

Programming Assignment 1 - Dino Fun World

Data Visualization (CSE 578)

You, in your role as a burgeoning data explorer and visualizer, have been asked by the administrators of a small amusement park in your hometown to answer a couple questions about their park operations. In order to perform the requested analysis, they have provided you with a database containing information about one day of the park's operations.

Provided Database

The database provided by the park administration is formatted to be readable by any SQL database library. The course staff recommends the sqlite3 library. The database contains three tables, named 'checkin', 'attractions', and 'sequences'. The database file is named 'dinofunworld.db' and is available in the read only directory of the Jupyter Notebook environment (i.e. readonly/dinofunworld.db). It can also be accessed by selecting File->Open->dinofunworld.db

The information contained in each of these tables is listed below:

checkin:

- Description: check-in data for all visitors for the day in the park. The data includes two types of check-ins, inferred and actual checkin.
- Fields: visitorID, timestamp, attraction, duration, type

attraction:

- The attractions in the park by their corresponding AttractionID, Name, Region, Category, and type. Regions are from the VAST Challenge map such as Coaster Alley, Tundra Land, etc. Categories include Thrill rides, Kiddie Rides, etc. Type is broken into Outdoor Coaster, Other Ride, Carousel, etc.
- Fields: AttractionID, Name, Region, Category, type

sequences:

- The check-in sequences of visitors. These sequences list the position of each visitor to the park every five minutes. If the visitor has not entered the park yet, the sequence has a value of 0 for that time interval. If the visitor is in the park, the sequence lists the attraction they have most recently checked in to until they check in to a new one or leave the park.
- Fields: visitorID, sequence

Assignment

The administrators would like you to answer four relatively simple questions about the park activities on the day in question. These questions all deal with park operations and can be answered using the data provided.

Question 1: What is the most popular attraction to visit in the park?

Question 2: What ride (note that not all attractions are rides) has the longest average visit time?

Question 3: Which Fast Food offering has the fewest visitors?

Question 4: Compute the Skyline of number of visits and visit time for the park's ride and report the rides that appear in the Skyline

Instructions

This assignment will be graded by Coursera's grading system. In order for your answers to be correctly registered in the system, you must place the code for your answers in the cell indicated for each question. In addition, you should submit the assignment with the output of the code in the cell's display area. The display area should contain only your answer to the question with no extraneous information, or else the answer may not be picked up correctly. Each cell that is going to be graded has a set of comment lines at the beginning of the cell. These lines are extremely important and must not be modified or removed. (Graded Cell and PartID comments must be in the same line for proper execution of code.)

Feedback

There are four parts in the grading and each part has one test case where total points of all parts is 4. If some part of your data is incorrect, you will get a partial score of 0.25 or 0.50. If the submission failed, we will return the corresponding error messages. If the submission is correct, you will see "Correct" with 1.0 point for each part.