

# ASSESSMENT REPORT

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# TASK 1

# ANALYSIS OF THE CLINICAL TRIAL AND PHARMA DATASET

#### INTRODUCTION

In today's digital world, we deal with a lot of data. This brings both opportunities and challenges for businesses. The increasing number of devices like smartphones and computers results in a larger amount of data being generated. Smart devices can provide insights into people's behaviors. To manage this growing volume of data, specialized tools and methods have been developed. They help collect, store, analyze, and show data, often in real-time. These tools let businesses find important insights hidden in big datasets. This era marks a transition from an Informational Society to a Knowledge-Based Society, where the strategic utilization of big data plays a pivotal role. (Youssra et al, 2018).

The analysis will use PySpark methods in RDDs and DataFrames, followed by SQL queries. PySpark is a Python library for large-scale data processing that works well with distributed systems like Apache Spark, allowing parallel computation across multiple nodes. It helps process extensive datasets quickly and efficiently. RDDs are foundational in PySpark, representing distributed object collections processed in parallel, with fault tolerance for seamless recovery from failures. DataFrames organize data in tabular form for structured manipulation. SQL, a common language for database operations, allows analysts to query, filter, and aggregate data efficiently. PySpark enhances SQL operations by offering an SQL interface for RDDs and DataFrames.

# **Data Cleaning and Preparation**

The investigation revealed null values in the Clinical Trials and Pharma CSV files. Removing these nulls might distort analysis results by also eliminating non-null values. These files were imported into the Databricks filesystem, and a notebook was generated, considering the implementation approach (SQL or Python). The listed process was carried out during data cleaning and preparation.

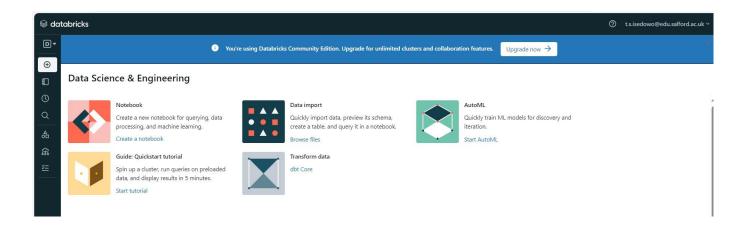
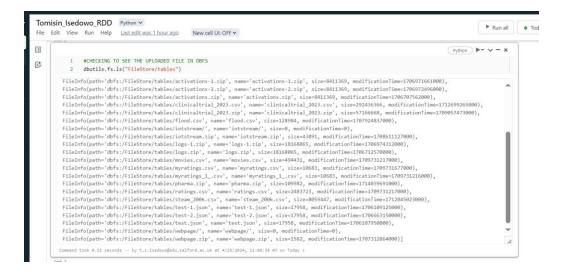


Fig 1: Databricks Environment

The utilization of the 'dbutils.fs.ls' function was pivotal in assessing the presence of the imported CSV files. Upon examination, it was noted that the clinical trials CSV files were successfully uploaded.



This line of code sets an environment variable named "fileroot" to the value stored in the variable fileroot. Environment variables are key-value pairs that can be accessed by programs running on a computer. They provide a way to customize the behavior of programs and scripts without modifying their code directly. In this case, the code appears to be assigning a value to an environment variable named "fileroot" using the Python os.environ module. The value assigned to "fileroot" is taken from the variable fileroot, which should be defined elsewhere in the code. This allows other parts of the program or scripts to access the value of "fileroot" using os.environ['fileroot'].

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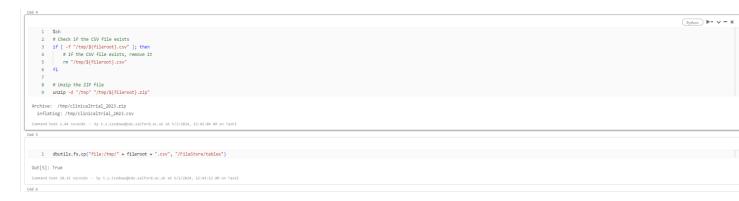
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Moreso, the existence of the CSV file was checked, and some actions were performed based on its presence.

The existence of the file with the name "\${fileroot}.csv" was confirmed in the "/tmp" directory. "\${fileroot}" is a variable that holds a filename prefix.

If the CSV file exists, the condition [ -f "/tmp/\${fileroot}.csv"] evaluates to true, the script proceeds to remove it using the rm command.

Then, the script unzips a file located at "/tmp/\${fileroot}.zip" and extracts its contents into the "/tmp" directory using the unzip command with the -d flag specifying the target directory.



myRDD1 is a Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD) created by reading a CSV file located at "FileStore/tables/clinicaltrial\_2023.csv" using the sc.textFile() function. Each line in the CSV file becomes an element in myRDD1. It undergoes various Spark operations like map(), filter(), and reduce() to preprocess rows, ensuring consistent formatting and addressing discrepancies in column lengths. Then, a map transformation is applied again to create myRDD2, retaining only the original elements without the indexThe take(5) action is then called on myRDD2 to retrieve the first 5 elements of the RDD,

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1 #THIS COMMAND HELP TO READ THE CSV FILE AS AN RDD
   2 myRDD1= sc.textFile("FileStore/tables/clinicaltrial_2023.csv")
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         #THIS COMMAND ASSISTS IN DEFINING A FUNCTION DEDICATED TO CLEANING AND TRANSFORMING INDIVIDUAL ROWS WITHIN THE CLINICALTRIAL DATASET
          def clean_and_transform(row):
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             cleaned_row = row.strip(",").strip(""') #THIS COMMAND FACILITATES THE SPLITTING OF THE ROW BY THE SPECIFIED DELIMITER, WHICH IN THIS CASE IS THE TAB ('\t').
             cleaned_row = cleaned_row.split('\t')
          return cleaned row
   10 # RDD containing rows with varying column lengths
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12 def fill_empty_columns(row):
              # Check if the row has less than 14 columns if len(row) < 14:
               # Fill up the remaining columns with empty strings
row += [''] * (14 - len(row))
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         #THIS COMMAND MAP THE CLEAN AND TRANSFORM FUNCTION TO myRDD2.
          myRDD2 = myRDD1.map(clean_and_transform) \
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                 . \texttt{zipWithIndex}(). \texttt{filter}(\texttt{lambda} \ \texttt{x:} \ \texttt{x[1]} \ \texttt{>} \ \texttt{0}). \texttt{map}(\texttt{lambda} \ \texttt{x:} \ \texttt{x[0]})
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The function replace\_empty\_with\_null takes a list as input. It uses a list comprehension to iterate over each field in the input list. If a field is an empty string (""), it replaces it with the Python keyword "None" to indicate a null value. Otherwise, the field remains unchanged. This function is then applied to each element of an RDD called "myRDD2" using the "map" transformation. Two other functions are also defined. The clean\_date(date) function appends "-01" to short date strings to complete them, returning the modified or original date. The fill\_empty\_date(date, default\_value) function returns the default value if the date string is empty; otherwise, it returns the original date string.

#### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM ONE

# GETTING THE NUMBER OF STUDIES IN THE CLINICAL TRIAL DATASET

# **ASSUMPTION MADE**

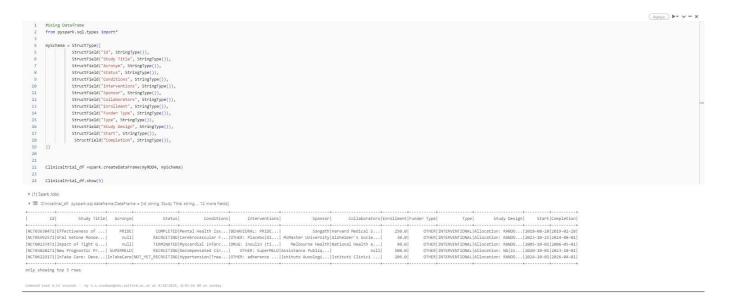
It was assumed that the" Id" serves as the unique identifier in the clinical trial dataset, it is being utilized to ascertain the number of studies contained within the dataset. This approach suggests prioritizing the Id over the study title for its distinctiveness and reliability in accurately representing each study entry.

# IMPLEMENTATION IN RESILIENT DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM (RDD)

The implementation counts the number of studies in myRDD4, an RDD with study data. It extracts unique study IDs, removes duplicates, and counts them using the distinct().count() function. This is a typical operation in big data processing for distributed datasets. In this case, it reveals that there are 483,422 distinct studies in the clinical trial dataset of 2023.

# IMPLEMENTATION IN DATAFRAME

The DataFrame was made with PySpark, a Python tool for Apache Spark, a distributed data processing system. We imported modules like pyspark.sql.types for data type definitions. We converted an RDD (myRDD4) to a DataFrame (Clinicaltrial\_df) using a preset schema (mySchema). In Spark, it's typical to use DataFrames for organized and efficient distributed data handling.



Then "Id" column from the DataFrame, removes duplicate Ids, and then counts the number of unique Ids, providing a count of distinct studies present in the DataFrame.

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3  # Count the number of distinct study titles

4  distinct_study_count = collect_Id_rdd.distinct().count()

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6  # Print result

7  print("Number of Studies: ", distinct_study_count)

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# IMPLEMENTATION IN SQL

The code converts RDD myRDD4 into a DataFrame Clinicaltrial\_df using schema mySchema. Using DataFrame is common in Spark for structured and optimized data handling. A temporary view called clinicaltrial\_2023 is created from Clinicaltrial\_df for Spark SQL operations. The SQL query retrieves the count of distinct values in the "Id" column from the clinicaltrial\_2023 table, assigning the result the alias "distinct\_studies\_count".

# **DISCUSSION OF THE RESULT**

In our analysis, we used three methods to extract and count distinct studies from a clinical trial dataset represented in RDD, DataFrame, and SQL formats within the Spark framework. Despite employing different approaches, all yielded consistent results, showcasing Spark's reliability across different abstraction levels, from RDD to SQL queries.

# STATEMENT OF PROBLEM TWO

# LIST OF ALL TYPES OF CLINICAL TRIAL 2023 DATASET AND THEIR FREQUENCIES FROM THE MOST FREQUENT TO THE LEAST FREQUENT

## **ASSUMPTION MADE**

It was assumed that the RDD (myRDD4) contains rows of data, each with a 'Type' field indicating a certain category. The goal of the operation is to determine the frequency of occurrence of each unique type within the RDD. This will show the number of times the unique type occurs in the dataset.

# IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD

The process begins by extracting the 'Type' field from each row of RDD (myRDD4) and creating key-value pairs, where the key represents the 'Type', and the value is 1, indicating one occurrence of each type.

Next, a reduction by key operation (reduceByKey) is performed to aggregate the counts for each type. The frequencies of each type are then sorted in descending order based on their occurrence frequency. Finally, the sorted frequencies are collected into a list, providing a sorted list of types with their respective frequencies.

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#Q2 IMPLEMENTATION IN ROD

2  # Extract 'Type' field and create key-value pairs

3  type_counts_rdd = myRDD4.map(lambda row: (row[10], 1))

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5  # get the frequencies of reach type
6  type_frequency = type_counts_rdd.reduceByKey(lambda x, y: x + y)

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8  # Sorting the result by frequency in descending order
9  sorted_frequencies = type_frequency.sortBy(lambda x: x[1], ascending-False)

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11  sorted_frequencies.collect()

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# IMPLEMENTATION IN DATAFRAME

This snippet helps to count the occurrences of each unique value in the "Type" column of a DataFrame (Clinicaltrial\_df), sort the counts in descending order, and display the results. This from command pyspark.sql.functions import col, helps to import the col function from pyspark.sql.functions which is used to create a Column object representing a column in a DataFrame. The groupBy(). Count() function helps to group the DataFrame by the "Type" column and counts the number of occurrences of each unique value in the "Type" column.

# IMPLEMENTATION IN SQL

The SQL query effectively analyzes the table to identify the distribution of studies across various types. It groups studies by type and calculates the frequency of each type, providing insights into the most prevalent study categories within the dataset. The snippet retrieves the count of occurrences of each unique value in the Type column from the clinicaltrial\_2023 table and presents the results in descending order of count.



# **DISCUSSION OF THE RESULT**

The analysis showed the same results across three methods: RDD, DataFrame, and SQL. They all found the top 5 types of studies and how often they appear. Types like INTERVENTIONAL, OBSERVATIONAL, and EXPANDED\_ACCESS give us a good idea of how common different kinds of clinical research are. Seeing "None" shows us we might need to check the data's quality. Getting consistent results from different methods makes us more confident that our findings are reliable. This helps make better decisions in healthcare and research.

### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM THREE

# LIST OF THE TOP 5 CONDITIONS AND THEIR PREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE ASSUMPTION MADE

Prior to performing the extraction, splitting, and counting operation on the 'Conditions' column of the RDD, it is assumed that the RDD ('myRDD4') contains rows where each row represents a record, and the 'Conditions' column in each row is a string consisting of multiple conditions separated by the '|' character. Additionally, it is assumed that the RDD is structured such that the first element of each row uniquely identifies the record, and the fifth element contains the 'Conditions' column. This assumption is necessary for the subsequent operations to effectively extract and process the relevant data.

#### IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD

This script extracts values from the 'Conditions' column of an RDD, splits them by '|' character, counts each condition's occurrences, and sorts them in descending order. It then retrieves the top 5 most frequent conditions. First, a maps function is used to map each row of myRDD4 to a tuple containing the first and fifth elements of the row, where row[0] holds a unique identifier and row[4] holds the 'Conditions' column. Next, the split string function is applied to each element of the RDD from the previous step. This step flattens the resulting list of lists into a single list. Finally, reduceByKey is used to sum up the values (counts) for each key (condition) in the RDD.

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   1 #Q3 IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD
    2 # Step 1: Extract the 'Conditions' column
         def split string(text):
             if text and text != '
               return text.split('|')
             return '
    9 conditions_rdd = myRDD4.map(lambda row: (row[0],row[4])).flatMap(lambda x: split_string(x[1])).map(lambda x: (x,1)).reduceByKey(lambda a,b: a+b)
    10 sorted_rdd = conditions_rdd.sortBy(lambda x: x[1], ascending=False)
   # filter cond rdd = conditions rdd.filter(lambda x: x == ''
   13 sorted rdd.take(5)
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  ('Breast Cancer', 7502).
  ('Obesity', 6549),
  ('Stroke', 4071),
  ('Hypertension', 4020)]
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# IMPLEMENTATION IN DATAFRAME

In PySpark DataFrame analysis of clinical trial data, we start by importing necessary functions from pyspark.sql.functions. Then, we select only the 'Id' and 'Conditions' columns from the DataFrame Clinicaltrial\_df, filtering out rows with null or empty 'Conditions'. Next, we explode the array into separate rows, duplicating the 'Id' column for each condition. After that, we group the DataFrame by 'Conditions' and count the occurrences of each condition, displaying the top 5 most frequent ones in descending order.

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# IMPLEMENTATION IN SQL

This SQL query identifies the top 5 most common conditions mentioned in a clinical trials dataset along with their counts. It uses a CTE called condition\_counts to explode the Conditions column, separating multiple conditions with a delimiter '|'. Then, it counts occurrences of each condition using COUNT(\*) and groups them by condition, ordering the results by count in descending order and limiting output to the top 5 conditions.

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#### DISCUSSION OF THE RESULT

We've identified the top 5 prevalent health conditions in our clinical trial dataset. This information is crucial for healthcare providers, researchers, and policymakers to allocate resources effectively and design interventions. Using RDD, DataFrame, and SQL methods, we ensured consistent results, validating the accuracy of our analysis. This consistency highlights the robustness of our approach in exploring and summarizing the dataset.

#### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM FOUR

# LIST OF THE 10 MOST COMMON SPONSOR THAT ARE NOT PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

# **ASSUMPTION MADE**

To ensure our analysis is reliable, we trust that both the clinical and pharmaceutical datasets are accurately curated, providing a thorough record of clinical studies and pharmaceutical companies. We also assume the pharmaceutical datasets are free from major omissions or biases. Furthermore, we presume the classification of companies as pharmaceutical or non-pharmaceutical is correct according to industry standards and available information. These assumptions are vital for accurately identifying the top ten sponsors that are not pharmaceutical companies.

### IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD

The pharmaceutical data file was imported into the Databricks environment. However, the file was in a compressed format which needed to be unzipped. The process of unzipping the file was carried out to ensure its accessibility for further analysis.

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1 dbutils.fs.cp("/FileStore/tables/pharma.zip" , "file:/tmp/")
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Then, the pharmaceutical dataset named "pharma.csv" was processed and extraction of the unique pharmaceutical company names was initiated. The sc.textFile() function reads the file line by line and creates an RDD where each line is a string and map() was used to split each line by commas, effectively converting each line into a list of fields. The lambda function was used to remove and strip any leading or trailing double quotation marks from each field in the row, whitespace from each field in the row before he company name was extracted. The distinct () was used to remove duplicate entries from the RDD.

For the implementation, two RDDs are used which is myRDD4 and pharma\_companies\_rdd. myRDD4 contains data where the 6th element is the identifier for a clinical trial while the pharma\_companies\_rdd

contains data related to pharmaceutical companies, likely with an identifier field. The data allows for joining clinical trials with pharmaceutical companies based on some relationship. The left outer join was performed between clinicalTrial\_pairs and pharma\_companies\_rdd. In the left outer join, all keys from the left table (clinical trials) are kept, even if there's no match in the right table (pharma companies). The resulting value for unmatched keys in the right table will be None.

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        #04 IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD
         filtered_col = myRDD4.map(lambda x: x[6])
         clinicalTrial_pairs = filtered_col.map(lambda x: (x, 1))
         pharma_pairs = pharma_companies_rdd.map(lambda x: (x, 1))
     6  join rdd = clinicalTrial pairs.leftOuterJoin(pharma pairs)
    8 filtered_rdd = join_rdd.filter(lambda x: x[1][1] is None)
    9 result = filtered_rdd.map(lambda x: (x[θ], 1)).reduceByKey(lambda a,b: a+b)
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    11 result = result.map(lambda x: (x[1], x[0]))
   13 result = result.sortByKey(False).take(10)
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 15 print(result)
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## IMPLEMENTATION IN DATAFRAME

For this implementation, the clinical trial sponsors that are not found in the pharma company dataset were filtered out. Then counts the occurrence of each sponsor, sorts the result by count, selects the top 10 sponsors and displays the result. The pharma dataset was read into DBFS and the column 'c1' was named Parent\_company before joining with the clinical trial dataset.

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# IMPLEMENTATION IN SQL

This SQL code is implementing a query to find the top 10 clinical trial sponsors that exist in the "Clinical Trial Sponsor" dataset but not in the "Pharma Companies" dataset. A temporary view called filtered\_df was created where it selects the sponsor names (Sponsor) from the clinicaltrial\_2023 and counts the occurrences of each sponsor.

The LEFT ANTI JOIN operation was used to find entries that exist in the clinicaltrial\_2023 but not in the pharma based on the condition that c.Sponsor = p.Parent\_company. This operation ensures that only sponsors that are present in clinicaltrial\_2023 but not in pharma are considered.

After finding the sponsors that meet the criteria, they are sorted in descending order of counts. This means sponsors with the highest number of occurrences will appear first.

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# DISCUSSION AND COMPARISON OF THE RESULT

The result across the three implementations were consistent. Based on the results, it can be observed that the National Cancer Institute has topped the Non-Pharmaceutical Sponsors list. The analysis sheds light on the prominent role of non-pharmaceutical sponsors in clinical research and underscores the importance of collaboration and resource allocation to drive innovation and address healthcare challenges effectively.

# STATEMENT OF PROBLEM FIVE

# VISUALS DISPLAYING THE NUMBER OF COMPLETED STUDIES IN THE YEAR 2023

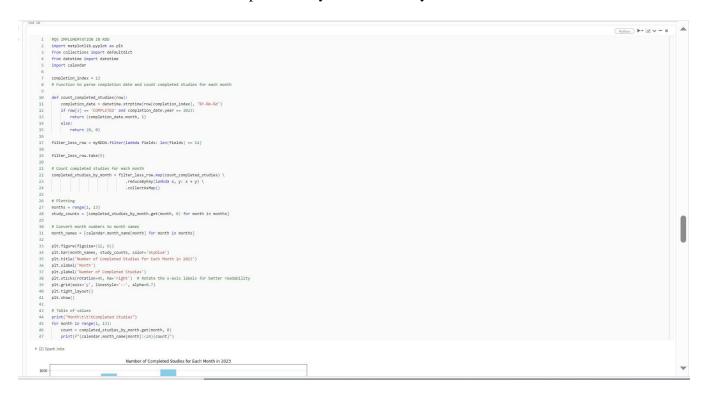
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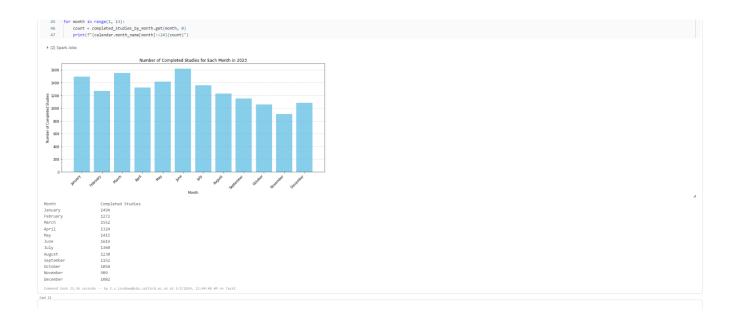
We assume that the completion dates recorded in the dataset are consistent and follow a standard format. We trust that these dates truly represent when the studies were completed. Also, we believe that the status assigned to each study accurately indicates whether it's completed or not.

Moreover, we're working on the assumption that the dataset includes all studies completed in 2023 without any important missing or incorrect entries. These assumptions are essential to ensure that our analysis accurately shows how many studies were completed each month in 2023.

# IMPLEMENTATION IN RDD

This PySpark script analyzes and visualizes the count of completed studies per month in 2023 using RDDs. It employs matplotlib, datetime, and calendar libraries, with completion\_index set to 13 for identifying completion dates. The count\_completed\_studies function extracts completion dates, checks if studies are completed in 2023, and returns a tuple with the month and 1 if conditions are met, else (0, 0). Data integrity is ensured by filtering out rows with less than 14 fields. The map transformation applies count\_completed\_studies to each row, while reduceByKey aggregates counts for each month. Results are collected into a dictionary using collectAsMap. The matplotlib creates a bar plot with month names on the x-axis and completed study counts on the y-axis.





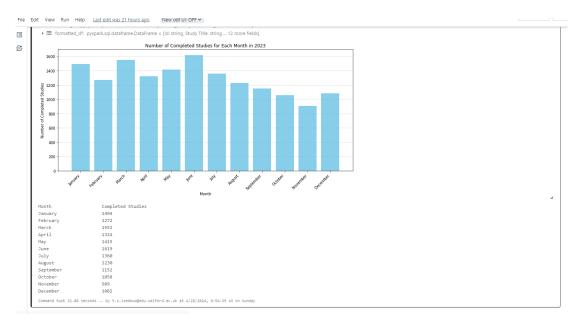
# IMPLEMENTATION IN DATAFRAME

The pyspark.sql.functions were imported which helps to manipulate park dataframe. The calendar, which is a standard python library provides various calendar functions, completion\_year and completion\_status are variables used to filter the clinical trial data which filter the data based on completion year. (2023) and status completed.

The filtered\_df filters the Clinicaltrial\_df DataFrame to include only rows where the 'Status' column matches the completion\_status and the year of the 'Completion' column matches the completion\_year. Then, the formatted\_df function covert the completion column to a date format.

The completed\_studies\_by\_month\_dict converts the result of the previous step into a dictionary where the keys are the month numbers, and the values are the corresponding counts of completed studies. The matplotlib then visualizes the number of completed studies in a bar plot.

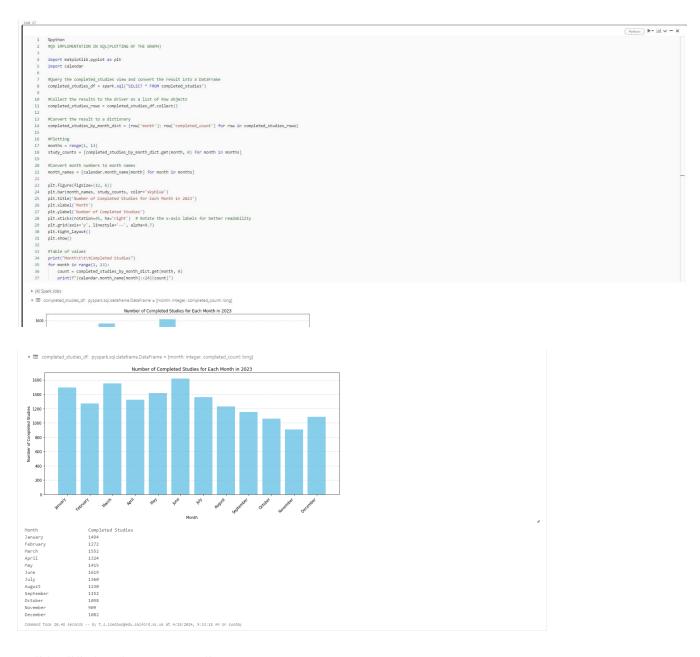
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# IMPLEMENTATION IN SQL

A temporary view named completed\_studies is created to store the aggregated results. This view aggregates the completed studies count for each month in the year 2023.

The MONTH() function extracts the month from the Completion date column and the COUNT(\*) function counts the number of records for each month. The WHERE clause filters the data to include only completed studies (STATUS = 'COMPLETED') and studies completed in the year 2023 (YEAR(Completion) = 2023). The GROUPBY and ORDER BY group the data by month and order the result by month.



# DISCUSSION OF THE RESULT

The consistent outcomes achieved through all three implementation approaches (RDD, DataFrame, and SQL) highlight the dependability and resilience of the analysis. The tabulated data showcases the quantity of completed studies for each month throughout 2023, revealing fluctuations in completion rates. For instance, June recorded the highest number of studies completed (1619), while November exhibited the lowest (909). These fluctuations might be influenced by factors like funding availability, seasonal variations in research endeavors, or specific project timelines. Moreover, presenting the data visually via a bar chart could offer a clearer depiction of the distribution of completed studies across months, facilitating the identification of any noticeable patterns or trends. In sum, the consistency in findings across diverse

implementation methods bolsters the credibility	of the results and underscor	es the reliability of the analysis
conducted.		

#### **FURTHER ANALYSIS**

#### REASONS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

The initial analysis focused on identifying the top 5 conditions and their frequencies within the clinical trial dataset. However, the broader aim extends beyond merely listing existing conditions. It emphasizes the significance of understanding the current interventions available for preventing, managing, or eliminating these conditions. This understanding can reveal the most common and effective methods currently in use, as well as identify areas where new interventions are needed. By knowing what interventions are already in place, we can work towards contributing to advancing healthcare outcomes and fostering the development of impactful solutions.

#### **EXECUTION STRATEGY**

The additional analysis was implemented using the PySpark RDD, the Interventions column data was retrieved from the clinical trial RDD named "myRDD2". The Intervention column was in the 6th element of myRDD2 which corresponds to index 5. To extract the Intervention column data from myRDD2, I used the map transformation on the myRDD2. to return a new RDD named "interventions\_rdd" that only contains the Intervention column data. The interventions\_rdd.take(20) retrieves the first 20 elements from the interventions\_rdd and the take action retrieves a specified number of elements from the interventions\_rdd and returns them as a list

After isolating the Intervention column from the clinical trial RDD, some cleaning was performed. A filter operation was performed on interventions\_rdd to remove any elements (interventions) from the RDD where the value is an empty string ' 'and the take (10) collect the first 10 element from the filtered RDD "interventions\_rdd1" and display them

The elements of interventions\_rdd1 were split by comma, the flatMap transformation applies a function to each element of the interventions\_rdd1 and flattens the result. take(10) action is used to retrieve the first 10 elements of the resulting interventions\_rdd2.

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Another flatMap transformation is applied to split each intervention record by the ||'| delimiter. This transformation flattens the resulting nested lists into a single list. For each record x, the split(||'|) function is used to split the interventions separated by ||'|.

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| #split by pipe | 2 interventions_rdd3 = interventions_rdd2.flatMap(lambda x: x.split("|")) | 3 interventions_rdd3.take(10) | (1) Spark.lobs | (1) Spark.lobs
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A new RDD (interventions\_rdd3) was created by transforming each element of the interventions\_rdd2 RDD into a tuple where the intervention is the key, and the value is 1. Essentially, it's mapping each intervention to the number 1, indicating that each intervention has occurred once.

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#pair rdd to count the frequency
interventions_rdd4 = interventions_rdd3.map(lambda c: (c, 1))

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The reduceByKey transformation in PySpark was used to sum up the values associated with each key in the RDD interventions\_rdd4.

In addition, each intervention is split by ":" using the split(":") method, and only the first part (intervention type) is extracted. The strip() method is used to remove any leading or trailing whitespace that is still present. The reduceByKey() transformation is applied to aggregate the counts for each intervention type and sortBy() was used to sort the interventions by their count in descending order. The take() action is used to extract the top 10 interventions after sorting.

Finally, each pair has its elements swapped, so that the count comes first, and the intervention type comes second.

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1  # Swap the positions of count and intervention type
2  interventions_top_10 = [(count, intervention) for interventions_rdd6]
3
4  # Display the top 20 interventions with count first
5  interventions_top_10
6

Out[47]: [(353617, 'DRUG'),
(1359985, 'OTHER'),
(81400, 'DEVICE'),
(74212, 'BRANITORAL'),
(71472, 'PROCEDURE'),
(48817, 'BRILOGICAL'),
(24422, 'OITETARY_SUMPLEMENT'),
(19600, 'DIAGNOSTIC_EST'),
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After further analysis was carried out to understand the current interventions available for preventing, managing, or eliminating the conditions, it was discovered that the highest intervention to the clinical trial conditions is Drug based on the analysis of the Top 10 interventions.

# TASK 2

# COLLABORATIVE FILTERING RECOMMENDER SYSTEM

# BUILDING A COLLABORATIVE FILTERING RECOMMENDER SYSTEM FOR GAME RECOMMENDATIONS USING MLLIB AND MLFLOW

In the realm of recommendation systems, collaborative filtering stands out as a powerful technique for suggesting items based on user preferences and behaviors. Leveraging Apache Spark's MLlib, we embark on a journey to construct a collaborative filtering recommender system. This guide navigates through the process of utilizing the steam-200k.csv dataset, a rich collection of user interactions with video games on the Steam platform.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SET UP USED FOR THE TASK.

#### 1. Databricks Account Creation

The initial phase commenced with registering for a Databricks account, granting access to the platform's workspace for managing project-related tasks. In this experiment, we opted for the community edition to fulfill our requirements.

# 2. Cluster Configuration

We configured a Databricks cluster optimized to meet the computational requirements of training our recommender system. For this experiment, we selected Databricks runtime version 15.0 ML (Scala 2.12, Spark 3.5.0), ensuring compatibility and performance for our machine learning tasks.

# 3. Notebook Creation:

Within our Databricks workspace, we established a notebook named "Tomisin\_Isedowo\_ml" to facilitate the development of our collaborative filtering recommender system. This notebook served as an interactive environment for writing and executing code, allowing for seamless development and experimentation.

# 4 Data Preparation:

We imported the "steam-200k.csv" dataset, which captures user interactions with video games on the Steam platform, into the Databricks workspace. The dataset was stored in the DBFS file layer with the file path "/FileStore/tables".

# 5 Library Installation:

We ensured the installation of essential libraries and dependencies within the Databricks cluster to support the development process. This included installing Apache Spark's MLflow, which plays a crucial role in managing the machine learning lifecycle. Additionally, MLLib, a component of Apache Spark, was readily available within the Databricks platform to support our recommender system development.



# LOADING DATA INTO SPARK DATAFRAME AND ANY EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS OR VISUALISATION CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO TRAINING.

- 1) Checking Dataset Availability: We use a code dbutils.fs.ls("/FileStore/tables") in Databricks to see what files are in a specific directory (/FileStore/tables). This helps us confirm if our dataset is there before we start working with it.
- 2) **Preparing for Data Analysis:** Before diving into analyzing the data, we set up a plan for how the data should look. This plan, called a schema, tells us what kind of information each column in our dataset should contain. For example, we decided that our dataset should have columns named "Id", "Games\_Names", "Behaviour", and "value", each with specific types of data like numbers or text.
- 3) **Loading the Dataset**: Once we've made our plan, we read the actual dataset into our analysis environment. The dataset is a CSV file located at "/FileStore/tables/steam\_200k.csv". We use the plan we made (our schema) to make sure the data is organized correctly. By setting header=True, we tell the system that the first row of the CSV file has the names of the columns. This helps the system understand how the data is organized.

4) **Everythingthe Data:** After we load the data, we take a quick look at the first 10 rows to see if everything looks right. This helps us make sure that the data was loaded correctly and matches our schema.

# DATA PREPARATION AND PRE-PROCESSING CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO TRAINING THE MODEL.

Prior to training the model, data preparation and preprocessing were undertaken to ensure the dataset's suitability for training a machine learning model. The following grouping was done to understand the structure of the dataset.

# 1) Grouping by "Behaviour" Column

The groupBy("Behaviour") function groups the data in the steam\_data based on the unique values in the "Behaviour" column. This operation creates groups where all rows with the same value in the "Behaviour" column are grouped together. The count() function is applied to each group, which calculates the number of rows in each group. This results in steam\_data with two columns: "Behaviour" and "count". The "Behaviour" column contains unique values from the original "Behaviour" column, and the "count" column contains the number of rows corresponding to each unique "Behaviour" value. Then the display() function is used to display the result of steam\_data in a visually appealing format.



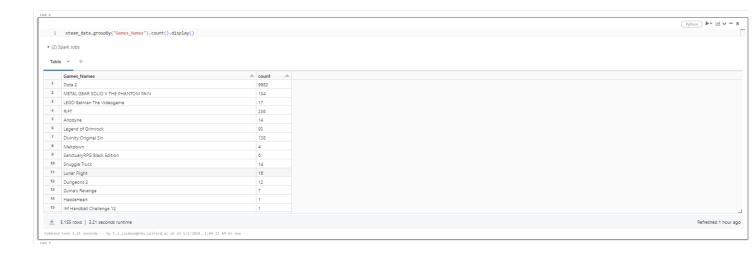
# 2) Grouping by "Id" Column

The groupBy("Id") function collects all rows with the same value in the "Id" column into groups. After grouping by "Id", the count() function is applied to each group. This function calculates the number of rows in each group, effectively counting the occurrences of each unique "Id" value in the dataset. Then, the display() function is used to visually display the result.



# 3) Grouping by "Games\_Names" Column

The groupBy("Games\_Names") function collects all rows with the same value in the "Games\_Names" column into groups. Then, the count() function is applied to each group. This function calculates the number of rows in each group, effectively counting the occurrences of each unique game name in the dataset and the display() function is used to visually display the result



The dropna() function was applied to steam\_data, which removes all rows containing any missing values.

The resulting DataFrame with missing values removed is assigned to a new variable df\_cleaned. The df\_cleaned, contains only the rows from the original DataFrame steam\_data where all values are present (i.e., no missing values).



Moreso, The DataFrame df\_cleaned contains rows representing user interactions with video games. The filter() function is applied to this DataFrame to select only those rows where the value in the "Behaviour" column is equal to "purchase". After filtering, the select() function is used to retain only specific columns from the filtered DataFrame.

In this case, the "Id", "Games\_Names", and "value" columns are selected. These columns represent the user ID, the name of the game purchased, and any associated value respectively which is the focus for the task. The filtered and selected DataFrame is assigned to a new variable data. This new DataFrame contains only the rows where users have made purchases and includes the selected columns: "Id", "Games\_Names", and "value".

The line window = Window.orderBy("Games\_Names") defines a window specification for ordering rows by the "Games\_Names" column. This window specification is used in subsequent operations involving window functions. The unique\_gameID = data.select("Games\_Names").distinct() selects the distinct game names from the DataFrame data. Then, withColumn("GameID", row\_number().over(window)) adds a new column "GameID" to the DataFrame unique\_gameID. This column is populated with unique row numbers assigned to each distinct game name based on the order specified by the window. This effectively assigns a unique ID to each game name. After that, joined\_data = data.join(unique\_gameID, "Games\_Names", "left") performs a left join between the original DataFrame data and the DataFrame unique\_gameID on the "Games\_Names" column. This helps to join the unique game IDs with the corresponding game names in the original DataFrame and .drop("Games\_Names").withColumnRenamed("GameID", "GameID") drops the original "Games\_Names" column from the joined DataFrame and renames the newly generated "GameID" column to "GameID". The joined\_data.display() function is used to visually display the joined DataFrame joined\_data with the game names replaced by their corresponding IDs.



# **Data Splitting**

The dataset was split into training and test sets to evaluate the model's performance on the dataset. The joined\_data.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2]), splits the DataFrame into two sets, training set and test set. The first argument [0.8, 0.2] specifies the proportions for splitting the data, with 80% allocated to the training set and 20% to the test set. Then the test.show() displays the content of the test set.

# SELECTION OF HYPERPARAMETERS AND MODEL TRAINING AND EVALUATION AND MLFLOW EXPERIMENT TRACKING.

# TRAINING A RECOMMENDATION MODEL USING THE ALTERNATING LEAST SQUARES (ALS) ALGORITHM

This ALS (maxIter=5, regParam=0.01, userCol="Id", itemCol="GameID", ratingCol="value", coldStartStrategy="drop"), initializes an ALS (Alternating Least Squares) model object. ALS is a collaborative filtering algorithm commonly used for recommendation systems. The maxIter=5 specifies the maximum number of iterations to run during training. In this case, the model will run for a maximum of 5 iterations and regParam=0.01 which is a regularization parameter was used to prevent overfitting by penalizing large parameter values. Also, the userCol="Id", itemCol="GameID", ratingCol="value"specify the names of the columns in the DataFrame training that represent the user ID, item ID (game ID), and rating (value) respectively. The coldStartStrategy="drop specifies the strategy to handle cold-start scenarios, where new users or items are encountered during prediction. Setting it to "drop" ensures that rows with missing values in the user or item columns are dropped during prediction.

The model = als.fit(training), fits the ALS model to the training data. The fit() method takes the training data (training DataFrame) as input and learns the model parameters (user and item embeddings) based on the specified configuration and optimization objective resulting in a trained recommendation model (model) that can be used to make predictions on unseen data.

# MODEL EVALUATION

Before evaluation was initiated, predictions = model.transform(test) generates predictions on the test dataset using the trained ALS model (model). The transform() method applies the model to the test dataset and adds a new column "prediction" to the DataFrame predictions containing the predicted ratings for each user-item pair.

Evaluation was done using RMSE, the evaluator = RegressionEvaluator(metricName="rmse", labelCol="value", predictionCol="prediction"), initializes a regression evaluator object 'evaluator' to compute the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) metric. The rmse = evaluator.evaluate(predictions), computes the RMSE by comparing the actual ratings (labelCol="value") in the test dataset with the predicted ratings (predictionCol="prediction") generated by the model. The RMSE is a measure of the differences between predicted and observed values, providing an indication of the model's accuracy.

The print("Root-mean-square error = " + str(rmse)), helps to prints out the computed RMSE, indicating the level of error in the model's predictions on the test dataset and predictions.show() displays the predictions DataFrame, showing the actual ratings, predicted ratings, and other relevant columns.

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Top 5 recommendations for all users in the dataset

#### HYPERPARAMETER TUNING

In building a collaborative filtering recommender system for game recommendations, the hyperparameters: rank, maxIter, and regParam have significant impacts on the performance and effectiveness of the model.

# Rank

The rank hyperparameter represents the number of latent factors in the model. These latent factors capture the underlying features of users and items, (in this case, games) in a lower-dimensional space. A higher rank allows the model to capture more complex patterns in the data but also increases the risk of overfitting. Alternatively, a lower rank might lead to underfitting as the model may not capture enough information to make accurate predictions. In your case, the best model has a rank of 5, indicating that a lower-dimensional representation suffices to capture the essential user-item interactions for game recommendations.

### **Max Iterations**

This parameter determines the maximum number of iterations the ALS algorithm will perform before converging to a solution. Convergence occurs when the model's parameters no longer change significantly between iterations. A higher number of iterations allows the model to potentially reach a more optimal solution, especially in complex datasets or when using higher ranks. In this task, I tested max iterations of 5 and 7. The best model selected had a max iteration of 7, suggesting that a slightly longer training time

was beneficial for improving model performance.

# **Regularization Parameter (RegParam)**

Regularization is a technique used to prevent overfitting by penalizing large parameter values. The regularization parameter controls the strength of this penalty. A higher regularization parameter imposes a stronger penalty, which can help prevent the model from fitting the noise in the data but may also lead to underfitting if set too high. Alternatively, a lower regularization parameter allows the model to fit the training data more closely but risks overfitting. In this task, I tested regularization parameters of 0.01 and 0.1. The best model selected had a regularization parameter of 0.01, indicating that a relatively low regularization strength was sufficient to prevent overfitting while still allowing the model to capture the underlying patterns in the data effectively.

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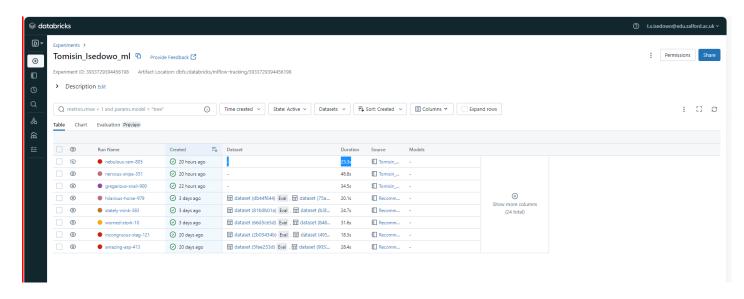
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# MLFLOW EXPERIMENT TRACKING

MLflow plays a crucial role in machine learning development by ensuring transparency, reproducibility, and accountability. It allows us to track experiment details comprehensively, including parameters and metrics. This capability enables users to recreate experiments and validate results effectively.



# **CONCLUSION**

The RMSE value of approximately 0.069 indicates the average difference between the actual ratings and the predicted ratings on the test dataset. The low RMSE value indicates that the ALS model performs well in predicting user ratings for video games, as the model's predictions are generally close to the actual ratings. The model's ability to generate accurate predictions and relevant recommendations demonstrates its effectiveness in capturing user preferences and delivering personalized content in the gaming domain. the results suggest that the ALS recommendation model trained on the dataset has the potential to improve user satisfaction and retention by providing tailored recommendations for video games.

The hyperparameter tuning process identified a combination of hyperparameters (rank=5, max iterations=7, regularization parameter=0.01) that resulted in a lower root-mean-square error (RMSE) on the test data compared to the initial model. This suggests that the tuned model is better at predicting user-item interactions. Additionally, the impact of each hyperparameter can be understood in terms of its effect on model complexity, training time, and regularization strength.