

Scalable Machine Learning Pipeline for Metadata Discovery from eBay Listings

Qing Zhang, Rui Li

eBay

Spark Summit 2016, June 6-8 San Francisco



Table of Contents

Spark for
Metadata
Discovery

Who We Are

Metadata
Discovery and
Challenges

Spark Solution

Summary

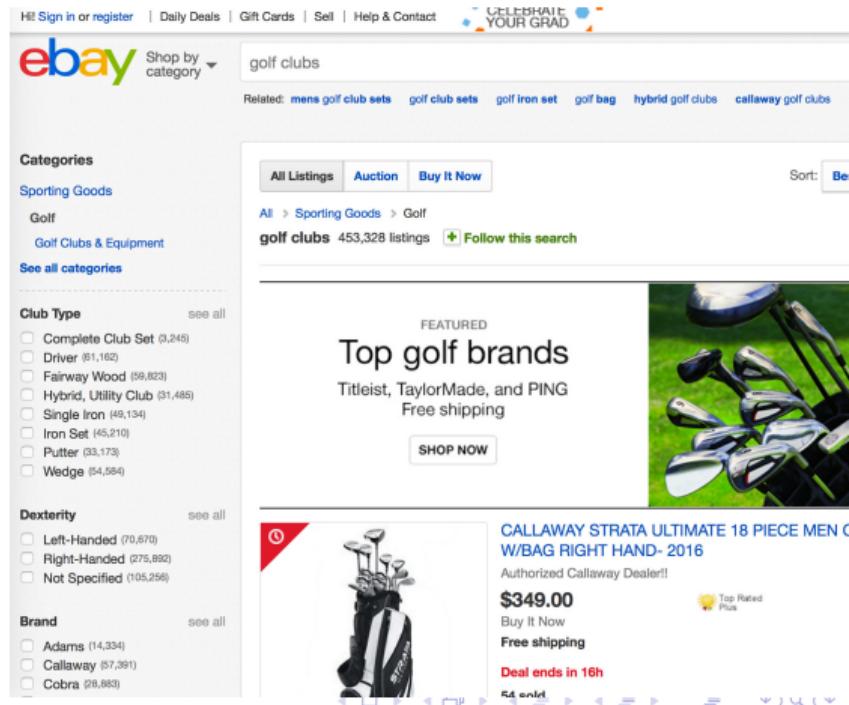
1 Who We Are

2 Metadata Discovery and Challenges

3 Spark Solution

4 Summary

- Metadata discovery and management
- Listing classification
- Catalog and mapping listing to product
- Inventory insights



The screenshot shows the eBay search results for 'golf clubs'. The search bar at the top has 'golf clubs' typed into it. Below the search bar, there are links for 'All Listings', 'Auction', and 'Buy It Now'. The main search results are for 'golf clubs', showing 453,328 listings. A 'Follow this search' button is available. To the right, there is a 'FEATURED' section for 'Top golf brands' featuring Titleist, TaylorMade, and PING with 'Free shipping' and a 'SHOP NOW' button. Below that is a product listing for 'CALLAWAY STRATA ULTIMATE 18 PIECE MEN'S W/BAG RIGHT HAND- 2016' by Callaway, which is an 'Authorized Callaway Dealer!!' with a price of '\$349.00', 'Buy It Now', 'Free shipping', and a 'Deal ends in 16h'. The product image shows a golf bag with clubs.

- Metadata discovery and management
- Listing classification
- Catalog and mapping listing to product
- Inventory insights

Best Selling

Trending price range



Nikon D D3300 24.2 MP
Digital SLR Camera - Black



\$367.97 - \$449.74



Canon EOS Rebel T5i / EOS
700D 18.0 MP Digital SLR



\$436.92 - \$534.02

- Metadata discovery and management
- Listing classification
- Catalog and mapping listing to product
- Inventory insights



Main photo

[Add from computer](#)[Add from mobile device](#)

More item specifics

Brand

Cardini

Carolee

Carolyn Pollack

Carrera y Carrera

Cartier

Casio

Caterpillar

Cavadini

Cerruti

Gender

Features

Water Resistance Rating

Watch Shape

Case Color



- Important name-value pairs: *brand* - Dell
- Selling flow item specifics
- Search navigation
- Powers internal applications

memory box	weiss	yamaha	fisher-price	generic
modway	duluth trading	mek usa dnm	other	sahara club
gokey	longhorn	outdoor gear	trax	wolverine
sk	spiderman	vintage	mixed	orchard corset

- Highly rely on manual review
- Unfamiliar candidates
- The same candidate appears in multiple categories

Challenges in Metadata Discovery

Spark for
Metadata
Discovery

Who We Are

Metadata
Discovery and
Challenges

Spark Solution

Summary

Term	Site	Categories
scott james	US	Men's Clothing: Blazers & Sport Coats Men's Clothing: Pants Men's Clothing: Casual Shirts Men's Clothing: Dress Shirts
tiella	US	Chandeliers & Ceiling Fixtures Lighting Parts & Accessories
turf	US	Sports Mem, Cards & Fan Shop: Cards: Football
turf	UK	Collectables: Cigarette/Tea/Gum Cards: Cigarette Cards: Other Cigarette Cards

Data Driven Approach for Brand Discovery

Spark for
Metadata
Discovery

Who We Are

Metadata
Discovery and
Challenges

Spark Solution

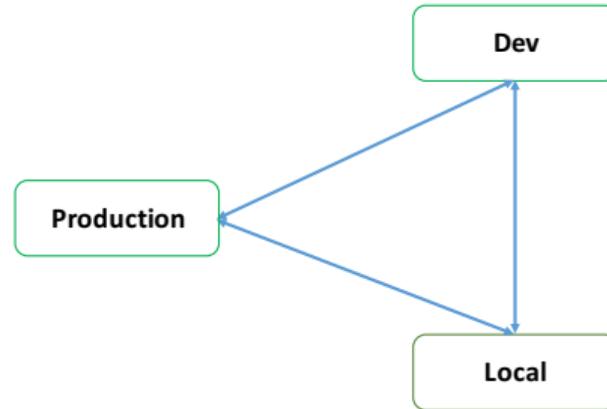
Summary

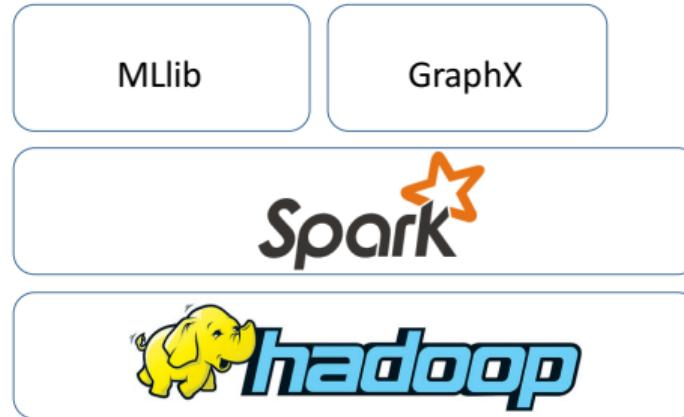
- Utilize seller input item specifics
- Utilize supply demand signals from sellers and buyers
- Training data available from previously reviewed candidates

Item specifics		
Condition:	New: A brand-new, unused, unopened, undamaged item in its original packaging (where packaging is ... Read more	Brand: Nikon
Optical Zoom:	3x	Model: D5500
Battery Type:	Lithium-ion	Series: Nikon D
Connectivity:	USB	MPN: 1546
Color:	Black	Type: Digital SLR
Bundled Items:	Case or Bag, Flash, Lens, Lens Cleaning Kit, Lens Filter, Memory Card, Memory Reader, Strap (Neck or Wrist), Tripod	Megapixels: 24.2 MP
Manufacturer Warranty:	No	UPC: Does not apply

- Data : 35,000 previously human reviewed metadata candidates
- Feature : supply and demand signals
- Prototypes with Python Scikit
- Logistic regression, gradient boosting trees, random forest etc
- Random forest F1 0.878

- In the past, train offline and implement prediction component on production
- File transferring and configurations are time-consuming





- Spark provides powerful data processing APIs
- MLlib is a comprehensive machine learning package powered by Spark
- Regression, classification, clustering, dimensionality reduction etc
- Efficient development with local model, and flexible file access

The Machine Learning System

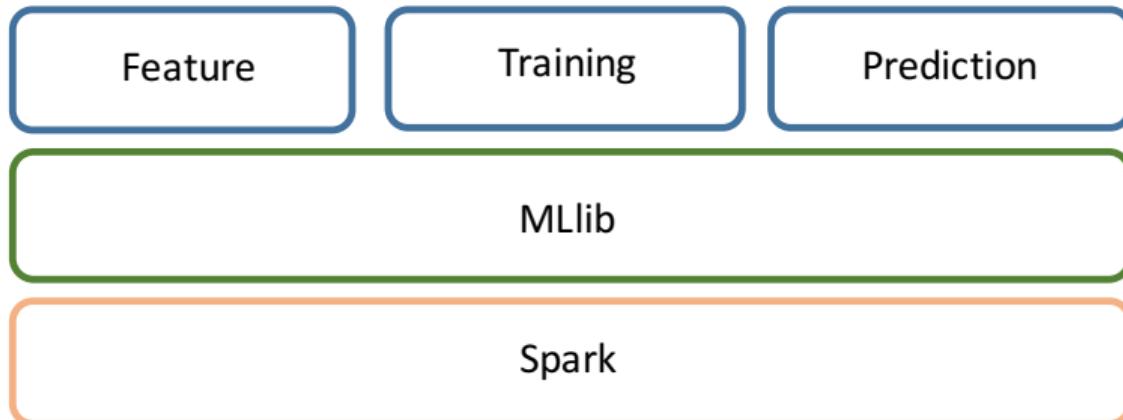
Spark for
Metadata
Discovery

Who We Are

Metadata
Discovery and
Challenges

Spark Solution

Summary



```
val pipeline = new Pipeline()
  .setStages(Array(labelIndexer, featureIndexer,
                    rf, labelConverter))

val evaluator = new MulticlassClassificationEvaluator()
  .setLabelCol("indexedLabel")
  .setPredictionCol("prediction")

val cv = new CrossValidator()
  .setEstimator(pipeline)
  .setEvaluator(evaluator)
  .setEstimatorParamMaps(paramGrid)
  .setNumFolds(5)
```

Model	F1
Python Scikit prototype	0.878
MLlib local	0.865
MLlib Hadoop (200 executors, production)	0.862
MLlib Hadoop (400 executors)	0.861
MLlib Hadoop (50 executors)	0.857
MLlib Hadoop (2 executors)	0.862

- The performance variations among implementations are acceptable

Stage	Data Size	Time
Feature Generation	1.73 Billion	6 min
Train	33,000	8 min
Prediction Input	650,000	4 min

- Capable of running the job daily
- Speed up the metadata discovery process, from months to days

Newly Discovered Brand

Spark for
Metadata
Discovery

Who We Are

Metadata
Discovery and
Challenges

Spark Solution

Summary

Brand	Probability
Milkies	0.84
BEABA	0.85
OXO	0.83
Lorex	0.87
Plan Toys	0.85
Safety 1st	0.82
Blabla	0.81
Combi	0.88
Graco	0.88
TotsBots	0.85
Realtree	0.85

- Spark enables fast iterations of ML application development
- MLlib is comprehensive, and well integrated with Spark framework
- Dev and test locally, straightforward production deployment
- Compact code : 600 lines
- Need better understanding of the ML algorithm implementations in MLlib

Thejas Durgam

Anu Mandalam

Meital Tahar Zahav & eBay SDO Team

Jean-David Ruvini

Qing Zhang, qzhang12@ebay.com
Rui Li, ruili1@ebay.com