

Feature 1766 Limited sql sink connections

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Motivation

Currently, running the rule like following will create a connection to the certain database sink.

```
{
  "id": "rule%v",
  "sql": "SELECT a,b,c from demo",
  "actions": [
    {
      "log": {
      },
      "sql": {
        "url": "mysql://root@127.0.0.1:4000/test",
        "table": "test",
        "fields": ["a", "b", "c"]
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

If we create 5000 rules, and it will create 5000 connections to the certain database sink which may crash the database sink due to too many connections. Thus, we want to limit the connections to the database sink, and make the rules shared the same database connection pool if they have the same database driver and DSN.

Original Design

For now, each SinkNode would maintain one *sql.DB, when we Open the SinkNode, one *sql.DB would be created and used by this SinkNode

After the Rule was stopped or deleted, the SinkNode would be

```
func (m *sqlSink) Open(ctx api.StreamContext) (err error) {
    logger := ctx.GetLogger()
    logger.Debugf("Opening sql sink")

    db, err := util.Open(m.conf.Url)
    if err != nil {
        logger.Errorf("support build tags are %v", driver.KnownBuildTags())
        return err
    }
    m.db = db
    return
}
```

After the Rule was stopped or deleted, the SinkNode would be Closed, so as the *sql.DB would be closed.

```
func (m *sqlSink) Close(_ api.StreamContext) error {
    if m.db != nil {
        return m.db.Close()
    }
    return nil
}
```

In this way, each rule will create one SQL connection if it has a SQL sink which may cause lots of connections created due to mass rules.

New Implementation

As the Golang documents said, `*sql.DB` is a handle of the database connections, that is to say, `*sql.DB` worked as a database connection pool.

```
// DB is a database handle representing a pool of zero or more  
// underlying connections. It's safe for concurrent use by multiple  
// goroutines.
```

So the idea is to make `SinkNodes` sharing the same `*sql.DB` if they have the same driver and the same DSN. We will maintain a Global Pool for the `*sql.DB` group by the driver and the DSN.

```
type driverPool struct {  
    isTesting bool  
  
    sync.RWMutex  
    pool map[string]*dbPool  
}
```

```
type dbPool struct {  
    isTesting bool  
    driver      string  
  
    sync.RWMutex  
    pool          map[string]*sql.DB  
    connections map[string]int  
}
```

In this way, each `SinkNode` will try to get the `*sql.DB` from the Global Pool. Muliti `SinkNode` will get the same `*sql.DB` if they require the same driver and DSN.

The connections in `dbPool` will record the count of the `SinkNode` which hold the certain `*sql.DB`. After the `SinkNode` return the `*sql.DB`, the count would be minus 1. When the count become 0, the `*sql.DB` would be removed from the pool as there is no `SinkNode` holding it any more, as well as in order to avoid the memory leak problem.

After we let mulitple `SinkNode` share one `*sql.DB`, we can directly used the following method to control the total connections to a certain database instance.

```
db.SetMaxOpenConns(c.Sink.SinkSQLConf.MaxConnections)
```

In this way, after we created the mass rules to a single database sink, the total count of the connections would be controlled as a fixed number.

Configuration

We will expose the `MaxConnections` in Configuration as following:

```
basic:  
  sql:  
    maxConnections: 100
```