

# Most Asked Spark Interview Questions

12LPA - 20LPA

## Question 1:

### 1. Student Grade Classification

Problem:

You have a Data Frame of students with the following columns: student\_id, name, score, and subject.

Create a new column grade based on the score:

- o 'A' if score  $\geq 90$
- o 'B' if  $80 \leq \text{score} < 90$
- o 'C' if  $70 \leq \text{score} < 80$
- o 'D' if  $60 \leq \text{score} < 70$
- o 'F' if score  $< 60$

## Data Set

student\_id name score subject

1 Alice 92 Math

2 Bob 85 Math

3 Carol 77 Science

4 Dave 65 Science

5 Eve 50 Math

6 Frank 82 Science

## Scala Spark

```
object third { new *
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { new *
    import spark.implicits._

    val student = List(
      (1, "Alice", 92, "Math"),
      (2, "Bob", 85, "Math"),
      (3, "Carol", 77, "Science"),
      (4, "Dave", 65, "Science"),
      (5, "Eve", 50, "Math"),
      (6, "Frank", 82, "Science")
    ).toDF("student_id", "name", "score", "subject")

    student.select(col("name"),
      when (col("score")>90,"A")
      .when(col("score")>=80 && col("score")<90,"B")
      .when(col("score")>=70 && col("score")<80,"C")
      .when(col("score")>=60 && col("score")<70,"D")
      .otherwise("F").as("grade")
    ).show()
```

## Spark - SQL

```
val df2 = student.createTempView("Student")
```

```
spark.sql(  
  """  
  Select name,  
    Case when score>90 then "A"  
      when score >= 80 then "B"  
      when score >= 70 then "C"  
      when score >= 60 then "D"  
    Else "F"  
  End As Grade  
  from Student  
  """  
).show()
```

# PySpark






```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, when







student = [
    (1, "Alice", 92, "Math"),
    (2, "Bob", 85, "Math"),
    (3, "Carol", 77, "Science"),
    (4, "Dave", 65, "Science"),
    (5, "Eve", 50, "Math"),
    (6, "Frank", 82, "Science")
]

schema = ["student_id", "name", "score", "subject"]
df = spark.createDataFrame(student, schema)

df.select(
    col("name"),
    when(col("score") > 90, "A")
    .when((col("score") >= 80) & (col("score") < 90), "B")
    .when((col("score") >= 70) & (col("score") < 80), "C")
    .when((col("score") >= 60) & (col("score") < 70), "D")
    .otherwise("F")
    .alias("grade")
).show()
```

## Output -





| name  | grade |
|-------|-------|
| Alice | A     |
| Bob   | B     |
| Carol | C     |
| Dave  | D     |
| Eve   | F     |
| Frank | B     |

## Question 2:

You have a DataFrame employees with columns: employee\_id, name, age, and salary.

□ Create a new column age\_group based on age:

- o 'Young' if age < 30
- o 'Mid' if 30 <= age <= 50
- o 'Senior' if age > 50

□ Create a new column salary\_range based on salary:

- o 'High' if salary > 100000
- o 'Medium' if 50000 <= salary <= 100000
- o 'Low' if salary < 50000

□ Filter employees whose name starts with 'J'.

□ Filter employees whose name ends with 'e'.

## Data Set -

```
data = [  
  
    (1, "John", 28, 60000),  
  
    (2, "Jane", 32, 75000),  
  
    (3, "Mike", 45, 120000),  
  
    (4, "Alice", 55, 90000),  
  
    (5, "Steve", 62, 110000),  
  
    (6, "Claire", 40, 40000)  
  
]
```

## Scala Spark -

```
val employees = List(
  (1, "John", 28, 60000),
  (2, "Jane", 32, 75000),
  (3, "Mike", 45, 120000),
  (4, "Alice", 55, 90000),
  (5, "Steve", 62, 110000),
  (6, "Claire", 40, 40000)
).toDF("employee_id", "name", "age", "salary")

employees.select(col("name"), col("age"),
  when (col("age") > 50, "Senior")
  .when (col("age") >= 30, "Mid")
  .otherwise("young").as("age_group"),

  when(col("salary") > 100000, "High")
  .when(col("salary") > 50000, "Medium")
  .otherwise("Low").as("salary_range")
).show()

val filter = employees.filter(col("name").startsWith("J")).as("StartwithJ")

val filter1 = employees.filter(col("name").endsWith("e")).as("endswith")

filter.show()
filter1.show()
```

## Spark - SQL

```

//
val df2 = employees.createTempView("Employees")
val ageGroupDF = spark.sql(
    """
    SELECT name,
           CASE
             WHEN age > 50 THEN 'Senior'
             WHEN age >= 30 THEN 'Mid'
             ELSE 'Young'
           END AS age_group
    FROM Employees
    """
)
ageGroupDF.show()
// 3. Salary range
val salaryRangeDF = spark.sql(
    """
    SELECT name,
           CASE
             WHEN salary > 100000 THEN 'High'
             WHEN salary > 50000 THEN 'Medium'
             ELSE 'Low'
           END AS salary_range
    FROM Employees
    """
)

```

```

salaryRangeDF.show()
// 4. Names starting with 'J'
val startsWithJDF = spark.sql(
    """
    SELECT name, salary, age
    FROM Employees
    WHERE name LIKE 'J%'
    """
)
startsWithJDF.show()
// 5. Names ending with 'e'
val endsWithEDF = spark.sql(
    """
    SELECT name, salary, age
    FROM Employees
    WHERE name LIKE '%e'
    """
)
endsWithEDF.show()

```



## PySpark -

```
employees = [
    (1, "John", 28, 60000),
    (2, "Jane", 32, 75000),
    (3, "Mike", 45, 120000),
    (4, "Alice", 55, 90000),
    (5, "Steve", 62, 110000),
    (6, "Claire", 40, 40000)
]

schema = ["employee_id", "name", "age", "salary"]
df = spark.createDataFrame(employees, schema)

df.select(col("name"), col("age"),
          when(col("age") > 50, "Senior")
          .when(col("age") >= 30, "Mid")
          .otherwise("young").alias("age_group"),
          when(col("salary") > 100000, "High")
          .when(col("salary") > 50000, "Medium")
          .otherwise("Low").alias("salary_range")
          ).show()

filter2 = df.filter(col("name").startswith("J"))
filter1 = df.filter(col("name").endswith("e"))

filter2.show()
filter1.show()
```

## Output -

```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| name|age|age_group|salary_range|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| John| 28|    young|    Medium|
| Jane| 32|     Mid|    Medium|
| Mike| 45|     Mid|     High|
| Alice| 55|  Senior|    Medium|
| Steve| 62|  Senior|     High|
| Claire| 40|     Mid|     Low|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|employee_id|name|age|salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|           1|John| 28| 60000|
|           2|Jane| 32| 75000|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

```

|employee_id|name|age|salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|           1|John| 28| 60000|
|           2|Jane| 32| 75000|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|employee_id| name|age|salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|           2| Jane| 32| 75000|
|           3| Mike| 45|120000|
|           4| Alice| 55| 90000|
|           5| Steve| 62|110000|
|           6| Claire| 40| 40000|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

## Question 3:

You have a DataFrame `purchase_history` with columns: `purchase_id`, `customer_id`, `purchase_amount`, and `purchase_date`.

□ Create a new column `purchase_category` based on `purchase_amount`:

- o 'Large' if `purchase_amount > 2000`
- o 'Medium' if `1000 <= purchase_amount <= 2000`
- o 'Small' if `purchase_amount < 1000`

□ Filter purchases that occurred in 'January 2024'

## Data Set -

```
[(1,1,2500,"2024-01-05"),  
(2,2,1500,"2024-01-15"),  
(3,3,500,"2024-02-20"),  
(4,4,2200,"2024-03-01"),  
(5,5,900,"2024-01-25"),  
(6,6,3000,"2024-03-12")]
```

# Scala Spark

```
import spark.implicits._  
val purchase = List(  
  (1,1,2500,"2024-01-05"),  
  (2,2,1500,"2024-01-15"),  
  (3,3,500,"2024-02-20"),  
  (4,4,2200,"2024-03-01"),  
  (5,5,900,"2024-01-25"),  
  (6,6,3000,"2024-03-12")  
).toDF("purchase_id", "customer_id", "purchase_amount", "purchase_date")  
  
purchase.select(col("customer_id"),col("purchase_amount"),when (col("purchase_amount")>2000,"Large")  
  .when(col("purchase_amount")>=1000,"Medium")  
  .otherwise("Small")).alias("purchase_category").show()  
  
val jan = purchase.filter(  
  (month(col("purchase_date"))===1) && (year(col("purchase_date"))===2024)  
)  
jan.show()
```

## Spark - SQL

```
object third { new *  
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { new *  
    val df2 = purchase.createTempView("purchase")  
    val purchase_category = spark.sql(  
      """  
      SELECT purchase_id,customer_id,  
      CASE  
      WHEN purchase_amount > 2000 THEN 'Large'  
      WHEN purchase_amount >= 1000 THEN 'Medium'  
      ELSE 'Small'  
      END AS purchase_category  
      FROM purchase  
      """  
    )  
  
    val jan = spark.sql(  
      """  
      SELECT purchase_id,customer_id,purchase_date  
      FROM purchase  
      where Month(purchase_date) = 1 And Year(purchase_date) = 2024  
      """  
    )  
    purchase_category.show()  
    jan.show()  
  }  
}
```

# PySpark

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession

from pyspark.sql.functions import col, when, date_format, month, year

purchase = [(1,1,2500,"2024-01-05"),
(2,2,1500,"2024-01-15"),
(3,3,500,"2024-02-20"),
(4,4,2200,"2024-03-01"),
(5,5,900,"2024-01-25"),
(6,6,3000,"2024-03-12")]

schema = ["purchase_id", "customer_id", "purchase_amount", "purchase_date"]

df = spark.createDataFrame(purchase,schema)

df.select(col("customer_id"),col("purchase_amount"),when (col("purchase_amount")>2000,"Large")
        .when(col("purchase_amount")>=1000,"Medium")
        .otherwise("Small")).alias("purchase_category")).show()

jan = df.filter(
    (month(col("purchase_date"))==1) & (year(col("purchase_date"))==2024)
)

jan.show()
```

## Output -

| customer_id | purchase_amount | purchase_category |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1           | 2500            | Large             |
| 2           | 1500            | Medium            |
| 3           | 500             | Small             |
| 4           | 2200            | Large             |
| 5           | 900             | Small             |
| 6           | 3000            | Large             |

| purchase_id | customer_id | purchase_amount | purchase_date |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1           | 1           | 2500            | 2024-01-05    |
| 2           | 2           | 1500            | 2024-01-15    |
| 5           | 5           | 900             | 2024-01-25    |

#### Question 4:

**Create a Spark DataFrame and categorize employees as "New" if they joined before "2020-06-01" and their status is "active" and "Existing" otherwise. Also, filter employees whose names start with "J" and end with "n" and calculate their age in months from the join date.**

#### Data set -

```
val employees = List(  
  (1, "John", "2020-01-01", "active"),  
  (2, "Jane", "2020-06-01", "inactive"),  
  (3, "Mike", "2020-03-01", "active"),  
  (4, "Alice", "2020-09-01", "inactive"),  
  (5, "Steve", "2020-02-01", "active")  
)
```

## Scala Spark -

```
object third { new *
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = { new *

    val employees = List(
      (1, "John", "2020-01-01", "active"),
      (2, "Jane", "2020-06-01", "inactive"),
      (3, "Mike", "2020-03-01", "active"),
      (4, "Alice", "2020-09-01", "inactive"),
      (5, "Steve", "2020-02-01", "active")
    ).toDF("Id", "Name", "Join_Date", "Status")

    employees.select(col("Name"),
      when((col("Join_Date") < "2020-06-01") && (col("Status") === "active"), "New")
      .otherwise("Exsisting").as("Howlong")
    ).show()

    employees.filter(col("Name").startsWith("J") && col("Name").endsWith("n")).show()

    val age = employees.withColumn(
      "age_in_months",
      months_between(current_date(), col("Join_Date")).cast("int")
    )
    age.show()
```

## PySpark -



```

from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, when, date_format, month, year, months_between, current_date

employees = [
    (1, "John", "2020-01-01", "active"),
    (2, "Jane", "2020-06-01", "inactive"),
    (3, "Mike", "2020-03-01", "active"),
    (4, "Alice", "2020-09-01", "inactive"),
    (5, "Steve", "2020-02-01", "active")
]

schema = ["Id", "Name", "Join_Date", "Status"]

df = spark.createDataFrame(employees, schema)

df.select(col("Name"),
          when((col("Join_Date") < "2020-06-01") & (col("Status") == "active"), "New")
              .otherwise("Exsisting").alias("Howlong")
          ).show()

df.filter(col("Name").startswith("J") & col("Name").endswith("n")).show()
age = df.withColumn(
    "age_in_months",
    months_between(current_date(), col("Join_Date")).cast("int")
)
age.show()

```

## Output -

```
+-----+-----+
| Name|   Howlong|
+-----+-----+
| John|       New|
| Jane|Exsisting|
| Mike|       New|
|Alice|Exsisting|
|Steve|       New|
+-----+-----+
```

```
+---+-----+-----+-----+
| Id|Name|  Join_Date|Status|
+---+-----+-----+-----+
|  1|John|2020-01-01|active|
+---+-----+-----+-----+
```

```
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Id| Name| Join_Date|  Status|age_in_months|
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|  1| John|2020-01-01|  active|          65|
|  2| Jane|2020-06-01|inactive|          60|
|  3| Mike|2020-03-01|  active|          63|
|  4|Alice|2020-09-01|inactive|          57|
|  5|Steve|2020-02-01|  active|          64|
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

## Question 5 -

Create a PySpark DataFrame and categorize orders as "High Value" if the amount is greater than 150 and the order date is in the first half of the year and "Low Value" otherwise. Also, filter orders whose IDs start with "Order-00" and end with "1".



## Data Set -

```
data = [  
    (1,"Order-001","2022-01-01",100.0),  
    (2,"Order-002","2022-06-01",200.0),  
    (3,"Order-003","2022-03-01",50.0),  
    (4,"Order-004","2022-09-01",160.0),  
    (5,"Order-005","2022-02-01",250.0)  
]
```

## Scala Spark -

```
import spark.implicits._
val data = List(
  (1,"Order-001","2022-01-01",100.0),
  (2,"Order-002","2022-06-01",200.0),
  (3,"Order-003","2022-03-01",50.0),
  (4,"Order-004","2022-09-01",160.0),
  (5,"Order-005","2022-02-01",250.0)
).toDF("id","Order_Id","Date","Amount")

data.select(col("Order_Id"),col("Amount"),col("Date"),
  when((col("Amount")>150) && month(col("Date")).isin(1,2,3,4,5,6),"High Value")
  .otherwise("Low value").alias("Category")
).show()

val df1 = data.filter(col("Order_Id").startsWith("Order-00") && col("Order_Id").endsWith("1"))
df1.show()
```

## PySpark -

```
data = [
  (1,"Order-001","2022-01-01",100.0),
  (2,"Order-002","2022-06-01",200.0),
  (3,"Order-003","2022-03-01",50.0),
  (4,"Order-004","2022-09-01",160.0),
  (5,"Order-005","2022-02-01",250.0)
]

schema = ["id","Order_Id","Date","Amount"]

df = spark.createDataFrame(data,schema)

df.select(col("Order_Id"),col("Amount"),col("Date"),
  when((col("Amount")>150) & month(col("Date")).isin(1,2,3,4,5,6),"High Value")
  .otherwise("Low value").alias("Category")
).show()

df1 = df.filter(col("Order_Id").startswith("Order-00") & col("Order_Id").endswith("1"))
df1.show()
```

## Output -

```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Order_Id|Amount|      Date|  Catogory|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|Order-001| 100.0|2022-01-01| Low value|
|Order-002| 200.0|2022-06-01|High Value|
|Order-003|  50.0|2022-03-01| Low value|
|Order-004| 160.0|2022-09-01| Low value|
|Order-005| 250.0|2022-02-01|High Value|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

```

+---+-----+-----+-----+
| id| Order_Id|      Date|Amount|
+---+-----+-----+-----+
|  1|Order-001|2022-01-01| 100.0|
+---+-----+-----+-----+

```



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