operations

## **Transformations**

(define a new RDD)

map  
filter  
sample  
groupByKey  
reduceByKey  
sortByKey

flatMap  
union  
join  
cogroup  
cross  
mapValues

## **Actions**

(return a result to  
driver program)

collect  
reduce  
count  
save  
lookupKey

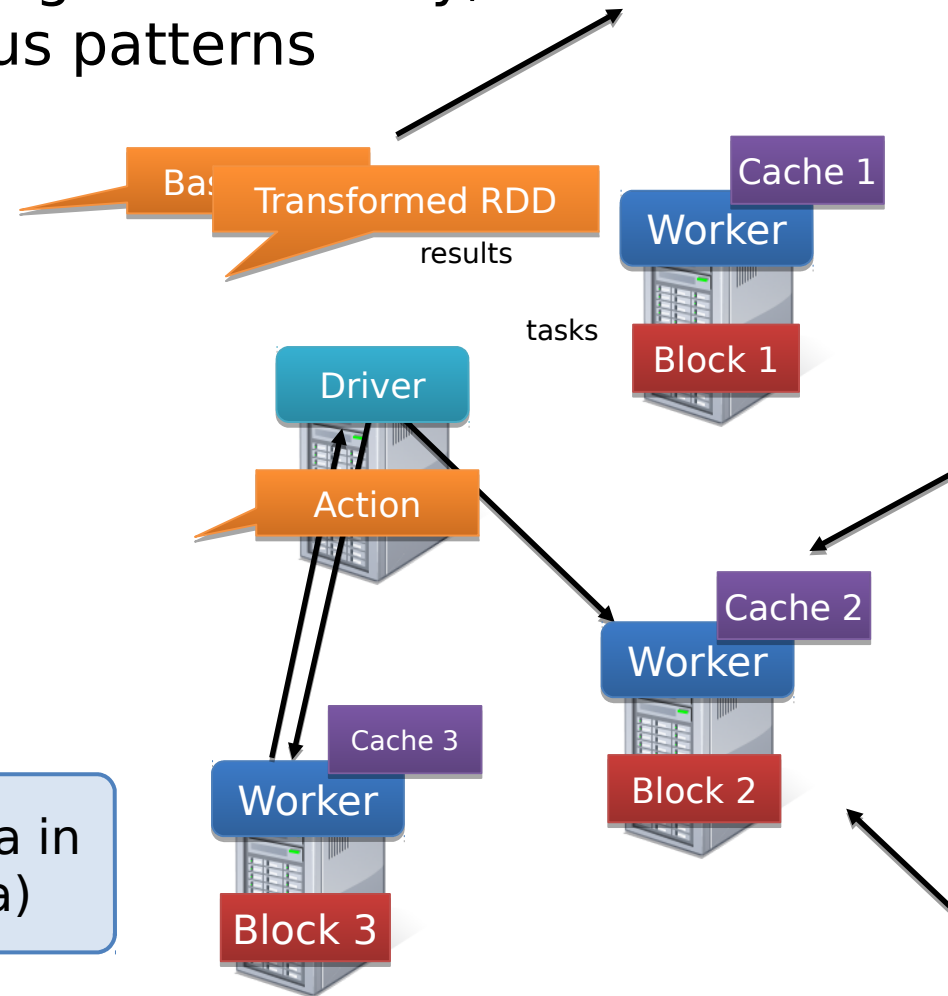
# Example: Log Mining

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

```
lines = spark.textFile("hdfs://...")
errors = lines.filter(_.startsWith("ERROR"))
messages = errors.map(_.split('\t')(2))
cachedMsgs = messages.cache()
```

```
cachedMsgs.filter(_.contains("foo")).count
cachedMsgs.filter(_.contains("bar")).count
...
```

**Result:** full-text search of Wikipedia in  
<1 sec (vs 20 sec for on-disk data)

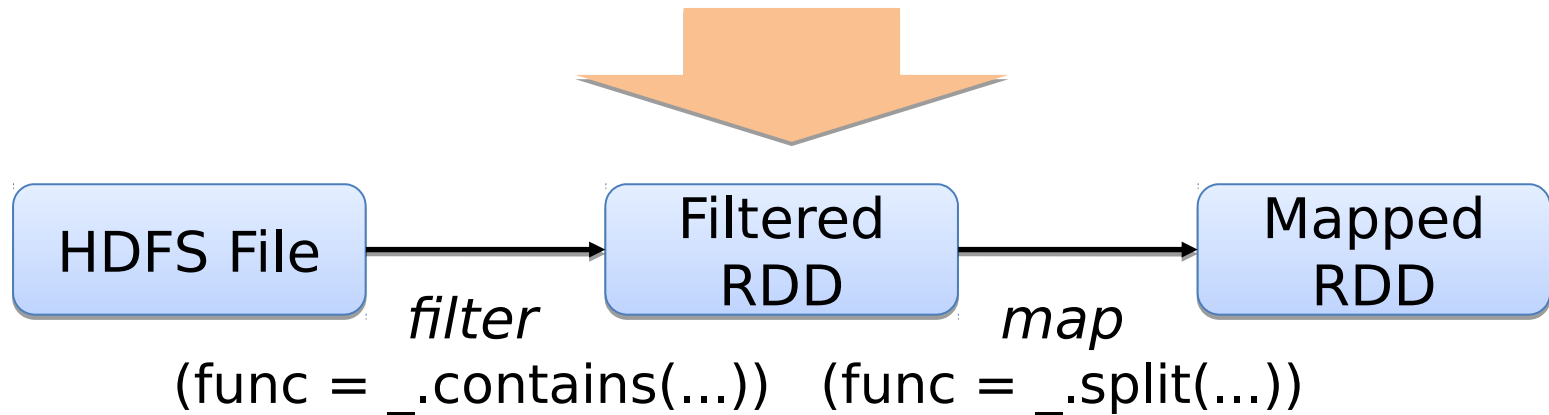


# RDD Fault Tolerance

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

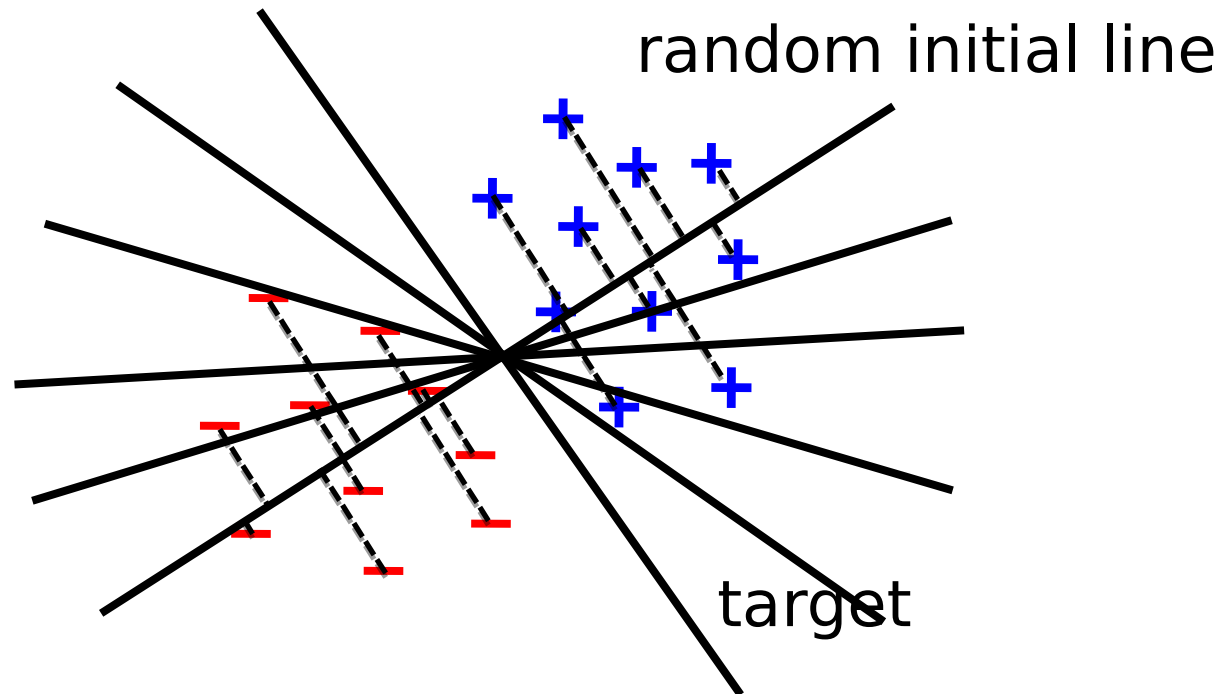
Ex:

```
messages = textFile(...).filter(_.startsWith("ERROR"))  
                        .map(_.split('\t')(2))
```



# Example: Logistic Regression

Goal: find best line separating two sets of points



# Example: Logistic Regression

```
val data = spark.textFile(...).map(readPoint).cache()
```

```
var w = Vector.random(D)
```

```
for (i <- 1 to ITERATIONS) {  
  val gradient = data.map(p =>  
    (1 / (1 + exp(-p.y*(w dot p.x))) - 1) * p.y * p.x  
  ).reduce(_ + _)  
  w -= gradient  
}
```

```
println("Final w: " + w)
```

# Spark Applications

In-memory data mining on Hive data (Conviva)

Predictive analytics (Quantifind)

City traffic prediction (Mobile Millennium)

Twitter spam classification (Monarch)

Collaborative filtering via matrix factorization

...

# Frameworks Built on Spark

## Pregel on Spark (Bagel)

- » Google message passing model for graph computation
- » 200 lines of code



## Hive on Spark (Shark)

- » 3000 lines of code
- » Compatible with Apache Hive
- » ML operators in Scala

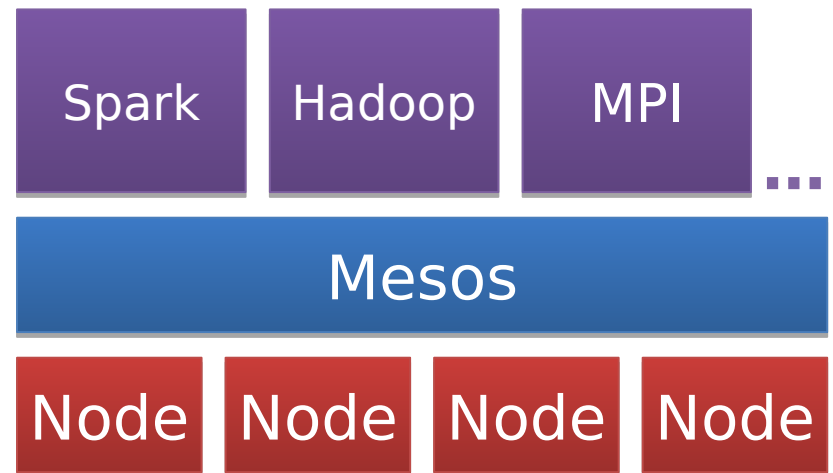


# Implementation

Runs on Apache Mesos to share resources with Hadoop & other apps

Can read from any Hadoop input source (e.g. HDFS)

No changes to Scala compiler





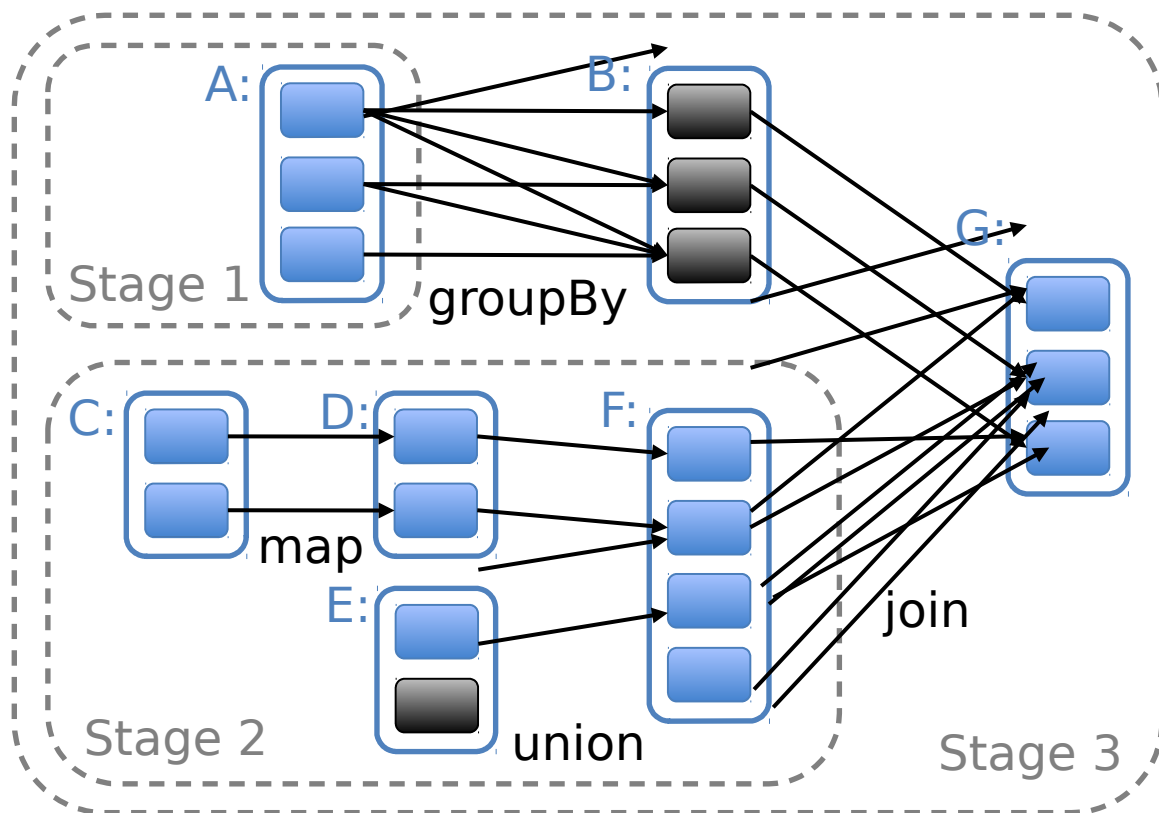
# Spark Scheduler

Dryad-like DAGs

Pipelines functions within a stage

Cache-aware work reuse & locality

Partitioning-aware to avoid shuffles



▀ = cached data partition

# Interactive Spark

Modified Scala interpreter to allow Spark to be used interactively from the command line

Required two changes:

- » Modified wrapper code generation so that each line typed has references to objects for its dependencies
- » Distribute generated classes over the network

# 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

# Behavior with Not Enough RAM

