

Golf Course Manager

ML-Powered Course Management with Big Data
Processing

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Introduction

Objectives and Goals

- Build end-to-end data pipeline for managing a golf course
- Develop ML models for score prediction
- Demonstrate big data processing with Spark
- Create interactive web application for bookings and analytics

Scope

- 6000+ golf records and 10 years of weather data from Kaggle
- Booking system with dynamic pricing and score prediction
- Exploratory analysis in pandas
- Statistical analysis in R for feature selection
- PostgreSQL database with triggers and functions
 - 4 tables: players, rounds, bookings, weather

Typical Golf Booking Page

Mount Hood Golf Course

Reservations

Facility Info

0

My Account

Logout

Mount Hood Golf Course

Booking as **Non Resident**

Change

August 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Morning

Midday

Evening

Anytime

Players

1

2

3

4

Any

9 Holes

18 Holes

Both

FOREUP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Booking Rules

- Public players may book two tee times per day for up to 8 players. (please call the golf shop for bigger parties)

9

18

MH

6:30pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

1 Players

\$53.00

9

18

MH

6:39pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

2 Players

\$53.00

9

18

MH

6:48pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

4 Players

\$53.00

9

18

MH

6:57pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

4 Players

\$53.00

9

18

MH

7:06pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

4 Players

\$53.00

9

18

MH

7:15pm

Mount Hood Golf Course

Front

4 Players

\$53.00

Architecture Overview

Technologies

- Pandas
- Plotly
- R
- PySpark
- PostgreSQL
- Scikit-learn
- Flask
- HTML

```
golf-analytics-platform/
├── data/
│   ├── raw/                # Original datasets
│   ├── processed/          # Cleaned data used for analysis
│   └── models/              # Trained ML models
├── documents/               # Project reports/presentation
├── database/
│   ├── create_database.sql  # Database create script
│   ├── init.sql             # Database Schema and Functions
│   ├── queries.sql          # Queries for Database
│   └── user_permissions.sql # Database user permissions
├── notebooks/
│   ├── 01_eda.ipynb
│   ├── 02_sda.rmd
│   ├── 03_feature_eng.ipynb
│   └── 04_model_dev.ipynb
├── src/
│   ├── templates/
│   │   ├── index.html
│   │   └── dashboard.html
│   ├── app.py               # Flask web application
│   ├── data_processing.py   # Spark ETL pipeline
│   ├── database.py          # Database operations
│   └── round_booking.py      # Booking system logic
├── scripts/
│   ├── conversions.py       # Simple conversions used in EDA
│   ├── feature_engineering.py # Feature engineering functions
│   └── run_pipeline.py       # Script that runs Spark pipeline
├── requirements.txt
└── README.md
```

Full Data Pipeline



Pseudo Code: Predictions and Pricing

Pseudo Code - Score Prediction

```
def predict_score(player_features, weather_data):  
    features = feature_engineering(player_features, weather_data)  
    scaled_features = scaler.transform(features)  
    prediction = linear_model.predict(scaled_features)  
    return prediction
```

Dynamic Pricing Algorithm

```
def calculate_price(base_price, weather, demand, player_skill):  
    price = base_price  
    price += weather_adjustment(weather)  
    price += demand_multiplier(day_of_week, time)  
    price += skill_based_discount(player_skill)  
    return max(price, minimum_price)
```

Pseudo Code: PySpark

```
# PySpark Data Processing Pipeline
```

```
def spark_etl_pipeline():
```

```
    spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("Golf").getOrCreate()
```

```
    # Raw Data Reading
```

```
    golf_df = spark.read.csv("golf_data.csv", header=True)
```

```
    weather_df = spark.read.csv("weather_data.csv", header=True)
```

```
    # Data Cleaning
```

```
    cleaned_golf = golf_df.filter(col("score") > 0) \
                               .withColumn("round_date", to_date(col("date")))
```

```
    # Write to PostgreSQL
```

```
    player_stats.write.jdbc(url=postgres_url, table="player_summary")
```

Pseudo Code: DB Functions and Triggers

```
1  -- Trigger: Auto-update player handicap after new round
2  ✓ CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION calculate_handicap_for_player(p_player_id INTEGER)
3  RETURNS FLOAT AS $$
4  DECLARE
5      average_differential FLOAT;
6  ✓ BEGIN
7
8      -- calculate average differential from most recent rounds
9      SELECT AVG(ROUND(((score - 67.3) * 113.0 / 119.0)::NUMERIC, 1)) INTO average_differential
10     FROM (
11         SELECT score
12         FROM rounds
13         WHERE player_id = p_player_id
14         ORDER BY round_date DESC
15         LIMIT 20
16     ) recent_scores;
17
18     RETURN ROUND((average_differential::NUMERIC * 0.96), 1);
19
20 END;
21 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
22
23 ✓ CREATE TRIGGER round_inserted_trigger
24     AFTER INSERT ON rounds
25     FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION update_player_handicap();
```


Hours Spent

Week 1: Data exploration and Statistical Analysis (10 hours)

Week 2-3: Spark pipeline (20 hours)

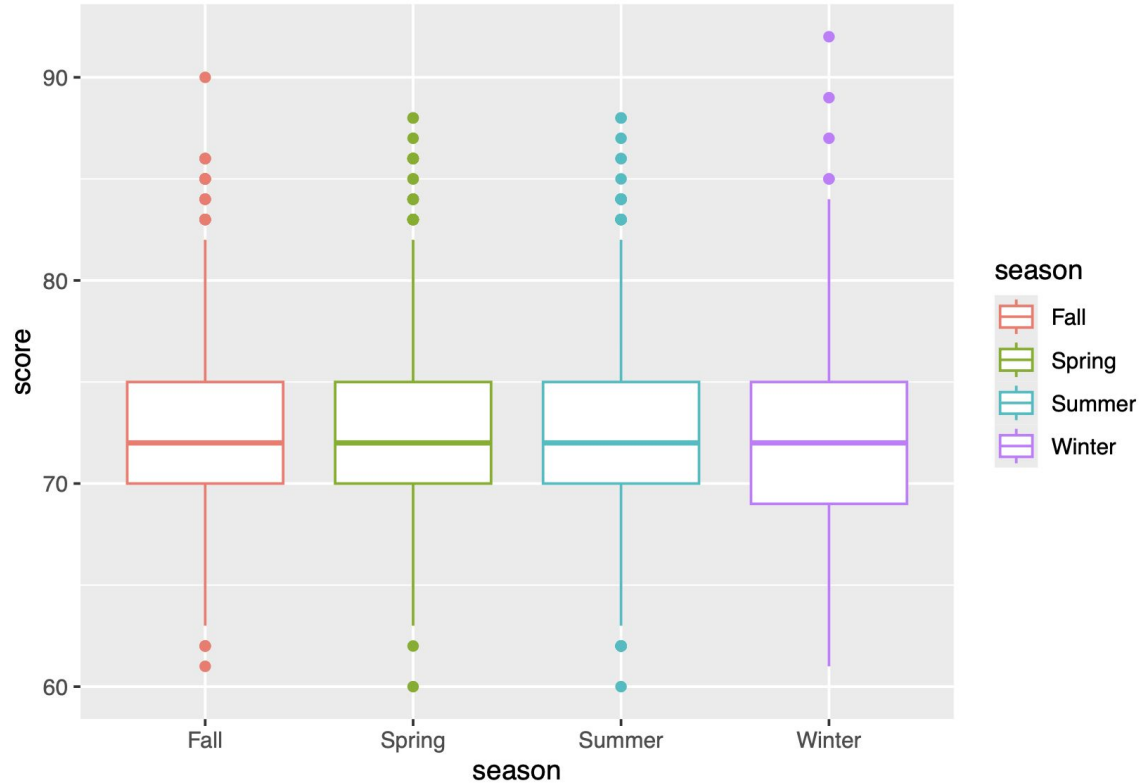
Week 4: Database integration (15 hours)

Week 5-6: Feature engineering and ML model development (12 hours)

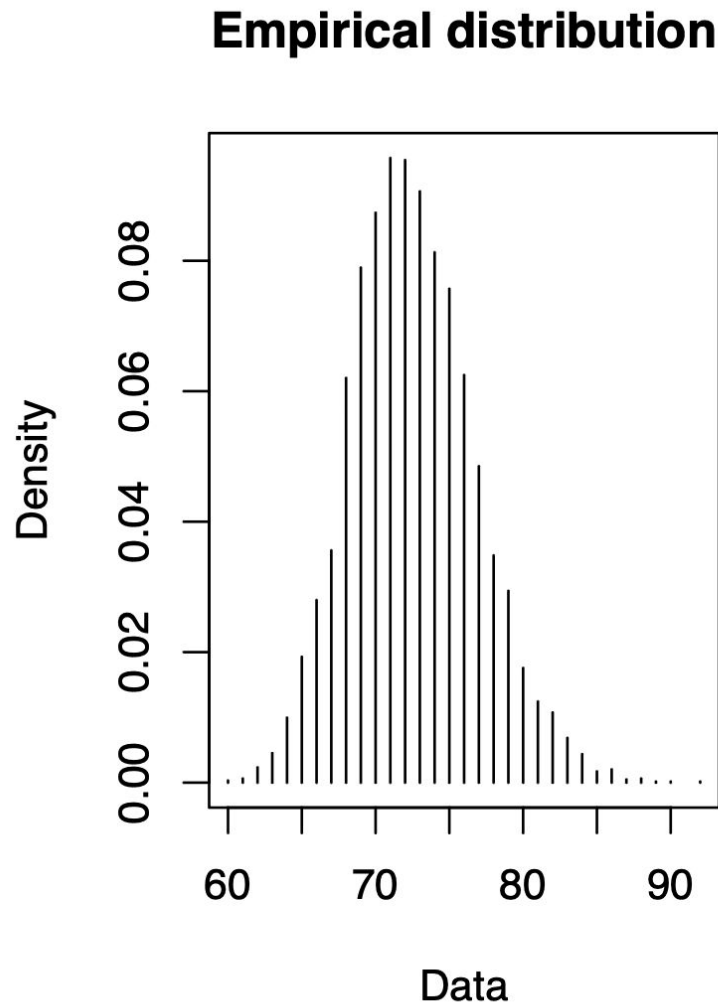
Week 7: Flask app (20 hours)

Week 8: Documentation (6 hours)

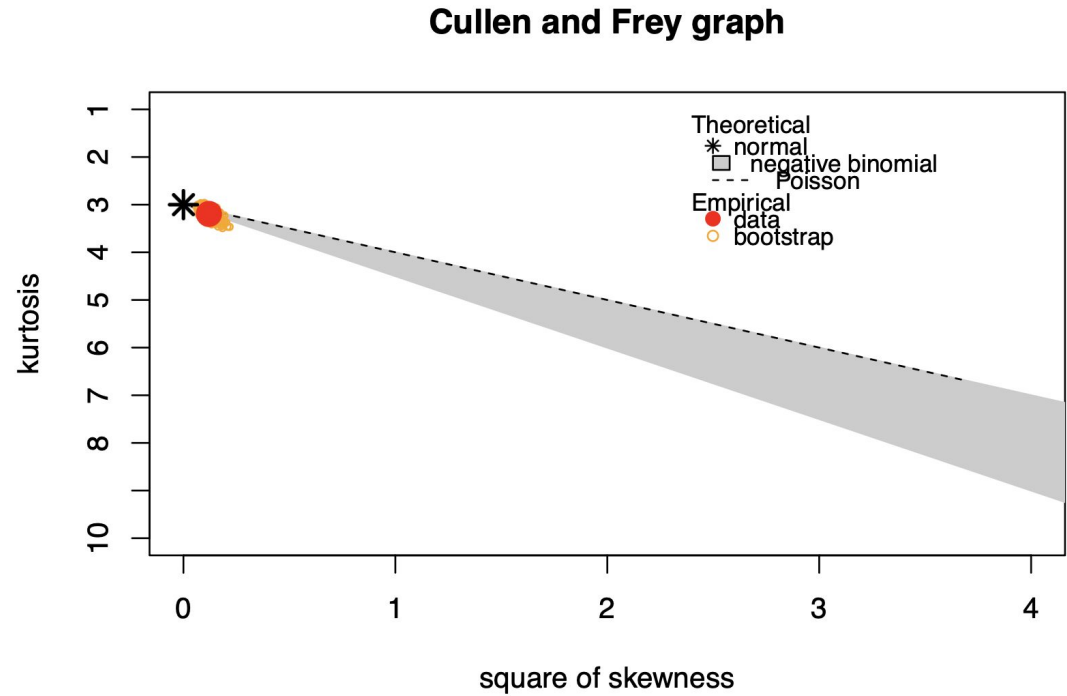
Findings: Scores by Season



Scoring Distribution



Model Selection

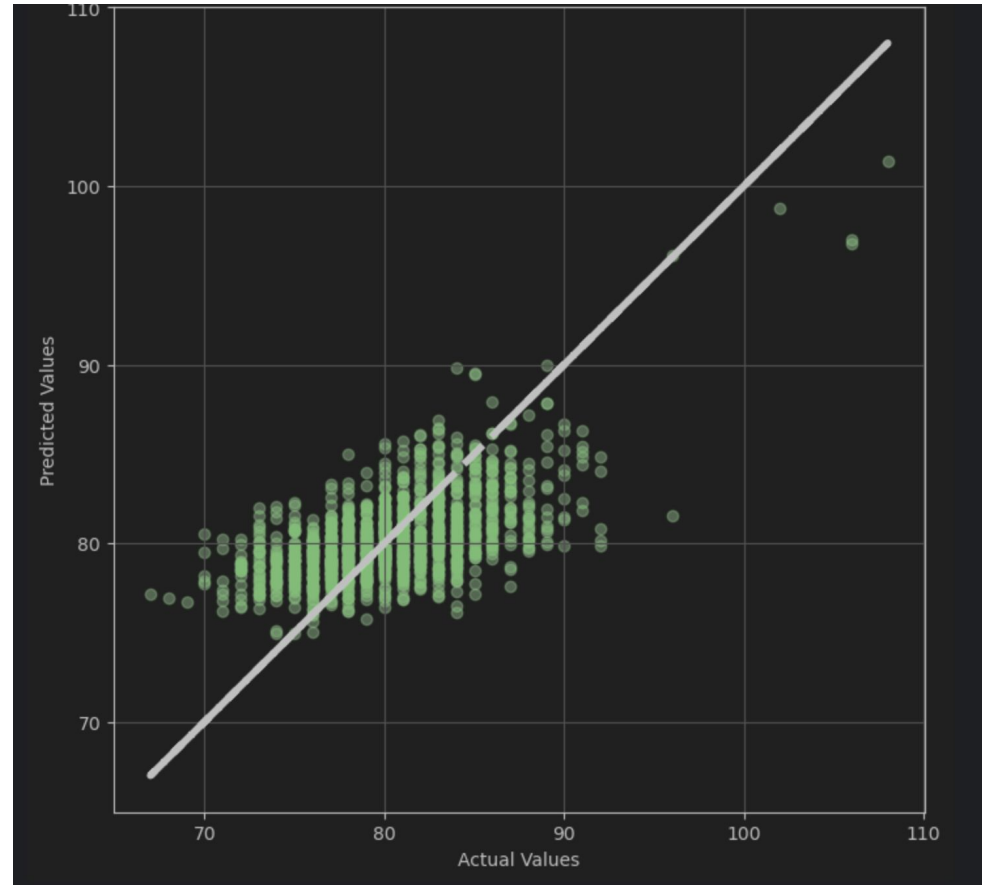


- Confirms Normal distribution
- Linear Regression would likely be optimal model

Model Development

- Linear Regression had 35% accuracy
- Tested models: Ridge, RF, GB
- Gradient Boosting Regressor had a 46% accuracy, beating out other models
- GBR was used as final model

Linear Regression: Actual Vs. Predicted



Limitations

- Limited Golf Data
- Needed to manipulate data to get any result
- Feature Limitations, resulting in low ML model accuracy
- Requires consistent data collection for effectiveness
- Model trained on modified professional golfer data

Achievements

- Successfully built end-to-end big data pipeline
- Built cohesive relational db with triggers
- Created web application
- Trained and deployed a ML model

Future Work

- Allow players to enter rounds on Web Platform
- Hypertuning features for more accurate ML model
- Secure Logins for Web App
- Host Web App and Database on Cloud
- Expand ETL to allow data streaming
- Make dashboards interactive

App Demo

Welcome back, Thomas Kulch!

Book a Tee Time

Date:

mm/dd/yyyy



Tee Time:

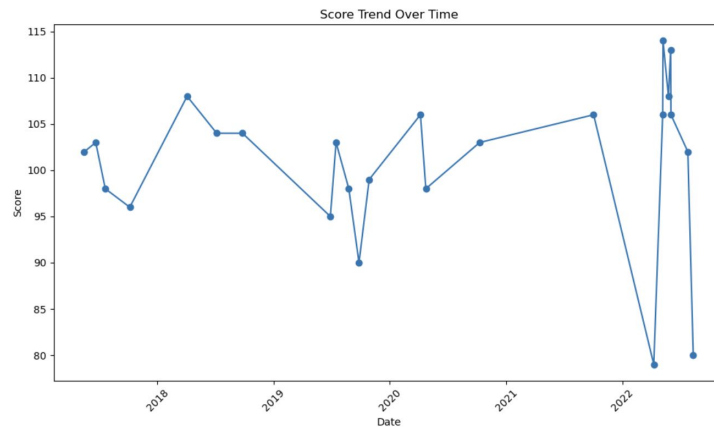
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☐ Add Golf Cart (+\$20)

Book Tee Time

Your Performance Analysis

Score Trend Over Time



Questions?

