**1. INNER JOIN**

Returns records that have matching values in both tables.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

INNER JOIN orders b ON a.id = b.customer\_id;

**2. LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN)**

Returns all records from the left table and the matched records from the right table. If there is no match, NULLs are returned for columns from the right table.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

LEFT JOIN orders b ON a.id = b.customer\_id;

**3. RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN)**

Returns all records from the right table and the matched records from the left table. If there is no match, NULLs are returned for columns from the left table.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

RIGHT JOIN orders b ON a.id = b.customer\_id;

**4. FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN)**

Returns all records when there is a match in either left or right table records. MySQL doesn't support FULL JOIN directly, but you can simulate it using UNION.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

LEFT JOIN orders b ON a.id = b.customer\_id

UNION

SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

RIGHT JOIN orders b ON a.id = b.customer\_id;

**5. CROSS JOIN**

Returns the Cartesian product of the two tables, meaning every row from the first table is combined with every row from the second table.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.order\_id

FROM customers a

CROSS JOIN orders b;

**6. SELF JOIN**

A self join is a regular join, but the table is joined with itself.

**Example:**

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SELECT a.id, a.name, b.referral\_id

FROM customers a

INNER JOIN customers b ON a.id = b.referral\_id;

**Usage Considerations**

* **INNER JOIN** is used when you want to find matches in both tables.
* **LEFT JOIN** is useful when you want all records from one table, regardless of whether there's a match in the other.
* **RIGHT JOIN** is less common, but it's useful for emphasizing the right table.
* **FULL JOIN** can be simulated with a UNION of LEFT and RIGHT JOINS.
* **CROSS JOIN** is rarely used due to the potential size of the result set.
* **SELF JOIN** can be helpful for hierarchical data or relationships within the same table.

Feel free to ask if you need more specific examples or explanations!

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Sure! Here’s a sample task you can use to practice SQL JOINs in MySQL:

**Task: Analyzing Customer Orders**

**Scenario**

You have two tables: customers and orders. Your goal is to write queries that extract meaningful insights from these tables.

**Table Structures**

**customers Table:**

| **id** | **name** | **email** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Alice | alice@example.com |
| 2 | Bob | bob@example.com |
| 3 | Charlie | charlie@example.com |

**orders Table:**

| **order\_id** | **customer\_id** | **product** | **amount** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 101 | 1 | Laptop | 1200 |
| 102 | 2 | Smartphone | 800 |
| 103 | 1 | Tablet | 300 |
| 104 | 3 | Headphones | 150 |
| 105 | 2 | Charger | 50 |

**Tasks**

1. **INNER JOIN**: Write a query to list all customers who have placed orders along with the order details (customer name, email, order ID, product, and amount).
2. **LEFT JOIN**: Write a query to list all customers along with their orders. If a customer has not placed any orders, show NULL for order details.
3. **RIGHT JOIN**: Write a query to list all orders along with the customer details. If an order does not have an associated customer, show NULL for customer details.
4. **CROSS JOIN**: Write a query to create a list that shows all combinations of customers and products.
5. **SELF JOIN**: Suppose you add a referral feature to your customers table where one customer can refer another. Add a referral\_id column to the customers table and write a query to find all customers along with the names of their referrers.

**Bonus Challenge**

1. **Aggregation with JOIN**: Write a query to find the total amount spent by each customer.

**Example Queries**

Here’s a sample of how you might structure the first query:

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SELECT c.name, c.email, o.order\_id, o.product, o.amount

FROM customers c

INNER JOIN orders o ON c.id = o.customer\_id;

Feel free to modify the task or add more complexity based on your needs! Let me know if you need help with any specific query or concept.

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