

Assigning row numbers

WINDOW FUNCTIONS IN SNOWFLAKE



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Window functions

Used to perform a calculation across a "window" of rows and return a value for each row

Ranking

- `RANK` , `DENSE_RANK`
- `FIRST_VALUE` , `LAST_VALUE` , `NTH_VALUE`
- `LAG` , `LEAD`

Aggregation

- `COUNT` , `SUM` , `AVG`

Window functions

Window functions help us answer new types of questions!

- What is the **third most popular concert** at each venue?
- How did sales for an item vary **day-to-day**?
- Is my **rolling average** of viewership trending up or down?

Traditional functions

Traditional aggregation function must have a `GROUP BY` clause.

Original Table



Result Set

Window functions

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Result Set

Do not require a `GROUP BY` !

Assigning row numbers

```
SELECT
  <other-fields>,

  ROW_NUMBER() OVER(
    ORDER BY <field>
  ) AS <alias>

FROM SCHEMA.table

...;
```

The `ROW_NUMBER()` function assigns a row number to each record in a result set

- `OVER()` defines the window
- Alias the resulting column
- No `GROUP BY` !

Concert attendance

```
SELECT
  customer_id,
  event_name,

  -- Assign a row number to each
  -- record in the result set

  ROW_NUMBER() OVER(
    ORDER BY time_spent_minutes
  ) AS row_num

FROM concerts.attendance;
```

customer_id	event_name	row_num
-----	-----	-----
1931292	Music Fest	1
5462384	Elton John	2
7732891	Coachella	3
3124888	Porch Fest	4

Remember the syntax:

```
ROW_NUMBER() OVER( ORDER BY ... ) !
```

Let's practice!

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Ranking window functions

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RANK()

SELECT

```
user_id,  
event_name,  
distance_traveled,
```

```
-- Find the closest attendees
```

```
RANK() OVER(  
    ORDER BY km_traveled  
) AS closest_concert_goer
```

FROM CONCERTS.attendance;

RANK() is used to assign a "ranking" to records based on some field

- Similar to **ROW_NUMBER()**
- Handles ties
- Include an **ORDER BY**

RANK()

user_id	event_name	km_traveled	closest_attendees
-----	-----	-----	-----
user_81	Lunar Drift	0.5	1
user_02	Lunar Drift	1.1	2
user_33	Crimson Arc	8.6	3
user_33	Neon Prophet	8.6	3
user_15	VibeStorm	17	5
user_94	The Dusk Owls	41	6
user_47	Lunar Drift	61	7
user_56	Crimson Arc	116	8

RANK() with DESC

```
SELECT
    user_id,
    event_name,
    km_traveled,

    RANK() OVER(
        ORDER BY km_traveled DESC -- Add DESC to ORDER BY
    ) AS furthest_concert_goer

FROM CONCERTS.attendance;
```

RANK() with DESC

user_id	event_name	km_traveled	closest_attendees	->	furthest_attendees
-----	-----	-----	-----	->	-----
user_81	Lunar Drift	0.5	1	->	8
user_02	Lunar Drift	1.1	2	->	7
user_33	Crimson Arc	8.6	3	->	6
user_33	Neon Prophet	8.6	3	->	6
user_15	VibeStorm	17	5	->	4
user_94	The Dusk Owls	41	6	->	3
user_47	Lunar Drift	61	7	->	2
user_56	Crimson Arc	116	8	->	1

FIRST_VALUE and LAST_VALUE

`FIRST_VALUE` and `LAST_VALUE` find the first-ranked and last-ranked value for a window, respectively

- Comparing records in a column to that column's first/last value
- Takes the name of the field
- `ORDER BY` a field, these don't have to match

```
SELECT
    <other-fields>,

    -- FIRST_VALUE and LAST_VALUE
    -- both take a field

    [FIRST/LAST]._VALUE(<field>) OVER(
        ORDER BY <field>
    ) AS <alias>

FROM SCHEMA.table

...;
```

The Good and the Bad

```
SELECT
  user_id, event_name, satisfaction_score,

  FIRST_VALUE(satisfaction_score) OVER(
    ORDER BY satisfaction_score DESC
  ) AS most_satisfied,

  LAST_VALUE(satisfaction_score) OVER(
    ORDER BY satisfaction_score DESC
  ) AS least_satisfied

FROM CONCERTS.attendance;
```

The Good and the Bad

user_id	event_name	satisfaction_score	most_satisfied	least_satisfied
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
user_26	Pulse Theory	71	98	4
user_71	Echo Valley	9	98	4
user_26	Echo Valley	82	98	4
user_57	Nova Sway	4	98	4
user_39	Nova Sway	22	98	4
user_38	Bass Ritual	76	98	4
user_92	Pulse Theory	98	98	4
user_44	Nova Sway	62	98	4

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Partitioning data in a window function

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Ranking data

Here, we're ranking all records in the result set!

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Ranking data with partitions

Now, we want to rank data for each specified window.

user_id	event_name	km_traveled	closest_attendees
-----	-----	-----	-----
user_81	Lunar Drift	0.5	1
user_02	Lunar Drift	1.1	2
user_47	Lunar Drift	61	3
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user_15	VibeStorm	17	1
user_94	The Dusk Owls	41	1

PARTITION BY

```
SELECT
```

```
  user_id,  
  event_name,  
  distance_traveled,
```

```
  RANK() OVER(  
    -- Create window by event_name  
    PARTITION BY event_name  
    ORDER BY km_traveled  
  ) AS closest_concert_goer
```

```
FROM CONCERTS.attendance;
```

`PARTITION BY` helps us create windows of records to apply functions to

- `PARTITION BY` goes before `ORDER BY` in `OVER(...)`
- Similar to `GROUP BY`, but does not "collapse" records

Ranking data with partitions

```
SELECT
  level,
  price,

  RANK() OVER(
    PARTITION BY level
    ORDER BY price DESC
  ) AS price_rank

FROM CONCERTS.attendance;
```

- `PARTITION BY` creates windows

level	price	price_rank
-----	-----	-----
100	765	1
100	617	2
100	490	3
100	490	3
...		
200	212	1
200	207	2
...		

Generating summary metrics with FIRST_VALUE

```
FIRST_VALUE(<1>) OVER(  
    PARTITION BY <2>  
    ORDER BY <3>  
) AS <alias>
```

`FIRST_VALUE` will help to find the first value in a window

`<1>` : which column in record to return

`<2>` : field to partition data by

`<3>` : field to determine first record

Generating summary metrics with AVG

```
AVG(<1>) OVER(  
  PARTITION BY <2>  
  -- No need to ORDER BY!  
) AS <alias>
```

AVG will find the mean value of a field for each window

<1> : column to take the average of

<2> : field to partition data by

... no need for ORDER BY !

Customer satisfaction

```
SELECT
  user_id, event_name, satisfaction_score,

  FIRST_VALUE(satisfaction_score) OVER(
    PARTITION BY event_name    -- Satisfaction score for the closest concert-goer
    ORDER BY km_traveled
  ) AS first_score,

  -- Find the average satisfaction score for a "window" of records
  AVG(satisfaction_score) OVER(
    PARTITION BY event_name
  ) AS average_score

FROM CONCERTS.attendance;
```

Customer satisfaction

user_id	event_name	satisfaction_score	first_score	average_score
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
user_26	Pulse Theory	71	98	84.5
user_92	Pulse Theory	98	98	84.5
...				
user_57	Nova Sway	4	22	29.3
user_39	Nova Sway	22	22	29.3
user_44	Nova Sway	62	22	29.3
...				

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