

Homework Assignment #7



Deadline: Dec 7 (Sunday) 11:45PM

Setup

Please follow the instructions in [this link](#). The following is a screenshot of the working environment of Texera you should expect.

The screenshot shows the Texera dashboard interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with navigation links: Your Work, Workflows, Datasets (which is selected and highlighted in blue), Quota, Admin, and About. The main area displays a dataset named "Dataset: cs224p" created at 11/30/2025 15:35:43. The dataset has a visibility setting of "private" and a download count of 0. Below this, there is a table titled "/texera/cs224p/v1/pet_owners.csv" with 54.72 KB. The table has columns: user_id, name, email, street, city, state, join_date, and payment_info. The data in the table is as follows:

user_id	name	email	street	city	state	join_date	payment_info
1	Christina Wright	taylorbrown@example.net	627 Walls Knolls Apt. 495	Michaelville	Vermont	2024-01-23	JCB 16 digit
2	Adam Figueiroa	amber46@example.net	843 King Orchard Apt. 014	Michaelville	Michigan	2025-11-22	Mastercard
3	James Wilson	mpowell@example.net	1097 Mckay Gateway Apt. 795	Michaelville	Oklahoma	2023-12-21	Mastercard
4	Leslie Lawrence	mary44@example.org	93583 Ramos Brook	Michaelville	Vermont	2024-10-05	JCB 16 digit
5	Mark Hunter	fbrown@example.com	065 Jones Garden Apt. 872	Michaelville	Maryland	2025-06-09	Diners Club / Carte Blanche
6	Kevin Smith	lisafarmer@example.org	147 Jeffery Courts Suite 654	Michaelville	Florida	2024-02-20	Diners Club / Carte Blanche

To the right of the table, there is a "Current Versions" section showing a single version "v1" with a file size of 187.22 KB and a creation date of 11/30/2025. Below this, there are links to "pet_owners.csv", "groomers.csv", and "appointments.csv". At the bottom, there is a "Create New Version" section with a "Drag & drop file/folder to upload" area and a "Browser & Upload Files" button. A note says "No pending changes".

Questions

1. In this task, you will create a comprehensive workflow in the Texera system to analyze appointment data. You will work with three datasets: `pet_owners.csv`, `appointments.csv`, and `groomers.csv`.

Your workflow must branch into two distinct analytical paths to answer the following business questions:

1. **Michaelville Analysis:** Identify how many appointments were made by pet owners living in the city of `Michaelville`.
2. **State Spending Analysis:** Calculate the total amount spent on appointments in each state. You must join all three tables, aggregate the total cost by state, identify the top 5 states with the highest spending, and finally visualize the distribution.

Equivalent SQL Queries: Your workflow should logically represent the following SQL operations:

Part A (Michaelville Count):

```
SQL
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM appointments A
JOIN pet_owners PO ON A.pet_owner_id = PO.user_id
WHERE PO.city = 'Michaelville';
```

Part B (Top 5 States & Visualization):

```
SQL
SELECT PO.state, SUM(A.cost) as total_cost
FROM appointments A
JOIN pet_owners PO ON A.pet_owner_id = PO.user_id
JOIN groomers G ON A.groomer_id = G.user_id
GROUP BY PO.state
ORDER BY total_cost DESC
LIMIT 5;
-- Result is then fed into a Pie Chart
```

Submission: Submit a screenshot of your workflow with the result of the pie chart.

2. The operations team wants to implement a "Smart Priority" system for handling future appointments. Simple filtering isn't enough; they need a calculated **Priority Score** that balances the **value** of the appointment (Cost) against its **urgency** (Time remaining).

Standard database operators can do basic arithmetic (+, -, *, /), but they cannot handle complex mathematical functions like logarithms or square roots, nor can they easily calculate time deltas between dates. You will use a **Python UDF** with the **NumPy** library to solve this.

The Logic: For every appointment scheduled **after January 1, 2025**, you must calculate a **priority_score** using the following non-linear formula:

$$\text{Priority Score} = \frac{\text{Cost}}{\ln(\text{DaysUntil} + 2)} + \sqrt{\text{Cost}}$$

Next, sort the result based on the priority score and get top 10 scores and show them in a bar chart.

Submission: Submit a screenshot of workflow with the final bar chart result and also add your Python code.

3. Build a Machine Learning workflow to predict the cost of an appointment based on the groomer's rating.

Hypothesis: We believe there is a linear relationship between a groomer's rating and their service cost. The formula we are approximating is:

$$\text{Cost} \approx \text{Base_Price} + (\text{Coefficient} \times \text{Rating}).$$

Workflow Requirements. You are required to construct a Texera workflow that performs the following logical steps. You must select the appropriate operators to achieve these goals:

1. **Data Preparation**
 - Ingest the `appointments.csv` and `groomers.csv` datasets.
 - Join them to associate every appointment with its groomer's rating.
2. **Training & Testing Split**
 - Split the joined data into two distinct sets:
 - Training Set: Appointments with `appointment_id < 2500`.
 - Test Set: Appointments with `appointment_id >= 2500`.
3. **Model Training**
 - Train a **Linear Regression** model using the **Training Set**.
 - Target: `cost`
 - Feature: `rating`
4. **Prediction**
 - Apply the trained model to the **Test Set** to generate predicted costs.
5. **Visualization**
 - Generate a Line Chart (or Scatter Plot) to visually compare the results.
 - Plot the Actual Cost (dots) and the Predicted Cost (line) against the `rating`.

- *Hint: Your visualization should show that the regression line fits the actual data points.*

Submission:

1. A screenshot of your complete ML workflow.
2. A screenshot of the final **Line Chart** visualization showing the comparison between actual and predicted values.