

Databricks

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Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional Exam



NEW QUESTION 1

An upstream source writes Parquet data as hourly batches to directories named with the current date. A nightly batch job runs the following code to ingest all data from the previous day as indicated by the date variable:

```
(spark.read
  .format("parquet")
  .load(f"/mnt/raw_orders/{date}")
  .dropDuplicates(["customer_id", "order_id"])
  .write
  .mode("append")
  .saveAsTable("orders")
)
```

Assume that the fields customer_id and order_id serve as a composite key to uniquely identify each order.

If the upstream system is known to occasionally produce duplicate entries for a single order hours apart, which statement is correct?

- A. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records, and only those records without duplicates in the target table will be written.
- B. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records, but newly written records may have duplicates already present in the target table.
- C. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records; if existing records with the same key are present in the target table, these records will be overwritten.
- D. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records; if existing records with the same key are present in the target table, the operation will fail.
- E. Each write to the orders table will run deduplication over the union of new and existing records, ensuring no duplicate records are present.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the code uses the dropDuplicates method to remove any duplicate records within each batch of data before writing to the orders table. However, this method does not check for duplicates across different batches or in the target table, so it is possible that newly written records may have duplicates already present in the target table. To avoid this, a better approach would be to use Delta Lake and perform an upsert operation using mergeInto. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "DROP DUPLICATES" section.

NEW QUESTION 2

In order to facilitate near real-time workloads, a data engineer is creating a helper function to leverage the schema detection and evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. The desired function will automatically detect the schema of the source directly, incrementally process JSON files as they arrive in a source directory, and automatically evolve the schema of the table when new fields are detected.

The function is displayed below with a blank:

Which response correctly fills in the blank to meet the specified requirements?

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: B

Explanation:

Option B correctly fills in the blank to meet the specified requirements. Option B uses the "cloudFiles.schemaLocation" option, which is required for the schema detection and evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. Additionally, option B uses the "mergeSchema" option, which is required for the schema evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. Finally, option B uses the "writeStream" method, which is required for the incremental processing of JSON files as they arrive in a source directory. The other options are incorrect because they either omit the required options, use the wrong method, or use the wrong format.

References:

? Configure schema inference and evolution in Auto Loader:

<https://docs.databricks.com/en/ingestion/auto-loader/schema.html>

? Write streaming data: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/writing-streaming-data.html>

NEW QUESTION 3

A junior data engineer has been asked to develop a streaming data pipeline with a grouped aggregation using DataFrame df. The pipeline needs to calculate the average humidity and average temperature for each non-overlapping five-minute interval. Events are recorded once per minute per device.

Streaming DataFrame df has the following schema:

"device_id INT, event_time TIMESTAMP, temp FLOAT, humidity FLOAT" Code block:

Choose the response that correctly fills in the blank within the code block to complete this task.

- A. to_interval("event_time", "5 minutes").alias("time")
- B. window("event_time", "5 minutes").alias("time")
- C. "event_time"
- D. window("event_time", "10 minutes").alias("time")
- E. lag("event_time", "10 minutes").alias("time")

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the window function is used to group streaming data by time intervals. The window function takes two arguments: a time column and a window duration. The window duration specifies how long each window is, and must be a multiple of 1 second. In this case, the window duration is

“5 minutes”, which means each window will cover a non-overlapping five-minute interval. The window function also returns a struct column with two fields: start and end, which represent the start and end time of each window. The alias function is used to rename the struct column as “time”. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Structured Streaming” section; Databricks Documentation, under “WINDOW” section. <https://www.databricks.com/blog/2017/05/08/event-time-aggregation-watermarking-apache-sparks-structured-streaming.html>

NEW QUESTION 4

A data ingestion task requires a one-TB JSON dataset to be written out to Parquet with a target part-file size of 512 MB. Because Parquet is being used instead of Delta Lake, built-in file-sizing features such as Auto-Optimize & Auto-Compaction cannot be used. Which strategy will yield the best performance without shuffling data?

- A. Set `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes` to 512 MB, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, and then write to parquet.
- B. Set `spark.sql.shuffle.partitions` to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, optimize the data by sorting it (which automatically repartitions the data), and then write to parquet.
- C. Set `spark.sql.adaptive.advisoryPartitionSizeInBytes` to 512 MB bytes, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, coalesce to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), and then write to parquet.
- D. Ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, repartition to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), and then write to parquet.
- E. Set `spark.sql.shuffle.partitions` to 512, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, and then write to parquet.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The key to efficiently converting a large JSON dataset to Parquet files of a specific size without shuffling data lies in controlling the size of the output files directly.

? Setting `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes` to 512 MB configures Spark to process data in chunks of 512 MB. This setting directly influences the size of the part-files in the output, aligning with the target file size.

? Narrow transformations (which do not involve shuffling data across partitions) can then be applied to this data.

? Writing the data out to Parquet will result in files that are approximately the size specified by `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes`, in this case, 512 MB.

? The other options involve unnecessary shuffles or repartitions (B, C, D) or an incorrect setting for this specific requirement (E).

References:

? Apache Spark Documentation: Configuration - `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes`

? Databricks Documentation on Data Sources: Databricks Data Sources Guide

NEW QUESTION 5

A junior data engineer is working to implement logic for a Lakehouse table named `silver_device_recordings`. The source data contains 100 unique fields in a highly nested JSON structure.

The `silver_device_recordings` table will be used downstream to power several production monitoring dashboards and a production model. At present, 45 of the 100 fields are being used in at least one of these applications.

The data engineer is trying to determine the best approach for dealing with schema declaration given the highly-nested structure of the data and the numerous fields.

Which of the following accurately presents information about Delta Lake and Databricks that may impact their decision-making process?

- A. The Tungsten encoding used by Databricks is optimized for storing string data; newly-added native support for querying JSON strings means that string types are always most efficient.
- B. Because Delta Lake uses Parquet for data storage, data types can be easily evolved by just modifying file footer information in place.
- C. Human labor in writing code is the largest cost associated with data engineering workloads; as such, automating table declaration logic should be a priority in all migration workloads.
- D. Because Databricks will infer schema using types that allow all observed data to be processed, setting types manually provides greater assurance of data quality enforcement.
- E. Schema inference and evolution on Databricks ensure that inferred types will always accurately match the data types used by downstream systems.

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it accurately presents information about Delta Lake and Databricks that may impact the decision-making process of a junior data engineer who is trying to determine the best approach for dealing with schema declaration given the highly-nested structure of the data and the numerous fields. Delta Lake and Databricks support schema inference and evolution, which means that they can automatically infer the schema of a table from the source data and allow adding new columns or changing column types without affecting existing queries or pipelines. However, schema inference and evolution may not always be desirable or reliable, especially when dealing with complex or nested data structures or when enforcing data quality and consistency across different systems. Therefore, setting types manually can provide greater assurance of data quality enforcement and avoid potential errors or conflicts due to incompatible or unexpected data types. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Schema inference and partition of streaming DataFrames/Datasets” section.

NEW QUESTION 6

The business intelligence team has a dashboard configured to track various summary metrics for retail stores. This includes total sales for the previous day alongside totals and averages for a variety of time periods. The fields required to populate this dashboard have the following schema:

For Demand forecasting, the Lakehouse contains a validated table of all itemized sales updated incrementally in near real-time. This table named `products_per_order`, includes the following fields:

Because reporting on long-term sales trends is less volatile, analysts using the new dashboard only require data to be refreshed once daily. Because the dashboard will be queried interactively by many users throughout a normal business day, it should return results quickly and reduce total compute associated with each materialization.

Which solution meets the expectations of the end users while controlling and limiting possible costs?

- A. Use the Delta Cache to persist the `products_per_order` table in memory to quickly the dashboard with each query.
- B. Populate the dashboard by configuring a nightly batch job to save the required to quickly update the dashboard with each query.
- C. Use Structured Streaming to configure a live dashboard against the `products_per_order` table within a Databricks notebook.
- D. Define a view against the `products_per_order` table and define the dashboard against this view.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Given the requirement for daily refresh of data and the need to ensure quick response times for interactive queries while controlling costs, a nightly batch job to pre- compute and save the required summary metrics is the most suitable approach.

? By pre-aggregating data during off-peak hours, the dashboard can serve queries quickly without requiring on-the-fly computation, which can be resource-intensive and slow, especially with many users.

? This approach also limits the cost by avoiding continuous computation throughout the day and instead leverages a batch process that efficiently computes and stores the necessary data.

? The other options (A, C, D) either do not address the cost and performance requirements effectively or are not suitable for the use case of less frequent data refresh and high interactivity.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Batch Processing: [Databricks Batch Processing](#)

? Data Lakehouse Patterns: [Data Lakehouse Best Practices](#)

NEW QUESTION 7

A Delta Lake table in the Lakehouse named customer_parsams is used in churn prediction by the machine learning team. The table contains information about customers derived from a number of upstream sources. Currently, the data engineering team populates this table nightly by overwriting the table with the current valid values derived from upstream data sources. Immediately after each update succeeds, the data engineer team would like to determine the difference between the new version and the previous of the table. Given the current implementation, which method can be used?

- A. Parse the Delta Lake transaction log to identify all newly written data files.
- B. Execute DESCRIBE HISTORY customer_churn_params to obtain the full operation metrics for the update, including a log of all records that have been added or modified.
- C. Execute a query to calculate the difference between the new version and the previous version using Delta Lake's built-in versioning and time travel functionality.
- D. Parse the Spark event logs to identify those rows that were updated, inserted, or deleted.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Delta Lake provides built-in versioning and time travel capabilities, allowing users to query previous snapshots of a table. This feature is particularly useful for understanding changes between different versions of the table. In this scenario, where the table is overwritten nightly, you can use Delta Lake's time travel feature to execute a query comparing the latest version of the table (the current state) with its previous version. This approach effectively identifies the differences (such as new, updated, or deleted records) between the two versions. The other options do not provide a straightforward or efficient way to directly compare different versions of a Delta Lake table.

References:

? Delta Lake Documentation on Time Travel: [Delta Time Travel](#)

? Delta Lake Versioning: [Delta Lake Versioning Guide](#)

NEW QUESTION 8

The data architect has mandated that all tables in the Lakehouse should be configured as external Delta Lake tables. Which approach will ensure that this requirement is met?

- A. Whenever a database is being created, make sure that the location keyword is used
- B. When configuring an external data warehouse for all table storag
- C. leverage Databricks for all ELT.
- D. Whenever a table is being created, make sure that the location keyword is used.
- E. When tables are created, make sure that the external keyword is used in the create table statement.
- F. When the workspace is being configured, make sure that external cloud object storage has been mounted.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it ensures that this requirement is met. The requirement is that all tables in the Lakehouse should be configured as external Delta Lake tables. An external table is a table that is stored outside of the default warehouse directory and whose metadata is not managed by Databricks. An external table can be created by using the location keyword to specify the path to an existing directory in a cloud storage system, such as DBFS or S3. By creating external tables, the data engineering team can avoid losing data if they drop or overwrite the table, as well as leverage existing data without moving or copying it. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Create an external table" section.

NEW QUESTION 9

A junior data engineer has configured a workload that posts the following JSON to the Databricks REST API endpoint 2.0/jobs/create.

```
{
  "name": "Ingest new data",
  "existing_cluster_id": "6015-954420-peace720",
  "notebook_task": {
    "notebook_path": "/Prod/ingest.py"
  }
}
```

Assuming that all configurations and referenced resources are available, which statement describes the result of executing this workload three times?

- A. Three new jobs named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, and they will each run once daily.
- B. The logic defined in the referenced notebook will be executed three times on new clusters with the configurations of the provided cluster ID.
- C. Three new jobs named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, but no jobs will be executed.
- D. One new job named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, but it will not be executed.
- E. The logic defined in the referenced notebook will be executed three times on the referenced existing all purpose cluster.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the JSON posted to the Databricks REST API endpoint 2.0/jobs/create defines a new job with a name, an existing cluster id, and a notebook task. However, it does not specify any schedule or trigger for the job execution. Therefore, three new jobs with the same name and configuration will be created in the workspace, but none of them will be executed until they are manually triggered or scheduled. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Monitoring & Logging” section; [Databricks Documentation], under “Jobs API - Create” section.

NEW QUESTION 10

A junior data engineer has been asked to develop a streaming data pipeline with a grouped aggregation using DataFrame df. The pipeline needs to calculate the average humidity and average temperature for each non-overlapping five-minute interval. Incremental state information should be maintained for 10 minutes for late-arriving data.

Streaming DataFrame df has the following schema:

"device_id INT, event_time TIMESTAMP, temp FLOAT, humidity FLOAT" Code block:

Choose the response that correctly fills in the blank within the code block to complete this task.

- A. withWatermark("event_time", "10 minutes")
- B. awaitArrival("event_time", "10 minutes")
- C. await("event_time + '10 minutes'")
- D. slidingWindow("event_time", "10 minutes")
- E. delayWrite("event_time", "10 minutes")

Answer: A

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. withWatermark(“event_time”, “10 minutes”). This is because the question asks for incremental state information to be maintained for 10 minutes for late-arriving data. The withWatermark method is used to define the watermark for late data. The watermark is a timestamp column and a threshold that tells the system

how long to wait for late data. In this case, the watermark is set to 10 minutes. The other options are incorrect because they are not valid methods or syntax for watermarking in Structured Streaming. References:

? Watermarking: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/watermarks.html>

? Windowed aggregations: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/window-operations.html>

NEW QUESTION 10

An hourly batch job is configured to ingest data files from a cloud object storage container where each batch represent all records produced by the source system in a given hour. The batch job to process these records into the Lakehouse is sufficiently delayed to ensure no late-arriving data is missed. The user_id field represents a unique key for the data, which has the following schema:

user_id BIGINT, username STRING, user_utc STRING, user_region STRING, last_login BIGINT, auto_pay BOOLEAN, last_updated BIGINT

New records are all ingested into a table named account_history which maintains a full record of all data in the same schema as the source. The next table in the system is named account_current and is implemented as a Type 1 table representing the most recent value for each unique user_id.

Assuming there are millions of user accounts and tens of thousands of records processed hourly, which implementation can be used to efficiently update the described account_current table as part of each hourly batch job?

- A. Use Auto Loader to subscribe to new files in the account history directory; configure a Structured Streaming trigger once job to batch update newly detected files into the account current table.
- B. Overwrite the account current table with each batch using the results of a query against the account history table grouping by user id and filtering for the max value of last updated.
- C. Filter records in account history using the last updated field and the most recent hour processed, as well as the max last login by user id write a merge statement to update or insert the most recent value for each user id.
- D. Use Delta Lake version history to get the difference between the latest version of account history and one version prior, then write these records to account current.
- E. Filter records in account history using the last updated field and the most recent hour processed, making sure to deduplicate on username; write a merge statement to update or insert the most recent value for each username.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it efficiently updates the account current table with only the most recent value for each user id. The code filters records in account history using the last updated field and the most recent hour processed, which means it will only process the latest batch of data. It also filters by the max last login by user id, which means it will only keep the most recent record for each user id within that batch. Then, it writes a merge statement to update or insert the most recent value for each user id into account current, which means it will perform an upsert operation based on the user id column. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Upsert into a table using merge” section.

NEW QUESTION 15

The data engineering team is migrating an enterprise system with thousands of tables and views into the Lakehouse. They plan to implement the target architecture using a series of bronze, silver, and gold tables. Bronze tables will almost exclusively be used by production data engineering workloads, while silver tables will be used to support both data engineering and machine learning workloads. Gold tables will largely serve business intelligence and reporting purposes. While personal identifying information (PII) exists in all tiers of data, pseudonymization and anonymization rules are in place for all data at the silver and gold levels.

The organization is interested in reducing security concerns while maximizing the ability to collaborate across diverse teams.

Which statement exemplifies best practices for implementing this system?

- A. Isolating tables in separate databases based on data quality tiers allows for easy permissions management through database ACLs and allows physical separation of default storage locations for managed tables.
- B. Because databases on Databricks are merely a logical construct, choices around database organization do not impact security or discoverability in the Lakehouse.
- C. Storing all production tables in a single database provides a unified view of all data assets available throughout the Lakehouse, simplifying discoverability by granting all users view privileges on this database.
- D. Working in the default Databricks database provides the greatest security when working with managed tables, as these will be created in the DBFS root.
- E. Because all tables must live in the same storage containers used for the database they're created in, organizations should be prepared to create between

dozens and thousands of databases depending on their data isolation requirements.

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it exemplifies best practices for implementing this system. By isolating tables in separate databases based on data quality tiers, such as bronze, silver, and gold, the data engineering team can achieve several benefits. First, they can easily manage permissions for different users and groups through database ACLs, which allow granting or revoking access to databases, tables, or views. Second, they can physically separate the default storage locations for managed tables in each database, which can improve performance and reduce costs. Third, they can provide a clear and consistent naming convention for the tables in each database, which can improve discoverability and usability. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Lakehouse” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Database object privileges” section.

NEW QUESTION 17

What statement is true regarding the retention of job run history?

- A. It is retained until you export or delete job run logs
- B. It is retained for 30 days, during which time you can deliver job run logs to DBFS or S3
- C. It is retained for 60 days, during which you can export notebook run results to HTML
- D. It is retained for 60 days, after which logs are archived
- E. It is retained for 90 days or until the run-id is re-used through custom run configuration

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 18

A junior member of the data engineering team is exploring the language interoperability of Databricks notebooks. The intended outcome of the below code is to register a view of all sales that occurred in countries on the continent of Africa that appear in the geo_lookup table.

Before executing the code, running SHOW TABLES on the current database indicates the database contains only two tables: geo_lookup and sales.

```
Cmd 1
%python
countries_af = [x[0] for x in
spark.table("geo_lookup").filter("continent='AF'").select("country").collect()]

Cmd 2
%sql
CREATE VIEW sales_af AS
  SELECT *
  FROM sales
  WHERE city IN countries_af
  AND CONTINENT = "AF"
```

Which statement correctly describes the outcome of executing these command cells in order in an interactive notebook?

- A. Both commands will succeed
- B. Executing show tables will show that countries at and sales at have been registered as views.
- C. Cmd 1 will succeed
- D. Cmd 2 will search all accessible databases for a table or view named countries af: if this entity exists, Cmd 2 will succeed.
- E. Cmd 1 will succeed and Cmd 2 will fail, countries at will be a Python variable representing a PySpark DataFrame.
- F. Both commands will fail
- G. No new variables, tables, or views will be created.
- H. Cmd 1 will succeed and Cmd 2 will fail, countries at will be a Python variable containing a list of strings.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because Cmd 1 is written in Python and uses a list comprehension to extract the country names from the geo_lookup table and store them in a Python variable named countries af. This variable will contain a list of strings, not a PySpark DataFrame or a SQL view. Cmd 2 is written in SQL and tries to create a view named sales af by selecting from the sales table where city is in countries af. However, this command will fail because countries af is not a valid SQL entity and cannot be used in a SQL query. To fix this, a better approach would be to use spark.sql() to execute a SQL query in Python and pass the countries af variable as a parameter. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Language Interoperability” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Mix languages” section.

NEW QUESTION 23

A Delta Lake table representing metadata about content posts from users has the following schema:

user_id LONG, post_text STRING, post_id STRING, longitude FLOAT, latitude FLOAT, post_time TIMESTAMP, date DATE

This table is partitioned by the date column. A query is run with the following filter: longitude < 20 & longitude > -20

Which statement describes how data will be filtered?

- A. Statistics in the Delta Log will be used to identify partitions that might include files in the filtered range.
- B. No file skipping will occur because the optimizer does not know the relationship between the partition column and the longitude.
- C. The Delta Engine will use row-level statistics in the transaction log to identify the files that meet the filter criteria.
- D. Statistics in the Delta Log will be used to identify data files that might include records in the filtered range.
- E. The Delta Engine will scan the parquet file footers to identify each row that meets the filter criteria.

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes how data will be filtered when a query is run with the following filter: longitude < 20 & longitude > -20. The query is run on a Delta Lake table that has the following schema: user_id LONG, post_text STRING, post_id STRING, longitude FLOAT, latitude FLOAT, post_time TIMESTAMP, date DATE. This table is partitioned by the date column. When a query is run on a partitioned Delta Lake table, Delta Lake uses statistics in the Delta Log to identify data files that might include records in the filtered range. The statistics include information such as min and max values for each column in each data file. By using these statistics, Delta Lake can skip reading data files that do not match the filter condition, which can improve query performance and

reduce I/O costs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Data skipping” section.

NEW QUESTION 28

When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for a given cluster with 3 executor nodes, which indicator would signal proper utilization of the VM's resources?

- A. The five Minute Load Average remains consistent/flat
- B. Bytes Received never exceeds 80 million bytes per second
- C. Network I/O never spikes
- D. Total Disk Space remains constant
- E. CPU Utilization is around 75%

Answer: E

Explanation:

In the context of cluster performance and resource utilization, a CPU utilization rate of around 75% is generally considered a good indicator of efficient resource usage. This level of CPU utilization suggests that the cluster is being effectively used without being overburdened or underutilized.

? A consistent 75% CPU utilization indicates that the cluster's processing power is being effectively employed while leaving some headroom to handle spikes in workload or additional tasks without maxing out the CPU, which could lead to performance degradation.

? A five Minute Load Average that remains consistent/flat (Option A) might indicate underutilization or a bottleneck elsewhere.

? Monitoring network I/O (Options B and C) is important, but these metrics alone don't provide a complete picture of resource utilization efficiency.

? Total Disk Space (Option D) remaining constant is not necessarily an indicator of proper resource utilization, as it's more related to storage rather than computational efficiency.

References:

? Ganglia Monitoring System: Ganglia Documentation

? Databricks Documentation on Monitoring: Databricks Cluster Monitoring

NEW QUESTION 30

The data science team has created and logged a production model using MLflow. The following code correctly imports and applies the production model to output the predictions as a new DataFrame named preds with the schema "customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE, date DATE".

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import current_date

model = mlflow.pyfunc.spark_udf(spark, model_uri="models:/churn/prod")
df = spark.table("customers")
columns = ["account_age", "time_since_last_seen", "app_rating"]
preds = (df.select(
    "customer_id",
    model(*columns).alias("predictions"),
    current_date().alias("date")
))
```

The data science team would like predictions saved to a Delta Lake table with the ability to compare all predictions across time. Churn predictions will be made at most once per day.

Which code block accomplishes this task while minimizing potential compute costs?

A) preds.write.mode("append").saveAsTable("churn_preds")

B) preds.write.format("delta").save("/preds/churn_preds")

C)

```
(preds.writeStream
    .outputMode("overwrite")
    .option("checkpointPath", "/_checkpoints/churn_preds")
    .start("/preds/churn_preds")
)
```

D)

```
(preds.write
    .format("delta")
    .mode("overwrite")
    .saveAsTable("churn_preds")
)
```

E)

```
(preds.writeStream
    .outputMode("append")
    .option("checkpointPath", "/_checkpoints/churn_preds")
    .table("churn_preds")
)
```

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 35

The data science team has created and logged a production using MLFlow. The model accepts a list of column names and returns a new column of type DOUBLE. The following code correctly imports the production model, load the customer table containing the customer_id key column into a Dataframe, and defines the feature columns needed for the model.

```
model = mlflow.pyfunc.spark_udf (spark,
model_uri="models:/churn/prod")

df = spark.table("customers")

columns = ["account_age", "time_since_last_seen", "app_rating"]
```

Which code block will output DataFrame with the schema" customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE"?

- A. Model, predict (df, columns)
- B. Df, map (lambda k:midel (x [columns]) ,select ("customer_id predictions")
- C. D
- D. Select ("customer_id". Model ("columns) alias ("predictions")
- E. Df.apply(model, columns). Select ("customer_id, prediction"

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given the information that the model is registered with MLflow and assuming predict is the method used to apply the model to a set of columns, we use the model.predict() function to apply the model to the DataFrame df using the specified columns. The model.predict() function is designed to take in a DataFrame and a list of column names as arguments, applying the trained model to these features to produce a predictions column. When working with PySpark, this predictions column needs to be selected alongside the customer_id to create a new DataFrame with the schema customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE.

References:

? MLflow documentation on using Python function models: <https://www.mlflow.org/docs/latest/models.html#python-function-python>

? PySpark MLlib documentation on model prediction: <https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-pipeline.html#pipeline>

NEW QUESTION 39

A distributed team of data analysts share computing resources on an interactive cluster with autoscaling configured. In order to better manage costs and query throughput, the workspace administrator is hoping to evaluate whether cluster upscaling is caused by many concurrent users or resource-intensive queries. In which location can one review the timeline for cluster resizing events?

- A. Workspace audit logs
- B. Driver's log file
- C. Ganglia
- D. Cluster Event Log
- E. Executor's log file

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 41

A table named user_ltv is being used to create a view that will be used by data analysis on various teams. Users in the workspace are configured into groups, which are used for setting up data access using ACLs.

The user_ltv table has the following schema:

```
email STRING, age INT, ltv INT
```

The following view definition is executed:

```
CREATE VIEW user_ltv_no_minors AS
SELECT email, age, ltv
FROM user_ltv
WHERE
CASE
WHEN is_member("auditing") THEN TRUE
ELSE age >= 18
END
```

An analyze who is not a member of the auditing group executing the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM user_ltv_no_minors
```

Which result will be returned by this query?

- A. All columns will be displayed normally for those records that have an age greater than 18; records not meeting this condition will be omitted.
- B. All columns will be displayed normally for those records that have an age greater than 17; records not meeting this condition will be omitted.
- C. All age values less than 18 will be returned as null values all other columns will be returned with the values in user_ltv.
- D. All records from all columns will be displayed with the values in user_ltv.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given the CASE statement in the view definition, the result set for a user not in the auditing group would be constrained by the ELSE condition, which filters out records based on age. Therefore, the view will return all columns normally for records with an age greater than 18, as users who are not in the auditing group will not satisfy the is_member('auditing') condition. Records not meeting the age > 18 condition will not be displayed.

NEW QUESTION 46

A data team's Structured Streaming job is configured to calculate running aggregates for item sales to update a downstream marketing dashboard. The marketing team has introduced a new field to track the number of times this promotion code is used for each item. A junior data engineer suggests updating the existing query as follows: Note that proposed changes are in bold.

Original query:

```
df.groupBy("item")
  .agg(count("item").alias("total_count"),
       mean("sale_price").alias("avg_price"))
  .writeStream
  .outputMode("complete")
  .option("checkpointLocation", "/item_agg/__checkpoint")
  .start("/item_agg")
```

Proposed query:

```
df.groupBy("item")
  .agg(count("item").alias("total_count"),
       mean("sale_price").alias("avg_price"),
       count("promo_code = 'NEW_MEMBER')".alias("new_member_promo"))
  .writeStream
  .outputMode("complete")
  .option('mergeSchema', 'true')
  .option("checkpointLocation", "/item_agg/__checkpoint")
  .start("/item_agg")
```

Which step must also be completed to put the proposed query into production?

- A. Increase the shuffle partitions to account for additional aggregates
- B. Specify a new checkpointLocation
- C. Run REFRESH TABLE delta, /item_agg'
- D. Remove .option (mergeSchema', true') from the streaming write

Answer: B

Explanation:

When introducing a new aggregation or a change in the logic of a Structured Streaming query, it is generally necessary to specify a new checkpoint location. This is because the checkpoint directory contains metadata about the offsets and the state of the aggregations of a streaming query. If the logic of the query changes, such as including a new aggregation field, the state information saved in the current checkpoint would not be compatible with the new logic, potentially leading to incorrect results or failures. Therefore, to accommodate the new field and ensure the streaming job has the correct starting point and state information for aggregations, a new checkpoint location should be specified. References:

? Databricks documentation on Structured Streaming:

<https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/index.html>

? Databricks documentation on streaming checkpoints: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/production.html#checkpointing>

NEW QUESTION 47

A Data engineer wants to run unit's tests using common Python testing frameworks on python functions defined across several Databricks notebooks currently used in production.

How can the data engineer run unit tests against function that work with data in production?

- A. Run unit tests against non-production data that closely mirrors production
- B. Define and unit test functions using Files in Repos
- C. Define units test and functions within the same notebook
- D. Define and import unit test functions from a separate Databricks notebook

Answer: A

Explanation:

The best practice for running unit tests on functions that interact with data is to use a dataset that closely mirrors the production data. This approach allows data engineers to validate the logic of their functions without the risk of affecting the actual production data. It's important to have a representative sample of production data to catch edge cases and ensure the functions will work correctly when used in a production environment.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Testing: Testing and Validation of Data and Notebooks

NEW QUESTION 49

A junior developer complains that the code in their notebook isn't producing the correct results in the development environment. A shared screenshot reveals that while they're using a notebook versioned with Databricks Repos, they're using a personal branch that contains old logic. The desired branch named dev-2.3.9 is not available from the branch selection dropdown.

Which approach will allow this developer to review the current logic for this notebook?

- A. Use Repos to make a pull request use the Databricks REST API to update the current branch to dev-2.3.9
- B. Use Repos to pull changes from the remote Git repository and select the dev-2.3.9 branch.
- C. Use Repos to checkout the dev-2.3.9 branch and auto-resolve conflicts with the current branch
- D. Merge all changes back to the main branch in the remote Git repository and clone the repo again
- E. Use Repos to merge the current branch and the dev-2.3.9 branch, then make a pull request to sync with the remote repository

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it will allow the developer to update their local repository with the latest changes from the remote repository and switch to the

desired branch. Pulling changes will not affect the current branch or create any conflicts, as it will only fetch the changes and not merge them. Selecting the dev-2.3.9 branch from the dropdown will checkout that branch and display its contents in the notebook. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Databricks Tooling” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Pull changes from a remote repository” section.

NEW QUESTION 52

A data engineer, User A, has promoted a new pipeline to production by using the REST API to programmatically create several jobs. A DevOps engineer, User B, has configured an external orchestration tool to trigger job runs through the REST API. Both users authorized the REST API calls using their personal access tokens.

Which statement describes the contents of the workspace audit logs concerning these events?

- A. Because the REST API was used for job creation and triggering runs, a Service Principal will be automatically used to identity these events.
- B. Because User B last configured the jobs, their identity will be associated with both the job creation events and the job run events.
- C. Because these events are managed separately, User A will have their identity associated with the job creation events and User B will have their identity associated with the job run events.
- D. Because the REST API was used for job creation and triggering runs, user identity will not be captured in the audit logs.
- E. Because User A created the jobs, their identity will be associated with both the job creation events and the job run events.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The events are that a data engineer, User A, has promoted a new pipeline to production by using the REST API to programmatically create several jobs, and a DevOps engineer, User B, has configured an external orchestration tool to trigger job runs through the REST API. Both users authorized the REST API calls using their personal access tokens. The workspace audit logs are logs that record user activities in a Databricks workspace, such as creating, updating, or deleting objects like clusters, jobs, notebooks, or tables. The workspace audit logs also capture the identity of the user who performed each activity, as well as the time and details of the activity. Because these events are managed separately, User A will have their identity associated with the job creation events and User B will have their identity associated with the job run events in the workspace audit logs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Databricks Workspace” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Workspace audit logs” section.

NEW QUESTION 53

A team of data engineer are adding tables to a DLT pipeline that contain repetitive expectations for many of the same data quality checks.

One member of the team suggests reusing these data quality rules across all tables defined for this pipeline.

What approach would allow them to do this?

- A. Maintain data quality rules in a Delta table outside of this pipeline’s target schema, providing the schema name as a pipeline parameter.
- B. Use global Python variables to make expectations visible across DLT notebooks included in the same pipeline.
- C. Add data quality constraints to tables in this pipeline using an external job with access to pipeline configuration files.
- D. Maintain data quality rules in a separate Databricks notebook that each DLT notebook of file.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Maintaining data quality rules in a centralized Delta table allows for the reuse of these rules across multiple DLT (Delta Live Tables) pipelines. By storing these rules outside the pipeline's target schema and referencing the schema name as a pipeline parameter, the team can apply the same set of data quality checks to different tables within the pipeline. This approach ensures consistency in data quality validations and reduces redundancy in code by not having to replicate the same rules in each DLT notebook or file. References:

? Databricks Documentation on Delta Live Tables: Delta Live Tables Guide

NEW QUESTION 57

Spill occurs as a result of executing various wide transformations. However, diagnosing spill requires one to proactively look for key indicators.

Where in the Spark UI are two of the primary indicators that a partition is spilling to disk?

- A. Stage’s detail screen and Executor’s files
- B. Stage’s detail screen and Query’s detail screen
- C. Driver’s and Executor’s log files
- D. Executor’s detail screen and Executor’s log files

Answer: B

Explanation:

In Apache Spark's UI, indicators of data spilling to disk during the execution of wide transformations can be found in the Stage’s detail screen and the Query’s detail screen. These screens provide detailed metrics about each stage of a Spark job, including information about memory usage and spill data. If a task is spilling data to disk, it indicates that the data being processed exceeds the available memory, causing Spark to spill data to disk to free up memory. This is an important performance metric as excessive spill can significantly slow down the processing.

References:

? Apache Spark Monitoring and Instrumentation: Spark Monitoring Guide

? Spark UI Explained: Spark UI Documentation

NEW QUESTION 58

A Spark job is taking longer than expected. Using the Spark UI, a data engineer notes that the Min, Median, and Max Durations for tasks in a particular stage show the minimum and median time to complete a task as roughly the same, but the max duration for a task to be roughly 100 times as long as the minimum.

Which situation is causing increased duration of the overall job?

- A. Task queueing resulting from improper thread pool assignment.
- B. Spill resulting from attached volume storage being too small.
- C. Network latency due to some cluster nodes being in different regions from the source data
- D. Skew caused by more data being assigned to a subset of spark-partitions.
- E. Credential validation errors while pulling data from an external system.

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because skew is a common situation that causes increased duration of the overall job. Skew occurs when some partitions have more data than others, resulting in uneven distribution of work among tasks and executors. Skew can be caused by various factors, such as skewed data distribution, improper partitioning strategy, or join operations with skewed keys. Skew can lead to performance issues such as long-running tasks, wasted resources, or even task failures due to memory or disk spills. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Performance Tuning” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Skew” section.

NEW QUESTION 62

A data engineer wants to refactor the following DLT code, which includes multiple definition with very similar code:

```
@dlt.table(name=f"t1_dataset")
def t1_dataset():
    return spark.read.table(t1)

@dlt.table(name=f"t2_dataset")
def t2_dataset():
    return spark.read.table(t2)

@dlt.table(name=f"t3_dataset")
def t3_dataset():
    return spark.read.table(t3)

...
```

In an attempt to programmatically create these tables using a parameterized table definition, the data engineer writes the following code.

```
tables = ["t1", "t2", "t3"]

for t in tables:
    @dlt.table(name=f"{t}_dataset")
    def new_table():
```

The pipeline runs an update with this refactored code, but generates a different DAG showing incorrect configuration values for tables. How can the data engineer fix this?

- A. Convert the list of configuration values to a dictionary of table settings, using table names as keys.
- B. Convert the list of configuration values to a dictionary of table settings, using different input the for loop.
- C. Load the configuration values for these tables from a separate file, located at a path provided by a pipeline parameter.
- D. Wrap the loop inside another table definition, using generalized names and properties to replace with those from the inner table

Answer: A

Explanation:

The issue with the refactored code is that it tries to use string interpolation to dynamically create table names within the `dlt.table` decorator, which will not correctly interpret the table names. Instead, by using a dictionary with table names as keys and their configurations as values, the data engineer can iterate over the dictionary items and use the keys (table names) to properly configure the table settings. This way, the decorator can correctly recognize each table name, and the corresponding configuration settings can be applied appropriately.

NEW QUESTION 64

Assuming that the Databricks CLI has been installed and configured correctly, which Databricks CLI command can be used to upload a custom Python Wheel to object storage mounted with the DBFS for use with a production job?

- A. configure
- B. fs
- C. jobs
- D. libraries
- E. workspace

Answer: B

Explanation:

The `libraries` command group allows you to install, uninstall, and list libraries on Databricks clusters. You can use the `libraries install` command to install a custom Python Wheel on a cluster by specifying the `--whl` option and the path to the wheel file. For example, you can use the following command to install a custom Python Wheel named `mylib-0.1-py3-none-any.whl` on a cluster with the id `1234-567890-abcde123`:

```
databricks libraries install --cluster-id 1234-567890-abcde123 --whl dbfs:/mnt/mylib/mylib-0.1-py3-none-any.whl
```

This will upload the custom Python Wheel to the cluster and make it available for use with a production job. You can also use the `libraries uninstall` command to uninstall a library from a cluster, and the `libraries list` command to list the libraries installed on a cluster. References:

? Libraries CLI (legacy): <https://docs.databricks.com/en/archive/dev-tools/cli/libraries-cli.html>

? Library operations: <https://docs.databricks.com/en/dev-tools/cli/commands.html#library-operations>

? Install or update the Databricks CLI: <https://docs.databricks.com/en/dev-tools/cli/install.html>

NEW QUESTION 67

The marketing team is looking to share data in an aggregate table with the sales organization, but the field names used by the teams do not match, and a number of marketing specific fields have not been approved for the sales org.

Which of the following solutions addresses the situation while emphasizing simplicity?

- A. Create a view on the marketing table selecting only these fields approved for the sales team alias the names of any fields that should be standardized to the sales naming conventions.
- B. Use a CTAS statement to create a derivative table from the marketing table configure a production job to propagate changes.
- C. Add a parallel table write to the current production pipeline, updating a new sales table that varies as required from marketing table.
- D. Create a new table with the required schema and use Delta Lake's DEEP CLONE functionality to sync up changes committed to one table to the corresponding table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Creating a view is a straightforward solution that can address the need for field name standardization and selective field sharing between departments. A view allows for presenting a transformed version of the underlying data without duplicating it. In this scenario, the view would only include the approved fields for the sales team and rename any fields as per their naming conventions.

References:

? Databricks documentation on using SQL views in Delta Lake: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/quick-start.html#sql-views>

NEW QUESTION 68

The data architect has mandated that all tables in the Lakehouse should be configured as external (also known as "unmanaged") Delta Lake tables. Which approach will ensure that this requirement is met?

- A. When a database is being created, make sure that the LOCATION keyword is used.
- B. When configuring an external data warehouse for all table storage, leverage Databricks for all ELT.
- C. When data is saved to a table, make sure that a full file path is specified alongside the Delta format.
- D. When tables are created, make sure that the EXTERNAL keyword is used in the CREATE TABLE statement.
- E. When the workspace is being configured, make sure that external cloud object storage has been mounted.

Answer: D

Explanation:

To create an external or unmanaged Delta Lake table, you need to use the EXTERNAL keyword in the CREATE TABLE statement. This indicates that the table is not managed by the catalog and the data files are not deleted when the table is dropped. You also need to provide a LOCATION clause to specify the path where the data files are stored. For example:

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE events ( date DATE, eventId STRING, eventType STRING, data STRING) USING DELTA LOCATION '/mnt/delta/events';
```

This creates an external Delta Lake table named events that references the data files in the '/mnt/delta/events' path. If you drop this table, the data files will remain intact and you can recreate the table with the same statement.

References:

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-batch.html#create-a-table>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-batch.html#drop-a-table>

NEW QUESTION 70

A table named user_ltv is being used to create a view that will be used by data analysts on various teams. Users in the workspace are configured into groups, which are used for setting up data access using ACLs.

The user_ltv table has the following schema:

email STRING, age INT, ltv INT

The following view definition is executed:

```
CREATE VIEW email_ltv AS
SELECT
CASE WHEN
    is_member('marketing') THEN email
    ELSE 'REDACTED'
END AS email,
ltv
FROM user_ltv
```

An analyst who is not a member of the marketing group executes the following query: SELECT * FROM email_ltv

Which statement describes the results returned by this query?

- A. Three columns will be returned, but one column will be named "redacted" and contain only null values.
- B. Only the email and ltv columns will be returned; the email column will contain all null values.
- C. The email and ltv columns will be returned with the values in user ltv.
- D. The email, ag
- E. and ltv columns will be returned with the values in user ltv.
- F. Only the email and ltv columns will be returned; the email column will contain the string "REDACTED" in each row.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The code creates a view called email_ltv that selects the email and ltv columns from a table called user_ltv, which has the following schema: email STRING, age INT, ltv INT. The code also uses the CASE WHEN expression to replace the email values with the string "REDACTED" if the user is not a member of the marketing group. The user who executes the query is not a member of the marketing group, so they will only see the email and ltv columns, and the email column will contain the string "REDACTED" in each row. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Lakehouse" section; Databricks Documentation, under "CASE expression" section.

NEW QUESTION 74

Which statement regarding spark configuration on the Databricks platform is true?

- A. Spark configuration properties set for an interactive cluster with the Clusters UI will impact all notebooks attached to that cluster.
- B. When the same spark configuration property is set for an interactive to the same interactive cluster.
- C. Spark configuration set within a notebook will affect all SparkSession attached to the same interactive cluster
- D. The Databricks REST API can be used to modify the Spark configuration properties for an interactive cluster without interrupting jobs.

Answer: A

Explanation:

When Spark configuration properties are set for an interactive cluster using the Clusters UI in Databricks, those configurations are applied at the cluster level. This means that all notebooks attached to that cluster will inherit and be affected by these configurations. This approach ensures consistency across all executions within that cluster, as the Spark configuration properties dictate aspects such as memory allocation, number of executors, and other vital execution parameters. This centralized configuration management helps maintain standardized execution environments across different notebooks, aiding in debugging and performance optimization.

References:

? Databricks documentation on configuring clusters: <https://docs.databricks.com/clusters/configure.html>

NEW QUESTION 79

The following code has been migrated to a Databricks notebook from a legacy workload:

```
%sh
git clone https://github.com/foo/data_loader;
python ./data_loader/run.py;
mv ./output /dbfs/mnt/new_data
```

The code executes successfully and provides the logically correct results, however, it takes over 20 minutes to extract and load around 1 GB of data. Which statement is a possible explanation for this behavior?

- A. %sh triggers a cluster restart to collect and install Git
- B. Most of the latency is related to cluster startup time.
- C. Instead of cloning, the code should use %sh pip install so that the Python code can get executed in parallel across all nodes in a cluster.
- D. %sh does not distribute file moving operations; the final line of code should be updated to use %fs instead.
- E. Python will always execute slower than Scala on Databricks
- F. The run.py script should be refactored to Scala.
- G. %sh executes shell code on the driver node
- H. The code does not take advantage of the worker nodes or Databricks optimized Spark.

Answer: E

Explanation:

<https://www.databricks.com/blog/2020/08/31/introducing-the-databricks-web-terminal.html>

The code is using %sh to execute shell code on the driver node. This means that the code is not taking advantage of the worker nodes or Databricks optimized Spark. This is why the code is taking longer to execute. A better approach would be to use Databricks libraries and APIs to read and write data from Git and DBFS, and to leverage the parallelism and performance of Spark. For example, you can use the Databricks Connect feature to run your Python code on a remote Databricks cluster, or you can use the Spark Git Connector to read data from Git repositories as Spark DataFrames.

NEW QUESTION 83

A data pipeline uses Structured Streaming to ingest data from kafka to Delta Lake. Data is being stored in a bronze table, and includes the Kafka_generated timestamp, key, and value. Three months after the pipeline is deployed the data engineering team has noticed some latency issued during certain times of the day. A senior data engineer updates the Delta Table's schema and ingestion logic to include the current timestamp (as recorded by Apache Spark) as well the Kafka topic and partition. The team plans to use the additional metadata fields to diagnose the transient processing delays: Which limitation will the team face while diagnosing this problem?

- A. New fields not be computed for historic records.
- B. Updating the table schema will invalidate the Delta transaction log metadata.
- C. Updating the table schema requires a default value provided for each file added.
- D. Spark cannot capture the topic partition fields from the kafka source.

Answer: A

Explanation:

When adding new fields to a Delta table's schema, these fields will not be retrospectively applied to historical records that were ingested before the schema change. Consequently, while the team can use the new metadata fields to investigate transient processing delays moving forward, they will be unable to apply this diagnostic approach to past data that lacks these fields.

References:

? Databricks documentation on Delta Lake schema management: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-batch.html#schema-management>

NEW QUESTION 84

A production cluster has 3 executor nodes and uses the same virtual machine type for the driver and executor.

When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for this cluster, which indicator would signal a bottleneck caused by code executing on the driver?

- A. The five Minute Load Average remains consistent/flat
- B. Bytes Received never exceeds 80 million bytes per second
- C. Total Disk Space remains constant
- D. Network I/O never spikes
- E. Overall cluster CPU utilization is around 25%

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it indicates a bottleneck caused by code executing on the driver. A bottleneck is a situation where the performance or capacity of a system is limited by a single component or resource. A bottleneck can cause slow execution, high latency, or low throughput. A production cluster has 3 executor nodes and uses the same virtual machine type for the driver and executor. When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for this cluster, one can look for indicators that show how the cluster resources are being utilized, such as CPU, memory, disk, or network. If the overall cluster CPU utilization is around 25%, it means that only one out of the four nodes (driver + 3 executors) is using its full CPU capacity, while the other three nodes are idle or underutilized. This suggests that the code executing on the driver is taking too long or consuming too much CPU resources, preventing the executors from receiving tasks or data to process. This can happen when the code has driver-side operations that are not parallelized or distributed, such as collecting large amounts of data to the driver, performing complex calculations on the driver, or using non-Spark libraries on the driver. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Spark Core” section; Databricks Documentation, under “View cluster status and event logs - Ganglia metrics” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Avoid collecting large RDDs” section.

In a Spark cluster, the driver node is responsible for managing the execution of the Spark application, including scheduling tasks, managing the execution plan, and interacting with the cluster manager. If the overall cluster CPU utilization is low (e.g., around 25%), it may indicate that the driver node is not utilizing the available resources effectively and might be a bottleneck.

NEW QUESTION 86

The data governance team is reviewing code used for deleting records for compliance with GDPR. They note the following logic is used to delete records from the Delta Lake table named users.

```
DELETE FROM users
WHERE user_id IN
(SELECT user_id FROM delete_requests)
```

Assuming that user_id is a unique identifying key and that delete_requests contains all users that have requested deletion, which statement describes whether successfully executing the above logic guarantees that the records to be deleted are no longer accessible and why?

- A. Yes; Delta Lake ACID guarantees provide assurance that the delete command succeeded fully and permanently purged these records.
- B. No; the Delta cache may return records from previous versions of the table until the cluster is restarted.
- C. Yes; the Delta cache immediately updates to reflect the latest data files recorded to disk.
- D. No; the Delta Lake delete command only provides ACID guarantees when combined with the merge into command.
- E. No; files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a vacuum command is used to remove invalidated data files.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The code uses the DELETE FROM command to delete records from the users table that match a condition based on a join with another table called delete_requests, which contains all users that have requested deletion. The DELETE FROM command deletes records from a Delta Lake table by creating a new version of the table that does not contain the deleted records. However, this does not guarantee that the records to be deleted are no longer accessible, because Delta Lake supports time travel, which allows querying previous versions of the table using a timestamp or version number. Therefore, files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a vacuum command is used to remove invalidated data files from physical storage. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Delete from a table” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Remove files no longer referenced by a Delta table” section.

NEW QUESTION 89

A user wants to use DLT expectations to validate that a derived table report contains all records from the source, included in the table validation_copy.

The user attempts and fails to accomplish this by adding an expectation to the report table definition.

Which approach would allow using DLT expectations to validate all expected records are present in this table?

- A. Define a SQL UDF that performs a left outer join on two tables, and check if this returns null values for report key values in a DLT expectation for the report table.
- B. Define a function that performs a left outer join on validation_copy and report and report, and check against the result in a DLT expectation for the report table
- C. Define a temporary table that perform a left outer join on validation_copy and report, and define an expectation that no report key values are null
- D. Define a view that performs a left outer join on validation_copy and report, and reference this view in DLT expectations for the report table

Answer: D

Explanation:

To validate that all records from the source are included in the derived table, creating a view that performs a left outer join between the validation_copy table and the report table is effective. The view can highlight any discrepancies, such as null values in the report table's key columns, indicating missing records. This view can then be referenced in DLT (Delta Live Tables) expectations for the report table to ensure data integrity. This approach allows for a comprehensive comparison between the source and the derived table.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Delta Live Tables and Expectations: Delta Live Tables Expectations

NEW QUESTION 91

Which distribution does Databricks support for installing custom Python code packages?

- A. sbt
- B. CRAN
- C. CRAM
- D. nom
- E. Wheels
- F. jars

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 92

A Databricks SQL dashboard has been configured to monitor the total number of records present in a collection of Delta Lake tables using the following query pattern:

```
SELECT COUNT (*) FROM table -
```

Which of the following describes how results are generated each time the dashboard is updated?

- A. The total count of rows is calculated by scanning all data files
- B. The total count of rows will be returned from cached results unless REFRESH is run
- C. The total count of records is calculated from the Delta transaction logs
- D. The total count of records is calculated from the parquet file metadata
- E. The total count of records is calculated from the Hive metastore

Answer: C

Explanation:

<https://delta.io/blog/2023-04-19-faster-aggregations-metadata/#:~:text=You%20can%20get%20the%20number,a%20given%20Delta%20table%20version.>

NEW QUESTION 96

A junior data engineer on your team has implemented the following code block.

```
MERGE INTO events
USING new_events
ON events.event_id = new_events.event_id
WHEN NOT MATCHED
  INSERT *
```

The view new_events contains a batch of records with the same schema as the events Delta table. The event_id field serves as a unique key for this table. When this query is executed, what will happen with new records that have the same event_id as an existing record?

- A. They are merged.
- B. They are ignored.
- C. They are updated.
- D. They are inserted.
- E. They are deleted.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes what will happen with new records that have the same event_id as an existing record when the query is executed. The query uses the INSERT INTO command to append new records from the view new_events to the table events. However, the INSERT INTO command does not check for duplicate values in the primary key column (event_id) and does not perform any update or delete operations on existing records. Therefore, if there are new records that have the same event_id as an existing record, they will be ignored and not inserted into the table events. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Append data using INSERT INTO” section.

"If none of the WHEN MATCHED conditions evaluate to true for a source and target row pair that matches the merge_condition, then the target row is left unchanged." https://docs.databricks.com/en/sql/language-manual/delta-merge-into.html#:~:text=If%20none%20of%20the%20WHEN%20MATCHED%20conditions%20evaluate%20to%20true%20for%20a%20source%20and%20target%20row%20pair%20that%20matches%20the%20merge_condition%2C%20then%20the%20target%20row%20is%20left%20unchanged.

NEW QUESTION 98

The data governance team is reviewing user for deleting records for compliance with GDPR. The following logic has been implemented to propagate deleted requests from the

user_lookup table to the user aggregate table.

```
(spark.read
  .format("delta")
  .option("readChangeData", True)
  .option("startingTimestamp", '2021-08-22 00:00:00')
  .option("endingTimestamp", '2021-08-29 00:00:00')
  .table("user_lookup")
  .createOrReplaceTempView("changes"))

spark.sql("""
  DELETE FROM user_aggregates
  WHERE user_id IN (
    SELECT user_id
    FROM changes
    WHERE _change_type='delete'
  )
""")
```

Assuming that user_id is a unique identifying key and that all users have requested deletion have been removed from the user_lookup table, which statement describes whether successfully executing the above logic guarantees that the records to be deleted from the user_aggregates table are no longer accessible and why?

- A. No: files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a BACUM command is used to remove invalidated data files.
B. Yes: Delta Lake ACID guarantees provide assurance that the DELETE command succeeded fully and permanently purged these records.
C. No: the change data feed only tracks inserts and updates not deleted records.
D. No: the Delta Lake DELETE command only provides ACID guarantees when combined with the MERGE INTO command

Answer: A

Explanation:

The DELETE operation in Delta Lake is ACID compliant, which means that once the operation is successful, the records are logically removed from the table. However, the underlying files that contained these records may still exist and be accessible via time travel to older versions of the table. To ensure that these records are physically removed and compliance with GDPR is maintained, a VACUUM command should be used to clean up these data files after a certain retention period. The VACUUM command will remove the files from the storage layer, and after this, the records will no longer be accessible.

NEW QUESTION 100

A small company based in the United States has recently contracted a consulting firm in India to implement several new data engineering pipelines to power artificial intelligence applications. All the company's data is stored in regional cloud storage in the United States.

The workspace administrator at the company is uncertain about where the Databricks workspace used by the contractors should be deployed.

Assuming that all data governance considerations are accounted for, which statement accurately informs this decision?

- A. Databricks runs HDFS on cloud volume storage; as such, cloud virtual machines must be deployed in the region where the data is stored.
B. Databricks workspaces do not rely on any regional infrastructure; as such, the decision should be made based upon what is most convenient for the workspace administrator.
C. Cross-region reads and writes can incur significant costs and latency; whenever possible, compute should be deployed in the same region the data is stored.
D. Databricks leverages user workstations as the driver during interactive development; as such, users should always use a workspace deployed in a region they are physically near.
E. Databricks notebooks send all executable code from the user's browser to virtual machines over the open internet; whenever possible, choosing a workspace region near the end users is the most secure.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it accurately informs this decision. The decision is about where the Databricks workspace used by the contractors should be deployed. The contractors are based in India, while all the company's data is stored in regional cloud storage in the United States. When choosing a region for deploying a Databricks workspace, one of the important factors to consider is the proximity to the data sources and sinks. Cross-region reads and writes can incur significant costs and latency due to network bandwidth and data transfer fees. Therefore, whenever possible, compute should be deployed in the same region the data is stored to optimize performance and reduce costs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Databricks Workspace" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Choose a region" section.

NEW QUESTION 104

A new data engineer notices that a critical field was omitted from an application that writes its Kafka source to Delta Lake. This happened even though the critical field was in the Kafka source. That field was further missing from data written to dependent, long-term storage. The retention threshold on the Kafka service is seven days. The pipeline has been in production for three months.

Which describes how Delta Lake can help to avoid data loss of this nature in the future?

- A. The Delta log and Structured Streaming checkpoints record the full history of the Kafka producer.
B. Delta Lake schema evolution can retroactively calculate the correct value for newly added fields, as long as the data was in the original source.
C. Delta Lake automatically checks that all fields present in the source data are included in the ingestion layer.
D. Data can never be permanently dropped or deleted from Delta Lake, so data loss is not possible under any circumstance.
E. Ingesting all raw data and metadata from Kafka to a bronze Delta table creates a permanent, replayable history of the data state.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes how Delta Lake can help to avoid data loss of this nature in the future. By ingesting all raw data and metadata from Kafka to a bronze Delta table, Delta Lake creates a permanent, replayable history of the data state that can be used for recovery or reprocessing in case of errors or omissions in downstream applications or pipelines. Delta Lake also supports schema evolution, which allows adding new columns to existing tables without affecting existing queries or pipelines. Therefore, if a critical field was omitted from an application that writes its Kafka source to Delta Lake, it can be easily added later and the data can be reprocessed from the bronze table without losing any information. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Delta Lake core features" section.

NEW QUESTION 108

Each configuration below is identical to the extent that each cluster has 400 GB total of RAM, 160 total cores and only one Executor per VM.

Given a job with at least one wide transformation, which of the following cluster configurations will result in maximum performance?

- A. • Total VMs: 1 • 400 GB per Executor • 160 Cores / Executor
B. • Total VMs: 8 • 50 GB per Executor • 20 Cores / Executor
C. • Total VMs: 4 • 100 GB per Executor • 40 Cores/Executor
D. • Total VMs: 2 • 200 GB per Executor • 80 Cores / Executor

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it is the cluster configuration that will result in maximum performance for a job with at least one wide transformation. A wide transformation is a type of transformation that requires shuffling data across partitions, such as join, groupBy, or orderBy. Shuffling can be expensive and time-consuming, especially if there are too many or too few partitions. Therefore, it is important to choose a cluster configuration that can balance the trade-off between parallelism and network overhead. In this case, having 8 VMs with 50 GB per executor and 20 cores per executor will create 8 partitions, each with enough memory and CPU resources to handle the shuffling efficiently. Having fewer VMs with more memory and cores per executor will create fewer partitions, which will reduce parallelism and increase the size of each shuffle block. Having more VMs with less memory and cores per executor will create more partitions, which will increase parallelism but also increase the network overhead and the number of shuffle files. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Performance Tuning" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Cluster configurations" section.

NEW QUESTION 113

All records from an Apache Kafka producer are being ingested into a single Delta Lake table with the following schema:

key BINARY, value BINARY, topic STRING, partition LONG, offset LONG, timestamp LONG

There are 5 unique topics being ingested. Only the "registration" topic contains Personal Identifiable Information (PII). The company wishes to restrict access to PII. The company also wishes to only retain records containing PII in this table for 14 days after initial ingestion. However, for non-PII information, it would like to retain these records indefinitely.

Which of the following solutions meets the requirements?

- A. All data should be deleted biweekly; Delta Lake's time travel functionality should be leveraged to maintain a history of non-PII information.
- B. Data should be partitioned by the registration field, allowing ACLs and delete statements to be set for the PII directory.
- C. Because the value field is stored as binary data, this information is not considered PII and no special precautions should be taken.
- D. Separate object storage containers should be specified based on the partition field, allowing isolation at the storage level.
- E. Data should be partitioned by the topic field, allowing ACLs and delete statements to leverage partition boundaries.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Partitioning the data by the topic field allows the company to apply different access control policies and retention policies for different topics. For example, the company can use the Table Access Control feature to grant or revoke permissions to the registration topic based on user roles or groups. The company can also use the DELETE command to remove records from the registration topic that are older than 14 days, while keeping the records from other topics indefinitely.

Partitioning by the topic field also improves the performance of queries that filter by the topic field, as they can skip reading irrelevant partitions. References:

? Table Access Control: <https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/table-acls/index.html>

? DELETE: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-update.html#delete-from-a-table>

NEW QUESTION 117

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