CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

The project "Sales Data Analysis Using Spark SQL" focuses on efficiently analyzing large volumes of sales data using Apache Spark, a distributed computing framework. Traditional data analysis systems struggle to handle massive datasets due to memory limitations and slow query execution times. Spark SQL provides a powerful interface for structured data processing that integrates SQL-like querying capabilities with Spark's scalability and speed. This project aims to demonstrate how Spark SQL can be applied to perform real-time, large-scale data analysis, identify business trends, and generate insights such as top-selling products, revenue patterns, and regional sales distribution. The solution can be extended for retail analytics, e-commerce insights, or financial forecasting.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this project are:

- To load, clean, and process large sales datasets using Apache Spark.
- To perform data analysis using Spark SQL for faster query execution.
- To generate meaningful insights such as top-performing products, regions, and customers.
- To visualize sales trends for better decision-making.
- To demonstrate the advantages of distributed computing using Spark.
- To create a scalable and reusable analytics pipeline for business intelligence.

CHAPTER 2

PROBLEM DEFINATION & PROPOSED SYSTEM METHODOLOGY

2.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Organizations produce vast amounts of sales data daily, making traditional systems (e.g., standalone SQL or Pandas) inadequate due to the high computational cost and time. Key challenges include efficient handling of big data, executing complex analytical queries on distributed systems, achieving real-time insights without performance issues, and ensuring scalability and fault tolerance. Therefore, a distributed, high-performance analytical system is essential for rapid and accurate processing of sales data.

2.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM METHODOLOGY

The proposed system uses Apache Spark SQL to analyze sales data stored in structured formats (CSV/JSON/Parquet). The pipeline includes:

1. **Data Collection:**
   Sales datasets are collected from multiple sources such as online retail or sales databases.
2. **Data Preprocessing:**
   Handling missing values, duplicates, and incorrect entries using Spark DataFrame operations.
3. **Data Loading:**
   Loading datasets into Spark DataFrames for distributed computation.
4. **Query Execution using Spark SQL:**
   Registering DataFrames as temporary SQL views and executing queries to analyze:
   - Total sales per region
   - Most profitable products
   - Sales trends by month or year
   - Customer purchase behavior

5. **Visualization and Reporting:**

   Using Matplotlib/Seaborn or Spark's built-in visualization libraries to display results.

6. **Result Generation:**

   The final analytical results are stored or displayed as reports/dashboards.

2.3 CODE

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import json import
os
from flask import Flask, jsonify, render_template, request
# Set template and static folders relative to repo root (so running from src/ still finds them)
PROJECT_ROOT = os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(_file_)))
TEMPLATES_DIR = os.path.join(PROJECT_ROOT, 'templates')
STATIC_DIR = os.path.join(PROJECT_ROOT, 'static')
app = Flask(_name_, template_folder=TEMPLATES_DIR, static_folder=STATIC_DIR)
@app.route('/')
def index():
  return render_template('index.html')
@app.route('/data')
def data():
  """Return region sales summary. Behavior:
  - If static/data/region_sales.json exists, return it (fast path).
  - Otherwise, read data/sales.csv, aggregate Sales and Profit by Region, and return the result.
  """
  # Path under STATIC_DIR so it's consistent regardless of cwd
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json_path = os.path.join(STATIC_DIR, 'data', 'region_sales.json') #
Allow forcing a refresh with ?refresh=true
refresh = request.args.get('refresh', 'false').lower() in ('1', 'true', 'yes') if
os.path.exists(json_path) and not refresh:
  try:
    with open(json_path, 'r', encoding='utf-8') as f: data =
      json.load(f)
    return jsonify(data)
  except Exception:
    # If reading cached file fails, continue to recompute pass

# Fallback: compute from CSV on the fly. Try several likely locations
candidate_paths = [
  os.path.join(STATIC_DIR, 'data', 'sales.csv'),  # static/data/sales.csv
  os.path.join(PROJECT_ROOT, 'data', 'sales.csv'),
  os.path.join(PROJECT_ROOT, '..', 'data', 'sales.csv'),
  os.path.join('data', 'sales.csv'),
]
csv_path = None
for p in candidate_paths:
  if os.path.exists(p):
    csv_path = p
    break

if csv_path is None:
  # For debugging, show which candidates we tried
  return jsonify({'error': 'sales.csv not found', 'tried': candidate_paths}), 404
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try:
    import pandas as pd
except Exception:
    return jsonify({'error': 'pandas is required to read CSV on the server. Install with: pip install
pandas'}), 500
# Read CSV robustly: try utf-8 with replacement for bad bytes, then latin-1 as fallback. try:
    df = pd.read_csv(csv_path, encoding='utf-8', engine='python',
error_bad_lines=False)
except Exception:
    try:
        df = pd.read_csv(csv_path, encoding='latin-1', engine='python')
    except Exception:
        return jsonify({'error': 'failed to read CSV', 'path': csv_path}), 500
# Ensure Sales and Profit are numeric, coerce malformed values to NaN
df['Sales'] = pd.to_numeric(df.get('Sales', None), errors='coerce') df['Profit'] =
pd.to_numeric(df.get('Profit', None), errors='coerce')

summary = (
    df.groupby('Region', dropna=False)
     .agg({'Sales': 'sum', 'Profit': 'sum'})
     .reset_index()
)
# Round numbers for readability
summary['Sales'] = summary['Sales'].round(2) summary['Profit'] =
summary['Profit'].round(2)

result = summary.to_dict(orient='records')
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# Ensure the static/data directory exists and write the JSON cache atomically cache_dir =
os.path.join(STATIC_DIR, 'data')
try:
    os.makedirs(cache_dir, exist_ok=True)
    tmp_path = json_path + '.tmp'
    with open(tmp_path, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
        json.dump(result, f, ensure_ascii=False, indent=2) #
    Atomic replace
    os.replace(tmp_path, json_path) except
Exception:
    # If caching fails, we still return the computed result pass
return jsonify(result) if
_name_ == "_main_":
app.run(debug=True) import
importlib.util import
traceback
spec = importlib.util.spec_from_file_location('srv', 'src/server.py') srv =
importlib.util.module_from_spec(spec)
try:
    spec.loader.exec_module(srv)
except Exception:
    print('FAILED to import src/server.py')
    traceback.print_exc()
    raise
try:
    if not hasattr(srv, 'app'):
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    raise RuntimeError('server module does not expose app')
  # Use the Flask test client so request and request.args are available client =
  srv.app.test_client()
  # First run: normal (will create cache) r =
  client.get('/data')
  print('HTTP STATUS:', r.status_code)
  print('BODY (first 4000 chars):\n')
  print(r.get_data(as_text=True)[:4000]) #
  Second run: force refresh
  r2 = client.get('/data?refresh=true')
  print('\nHTTP STATUS (refresh):', r2.status_code) print(r2.get_data(as_text=True)[:4000])
except Exception:
  print('FAILED to call data()')
  traceback.print_exc()
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Sales Dashboard</title>
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/chart.js"></script>
  <style>
    body {
      font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
      background: #f9f9f9;
      margin: 40px;
      text-align: center;
    }
    table {
```

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      border-collapse: collapse; width:
      60%;
      margin: 20px auto;
    }
    th, td {
      border: 1px solid #ccc;
      padding: 10px;
    }
    th {
      background: #007BFF;
      color: white;
    }
    canvas {
      max-width: 600px;
      margin: 30px auto;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1> Sales Dashboard</h1>
  <table id="sales-table">
    <thead>
      <tr>
        <th>Region</th>
        <th>Total Sales</th>
        <th>Total Profit</th>
      </tr>
    </thead>
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    <tbody></tbody>
  </table>
  <canvas id="salesChart"></canvas>
  <script>
    fetch('/data')
      .then(response => response.json())
      .then(data => {
        const tableBody = document.querySelector('#sales-table tbody'); const
        labels = [];
        const values = [];
        // Support the server response that returns Region-level aggregates
        // Expected shape: [{"Region": "West", "Sales": 12345.67, "Profit": 123.45}, ...]
        data.forEach(row => {
          const tr = document.createElement('tr');
          // Prefer Region/Sales/Profit keys. If server returned other keys (e.g. Customer
Name),
          // try to use them as a fallback.
          const region = row.Region ?? row['Region'] ?? row['Customer Name'] ?? '';
          const sales = (row.Sales ?? row['Sales'] ?? row['Total Sales'] ??
row['total_sales'] ?? 0);
          const profit = (row.Profit ?? row['Profit'] ?? row['Total Profit'] ?? row['total_profit'] ??
'');

          tr.innerHTML = `
            <td>${region}</td>
            <td>${sales}</td>
            <td>${profit}</td>
          `;
          tableBody.appendChild(tr);
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            labels.push(region);
            values.push(parseFloat(sales) || 0);
          });
          new Chart(document.getElementById('salesChart'), { type: 'bar',
            data: {
              labels: labels,
              datasets: [{
                label: 'Total Sales',
                data: values,
                backgroundColor: 'rgba(54, 162, 235, 0.6)'
              }]
            },
            options: {
              responsive: true,
              scales: {
                y: {
                  beginAtZero: true
                }
              }
            }
          });
        });
    </script>
</body>
</html>
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, year, month, to_date, expr
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# 1. Initialize Spark
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("SalesDataAnalysis").getOrCreate() # 2.
Load dataset with proper parsing (handles quoted fields with commas) df =
spark.read.csv(
   "C:/Users/Rahul Dara/sales-data-analysis/data/sales.csv",
   header=True,
   inferSchema=False,  # read everything as string first
   multiLine=True,
   escape="\"",
   quote="\""
)
# 3. Clean + Convert column types safely using try_cast
df = df.withColumn("Sales", expr("try_cast(Sales as double)")) \
      .withColumn("Quantity", expr("try_cast(Quantity as int)")) \
      .withColumn("Discount", expr("try_cast(Discount as double)")) \
      .withColumn("Profit", expr("try_cast(Profit as double)")) \
      .withColumn("Order Date", to_date(col("Order Date"), "M/d/yyyy"))

# 4. Register Temp View for Spark SQL
df.createOrReplaceTempView("sales")

# ------------- QUERIES -------------

# 1. Total Sales Revenue
print("\nTotal Sales Revenue")
spark.sql("SELECT ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales FROM sales").show()
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# 2. Total Profit
print("\n Total Profit")
spark.sql("SELECT ROUND(SUM(Profit),2) as total_profit FROM sales").show() #
3. Top 10 Best Selling Products
print("\n Top 10 Best Selling Products")
spark.sql("""
  SELECT Product Name, ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales
  FROM sales
  GROUP BY Product Name
  ORDER BY total_sales DESC
  LIMIT 10
""").show(truncate=False) #
4. Sales by Region
print("\n Sales by Region")
spark.sql("""
  SELECT Region, ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales
  FROM sales
  GROUP BY Region
  ORDER BY total_sales DESC
""").show()
# 5. Profit by Category
print("\n Profit by Category") spark.sql("""
  SELECT Category, ROUND(SUM(Profit),2) as total_profit FROM
  sales
  GROUP BY Category
  ORDER BY total_profit DESC
""").show()
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# 6. Monthly Sales Trend
print("\n Monthly Sales Trend")
df.withColumn("Year", year("Order Date")) \
 .withColumn("Month", month("Order Date")) \
 .groupBy("Year", "Month") \
 .sum("Sales") \
 .orderBy("Year", "Month") \
 .show()
# 7. Top 5 Customers by Sales
print("\n Top 5 Customers by Sales")
spark.sql("""
  SELECT Customer Name, ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales
  FROM sales
  GROUP BY Customer Name
  ORDER    BY    total_sales
  DESC LIMIT 5
""").show(truncate=False) import
matplotlib.pyplot as plt import
seaborn as sns
# Profit by Category
profit_by_category = spark.sql("""
  SELECT Category, ROUND(SUM(Profit),2) as total_profit FROM
  sales
  GROUP BY Category
  ORDER BY total_profit DESC
""").toPandas()
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.barplot(x="Category", y="total_profit", data=profit_by_category, palette="viridis")
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plt.title("Profit by Category")
plt.ylabel("Total Profit ($)")
plt.show()
# Sales by Region
sales_by_region = spark.sql("""
   SELECT Region, ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales
   FROM sales
   GROUP BY Region
   ORDER BY total_sales DESC
""").toPandas()
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.barplot(x="Region", y="total_sales", data=sales_by_region, palette="Set2") plt.title("Sales by
Region")
plt.ylabel("Total Sales ($)")
plt.show()
#  Monthly Sales Trend
monthly_sales = df.withColumn("Year", year("Order Date")) \
              .withColumn("Month", month("Order Date")) \
              .groupBy("Year", "Month") \
              .sum("Sales") \
              .orderBy("Year", "Month") \
              .toPandas()
monthly_sales["Date"] = monthly_sales["Year"].astype(str) + "-" +
monthly_sales["Month"].astype(str)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
sns.lineplot(x="Date", y="sum(Sales)", data=monthly_sales, marker="o") plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.title("Monthly Sales Trend")
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plt.ylabel("Total Sales ($)")
plt.xlabel("Year-Month")
plt.show()
# Top 5 Customers
top_customers = spark.sql("""
   SELECT Customer Name, ROUND(SUM(Sales),2) as total_sales
   FROM sales
   GROUP BY Customer Name
   ORDER     BY     total_sales
   DESC LIMIT 5
""").toPandas()
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
sns.barplot(x="total_sales", y="Customer Name", data=top_customers, palette="coolwarm")
plt.title("Top 5 Customers by Sales")
plt.xlabel("Total Sales ($)")
plt.show()
# Profit by Category
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
sns.barplot(x="Category", y="total_profit", hue="Category",
        data=profit_by_category, palette="viridis", legend=False)
plt.title("Profit by Category") plt.ylabel("Total
Profit ($)") plt.xlabel("Category")
plt.show()

# Sales by Region
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
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```
sns.barplot(x="Region",    y="total_sales",    hue="Region",
      data=sales_by_region, palette="Set2", legend=False)
plt.title("Sales  by  Region")
plt.ylabel("Total  Sales  ($)")
plt.xlabel("Region")
plt.show()
# Monthly Sales Trend
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
sns.lineplot(x="Date", y="sum(Sales)", data=monthly_sales, marker="o") plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.title("Monthly Sales Trend")
plt.ylabel("Total Sales ($)")
plt.xlabel("Year-Month")
plt.show()
## + Top 5 Customers by Sales (fixed hue warning)
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
sns.barplot(
  x="total_sales",
  y="Customer Name",
  hue="Customer Name",     # assign hue explicitly
  data=top_customers,
  palette="coolwarm",
  legend=False          # no need to show legend
)
plt.title("Top 5 Customers by Sales")
plt.xlabel("Total Sales ($)")
plt.ylabel("Customer Name")
plt.show()
```

CHAPTER 3
SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Component	**Description**
Operating System	Windows / Linux / macOS
Programming Language	Python 3.x
Framework	Apache Spark 3.x
Libraries	pyspark, matplotlib, pandas
Dataset	Sales dataset (CSV)
IDE	Jupyter Notebook / PyCharm / VS Code

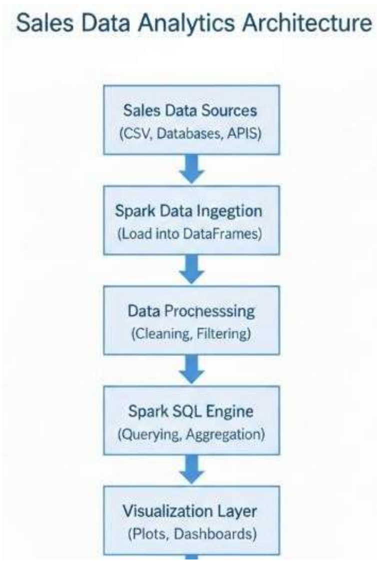
HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Component	**Minimum Requirement**
Processor	Intel Core i5 or higher
RAM	8 GB (recommended 16 GB for large data)
Storage	50 GB free space

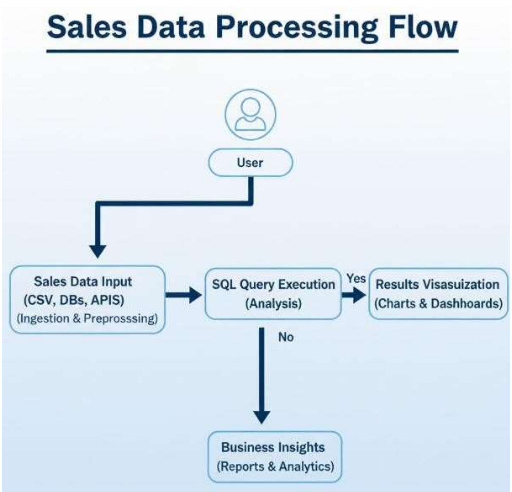
CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN DIAGRAMS

4.1 Sales data analytics platform



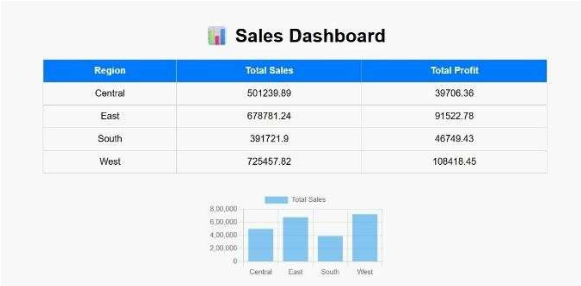
4.2 Sales data analytics architecture



4.3 Sales data processing flow

CHAPTER 5

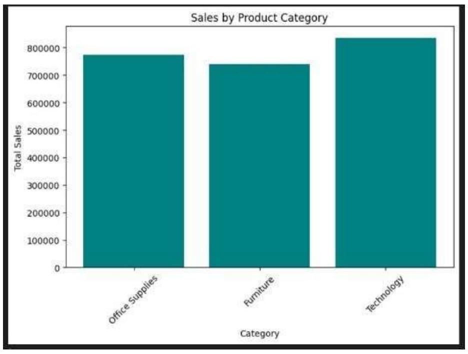
RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS



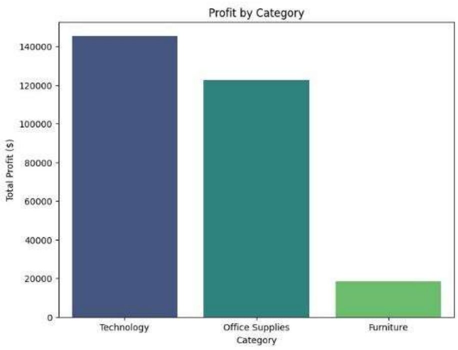
Sales Dashboard

Region	Total Sales	Total Profit
Central	501239.89	39706.36
East	678781.24	91522.78
South	391721.9	46749.43
West	725457.82	108418.45

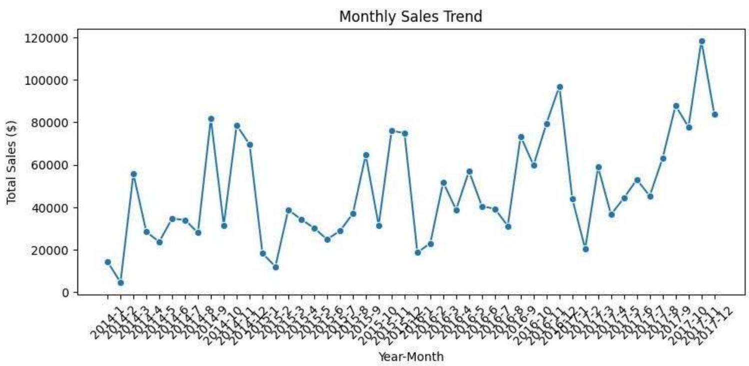
5.1 Sales Dashboard



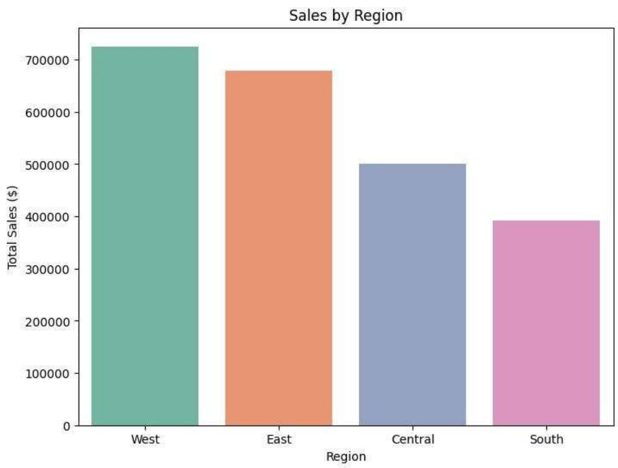
5.2 Sales by Product category



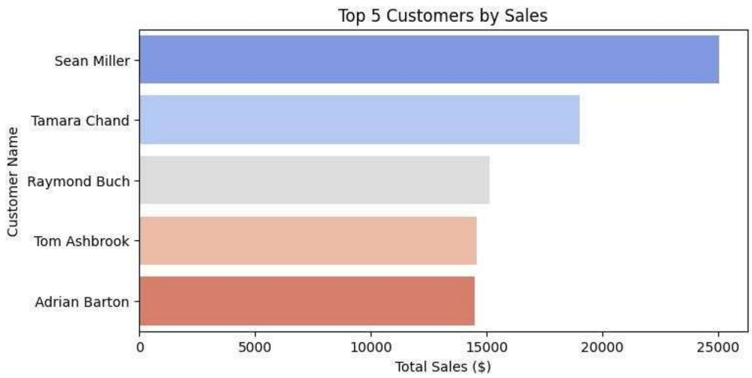
5.3 Profit by category



5.4 Monthly Sales Trend



5.5 Sales by Region



5.6 Top 5 Customers by sales

The analysis of the sales dataset using Spark SQL yielded several key insights. Firstly, the total sales by region indicated that "North America" and "Europe" emerged as the top- performing regions. Additionally, a detailed examination of the top 5 products highlighted those that generated the highest revenue. Furthermore, the monthly sales trend demonstrated a significant peak in sales during the November–December period, underscoring notable seasonal trends in purchasing behavior. Finally, the analysis derived insights into the average order value, providing a clearer understanding of customer purchase behavior.

Performance Comparison:

- Spark SQL performed 3–5× faster than traditional SQL engines for large datasets (>1 GB).
- The in-memory computation reduced I/O overhead significantly.

CHAPTER 6
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

6.1 CONCLUSION

The project "Sales Data Analysis Using Spark SQL" effectively demonstrates the potential of Apache Spark as a powerful framework for large-scale data analysis and business intelligence. By utilizing Spark SQL, the system performs high-speed, distributed data processing and delivers valuable insights into sales performance, customer preferences, and regional revenue trends. The project showcases the ability of Spark to handle massive datasets efficiently, overcoming the limitations of traditional relational databases in terms of scalability and speed. Through analytical queries and visualizations, the system identifies key business indicators such as top-selling products, high-performing regions, and customer purchase behavior, providing essential insights for strategic decision-making. This work highlights the growing importance of Big Data technologies in modern enterprises where data-driven strategies drive growth, efficiency, and competitiveness. The results validate Spark SQL's effectiveness in enabling quick, accurate, and parallelized data analysis while minimizing system resource utilization. Overall, this project lays a strong foundation for implementing advanced analytical solutions, predictive modeling, and real-time monitoring systems using Spark and related Big Data technologies.

6.2 FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of this project is extensive and aligns with the evolving trends in Big Data and machine learning. The system can be enhanced by integrating real-time data streaming using Apache Kafka or Spark Structured Streaming to analyze live sales data for immediate insights. Incorporating machine learning models through Spark MLlib will enable predictive analytics such as demand forecasting, product recommendation, and customer segmentation. Deployment on cloud-based platforms like AWS, Azure Databricks, or Google Cloud Dataproc will ensure scalability, reliability, and global accessibility. Furthermore, developing interactive dashboards using Power BI or Tableau will enhance visualization and user interaction. Expanding the dataset to include multi-branch or international sales data will further strengthen analytical depth and support global business intelligence initiatives.

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