Scenario: Given a customers table generated using fake data and zipcodes csv we had to join the 2 datasets to get aggregated metrics by zipcode.

Approach:

- 1. Generate fake data for customers using the notebook
- 2. Read customers data and zipcodes csv as dataframes
- 3. Customers had approx. 400K records and zipcode csv was 984 MB
- 4. As this is the case where one of the dataframes is less than 2 GB threshold for broadcast, we chose broadcast join to join the datasets
- 5. First, aggregate the zipcodes dataset to get unique sum of population by zipcodes
- 6. Join the customer dataframe and use broadcast pyspark method to explicitly hint spark to use broadcast join
- 7. The below DAG shows that due to broadcast join, the zipcode dataframe was broadcasted to each executor. This avoided the shuffling of both dataframes
- 8. The exchange stage that we are seeing in the DAG is for groupby after joining both dataframes for combining total customers by zipcode

DAG visualization showing broadcast hash join and 2 exchange steps for groupby

