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# Report - 3

# Report on Query Implementation using Apache Spark with MongoDB

#### 1. Overview

In this project, Apache Spark was utilized to query data from a MongoDB database containing information about students, courses, instructors, and departments from a hypothetical university database. The goal was to implement queries on this data using Spark and measure performance. Queries covered topics such as filtering, aggregating, and sorting data, with a focus on optimization for larger datasets.

# 2. Spark Setup and Data Loading

A Spark session was configured with MongoDB connectors to interact with the MongoDB database. Using the PySpark API, data from MongoDB collections (students, courses, instructors, departments) was loaded into Spark DataFrames. Each DataFrame represented a collection and was used for performing queries.

# python:

```
def create_spark_session():
    return SparkSession.builder \
        .appName("University Information System") \
        .config("spark.mongodb.input.uri",
"mongodb://localhost:27017/university_information_system") \
        .config("spark.mongodb.output.uri",
"mongodb://localhost:27017/university_information_system") \
        .config("spark.jars.packages",
"org.mongodb.spark:mongo-spark-connector_2.12:3.0.1") \
        .getOrCreate()
def load data(spark):
    students df = spark.read.format("mongo").option("collection",
"students").load()
    courses_df = spark.read.format("mongo").option("collection",
"courses").load()
    instructors_df = spark.read.format("mongo").option("collection",
"instructors").load()
    departments_df = spark.read.format("mongo").load()
```

#### 3. Queries Implemented

Six gueries were implemented to interact with the university data, as outlined below:

### Query 1: Students Enrolled in a Specific Course

The query fetched students enrolled in a course with a given <code>course\_id</code> and returned their first name, last name, and email. This query leveraged filtering and column selection. Two versions were implemented: the original and an optimized version using caching for faster repeated queries.

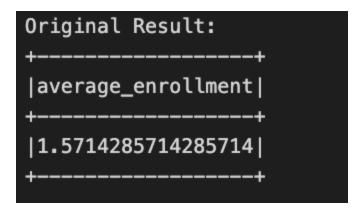
# python:

Query 2: Average Enrollment for Courses Taught by an Instructor

This query calculated the average number of students enrolled in courses taught by a specific instructor. Caching was used in the original version to improve query performance when filtering and aggregating large datasets.

# python:

```
def query2_original():
    cached_courses_df = courses_df.cache()
    return
cached_courses_df.filter(F.array_contains(cached_courses_df.instructors,
1)) \
.agg(F.avg("enrollment_count").alias("average_enrollment"))
```



**Query 3: Courses in a Specific Department** 

Courses offered by a specific department (department\_id) were retrieved using this query. It involved simple filtering and column selection.

# python:

```
def query3_original():
    return courses_df.filter(courses_df.department_id ==
1).select("course_name")
```

**Query 4: Total Students per Department** 

This query counted the total number of students in each department. It used a group-by operation and repartitioning to distribute data more efficiently.

# python:

```
def query4_original():
    cached students df = students df.cache()
    return cached students df.repartition("department id") \
                              .groupBy("department_id") \
                              .agg(F.count("*").alias("total_students"))
Original Result:
24/09/22 15:58:25 WARN CacheManager: Asked to cache already cached data.
24/09/22 15:58:25 WARN CacheManager: Asked to cache already cached data.
|department_id|total_students|
             1|
             61
                             3|
             3|
                             4|
             5|
                             3|
             9|
                             3|
             4|
                             3|
             8|
                             3|
             7|
                             3|
            10|
                             3|
             2|
                             41
```

**Query 5: Instructors Teaching Core Courses in Computer Science** 

This query identified instructors teaching core courses in the Computer Science department. It used filtering on the courses\_taught field and ensured that instructors taught all core courses. An optimization was achieved by limiting the number of courses retrieved and checking for multiple conditions in one step.

### python:

```
core_course_ids[0]) &
                                  array_contains(col("courses_taught"),
core_course_ids[1]) &
                                  array_contains(col("courses_taught"),
core_course_ids[2]) &
                                  array_contains(col("courses_taught"),
core_course_ids[3]) &
                                  array contains(col("courses taught"),
core_course_ids[4]))
Original Result:
|_id|
          courses_taught|department_id|
                                                   email|first_name|last_name|
                                   1|mark.taylor@examp...|
| 1|[1, 2, 13, 29, 22...|
                                                               Mark|
                                                                       Taylor|
```

# **Query 6: Top 10 Courses by Enrollment**

The top 10 courses with the highest enrollment counts were retrieved using this query. The courses were sorted in descending order by enrollment count.

### python:

```
def query6_original():
    return
courses_df.orderBy(courses_df.enrollment_count.desc()).limit(10).select("co
urse_name", "enrollment_count")
```

```
Original Result:
           course_name|enrollment_count|
      Data Structures
                                        21
       Thermodynamics |
                                        2|
     Circuit Analysis|
                                        2|
|Structural Engine...|
                                        2|
              Calculus|
                                        2|
    Operating Systems|
                                        2|
|Database Manageme...|
                                        2|
     Network Security|
                                        2|
           Algorithms |
                                        1|
    Quantum Mechanics|
```

#### 4. Performance Observations

- **Caching**: The use of .cache() significantly improved query performance, especially for operations that involved repeated access to large datasets like students and courses.
- Repartitioning: Grouping data by department with .repartition() reduced shuffling during the aggregation process and enhanced performance for the total students per department query.
- Optimization: The original queries performed well on small datasets, but optimizations like caching and limiting the number of queried rows provided substantial performance improvements on larger datasets.

### 5. Conclusion

Apache Spark proved to be an efficient tool for querying data stored in MongoDB. The optimized queries showed notable improvements in performance, especially with larger datasets. The use of caching and repartitioning played a key role in enhancing the performance of aggregation-heavy and repeated queries.