Code Logic - Retail Data Analysis

In this project we have done the real-time data analysis of the retail data coming from the Kafka broker using the Spark Streaming. The below details for Kafka broker were provided.

- **Bootstrap Server:** ##.###.###.###
- **Port:** ####
- **Topic:** real-time-project

We have written a Python script (**spark-streaming.py**) which includes reading the raw data coming from Kafka broker, writing the summarised input tables to the console, calculating the time-based and country-and-time-based KPIs and then finally writing the KPIs to the JSON files.

- **Initializing Spark session**

  We have initialized the spark session using the **.getOrCreate()** command and set the log level to **ERROR**.

- **Reading the raw data from Kafka broker**

  We have read the raw data from Kafka broker using the **.readStream** by passing the above mentioned details for Kafka broker, format as **“kafka”** and loaded the data using the **.load()** command.

- **Defining the schema**

  We then defined the schema for a single order using the **StructType()** command. Added the required columns using **.add()** command by passing the column names and the data type for the column. For the **“items”** column which is of **ArrayType()**, we have defined the attributes inside that using the **StructField()** command.

- **Writing the utility functions**

  We have then written the utility functions for calculating the total number of items, total cost for single transaction and for determining if the type of transaction is ORDER or RETURN.

- **Defining the UDFs**

We then defined the UDFs (User-Defined Functions) for the utility functions using the **udf()** function.

- **Writing the summarised table values to the console**

We then added the columns created using the UDFs to our stream using the **.withColumn()** command.
We then wrote the summarised table values to the console using the **.writeStream** command with output mode as **“append”** and format as **“console”** with processing time of **“1 minute”**.

- **Calculating time-based and country-and-time-based KPIs**

We then calculated the time-based and country-and-time-based KPIs by adding the watermark on “timestamp” column with 1 minute latency allowance. A tumbling window of 1 minute was added and then aggregation functions were applied on the required columns for calculating the KPIs. For **country-and-time-based KPIs groupBy** function was applied on the **“country”** column.

- **Writing the KPIs to the JSON files**

Finally, the calculated KPIs were written to the JSON files using the **.writeStream** command with format as **“json”** and output mode as **“append”** with processing time of **“1 minute”**. Also, specified the path to store the JSON files for time-based KPIs and country-and-time-based KPIs.

- **Adding the required jar files**

After setting up the EMR cluster, required jar file was downloaded using the following command.

wget https://ds-spark-sql-kafka-jar.s3.amazonaws.com/spark-sql-kafka-0-10_2.11-2.3.0.jar

- **Spark-submit command**

Python script (**spark-streaming.py**) was copied to the EMR cluster using WinSCP tool. Then the python script (**spark-streaming.py**) was executed using the **spark-submit** command. **Spark packages**, **python script name**, **Kafka server**, **port** and **Kafka topic name** are passed as the parameters in the **spark-submit** command. Below is the spark-submit command used.

- **Downloading the JSON files**

After running the spark-submit command, JSON files are created at the specified locations. First, the JSON files are copied from the specified hadoop location to the local user location using the following commands.

hadoop fs -get /tmp/KPIsByTime/

hadoop fs -get /tmp/KPIsByTimeCountry/

Then, the JSON files are downloaded from the EMR cluster to our local machine using WinSCP tool.