

## LAB 1 ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION:

**Activity:** Creating and Executing a Spark RDD Pipeline with Five Transformations

**Tools:** Programming Language: Python, Framework: Apache Spark (PySpark),  
Development Environment: VSCode (with Jupyter Notebook or Python Script)

Steps to Execute the Spark RDD Pipeline:

- **Install PySpark:** "pip install pyspark"
- **Import Libraries:** "from pyspark import SparkConf, SparkContext"
- **Initialize Context:**  
"conf = SparkConf().setAppName("Simple RDD Example").setMaster("local")  
sc = SparkContext(conf=conf)"
- **Create an RDD from a Python List:** "data = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry", "Apple",  
"banana", "Cherry", "APPLE", "banana"]  
rdd = sc.parallelize(data)"
- **APPLY 5 TRANSFORMATIONS:**
  1. **Convert all to lowercase:** "lower\_rdd = rdd.map(lambda word: word.lower())"
  2. **Filter words with more than 5 letters:** "filtered\_rdd = lower\_rdd.filter(lambda  
word: len(word) > 5)"
  3. **Map words to key-value pairs (word, 1):** pairs = "filtered\_rdd.map(lambda  
word: (word, 1))"
  4. **Reduce by key to count word occurrence:** word\_counts =  
"pairs.reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)"
  5. **Sort words by frequency in descending order:** sorted\_counts =  
"word\_counts.sortBy(lambda pair: pair[1], ascending=False)"
- **Perform actions and display results:**  
"results = sorted\_counts.collect()  
for word, count in results:  
print(f'{word}: {count}')"
- **Stop spark context:**  
"sc.stop()"

### Conclusion:

This activity demonstrates how to create and execute a Spark RDD pipeline using five transformations. It covers fundamental Spark operations such as map(), filter(), reduceByKey(), and sortBy(), providing a solid foundation for working with big data processing in PySpark.