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Module: Big Data Technologies

Lab 4: Spark MLlib

On Google Colab and using the MLlib library:

- 1) Store the contents of all files in the **tp4_data** folder into a DataFrame.
- 2) Display the schema of the resulting DataFrame.
- 3) Fill the missing values (NaN) with the value 0.
- 4) Add a new column named "day_of_week". The value of this column is the name of the day of the week corresponding to the date in each row of the "InvoiceDate" column.
- 5) Split the data into a training set and a test set. Perform the split based on the "InvoiceDate" attribute: The training set contains purchases made before 2010-12-13, and the test set contains purchases made on or after 2010-12-13.
- 6) Create a **StringIndexer** to convert the days of the week in the "day_of_week" column into their corresponding numerical values.
- 7) Using the **StringIndexer**, Spark, for example, may represent Saturday as 6 and Monday as 1. However, with this numbering scheme, we implicitly indicate that Saturday is greater than Monday (based purely on numerical values). How can this issue be resolved?
- 8) Create a **VectorAssembler** containing three attributes: UnitPrice, Quantity, and day_of_week_encoded.

Note: day of week encoded is the result from question 7.

- 9) Create a pipeline configured with the results of steps 6, 7, and 8.
- 10) Our StringIndexer needs to know how many unique values it has to index. How can this issue be resolved?
- 11) Transform the training set data based on the stages of the pipeline.
- 12) Create an instance of KMeans, assuming the number of clusters is 20.
- 13) Train the KMeans model using the transformed data from step 11.
- 14) Make predictions on the test set.
- 15) Calculate the Silhouette coefficient.