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Assignment 6

Title: Stored procedures and Functions in PL/SQL

Aim: Write PL/SQL Procedures and Function for given problem statements

Objective: To study PL/SQL procedures and functions

Theory:

PL/SQL

- stands for Procedural Language extension to SQL.
- Oracle corporation's standard data access language for relational databases seamlessly integrates procedural constructs with SQL.

SQL: 1999 supports functions and procedures

- Functions / procedure can be written in SQL itself, or in an external programming language.
- Functions written in external language are particularly useful with specialized data types such as images and geometric objects.
- some database system support table-valued functions, which can return a relation as a result.

SQL:1999 also supports a rich set of imperative constructs including loops, if-then-else, assignment.

FAQs

1. What are applications of PL/SQL?

- Ans. - Database programming and management in Oracle
 - Data manipulation and processing, creating custom functions and procedures for complex data operations.
 - Efficient data retrieval, integration with external systems
 - Building scalable and secure data-driven applications

2. What is deterministic in stored functions mean?

- Ans. A deterministic function always returns the same result for the same input parameters whereas a non-deterministic function returns different results for the same input parameters.
 MySQL uses NOT DETERMINISTIC option as default.

3. Explain various input parameters in ~~PL/SQL~~ PL/SQL.

- Ans. IN Parameter: Used to pass values into a procedure or function.
 - OUT Parameter: Used to return values from a procedure or function.
 - IN OUT Parameter: Assigns a default value if no value is explicitly provided during the procedure or function call.