MONGODB

AGGREGATIONS

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- Consist of various stages that process the input documents
- Ordering of stages is important
- MongoDB can automatically re-order stages for efficiency
- Some stages can only be used in specific positions in the pipeline

MATCH

- Performs a filter on the documents
- Equivalent to the search syntax in find operations
- Should be placed as early in the pipeline as possible
- Can make use of indexes when placed at the start of the pipeline

PROJECT

- Add or remove fields from a document
- Move the position of fields
- Cannot combine removal and addition (except for _id)
- Must specify all fields

ADDFIELDS

- Adds new fields to document
- Preserves all existing fields
- Better than project when most of the existing document will be preserved
- Can overwrite existing fields
- Use concatArrays to modify array

SET

Synonym for addFields to make it consistent with query operations

UNSET

- Remove fields
- Equivalent to project
- Use dot notation to remove embedded fields

UNWIND

- Outputs a document for each element in an array
- Unwound objects remain in their enclosing object
 - This can be tidied using \$set

REPLACEWITH

- Replaces the document with the supplied document
- Even the _id field will be replaced
- Can be used to promote a sub-document to the root
- Often used in combination with \$mergeObjects

REPLACEROOT

- Synonymous with replaceWith
- More verbose syntax
- Prefer replaceWith

GROUP

- Equivalent to GROUP BY in SQL
- Allows accumulator expressions (\$sum, \$avg, \$count etc)
- _id defines the field to group on
- Specify _id null to allow accumulators to run on the entire collection
- allowDiskUse allow the aggregation to use temporary files
 - Ensure the pipeline is optimised before allowing disk use

LOOKUP

- Equivalent to a left outer join in SQL
- Can retrieve from collections within the same database
- Can run a pipeline against the foreign collection to limit the results

BUCKET

- Similar to group but allows grouping by range
- Non-matching documents can be collected into a default group

OUT

- Writes the input documents to the specified collection
- Must be the last stage in the pipeline
- Replaces any existing collection completely

MERGE

- Writes the input documents to the specified collection
- Must be the last stage in the pipeline
- on field determines how to match on existing documents
- Requires a unique index on the match fields

DEMONSTRATION

PRACTICAL

OBSERVATIONS