Big Data Approach to fMRI Data Analysis with Intel DAAL and Full Correlation Matrix Analysis

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# Big Data

fMRI data analysis deals with data in tera bytes and operations on large scale matrices, which breeds an ideal scenario for the use of Big Data framework such as Apache Spark.



# biananes - Spark Nifti Reader Library

#### Read Nifti(.nii) to RowMatrix RDD



### Incorporate with Intel DAAL



Supposedly, rows in RowMatrix will be represented as vectors(rows) in NumericTable.

#### PCA Performance Boost Using Intel<sup>®</sup> DAAL vs. Spark\* MLLib



Configuration Info - Versions: Intel® Data Analytics Acceleration Library 2016, CDH v5.3.1, Apache Spark\* v1.2.0; Hardware: Intel® Xeon® Processor E5-2699 v3, 2 Eighteen-core CPUs (45MB LLC, 2.3GHz), 128GB of RAM per node; Operating System: CentOS 6.6 x86\_64. PCA normalized input.

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Theoretical performance boost

1. Intel Math Kernel Library is optimised for Intel processors

2. Set up overhead reduced in Apache Spark

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1. The above results do not give conclusive comparison between DAAL and MLlib. As the size of test data is small(~1MB), overhead for preliminary set up of the algorithms overwhelms the actual computation time.

2. Transformation of rows in RowMatrix from MLlib to vectors in NumericTable from DAAL has failed. Instead, the above results are compared under transformation in which rows in RowMatrix are represented by columns in NumericTable.

3. Computation attempts on Principal Component Analysis and Covariance were taken but failed to draw comparison as with input matrix size larger than 65535, these computations in MLlib are not supported.

Traditional approach to fMRI analysis



activity 1

activity 2

pair-wise correlation, univariate analysis



activity 1

activity 2

multivariate pattern analysis

implementation pipeline with parallel computing speeds up computation for more than 50 times

Correlation computation Pearson Correlation reduced to MM multiplication



Normalisation of correlation results Fisher Transformation to normally distribute data



Support Vector Machine Classifier to validate results via cross validation

1. Correlation computation

Since the use of MKL is encapsulated in DAAL, direct call of Matrix-Matrix multiplication is not supported.

Resolution is to adapt to Covariance computation, which is currently an ongoing process with the need to review and refine the representation of data transformed in NumericTable.

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