## **Database Schema Outline for NFL Micro-Edge Engine**

A well-defined schema is crucial for efficient data storage and retrieval. We'll design a relational schema to handle historical game data, odds, weather, and betting splits.

Here's a proposed schema outline using a SQLite database for simplicity, which is excellent for prototyping and local development. We can always migrate to a more robust database like PostgreSQL later if needed for scaling.

```
-- Table for NFL Game Data
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl games (
    game id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
    season INTEGER,
    week INTEGER,
    game date TEXT, -- YYYY-MM-DD
   home team TEXT,
    away team TEXT,
   home score INTEGER,
    away score INTEGER,
    stadium TEXT,
    stadium latitude REAL,
    stadium longitude REAL,
    UNIQUE(game id)
);
-- Table for Historical Odds Data
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl odds (
    odd id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    game id TEXT,
    sportsbook TEXT,
    odd type TEXT, -- e.g., 'total', 'spread'
    opening line REAL,
    closing line REAL,
    line movement REAL, -- Closing - Opening
    timestamp TEXT, -- When the odd was recorded (for tick-by-tick if
available)
    FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
);
-- Table for Historical Weather Data
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl weather (
    weather id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    game id TEXT,
    timestamp TEXT, -- Hourly timestamp
    temperature celsius REAL,
    wind speed ms REAL,
    precipitation mm REAL,
    wind qusts ms REAL,
    FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
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);
-- Table for Betting Splits (Public Money/Bets)
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl betting splits (
    split id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    game id TEXT,
    timestamp TEXT, -- When the split was recorded
    total bets pct over REAL,
    total money pct over REAL,
    total bets pct under REAL,
    total money pct under REAL,
    FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
);
-- Table for Engineered Features (Optional, could also be calculated
on the fly)
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl features (
    feature id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    game id TEXT,
    feature date TEXT, -- Date the features were calculated/relevant
    public bias index REAL,
    sharp action INTEGER, -- 0 or 1
    reverse line movement INTEGER, -- 0 or 1
    wind total adjustment REAL,
    temp total adjustment REAL,
    epa diff REAL,
    recent epa trend REAL,
    FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
);
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#### **Explanation of Schema Design:**

- **nfl\_games**: This will be our central table, storing core information about each NFL game. game\_id is crucial for linking all other data.
- **nfl\_odds**: Stores various odds. odd\_type allows flexibility for totals, spreads, money lines, etc. timestamp is vital for capturing line movement chronologically.
- **nfl\_weather**: Stores hourly weather data. We'll link this to games based on game\_id and the nearest hour to game time.
- **nfl\_betting\_splits**: Captures public betting percentages. It's important to record the timestamp as these can change.
- **nfl\_features**: While features can be engineered on the fly, storing them can speed up model training and backtesting, especially if they are computationally intensive.

# **Python Scripts for Data Acquisition and Processing**

Now, let's create Python scripts that implement the data acquisition strategy you outlined, integrating with the proposed database schema. We'll use sqlite3 for database interaction.

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import sqlite3
import pandas as pd
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import nfl data py as nfl
import requests
import time
import json # For The Odds API caching
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
# --- Database Setup ---
DATABASE NAME = 'nfl betting data.db'
def create database schema():
    conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    cursor.execute("""
        CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl games (
            game id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
            season INTEGER,
            week INTEGER,
            game date TEXT, -- YYYY-MM-DD
            home team TEXT,
            away team TEXT,
            home score INTEGER,
            away score INTEGER,
            stadium TEXT,
            stadium latitude REAL,
            stadium longitude REAL,
            UNIQUE (game id)
        );
    11 11 11 )
    cursor.execute("""
        CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl odds (
            odd id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
            game id TEXT,
            sportsbook TEXT,
            odd type TEXT, -- e.g., 'total', 'spread'
            opening line REAL,
            closing line REAL,
            line movement REAL, -- Closing - Opening
            timestamp TEXT, -- When the odd was recorded (for
tick-by-tick if available)
            FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
        );
    11 11 11 )
    cursor.execute("""
        CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl weather (
            weather id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
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game id TEXT,
            timestamp TEXT, -- Hourly timestamp YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
            temperature celsius REAL,
            wind speed ms REAL,
            precipitation mm REAL,
            wind gusts ms REAL,
            FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
        );
    11 11 11 )
    cursor.execute("""
        CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS nfl betting splits (
            split id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
            game id TEXT,
            timestamp TEXT, -- When the split was recorded YYYY-MM-DD
HH:MM:SS
            total bets pct over REAL,
            total money pct over REAL,
            total bets pct under REAL,
            total money pct under REAL,
            FOREIGN KEY (game id) REFERENCES nfl games (game id)
        );
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    # Note: The nfl features table is omitted here for simplicity
    # as these features will likely be computed during the backtesting
phase
    # or just before model training, rather than stored permanently in
the DB.
    conn.commit()
    conn.close()
    print(f"Database schema created or verified in {DATABASE NAME}")
# --- Data Acquisition Functions ---
# Statically defined stadium coordinates for NFL stadiums for weather
data.
# This list is not exhaustive and would need to be expanded.
STADIUM COORDS = {
    "Lambeau Field": (44.5013, -88.0622),
    "Soldier Field": (41.8623, -87.6167),
    "Gillette Stadium": (42.0627, -71.2643),
    "Arrowhead Stadium": (39.0489, -94.4839),
    "AT&T Stadium": (32.7478, -97.0945),
    "SoFi Stadium": (33.9535, -118.3394),
    "MetLife Stadium": (40.8135, -74.0740),
    "Mercedes-Benz Stadium": (33.7554, -84.4009),
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"Levi's Stadium": (37.4035, -121.9701),
    "Lincoln Financial Field": (39.9009, -75.1675),
    "Allegiant Stadium": (36.0906, -115.1837),
    "State Farm Stadium": (33.5303, -112.2625),
    "Paycor Stadium": (39.0954, -84.5160),
    "Bank of America Stadium": (35.2259, -80.8528),
    "M&T Bank Stadium": (39.2780, -76.6227),
    "Highmark Stadium": (42.7738, -78.7869),
    "NRG Stadium": (29.6847, -95.4093),
    "TIAA Bank Field": (30.3239, -81.6375),
    "Hard Rock Stadium": (25.9579, -80.2393),
    "Nissan Stadium": (36.1664, -86.7713),
    "Acrisure Stadium": (40.4468, -80.0157),
    "FedExField": (38.9077, -76.8647),
    "Lucas Oil Stadium": (39.7600, -86.1517),
    "Ford Field": (42.3401, -83.0456),
    "Huntington Bank Field": (41.4815, -81.6994), # Cleveland Browns
Stadium
    "Empower Field at Mile High": (39.7439, -105.0201),
    "Lumen Field": (47.5952, -122.3316),
    "Raymond James Stadium": (27.9759, -82.5033),
    "Caesars Superdome": (29.9509, -90.0813),
    "US Bank Stadium": (44.9738, -93.2662),
    "EverBank Stadium": (30.3239, -81.6375), # TIAA Bank Field (name
change)
    "Camping World Stadium": (28.5393, -81.3891), # Used for some
early season games/preseason
    "Estadio Azteca": (19.3027, -99.1500), # Occasional international
games
    "Tottenham Hotspur Stadium": (51.6033, -0.0664), # Occasional
international games
    "Deutsche Bank Park": (50.0703, 8.6470), # Occasional
international games
    "Allianz Arena": (48.2188, 11.6247), # Occasional international
games
}
def fetch nfl game data(years):
    Fetches historical NFL game data using nfl data py and inserts
into the database.
    print(f"Fetching NFL game data for years: {years}...")
        # Import schedules for game-level data including stadium info
and game id
        schedules df = nfl.import schedules(years=years)
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# Select relevant columns for our nfl games table
        games to insert = []
        for _, row in schedules df.iterrows():
            stadium name = row['stadium']
            lat, lon = STADIUM COORDS.get(stadium name, (None, None))
# Get coords or None
            games to insert.append((
                row['game id'],
                row['season'],
                row['week'],
                str(row['game date']), # Ensure date is string format
YYYY-MM-DD
                row['home team'],
                row['away team'],
                row['home score'],
                row['away score'],
                stadium name,
                lat,
                lon
            ))
        conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
        cursor = conn.cursor()
        # Use INSERT OR IGNORE to avoid errors on existing game ids
        cursor.executemany("""
            INSERT OR IGNORE INTO nfl games (
                game id, season, week, game date, home team,
away team,
                home score, away score, stadium, stadium latitude,
stadium longitude
            ) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
        """, games to insert)
        conn.commit()
        conn.close()
        print(f"Successfully inserted/updated {len(games to insert)}
NFL games.")
        return True
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error fetching/inserting NFL game data: {e}")
        return False
def get historical weather(latitude, longitude, start date, end date):
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    Fetches historical hourly weather data from Open-Meteo for a given
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location and date range.
    start date and end date should be 'YYYY-MM-DD' strings.
    url = "https://archive-api.open-meteo.com/v1/archive"
    params = {
        "latitude": latitude,
        "longitude": longitude,
        "start date": start date,
        "end date": end date,
        "hourly":
"temperature 2m, wind speed 10m, precipitation, wind gusts 10m",
        "timezone": "America/New York" # NFL games are typically in
EST/EDT
    }
    try:
        response = requests.get(url, params=params)
        response.raise for status() # Raise an HTTPError for bad
responses (4xx or 5xx)
        return response.json()
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
        print(f"Error fetching weather data for {latitude}, {longitude}
on {start date}: {e}")
        return None
def fetch and store weather data():
    Fetches weather data for all games in the nfl games table that
have stadium coordinates
    and inserts it into the nfl weather table.
    print("Fetching and storing weather data...")
    conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    # Get games that have stadium coordinates and for which we haven't
fetched weather yet
    cursor.execute("""
        SELECT game id, game date, stadium latitude, stadium longitude
        FROM nfl games
        WHERE stadium latitude IS NOT NULL AND stadium longitude IS
NOT NULL
        AND game id NOT IN (SELECT DISTINCT game id FROM nfl weather)
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    games for weather = cursor.fetchall()
    weather data to insert = []
    fetched count = 0
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for game id, game date, lat, lon in games for weather:
        if lat is None or lon is None:
            continue # Skip if coordinates are missing
        # Open-Meteo requires start date and end date to be the same
for a single day
        weather json = get historical weather(lat, lon, game date,
game date)
        if weather json and 'hourly' in weather json:
            hourly data = weather json['hourly']
            times = hourly data.get('time', [])
            temperatures = hourly data.get('temperature 2m', [])
            wind speeds = hourly data.get('wind speed 10m', [])
            precipitations = hourly data.get('precipitation', [])
            wind gusts = hourly data.get('wind gusts 10m', [])
            for i in range(len(times)):
                weather data to insert.append((
                    game id,
                    times[i], # Timestamp for the hour
                    temperatures[i] if i < len(temperatures) else</pre>
None,
                    wind speeds[i] if i < len(wind speeds) else None,
                    precipitations[i] if i < len(precipitations) else</pre>
None,
                    wind gusts[i] if i < len(wind gusts) else None</pre>
                ))
            fetched count += 1
            # Be mindful of API rate limits if making many requests
quickly
            time.sleep(0.1) # Small delay
    if weather data to insert:
        cursor.executemany("""
            INSERT OR IGNORE INTO nfl weather (
                game id, timestamp, temperature celsius,
wind speed ms,
                precipitation mm, wind gusts ms
            ) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
        """, weather data to insert)
        conn.commit()
        print(f"Successfully inserted weather data for {fetched count}
qames.")
    else:
        print("No new weather data to insert.")
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conn.close()
# --- Odds Data Strategy ---
# Placeholder for The Odds API client. You'll need to replace
'YOUR FREE KEY'
# with your actual API key from The Odds API.
THE ODDS API KEY = 'YOUR FREE KEY'
THE ODDS API BASE URL =
'https://api.the-odds-api.com/v4/sports/americanfootball nfl/odds/'
def fetch and store odds data(game date start, game date end):
    Fetches historical NFL odds data from The Odds API and inserts
into the database.
    This fetches 'totals' odds specifically.
    print(f"Fetching odds data from {game date start} to
{game date end}...")
    # The Odds API historical data is typically accessed by a specific
game ID or date range.
    # We need to iterate through games to fetch their odds.
    conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    # Get game ids and dates for which we need odds data
    # Filter for games that haven't been played yet or for which we
don't have odds
    cursor.execute(f"""
        SELECT game id, game date
        FROM nfl games
        WHERE game date BETWEEN '{game date start}' AND
'{game date end}'
    """)
    games to fetch odds for = cursor.fetchall()
    odds data to insert = []
    fetched count = 0
    for game id, game date str in games to fetch odds for:
        # Check if we already have odds for this game (simplistic
check)
        cursor.execute("SELECT 1 FROM nfl odds WHERE game id = ? LIMIT
1", (game id,))
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continue # Skip if odds already exist for this game id

if cursor.fetchone():

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# The Odds API has a specific format for historical odds.
        # For this example, we'll simulate fetching by date, but
ideally, you'd fetch per game id
        # if the API supports it efficiently, or in bulk by date.
        # This example uses the 'GET ODDS' endpoint, which returns
live odds.
        # For historical, you'd use 'GET HISTORICAL ODDS', which is a
paid feature.
        # The prompt mentioned "The Odds API client" and
"get historical odds"
        # For the free tier, we typically get live odds, not
historical tick-by-tick.
        # For this prototype, let's assume we're fetching a snapshot.
        # For a truly free solution, historical odds are often found
in Kaggle datasets
        # or require manual scraping of archival sites.
        # Simulating fetching live odds or a snapshot for
demonstration
        # This part requires a more robust setup if you want true
historical tick-by-tick.
        # For now, let's assume a simplified API call.
            # This is a simplified call, typically you query all odds
for a sport
            # and then filter by game.
            response = requests.get(
f"{THE ODDS API BASE URL}?apiKey={THE ODDS API KEY}&regions=us&markets
=totals"
            response.raise for status()
            odds data = response.json()
            for event in odds data:
                if event['id'] == game id: # Assuming The Odds API
`id` matches our `game id`
                    for bookmaker in event['bookmakers']:
                        sportsbook name = bookmaker['key']
                        for market in bookmaker['markets']:
                            if market['key'] == 'totals':
                                for outcome in market['outcomes']:
                                    # For totals, we'll store the
point and the price
                                    # For simplicity, we'll just get
the "point" as the line
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# and assume opening/closing will
be derived from multiple snapshots
                                    # This needs refinement for real
tick-by-tick.
                                    line = outcome['point']
                                    price = outcome['price'] #
Probability/price associated with Over/Under
                                    # In a real scenario, you'd
capture opening line and closing line
                                    # by taking multiple snapshots
over time.
                                    # For this example, we'll just
store a single snapshot.
                                    odds data to insert.append((
                                        game id,
                                        sportsbook name,
                                        'total',
                                        line,
                                                    # Simplified as
line for now
                                        line, # Simplified as
line for now
                                        0.0,
                                                    # Line movement
(needs multiple snapshots)
                                        datetime.now().isoformat() #
Timestamp of capture
                    fetched count += 1
                    break # Found odds for this game id
        except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
            print(f"Error fetching odds for {game id} from The Odds
API: {e}")
           # Consider adding more robust error handling and retry
logic
        time.sleep(0.1) # Be mindful of API rate limits
    if odds data to insert:
        cursor.executemany("""
            INSERT OR IGNORE INTO nfl odds (
                game id, sportsbook, odd type, opening line,
closing line,
                line movement, timestamp
            ) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
        """, odds data to insert)
        conn.commit()
        print(f"Successfully inserted odds data for {fetched count}
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qames.")
    else:
        print("No new odds data to insert.")
    conn.close()
# --- Public Betting Data (Action Network Scraping) ---
# This part requires setting up a Chrome WebDriver.
# Make sure you have Chrome installed and a compatible ChromeDriver in
vour PATH.
# Download ChromeDriver from:
https://chromedriver.chromium.org/downloads
from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.service import Service
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import WebDriverWait
from selenium.webdriver.support import expected conditions as EC
from selenium.common.exceptions import TimeoutException,
NoSuchElementException
# This assumes ChromeDriver is in your system's PATH or specified
# For local development, you might specify the path directly:
# CHROME DRIVER PATH = '/path/to/chromedriver'
# service = Service(executable path=CHROME DRIVER PATH)
# driver = webdriver.Chrome(service=service)
def scrape action network splits():
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    Scrapes public betting split data from Action Network.
    Returns a list of dictionaries with game data or None on failure.
    print("Attempting to scrape Action Network for public betting
splits...")
    driver = None
    try:
        options = webdriver.ChromeOptions()
        options.add argument('--headless') # Run in headless mode (no
GUI)
        options.add argument('--no-sandbox')
        options.add argument('--disable-dev-shm-usage')
        driver = webdriver.Chrome(options=options)
        driver.get('https://www.actionnetwork.com/nfl/public-betting')
        # Wait for dynamic content to load, up to 10 seconds
        WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(
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EC.presence of element located((By.CLASS NAME,
'game-row'))
        )
        games = driver.find elements(By.CLASS NAME, 'game-row')
        betting data = []
        for game in games:
            try:
                # Extract relevant text, handle potential errors if
elements are missing
                game teams = game.find element(By.CLASS NAME,
'teams').text
                total bets pct = game.find element(By.CSS SELECTOR,
'div[data-total-type="total-bets-pct"]').text
                total money pct = game.find element (By.CSS SELECTOR,
'div[data-total-type="total-money-pct"]').text
                # Clean and convert percentages
                total bets pct val = float(total bets pct.replace('%',
'')) / 100.0 if total bets pct else None
                total money pct val =
float(total money pct.replace('%', '')) / 100.0 if total money pct
else None
                # Action Network usually shows total bets for 'Over'.
We need 'Under' as well.
                # Assuming the displayed percentage is for 'Over',
then 'Under' is 100 - 'Over'
                total bets pct under val = 1.0 - total bets pct val if
total bets pct val is not None else None
                total money pct under val = 1.0 - total money pct val
if total money pct val is not None else None
                # We need to link this to a specific game id. Action
Network doesn't directly
                # provide NFL game ids from nfl data py. This is a
crucial challenge.
                # A robust solution would involve matching team names
and dates.
                # For this prototype, we'll just capture the raw text
and deal with matching later.
                betting data.append({
                    'game description': game teams, # For manual
matching later
                    'total bets pct over': total bets pct val,
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'total money pct over': total money pct val,
                    'total bets pct under': total bets pct under val,
                    'total money pct under':
total money pct under val,
                    'timestamp': datetime.now().isoformat()
                })
            except NoSuchElementException as e:
                print(f"Skipping a game row due to missing element:
{e}")
                continue # Skip to the next game row if elements are
missing
        print(f"Successfully scraped {len(betting data)} betting split
entries.")
        return betting data
    except TimeoutException:
        print("Timed out waiting for Action Network content to load.")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An error occurred during scraping Action Network:
{e}")
    finally:
        if driver:
            driver.quit()
    return None
def store betting splits (betting data):
    Stores scraped betting split data into the database.
    NOTE: This function currently requires manual matching of
'game description' to 'game id'.
    A more advanced solution would involve fuzzy matching team names
and dates.
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    if not betting data:
        print("No betting data to store.")
        return
    conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
    cursor = conn.cursor()
    # For prototyping, we'll insert with a placeholder game id and
require manual matching.
    # In a real system, you'd try to resolve game id here by querying
nfl games table
    # based on game description (e.g., "NYJ vs BUF" and date).
    # Let's try a simple lookup for games played today, or in the near
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future.
    # This is highly simplified and will likely need manual correction
for past games.
    today str = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
    cursor.execute(f"""
        SELECT game id, home team, away team, game date
        FROM nfl games
        WHERE game date >= '{today str}' -- Look for upcoming or
today's games
    11 11 11 )
    upcoming games = cursor.fetchall()
    insert count = 0
    for split entry in betting data:
        # Simple string matching for demonstration. This is not robust
for production.
        matched game id = None
        for game_id, home_team, away_team, game_date in
upcoming games:
            game desc lower = split entry['game description'].lower()
            home team lower = home team.lower()
            away team lower = away team.lower()
            if (home team lower in game desc lower and away team lower
in game desc lower) or \
               (away team lower in game desc lower and home team lower
in game desc lower):
                matched game id = game id
                break # Found a potential match
        if matched game id:
            try:
                cursor.execute("""
                    INSERT INTO nfl betting splits (
                        game id, timestamp, total bets pct over,
total money pct over,
                        total bets pct under, total money pct under
                    ) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)
                """, (
                    matched game id,
                    split entry['timestamp'],
                    split entry['total bets pct over'],
                    split entry['total money pct over'],
                    split entry['total bets pct under'],
                    split entry['total money pct under']
                ) )
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insert count += 1

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except sqlite3.IntegrityError:
                print(f"Betting split for {matched game id} at
{split entry['timestamp']} already exists.")
            except Exception as e:
                print(f"Error inserting betting split for
{matched game id}: {e}")
        else:
            print(f"Could not find matching game_id for:
{split entry['game description']}")
    conn.commit()
    conn.close()
    print(f"Attempted to store {insert count} betting split entries.")
# --- Main Execution Flow ---
if name == " main ":
    create database schema()
    # 1. Fetch and store NFL Game Data
    # For a full historical run, you might want to specify a wider
range of years.
    # Be mindful that older nflverse data might have slight
inconsistencies in stadium names.
    fetch nfl game data(years=list(range(2020, 2025))) # Fetch data
from 2020 to 2024 seasons
    # 2. Fetch and store Weather Data
    fetch and store weather data()
    # 3. Fetch and store Odds Data
    # NOTE: The free tier of The Odds API for historical data is
limited.
    # For robust historical odds, you would need a paid subscription
or alternative sources
    # (e.g., Kaggle datasets for older data, or specific data
providers).
    # This example attempts to fetch for a recent/upcoming period.
    # Adjust the date range as needed.
    # Fetching odds for past 30 days and next 7 days for demonstration
    end date = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
    start date = (datetime.now() -
timedelta(days=30)).strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
    fetch and store odds data(start date, end date)
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# 4. Fetch and store Public Betting Splits

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# This part requires ChromeDriver and can be fragile due to
website changes.
    # Run this only if you have ChromeDriver set up and want to
capture live splits.
    # It's best to run this regularly via a scheduler for up-to-date
information.
    # For historical splits, you would need to scrape archives or
purchase data.
    # betting splits = scrape action network splits()
    # store betting splits(betting splits)
    # print("\n--- Data Acquisition Complete ---")
    # print(f"Check '{DATABASE NAME}' for your data.")
    # You can then guery the database to verify data:
    # conn = sqlite3.connect(DATABASE NAME)
    # df qames = pd.read sql query("SELECT * FROM nfl games LIMIT 5;",
conn)
    # df weather = pd.read sql query("SELECT * FROM nfl weather LIMIT
5;", conn)
    # df odds = pd.read sql query("SELECT * FROM nfl odds LIMIT 5;",
conn)
    # df splits = pd.read sql query("SELECT * FROM nfl betting splits
LIMIT 5;", conn)
    # print("\nSample Game Data:\n", df games)
    # print("\nSample Weather Data:\n", df weather)
    # print("\nSample Odds Data:\n", df odds)
    # print("\nSample Betting Splits Data:\n", df splits)
    # conn.close()
```

## How to Implement and Run This Code:

- 1. **Save the Code**: Save the entire code block above as a Python file (e.g., nfl data pipeline.py).
- 2. Install Dependencies:

```
pip install pandas nfl data py requests selenium
```

- 3. ChromeDriver Setup for Selenium (Crucial for Betting Splits):
  - Download the appropriate ChromeDriver for your Chrome browser version from the official <u>ChromeDriver downloads page</u>.
  - Place the chromedriver executable in a directory that is in your system's PATH, or specify its path directly in the Service object when initializing the webdriver. Chrome (as commented in the scrape\_action\_network\_splits function).
- 4. The Odds API Key:
  - Register for a free API key at <u>The Odds API</u>.
  - Replace 'YOUR\_FREE\_KEY' in the THE\_ODDS\_API\_KEY variable with your actual API key.
  - Important Note on The Odds API: The free tier of The Odds API generally

provides *live* odds. Historical, tick-by-tick odds are usually a paid feature. For robust backtesting with precise historical line movements, you will likely need to invest in a premium data provider or explore other historical data sources (like Kaggle datasets for older, static odds archives). The current fetch\_and\_store\_odds\_data function in the script is a simplification for demonstration purposes.

#### 5. Run the Script:

python nfl data pipeline.py

#### **Next Steps and Considerations:**

- Data Cleaning and Preprocessing: Once data is acquired, the next phase would involve rigorous cleaning, handling missing values, and standardizing formats before feature engineering.
- Stadium Coordinates: The STADIUM\_COORDS dictionary is not exhaustive. You'll need to expand it to cover all NFL stadiums present in your historical game data. You can programmatically extract unique stadium names from your nfl\_games DataFrame and then find their coordinates.
- Robust Game Matching for Splits: The current method for matching scraped betting splits (game\_description) to game\_id is very basic. For a production system, you would need a more sophisticated fuzzy matching algorithm or an external lookup service that maps team names/game times to canonical game IDs.
- **Incremental Data Updates**: As suggested in your initial analysis, setting up a system for incremental updates (only fetching new data since the last run) is vital for long-term maintenance and efficiency.
- **Error Handling and Logging**: Enhance the scripts with more detailed error handling, logging, and retry mechanisms for API calls.
- **Scalability**: For very large datasets or high-frequency updates, consider migrating from SQLite to a more powerful relational database like PostgreSQL or a data warehouse solution.
- Scheduling: Automate these scripts to run periodically (e.g., daily or weekly) using tools like cron (Linux/macOS) or Windows Task Scheduler, or a Python scheduler library like APScheduler or schedule.

This first phase sets a strong technical foundation for Project "LUCY." Let me know when you're ready to move on to building out the Signal Stack tiers!