Data Science at Scale: MapReduce & Spark

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Group Reflection on Process & Validity

Lecture: Distributed Computing for Data Science

Agenda

- **Commodity Computing**
  Computing with thousands of failures a day
- **Map Reduce**
  Plumbing for billions of data points
- **Spark**
  The best tool for a nasty problem
- **Data Engineering in Practice**
  What to look forward to
- **Lab!**

Commodity Computing

Large-scale Computing

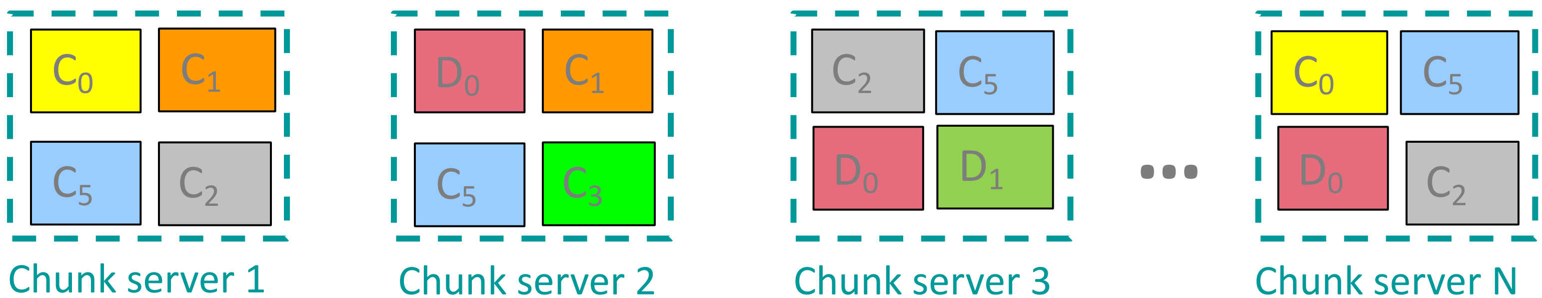
- **Large-scale computing** for **data mining** problems on **commodity hardware**
- **Challenges:**
  - **How do you distribute computation?**
  - **How can we make it easy to write distributed programs?**
  - **Machines fail:**
    - One server may stay up 3 years (1,000 days)
    - If you have 1,000 servers, expect to lose 1/day
    - With 1M machines 1,000 machines fail every day!

Storage Infrastructure

- **Problem:**
  - If nodes fail, how to store data persistently?
- **Answer:**
  - **Distributed File System**
    - Provides global file namespace
- **Typical usage pattern:**
  - Huge files (100s of GB to TB)
  - Data is rarely updated in place
  - Reads and appends are common

Distributed File System

- **Reliable distributed file system**
- Data kept in “chunks” spread across machines
- Each chunk **replicated** on different machines
  - Seamless recovery from disk or machine failure



Bring computation directly to the data!

Chunk servers also serve as compute servers

An Issue and a Solution

- **Issue:**
  Copying data over a network takes time
- **Idea:**
  - Bring computation to data
  - Store files multiple times for reliability
- **Map Reduce** address these problems
  - **Storage Infrastructure – File system**
    - Google: GFS. Hadoop: HDFS
  - **Programming model**
    - MapReduce
    - Spark

Programming Model

- **MapReduce is a style of programming designed for:**
  1. Easy parallel programming
  2. Invisible management of hardware and software failures
  3. Easy management of very-large-scale data

- It has several implementations, including Hadoop, Spark (used in this class), Flink, and the original Google implementation just called "MapReduce"

MapReduce: Overview

3 steps of MapReduce

- **Map:**
  - Apply a user-written *Map function* to each input element
    - *Mapper* applies the Map function to a single element
      - Many mappers grouped in a *Map task* (the unit of parallelism)
  - The output of the Map function is a set of 0, 1, or more *key-value pairs*.
- **Group by key:** Sort and shuffle
  - System sorts all the key-value pairs by key, and outputs key-(list of values) pairs
- **Reduce:**
  - User-written *Reduce function* is applied to each key-(list of values)

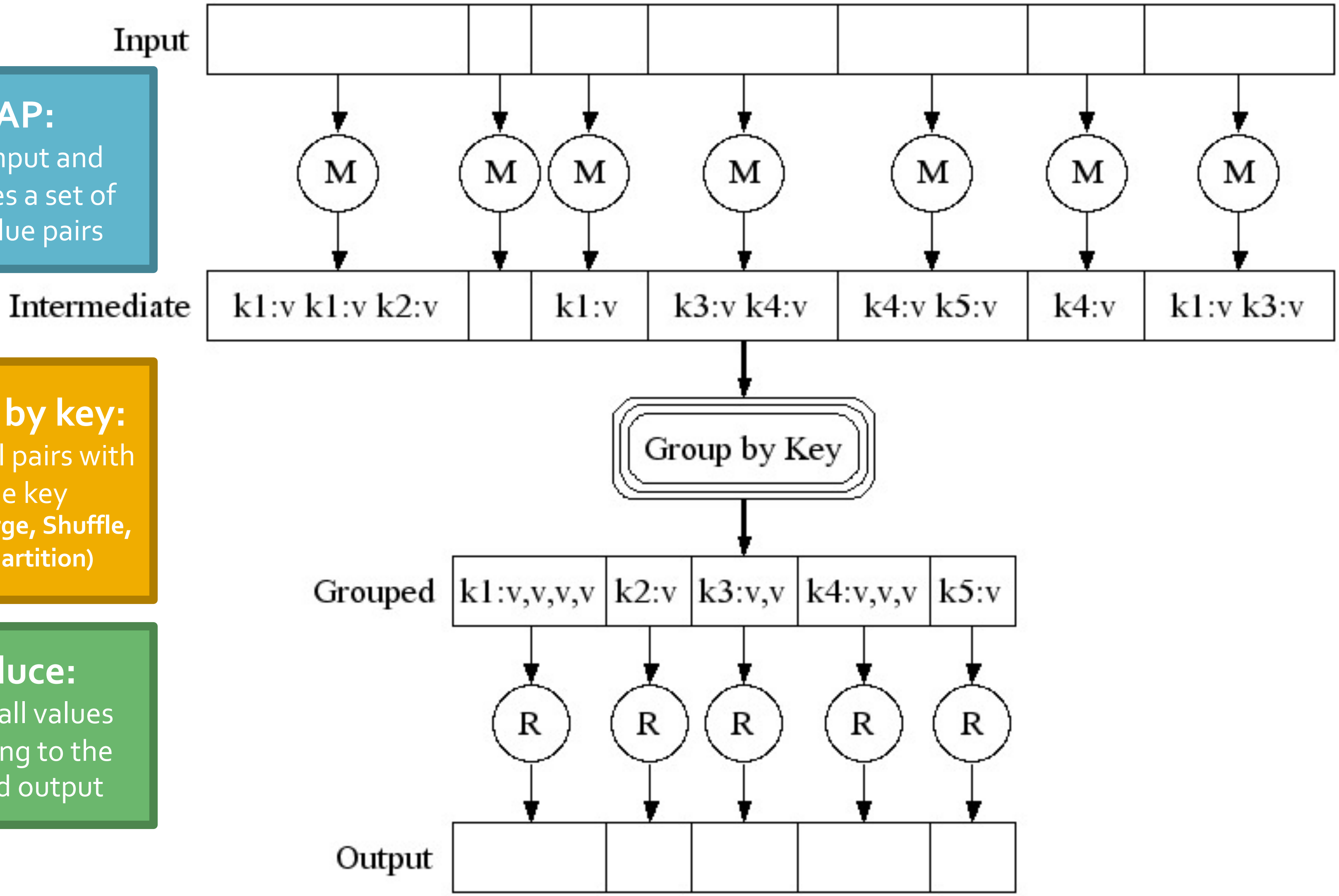
Outline stays the same, **Map** and **Reduce** change to fit the problem

Map-Reduce: A diagram

MAP:
Read input and produces a set of key-value pairs

Group by key:
Collect all pairs with same key
(Hash merge, Shuffle, Sort, Partition)

Reduce:
Collect all values belonging to the key and output



Example: Word Counting

Example MapReduce task:

- We have a huge text document
- Count the number of times each distinct word appears in the file

- **Many applications of this:**
  - Analyze web server logs to find popular URLs
  - Statistical machine translation:
    - Need to count number of times every 5-word sequence occurs in a large corpus of documents

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The crew of the space shuttle Endeavor recently returned to Earth as ambassadors, harbingers of a new era of space exploration. Scientists at NASA are saying that the recent assembly of the Dextre bot is the first step in a long-term space-based man/mache partnership. '"The work we're doing now -- the robotics we're doing -- is what we're going to need ……………………..

Big document

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Only sequential reads

Word Count Using MapReduce

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map(key, value):
# key: document name; value: text of the document
  for each word w in value:
     emit(w, 1)


reduce(key, values):
# key: a word; value: an iterator over counts
      result = 0
      for each count v in values:
            result += v
      emit(key, result)
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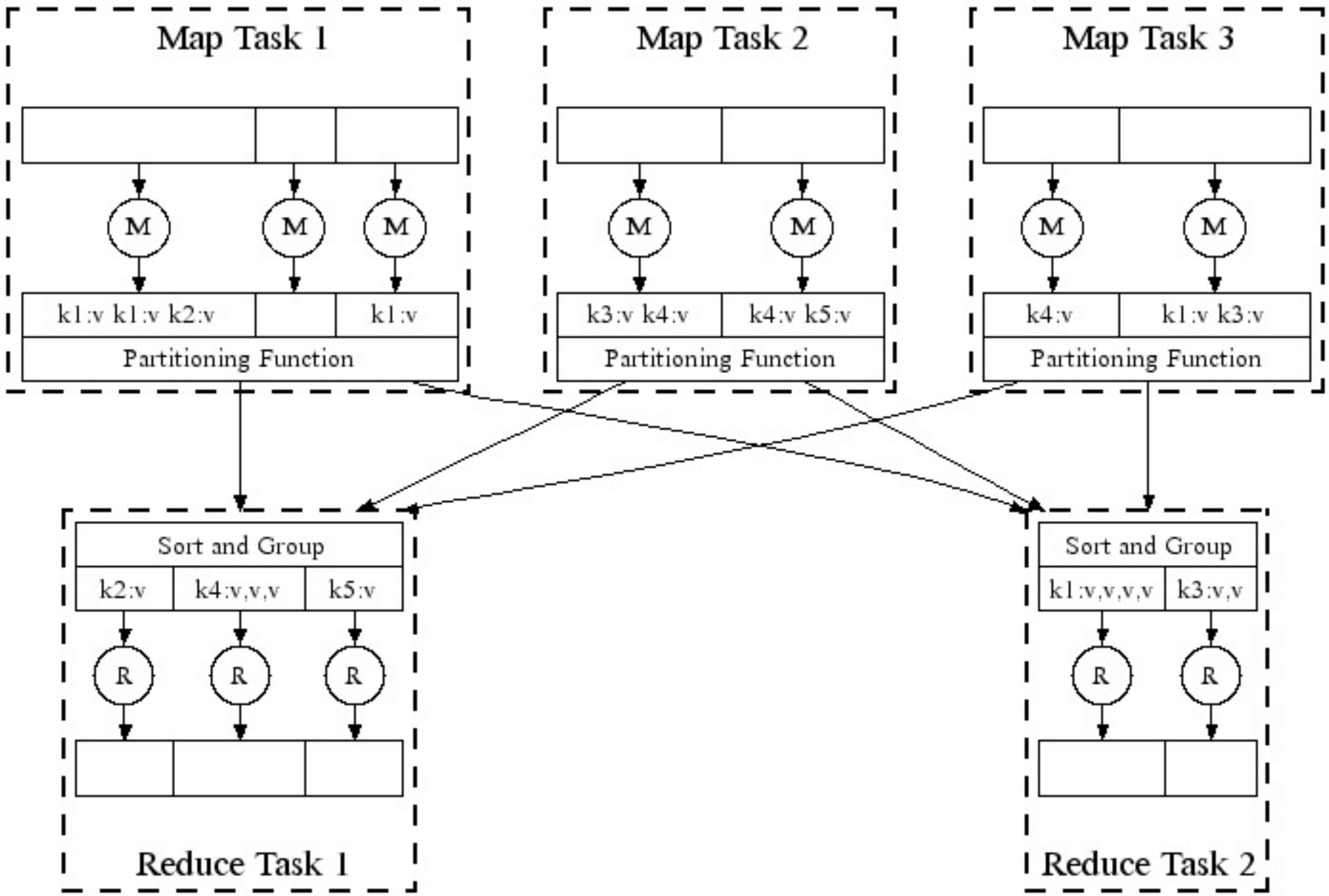
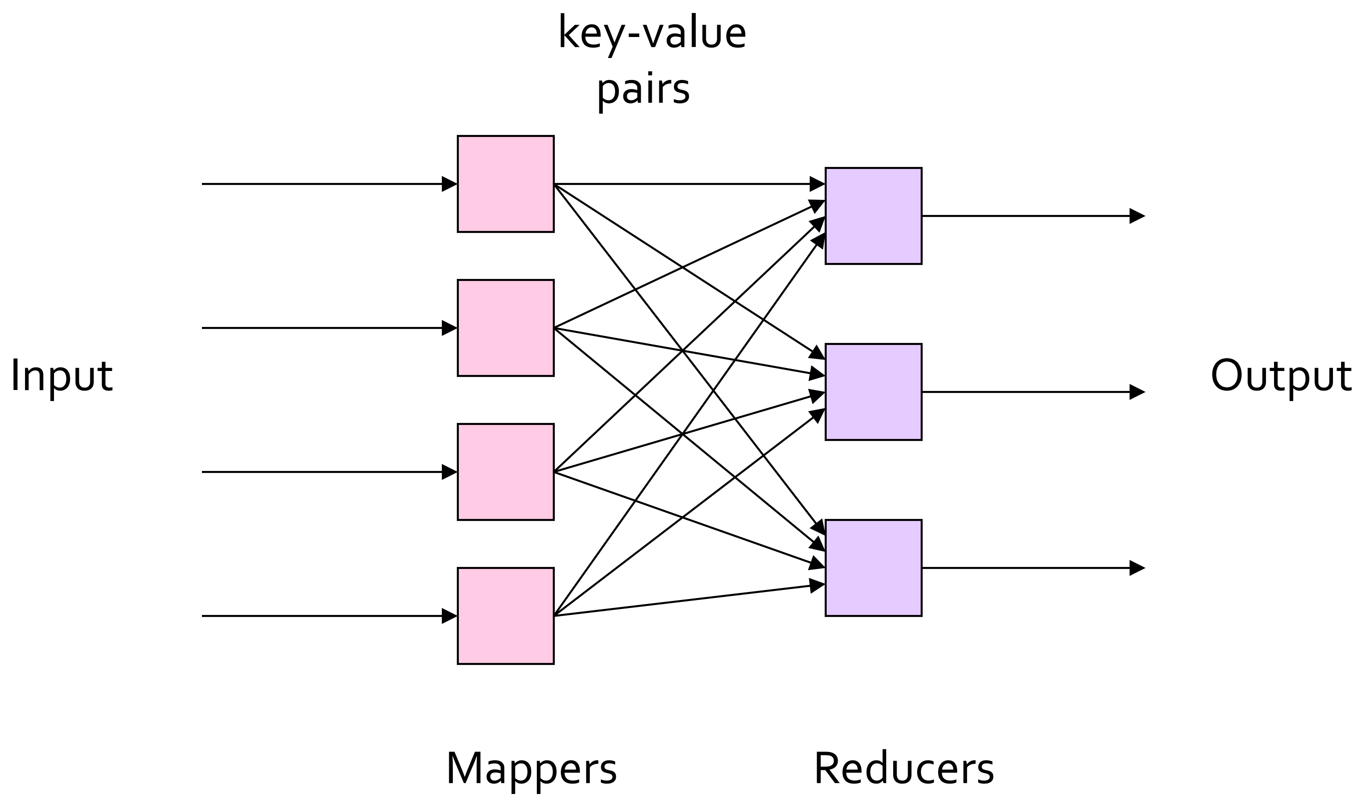
Map-Reduce: In Parallel



All phases are distributed with many tasks doing the work

MapReduce Pattern



MapReduce: Environment

MapReduce environment takes care of:

- **Partitioning** the input data
- **Scheduling** the program's execution across a set of machines
- Performing the **group by key** step
  - In practice this is is the bottleneck
- Handling machine **failures**
- Managing required inter-machine **communication**

Dealing with Failures

- **Map worker failure**
  - Map tasks completed or in-progress at worker are reset to idle and rescheduled
  - Reduce workers are notified when map task is rescheduled on another worker
- **Reduce worker failure**
  - Only in-progress tasks are reset to idle and the reduce task is restarted

Spark

Problems with MapReduce

- **Two major limitations of MapReduce:**
  - Difficulty of programming directly in MR
    - Many problems aren't easily described as map-reduce
  - Performance bottlenecks, or batch not fitting the use cases
    - Persistence to disk typically slower than in-memory work
- **In short, MR doesn't compose well for large applications**
  - Many times one needs to chain multiple map-reduce steps

Data-Flow Systems

- **MapReduce uses two "ranks" of tasks:** One for Map the second for Reduce
  - Data flows from the first rank to the second
- **Data-Flow Systems generalize this in two ways:**
  1. Allow any number of tasks/ranks
  2. Allow functions other than Map and Reduce
  - As long as data flow is in one direction only, we can have the blocking property and allow recovery of tasks rather than whole jobs

Spark: Most Popular Data-Flow System

- **Expressive computing system, not limited to the map-reduce model**
- **Additions to MapReduce model:**
  - Fast data sharing
    - Avoids saving intermediate results to disk
    - Caches data for repetitive queries (e.g. for machine learning)
  - General execution graphs (DAGs)
  - Richer functions than just map and reduce
- Compatible with Hadoop

Spark: Overview

- Open source software (Apache Foundation)
- Supports **Java, Scala and Python**

- **Key construct/idea:** Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD)

- **Higher-level APIs**: DataFrames & DataSets
  - Introduced in more recent versions of Spark
  - Different APIs for aggregate data, which allowed to introduce SQL support

Spark: RDD

Key concept ***Resilient Distributed Dataset*** **(RDD)**

- Partitioned collection of records
  - Generalizes (key-value) pairs
- Spread across the cluster, **Read-only**
- Caching dataset in memory
  - Different storage levels available
  - Fallback to disk possible

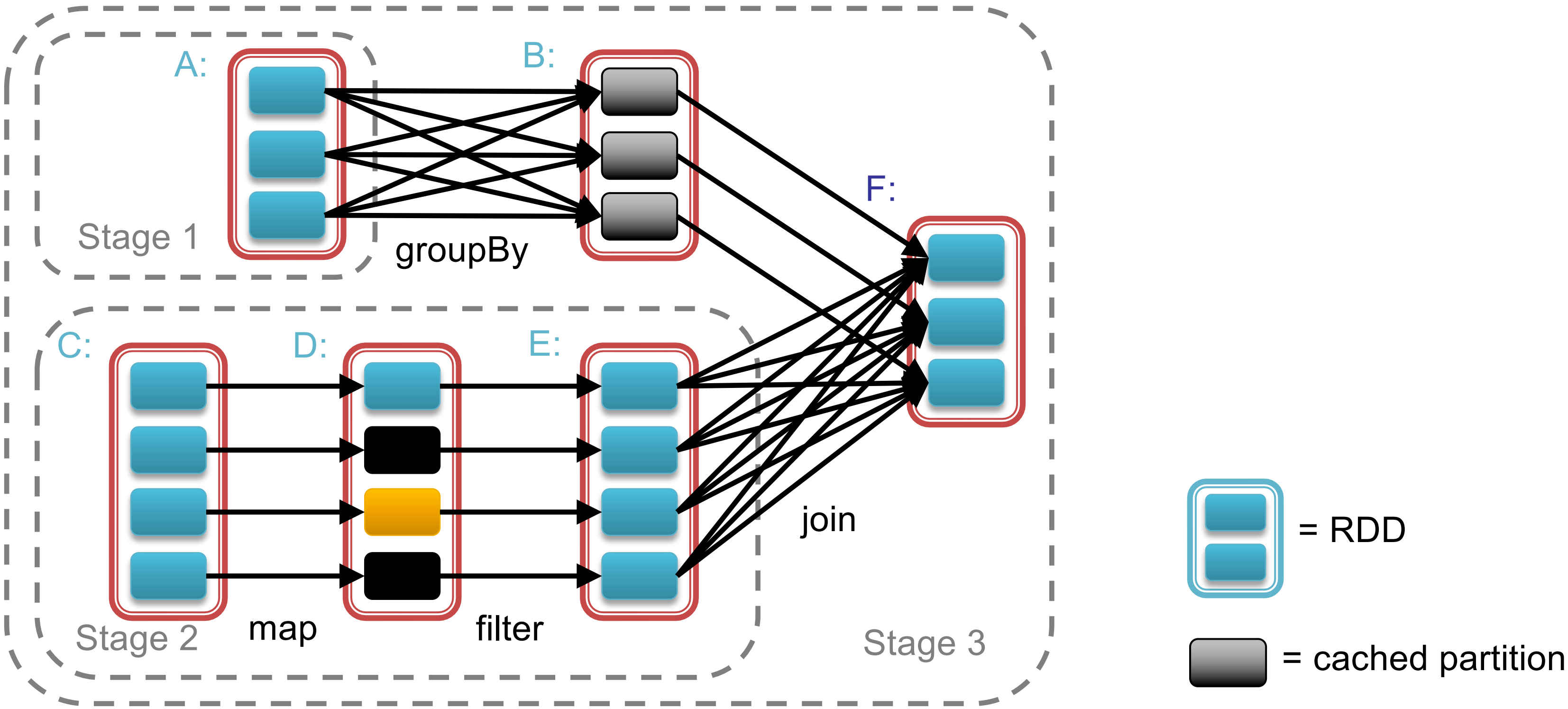
- RDDs can be created from Hadoop, or by transforming other RDDs (you can stack RDDs)

- RDDs are best suited for applications that apply the same operation to all elements of a dataset

Spark RDD Operations

- **Transformations** build RDDs through deterministic operations on other RDDs:
  - Transformations include *map*, *filter*, *join, union, intersection, distinct*
  - **Lazy evaluation:** Nothing computed until an action requires it
- **Actions** to return value or export data
  - Actions include *count*, *collect*, *reduce, save*
  - Actions can be applied to RDDs; actions force calculations and return values

Task Scheduler: General DAGs



- Supports general task graphs
- Pipelines functions where possible
- Cache-aware data reuse & locality
- Partitioning-aware to avoid shuffles

DataFrame & Dataset

- DataFrame:
  - Unlike an RDD, data organized into named columns, e.g. a **table in a relational database**.
  - Imposes a structure onto a distributed collection of data, allowing higher-level abstraction
- Dataset:
  - Extension of DataFrame API which provides **type-safe, object-oriented programming interface** (compile-time error detection)

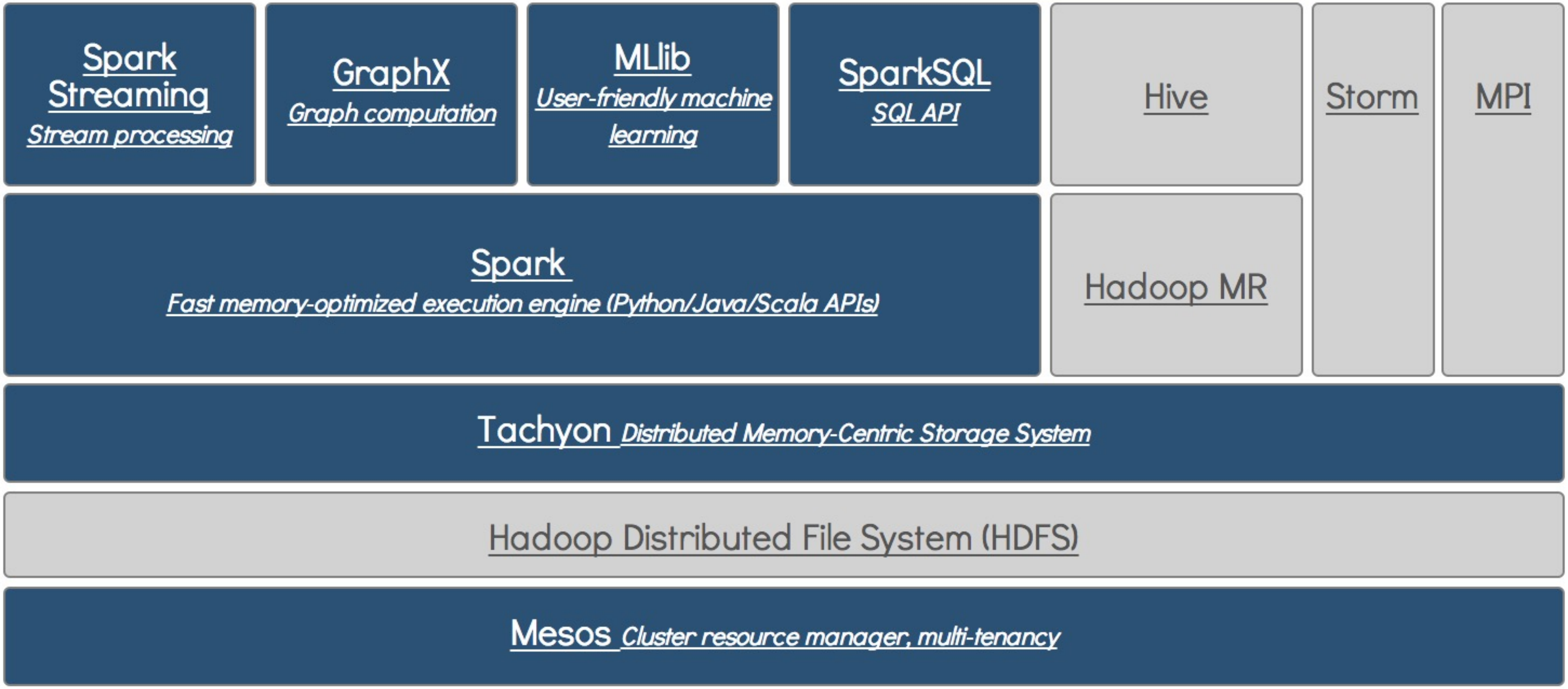
Both built on Spark SQL engine. Both can be converted back to an RDD

Spark vs. Hadoop MapReduce

- Performance: Spark normally faster but with caveats
  - Spark can process data in-memory; Hadoop MapReduce persists back to the disk after a map or reduce action
  - Spark generally outperforms MapReduce, but it **often needs lots of memory to perform well**; if there are other resource-demanding services or can't fit in memory, Spark degrades
  - MapReduce easily runs alongside other services with minor performance differences, & works well with the 1-pass jobs it was designed for
- Ease of use: **Spark is easier to program** (higher-level APIs)
- Data processing: **Spark is more general**

Data Engineering in Practice

Data Analytics Software Stack



Some other technologies to keep an eye on…

Google BigQuery

amazon REDSHIFT

DASK

Amazon Athena

snowflake

Pros: Map Reduce with Pandas API
Cons: Unstable, Not much support

Pros: Map Reduce via SQL, integrations
Cons: Not as flexible

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Pros: Loads of integrations, promises a lot
Cons: New-ish player, lots of development ahead

5 min break ☺

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Lab Part:
Intro to Spark