Systems for Data Science - HW10 SQL Queries Using Spark

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1 Background

SQL query executed using Spark is -

SELECT DISTINCT a.student_name
FROM df_student a
INNER JOIN df_attend b
ON a.student_id = b.student_id
INNER JOIN df_course c
ON b.course_id = c.course_id
WHERE c.course_name = <Subject>

Here the value "Subject" is passed by user as a command line argument.

Input files taken for this assignment in CSV form were -

1. course.csv

Course ID	Course Name
1	OOPS
2	D&OS
3	ML
4	Systems
5	AI
6	BIA

$2.\ student.csv$

Student ID	Student Name
1	Aaron
2	Bobby
3	Darren
4	Eric
5	Francis
6	George
7	Henry
8	Jack
9	Killian
10	Leo

$3. \ attend.csv$

Student ID	Course ID
1	2
1	2 4
1	5
2	1
2	2
2 2 2 3 3	5 1 2 3 2 5 6
3	2
3	5
3	6
4	1
4 4	1 5 6
4	6
5 5	1 5 6
5	5
5	6
6	2
6	3
6 7 7	2 3 4 1 4 6
7	1
7	4
7	6
8 8	2 3 4 1 5 6
8	3
8 9	4
	1
9	5
9	
10	2
10	2 4 5
10	5

2 Physical Plan

Calling the SparkSQL EXPLAIN command (with "FORMATTED" option) after running the query results in following output -

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== Physical Plan ==
* HashAggregate (16)
+ Exchange (15)
  +-* HashAggregate (14)
      +- * Project (13)
         + * BroadcastHashJoin Inner BuildRight (12)
            :- * Project (7)
               + * BroadcastHashJoin Inner BuildLeft (6)
                  :- BroadcastExchange (3)
                  : +- * Filter (2)
                        + Scan csv (1)
                  +- * Filter (5)
                     + Scan csv
            + BroadcastExchange (11)
               +- * Project (10)
                  +- * Filter (9)
                     + Scan csv (8)
(1) Scan csv
Output [2]: [student_id#16, student_name#17]
Batched: false
Location: InMemoryFileIndex [file:/Users/shubhamshetty/
   Documents/UMass/532/HW10/student.csv]
PushedFilters: [IsNotNull(student_id)]
ReadSchema: struct<student_id:string, student_name:string>
(2) Filter [codegen id : 1]
Input [2]: [student_id#16, student_name#17]
Condition: isnotnull(student_id#16)
(3) BroadcastExchange
Input [2]: [student_id#16, student_name#17]
Arguments: HashedRelationBroadcastMode(List(input [0, string,
   false]), false), [id=#135]
(4) Scan csv
Output [2]: [student_id #56, course_id #57]
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Batched: false
Location: InMemoryFileIndex [file:/Users/shubhamshetty/
  Documents/UMass/532/HW10/attend.csv]
PushedFilters: [IsNotNull(student_id), IsNotNull(course_id)]
ReadSchema: struct<student_id:string,course_id:string>
(5) Filter
Input [2]: [student_id#56, course_id#57]
Condition: (isnotnull(student_id #56) AND isnotnull(course_id
  #57))
(6) BroadcastHashJoin [codegen id : 3]
Left keys [1]: [student_id#16]
Right keys [1]: [student_id#56]
Join condition: None
(7) Project [codegen id : 3]
Output [2]: [student_name#17, course_id#57]
Input [4]: [student_id#16, student_name#17, student_id#56,
   course_id #57]
(8) Scan csv
Output [2]: [course_id #36, course_name #37]
Batched: false
Location: InMemoryFileIndex [file:/Users/shubhamshetty/
  Documents/UMass/532/HW10/course.csv]
PushedFilters: [IsNotNull(course_name), EqualTo(course_name,
  OOPS), IsNotNull(course_id)]
ReadSchema: struct < course_id: string, course_name: string >
(9) Filter [codegen id : 2]
Input [2]: [course_id #36, course_name #37]
Condition: ((isnotnull(course_name#37) AND (course_name#37 =
  OOPS)) AND isnotnull(course_id#36))
(10) Project [codegen id : 2]
Output [1]: [course_id #36]
Input [2]: [course_id#36, course_name#37]
(11) BroadcastExchange
Input [1]: [course_id #36]
Arguments: HashedRelationBroadcastMode(List(input [0, string,
   true]), false), [id=#145]
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(12) BroadcastHashJoin [codegen id : 3]
Left keys [1]: [course_id #57]
Right keys [1]: [course_id#36]
Join condition: None
(13) Project [codegen id : 3]
Output [1]: [student_name#17]
Input [3]: [student_name#17, course_id#57, course_id#36]
(14) HashAggregate [codegen id : 3]
Input [1]: [student_name#17]
Keys [1]: [student_name#17]
Functions: []
Aggregate Attributes: []
Results [1]: [student_name#17]
(15) Exchange
Input [1]: [student_name#17]
Arguments: hashpartitioning (student_name #17, 200),
  ENSURE REQUIREMENTS, [id=#151]
(16) HashAggregate [codegen id : 4]
Input [1]: [student_name#17]
Keys [1]: [student_name#17]
Functions: []
Aggregate Attributes: []
Results [1]: [student_name#17]
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Interpretation of Physical Plan

From the formatted ouput of SparkSQL EXPLAIN command, following can be inferred-

- 1. Scan csv: student.csv is being loaded into dataframe.
- 2. Filter: "isnotnull" condition is being checked for primary key "student_id".
- 3. BroadcastExchange: Columns from student dataframe being broadcast.
- 4. Scan csv: attend.csv is being loaded into dataframe.
- 5. Filter: "isnotnull" condition is being checked for foreign keys "student_id" and "course_id".

- 6. BroadcastHashJoin: Hash equi-join on key=student_id is performed and broadcast.
- 7. Project: Retain relevant columns only (student_name and course_id).
- 8. Scan csv: course.csv is being loaded into dataframe.
- 9. Filter: "isnotnull" condition is being checked for primary key "course_id", and filtered for selected "course_name".
- 10. Project: Take relevant column only.
- 11. BroadcastExchange: Columns from student dataframe being broadcast.
- 12. BroadcastHashJoin: Hash equi-join on key=course_id is performed and broadcast.
- 13. *Project*: Take relevant columns only.
- 14. *HashAggregate*: Taking distinct student_name column by performing HashAggregate function
- 15. Exchange: Exchange hash partitions for column student_name
- 16. HashAggregate: Perform HashAggregate on student_name column.

Implementation Using RDDs

For implementing code to mimic output of the same query, following functions of RDD would have to be used¹ -

- 1. map: Return a new distributed dataset formed by passing each element of the source through a function func.
- 2. *filter*: Return a new dataset formed by selecting those elements of the source on which func returns true.
- 3. distinct: Return a new dataset that contains the distinct elements of the source dataset
- 4. *join*: When called on datasets of type (K, V) and (K, W), returns a dataset of (K, (V, W)) pairs with all pairs of elements for each key.
- 5. collect: Return all the elements of the dataset as an array at the driver program. This is usually useful after a filter or other operation that returns a sufficiently small subset of the data.

¹definitions for RDD functions taken from official Spark documentation (https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/rdd-programming-guide.html)