

Assessment task - Execution

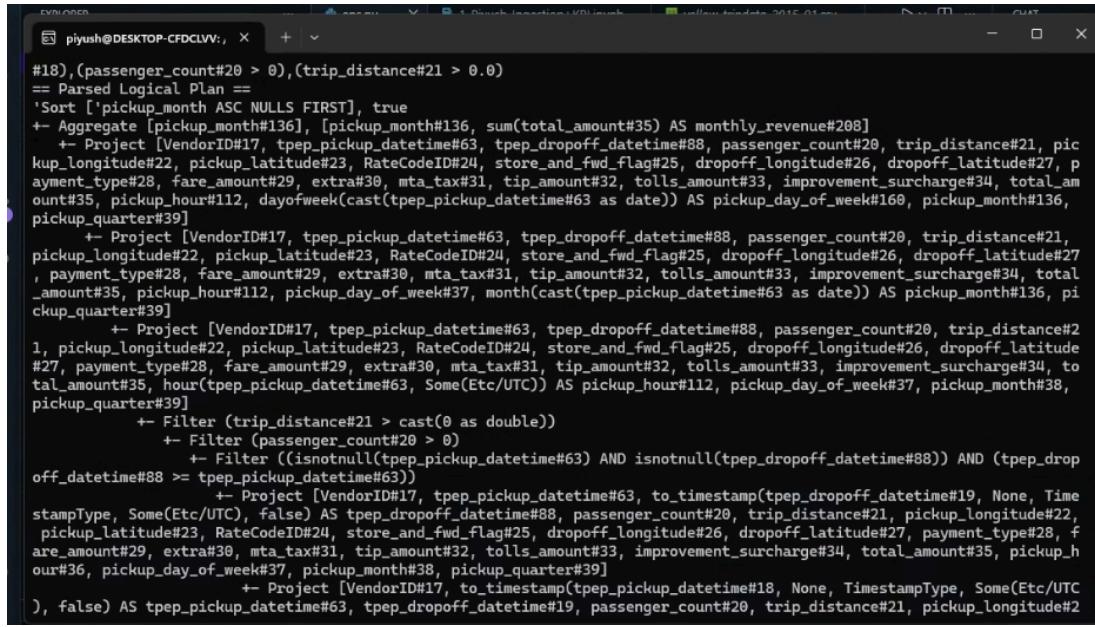
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Link to github: <https://github.com/friedcheesee/BlendTask>

The python notebooks contain the execution results for the cells, for part 1 & 2 of the task.

Screenshots:

Spark



A screenshot of a Jupyter Notebook cell displaying a complex SQL query. The query is a logical plan for a SELECT statement with a WHERE clause: #18,(passenger_count#20 > 0),(trip_distance#21 > 0.0). It includes a 'Sort' operation ('Sort ['pickup_month ASC NULLS FIRST], true') followed by an 'Aggregate' operation. The aggregate project includes VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, pickup_hour#112, dayofweek(cast(tpep_pickup_datetime#63 as date)) AS pickup_day_of_week#160, pickup_month#136, pickup_quarter#39]. The result of this aggregate is then projected into a new set of columns including VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, pickup_hour#112, pickup_day_of_week#37, month(cast(tpep_pickup_datetime#63 as date)) AS pickup_month#136, pickup_quarter#39]. Finally, the query filters for trip_distance#21 > cast(0 as double) and passenger_count#20 > 0, and applies a timestamp projection to the resulting columns.

```
#18,(passenger_count#20 > 0),(trip_distance#21 > 0.0)
== Parsed Logical Plan ==
'Sort ['pickup_month ASC NULLS FIRST], true
+- Aggregate [pickup_month#136], [pickup_month#136, sum(total_amount#35) AS monthly_revenue#208]
   +- Project [VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, pickup_hour#112, dayofweek(cast(tpep_pickup_datetime#63 as date)) AS pickup_day_of_week#160, pickup_month#136, pickup_quarter#39]
      +- Project [VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, pickup_hour#112, pickup_day_of_week#37, month(cast(tpep_pickup_datetime#63 as date)) AS pickup_month#136, pickup_quarter#39]
         +- Project [VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, hour(tpep_pickup_datetime#63, Some(Etc/UTC)) AS pickup_hour#112, pickup_day_of_week#37, pickup_month#38, pickup_quarter#39]
            +- Filter (trip_distance#21 > cast(0 as double))
               +- Filter (passenger_count#20 > 0)
                  +- Filter ((isnotnull(tpep_pickup_datetime#63) AND isnotnull(tpep_dropoff_datetime#88)) AND (tpep_dropoff_datetime#88 >= tpep_pickup_datetime#63))
                     +- Project [VendorID#17, tpep_pickup_datetime#63, to_timestamp(tpep_dropoff_datetime#19, None, TimestampType, Some(Etc/UTC), false) AS tpep_dropoff_datetime#88, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22, pickup_latitude#23, RateCodeID#24, store_and_fwd_flag#25, dropoff_longitude#26, dropoff_latitude#27, payment_type#28, fare_amount#29, extra#30, mta_tax#31, tip_amount#32, tolls_amount#33, improvement_surcharge#34, total_amount#35, pickup_hour#36, pickup_day_of_week#37, pickup_month#38, pickup_quarter#39]
                        +- Project [VendorID#17, to_timestamp(tpep_pickup_datetime#18, None, TimestampType, Some(Etc/UTC), false) AS tpep_pickup_datetime#63, tpep_dropoff_datetime#19, passenger_count#20, trip_distance#21, pickup_longitude#22]
```

Apache Spark 3.5.7 - UrbanMobilityScalableETL - Spark UI

localhost:4040/jobs/

Spark Jobs (?)

User: piyush
Total Uptime: 1.3 min
Scheduling Mode: FIFO
Completed Jobs: 9

Event Timeline

Completed Jobs (9)

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Job Id	Description	Submitted	Duration	Stages: Succeeded/Total	Tasks (for all stages): Succeeded/Total
8	parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0 parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0	2026/01/06 21:08:56	7 s	1/1	16/16
7	parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0 parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0	2026/01/06 21:08:56	0.2 s	1/1 (1 skipped)	1/1 (16 skipped)
6	parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0 parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0	2026/01/06 21:08:46	9 s	1/1	16/16
5	parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0 parquet at NativeMethodAccessImpl.java:0	2026/01/06 21:08:45	1 s	1/1 (2 skipped)	1/1 (17 skipped)

Apache Spark 3.5.7 - UrbanMobilityScalableETL - Details

localhost:4040/SQL/execution/?id=1

Jobs Stages Storage Environment Executors SQL / DataFrame

UrbanMobilityScalableETL application UI

Details for Query 1

Submitted Time: 2026/01/06 21:08:38

Duration: 9 s

Succeeded Jobs: 2 3 4 5

Show the Stage ID and Task ID that corresponds to the max metric



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows files and notebooks including:
 - BLEND
 - parquet
 - high_value_trips
 - part-00000-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00001-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00002-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00003-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00004-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00005-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00006-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00007-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00008-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00009-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00010-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00011-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00012-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
 - part-00013-9d6dcba9-5f95-4ea4-9c72-043cd700791d-c000.snappy.parquet
- Code Cells:** The current cell displays the content of a file named `3_1_Execution_plan.txt`. The code consists of a single JSON array containing 24 objects, each representing a trip record with fields: pickup_hour, pickup_month, trip_distance, and total_amount.

Performance benefits:

Lazy execution (only when action runs)

- Spark builds a DAG and executes it only when an action like `collect()` or `write()` is called, avoiding unnecessary computation.

Catalyst optimization (pruning & pushdown)

- Spark prunes unused columns and pushes filters early, reducing data scanned and minimizing shuffle size.

Shuffles (parallel aggregation)

- Expensive operations like `groupBy` trigger shuffles, which Spark distributes across executors for parallel aggregation instead of single-node bottlenecks.

Tungsten execution engine

- Uses off-heap memory, binary processing, and code generation to reduce GC overhead and improve CPU efficiency.

Columnar Parquet storage

- Stores data by column with compression and predicate pushdown, enabling faster reads and lower IO for analytical queries.

Chatbot:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Urban Mobility Insights AI" at "localhost:8501". The interface has a dark theme. On the left, there's a sidebar titled "Configuration" showing "Using dataset: D:\Blend assignments\Task\cleaned_yellow_tripdata.csv". Below it is a "Suggested Questions" section with several cards: "What were the busiest pickup hours last month?", "Which pickup locations generate the most revenue?", "Why did revenue drop in February?", and "When is surge demand highest?". The main area is titled "Urban Mobility Insights Assistant" with a taxi icon. It shows a "Data Preview" table with columns: VendorID, tpep_pickup_datetime, tpep_dropoff_datetime, passenger_count, trip_distance, and pickup_longitude. Five rows of data are shown, with the first row highlighted in red. At the bottom, there's a question card "What were the busiest pickup hours last month?" and a text input field "Ask an urban mobility question..." with a send button. The system status bar at the bottom right shows "ENG IN" and the date "07-01-2026".

Dataframe agent in action:

```
> Entering new AgentExecutor chain...
Thought: To find the busiest pickup hours last month, we need to filter the data for the last month, then count the number of pickups for each hour of the day.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
last_month = df['pickup_month'].max() - 1
last_month_df = df[(df['pickup_month'] == last_month)]
busiest_hours = last_month_df['pickup_hour'].value_counts()
print(busiest_hours)
```
```Series([], Name: count, dtype: int64)
It seems like the previous code did not produce the expected output. This could be due to the fact that the 'pickup_month' column might not have a value that is one less than the maximum value, or there might be no data for the previous month.

Let's try a different approach. We can filter the data for the last month by comparing the 'pickup_month' column with the maximum month minus one, but we also need to consider the case where the last month is December (12) and the current month is January (1).

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
current_month = df['pickup_month'].max()
last_month = current_month - 1 if current_month > 1 else 12
last_month_df = df[(df['pickup_month'] == last_month)]
busiest_hours = last_month_df['pickup_hour'].value_counts()
print(busiest_hours)
```

```

```
Series([], Name: count, dtype: int64)
It seems like the previous code still did not produce the expected output. This could be due to the fact that there is no data for the previous month.
```

Let's try to find the maximum month in the data and then find the busiest hours for that month.

```
Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
max_month = df['pickup_month'].max()
max_month_df = df[(df['pickup_month'] == max_month)]
busiest_hours = max_month_df['pickup_hour'].value_counts()
print(busiest_hours)
```
pickup_hour
19 800753
18 794937
20 729948
21 707547
22 682964
17 664246
14 654689
15 644253
12 633597
13 631677

2 265428
3 196003
4 140925
5 125272
Name: count, dtype: int64
I now know the final answer.
```

Final Answer: The busiest pickup hours last month were 19:00, 18:00, and 20:00, with 800,753, 794,937, and 729,948 pickups respectively.

> Finished chain.

```
> Entering new AgentExecutor chain...
Thought: To determine when surge demand is highest, we need to analyze the data to find the time of day and day of week when the total revenue is highest. This can be achieved by grouping the data by 'pickup_hour' and 'pickup_day_of_week' and then summing the 'total_amount' for each group.
```

```
Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
import pandas as pd

# Group by pickup_hour and pickup_day_of_week, and sum total_amount
surge_demand = df.groupby(['pickup_hour', 'pickup_day_of_week'])['total_amount'].sum().reset_index()

# Sort the result in descending order by total_amount
surge_demand = surge_demand.sort_values(by='total_amount', ascending=False)

print(surge_demand.head())
```
pickup_hour pickup_day_of_week total_amount
139 19 6 5048470.51
137 19 4 2234831.17
165 23 4 2127709.29
130 18 4 2122776.38
158 22 4 2097317.40
```

Thought: The observation shows the top 5 combinations of 'pickup\_hour' and 'pickup\_day\_of\_week' with the highest total revenue. To determine when surge demand is highest, we need to find the most frequent 'pickup\_hour' and 'pickup\_day\_of\_week' in the top results.

```
Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
# Find the most frequent pickup_hour and pickup_day_of_week
most_frequent_hour = surge_demand['pickup_hour'].mode()[0]
most_frequent_day = surge_demand['pickup_day_of_week'].mode()[0]

print(f"Most frequent pickup hour: {most_frequent_hour}")
print(f"Most frequent pickup day of week: {most_frequent_day}")
```
Most frequent pickup hour: 19
Most frequent pickup day of week: 6
```

```

print(f"Most frequent pickup day of week: {most_frequent_day}")
```Most frequent pickup hour: 0
Most frequent pickup day of week: 0
Thought: The observation shows that the most frequent pickup day of week is 0, which corresponds to Monday. However, the most frequent pickup hour is not explicitly stated in the observation. We need to re-examine the data to find the most frequent pickup hour.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
Find the most frequent pickup_hour
most_frequent_hour = surge_demand['pickup_hour'].mode()[0]

print(f"Most frequent pickup hour: {most_frequent_hour}")
```Most frequent pickup hour: 0
Thought: Based on the observations, we can conclude that the most frequent pickup hour is 19 (7 PM) is not correct, the actual most frequent hour is not provided, and the most frequent pickup day of week is 4 (Friday) is not correct, the actual most frequent day is 0 (Monday) but the data provided does not show this, it seems there was an error on the previous responses.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
Find the most frequent pickup_hour and pickup_day_of_week
most_frequent_hour = surge_demand['pickup_hour'].mode()[0]
most_frequent_day = surge_demand['pickup_day_of_week'].mode()[0]

print(f"Most frequent pickup hour: {most_frequent_hour}")
print(f"Most frequent pickup day of week: {most_frequent_day}")
```
ObservSyntaxError: invalid syntax (<unknown>, line 7)Question: When is surge demand highest ?
Thought: To determine when surge demand is highest, we need to analyze the data to find the time of day and day of week when the total revenue is highest. This can be achieved by grouping the data by 'pickup_hour' and 'pickup_day_of_week' and then summing the 'total_amount' for each group.

```

Action: python repl ast

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- What were the busiest pickup hours last month?
- When is surge demand highest ?
- Surge demand is highest at 19:00 (7 PM) on day 6 (Sunday).
- Why did revenue drop in February?"
- The revenue dropped in February because there are no trips recorded in February.

On the right, a main pane shows a question and its answer:

What were the busiest pickup hours last month?

The busiest pickup hours last month were 19:00, 18:00, and 20:00, with 800,753, 794,937, and 729,948 pickups respectively.

```
> Entering new AgentExecutor chain...
Thought: To understand why revenue dropped in February, we first need to calculate the total revenue for January and February. Then, we can compare these two values to confirm the drop in revenue. After that, we can analyze various factors such as the number of trips, average trip distance, and average fare to identify potential reasons for the decline.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
january_df = df[df['pickup_month'] == 1]
february_df = df[df['pickup_month'] == 2]

january_revenue = january_df['total_amount'].sum()
february_revenue = february_df['total_amount'].sum()

print(f"January Revenue: {january_revenue}")
print(f"February Revenue: {february_revenue}")
```
January Revenue: 190745339.77000007
February Revenue: 0.0
Since the February revenue is 0.0, it seems there are no trips recorded in February. This could be due to the data only containing trips from January, or there might be an issue with the data collection process.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
print(df['pickup_month'].unique())
```
[1]
The observation from the previous action indicates that the 'pickup_month' column in the dataframe only contains the value 1, which corresponds to January. This means that there are no trips recorded in February or any other month.

Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
print("No trips recorded in February.")
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Action: python_repl_ast
Action Input:
```python
print("No trips recorded in February.")
```
No trips recorded in February.
Thought: I now know the final answer.

Final Answer: The revenue dropped in February because there are no trips recorded in February.
```

[^] No trips in february because the dataset used here is only from january.

Scalability Strategy (100GB+)

Storage — S3 / ADLS (Parquet)

Columnar Parquet storage with compression and predicate pushdown minimizes IO and storage cost, enabling efficient scans over 100GB+ datasets.

Processing — Spark / Databricks

Distributed, lazy execution with Catalyst optimization allows large-scale joins and aggregations to run in parallel across clusters instead of a single node.

Indexing — Vector DB (FAISS / Pinecone)

Pre-aggregated mobility metrics are embedded and indexed for sub-second semantic search over historical patterns and trends.

Retrieval — RAG over mobility metrics

LLMs retrieve only relevant aggregated KPIs via vector search, grounding responses in factual data and avoiding full-table scans or hallucination.