

# Advanced Django ORM concepts.

Assume we have the following model:

Python

```
from django.db import models

class Product(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    price = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=
2)
    cost = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=
2)
    stock = models.IntegerField()
    category = models.CharField(max_length=50)
```

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## 1. Q Objects (Complex Lookups)

Standard Django filtering (`.filter()`) "ANDs" conditions together. `Q` objects allow you to use **OR** and **NOT** logic.

**Key Syntax:**

- `|` = OR
- `&` = AND
- `~` = NOT

**Examples:**

Python

```
from django.db.models import Q

# OR: Get products that are either "Electronics" OR have a price over 1000
results = Product.objects.filter(Q(category="Electronics") | Q(price__gt=1000))
```

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# NOT: Get products that are NOT "Toys"
results = Product.objects.filter(~Q(category="Toys"))

# Complex: "Electronics" that are either cheap (<50) OR out of
stock (0)
results = Product.objects.filter(
    Q(category="Electronics") & (Q(price__lt=50) | Q(stock=0))
)
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## 2. F Objects (Field References)

**F** objects allow you to reference the value of a model field *within the database query itself*, without loading it into Python memory. This is crucial for comparing two fields on the same model or performing atomic updates.

Use Case A: Comparisons

Filter based on the relationship between two fields in the same row.

Python

```
from django.db.models import F

# Find products where the Sale Price is less than the Cost (Selling at a loss)
losses = Product.objects.filter(price__lt=F('cost'))
```

Use Case B: Atomic Updates

Update a field based on its current value. This prevents race conditions.

Python

```
# Increase the stock of ALL products by 10
# The database does the math, not Python
Product.objects.update(stock=F('stock') + 10)
```

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### 3. Aggregate (Summary Statistics)

`aggregate()` performs a calculation over the entire queryset and returns a single **dictionary** of values. It does *not* return a `QuerySet`.

**Common Functions:** `Sum`, `Avg`, `Max`, `Min`, `Count`.

#### Example:

Python

```
from django.db.models import Avg, Sum

# Get the average price and total stock of all products
stats = Product.objects.aggregate(
    average_price=Avg('price'),
    total_inventory=Sum('stock')
)

# Output is a dictionary:
# {'average_price': 150.50, 'total_inventory': 5000}
print(stats['average_price'])
```

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### 4. Annotation (Per-Object Calculation)

`annotate()` is similar to `aggregate`, but instead of collapsing the data into a dictionary, it calculates a value for **each item** in the `QuerySet` and attaches it as a temporary attribute. It returns a **QuerySet**.

#### Example:

Python

```
from django.db.models import F

# Add a 'profit' attribute to every product object in the results
products = Product.objects.annotate(
    profit_margin=F('price') - F('cost')
```

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)
```

```
for p in products:
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    # We can now access 'profit_margin' as if it were a field
    on the model
```

```
    print(f"{p.name} makes ${p.profit_margin}")
```

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### Summary Table

Feature	Returns	Primary Purpose
<b>Q</b>	QuerySet	Complex logic (OR, NOT) in filters.
<b>F</b>	Query Expression	Referencing field values in the DB (Comparisons/Updates).
<b>Aggregate</b>	Dictionary	Calculating statistics across the <i>whole</i> table.
<b>Annotate</b>	QuerySet	Calculating a new field for <i>each</i> row.