Predicting Flights Delays

Spark Version

spark.version
'2.4.7-amzn-0'

In [2]:

Load PySpark Libraries

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In [3]:
from pyspark.sql.types import *
from pyspark.sql.functions import monotonically_increasing_id, col, expr,
when, concat, lit, isnan
from pyspark.ml.linalg import Vectors
from pyspark.ml.regression import GeneralizedLinearRegression
from pyspark.ml.classification import RandomForestClassifier,
LogisticRegression
from pyspark.ml.feature import VectorIndexer, VectorAssembler, StringIndexer,
OneHotEncoder
from pyspark.ml.evaluation import MulticlassClassificationEvaluator,
RegressionEvaluator, BinaryClassificationEvaluator
from pyspark.ml import Pipeline
```

Load Data

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In [4]:
train_df = spark.read.load("s3a://sparklab123/train_df.csv", "csv",
delimiter=",", inferSchema=True, header=True)
train df.createOrReplaceTempView("train df")
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Looking at the datase

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sqlDF	<pre>sqlDF = spark.sql("select * from train_df").show()</pre>												
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-4 1158	-37	0		null	333	2475	
2015 1	9		5	AA 1	JFK	LAX	901
1 1241	6	0		null	353	2475	
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Create a "WEEKEND" flag

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train df = train df.withColumn("WEEKEND", when((train df.DAY OF WEEK == 5) |
(train df.DAY OF WEEK == 6) | (train df.DAY OF WEEK == 7), 1).otherwise(0))
train df.show()
|YEAR|MONTH|DAY OF MONTH|DAY OF WEEK|CARRIER|FL NUM|ORIGIN|DEST|DEP TIME|DEP
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-7 1218	-12	0		null	352	2475	1
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-7 1222	-8	0		null	338	2475	0
2015 1	6		2	AA 1	JFK	LAX	856
-4 1300	25	0		null	335	2475	0
2015 1	7		3	AA 1	JFK	LAX	859
-1 1221	-14	0		null	341	2475	0
2015 1	8		4	AA 1	JFK	LAX	856
-4 1158	-37	0		null	333	2475	0
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3 1235	0	0		null	345	2475	1
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-6 1159	-36	0		null	337	2475	1
2015 1	12		1	AA 1	JFK	LAX	853
-7 1230	-5	0		null	354	2475	0
2015 1	13		2	AA 1	JFK	LAX	854
-6 1155	-40	0		null	336	2475	0
2015 1	14		3	AA 1	JFK	LAX	856
-4 1126	-69	0		null	302	2475	0
2015 1	15		4	AA 1	JFK	LAX	852
-8 1231	-4	0		null	320	2475	0
2015 1	16		5	AA 1	JFK	LAX	900
0 1206	-29	0		null	321	2475	1
2015 1	17		6	AA 1	JFK	LAX	852
-8 1157	-38	0		null	343	2475	1
2015 1	18		7	AA 1	JFK	LAX	916
16 1236	1	0		null	340	2475	1
2015 1	19		1	AA 1	JFK	LAX	854
-6 1218	-17	0		null	359	2475	0
2015 1	20		2	AA 1		LAX	853
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Create DELAY_LABELED

In [8]:

DELAY_LABELED: Has a value of 1 if the arrival delay (ARR_DELAY) is greater than 15 minutes and 0 if ARR DELAY is less than or equal to 15 minutes.

train_df = train_df.withColumn("DELAY_LABELED", when((train_df.ARR_DELAY >
15), 1).otherwise(0))
train_df.show(10)

|YEAR|MONTH|DAY_OF_MONTH|DAY_OF_WEEK|CARRIER|FL_NUM|ORIGIN|DEST|DEP_TIME|DEP_DELAY|ARR_TIME|ARR_DELAY|CANCELLED|CANCELLATION_CODE|AIR_TIME|DISTANCE|WEEKEN

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Filter out Cancelled Flights

In [9]:

train_df = train_df.filter(train_df.CANCELLED == 0)
train_df.show(10)

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Remove ARR_DELAY NAs

In [10]:

#There are lot of NA values in ARR_DELAY column. We should keep only those where we have valid readings of ARR DELAY (remove NAs)

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print("Initial Train DF Count: " + str(train df.count()))
train df = train df.filter( train df.ARR DELAY != "NA" )
print("New Train DF Count: " + str(train df.count()))
train df.show(10)
Initial Train DF Count: 1033485
New Train DF Count:
               1030606
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What is the Schema? How many records?

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In [11]:
print('\r\nTotal Records: ' + str(train\_df.count()) + '\r\n')
for i in train df.dtypes: print(i)
Total Records: 1030606
('YEAR', 'int')
('MONTH', 'int')
('DAY OF MONTH', 'int')
('DAY OF WEEK', 'int')
('CARRIER', 'string')
('FL_NUM', 'int')
('ORIGIN', 'string')
('DEST', 'string')
('DEP_TIME', 'string')
('DEP DELAY', 'string')
('ARR_TIME', 'string')
('ARR_DELAY', 'string')
('CANCELLED', 'int')
('CANCELLATION CODE', 'string')
('AIR_TIME', 'string')
('DISTANCE', 'int')
('WEEKEND', 'int')
('DEP_HOUR', 'int')
('DELAY LABELED', 'int')
```

Convert from String to Int

Create Temporary Table/View to Query it with SQL

train df.createOrReplaceTempView("train df")

In [13]:

Exploratory Analysis

Create Delay DataFrame (% of on-time vs delayed flights)

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In [14]:
#We create a new dataframe called delay which will have two columns,
DELAY LABELED and the count of it.
#Basically it will have a count of delayed flights and ontime flights. We
will be using aggregate where we group the
#dataframe by DELAY LABELED and calculating the count using n().
#Create the delay dataframe first
delay = train df.groupBy( train df.DELAY LABELED ).count() \
                .withColumn("STATUS", when(col("DELAY LABELED") == 0,
"ontime").otherwise("delayed") ) \
                .drop("DELAY LABELED")
delay.show()
#To calculate the total, we use the collect () function, which returns all
the elements of the dataset as an array
total = delay.select("count").collect()[0][0] +
delay.select("count").collect()[1][0]
print("Total Count: " + str(total))
delay r = delay.withColumn("PERCENTAGE", (col("count")/float(total)*100) )
delay r.show()
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Compare Delays vs. Non-Delays by Day of Week (1=Monday, 7=Sunday)

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In [15]:
delay flights count = train df.filter( train df.DELAY LABELED == 1 ) \
                                 .groupby( train df.DAY OF WEEK ).count() \
                                  .withColumnRenamed( "count", "DELAY COUNT")
non delay flights count = train df.filter( train df.DELAY LABELED == 0 ) \
                                 .groupby( train df.DAY OF WEEK ).count() \
                                  .withColumnRenamed( "count", "NON DELAY COUNT")
dayofweek count = delay flights count.join(non delay flights count,
delay flights count["DAY OF WEEK"] == non delay flights count["DAY OF WEEK"]
) \
                                         .drop(
non delay flights count.DAY OF WEEK ) \
                                         .sort( col("DAY OF WEEK") )
dayofweek count.createOrReplaceTempView("dayofweek count")
dayofweek count.show()
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| DELAY_COUNT | DAY_OF_WEEK | NON_DELAY_COUNT |
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25619 | 7 | 118386 |
      19393|
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Display Descriptive Stats

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In [16]:
train_df.describe(['day_of_month','day_of_week','dep_delay','arr_delay','canc
elled','air_time','distance','delay_labeled']).show()
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Print the most current $train_df$ table

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Modeling

Processing Train and Test Dataframes

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In [18]:
# Process Training DataFrame
model train df = train df
# Filter for certain Airports (based on airport code) for both "Origin" and
"Dest" variables.
model train df =
model train df[model train df.ORIGIN.isin("LAX","JFK","LGA","ORD","ATL","SFO"
,"DTW","SLC","CLT","DEN","LAS","SEA","MCO","MIA","PHX","IAH")]
model train df =
model train df[model train df.DEST.isin("LAX","JFK","LGA","ORD","ATL","SFO","
DTW", "SLC", "CLT", "DEN", "LAS", "SEA", "MCO", "MIA", "PHX", "IAH") ]
# Stratified Sampling using sampleBy(x, col, fractions, seed) function
\# x = A SparkDataFrame, col = column that defines strata, fractions = A named
list giving sampling fraction for each stratum, seed = random seed
model train df = model train df.sampleBy("delay labeled", fractions={0: 0.4,
1: 0.99}, seed=1111)
print("After sampling:")
model train df.groupBy( train df.DELAY LABELED ).count() \
                .withColumn("STATUS", when(col("DELAY LABELED") == 0,
"ontime").otherwise("delayed") ) \
                .drop("DELAY LABELED").show()
After sampling:
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|count| STATUS|
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|54250|delayed|
|86837| ontime|
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                                                                         In [20]:
# Process Test DataFrame
model test df = spark.read.load("s3a://sparklab123/test df.csv", "csv",
delimiter=",", inferSchema=True, header=True)
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model test df =
model test df[model test df.ORIGIN.isin("LAX","JFK","LGA","ORD","ATL","SFO","
DTW", "SLC", "CLT", "DEN", "LAS", "SEA", "MCO", "MIA", "PHX", "IAH") ]
model test df =
model test df[model test df.DEST.isin("LAX","JFK","LGA","ORD","ATL","SFO","DT
W", "SLC", "CLT", "DEN", "LAS", "SEA", "MCO", "MIA", "PHX", "IAH")]
model test df = model test df.withColumn("WEEKEND",
when((model test df.DAY OF WEEK == 5) | (model test df.DAY OF WEEK == 6) |
(model test df.DAY OF WEEK == 7), 1).otherwise(0))
model test df = model test df.withColumn("DEP HOUR",
(model test df.DEP TIME/float(100)).cast('int') )
model test df = model test df.withColumn("DELAY LABELED", when (
(model test df.ARR DELAY > 15), 1).otherwise(0))
model test df = model test df.filter(model test df.CANCELLED == 0)
model test df = model test df.filter( model test df.ARR DELAY != "NA" )
model test df = model test df.withColumn("ARR DELAY",
col("ARR DELAY").cast("int")) \
                             .withColumn("DEP DELAY",
col("DEP DELAY").cast("int")) \
                             .withColumn("AIR TIME",
col("AIR TIME").cast("int")) \
                             .withColumn("DAY OF WEEK",
col("DAY OF WEEK").cast("string"))
print("Training Record Count: " + str(model_train_df.count()))
print("Testing Record Count: " + str(model test df.count()))
Training Record Count: 141505
Testing Record Count: 192422
```

Exploring target variable

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In [21]:
model_train_df.groupBy("delay_labeled").count().show()
+-----+
| delay_labeled|count|
+----+
| 1|54278|
| 0|87227|
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```

Model Preparation and Transformations

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In [23]: #Documentation can be found here: https://docs.databricks.com/applications/machine-learning/mllib/binary-classification-mllib-pipelines.html

# Since we are going to try algorithms like Logistic Regression, we will have to convert the
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# categorical variables in the dataset into numeric variables. There are 2
ways we can do this:
# Category Indexing: This is basically assigning a numeric value to each
category from {0, 1, 2, ...numCategories-1}.
# This introduces an implicit ordering among your categories, and is more
suitable for ordinal variables (eq: Poor: 0, Average: 1, Good: 2)
# One-Hot Encoding: This converts categories into binary vectors with at most
one nonzero value
# (eg: (Blue: [1, 0]), (Green: [0, 1]), (Red: [0, 0]))
# Here, we will use a combination of StringIndexer and OneHotEncoderEstimator
to convert the categorical variables.
# The OneHotEncoderEstimator will return a SparseVector.
# Category Indexing with StringIndexer: create Index string variables (using
string indexer)
si1 = StringIndexer(inputCol="DAY OF WEEK", outputCol="DAY OF WEEK index")
si2 = StringIndexer(inputCol="CARRIER", outputCol="CARRIER_index")
si3 = StringIndexer(inputCol="ORIGIN", outputCol="ORIGIN_index")
si4 = StringIndexer(inputCol="DEST", outputCol="DEST_index")
si5 = StringIndexer(inputCol="DEP_HOUR", outputCol="DEP_HOUR_index")
# Use OneHotEncoder to convert categorical variables into binary
SparseVectors
ohe1 = OneHotEncoder(inputCol="DAY OF WEEK index",
outputCol="DAY OF WEEK ohe")
ohe2 = OneHotEncoder(inputCol="CARRIER index",
                                                      outputCol="CARRIER ohe")
col target = 'DELAY LABELED'
col features = [
'DAY OF WEEK index', 'CARRIER index', 'ORIGIN index', 'DEST index', 'DEP HOUR ind
ex',
                 'AIR TIME', 'DISTANCE', 'WEEKEND'
# Use a VectorAssembler to combine all the feature columns into a single
vector column.
va = VectorAssembler(inputCols=col features, outputCol="features")
#Since we will have more than 1 stage of feature transformations, we use a
Pipeline to tie the stages together.
rfc = RandomForestClassifier(featuresCol="features", labelCol=col target,
predictionCol="prediction", probabilityCol="probability", numTrees=25,
maxDepth=5, maxBins=32, seed=12345)
pipeline =
Pipeline(stages=[si1,si2,si3,si4,si5,ohe1,ohe2,ohe3,ohe4,ohe5,va,rfc])
```

Fit and Evaluate the Models

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model = pipeline.fit(model train df)
predictions = model.transform(model test df)
predictions.createOrReplaceTempView("predictions")
# Multiclass Evaluator
mc evaluator = MulticlassClassificationEvaluator(labelCol=col target,
predictionCol="prediction",
metricName="accuracy") #f1|weightedPrecision|weightedRecall|accuracy
           = mc evaluator.evaluate(predictions)
accuracy
print("Accuracy: " + str(accuracy))
# Binary Evaluator to evaluate our model
bi evaluator = BinaryClassificationEvaluator(labelCol=col target,
metricName='areaUnderROC') # areaUnderROC | areaUnderPR
areaunderroc = bi evaluator.evaluate(predictions)
print("Area Under ROC: " + str(areaunderroc))
# Print True Positive vs. False Positives
predictions.groupBy('delay labeled','prediction').count().show()
# Print Feature Importance
feature importance vars = sorted([(col features[i], feature) for i, feature in
enumerate (model.stages[-1].featureImportances)], key=lambda x: x[1],
reverse=True)
print('Feature Importances (descending):')
for f in feature importance vars:
   print(f)
Accuracy:
              0.8103179470122959
Area Under ROC: 0.6409473426806589
+----+
|delay labeled|prediction| count|
+----+
           1 | 1.0 | 3293 | 0.0 | 152630 |
           0| 1.0| 5990|
1| 0.0| 30509|
+----+
Feature Importances (descending):
('DEP_HOUR_index', 0.6256826068339603)
('CARRIER_index', 0.13180390143864693)
('ORIGIN index', 0.08539310070416628)
('DEST index', 0.05614584765920664)
('AIR TIME', 0.04180464235570858)
('DAY OF WEEK index', 0.029710568705850066)
('DISTANCE', \overline{0}.029459332302461477)
('WEEKEND', 0.0)
```