



PYSPARK INTERVIEW Q&A



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1. Create a DataFrame for an Indian Employee Database

Sample Data:

```
data = [  
    (1, "Amit", "IT", 60000),  
    (2, "Priya", "HR", 55000),  
    (3, "Rahul", "Finance", 75000),  
    (4, "Sneha", "IT", 80000),  
    (5, "Karan", "HR", 65000)]  
columns = ["EmpID", "Name", "Department", "Salary"]  
df = spark.createDataFrame(data, columns)
```

Task: Display the schema and first 3 rows.

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession  
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, avg, count, sum, max  
# Initialize Spark session  
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("EmployeeDataAnalysis")  
    .getOrCreate()  
# Sample Data  
data = [  
    (1, "Amit", "IT", 60000),  
    (2, "Priya", "HR", 55000),  
    (3, "Rahul", "Finance", 75000),  
    (4, "Sneha", "IT", 80000),  
    (5, "Karan", "HR", 65000)  
]  
columns = ["EmpID", "Name", "Department", "Salary"]  
# Create DataFrame  
df = spark.createDataFrame(data, columns)  
# Display schema  
df.printSchema()  
# Display first 3 rows  
df.show(3)
```

OUTPUT

```
root
|-- EmpID: integer (nullable = true)
|-- Name: string (nullable = true)
|-- Department: string (nullable = true)
|-- Salary: integer (nullable = true)
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|EmpID|Name |Department|Salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1   |Amit |IT        |60000 |
| 2   |Priya|HR        |55000 |
| 3   |Rahul|Finance   |75000 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

2. Filter Employees Earning More than 70,000

Task: Write a query to filter employees earning more than ₹70,000.

```
df.filter(col("Salary") > 70000).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|EmpID|Name  |Department|Salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 3   |Rahul |Finance   |75000 |
| 4   |Sneha |IT        |80000 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

3. Calculate Average Salary per Department

Task: Use `groupBy` to get the average salary for each department.

```
df.groupBy("Department").agg(avg("Salary").alias("Avg_Salary")).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+
|Department|Avg_Salary|
+-----+-----+
|IT         |70000.0   |
|HR         |60000.0   |
|Finance    |75000.0   |
+-----+-----+
```

4. Find Employees whose Name Starts with 'A'

Task: Filter employees whose names start with the letter 'A'.

```
df.filter(col("Name").startswith("A")).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|EmpID|Name|Department|Salary|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|1     |Amit|IT         |60000 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

5. Count the Number of Employees per Department

Task: Use `groupBy` and `count()` to find the number of employees in each department.

```
df.groupBy("Department").agg(count("EmpID").alias("Employee_Count")).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+
|Department|Employee_Count|
+-----+
|IT         |2             |
|HR         |2             |
|Finance    |1             |
+-----+
```

6. Add a New Column for Tax Deduction (10% of Salary)

Task: Add a new column `Tax` that deducts 10% from `Salary`.

```
df = df.withColumn("Tax", col("Salary") * 0.10)
df.show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|EmpID|Name  |Department|Salary|Tax   |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|1     |Amit  |IT        |60000 |6000.0|
|2     |Priya |HR        |55000 |5500.0|
|3     |Rahul |Finance   |75000 |7500.0|
|4     |Sneha |IT        |80000 |8000.0|
|5     |Karan |HR        |65000 |6500.0|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

7. Sort Employees by Salary in Descending Order

Task: Display employees sorted in descending order of salary.

```
df.orderBy(col("Salary").desc()).show()
```

OUTPUT

EmpID	Name	Department	Salary	Tax
4	Sneha	IT	80000	8000.0
3	Rahul	Finance	75000	7500.0
5	Karan	HR	65000	6500.0
1	Amit	IT	60000	6000.0
2	Priya	HR	55000	5500.0

8. Get the Second Highest Salary

Task: Find the second highest salary without using `LIMIT` and `OFFSET`.

```
second_highest_salary = df.orderBy(col("Salary").desc()).limit(2).collect()[-1]["Salary"]  
df.filter(col("Salary") == second_highest_salary).show()
```

OUTPUT

EmpID	Name	Department	Salary	Tax
3	Rahul	Finance	75000	7500.0

9. Get Employees Who are in the HR or IT Department

Task: Filter records where the department is either "HR" or "IT".

```
df.filter((col("Department") == "HR") | (col("Department") == "IT")).show()
```

OUTPUT

EmpID	Name	Department	Salary
1	Amit	IT	60000
2	Priya	HR	55000
4	Sneha	IT	80000
5	Karan	HR	65000

10. Find the Total Salary Paid by the Company

Task: Calculate the sum of all salaries.

```
df.agg(sum("Salary").alias("Total_Salary")).show()
```

OUTPUT

Total_Salary
335000

11. Read a CSV File of Cricket Players

Sample CSV (`players.csv`):

`csv`

Player,Country,Runs,Wickets

Virat Kohli,India,12000,4

Rohit Sharma,India,11000,8

Jasprit Bumrah,India,1200,200

Steve Smith,Australia,9500,20

Task: Read this CSV file into a DataFrame and display its contents.

```
players_df = spark.read.csv("players.csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)
players_df.show()
```

OUTPUT

Player	Country	Runs	Wickets
Virat Kohli	India	12000	4
Rohit Sharma	India	11000	8
Jasprit Bumrah	India	1200	200
Steve Smith	Australia	9500	20

12. Find the Player with Maximum Runs

Task: Find the player who has scored the maximum runs.

```
players_df.orderBy(col("Runs").desc()).limit(1).show()
```


OUTPUT

Player	Country	Runs	Wickets
Virat Kohli	India	12000	4

13. Find the Average Runs Scored by Indian Players

Task: Filter players from "India" and calculate the average runs scored.

```
players_df.filter(col("Country") == "India").agg(avg("Runs").alias("Avg_Runs")).show()
```

OUTPUT

Avg_Runs
8066.67

14. Get Players Who Have Taken More than 50 Wickets

Task: Filter players who have taken more than 50 wickets.

```
players_df.filter(col("Wickets") > 50).show()
```

OUTPUT

Player	Country	Runs	Wickets
Jasprit Bumrah	India	1200	200

15. Read a JSON File Containing Indian Cities Population

Sample JSON (`cities.json`):

json

```
[  
{"City": "Mumbai", "State": "Maharashtra", "Population": 20000000},  
{"City": "Delhi", "State": "Delhi", "Population": 18000000},  
{"City": "Bangalore", "State": "Karnataka", "Population": 12000000},  
{"City": "Hyderabad", "State": "Telangana", "Population": 10000000}  
]
```

Task: Read this JSON file into a DataFrame and display its contents.

```
cities_df = spark.read.json("cities.json")  
cities_df.show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+-----+  
|City      |Population|State      |  
+-----+-----+-----+  
|Mumbai    |20000000 |Maharashtra|  
|Delhi     |18000000 |Delhi      |  
|Bangalore |12000000 |Karnataka  |  
|Hyderabad |10000000 |Telangana  |  
+-----+-----+-----+
```

16. Find Cities with a Population Greater than 15 Million

Task: Filter cities with a population greater than 15 million.

```
cities_df.filter(col("Population") > 15000000).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+-----+
|City    |Population|State      |
+-----+-----+-----+
|Mumbai  |20000000  |Maharashtra|
|Delhi   |18000000  |Delhi      |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

17. Calculate Total Population per State

Task : Group by `State` and sum the `Population`.

```
cities_df.groupby("State").agg(sum("Population").alias("Total_Population")).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+
|State      |Total_Population|
+-----+-----+
|Maharashtra|20000000         |
|Delhi       |18000000         |
|Karnataka   |12000000         |
|Telangana   |10000000         |
+-----+-----+
```

18. Find the State with the Highest Total Population

Task: Identify which state has the highest total population.

```
cities_df.groupby("State").agg(sum("Population").alias
    ("Total_Population")).orderBy(col("Total_Population").desc()).limit
    (1).show()
```

OUTPUT

```
+-----+-----+
|State      |Total_Population|
+-----+-----+
|Maharashtra|200000000      |
+-----+-----+
```

19. Convert a DataFrame to Pandas

Task: Convert the `df` DataFrame into a Pandas DataFrame.

```
pandas_df = df.toPandas()
print(pandas_df)
```

OUTPUT

	EmpID	Name	Department	Salary	Tax
0	1	Amit	IT	60000	6000.0
1	2	Priya	HR	55000	5500.0
2	3	Rahul	Finance	75000	7500.0
3	4	Sneha	IT	80000	8000.0
4	5	Karan	HR	65000	6500.0