Ex. No. 5	CREATING DATA FRAMES USING APACHE SPARK
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Aim

To create and manipulate DataFrames using Spark SQL in order to efficiently handle and query structured data.

Description

In Apache Spark, a DataFrame is a distributed collection of data organized into named columns, similar to a relational database table.

- DataFrames provide higher-level abstractions for structured data processing.
- They support SQL queries, aggregation, filtering, and joins.
- DataFrames can be created from RDDs, CSV/JSON files, databases, or in-memory data.
- Using Spark SQL, we can interact with DataFrames using both SQL queries and DataFrame API.

Key features:

1. Supports structured and semi-structured data (JSON, CSV, Parquet, etc.).
2. Optimized execution using Catalyst optimizer.
3. Provides integration with SQL queries.

Program

Import necessary libraries from pyspark.sql import SparkSession

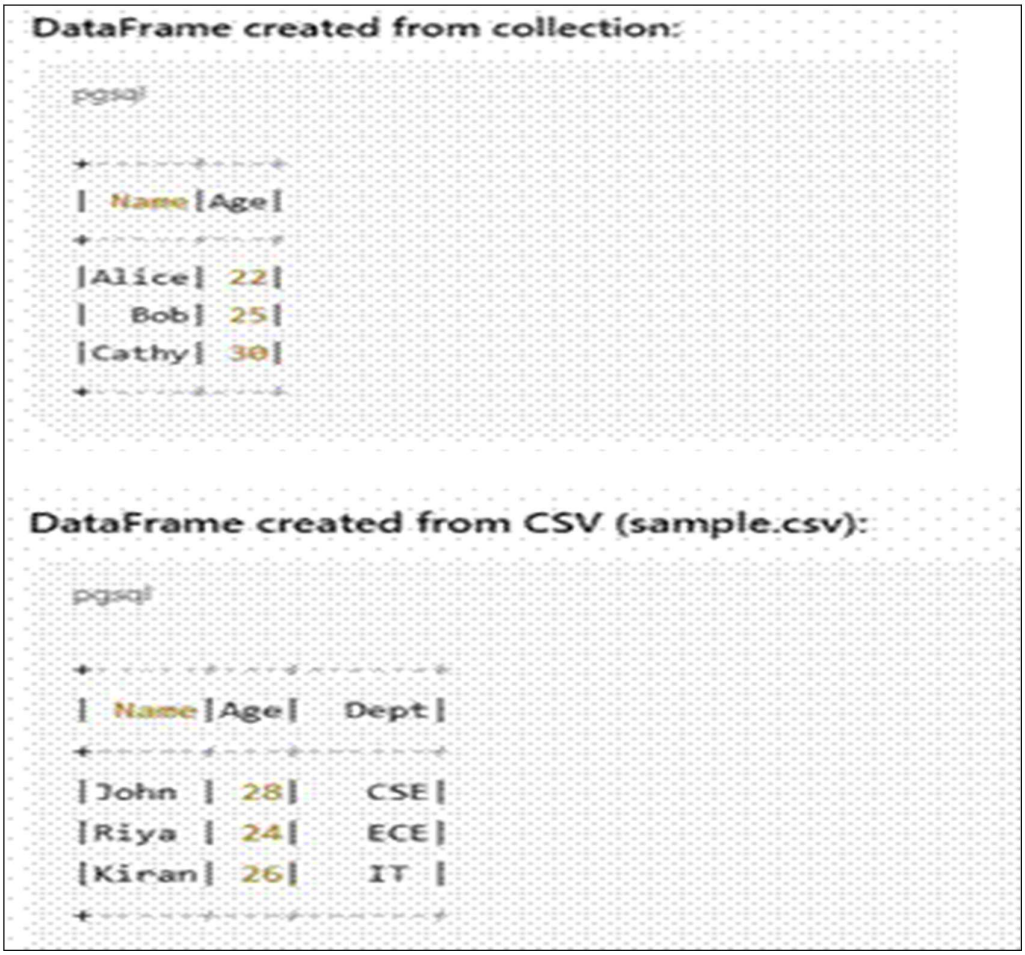
Create SparkSession spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("DataFrameExample").getOrCreate()

1. Create DataFrame from collection data = [("Alice", 22), ("Bob", 25), ("Cathy", 30)] columns = ["Name", "Age"] df1 = spark.createDataFrame(data, columns) print("DataFrame created from collection:") df1.show()

2. Create DataFrame from external CSV file

(Assume sample.csv contains: Name,Age,Dept) df2 = spark.read.csv("sample.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True) print("DataFrame created from CSV:") df2.show() # 3. Perform operations print("Selecting only Name column:") df1.select("Name").show() print("Filtering rows where Age > 23:") df1.filter(df1.Age > 23).show() # Stop Spark session spark.stop()

Output



Result:

Thus, a DataFrame was successfully created in Spark SQL from a collection and an external CSV file, and basic operations such as selection and filtering were performed