Extra assignment

Flu detection by analyzing social signals like tweets

Purpose:

It is important to detect the occurrence of flu so that public health authorities can act immediately and reduce the impact. For this data to be available there is always 1-2-week delay between diagnosis of the patient and the data to be available. Traditional approach includes collecting the influenza-like illness activity data from medical practices. In this project I present a framework, that monitors messages posted on Twitter with a mention of flu indicators that tracks and predicts the emergence and spread of a flu in common people.

Apache Spark and IBM Bluemix:

Apache Spark is an open source big data analytics tool. It is used to process large datasets. As Spark provides multi-stage in-memory primitives that can be several times faster for certain applications, it is a viable when compared to Hadoop for certain applications.

Bluemix is a cloud platform as a service (PaaS) developed by IBM. It supports several languages Java, Node.js, PHP, Python, Scala etc.

Procedure:

Using hash tags from user posts on *Twitter* as our input data, we collate and chart the occurrence of keywords. The first instance consists of a problem statement that collects the information of the illness like cold, fever and flu in a given location and time are inferred from the content of *tweets*. The second one is a plot of a graph that uses the tweets collected. Having experience with collecting and analyzing twitter data in one of the labs, it is advantageous to use the obtained knowledge to create an application in IBM Bluemix.

Steps involved:

- 1. Configuring the twitter 4J and Watson tone analyzer.
- 2. Collecting tweets for 30 minutes
- 3. Storing the results in the parquet file along with the sentiment score
- 4. Read through the parquet file and generate the graphs

References:

<u>Twitter Tone Analyzer using Apache Spark</u>
<u>Spark Example</u>

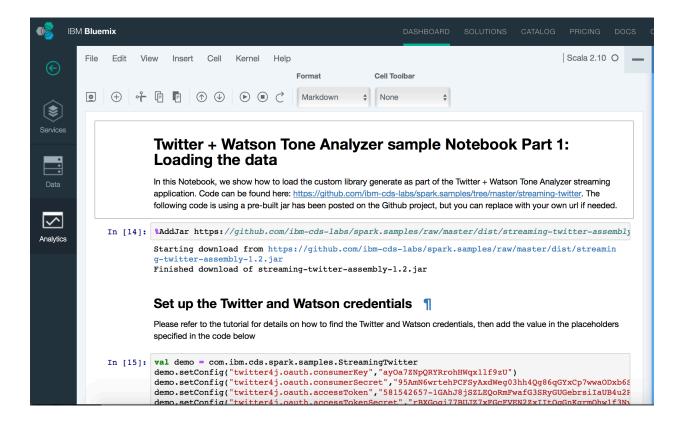
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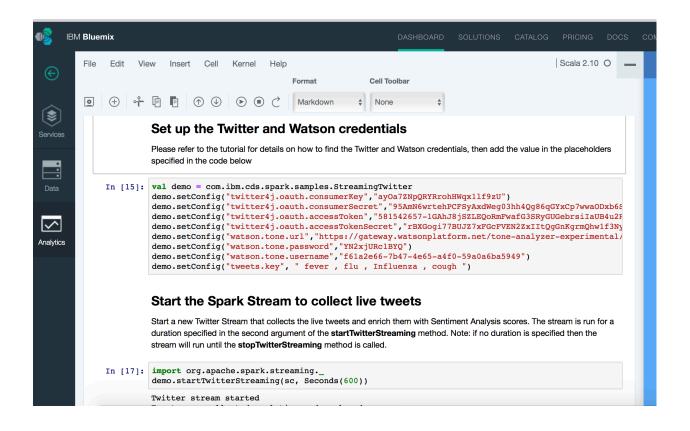
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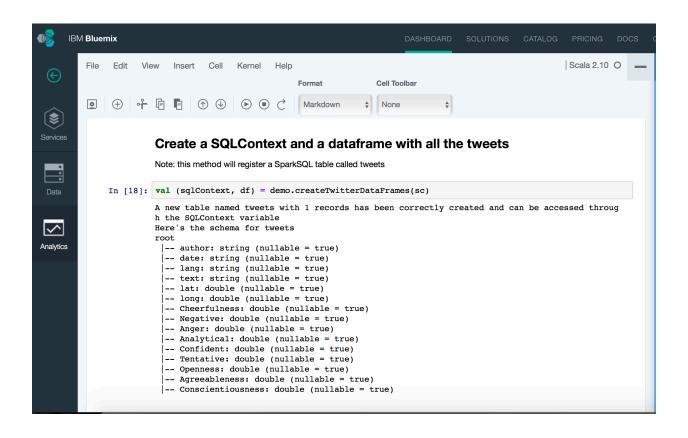
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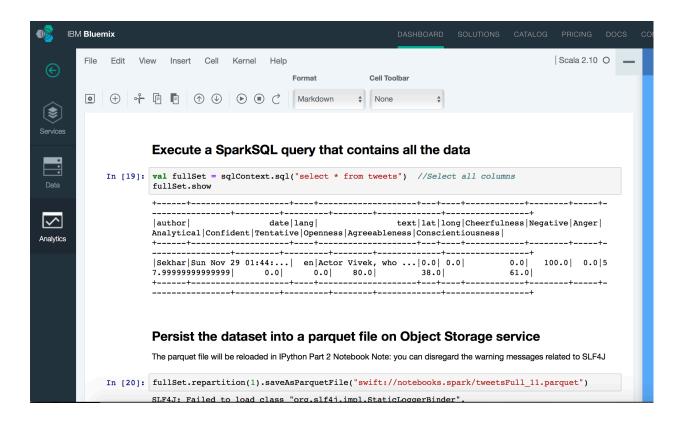
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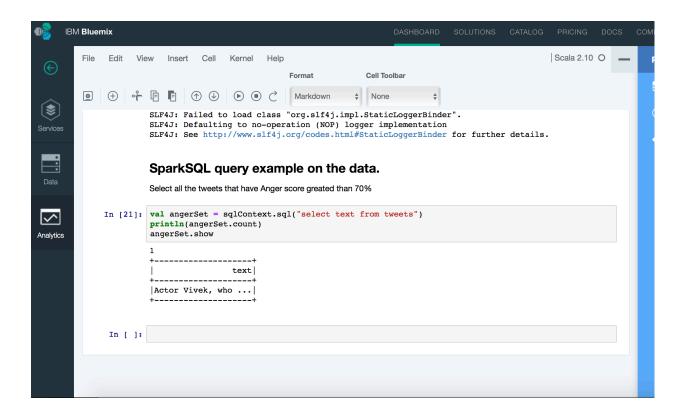
Screen Shots:











Graph results:

