

Odd and Even Measurements [Google SQL Interview Question]

This is the same question as problem #28 in the SQL Chapter of [Ace the Data Science Interview!](#)

Assume you're given a table with measurement values obtained from a Google sensor over multiple days with measurements taken multiple times within each day.

Write a query to calculate the sum of odd-numbered and even-numbered measurements separately for a particular day and display the results in two different columns. Refer to the Example Output below for the desired format.

Definition:

- Within a day, measurements taken at 1st, 3rd, and 5th times are considered odd-numbered measurements, and measurements taken at 2nd, 4th, and 6th times are considered even-numbered measurements.

Effective April 15th, 2023, the question and solution for this question have been revised.

`measurements` Table:

| Column Name | Type |
|-------------------|----------|
| measurement_id | integer |
| measurement_value | decimal |
| measurement_time | datetime |

`measurements` Example Input:

| measurement_id | measurement_value | measurement_time |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 131233 | 1109.51 | 07/10/2022 09:00:00 |
| 135211 | 1662.74 | 07/10/2022 11:00:00 |

| measurement_id | measurement_value | measurement_time |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 523542 | 1246.24 | 07/10/2022 13:15:00 |
| 143562 | 1124.50 | 07/11/2022 15:00:00 |
| 346462 | 1234.14 | 07/11/2022 16:45:00 |

Example Output:

| measurement_day | odd_sum | even_sum |
|---------------------|---------|----------|
| 07/10/2022 00:00:00 | 2355.75 | 1662.74 |
| 07/11/2022 00:00:00 | 1124.50 | 1234.14 |

Explanation

Based on the results,

- On 07/10/2022, the sum of the odd-numbered measurements is 2355.75, while the sum of the even-numbered measurements is 1662.74.
- On 07/11/2022, there are only two measurements available. The sum of the odd-numbered measurements is 1124.50, and the sum of the even-numbered measurements is 1234.14.

The dataset you are querying against may have different input & output - **this is just an example!**