

Task 1 [Algorithm and coding]: Find the actual activation date of a phone number

Assuming that you have data input DataFrame

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|PHONE_NUMBER|ACTIVATION_DATE|DEACTIVATION_DATE|
| 0987000001| 2016-03-01| 2016-05-01|
| 0987000002| 2016-02-01| 2016-03-01|
| 0987000001| 2016-01-01| 2016-03-01|
| 0987000001| 2016-12-01| null|
| 0987000002| 2016-03-01| 2016-05-01|
| 0987000003| 2016-01-01| 2016-01-10|
| 0987000001| 2016-09-01| 2016-12-01|
| 0987000002| 2016-05-01| null|
| 0987000001| 2016-06-01| 2016-09-01|
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```

1. Partition data by `PHONE_NUMBER` and sort by `ACTIVATION_DATE` in descending.
2. Calculate `is_first_of_current_user` column.
 - Assuming that `DEACTIVATION_DATE` of previous row EQUAL to `ACTIVATION_DATE` of current row, which mean the user change from prepaid plan to postpaid plan, or vice versa.
 - `is_first_of_current_user` = TRUE if this row is the first activation date of current owner.
`is_first_of_current_user := true` if `ACTIVATION_DATE == previous_row(DEACTIVATION_DATE)`

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|PHONE_NUMBER|ACTIVATION_DATE|DEACTIVATION_DATE|is_first_of_current_user|
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| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 0987000001| 2016-01-01| 2016-03-01| true|
| 0987000001| 2016-03-01| 2016-05-01| false|
| 0987000001| 2016-06-01| 2016-09-01| true|
| 0987000001| 2016-09-01| 2016-12-01| false|
| 0987000001| 2016-12-01| null| false|
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
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```

3. Filter `is_first_of_current_user == true`

PHONE_NUMBER	ACTIVATION_DATE	DEACTIVATION_DATE	is_first_of_current_user
...
0987000001	2016-01-01	2016-03-01	true
0987000001	2016-06-01	2016-09-01	true
...

4. Pick the latest row by **ACTIVATION_DATE** by ranking descending, we got **ACTIVATION_DATE** as **REAL_ACTIVATION_DATE**

PHONE_NUMBER	REAL_ACTIVATION_DATE
...	...
0987000001	2016-06-01
...	...

Project structure

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├── build_dependencies.sh
├── run_submit.sh
├── README.md
├── spark_job_config.json
├── spark_job.py
├── tests
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── test_data
│   │   ├── data1_test.csv
│   │   ├── data1_validation.csv
│   │   └── ...
│   └── test_spark_job.py
├── utils
│   ├── __init__.py
│   └── logger.py

```

- **spark_job.py**: main module which will be sent to the Spark cluster.
- **spark_job_config.json**: external configuration parameters required by **spark_job.py**, stored in JSON format.
- **run_submit.sh**: a bash script for submit to spark cluster.

- `utils/`: additional modules that support spark job.
- `tests/`: Unit test modules, includes `test_data` folder.

Submit the job

Assuming that:

- The `$SPARK_HOME` environment variable points to your local Spark installation folder.
- You install spark in local.

From this folder, build dependencies (zip all python file) and submit to Spark:

```
$SPARK_HOME/bin/spark-submit \
  --master local[*] \
  --py-files dependencies.zip \
  --files spark_job_config.json \
  spark_job.py --format csv \
               --path tests/test_data/data1_test.csv \
               --output data1_output.csv
```

```
usage: spark_job.py [-h] [--format FORMAT] [--path PATH] [--output OUTPUT]
                  [--debug]
```

Find real activation date

optional arguments:

```
-h, --help            show this help message and exit
--format FORMAT       format of input file: csv or parquet
--path PATH           path of input data set (e.g. local://data.csv)
--output OUTPUT       path of input data set (e.g. local://output.csv)
--debug              turn on debug mode
```

Modify the `--master` option with your Spark IP (either in single-executor mode locally or something larger in the cloud) - e.g. `--master spark://localhost:7077`

See example at `sub_submit.sh`

Run test

Only test the `process_data` function due to lack of time. Append `task_1` folder to your `PYTHONPATH`, make sure you have installed `pyspark`, `py4j` and `pytest` packages.

Then, execute following commands in root directory:

```
$ PYTHONPATH="$PYTHONPATH:/path/to/task_1/folder" pytest

===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.6.3, pytest-3.2.1, py-1.4.34, pluggy-0.4.0
rootdir: /home/duyetlv/project/trusting-social-exercise/task_1, inifile:
plugins: spark-0.4.0
collected 1 item

tests/test_spark_job.py .

===== 1 passed in 13.02 seconds =====
```

Test function will load `*_test.csv` file, processed with `process_data` then validate output with `*_validate.csv` file.