Day 24 - SQL Practice Reflection

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Theme: E-Commerce Order Analytics

Focus: Customer spending, return percentages, product/category analysis, and ranking

by net value

Summary of Learnings

Today's challenge focused on analyzing a simulated e-commerce platform using SQL. The problems emphasized real-world queries such as customer spending, sales trends, return analytics, and revenue-based rankings.

Key Takeaways

- Revisited JOIN techniques to merge Customers, Orders, Products, and Returns effectively.
- Practiced using COALESCE to handle missing data (e.g., for customers with no orders).
- Used CTEs to isolate return rates by category (Q5).
- Revisited **GROUP BY with conditional aggregates** (especially useful in Q10 and Bonus Challenge).
- Gained deeper understanding of filtering logic via **LEFT JOINs vs. INNER JOINs**.

Additional Points

- 5th question took longer as it was logically challenging due to category-level return rate calculation.
- 10th question took longer time to implement as it required careful aggregation and CASE logic.

★ Final Thoughts

This set was moderately challenging and highly practical.

Return-based queries, ranking logic, and revenue breakdowns made it feel like solving actual business problems.