Big Data Concepts Project Report

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Introduction:

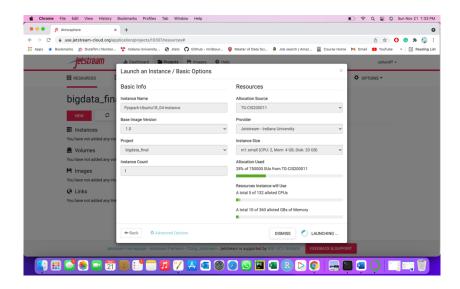
This project analyses on Real time Data published by Capital Bike share. Capital bike share is a bike sharing company mainly operating in Washington DC and some surrounding counties. The objective of this project is to see how the usage of this service changed from start of this year to now. For this, data from Jan 2021 and Oct 2021 is used to compare and analyze. The data is huge with 100070 rows in Jan 2021 and 328300 rows in Oct 2021. The comparisons are done on the number of users, type of users, type of bikes used and most frequent start and end destination pairs.

Background:

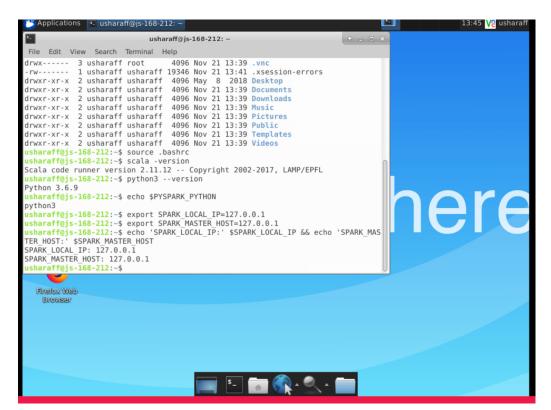
The way of life has significantly changed all over the world in this year and most of it is still recovering from the global pandemic. When I was going through the recommended datasets, I came across this data set and wanted to check how this company is affected by the pandemic and how the users changed over this year. So, I chose this dataset, I took data from Jan 2021 which is start of this year when the pandemic was still at its peak and Oct 2021 as it is the most recent data published and would be an apt representation of changed situation after all the vaccinations and reduced cases.

Methodology:

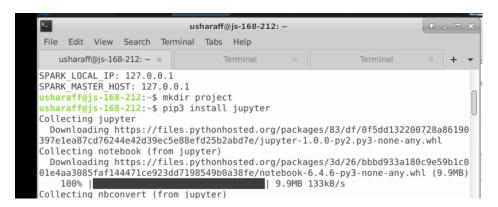
I used a virtual machine on Jetstream by IU for this project. First I have created a new project and added an instance **Pyspark-Ubuntul8.04-instance** with pre-installed python3, scala, spark3, Hadoop for processing.



Once the VM is deployed I used the web desktop. I verified if all the required software like python and pyspark are installed. Exported additional environment variables for Spark - local IP and master.



Then I downloaded CSV files from https://s3.amazonaws.com/capitalbikeshare-data/index.html onto the web desktop. Created a directory for Project. I installed jupyter notebook into the web desktop. Opened a new ipynb file in Jupyter notebook to start processing.



I used two CSV files, the data on users of capital bike share in Jan 2021 and Oct 2021, start of year and most recent data.

I used pyspark to load, transform and query the data as the data is huge. Pyspark will be faster for dealing with Big data sets because it uses in-memory columnar storage and does batch processing.

I imported necessary libraries in the jupyter notebook, loaded the two csv files into 2 data frames using pyspark.

Then for preprocessing the data I just took the necessary columns 'rideable_type', 'start_station_name', 'end_station_name', 'member_casual'.

I dropped the rows with null/None values.

Preprocessing the Data

Just using necessary columns and dropping the rest Removing all the null values

```
[8]: df1=df1.select('rideable_type','start_station_name','end_station_name','member_casual')
df2=df2.select('rideable_type','start_station_name','end_station_name','member_casual')

[9]: df1=df1.na.drop()
df2=df2.na.drop()
```

I linked my Github account to webdesktop and uploaded and updated the code into the repository regularly for backup and tracking.

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usharaff@js-168-212: ~/project
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 File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git init
Reinitialized existing Git repository in /home/usharaff/project/.git/
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git add
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git commit -m "Inital Commit"
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git init
Reinitialized existing Git repository in /home/usharaff/project/.git/
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git add .
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git commit -m "Inital Commit"
 [master 38771ad] Inital Commit
 2 files changed, 655 insertions(+), 30 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 .ipynb_checkpoints/capital-bike-share-analysis-checkpoint.ip
 usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$
usharaff@js-168-212:~/project$ git push origin master
Username for 'https://github.com': UdaySharaff
Password for 'https://UdaySharaff@github.com':
Counting objects: 5, done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 35.15 KiB | 5.02 MiB/s, done.
Total 5 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0)
 remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
```

Results and Discussion:

Before preprocessing:

```
number of rows in data from Jan 2021 : 100070 number of rows in data from Oct 2021 : 328300

After preprocessing:

number of rows in data from Jan 2021 : 85219 number of rows in data from Oct 2021 : 303533
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After removing the Nones the January data has 85219 rows and October data has 303533 rows, showing the users significantly increased from January almost 3.5 times.

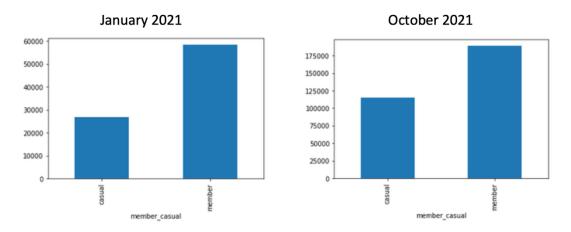
Then I checked for distribution of members vs casual users in both January and October. For this I used groupby and count offered by pyspark.sql. And plotted the plots using pandas.plot.

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a=dfl.groupBy("member_casual").count()
a.show()
a.toPandas().plot.bar(x="member_casual", y="count",legend=False)

+-----+
|member_casual|count|
+-----+
| casual|26859|
| member|58360|
+-----+
|b-df2.groupBy("member_casual").count()
b.show()
b.toPandas().plot.bar(x="member_casual", y="count",legend=False)

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|member_casual| count|
+-----+
| casual|114553|
| member|188980|
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```

Bar Plots



Even though both users increased over the year, the ratio of casual users to members increased from January to October, looks like many casual users are trying to use this service.

I looked at the most frequent start and end destination pairs to see how the daily commute looks like. For this I grouped the data in start and end destination pairs using group by on both the columns and took the top 5 counts after sorting the data frame on count.

Top 10 start and end station pairs in Jan 2021



All the top 10 rows in Jan have same start and end stations while there are some with different start and end in Oct. In Jan, commuters would have taken round trips from the station nearest to their home as many places are closed then, which is not the case in October. The popular tourist attractions like Smithsonian museums and Lincoln memorial are not in top 10 trips in Jan and appeared in the top in Oct. Indicating tourism is rising in the capital and many people are going outdoors.

Finally I wanted to look at the change in the types of bikes commuters used and how it changed from Jan. For this I grouped by bite type column and calculated the count to plot a pie chart.

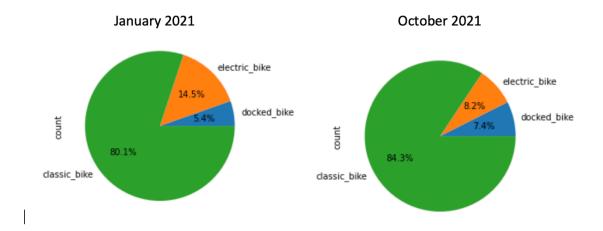
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e=df1.groupBy("rideable_type").count().toPandas()
e.set_index('rideable_type', inplace=True)

e.plot.pie(y='count',legend=False,autopct='%1.1f%%')

f=df2.groupBy("rideable_type").count().toPandas()
f.set_index('rideable_type', inplace=True)

f.plot.pie(y='count',legend=False,autopct='%1.1f%%')
```

Pie charts



The percent use of classis bikes and docked bikes increased while the use of electric bikes is decreased significantly. Many are opting for classic bikes over electric bikes.

I incorporated concepts taught in class in this project, I used virtualization by using VM in Jetstream and working on project in the webdesktop tool. Processing and Analytics module is used as I am loading and transforming the data using Pyspark analyzed and visualized data using python in Jupyter Notebook. There is an implicit pipeline implemented here:

Setting up the environment > Loading the data > Preprocessing, Cleaning, and transforming > Analyzing and visualizing Data > Interpreting results > Backup and maintaining using Git repo etc.,

I faced some challenges during this project, I had to recreate the pyspark instance as for some reason my jupyter notbook was not installing in my VM resulting in segmentation default error, after some research and I got it to install, the assignment Complete – Analyzing data with PySpark was helpful. I was pretty new to pyspark and learning and using it throughout the project was a bit challenging. Apart from this the project was really engaging and I learned a lot.

I have uploaded the ipynb file where I coded along with this report. It can also be found at https://github.com/UdaySharaff/Capital_BikeShare/blob/master/capital_bike-share-analysis.ipynb

Conclusion:

Working on this project refreshed many topics thought through out the course. Analyzing the data showed some pretty interesting results. The use of capital ride share service has changed significantly from start of this year clearly showing the effects of the pandemic and how the service bounced back. The rides taken in countries capital using this service increased about 3.5 times. The ratio of casual users to members increased, the use of classic bikes increased and electric bikes decreased, and there are changes in patterns of most frequent start and end destination pairs. The pandemic affected many businesses and is good to see this particular bike sharing survived bloomed back into action. and

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