Introduction to PySpark DataFrames



What are PySpark DataFrames?

- PySpark SQL is a Spark library for structured data. It provides more information about the structure of data and computation
- PySpark DataFrame is an immutable distributed collection of data with named columns
- Designed for processing both structured (e.g relational database) and semi-structured data (e.g JSON)
- Dataframe API is available in Python, R, Scala, and Java
- DataFrames in PySpark support both SQL queries (SELECT * from table) or expression methods (df.select())

SparkSession - Entry point for DataFrame API

- SparkContext is the main entry point for creating RDDs
- SparkSession provides a single point of entry to interact with Spark DataFrames
- SparkSession is used to create DataFrame, register DataFrames, execute SQL queries
- SparkSession is available in PySpark shell as spark

Creating DataFrames in PySpark

- Two different methods of creating DataFrames in PySpark
 - From existing RDDs using SparkSession's createDataFrame() method
 - o From various data sources (CSV, JSON, TXT) using SparkSession's read method
- Schema controls the data and helps DataFrames to optimize queries
- Schema provides information about column name, type of data in the column, empty values etc.,

Create a DataFrame from RDD

```
iphones RDD = sc.parallelize([
    ("XS", 2018, 5.65, 2.79, 6.24),
    ("XR", 2018, 5.94, 2.98, 6.84),
    ("X10", 2017, 5.65, 2.79, 6.13),
    ("8Plus", 2017, 6.23, 3.07, 7.12)
])
names = ['Model', 'Year', 'Height', 'Width', 'Weight']
iphones df = spark.createDataFrame(iphones RDD, schema=names)
type(iphones_df)
```

pyspark.sql.dataframe.DataFrame

Create a DataFrame from reading a CSV/JSON/TXT

```
df_csv = spark.read.csv("people.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)

df_json = spark.read.json("people.json", header=True, inferSchema=True)

df_txt = spark.read.txt("people.txt", header=True, inferSchema=True)
```

- Path to the file and two optional parameters
- Two optional parameters
 - header=True, inferSchema=True

Interacting with PySpark DataFrames

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DataFrame operators in PySpark

- DataFrame operations: Transformations and Actions
- DataFrame Transformations:
 - select(), filter(), groupby(), orderby(), dropDuplicates() and withColumnRenamed()
- DataFrame Actions :
 - head(), show(), count(), columns and describe()

select() and show() operations

• select() transformation subsets the columns in the DataFrame

```
df_id_age = test.select('Age')
```

• show() action prints first 20 rows in the DataFrame

```
df_id_age.show(3)
```

```
+---+
|Age|
+---+
| 17|
| 17|
| 17|
| 17|
t---+
only showing top 3 rows
```

filter() and show() operations

• filter() transformation filters out the rows based on a condition

```
new_df_age21 = new_df.filter(new_df.Age > 21)
new_df_age21.show(3)
```

```
+------+----+
|User_ID|Gender|Age|
+------+
|1000002| M| 55|
|1000003| M| 26|
|1000004| M| 46|
+------+-----+
only showing top 3 rows
```

groupby() and count() operations

• groupby() operation can be used to group a variable

```
test_df_age_group = test_df.groupby('Age')
test_df_age_group.count().show(3)
```

orderby() Transformations

• orderby() operation sorts the DataFrame based on one or more columns

```
test_df_age_group.count().orderBy('Age').show(3)
```

```
+--+---+
|Age|count|
+--+---+
| 0|15098|
| 17| 4|
| 18|99660|
+--+---+
only showing top 3 rows
```

dropDuplicates()

• dropDuplicates() removes the duplicate rows of a DataFrame

```
test_df_no_dup = test_df.select('User_ID','Gender', 'Age').dropDuplicates()
test_df_no_dup.count()
```

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withColumnRenamed Transformations

• withColumnRenamed() renames a column in the DataFrame

```
test_df_sex = test_df.withColumnRenamed('Gender', 'Sex')
test_df_sex.show(3)
```

```
+----+
|User_ID|Sex|Age|
+----+
|1000001| F| 17|
|1000001| F| 17|
|1000001| F| 17|
+----+
```

printSchema()

• printSchema() operation prints the types of columns in the DataFrame

```
test_df.printSchema()
```

```
|-- User_ID: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Product_ID: string (nullable = true)
|-- Gender: string (nullable = true)
|-- Age: string (nullable = true)
|-- Occupation: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Purchase: integer (nullable = true)
```

columns actions

• columns operator prints the columns of a DataFrame

```
test_df.columns
```

```
['User_ID', 'Gender', 'Age']
```

describe() actions

• describe() operation compute summary statistics of numerical columns in the DataFrame

```
test_df.describe().show()
```

```
User_ID|Gender|
|summary|
  count
                     550068|550068|
                                                 550068|
                               null|30.382052764385495|
   mean|1003028.8424013031|
                            null|11.866105189533554|
 stddev|1727.5915855307312|
    min|
                    1000001
                                                      0 |
                                  M |
                    1006040|
    max|
                                                     551
```

Interacting with DataFrames using PySpark SQL



DataFrame API vs SQL queries

- In PySpark You can interact with SparkSQL through DataFrame API and SQL queries
- The DataFrame API provides a programmatic domain-specific language (DSL) for data
- DataFrame transformations and actions are easier to construct programmatically
- SQL queries can be concise and easier to understand and portable
- The operations on DataFrames can also be done using SQL queries

Executing SQL Queries

- The SparkSession sql() method executes SQL query
- sql() method takes a SQL statement as an argument and returns the result as DataFrame

```
df.createOrReplaceTempView("table1")

df2 = spark.sql("SELECT field1, field2 FROM table1")

df2.collect()
```

```
[Row(f1=1, f2='row1'), Row(f1=2, f2='row2'), Row(f1=3, f2='row3')]
```

SQL query to extract data

P00085442|

P00285442|

```
test df.createOrReplaceTempView("test table")
query = '''SELECT Product_ID FROM test_table'''
test_product_df = spark.sql(query)
test_product_df.show(5)
+----+
|Product ID|
 P00069042|
  P00248942|
  P00087842|
```

Summarizing and grouping data using SQL queries

|51-55|

23960|

only showing top 5 rows

```
test df.createOrReplaceTempView("test table")
query = '''SELECT Age, max(Purchase) FROM test table GROUP BY Age'''
spark.sql(query).show(5)
   Age|max(Purchase)|
|18-25|
       23958|
       23961|
|26-35|
        23955|
 0-17|
|46-50|
        239601
```

Filtering columns using SQL queries

23792| F|

21002| F|

23595| F|

23341|

only showing top 5 rows

|46-50| 20771|

136-451

|26-35|

|26-35|

|26-35|

Data Visualization in PySpark using DataFrames

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What is Data visualization?

- Data visualization is a way of representing your data in graphs or charts
- Open source ploting tools to aid visualization in Python:
 - Matplotlib, Seaborn, Bokeh etc.,
- Ploting graphs using PySpark DataFrames is done using three methods
 - pyspark_dist_explore library
 - toPandas()
 - HandySpark library

Data Visualization using Pyspark_dist_explore

- Pyspark_dist_explore library provides quick insights into DataFrames
- Currently three functions available hist(), distplot() and pandas_histogram()

```
test_df = spark.read.csv("test.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)

test_df_age = test_df.select('Age')

hist(test_df_age, bins=20, color="red")
```

Using Pandas for plotting DataFrames

It's easy to create charts from pandas DataFrames

```
test_df = spark.read.csv("test.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)

test_df_sample_pandas = test_df.toPandas()

test_df_sample_pandas.hist('Age')
```

Pandas DataFrame vs PySpark DataFrame

- Pandas DataFrames are in-memory, single-server based structures and operations on PySpark run in parallel
- The result is generated as we apply any operation in Pandas whereas operations in PySpark
 DataFrame are lazy evaluation
- Pandas DataFrame as mutable and PySpark DataFrames are immutable
- Pandas API support more operations than PySpark Dataframe API

HandySpark method of visualization

HandySpark is a package designed to improve PySpark user experience

```
test_df = spark.read.csv('test.csv', header=True, inferSchema=True)
hdf = test_df.toHandy()
hdf.cols["Age"].hist()
```