Question 1:

Question 2:

Feature	RDD	Dataframe
Level of Abstraction	Low level abstraction	High-level abstraction
Ease of Use	Requires more coding effort	Easier to use with SQL- like operations
Optimization	No optimization. transformations and actions are executed as is.	Highly optimized by Spark's Catalyst Optimizer.
Type Safety	Type-safe. The compiler checks types during compile time, reducing runtime errors.	Not type-safe in standard API. Column names are resolved at runtime, leading to potential runtime errors.
Performance	Slower for structured data because it lacks optimizations like predicate pushdown and code generation.	Faster due to its optimizations and ability to process structured data efficiently.

When to Use Each?

• Use RDD:

- 1. When you need low-level transformations or actions.
- 2. For unstructured data or custom processing logic.
- 3. When type safety is critical, and you're not dealing with structured data.

Use DataFrame:

- 1. For structured or semi-structured data.
- 2. When you prioritize performance and ease of use.
- 3. When leveraging Spark SQL for querying data.

Which is Better for Structured Data?

DataFrame is better for structured data because:

- 1. It provides a tabular format that matches the structure of the data.
- 2. It is optimized for performance using Catalyst and Tungsten engines.
- 3. It is easier to write and maintain code with SQL-like syntax.

Question 3:

Methods To increase the efficiency of PySpark:

1. Optimize Resource Utilization

• Adjust Parallelism:

- Use spark.default.parallelism for RDDs and spark.sql.shuffle.partitions for DataFrames.
- Set these values close to the total number of cores in your cluster for better parallelization.

• Executor and Core Configuration:

- Tune num-executors, executor-memory, and executor-cores to match your workload.
- Ensure enough memory and avoid overloading each executor.

2. Optimize Data Serialization

- Use **Kryo Serialization** instead of Java serialization:
- spark.conf.set("spark.serializer",
 "org.apache.spark.serializer.KryoSerializer")
- Register custom classes for Kryo if needed for better serialization performance.

3. Minimize Shuffles

- Avoid operations that trigger shuffles, such as groupByKey. Instead, use more efficient alternatives like reduceByKey or aggregateByKey.
- Optimize joins by using **broadcast joins** for smaller datasets:
- from pyspark.sql.functions import broadcast
- large df.join(broadcast(small df), "key")

4. Cache and Persist Data Wisely

- Cache intermediate results only when reused multiple times and uncache them when no longer needed:
- df.cache()
- df.unpersist()
- Use appropriate storage levels like MEMORY_AND_DISK.

5. Balance Partition Sizes

- Keep partitions large enough to avoid too many small tasks but not too large to avoid memory overflow.
- Target partition sizes of 128 MB.

6. Use Broadcast Variables

- Broadcast read-only data to all nodes to avoid repeated transmission:
- broadcast var = sc.broadcast(large dict)
- rdd.map(lambda x: broadcast_var.value.get(x))

7. Enable Adaptive Query Execution (AQE)

- For Spark 3.0 and later, enable AQE for better join strategies and partition coalescing:
- spark.conf.set("spark.sql.adaptive.enabled", "true")

8. Monitor and Tune Spark Jobs

- Use the Spark UI to identify bottlenecks and optimize queries.
- Enable event logs to analyze and debug performance issues.

9. Reduce Driver Overhead

- Use mapPartitions() instead of map() to reduce the frequency of function calls.
- Minimize large data collections sent to the driver.

Practical

Question 1:

Part 1: In this question I have simply parsed the file.

```
# Part 1: Parse the JSON string
def parse_json(line):
    return json.loads(line)

parsed_rdd = arxiv_rdd.map(parse_json).filter(lambda x: x is not None)
```

Part 2: In this question I have simply got the fields of the file.

```
# Part 2: Extract and list all fields from the parsed RDD

def extract_fields(rdd):

# Get a sample = rdd.take(1)
fields = list(sample[0].keys())
return fields

fields = extract_fields(parsed_rdd)
print("Extracted Fields:", fields)

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Extracted Fields: ['id', 'submitter', 'authors', 'title', 'comments', 'journal-ref', 'doi', 'report-no', 'categories', 'license', 'abstract', 'versions', 'update_date', 'authors_parsed']
```

Question 2:

Part 1: In this question I have simply removed Nan values from the fields.

```
# Part 1: Identify and remove or impute null values

def remove_nulls(record):
    # Check for null or empty fields in the record
    if all(record.values()): # Ensure no field is None or empty
        return record
    else:
        return None # Ignore records with null or empty fields

cleaned_rdd = parsed_rdd.filter(lambda x: remove_nulls(x) is not None)
```

Part 2: In this question I have simply removed stop words.

Part 3: In this question I have simply removed useless characters.

```
def remove useless characters(record):
      for key, value in record.items():
          if isinstance(value, str): # Process only text fields
              # Remove special characters, retaining only alphanumeric and spaces
             record[key] = re.sub(r"[^a-zA-Z0-9\s]", "", value)
      return record
   final_cleaned_rdd = stopwords_removed_rdd.map(remove_useless_characters)
  # Save or view the final cleaned RDD
  final_cleaned_rdd.take(1) # View the first cleaned records
[{'id': '07040008',
  'submitter': 'Damian Swift',
  'authors': 'Damian C Swift',
 'title': 'Numerical solution shock ramp compression general material properties',
 'comments': 'Minor corrections',
  'journal-ref': 'Journal Applied Physics vol 104 073536 2008',
  'doi': '10106312975338',
  'report-no': 'LAUR072051 LLNLJRNL410358',
  'categories': 'condmatmtrlsci',
  'license': 'httparxivorglicensesnonexclusivedistrib10',
  'abstract': 'general formulation developed represent material models applications dynamic loading Numerical methods devised calculate response shock ramp compression ramp decompression generalizing previou
  'versions': [{'version': 'v1', 'created': 'Sat, 31 Mar 2007 04:47:20 GMT'},
  {'version': 'v2', 'created': 'Thu, 10 Apr 2008 08:42:28 GMT'},
  {'version': 'v3', 'created': 'Tue, 1 Jul 2008 18:54:28 GMT'}],
  'update_date': '20090205',
  'authors_parsed': [['Swift', 'Damian C.', '']]}]
```

Question 3:

Part 1: In this question I have simply counted articles in category field.

Part 2: In this question I have simply found the most articles in category field.

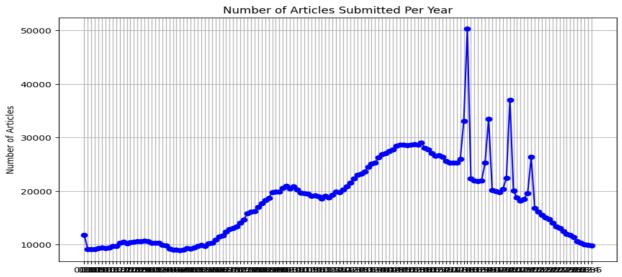
```
# Part 2: Find the category with the most articles
most_articles_category = max(category_counts, key=lambda x: x[1])
print("Category with the most articles:", most_articles_category)

Category with the most articles: ('astro-ph', 86911)
```

Part 3: In this question I have simply found the distribution of the number of authors and their percentage.

Part 4: In this question I have simply found the articles with more than 3 authors.

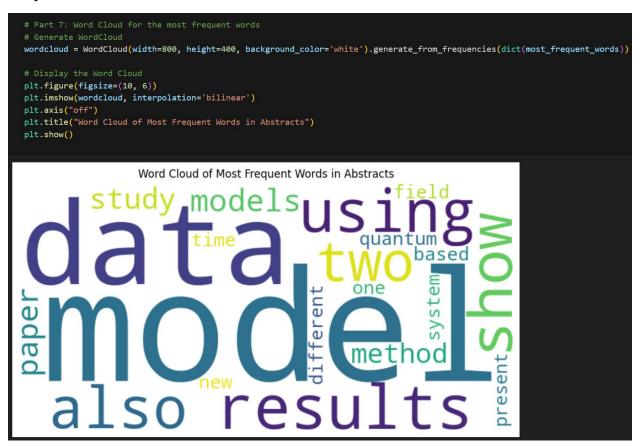
Part 5: In this question I have simply ploted the time series of the number of articles per year.



Part 6: In this question I have simply found the most frequent words in abstracts.

```
20 most frequent words in abstract:
                                                                                   model : 1188676
# Define a function to extract and clean words from abstracts
def extract_and_clean_words(record):
                                                                                   data : 917131
                                                                                   results : 859049
    words = record['abstract'].lower().split()
                                                                                   show: 831879
    cleaned_words = [re.sub(r"[^a-zA-Z0-9]", "", word) for word in words]
                                                                                   using: 809828
    return [word for word in cleaned_words if word and word not in stopwords]
                                                                                   also : 774216
                                                                                   two: 719284
# Extract and clean words from all abstracts
                                                                                   models : 686537
abstract_words = parsed_rdd.flatMap(extract_and_clean_words)
                                                                                   paper : 650231
                                                                                   study : 596891
                                                                                   method: 596084
word_counts = abstract_words.map(lambda word: (word, 1)) \
                                                                                   quantum : 573410
                          .reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a + b)
                                                                                   system : 559067
                                                                                   new: 550050
most_frequent_words = word_counts.takeOrdered(20, key=lambda x: -x[1])
                                                                                   field: 544587
                                                                                   based : 527532
# Print the results
                                                                                   one : 518005
print("20 most frequent words in abstract:")
                                                                                   time : 506071
for word, count in most_frequent_words:
                                                                                   different: 497350
    print(word, ":", count)
                                                                                   present : 477899
```

Part 7: In this question I have simply made a WordCloud out of the found the most frequent words in abstracts.



Question 4:

Part 1: In this question I have simply filtered articles containing the word "algorithm" in their abstract.

```
# Part 1: Filter articles containing the word "algorithm" in their abstract
def contains_algorithm(record):
    return 'algorithm' in record['abstract'].lower()

algorithm_articles_rdd = parsed_rdd.filter(contains_algorithm)
```

Part 2: In this question I have simply counted the number of words in each article's abstract.

```
# Part 2: Count the number of words in each article's abstract
def count_words(record):
    return len(record['abstract'].split())
word_count_rdd = algorithm_articles_rdd.map(lambda x: (x['title'], count_words(x)))
```

Part 3: In this question I have simply sorted by word count in descending order and display the top 5 articles.

```
# Part 3: Sort by word count in descending order and display the top 5 articles
top_articles = word_count_rdd.sortBy(lambda x: x[1], ascending=False).take(5)

# Display the results
print("Top 5 articles with the highest word counts in their abstract (containing 'algorithm'):")
for title, word_count in top_articles:
    print(f"Title: {title}, Word Count: {word_count}")

Top 5 articles with the highest word counts in their abstract (containing 'algorithm'):
Title: The Nonlinearity Coefficient - A Practical Guide to Neural Architecture
Design, Word Count: 498
Title: Generating a Generic Fluent API in Java, Word Count: 488
Title: Boxicity and Poset Dimension, Word Count: 484
Title: An Anytime Algorithm for Optimal Coalition Structure Generation, Word Count: 484
Title: McMini: A Programmable DPOR-Based Model Checker for Multithreaded
Programs, Word Count: 475
```