

More Ranking Functions

WINDOW FUNCTIONS IN SNOWFLAKE



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RANK vs. DENSE_RANK

```
SELECT
  workout_duration,

  RANK() OVER(
    ORDER BY workout_duration DESC
  ) AS r,

  -- Without gaps!
  DENSE_RANK() OVER(
    ORDER BY workout_duration DESC
  ) AS dr

FROM FITNESS.workouts;
```

| workout_duration | r | dr |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 78 | 1 | 1 |
| 71 | 2 | 2 |
| 71 | 2 | 2 |
| *** 68 | 4 | 3 *** |
| 67 | 5 | 4 |
| 67 | 5 | 4 |
| 67 | 5 | 4 |
| 63 | 8 | 5 |
| 61 | 9 | 6 |

NTH_VALUE

SELECT

<field>,
<another-field>,

NTH_VALUE(<1>, <n>) **OVER**(

PARTITION BY <2>

ORDER BY <3>

) **AS** <alias>

FROM <SCHEMA>.<table>;

NTH_VALUE returns the specified value from the "N'th" record in a window, similar to **FIRST/LAST_VALUE**

<1> : Value to retrieve from row

<n> : Row number to retrieve

<2> : *Optional* field to partition by

<3> : **ORDER BY** determines the ranking of records

NTH_VALUE

```
SELECT
```

```
  gym_location,  
  workout_duration,
```

```
-- Return the second-longest workout duration for each gym location
```

```
NTH_VALUE(workout_duration, 2) OVER(  
  
  PARTITION BY gym_location  
  ORDER BY workout_duration DESC  
  
) AS second_longest_workout
```

```
FROM FITNESS.workouts;
```

NTH_VALUE

| gym_location | workout_duration | second_longest_workout |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 71 | 68 |
| New York | 68 | 68 |
| New York | 67 | 68 |
| | | |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 67 |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 67 |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 67 |
| Los Angeles | 63 | 67 |
| | | |
| Miami | 71 | 61 |
| Miami | 61 | 61 |

Putting it all together

```
SELECT
    gym_location, workout_duration,

    NTH_VALUE(workout_duration, 2) OVER(
        PARTITION BY gym_location
        ORDER BY workout_duration DESC
    ) AS second_longest_workout,

    RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY gym_location ORDER BY workout_duration DESC) AS r,

    DENSE_RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY gym_location ORDER BY workout_duration DESC) AS dr,

FROM FITNESS.workouts;
```

Putting it all together

| gym_location | workout_duration | second_longest_workout | r | dr |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|-----|-------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | --- | ----- |
| New York | 71 | 68 | 1 | 1 |
| New York | 68 | 68 | 2 | 2 |
| New York | 67 | 68 | 3 | 3 |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 67 | 1 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 67 | 2 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 67 | 2 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 63 | 67 | 4 | 3 |
| Miami | 71 | 61 | 1 | 1 |
| Miami | 61 | 61 | 2 | 2 |

Let's practice!

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NTILE and CUME_DIST

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Creating buckets of rows

How can we classify gym members based on their workouts to market the right classes?

| member_id | gym_location | calories_burned | marketing_group |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | Miami | 45 | 1 |
| m_74 | Miami | 59 | 1 |
| m_233 | Portland | 60 | 1 |
| m_14 | Cleveland | 72 | 2 |
| m_346 | Portland | 77 | 2 |
| m_289 | Cleveland | 81 | 2 |
| m_565 | Miami | 1085 | 50 |
| ... | | | |

NTILE

```
SELECT
  <fields>,
  <2>,
  <1>,

  NTILE(<n>) OVER(
    PARTITION BY <2>
    ORDER BY <1>
  )

...;
```

NTILE is used to create "N" number of equally-sized "buckets"

<n> : number of buckets

<1> : field used to create buckets

<2> : field used to evenly-distribute records using **PARTITION BY**

Bucketing fitness data

```
SELECT
```

```
  member_id,  
  gym_location,  
  calories_burned,
```

```
  -- Create 50 equally-sized buckets of data
```

```
  NTILE(50) OVER(  
    ORDER BY calories_burned
```

```
    -- Decides the records in each bucket
```

```
  ) AS marketing_group
```

```
FROM FITNESS.workouts
```

```
ORDER BY marketing_group, calories_burned; -- ORDER the final result set
```

Bucketing fitness data

| member_id | gym_location | calories_burned | marketing_group |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | Miami | 45 | 1 |
| m_74 | Miami | 59 | 1 |
| m_233 | Portland | 60 | 1 |
| m_14 | Cleveland | 72 | 2 |
| m_346 | Portland | 77 | 2 |
| m_289 | Cleveland | 81 | 2 |
| m_565 | Miami | 1085 | 50 |
| ... | | | |

Evenly-distributed buckets of fitness data

```
SELECT
  member_id,
  gym_location,
  calories_burned,

  NTILE(50) OVER(
    -- Evenly distribute records in bucket by each gym_location
    PARTITION BY gym_location
    ORDER BY calories_burned
  ) AS marketing_group

FROM FITNESS.workouts
ORDER BY marketing_group, calories_burned;
```

Evenly-distributed buckets of fitness data

| member_id | gym_location | calories_burned | marketing_group |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | Miami | 45 | 1 |
| m_233 | Portland | 60 | 1 |
| m_14 | Cleveland | 72 | 1 |
| m_74 | Miami | 59 | 2 |
| m_346 | Portland | 77 | 2 |
| m_289 | Cleveland | 81 | 2 |
| ... | | | |

Understanding a distribution

- What is the distribution of the calories burned for each member's workout?
- Where does a specific workout fall in this distribution?
- What proportion of members burned the same or fewer calories than a specific member?

| member_id | calories_burned | cd |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | 45 | .016 |
| m_74 | 59 | .033 |
| m_233 | 60 | .049 |
| m_14 | 72 | .066 |
| m_346 | 77 | .082 |
| m_289 | 81 | .098 |
| | ... | |
| m_565 | 1085 | 1.000 |

CUME_DIST

```
SELECT
```

```
  member_id,  
  gym_location,  
  calories_burned,
```

```
  CUME_DIST() OVER(  
    PARTITION BY gym_location,  -- Create a distribution for each location  
    ORDER BY calories_burned  
  ) AS cd
```

```
FROM FITNESS.workouts
```

```
ORDER BY gym_location, cd;  -- ORDER the final result set
```

CUME_DIST

```
SELECT
  <fields>,
  <1>,
  <2>,

  CUME_DIST() OVER(
    PARTITION BY <1>
    ORDER BY <2>
  )

...;
```

Compares each record to the distribution for that column/field, **cumulative distribution**

<1> : field that determines the window to evaluate

<2> : field to create distribution for

- Which proportion of records are less than or equal to this one?

CUME_DIST

| member_id | | gym_location | | calories_burned | | cd |
|-----------|--|--------------|--|-----------------|--|-------|
| ----- | | ----- | | ----- | | ----- |
| m_192 | | Miami | | 45 | | .033 |
| m_74 | | Miami | | 59 | | .066 |
| m_288 | | Miami | | 83 | | .098 |
| m_541 | | Miami | | 85 | | .131 |
| ... | | | | | | |
| m_233 | | Portland | | 60 | | .071 |
| m_346 | | Portland | | 77 | | .142 |
| ... | | | | | | |

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LAG and LEAD

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LAG

LAG allows for comparison of a value to a value in a **previous record**

```
SELECT
  <fields>,

  LAG(<1>, <2>, <3>) OVER(
    PARTITION BY <4>
    ORDER BY <5>
  )

...;
```

<1> : field in previous record to retrieve

<2> : number of records to "look back"

<3> : default value if record is not there, 0

<4> : field to partition by

<5> : field to determine order of records

LAG

| m_id | wd | cb | past_cb |
|-------|------------|-------|---------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | 2024-01-01 | 105 | null |
| m_192 | 2024-01-03 | 156 | 105 |

LAG

```
SELECT
  member_id AS m_id,
  workout_date AS wd,
  calories_burned AS cb,

  -- Retrieve the calories burned
  -- from the last workout
  LAG(calories_burned, 1) OVER(
    PARTITION BY member_id
    ORDER BY workout_date
  ) AS past_cb,

FROM fitness.workouts;
```

| m_id | wd | cb | past_cb |
|-------|------------|-------|---------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | 2024-01-01 | 105 | null |
| m_192 | 2024-01-03 | 156 | 105 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-04 | 69 | 156 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-10 | 102 | 69 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-10 | 374 | null |
| m_74 | 2024-02-13 | 396 | 374 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-14 | 504 | 396 |
| m_233 | 2024-03-05 | 51 | null |
| m_233 | 2024-03-12 | 81 | 51 |

LAG

```
SELECT
  ...
  LAG(calories_burned, 1) OVER(
    PARTITION BY member_id
    ORDER BY workout_date
  ) AS past_cb,

  -- Find the difference in the number of calories burned
  `` {sql}
  calories_burned - LAG(calories_burned, 1, calories_burned) OVER(
    PARTITION BY member_id
    ORDER BY workout_date
  ) AS more_cb,

FROM fitness.workouts;
```

LAG

| m_id | wd | cb | past_cb | more_cb |
|-------|------------|-------|---------|---------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | 2024-01-01 | 105 | null | 0 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-03 | 156 | 105 | 51 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-04 | 69 | 156 | -87 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-10 | 102 | 69 | 33 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-10 | 374 | null | 0 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-13 | 396 | 374 | 22 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-14 | 504 | 396 | 108 |
| m_233 | 2024-03-05 | 51 | null | 0 |
| m_233 | 2024-03-12 | 81 | 51 | 30 |

LEAD

LEAD allows for comparison of a value to a value in a "future" record

<1> : field in previous record to retrieve

<2> : number of records to "look ahead"

<3> : default value if record is not there

<4> : field to partition by

<5> : field to determine order of records

```
SELECT
```

```
    <fields> ,
```

```
    LEAD(<1> , <2> , <3>) OVER(
```

```
        PARTITION BY <4>
```

```
        ORDER BY <5>
```

```
    )
```

```
...;
```

- Commonly used for predictive tasks

LEAD

```
SELECT
```

```
  member_id,  
  workout_date  
  calories_burned,
```

```
-- After this workout, find the next workout date
```

```
LEAD(workout_date, 1) OVER(  
  PARTITION BY member_id  
  ORDER BY workout_date  
) AS next_workout_date
```

```
FROM fitness.workouts;
```

LEAD

| m_id | workout_date | calories_bured | next_workout_date |
|-------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| m_192 | 2024-01-01 | 105 | 2024-01-03 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-03 | 156 | 2024-01-04 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-04 | 69 | 2024-01-10 |
| m_192 | 2024-01-10 | 102 | null |
| m_74 | 2024-02-10 | 374 | 2024-02-13 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-13 | 396 | 2024-02-14 |
| m_74 | 2024-02-14 | 504 | null |
| m_233 | 2024-03-05 | 51 | 2024-03-12 |
| m_233 | 2024-03-12 | 81 | null |

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