

PySpark Basics Cheat Sheet

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Spark



PySpark is the Spark Python API that exposes the Spark programming model to Python.

> Initializing Spark

SparkContext

```
>>> from pyspark import SparkContext
>>> sc = SparkContext(master = 'local[2]')
```

Inspect SparkContext

```
>>> sc.version #Retrieve SparkContext version
>>> sc.pythonVer #Retrieve Python version
>>> sc.master #Master URL to connect to
>>> str(sc.sparkHome) #Path where Spark is installed on worker nodes
>>> str(sc.sparkUser()) #Retrieve name of the Spark User running SparkContext
>>> sc.appName #Return application name
>>> sc.applicationId #Retrieve application ID
>>> sc.defaultParallelism #Return default level of parallelism
>>> sc.defaultMinPartitions #Default minimum number of partitions for RDDs
```

Configuration

```
>>> from pyspark import SparkConf, SparkContext
>>> conf = (SparkConf()
           .setMaster("local")
           .setAppName("My app")
           .set("spark.executor.memory", "1g"))
>>> sc = SparkContext(conf = conf)
```

Using The Shell

In the PySpark shell, a special interpreter-aware SparkContext is already created in the variable called `sc`.

```
$ ./bin/spark-shell --master local[2]
$ ./bin/pyspark --master local[4] --py-files code.py
```

Set which master the context connects to with the `--master` argument, and add Python `.zip`, `.egg` or `.py` files to the runtime path by passing a comma-separated list to `--py-files`.

> Loading Data

Parallelized Collections

```
>>> rdd = sc.parallelize([('a',7),('a',2),('b',2)])
>>> rdd2 = sc.parallelize([('a',2),('d',1),('b',1)])
>>> rdd3 = sc.parallelize(range(100))
>>> rdd4 = sc.parallelize(["a",["x","y","z"]],
                        ("b",["p", "r"]))
```

External Data

Read either one text file from HDFS, a local file system or any Hadoop-supported file system URI with `textFile()`, or read in a directory of text files with `wholeTextFiles()`

```
>>> textFile = sc.textFile("/my/directory/*.txt")
>>> textFile2 = sc.wholeTextFiles("/my/directory/")
```

> Retrieving RDD Information

Basic Information

```
>>> rdd.getNumPartitions() #List the number of partitions
>>> rdd.count() #Count RDD instances 3
>>> rdd.countByKey() #Count RDD instances by key
defaultdict(<type 'int'>, {'a':2, 'b':1})
>>> rdd.countByValue() #Count RDD instances by value
defaultdict(<type 'int'>, {'b':2}:1, ('a',2):1, ('a',7):1})
>>> rdd.collectAsMap() #Return (key,value) pairs as a dictionary
{'a': 2, 'b': 2}
>>> rdd3.sum() #Sum of RDD elements 4950
>>> sc.parallelize([]).isEmpty() #Check whether RDD is empty
True
```

Summary

```
>>> rdd3.max() #Maximum value of RDD elements
99
>>> rdd3.min() #Minimum value of RDD elements
0
>>> rdd3.mean() #Mean value of RDD elements
49.5
>>> rdd3.stdev() #Standard deviation of RDD elements
28.866070047722118
>>> rdd3.variance() #Compute variance of RDD elements
833.25
>>> rdd3.histogram(3) #Compute histogram by bins
([0,33,66,99],[33,33,34])
>>> rdd3.stats() #Summary statistics (count, mean, stdev, max & min)
```

> Applying Functions

```
#Apply a function to each RDD element
>>> rdd.map(lambda x: x+(x[1],x[0])).collect()
[('a',7,7,'a'),('a',2,2,'a'),('b',2,2,'b')]
#Apply a function to each RDD element and flatten the result
>>> rdd5 = rdd.flatMap(lambda x: x+(x[1],x[0]))
>>> rdd5.collect()
['a',7,7,'a','a',2,2,'a','b',2,2,'b']
#Apply a flatMap function to each (key,value) pair of rdd4 without changing the keys
>>> rdd4.flatMapValues(lambda x: x).collect()
[('a','x'),('a','y'),('a','z'),('b','p'),('b','r')]
```

> Selecting Data

Getting

```
>>> rdd.collect() #Return a list with all RDD elements
[('a', 7), ('a', 2), ('b', 2)]
>>> rdd.take(2) #Take first 2 RDD elements
[('a', 7), ('a', 2)]
>>> rdd.first() #Take first RDD element
('a', 7)
>>> rdd.top(2) #Take top 2 RDD elements
[('b', 2), ('a', 7)]
```

Sampling

```
>>> rdd3.sample(False, 0.15, 81).collect() #Return sampled subset of rdd3
[3,4,27,31,40,41,42,43,60,76,79,80,86,97]
```

Filtering

```
>>> rdd.filter(lambda x: "a" in x).collect() #Filter the RDD
[('a',7),('a',2)]
>>> rdd5.distinct().collect() #Return distinct RDD values
['a',2,'b',7]
>>> rdd.keys().collect() #Return (key,value) RDD's keys
['a', 'a', 'b']
```

> Iterating

```
>>> def g(x): print(x)
>>> rdd.foreach(g) #Apply a function to all RDD elements
('a', 7)
('b', 2)
('a', 2)
```

> Reshaping Data

Reducing

```
>>> rdd.reduceByKey(lambda x,y : x+y).collect() #Merge the rdd values for each key
[('a',9),('b',2)]
>>> rdd.reduce(lambda a, b: a + b) #Merge the rdd values
('a',7,'a',2,'b',2)
```

Grouping by

```
>>> rdd3.groupBy(lambda x: x % 2) #Return RDD of grouped values
.mapValues(list)
.collect()
>>> rdd.groupByKey() #Group rdd by key
.mapValues(list)
.collect()
[('a',[7,2]),('b',[2])]
```

Aggregating

```
>>> seqOp = (lambda x,y: (x[0]+y,x[1]+1))
>>> combOp = (lambda x,y:(x[0]+y[0],x[1]+y[1]))
#Aggregate RDD elements of each partition and then the results
>>> rdd3.aggregate((0,0),seqOp,combOp)
(4950,100)
#Aggregate values of each RDD key
>>> rdd.aggregateByKey((0,0),seqOp,combOp).collect()
[('a',(9,2)), ('b',(2,1))]
#Aggregate the elements of each partition, and then the results
>>> rdd3.fold(0,add)
4950
#Merge the values for each key
>>> rdd.foldByKey(0, add).collect()
[('a',9),('b',2)]
#Create tuples of RDD elements by applying a function
>>> rdd3.keyBy(lambda x: x+x).collect()
```

> Mathematical Operations

```
>>> rdd.subtract(rdd2).collect() #Return each rdd value not contained in rdd2
[('b',2),('a',7)]
#Return each (key,value) pair of rdd2 with no matching key in rdd
>>> rdd2.subtractByKey(rdd).collect()
[('d', 1)]
>>> rdd.cartesian(rdd2).collect() #Return the Cartesian product of rdd and rdd2
```

> Sort

```
>>> rdd2.sortBy(lambda x: x[1]).collect() #Sort RDD by given function
[('d',1),('b',1),('a',2)]
>>> rdd2.sortByKey().collect() #Sort (key, value) RDD by key
[('a',2),('b',1),('d',1)]
```

> Repartitioning

```
>>> rdd.repartition(4) #New RDD with 4 partitions
>>> rdd.coalesce(1) #Decrease the number of partitions in the RDD to 1
```

> Saving

```
>>> rdd.saveAsTextFile("rdd.txt")
>>> rdd.saveAsHadoopFile("hdfs://namenodehost/parent/child",
                        'org.apache.hadoop.mapred.TextOutputFormat')
```

> Stopping SparkContext

```
>>> sc.stop()
```

> Execution

```
$ ./bin/spark-submit examples/src/main/python/pi.py
```