

## Frame Clause:

→ Frame clause which rows are used for calculation for the current row inside a window.

> If the window tells, where you are allowed to look, the frame tells, how much you actually look

## Window:

> Defined by partitionBy + orderBy

> Defines the set of rows available

## Frame:

> Defined by rowsBetween / rangeBetween

> Decides the subset of rows used for calculation

Think of reading a book:

> Partition: which chapter

> orderBy: page order

> frame: how many pages you read around the current page

\* Frame clause controls the range of rows used for aggregation, not grouping or ordering.

## Default Frame:

↓ If you do not explicitly specify a frame clause, Spark automatically applies one.

Rows Between unbounded Preceding and Current Row

Note:

{Default frame is only applies}  
in `orderBy()`, present.

①

`sum('salary').over(`

`Window.partitionBy('dept').orderBy('salary')`

`orderBy` is present  
so; default frame is applied

②

`sum('salary').over(`

`Window.partitionBy('dept')`

No `orderBy()`  
so; no default frame

Default frame is active only when `orderBy()` is used

`rowsBetween()`:

`rowsBetween` =  
defines the frame using the number of rows  
relative to current row.

unBounded Preceding → from the first row of the partition  
current row → only the current row

unBounded following → till the last row of the partition  
negative numbers → previous rows

positive numbers → next rows

3) rowsBetween(-1, 0)

→ current row

↓  
previous row

4) rowsBetween(0, 0) # only current row

5) rowsBetween(Window.unboundedPreceding,  
Window.CurrentRow)  
# all previous rows + current row

6) rowsBetween(0, Window.unboundedFollowing)  
# current row + all next rows

7) rowsBetween(Window.unboundedPreceding,  
Window.unboundedFollowing)  
# use all rows in the partition

### rangeBetween():

defines the frame based on the value range of the  
orderBy column, not row positions.

#### Example:

Assume the current row has value X in the orderBy column.

rangeBetween(-100, 0)

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means:

Include all rows whose orderBy value is between (X-100 and X)

Note: rangeBetween() only works when:

- we have exactly one orderBy column

- That column is numeric (or) date/timestamp

If  $\text{ord}(\text{pay}) = \text{salary}$

{  
1000  
1200  
1500  
1800

→ rangeBetween (-200, 0)

→ Include rows whose salary is within

current\_salary - 200 to current\_salary

Best Ex:

Current salary	Rows used
1000	(1000)
1200	[1000, 1200]
1500	[1500]
1800	[1800]

rangeBetween (

window.unBoundedPreceding,

window.unboundedFollowing

# All rows in the partition.

rangeBetween() vs rowsBetween()

rowsBetween() → counts Rows

rangeBetween() → counts values

Data

No	Salary
1	1000
2	1200
3	1500
4	1800

① rowsBetween (-1, 0):

Salary	Rows used
1000	[1000]
1200	[1000, 1200]
1500	[1200, 1500]
1800	[1500, 1800]

## ② rangeBetween(-200, 0)

Salaries	rows used
1000	[1000]
1200	[1000, 1200]
1500	[1500]
1800	[800]

Aspect	rowsBetween	rangeBetween
Based on	row position	column values
uses row numbers	Yes	No
Depends on gaps	No	Yes
Supports strings	Yes	No
multiple orderBy	Yes	No
Predictability	High	Medium

When to use each:

→ use rowsBetween() when:

- You want previous/next rows
- You want predictable sliding window
- You're new to frame clauses

→ use rangeBetween() when:

- Time-based windows (last 7 days)
- value-based windows (within 1000\$)
- Business logic depends on value range

## 1. Default frame:

```
sum("salary").over(
    Window.partitionBy('dept')
        .orderBy('salary')
)
```

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o/p

salary	running-sum
1000	1000
1200	2200
1500	3700
1800	5500

Rows-Between unBounded preceding & current row?

## 2. Current row only:

```
sum('salary').over(
    Window.partitionBy('dept')
        .orderBy('salary')
        .rowsBetween(0,0)
)
```

partition over

o/p

salary	running-sum
1000	1000
1200	1200
1500	1500
1800	1800

## 3 Previous + current row:

```
sum('salary').over(
    Window.partitionBy('dept')
        .orderBy('salary')
        .rowsBetween(-1,0)
)
```

partition

o/p

salary	running-sum
1000	1000
1200	2200
1500	2700
1800	3300

## 4. Current + next row:

```
sum('salary').over(
    Window.partitionBy('dept')
        .orderBy('salary')
        .rowsBetween(0,1)
)
```

partition

o/p

salary	running-sum
1000	8800
1200	8700
1500	3300
1800	1800

## 5. Entire Partition:

`sum('salary').over(`

`Window.partitionBy('dept')`

`.orderBy('salary')`

`.rowsBetween(`

`Window.unboundedPreceding,`

`Window.unboundedFollowing`

`)`

Salary	running-salary
1000	3500
1200	5500
1500	5500
1800	5500

## 6. rangeBetween (-200, 0):

`sum('salary').over(`

`Window.partitionBy('dept')`

`.orderBy('salary')`

`.rangeBetween(-200, 0)`

Salary	running-salary
1000	1000
1200	2200
1500	1800
1800	1800

## Interview reminders:

- orderBy()** not only just sorts data, it activates the default frame, changing aggregation behaviour
- frame clause** is optional but when "orderBy()" is used it automatically applies the default frame
- rangeBetween()** has strict rules & unpredictable results if gaps exists.