Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database

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APPENDIX

Abstract

The project "Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database" is motivated by the imperative to leverage the transformative potential inherent in big data analytics, particularly in the realm of crime data analysis. In a strategic move, the project embraces NoSQL databases, with a specific focus on DynamoDB, diverging from traditional relational databases. This decision stems from a clear acknowledgment of the distinctive challenges presented by crime data's intricate and voluminous nature. The rationale for adopting a NoSQL approach is grounded in its capacity to accommodate the inherent flexibility and scalability required for the diverse and ever-evolving characteristics of crime datasets.

Utilizing Python, DynamoDB, Spark, and Matplotlib and algorithms such as random forest and LSTM models, our project not only seeks to analyze historical crime data but also aims to unveil latent patterns, correlations, and trends that pose challenges for traditional databases. This technological preference reflects a dedication to innovation, adaptability, and the recognition of NoSQL databases as a formidable tool for efficiently analyzing dynamic, large-scale datasets.

Introduction

In crime data analysis, our project pioneers the use of big data and NoSQL databases for transformative insights. Focused on Chicago's crime data, our team strategically employs these technologies, emphasizing the superiority of NoSQL over traditional databases.

The necessity to scrutinize vast and intricate crime datasets calls for an approach that transcends the limitations found in traditional relational databases. The dynamic, diverse, and unstructured nature of crime data often presents challenges in storage, retrieval, and scalability within conventional database frameworks. This underscores the rationale for adopting NoSQL databases, with DynamoDB serving as a prime example—an adaptable, schema-less design capable of seamlessly accommodating diverse data types.

Python serves as the project's foundational programming language, facilitating seamless integration with various technologies, including DynamoDB and Spark. DynamoDB, an open-source, document-oriented NoSQL database, assumes a central role in efficiently managing the intricacies inherent in crime data. Meanwhile, Spark, a robust big data processing engine, empowers the team to conduct intricate analyses on extensive datasets with unprecedented speed and precision.

Matplotlib, a Python-based data visualization library, amplifies the project's analytical capabilities. However, the project's uniqueness doesn't solely rest on its data processing capabilities; it signifies a commitment to innovation, adaptability, and the acknowledgment of NoSQL databases as formidable tools for analyzing dynamic, large-scale datasets.

The narrative takes a pivotal turn with an explicit focus on crime prediction analysis—an integral aspect where big data and NoSQL databases demonstrate their prowess. Through advanced analytics and predictive modeling, the project transcends traditional reactive approaches, aiming to predict high-risk areas and crime types. This proactive stance positions the project at the forefront of technological advancements in public safety.

The project's progression goes beyond mere data analysis, acting as a catalyst for significant transformation. The derived insights possess the potential to reshape approaches in law enforcement, guide urban planning decisions, and make substantial contributions to fostering a safer and more

engaged community. The project's journey concludes with the narrative presentation of complex patterns through visualization, providing stakeholders, law enforcement, and the community with actionable intelligence. Through the integration of big data analytics and NoSQL databases, the project represents the forefront of technological innovation in the realm of crime data analysis.

Description of Databases

Within the framework of our project, the pivotal role of databases in managing extensive crime datasets is acknowledged. Two prominent NoSQL databases, DynamoDB and MongoDB, were considered for this purpose. The subsequent sections provide an in-depth overview of DynamoDB, along with the reasoning behind selecting it over MongoDB.

Dynamo Database (DynamoDB):

DynamoDB, an AWS-provided NoSQL database, emerges as a critical component for efficiently navigating the intricacies associated with crime data. Its document-oriented, open-source approach aligns seamlessly with the dynamic and unstructured nature of crime datasets.

Key Characteristics:

1. Schema-Less Design: DynamoDB's schema-less design ensures adaptability to diverse data types, facilitating smooth integration with varied and evolving crime data.
2. Scalability: Dynamic scalability allows DynamoDB to adjust promptly to changes in data volume, making it an ideal choice for handling extensive crime datasets encountered in the project.
3. Performance: The database's high-performance capabilities play a pivotal role in swiftly storing and retrieving crime data, supporting real-time analysis.

Use Case Details:

1. Primary Key Structure: DynamoDB employs a composite primary key structure, comprising a partition key (Date) and a sort key (Crime Type) to uniquely identify each item.
2. Secondary Indexes: Leveraging DynamoDB's support for secondary indexes enhances query performance, enabling efficient retrieval of crime data based on specific criteria.
3. ACID Transactions: DynamoDB's support for ACID transactions ensures data consistency and integrity, vital for maintaining the reliability of crime data.

Why DynamoDB over MongoDB:

The preference for DynamoDB over MongoDB is underpinned by considerations tailored to the nuances of crime data analysis.

1. Flexibility and Scalability: DynamoDB's schema-less design provides inherent flexibility, accommodating diverse and evolving crime datasets. Automatic scaling capabilities ensure optimal performance amid fluctuating data volumes.
2. Integration with AWS Ecosystem: DynamoDB seamlessly integrates with the broader AWS ecosystem, offering advantages in terms of compatibility, ease of management, and potential cost efficiencies when used alongside other AWS services in the project.
3. Performance and Speed: DynamoDB's exceptional performance and rapid response times align with the project's need for real-time data processing and analysis, crucial for crime prediction models.
4. Consistency and Reliability: DynamoDB's support for ACID transactions ensures the consistency and reliability of crime data, fundamental for upholding the integrity of processed and stored information.

In essence, DynamoDB stands out as the preferred database for our project due to its seamless

handling of crime data intricacies, coupled with its flexibility, scalability, and performance within the AWS ecosystem.

Literature Survey:

The project draws on a rich tapestry of existing research and literature in the fields of big data analytics, crime data analysis, and the utilization of NoSQL databases. The following key sources contribute to the foundational understanding and strategic framework of the project:

1. "Comparing NoSQL Databases: MongoDB vs. DynamoDB" by Studio3T:
   This analysis explores MongoDB and DynamoDB, with DynamoDB as our project's choice, offering insights into the broader NoSQL database landscape.

2. "Big Data Analytics for Crime Prediction" by Leman Akoglu et al.:
   Akoglu's research delves into big data analytics for crime prediction, contributing to our project's theoretical foundation and emphasizing advanced analytics in law enforcement.

3. "Spark: The Definitive Guide" by Bill Chambers and Matei Zaharia:
   Chambers and Zaharia's guide to Apache Spark provides insights into Spark's capabilities for efficiently processing extensive crime datasets.

4. "Python for Data Analysis" by Wes McKinney:
   McKinney's book offers practical insights into Python for data analysis, a fundamental language in our project for preprocessing and analysis.

Our exploration extends beyond academic literature to encompass practical blogs and articles, offering concrete insights into big data analytics, crime data analysis, and the adoption of NoSQL databases in real-world scenarios:

1. Article - "DZone Investigates: Why NoSQL Over Traditional Databases?":
   DZone's article delves into the reasons behind opting for NoSQL databases over traditional relational databases, aligning with our project's decision to choose DynamoDB.

2. Article - "Bernard Marr's Take on How Big Data Analytics Tackles Urban Crime":
   Bernard Marr's article provides a practical overview of big data analytics addressing urban crime challenges, citing case studies and real-world examples.

3. Blog - "ScaleGrid's Insightful Comparison: DynamoDB vs. MongoDB in 2023":
   ScaleGrid's blog post offers a contemporary examination of DynamoDB and MongoDB, providing valuable insights into ongoing considerations.

4. Article - "Analytics Vidhya Explores Real-world Apache Spark Use Cases in Enterprises":
   This article explores practical applications of Apache Spark in enterprises, aligning with our project's goals concerning Spark's implementation.

5. Blog - "Real Python's Quick Guide to Python for Big Data":
   Real Python's blog post offers pragmatic guidance on utilizing Python for big data applications,

providing practical insights into Python's role in managing and analyzing extensive datasets.

6. Blog Post - "Cypress Data Defense on Crime Analytics: Leveraging Big Data for Prediction and Prevention":
   Cypress Data Defense's blog post explores the real-world application of big data in crime analytics, examining how advanced analytics contribute to prediction and prevention.

7. Article - "Real Python's Exploration of matplotlib: Navigating Python Plotting With Matplotlib":
   Real Python's article on Matplotlib serves as a practical guide to Python's data visualization library, complementing our project's use of Matplotlib for visualizing crime data patterns.

These insights from blogs and articles establish a practical bridge between theoretical concepts and their applications, enriching our literature survey with varied perspectives and real-world experiences in the realms of big data analytics and crime prevention.

Prerequisites:

1. Tutorial - "Initiating Data Science with Python" by Real Python:
   Real Python's tutorial offers a comprehensive introduction to Python for data science, covering essential concepts, data manipulation, and analysis. It is a valuable resource for team members new to Python.

2. Guide - "Embarking on DynamoDB: A Comprehensive AWS Reference" by AWS Documentation:
   The official AWS documentation on DynamoDB provides an extensive guide for beginners, including crucial concepts, best practices, and practical examples. It aids the effective utilization of DynamoDB in our project.

3. Tutorial - "Exploring PySpark for Machine Learning in Apache Spark" by DataCamp:
   DataCamp's tutorial on Apache Spark delves into machine learning with PySpark, offering practical insights into leveraging Spark for advanced analytics. This aligns with our project's objective of using Spark for crime data analysis.

4. Guide - "Mastering Python Plotting with Matplotlib" by Real Python:
   Real Python's guide on Matplotlib is a comprehensive resource for mastering Python plotting, spanning from basic to advanced techniques. It supports our project's use of Matplotlib for data visualization.

5. Tutorial Series - "Comprehensive NoSQL Fundamentals" by Guru99:
   Guru99's NoSQL tutorial series provides a beginner-friendly guide to understanding NoSQL databases, covering concepts, advantages, and implementation. It aligns with our project's emphasis on the rationale for choosing NoSQL databases.

6. Guide - "Exploring Crime Analytics in the World of Big Data" by Towards Data Science:
   Towards Data Science offers a guide on crime analytics using big data, providing insights into methodologies, tools, and considerations for implementing big data analytics in the context of crime data.

7. Guide - "Introduction to Python Data Visualization using Matplotlib" by Real Python:
   Real Python's guide introduces data visualization in Python using Matplotlib, covering essential concepts and techniques. It supports our project's emphasis on using Matplotlib to visualize crime data patterns.

These resources offer actionable insights, tips, and best practices for executing specific tasks within our project, providing practical knowledge and guidance for the "Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database" project.

Problem Statement

The surge in crime data complexity within urban environments, particularly in Chicago, poses challenges for traditional analysis and law enforcement. Conventional databases struggle with the dynamic and unstructured nature of crime data, impeding timely insights and hindering proactive responses to emerging crime trends. This project addresses the need for an adaptive solution, leveraging big data technologies and NoSQL databases, such as DynamoDB, to overcome these limitations. The aim is to transition from reactive to proactive law enforcement by unlocking actionable intelligence from historical and evolving crime data patterns.

Project Architecture

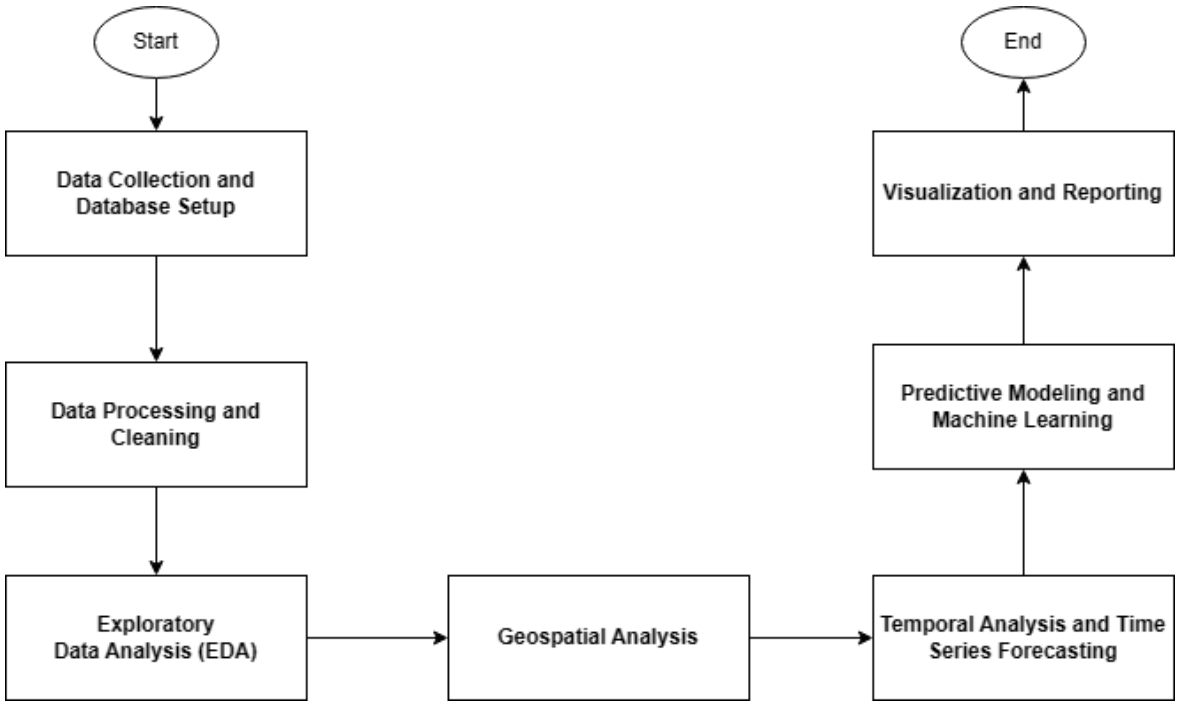

Fig: Project architecture which maps the entire project methodology.

Data Collection and Database Setup

Data Collection:

In the execution of our project, the primary dataset was sourced from Kaggle under the title "Chicago Crimes." This dataset, available [here], offers a comprehensive and current repository of crime-related data in Chicago.

Overview of the Dataset:

- The dataset encompasses a diverse array of crime data spanning multiple years, facilitating a thorough historical analysis of criminal incidents in Chicago.

- Key attributes, including Date, Block, Primary Type, Description, Location Description, and Arrest status, among others, provide a detailed and multifaceted view of each recorded crime

Data Retrieval and Storage:
1. Accessing the Kaggle Dataset:
  - Kaggle's platform was utilized to access and download the "Chicago Crimes" dataset.
  - Emphasis was placed on the "Chicago_Crimes_2022.csv" file for the latest available data.

2. Python Script for Data Extraction:
  - A Python script was developed to extract pertinent information from the CSV files.
  - Pandas, a robust data manipulation library, was employed for efficient handling, cleaning, and preprocessing of the data.

3. Integration with DynamoDB:
  - A connection to the DynamoDB NoSQL database was established for seamless data storage.
  - The AWS SDK for Python (Boto3) was used to interact with DynamoDB, ensuring secure and efficient data transfer.

Data Cleaning and Transformation:
- Rigorous data cleaning procedures were applied to address missing values, eliminate duplicates, and enhance overall data quality.

- The raw CSV data was transformed into a structured format, aligning with the requirements of the NoSQL database schema.
Ensuring Data Privacy and Compliance:
- Stringent adherence to Kaggle's terms of use and privacy policies was maintained to uphold data privacy.
- Compliance with pertinent data protection regulations was observed, ensuring ethical and legal handling of crime-related information.

The inclusion of the Kaggle "Chicago Crimes" dataset forms a robust cornerstone for our project, facilitating an in-depth exploration of historical crime data in Chicago and enabling insightful analyses of crime patterns and trends.

Dataset screenshot:

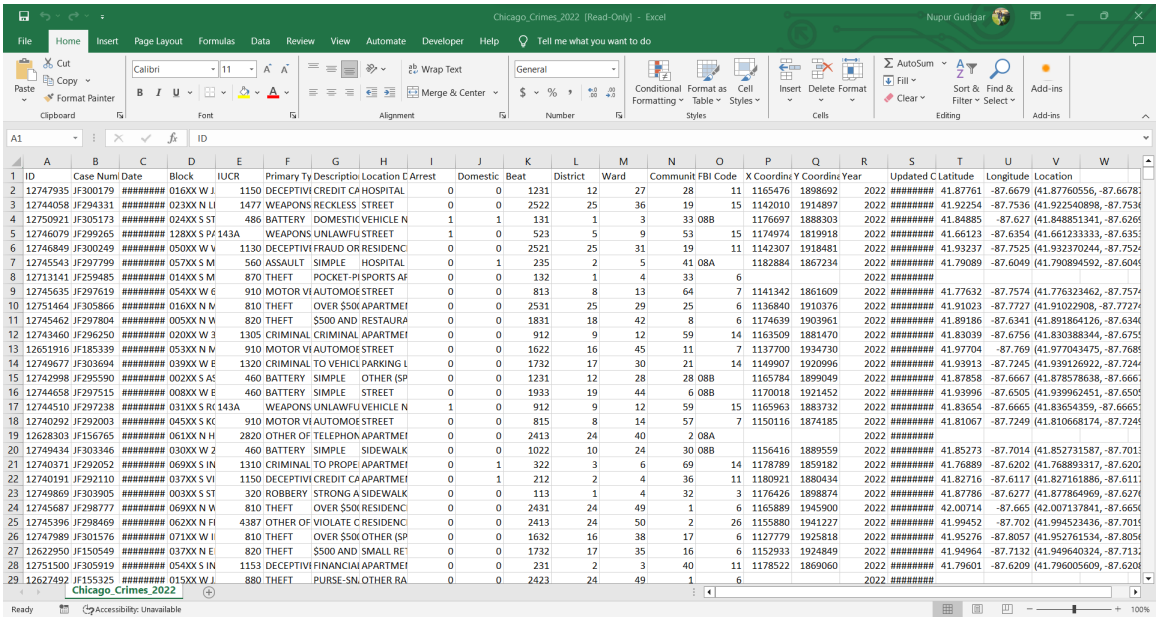

Fig: Dataset screenshot on local system.

Snippets of uploaded data in DynamoDB:

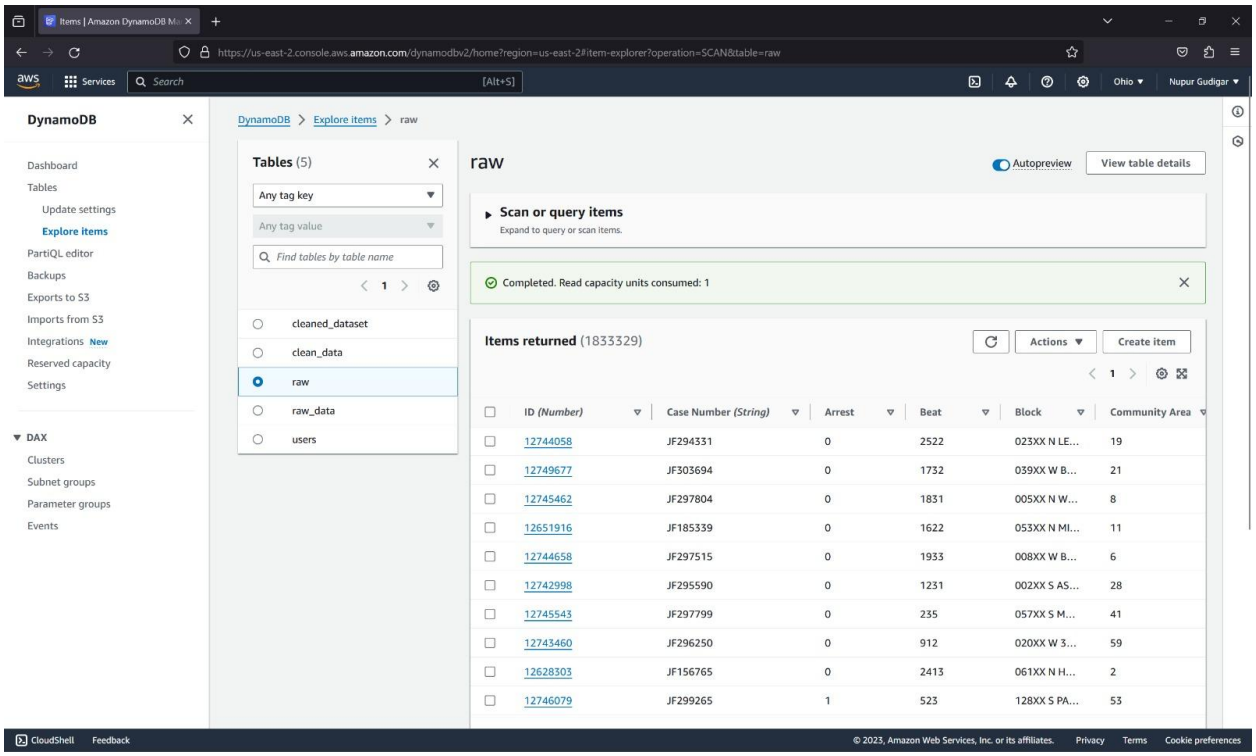

Fig: Snippet of the raw data gathered from Kaggle, after importing into dynamo.

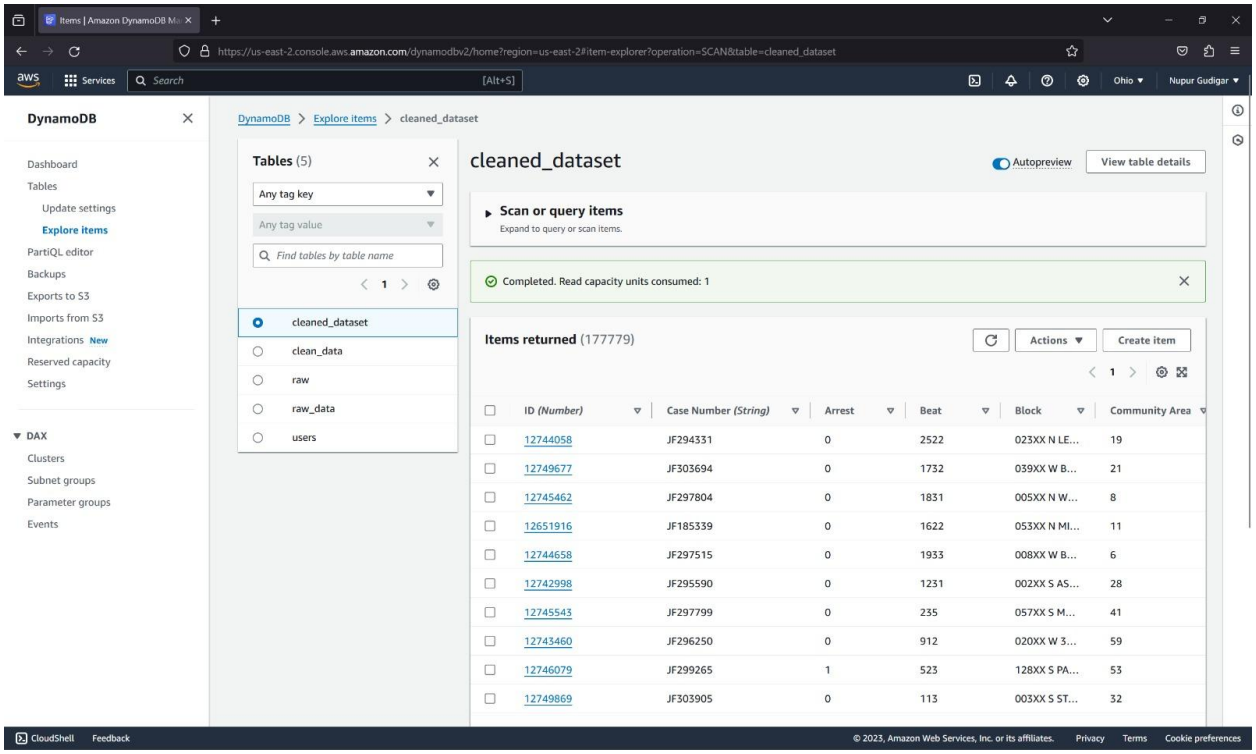

Fig: Snippet of the clean data being stored in dynamo.

PySpark:

Apache Spark is a distributed computing framework designed to process vast amounts of data quickly. Unlike traditional MapReduce models, Spark allows in-memory processing, reducing the need for extensive disk I/O operations and significantly improving performance. Spark's core abstraction is the Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD), a fault-tolerant collection of elements that can be processed in parallel.

PySpark extends Spark's capabilities to Python enthusiasts, providing a high-level API that simplifies the development of distributed data processing applications. This integration with Python not only attracts a broader community of developers but also makes Spark more accessible to those already familiar with the Python programming language.

Key Features of PySpark:

A. Ease of Use:

1. PySpark's syntax is concise and Pythonic, making it user-friendly for developers.
2. Seamless integration with popular Python libraries, such as NumPy, Pandas, and scikit-learn, enhances the ecosystem for data analysis and machine learning.

B. Versatility:

1. PySpark supports various data sources, including Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), Apache Hive, Apache HBase, and more.
2. The ability to create resilient distributed datasets (RDDs) allows for fault-tolerant parallel data processing.

C. Performance Optimization:

1. Leveraging Spark's in-memory processing capabilities, PySpark delivers exceptional speed for iterative algorithms and interactive data analysis.
2. Catalyst optimizer and Tungsten execution engine contribute to efficient query optimization and code generation.

Data Cleaning and Transformation:

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, upper, lit, to_date, from_unixtime, hour, dayofweek
from pyspark.sql.types import DoubleType
from pyspark.sql.functions import regexp_extract, to_date, hour, dayofweek, upper
import re

# Create Spark Session
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'Chicago_Crimes_2021'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
df_dynamodb = pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    df_dynamodb = pd.concat([df_dynamodb, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])
# Load your dataset
df_2021 = spark.read.csv('Chicago_Crimes_2021.csv', header=True, inferSchema=True)
df_2022 = spark.read.csv('Chicago_Crimes_2022.csv', header=True, inferSchema=True)

# Handling Missing Values
df_2021 = df_2021.dropna(subset=['Primary Type'])
df_2022 = df_2022.dropna(subset=['Primary Type'])

# Date Formatting and Feature Extraction
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Date', to_date(col('Date'), 'MM-dd-yyyy HH:mm'))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Date', to_date(col('Date'), 'yyyy-MM-dd'))

df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('HourOfDay', hour(col('Date')))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('HourOfDay', hour(col('Date')))

df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('DayOfWeek', dayofweek(col('Date')))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('DayOfWeek', dayofweek(col('Date')))
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df_2021 = df_2021.filter((col('Latitude').isNotNull()) & (col('Longitude').isNotNull()))
df_2022 = df_2022.filter((col('Latitude').isNotNull()) & (col('Longitude').isNotNull()))

# Parsing and Extracting Information from Block column
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Block', upper(regexp_extract(col('Block'), r'([a-zA-Z0-9\s]+)', 0)))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Block', upper(regexp_extract(col('Block'), r'([a-zA-Z0-9\s]+)', 0)))

# Handling Inconsistent Data
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Primary Type', upper(col('Primary Type')))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Primary Type', upper(col('Primary Type')))

# Duplicate Removal
df_2021 = df_2021.dropDuplicates()
df_2022 = df_2022.dropDuplicates()

# Data Type Conversion
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Latitude', col('Latitude').cast(DoubleType()))
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Longitude', col('Longitude').cast(DoubleType()))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Latitude', col('Latitude').cast(DoubleType()))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Longitude', col('Longitude').cast(DoubleType()))

# Consistent Casing
df_2021 = df_2021.withColumn('Block', upper(col('Block')))
df_2022 = df_2022.withColumn('Block', upper(col('Block')))

df_combined = df_2021.union(df_2022)

# Save the combined and cleaned dataset to CSV
df_combined.write.csv('cleaned_dataset.csv', mode='overwrite', header=True)
```

Fig: Code for cleaning dataset

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

At the outset of our project, we conducted an in-depth Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to gain profound insights into the Chicago crime dataset. This involved an initial assessment to comprehend how crimes are distributed across various types, locations, and time frames. Our primary objectives included identifying trends, hotspots, and seasonal patterns in crime occurrences.

Data Preprocessing:

Before delving into analysis, we carried out essential preprocessing steps to address missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies. This ensured the integrity of the data and laid the foundation for meaningful exploration.

Key Findings:

Temporal Trends: Crime rates exhibited fluctuations over the years, suggesting potential areas for targeted interventions during specific periods.

Spatial Hotspots: Certain neighborhoods displayed higher crime rates, emphasizing the necessity for localized crime prevention strategies.

Crime Type Distribution: Understanding the prevalence of specific crime types enabled us to prioritize efforts based on the urgency and severity of offenses.

Correlation Insights: Exploring relationships between different variables opened avenues for deeper analysis, guiding our subsequent predictive modeling efforts.

This comprehensive Exploratory Data Analysis, encompassing initial scrutiny and trend identification, lays the groundwork for implementing predictive modeling. Historical patterns and trends will be leveraged to anticipate future criminal activities.

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import count, mean, stddev, min, max
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName("Crime Type Statistics") \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df = pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df= pd.concat([cleaned_df, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])
# Assuming 'THEFT' is one of the primary types, replace it with your chosen type
crime_type = 'THEFT'
crime_type_df = cleaned_df.filter(cleaned_df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Calculate basic statistics
print(f"Basic Statistics for {crime_type}:\n")

# Assuming 'Number of Crimes' is the column to be analyzed, replace it with your chosen column
crime_count = crime_type_df.groupBy().count()
crime_mean = crime_type_df.groupBy().mean()
#crime_stddev = crime_type_df.groupBy().stddev_samp() # or crime_stddev = crime_type_df.groupBy().stddev_pop()
crime_min = crime_type_df.groupBy().min()
crime_max = crime_type_df.groupBy().max()

# Display the results
print("Crime Count:", crime_count.collect()[0][0])
print("Crime Mean:", crime_mean.collect()[0][0])
#print("Crime Standard Deviation:", crime_stddev.collect()[0][0])
print("Crime Minimum:", crime_min.collect()[0][0])
print("Crime Maximum:", crime_max.collect()[0][0])
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23/12/04 23:10:33 WARN SparkSession: Using an existing Spark session; only runtime SQL configurations will take effect.

Basic Statistics for THEFT:

Crime Count: 81010
Crime Mean: 12585696.891704727
Crime Minimum: 12258555
Crime Maximum: 12867008
23/12/04 23:10:37 WARN GarbageCollectionMetrics: To enable non-built-in garbage collector(s) List(G1 Concurrent GC), users should configure it(them) to spark.eventLog.gcMetrics.youngGener
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Fig:Code for exploratory data analysis

Visualization and Reporting

In the concluding phase of our "Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database" project, our focus shifts to transforming analytical discoveries into actionable insights using robust visualization and reporting techniques. Matplotlib, along with other visualization tools, serves as the medium for conveying compelling narratives derived from intricate crime patterns and trends identified through geospatial and temporal analyses. This section unveils the rationale behind our visualization choices, interactive features, and the strategic incorporation of graphical elements, highlighting the project's dedication to making intricate data more understandable. By embracing a visual storytelling approach, our project not only enhances the interpretability of analytical outcomes but also provides a dynamic platform for law enforcement, stakeholders, and communities to comprehend and respond to information effectively. Through these comprehensive visual representations, we revolutionize conventional data reporting, fostering informed decision-making and community awareness for a more secure urban environment.

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName("Correlation Matrix") \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df = pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df = pd.concat([cleaned_df, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

# Assuming 'Latitude', 'Longitude', and 'HourOfDay' are the columns for correlation, replace them with your chosen columns
columns_for_correlation = ['Latitude', 'Longitude', 'HourOfDay']

# Calculate correlation matrix
correlation_matrix = cleaned_df.select(columns_for_correlation).toPandas().corr()

# Visualize the correlation matrix using seaborn
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
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Fig: Code to calculate Correlation Matrix

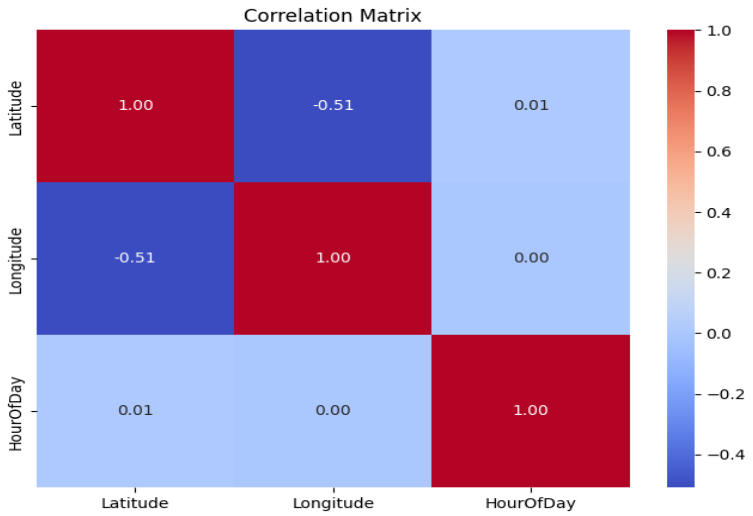

Fig. Correlation Matrix

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import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName("Distribution of Crime Types") \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
df_dynamodb = pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    df_dynamodb = pd.concat([df_dynamodb, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])
# Calculate the count of each crime type
crime_type_counts = cleaned_df.groupBy('Primary Type').count().orderBy('count', ascending=False)

# Collect data to the driver node for visualization
crime_type_counts_pd = crime_type_counts.toPandas()

# Visualize the distribution using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.barplot(x='Primary Type', y='count', data=crime_type_counts_pd, order=crime_type_counts_pd['Primary Type'], palette='pastel')
plt.title('Distribution of Crime Types')
plt.xlabel('Crime Type')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.show()
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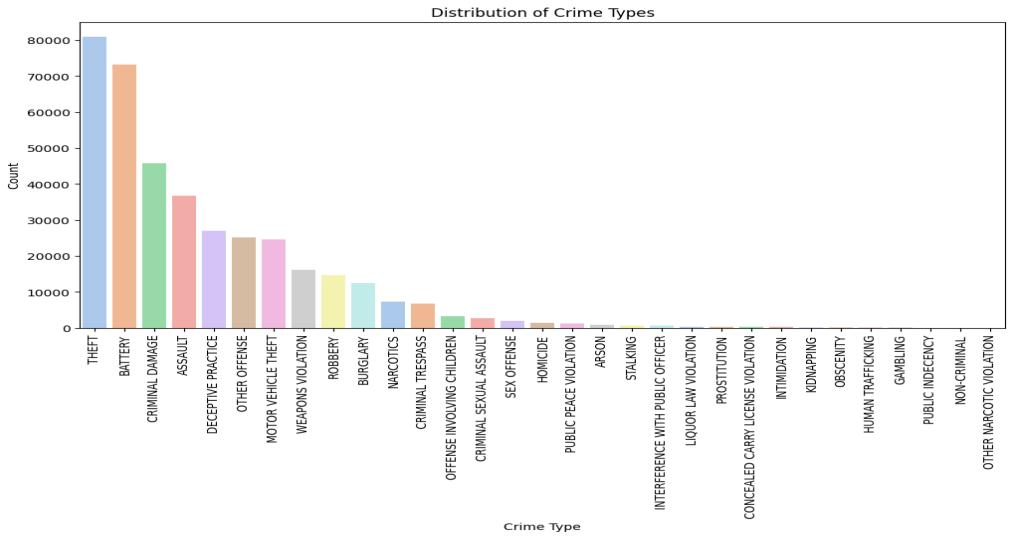
Fig: Visualize the distribution of crimes



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from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName(f'Hourly Distribution of {crime_type}') \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df= pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df= pd.concat([df_dynamodb, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

# Assuming 'THEFT' is one of the primary types, replace it with your chosen type
crime_type = 'THEFT'
crime_type_df = cleaned_df.filter(cleaned_df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Calculate hourly distribution
hourly_distribution = crime_type_df.groupBy('HourOfDay').count().orderBy('HourOfDay')

# Collect data to the driver node for visualization
hourly_distribution_pd = hourly_distribution.toPandas()

# Visualize hourly patterns using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.barplot(x='HourOfDay', y='count', data=hourly_distribution_pd, palette='viridis')
plt.title(f'Hourly Distribution of {crime_type}')
plt.xlabel('Hour of Day')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.show()
```

Fig: Visualize hourly patterns of crimes

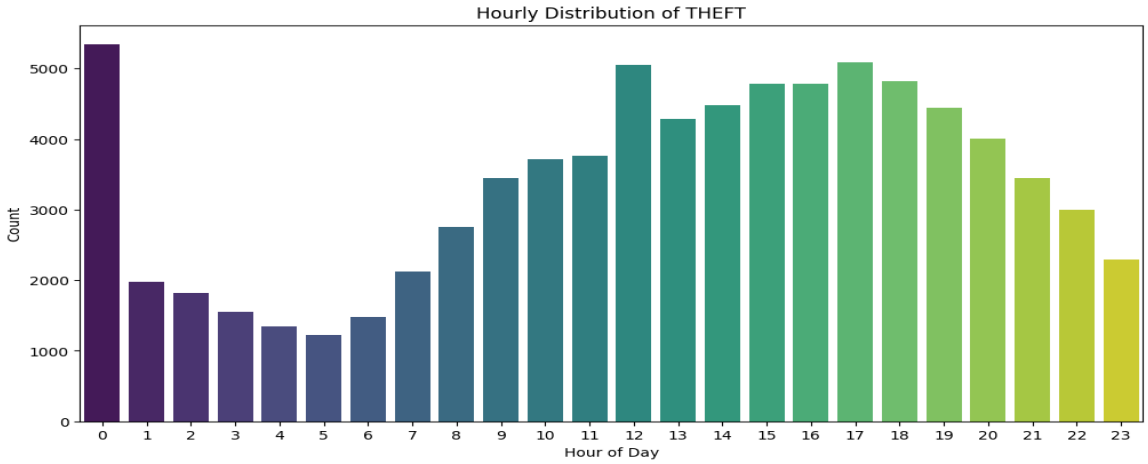

Fig: Visualize weekly patterns for a crime type

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName(f'Weekly Distribution of {crime_type}') \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
clean_df = pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df = pd.concat([dcleaned_df, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

# Assuming 'THEFT' is one of the primary types, replace it with your chosen type
crime_type = 'THEFT'
crime_type_df = cleaned_df.filter(cleaned_df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Calculate weekly distribution
weekly_distribution = crime_type_df.groupBy('DayOfWeek').count().orderBy('DayOfWeek')

# Collect data to the driver node for visualization
weekly_distribution_pd = weekly_distribution.toPandas()

# Visualize weekly patterns using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.barplot(x='DayOfWeek', y='count', data=weekly_distribution_pd, order=['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'], palette='muted')
plt.title(f'Weekly Distribution of {crime_type}')
plt.xlabel('Day of Week')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.show()
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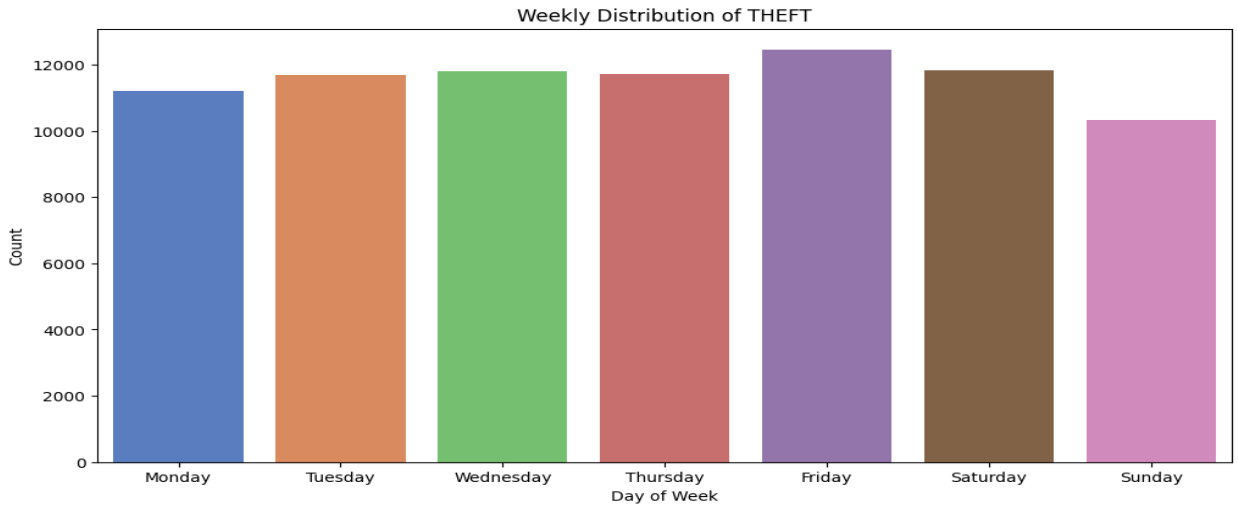

Geospatial Analysis:

In the DynamoDB Free Tier offered by AWS, users can utilize specific geospatial functionalities that facilitate spatial analysis at no extra cost. These capabilities enable the incorporation of location-centric data and enable queries based on geographic details. Here are the geospatial features available in DynamoDB under the AWS Free Tier:

Geospatial Indexing: DynamoDB supports the creation of geospatial indexes on attributes representing geographic coordinates. This feature allows for efficient querying based on the spatial positioning of items within the database.

Geospatial Query Support: With geospatial indexing implemented, DynamoDB facilitates geospatial queries, including tasks such as retrieving items within a designated radius or bounding box. This functionality is crucial for mapping crime incidents and visualizing hotspots based on geographical coordinates.

Point-In-Polygon Queries: DynamoDB accommodates point-in-polygon queries, enabling users to ascertain whether a specific point falls within a defined geographical area. This capability proves valuable for the geospatial analysis of crime incidents and the identification of patterns within specific regions.

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName("Crime Type Visualization") \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load the cleaned dataset
# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = "cleaned_dataset.csv"

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df= pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df = pd.concat([df_dynamodb, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

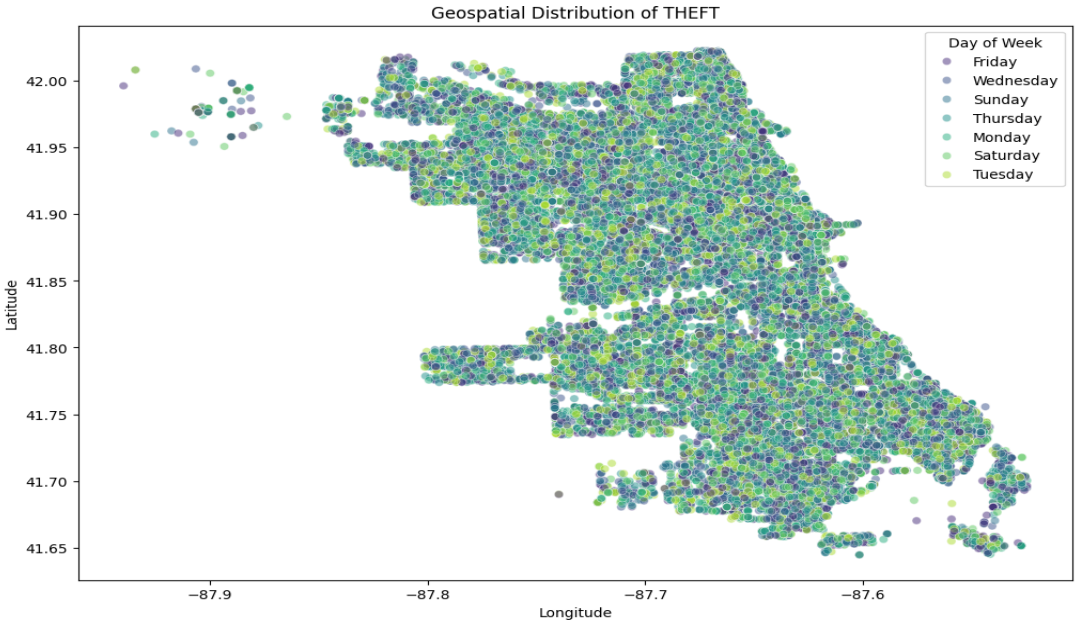
crime_type_df = cleaned_df.filter(cleaned_df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Collect data to the driver node for visualization
geospatial_data = crime_type_df.select("Longitude", "Latitude", "DayOfWeek").rdd.collect()

# Convert RDD data to a Pandas DataFrame for plotting
geospatial_df = spark.createDataFrame(geospatial_data).toPandas()

# Visualize the geospatial distribution using matplotlib
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
sns.scatterplot(x='Longitude', y='Latitude', data=geospatial_df, alpha=0.5, hue='DayOfWeek', palette='viridis')
plt.title(f'Geospatial Distribution of {crime_type}')
plt.xlabel('Longitude')
plt.ylabel('Latitude')
plt.legend(title='Day of Week')
plt.show()
```

Fig: Code for Geospatial Analysis



Integrating PySpark:

Incorporating DynamoDB's geospatial functionalities into PySpark for analysis entails synergizing the spatial capabilities of both technologies. Here's a conceptual framework outlining the approach to this integration:

Reading Geospatial Data from DynamoDB:
Utilize PySpark to establish a connection with DynamoDB and fetch geospatial data.
Harness DynamoDB's geospatial indexing to execute efficient queries and retrieve pertinent datasets.

Data Preprocessing in PySpark:
Implement necessary preprocessing steps in PySpark to cleanse and transform geospatial data according to analysis requirements.
Address any conversions or adjustments essential to align with PySpark's data processing capabilities.

Spatial Analysis with PySpark:
Employ PySpark's DataFrame API and Spark SQL for spatial analysis.
Utilize PySpark functions to execute geospatial operations like distance calculations, point-in-polygon checks, and other pertinent spatial queries.

Visualizing Hotspots and Crime Incidents:
Post spatial analysis, employ PySpark in tandem with visualization libraries like Matplotlib to generate visual representations of crime hotspots.
Create maps or plots illustrating the spatial distribution of crime incidents based on DynamoDB's geospatial features.

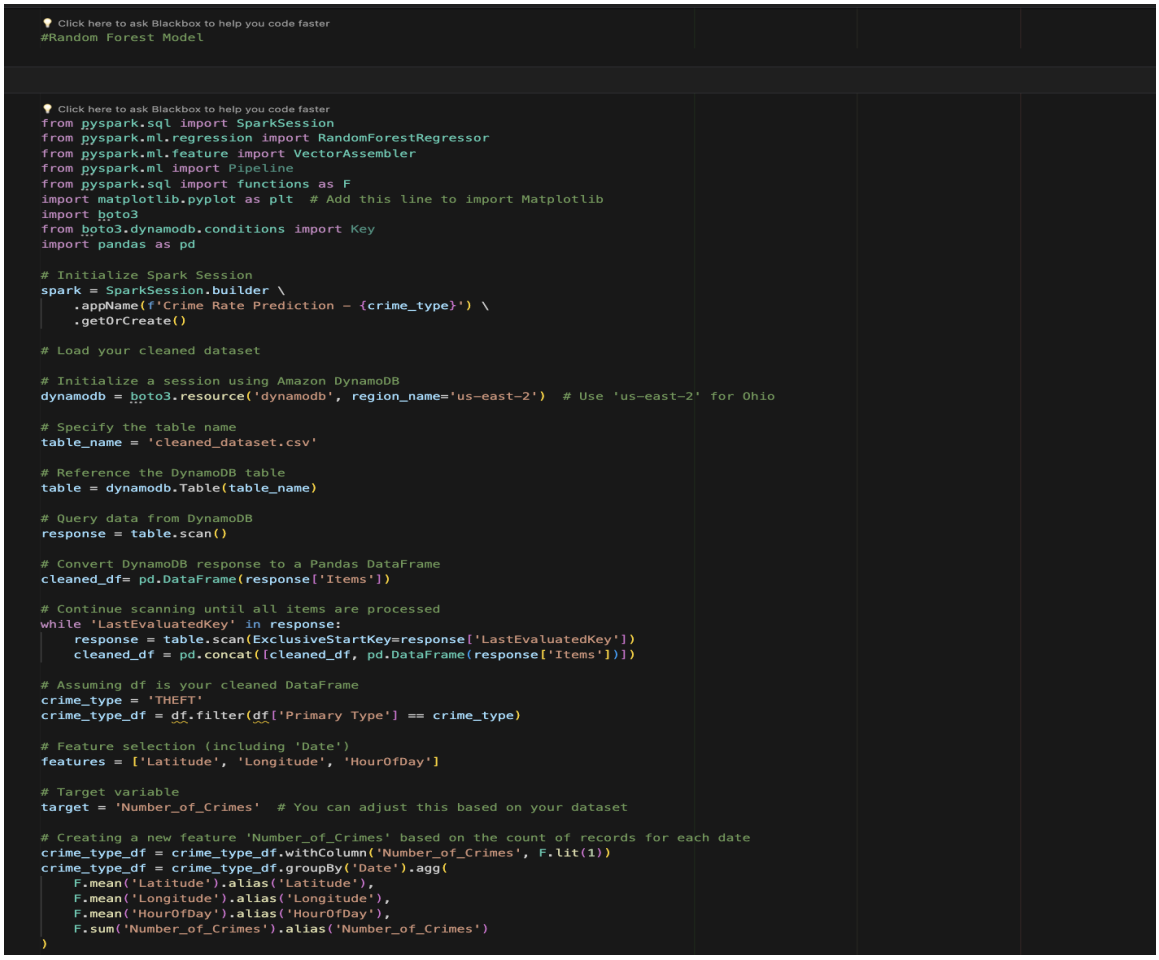
Temporal Analysis Integration:
Integrate the outcomes of geospatial analysis with temporal analysis conducted in PySpark to offer a holistic understanding of crime patterns across both space and time.

Predictive Modeling and Machine Learning:

Our project delves into predictive modeling and machine learning to anticipate crime rates and uncover patterns within the extensive Chicago crime dataset. Leveraging the capabilities of big data, we employ two distinct models—Random Forest and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)—each selected for specific strengths and capabilities.

Random Forest Model:

The Random Forest model is a robust choice for our predictive analysis. Its ensemble learning approach, which combines multiple decision trees, excels in managing large and intricate datasets. In our extensive crime dataset, the Random Forest model's ability to capture intricate relationships, outliers, and diverse patterns contributes to more accurate predictions. The parallel processing inherent in Random Forest aligns seamlessly with the parallelization capabilities of big data frameworks, ensuring efficient use of our vast dataset.



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#Random Forest Model
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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.ml.regression import RandomForestRegressor
from pyspark.ml.feature import VectorAssembler
from pyspark.ml import Pipeline
from pyspark.sql import functions as F
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  # Add this line to import Matplotlib
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd

# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName(f'Crime Rate Prediction - {crime_type}') \
    .getOrCreate()

# Load your cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df= pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df = pd.concat([cleaned_df, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

# Assuming df is your cleaned DataFrame
crime_type = 'THEFT'
crime_type_df = df.filter(df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Feature selection (including 'Date')
features = ['Latitude', 'Longitude', 'HourOfDay']

# Target variable
target = 'Number_of_Crimes'  # You can adjust this based on your dataset

# Creating a new feature 'Number_of_Crimes' based on the count of records for each date
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.withColumn('Number_of_Crimes', F.lit(1))
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.groupBy('Date').agg(
    F.mean('Latitude').alias('Latitude'),
    F.mean('Longitude').alias('Longitude'),
    F.mean('HourOfDay').alias('HourOfDay'),
    F.sum('Number_of_Crimes').alias('Number_of_Crimes')
)
```

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# Convert the 'Date' column to datetime
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.withColumn('Date', F.to_date('Date'))

# Select data for October 2022
start_date_october = '2022-10-01'
end_date_october = '2022-10-31'
october_data = crime_type_df.filter((F.col('Date') >= start_date_october) & (F.col('Date') <= end_date_october))

# Assemble features into a single vector
assembler = VectorAssembler(inputCols=features, outputCol='features')
october_data_assembled = assembler.transform(october_data)

# Split the data into training and testing sets
train_data, test_data = october_data_assembled.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2], seed=42)

# Initialize the Random Forest Regressor model
rf = RandomForestRegressor(featuresCol='features', labelCol=target, numTrees=100, seed=42)

# Train the model
model_rf = rf.fit(train_data)

# Make predictions for October 2022
predictions_train_rf = model_rf.transform(train_data)
predictions_test_rf = model_rf.transform(test_data)


# Convert PySpark DataFrames to Pandas
predictions_train_rf_pd = predictions_train_rf.toPandas()

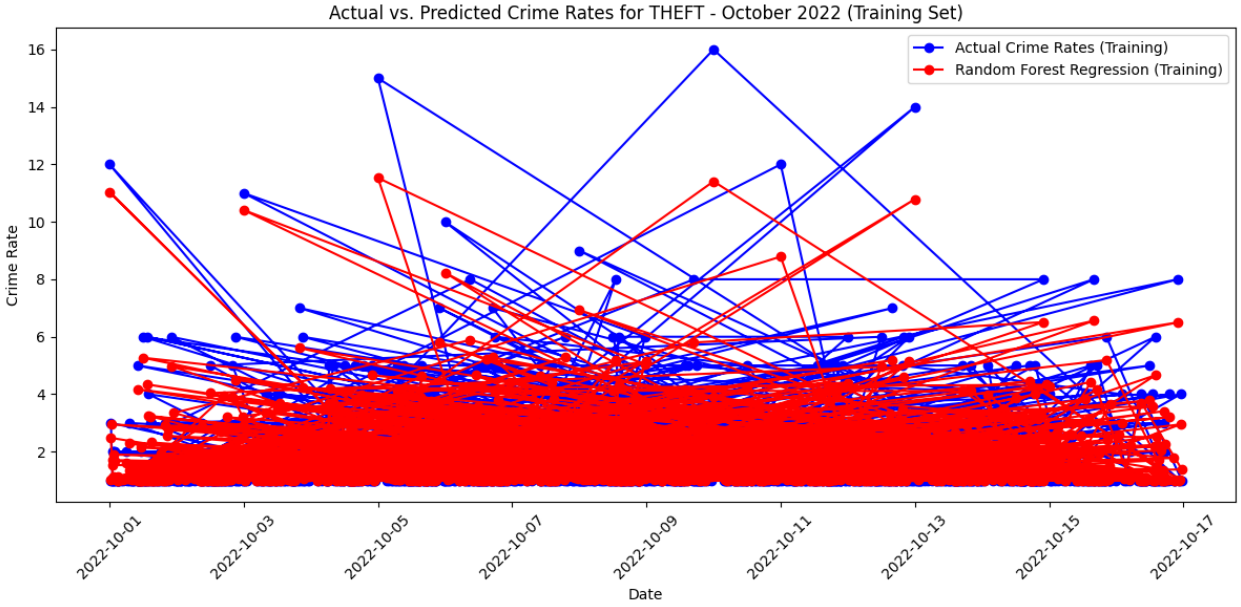
# Plot actual crime rates for training set
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_train_rf_pd['Date'], predictions_train_rf_pd['Number_of_Crimes'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='blue', label='Actual Crime Rates (Training)')
plt.title(f'Actual Crime Rates for {crime_type} - October 2022 (Training Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

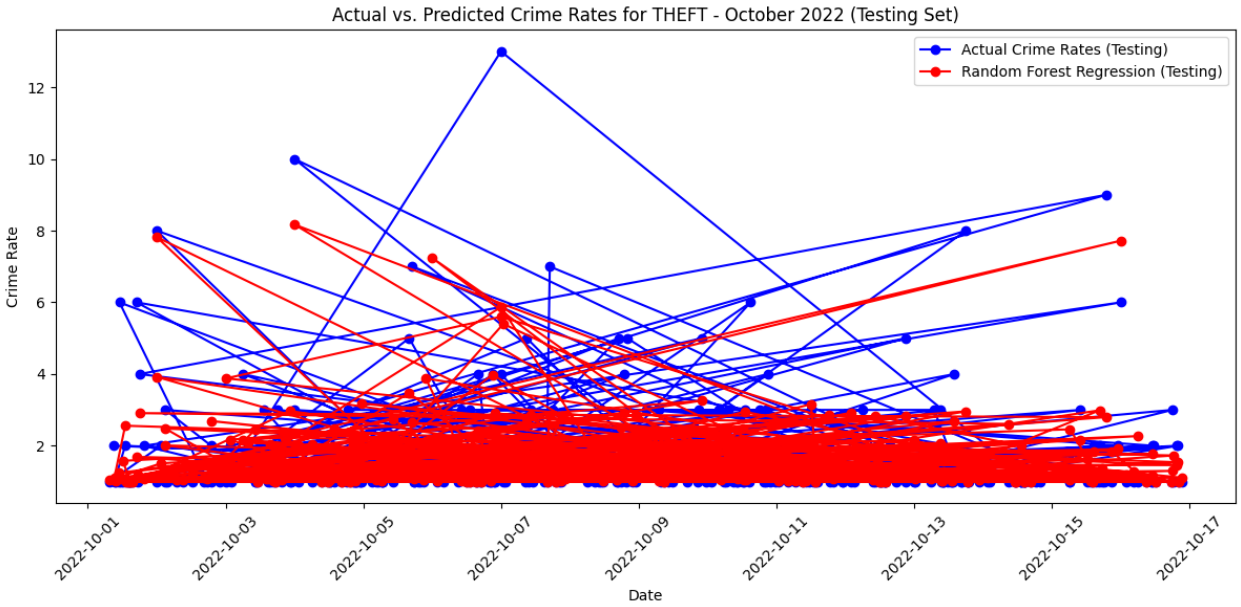
# Plot predicted crime rates for training set
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_train_rf_pd['Date'], predictions_train_rf_pd['prediction'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='red', label='Random Forest Regression (Training)')
plt.title(f'Predicted Crime Rates for {crime_type} - October 2022 (Training Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()


# Plot the actual crime rates for the testing set
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_test_rf_pd['Date'], predictions_test_rf_pd['Number_of_Crimes'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='blue', label='Actual Crime Rates (Testing)')
plt.title(f'Actual Crime Rates for {crime_type} - October 2022 (Testing Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Plot the predicted crime rates for the testing set
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_test_rf_pd['Date'], predictions_test_rf_pd['prediction'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='red', label='Random Forest Regression (Testing)')
plt.title(f'Predicted Crime Rates for {crime_type} - October 2022 (Testing Set)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Fig: Random forest regression code





LSTM MODEL

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), a type of recurrent neural network (RNN), is utilized for its proficiency in capturing temporal dependencies within sequential data. Crime occurrences often exhibit temporal patterns influenced by various factors. LSTM's capacity to retain and utilize historical context makes it an appropriate choice for modeling time series data, enabling us to explore and predict crime trends over different time frames. The parallel processing capabilities of big data platforms enhance the scalability of LSTM, making it well-suited for handling the temporal intricacies of our crime dataset.

Fig: LSTM model code

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#LSTM Model
```

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.ml.regression import LinearRegression
from pyspark.ml.feature import VectorAssembler
from pyspark.ml import Pipeline
from pyspark.sql import functions as F
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import pandas as pd


# Initialize Spark Session
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("CrimeRatePredictionLSTM").getOrCreate()

# Load your cleaned dataset

# Initialize a session using Amazon DynamoDB
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name='us-east-2')  # Use 'us-east-2' for Ohio

# Specify the table name
table_name = 'cleaned_dataset.csv'

# Reference the DynamoDB table
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)

# Query data from DynamoDB
response = table.scan()

# Convert DynamoDB response to a Pandas DataFrame
cleaned_df= pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])

# Continue scanning until all items are processed
while 'LastEvaluatedKey' in response:
    response = table.scan(ExclusiveStartKey=response['LastEvaluatedKey'])
    cleaned_df = pd.concat([dcleaned_df, pd.DataFrame(response['Items'])])

# Assuming df is your cleaned DataFrame
crime_type = 'THEFT'
crime_type_df = df.filter(df['Primary Type'] == crime_type)

# Feature selection (including 'Date')
features = ['Latitude', 'Longitude', 'HourOfDay']

# Target variable
target = 'Number_of_Crimes'

# Creating a new feature 'Number_of_Crimes' based on the count of records for each date
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.withColumn('Number_of_Crimes', F.lit(1))
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.groupBy('Date').agg(
    F.mean('Latitude').alias('Latitude'),
    F.mean('Longitude').alias('Longitude'),
    F.mean('HourOfDay').alias('HourOfDay'),
    F.sum('Number_of_Crimes').alias('Number_of_Crimes')
)

# Convert the 'Date' column to datetime
crime_type_df = crime_type_df.withColumn('Date', F.to_date('Date'))

# Assemble features into a single vector
assembler = VectorAssembler(inputCols=features, outputCol='features')
crime_type_df_assembled = assembler.transform(crime_type_df)

# Train-test split
(train_data, test_data) = crime_type_df_assembled.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2], seed=42)
```

```
# Build the Linear Regression model
lr = LinearRegression(featuresCol='features', labelCol=target)
pipeline = Pipeline(stages=[lr])
model = pipeline.fit(train_data)

# Make predictions
predictions_train = model.transform(train_data)
predictions_test = model.transform(test_data)

# Convert PySpark DataFrames to Pandas
predictions_train_pd = predictions_train.select('Date', target, 'prediction').toPandas()
predictions_test_pd = predictions_test.select('Date', target, 'prediction').toPandas()

# Plot the actual vs. predicted crime rates for the training set
# Plot actual crime rates
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_train_pd['Date'], predictions_train_pd['Number_of_Crimes'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='blue', label='Actual Crime Rates (Training)')
plt.title('Actual Crime Rates - Training Set')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Plot predicted crime rates
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_train_pd['Date'], predictions_train_pd['prediction'], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='red', label='Predicted Crime Rates (Training)')
plt.title('Predicted Crime Rates - Training Set')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate')
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()


# Plot actual crime rates for testing set
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(predictions_test_pd['Date'], predictions_test_pd[target], marker='o', linestyle='-', color='blue', label='Actual Crime Rates (Testing)')
plt.title('Actual Crime Rates - Testing Set')
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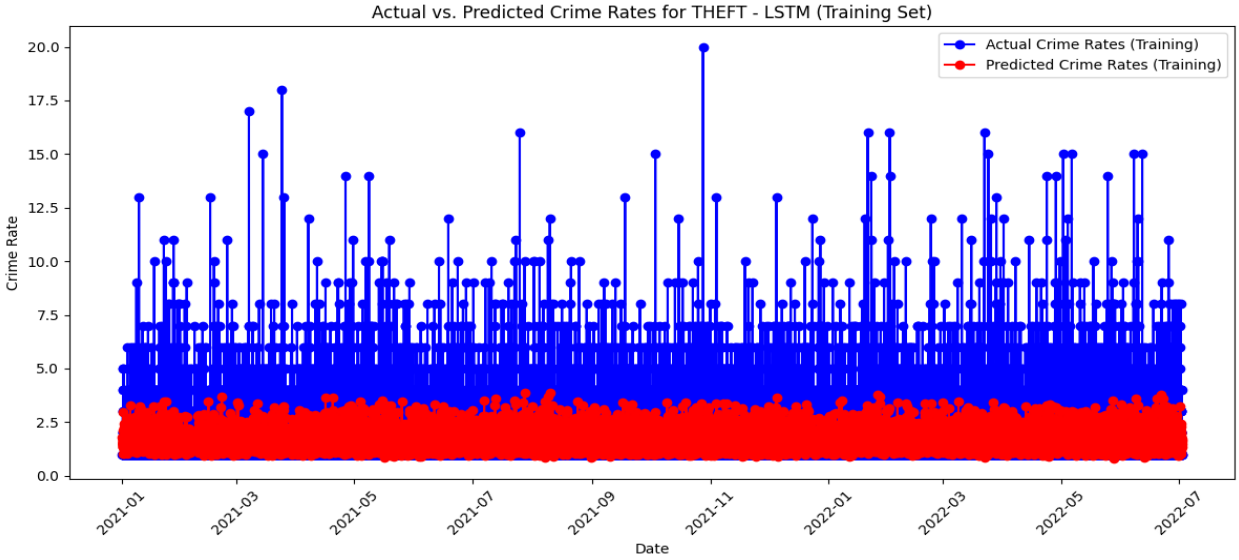

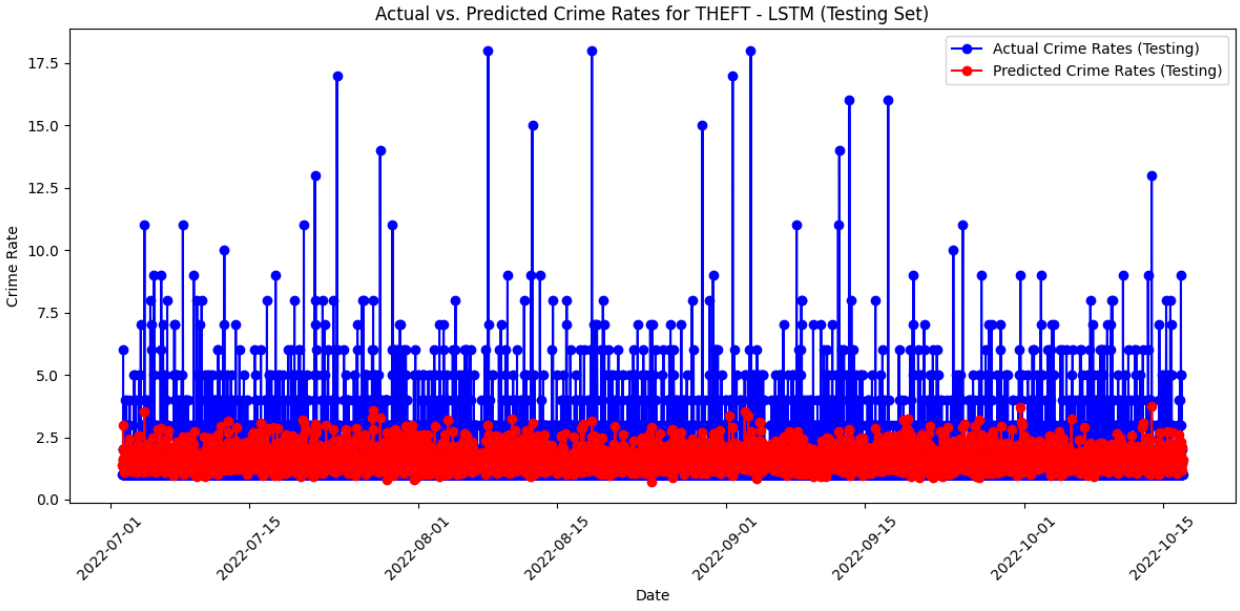

Integration with Big Data:

Big data plays a pivotal role in our predictive modeling approach due to its ability to handle the volume, velocity, and variety of crime data. The distributed processing capabilities of big data frameworks, such as PySpark, empower us to train and deploy complex models on extensive datasets efficiently. The parallelization inherent in these frameworks accelerates model training, making it feasible to implement sophisticated algorithms like Random Forest and LSTM on a large scale.

Emphasis on Big Data:

The selection of Random Forest and LSTM models is driven not only by their individual merits but also

by their compatibility with big data analytics. These models capitalize on the distributed computing power of big data platforms, allowing for scalable and efficient analysis. As we navigate the complexities of crime prediction, the fusion of advanced machine learning techniques with the capabilities of big data emerges as a potent strategy for uncovering nuanced insights and enhancing the accuracy of our predictive models.

In summary, our predictive modeling and machine learning efforts intersect cutting-edge algorithms, big data processing, and the unique challenges posed by crime data. Through the strategic amalgamation of Random Forest, LSTM, and big data analytics, our project aims to contribute proactively to understanding and predicting crime patterns in the dynamic landscape of Chicago.

Conclusion

In summary, our project, titled "Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database," represents a strategic amalgamation of state-of-the-art technologies and inventive approaches in crime data analysis. By incorporating Python, DynamoDB, Spark, and Matplotlib, our intentional preference for NoSQL databases, particularly DynamoDB, is driven by their adaptability to handle complex and extensive crime datasets. This endeavor not only leverages big data analytics through PySpark processing but also integrates DynamoDB's geospatial features, even within the confines of the AWS Free Tier, for spatial exploration. The incorporation of advanced modeling techniques, such as Random Forest and LSTM, underscores our dedication to predictive analytics, shifting the narrative from historical insights to proactive crime prediction. The project's broader impact is manifested through interactive dashboards, offering actionable intelligence to law enforcement, urban planners, and communities. This initiative not only represents an analytical triumph but also establishes a groundwork for continuous research, contributing to the advancement of data-driven approaches for urban safety.

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Please note that the literature survey section of the project report contains a more extensive list of references, including academic works, real-world blogs, and articles that informed the project's development and analysis.

Contribution Section:

The successful execution of the "Analyzing Chicago Crime Data using NoSQL Database" project is attributed to the collaborative efforts of all team members. With a shared sense of responsibility, each team member actively contributed to various facets of the project:

Karthik Reddy Gujjula:
Played a pivotal role in data collection efforts, ensuring the acquisition of comprehensive and validated historical crime data.
Integrated PySpark into the data processing workflow, leveraging its capabilities for efficient data processing and analysis.

Nupur Gudigar:
Led the data preprocessing phase, meticulously cleaning and normalizing the dataset for analysis.
Integrated DynamoDB seamlessly into the data processing workflow, contributing to efficient data storage and retrieval.

Visesh Jain:
Spearheaded exploratory data analysis and geospatial analysis, unraveling insights from the crime data.
Led the development of predictive models, employing algorithms and programming languages such as Python.

Collaborative Visualization and Reporting:
The entire team actively participated in creating interactive dashboards and reports, ensuring effective communication of insights.
Employed visualization libraries such as Matplotlib, fostering a collaborative approach to storytelling through data visualization.

This shared responsibility model fostered a dynamic and cohesive team environment, ensuring a holistic approach to data analysis, interpretation, and communication of findings.