# Resilient Distributed Datasets(RDDs), Spark's Distributed Collections

Big Data Analysis with Scala and Spark

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Most operations on RDDs, like Scala's immutable List, and Scala's parallel collections, are higher-order functions.

That is, methods that work on RDDs, taking a function as an argument, and which typically return RDDs.

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map map

flatMap

filter filter

reduce reduce

fold fold

aggregate aggregate

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map[B](f: A => B): List[B] // Scala List
map[B](f: A => B): RDD[B] // Spark RDD

flatMap[B](f: A => TraversableOnce[B]): List[B] // Scala List
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filter(pred: A => Boolean): List[A] // Scala List
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reduce(op: (A, A) => A): A // Scala List
reduce(op: (A, A) => A): A // Spark RDD

fold(z: A)(op: (A, A) => A): A // Scala List
fold(z: A)(op: (A, A) => A): A // Spark RDD

aggregate[B](z: => B)(seqop: (B, A) => B, combop: (B, B) => B): B // Scala
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val rdd = spark.textFile("hdfs://...")
val count = ???
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#### From a SparkContext (or SparkSession) object.

The SparkContext object (renamed SparkSession) can be thought of as your handle to the Spark cluster. It represents the connection between the Spark cluster and your running application. It defines a handful of methods which can be used to create and populate a new RDD:

- parallelize: convert a local Scala collection to an RDD.
- textFile: read a text file from HDFS or a local file system and return an RDD of String