

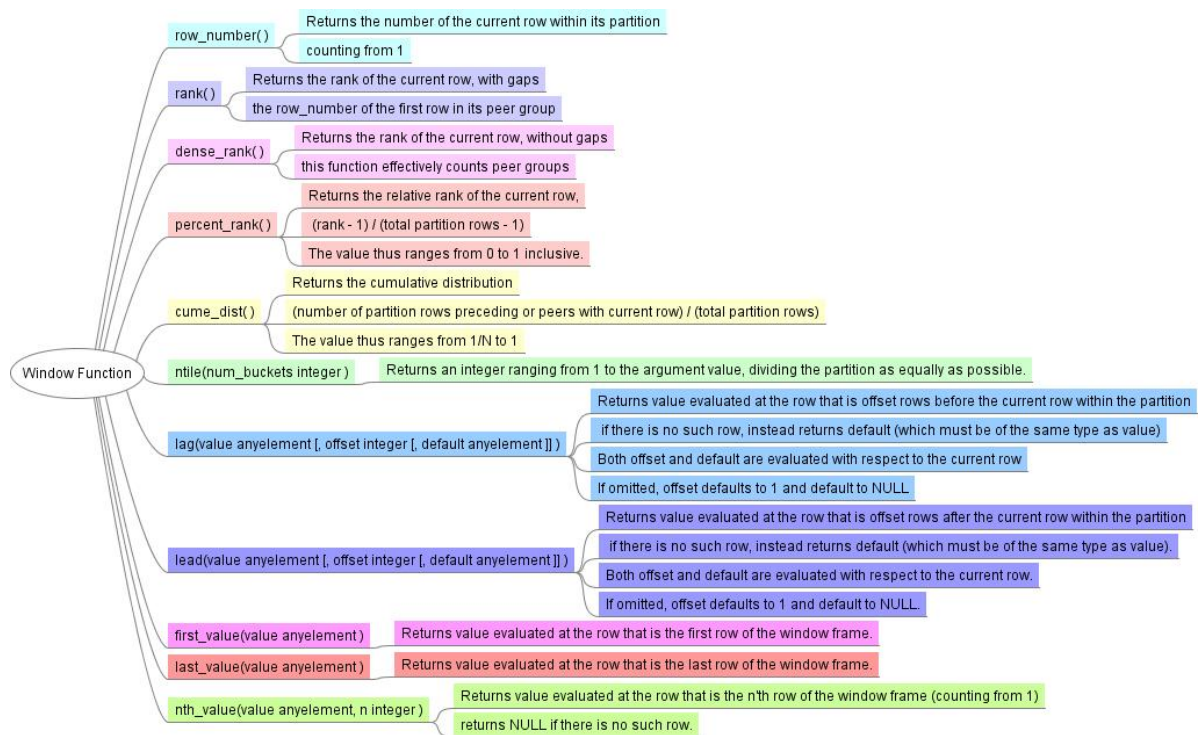
Window Function

A *window function* performs a calculation across a set of table rows that are somehow related to the current row. This is comparable to the type of calculation that can be done with an aggregate function.

However, **window functions do not cause rows to become grouped into a single output row like non-window aggregate calls would**. Instead, the rows retain their separate identities. Behind the scenes, the window function is able to access more than just the current row of the query result.

```
[ existing_window_name ]  
[ PARTITION BY expression [, ...] ]  
[ ORDER BY expression [ ASC | DESC | USING operator ] [ NULLS { FIRST | LAST } ]  
[, ...] ]  
[ frame_clause ]
```

List of General-Purpose Window Functions



<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/13/functions-window.html>

OVER()

A window function call always contains an **OVER** clause directly following the window function's name and argument(s). This is what syntactically distinguishes it from a normal function or non-window aggregate. The **OVER** clause determines exactly how the rows of the query are split up for processing by the window function.

Experiment 1:

Over, and window func vs aggregate func

```
SELECT movieid, title, runtime, year_released,
       sum(runtime) OVER () sum_all,
       max(runtime) OVER () max,
       avg(runtime) OVER() avg
FROM movies
WHERE country='cn';

SELECT sum(runtime) ,
       max(runtime) ,
       avg(runtime)
FROM movies
WHERE country='cn';
--you can also test:SELECT runtime,sum(runtime) from...syntax error
```

Aggregation with over

The `PARTITION BY` clause within `OVER` divides the rows into groups, or partitions, that share the same values of the `PARTITION BY` expression(s). For each row, the window function is computed across the rows that fall into the same partition as the current row. You can also control the order in which rows are processed by window functions using `ORDER BY` within `OVER`. (The window `ORDER BY` does not even have to match the order in which the rows are output.)

Experiment 2:

OVER (PARTITION BY ... ORDER BY...)

```
SELECT country, title, runtime, year_released,
       avg(runtime) OVER (order by year_released)
FROM movies
WHERE year_released>2015;

SELECT country, title, runtime, year_released,
       avg(runtime) OVER (partition by country) win_func
FROM movies
WHERE year_released>2015;

SELECT country, title, runtime, year_released,
       avg(runtime) OVER (partition by country order by year_released) win_func
FROM movies
WHERE year_released>2015;
```

Experiment 3:

ORDER BY... invalidated

```
SELECT country, title, runtime, year_released,  
       avg(runtime) OVER (partition by country order by title) sum_by_country  
FROM movies  
WHERE year_released>2015;
```

Tips: The window `ORDER BY` does not even have to match the order in which the rows are output.

RANK()/DENSE_RANK()/ROW_NUMBER()

`rank` needs no explicit parameter, because its behavior is entirely determined by the `OVER` clause.

	title	year...	rnk	drnk	rn
1	Nànfū Nànfū	1913	1	1	1
2	Laogong Zhi Aiqing	1922	2	2	2
3	Liàn'ài Yǔ Yìwù	1931	3	3	3
4	Sāngè Móděng Nǚxìng	1932	4	4	4
5	Xiáo Wǎnyì	1933	5	5	5
6	Yú Guāng Qǔ	1934	6	6	6
7	Táolǐ Jié	1934	6	6	7
8	Dà Lù	1934	6	6	8
9	Zī Mèi Hūa	1934	6	6	9
10	Shénnǚ	1934	6	6	10
11	Xīn Nǚxìng	1935	11	7	11
12	Fēngyǔn Érnǚ	1935	11	7	12
13	Láng Shān Dié Xuě Jì	1936	13	8	13
14	Mǎlù Tiānshī	1937	14	9	14
15	Yè Bàn Gē Shēng	1937	14	9	15

Experiment 4:

```
--Returns the rank of the current row, with gaps  
select title, year_released,  
       rank() over (order by year_released) rnk  
from movies  
where country = 'cn';  
  
--Returns the rank of the current row, without gaps  
select title, year_released,  
       dense_rank() over (order by year_released) rnk  
from movies  
where country = 'cn';  
  
select title, year_released,  
       row_number() over (order by year_released) rnk  
from movies
```

```

where country = 'cn';

select title, year_released,
       rank() over (order by year_released desc) rnk
from movies
where country = 'cn';

```

LAG()

lag(value anyelement [offset integer [default anyelement]])

Returns `value` evaluated at the row that is `offset` rows before the current row within the partition; if there is no such row, instead returns `default` (which must be of the same type as `value`). Both `offset` and `default` are evaluated with respect to the current row. If omitted, `offset` defaults to 1 and `default` to NULL.

Experiment 5:

```

SELECT title, runtime, year_released,
       lag(year_released, 1) OVER (order by year_released)
FROM movies
WHERE country = 'cn';

SELECT title, runtime, year_released,
       lag(year_released, 1, 0) OVER (order by year_released)
FROM movies
WHERE country = 'cn';

SELECT title, runtime, year_released,
       lag(year_released, 3) OVER (order by year_released)
FROM movies
WHERE country = 'cn';

SELECT title, runtime, year_released,
       lag(year_released, 3, 0) OVER (order by year_released)
FROM movies
WHERE country = 'cn';

```

Multi-Window Functions

Experiment 6:

```

SELECT movieid, title, country, runtime, year_released,
       sum(runtime) OVER w sum_all,
       max(runtime) OVER w max,
       avg(runtime) OVER w avg
FROM movies
WHERE year_released > 2010
WINDOW w AS (partition by country order by year_released);

```

Tips:

Window functions are **permitted only** in the `SELECT` list and the `ORDER BY` clause of the query. They are **forbidden** elsewhere, such as in `GROUP BY`, `HAVING` and `WHERE` clauses. This is because they logically execute after the processing of those clauses. Also, window functions execute after non-window aggregate functions. This means it is valid to include an aggregate function call in the arguments of a window function, but not vice versa.

Summary

- window function will not aggregate multi-record to output a single one, which has big difference with aggregate function
- window function always has `over`
- there could be several window function in one select query
- window function deal with the data in virtual table filtered by where, group by, having clauses if any
- if there is no order by or partition by, window function deals with all records