

ICS 3101:Advanced Database Systems Advanced SQL





Learning Outcomes

Views, Stored Procedures, Functions, and Triggers



References

- 1) Database Systems Concepts 6th Edition-Silberchartz, Korth and Surdarshan
- 2) https://www.mysqltutorial.org/advanced-mysql/



Views

- In some cases, it is not desirable for all users to see the entire logical model (that is, all the actual relations stored in the database.)
- Consider a person who needs to know an instructors name and department, but not the salary. This person should see a relation described, in SQL, by

select ID, name, dept_name
from instructor

- A view provides a mechanism to hide certain data from the view of certain users.
- Any relation that is not of the conceptual model but is made visible to a user as a "virtual relation" is called a **view**.



Views in SQL

• A view is a "virtual" table that is derived from other tables

- Allows for limited update operations
 - Since the table may not physically be stored

Allows full query operations





• A view is defined using the **create view** statement which has the form

create view *v* **as** < query expression >

where <query expression> is any legal SQL expression. The view name is represented by *v*.

- Once a view is defined, the view name can be used to refer to the virtual relation that the view generates.
- View definition is not the same as creating a new relation by evaluating the query expression
 - Rather, a view definition causes the saving of an expression; the expression is substituted into queries using the view.



SQL Views: An Example

Create a view for Department Managers:

CREATE VIEW MANAGER AS
SELECT FNAME, LNAME, DName, Dnumber, SALARY
FROM EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT
WHERE SSN=MGRSSN AND DNO=DNUMBER;

• Find employees who earn more than their managers

SELECT E.FNAME, E.LNAME FROM EMPLOYEE E, MANAGER M WHERE E.DNO=M.DNUMBER AND E.SALARY > M.SALARY;

• When no longer needed, a view can be dropped:

DROP VIEW MANAGER;



Example Views

- A view of instructors without their salary
 - create view faculty as
 select ID, name, dept_name
 from instructor
- Find all instructors in the Biology department select name from faculty where dept_name = 'Biology'
- Create a view of department salary totals
 create view departments_total_salary(dept_name, total_salary) as
 select dept_name, sum (salary)
 from instructor
 group by dept_name;



Views Defined Using Other Views

- reate view physics_fall_2009 as
 select course.course_id, sec_id, building, room_number
 from course, section
 where course.course_id = section.course_id
 and course.dept_name = 'Physics'
 and section.semester = 'Fall'
 and section.year = '2009';
- create view physics_fall_2009_watson as select course_id, room_number from physics_fall_2009 where building= 'Watson';



View Implementation

- There are two ways to implement a view:
- Approach 1: Query modification
 - Modify the view query into a query on the underlying base tables
 - Example:

SELECT * FROM Manager WHERE Salary > 100000

becomes

SELECT Fname, Lname, Dname, Dnumber, Salary FROM EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT WHERE SSN=MgrSSN AND Salary > 100000

- Disadvantage:
 - Inefficient for views defined via complex queries



View Implementation

- Approach 2: View materialization
 - Involves physically creating and keeping a temporary table
 - Concerns:
 - Maintaining correspondence between the base table and the view when the base table is updated
 - ORACLE

CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW or CREATE SNAPSHOT



Update Views

• Update on a view can be implemented by mapping it to an update on the underlying base table

```
UPDATE MANAGER
SET Salary = 1.1*Salary
WHERE Dname = 'Research';
```

- Becomes:

```
UPDATE EMPLOYEE
SET Salary = 1.1*Salary
WHERE SSN in (SELECT MgrSSN
FROM DEPARTMENT
WHERE DName = 'Research');
```

- Updating views involving joins are not always possible
 - Views defined using groups and aggregate functions are not updateable
- For mySQL, the keyword "WITH CHECK OPTION" must be added to the view definition if the view is to be updated



Managing Views

- Create views with a WITH CHECK OPTION ensure the consistency of views using the WITH CHECK OPTION clause.
- LOCAL & CASCADED and WITH CHECK OPTION specify the scope of the check with LOCAL and CASCADED options.



Uses for SQL Views

- Security: hide columns and rows
- Display results of computations
- Hide complicated SQL syntax
- Provide a level of isolation between actual data and the user's view of data
 - three-tier architecture
- Assign different processing permissions to different views on same table
- Assign different triggers to different views on same table



Stored Procedures

- A stored procedure is a program that is stored within the database and is compiled when used
 - In Oracle, it can be written in PL/SQL or Java
 - In SQL Server, it can be written in TRANSACT-SQL
- Stored procedures can receive input parameters and they can return results
- Stored procedures can be called from:
 - Programs written in standard languages, e.g., Java, C#
 - Scripting languages, e.g., JavaScript, VBScript
 - SQL command prompt, e.g., SQL*Plus, Query Analyzer



Stored Procedures in MySQL

- A stored procedure contains a sequence of SQL commands stored in the database catalog so that it can be invoked later by a program
- Stored procedures are declared using the following syntax:

```
Create Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   <
         (param_spec<sub>1</sub>, param_spec<sub>2</sub>, ..., param_spec<sub>n</sub>)
begin
     -- execution code
end;
where each param_spec is of the form:
          [in | out | inout] <param_name> <param_type>
- in mode: allows you to pass values into the procedure,

    out mode: allows you to pass value back from procedure to the calling program
```



Advantages of using Stored Procedures

Reduce network traffic

Stored procedures help reduce the network traffic between applications and MySQL Server. Because instead of sending multiple lengthy SQL statements, applications have to send only the name and parameters of stored procedures.

Centralize business logic in the database

You can use the stored procedures to implement business logic that is reusable by multiple applications. The stored procedures help reduce the efforts of duplicating the same logic in many applications and make your database more consistent.



Advantages of Stored procedure

Make database more secure

The database administrator can grant appropriate privileges to applications that only access specific stored procedures without giving any privileges on the underlying tables.



Disadvantages of using Stored Procedures

Resource usages

If you use many stored procedures, the memory usage of every connection will increase substantially.

Besides, overusing a large number of logical operations in the stored procedures will increase the CPU usage because the MySQL is not well-designed for logical operations.

Troubleshooting

It's difficult to debug stored procedures. Unfortunately, MySQL does not provide any facilities to debug stored procedures like other enterprise database products such as Oracle and SQL Server.



```
mysql> select * from employee;
                                               mysql> select * from department;
| id | name | superid | salary | bdate | | dno |
                                               | dnumber | dname
 ----+----+----+
           3 | 100000 | 1960-01-01 |
  1 | john |
                                                      1 | Payroll
           3 | 50000 | 1964-12-01 |
  2 | mary |
                                                      2 | TechSupport
  3 | bob | NULL | 80000 | 1974-02-07 |
                                                      3 | Research
           1 | 50000 | 1978-01-17 |
  4 | tom |
  5 | bill |
              NULL | NULL | 1985-01-20 |
```

 Suppose we want to keep track of the total salaries of employees working for each department

```
mysql> create table deptsal as

-> select dnumber, 0 as totalsalary from department;
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from deptsal;
+-----+
| dnumber | totalsalary | We need to write a procedure
+-----+
| 1 | 0 | to update the salaries in
| 2 | 0 | the deptsal table
```



```
mysql> delimiter //
```

Step 1: Change the delimiter (i.e., terminating character) of SQL statement from semicolon (;) to something else (e.g., //)

So that you can distinguish between the semicolon of the SQL statements in the procedure and the terminating character of the procedure definition

Step 2:

- 1.Define a procedure called updateSalary which takes as input a department number.
- 2. The body of the procedure is an SQL command to update the totalsalary column of the deptsal table.
- 3. Terminate the procedure definition using the delimiter you had defined in step 1 (//)



```
mysql> delimiter //
mysql> create procedure updateSalary (IN paraml int)
   -> begin
   -> update deptsal
   -> set totalsalary = (select sum(salary) from employee where dno = paraml)
   -> where dnumber = paraml;
   -> end; //
Query OK, O rows affected (0.01 sec)
mysql> delimiter;
```

Step 3: Change the delimiter back to semicolon (;)



```
mysql> call updateSalary(1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> call updateSalary(2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> call updateSalary(3);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

Step 4: Call the procedure to update the totalsalary for each department



```
mysql> select * from deptsal;
+-----+
| dnumber | totalsalary |
+-----+
| 1 | 100000 |
| 2 | 50000 |
| 3 | 130000 |
+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Step 5: Show the updated total salary in the deptsal table



Stored Procedures in MySQL

Use show procedure status to display the list of stored procedures you have created

Use drop procedure to remove a stored procedure

```
mysql> drop procedure updateSalary;
Query OK, O rows affected (0.00 sec)
```



Stored Procedures in MySQL

- You can declare variables in stored procedures
- You can use flow control statements (conditional IF-THEN-ELSE or loops such as WHILE and REPEAT)
- MySQL also supports cursors in stored procedures.
 - A cursor is used to iterate through a set of rows returned by a query so that we can process each individual row.
- To learn more about stored procedures, go to:
 - http://www.mysqltutorial.org/mysql-stored-procedure-tutorial.aspx



Example using Cursors

- The previous procedure updates one row in deptsal table based on input parameter
- Suppose we want to update all the rows in deptsal simultaneously
 - First, let's reset the totalsalary in deptsal to zero

```
mysql> update deptsal set totalsalary = 0;
Query OK, O rows affected (0.00 sec)
Rows matched: 3 Changed: 0 Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from deptsal;
+-----+
| dnumber | totalsalary |
+-----+
| 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 |
+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



Example using Cursors

mysql> delimiter ;

```
mysql> delimiter $$
mysql> drop procedure if exists updateSalary$$ ----- Drop the old procedure
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> create procedure updateSalary()
    -> begin
               declare done int default 0:
    ->
    ->
               declare current dnum int;
               declare dnumcur cursor for select dnumber from deptsal;
    ->
    ->
               declare continue handler for not found set done = 1;
    ->
    ->
               open dnumcur;
                                                     Use cursor to iterate the rows
    ->
    ->
               repeat
                     fetch dnumcur into current dnum;
    ->
                     update deptsal
    ->
    ->
                     set totalsalary = (select sum(salary) from employee
    ->
                                        where dno = current dnum)
    ->
                     where dnumber = current dnum;
    ->
               until done
    ->
               end repeat;
    ->
    ->
               close dnumcur;
    -> end$$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```



Example using Cursors

Call procedure

```
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary |
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
mysql> call updateSalary;
Query OK, O rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary
       1 | 100000
       2 | 50000
       3 | 130000 |
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



Another Example

• Create a procedure to give a raise to all employees

mysql> select	* from emp;	;		
id name	 superid 	-	bdate	dno
' ' l john	3	•	1960-01-01	 1
2 mary] 3 [50000	1964-12-01	3
3 bob	NULL	80000	1974-02-07] 3 [
4 tom	1	50000	1978-01-17	1 2 1
5 bill	NULL	NULL	1985-01-20	1
6 lucy	NULL	90000	1981-01-01	1 1
7 george	NULL	45000	1971-11-11	NULL
7 rows in set	++ (0.00 sec)			++



Another Example

```
mysql> delimiter |
mysql> create procedure giveRaise (in amount double)
    -> begin
    ->
              declare done int default 0:
              declare eid int:
    ->
              declare sal int;
    ->
              declare emprec cursor for select id, salary from employee;
    ->
              declare continue handler for not found set done = 1:
    ->
    ->
    ->
              open emprec;
    ->
              repeat
    ->
                     fetch emprec into eid, sal;
                     update employee
    ->
                     set salary = sal + round(sal * amount)
    ->
                     where id = eid;
    ->
    ->
              until done
    ->
              end repeat;
    -> end |
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```



Another Example

```
mysql> delimiter ;
mysql> call giveRaise(0.1);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> select * from employee;
 id | name | superid | salary | bdate
                                         dno
  1 | john | 3 | 110000 | 1960-01-01 |
  2 | mary | 3 | 55000 | 1964-12-01 | 3 |
                      88000 | 1974-02-07 | 3 |
     bob | NULL |
  4 | tom | 1 |
                      55000 | 1978-01-17 |
  5 | bill | NULL | NULL | 1985-01-20 |
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



Functions

Functions are declared using the following syntax:

You need ADMIN privilege to create functions on mysql-user server



SQL Functions Example

Define a function that, given the name of a department, returns the count of the number of instructors in that department.

```
create function dept_count (dept_name varchar(20))
    returns integer
    begin
    declare d_count integer;
        select count (*) into d_count
        from instructor
        where instructor.dept_name = dept_name
    return d_count;
end
```

■ The function *dept*_count can be used to find the department names and budget of all departments with more that 12 instructors.

```
select dept_name, budget
from department
where dept_count (dept_name) > 12
```

SQL functions (Cont.)



- Compound statement: begin ... end
 - May contain multiple SQL statements between begin and end.
- **returns** -- indicates the variable-type that is returned (e.g., integer)
- **return** -- specifies the values that are to be returned as result of invoking the function
- SQL function are in fact parameterized views that generalize the regular notion of views by allowing parameters.



Table Functions

- SQL:2003 added functions that return a relation as a result
- Example: Return all instructors in a given department

Usage

```
select *
from table (instructor_of ('Music'))
```



Example of Functions

```
mysql> select * from employee;
  id | name | superid | salary | bdate
                                               dno
                                 1960-01-01
       john
                        100000
      mary
                         50000
                                 1964-12-01
                 NULL
       bob
                         80000
                         50000
                 NULL:
                          NULL
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> delimiter :
mysql> create function giveRaise (oldval double, amount double
    -> returns double
    -> deterministic
      begin
             declare newval double:
             set newval = oldval * (1 + amount);
             return newval;
    -> end i
Query OK. 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> delimiter;
```



Example of Functions

```
mysql) select name, salary, giveRaise(salary, 0.1) as newsal
    -> from employee;
 name | salary | newsal
  john
         100000
                  110000
          50000
                   55000
  mary
  bob
          80000
                   88000
          50000
                   55000
  tom
  bill
           NULL
                    HULL
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Triggers



Triggers

- A trigger is a statement that is executed automatically by the system as a side effect
 of a modification to the database.
- To design a trigger mechanism, we must:
 - Specify the conditions under which the trigger is to be executed.
 - Specify the actions to be taken when the trigger executes.
- Triggers introduced to SQL standard in SQL:1999, but supported even earlier using non-standard syntax by most databases.
 - Syntax illustrated here may not work exactly on your database system; check the system manuals



Triggers

- Trigger: stored program that is executed by the DBMS whenever a specified event occurs
- Associated with a table or view
- Three trigger types: BEFORE, INSTEAD OF, and AFTER
- Each type can be declared for INSERT, UPDATE, and/or DELETE
 - Resulting in a total of nine trigger types

SQL Triggers



 To monitor a database and take a corrective action when a condition occurs Examples:

Charge \$10 overdraft fee if the balance of an account after a withdrawal transaction is less than \$500

Limit the salary increase of an employee to no more than 5% raise

```
CREATE TRIGGER trigger-name

trigger-time trigger-event

ON table-name

FOR EACH ROW

trigger-action;
```

- trigger-time ∈ {BEFORE, AFTER}
- trigger-event ∈ {INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE}



Triggering Events and Actions in SQL

- Triggering event can be insert, delete or update
- Triggers on update can be restricted to specific attributes
 - For example, after update of takes on grade
- Values of attributes before and after an update can be referenced
 - referencing old row as : for deletes and updates
 - referencing new row as : for inserts and updates
- Triggers can be activated before an event, which can serve as extra constraints. For example, convert blank grades to null.

```
create trigger setnull_trigger before update of takes referencing new row as nrow for each row when (nrow.grade = ' ') begin atomic set nrow.grade = null; end;
```

Trigger to Maintain credits_earned value



create trigger credits_earned after update of takes on (grade) referencing new row as nrow referencing old row as orow for each row when nrow.grade <> 'F' and nrow.grade is not null and (orow.grade = 'F' or orow.grade is null) begin atomic update student **set** tot cred= tot cred+ (select credits from course where course.course_id= nrow.course_id) **where** *student.id* = *nrow.id*; end;



Statement Level Triggers

- Instead of executing a separate action for each affected row, a single action can be executed for all rows affected by a transaction
 - Use for each statement instead of for each row
 - Use referencing old table or referencing new table to refer to temporary tables (called transition tables) containing the affected rows
 - Can be more efficient when dealing with SQL statements that update a large number of rows



When Not To Use Triggers

- Triggers were used earlier for tasks such as
 - Maintaining summary data (e.g., total salary of each department)
 - Replicating databases by recording changes to special relations (called change or delta relations) and having a separate process that applies the changes over to a replica
- There are better ways of doing these now:
 - Databases today provide built in materialized view facilities to maintain summary data
 - Databases provide built-in support for replication
- Encapsulation facilities can be used instead of triggers in many cases
 - Define methods to update fields
 - Carry out actions as part of the update methods instead of through a trigger



When Not To Use Triggers (Cont.)

- Risk of unintended execution of triggers, for example, when
 - Loading data from a backup copy
 - Replicating updates at a remote site
 - Trigger execution can be disabled before such actions.
- Other risks with triggers:
 - Error leading to failure of critical transactions that set off the trigger
 - Cascading execution



```
nysql> select * from employee;
  id | name | superid | salary | bdate
       john
      mary
       bob
                 NULL
                         80000
                         50000
      tom
       hill !
                 NULL
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
nysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary
                 100000
                 130000
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

 We want to create a trigger to update the total salary of a department when a new employee is hired



 Create a trigger to update the total salary of a department when a new employee is hired:

```
mysql> delimiter ;
mysql> create trigger update_salary
   -> after insert on employee
   -> for each row
   -> begin
   -> if new.dno is not null then
   -> update deptsal
   -> set totalsalary = totalsalary + new.salary
   -> where dnumber = new.dno;
   -> end if;
   -> end ;
Query OK, O rows affected (0.06 sec)
mysql> delimiter ;
```

• The keyword "new" refers to the new row inserted



Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary
                 100000
                  50000
                 130000
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> insert into employee values (6,'lucy',null,90000,'1981-01-01',1);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.08 sec)
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary |
                                 totalsalary increases by 90K
                 190000
                  50000
                 130000
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> insert into employee values (7,'george',null,45000,'1971-11-11',null);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary
                 190000
                                   totalsalary did not change
                  50000
                 130000
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> drop trigger update_salary;
```



A trigger to update the total salary of a department when an employee tuple is modified:

```
mysql> delimiter :
mysql> create trigger update_salary2
    -> after update on employee
    -> for each row
    -> begin
             if old.dno is not null then
    ->
->
->
->
->
->
->
                 update deptsal
                 set totalsalary = totalsalary - old.salary
                 where dnumber = old.dno;
             end if:
             if new.dno is not null then
                 update deptsal
                 set totalsalary = totalsalary + new.salary
                 where dnumber = new.dno;
             end if;
    -> end :
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)
```



3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> delimiter ;
mysql> select * from employee;
               | superid | salary | bdate
 id ¦ name
                                               l dno
       john
                           50000
      mary
                   NULL
                           80000
                                 1 1974-02-07
       bob
                           50000
       tom
      bill
                   NULL
                            NULL
                                   1985-01-20
       lucy
                   NULL
                           90000
       george
                   NULL
                           45000 | 1971-11-11
7 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary |
                 190000
                  50000
                 130000
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql\rangle update employee set salary = 100000 where id = 6;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0
mysql> select * from deptsal;
 dnumber | totalsalary
                 200000
                  50000
                 130000
```



A trigger to update the total salary of a department when an employee tuple is deleted:

```
mysql> delimiter ;
mysql> create trigger update_salary3
   -> before delete on employee
   -> for each row
   -> begin
   -> if (old.dno is not null) then
   -> update deptsal
   -> set totalsalary = totalsalary - old.salary
   -> where dnumber = old.dno;
   -> end if;
   -> end ;
Query OK, O rows affected (0.08 sec)
mysql> delimiter ;
```



id	name	superid	salary	bdate	dno
1	john	3	100000	1960-01-01	1
2	mary	1 3	50000	1964-12-01	1 3
3	bob	NULL	80000	1974-02-07	1 3
4	l tom	1 1	50000	1970-01-17	: 2
5	bill	: NULL	NULL	1985-01-20	1
6	lucy	. NULL	100000	1981-01-01	1
7	george	NULL	45000	1971-11-11	NULL



SQL Triggers

• To list all the triggers you have created:

mysql> show triggers;

Recursive Queries



Recursion in SQL

- SQL:1999 permits recursive view definition
- Example: find which courses are a prerequisite, whether directly or indirectly, for a specific course

This example view, rec_prereq, is called the transitive closure of the prereq relation



The Power of Recursion

- Recursive views make it possible to write queries, such as transitive closure queries, that cannot be written without recursion or iteration.
 - Intuition: Without recursion, a non-recursive non-iterative program can perform only a fixed number of joins of prereq with itself
 - This can give only a fixed number of levels of managers
 - Given a fixed non-recursive query, we can construct a database with a greater number of levels of prerequisites on which the query will not work
 - Alternative: write a procedure to iterate as many times as required
 - See procedure findAllPreregs in book



The Power of Recursion

- Computing transitive closure using iteration, adding successive tuples to rec_prereq
 - The next slide shows a prereq relation
 - Each step of the iterative process constructs an extended version of rec_prereq from its recursive definition.
 - The final result is called the *fixed point* of the recursive view definition.
- Recursive views are required to be monotonic. That is, if we add tuples to
 prereq the view rec_prereq contains all of the tuples it contained before, plus
 possibly more

Example of Fixed-Point Computation



course_id	prereg_id
BIO-301	BIO-101
BIO-399	BIO-101
CS-190	CS-101
CS-315	CS-101
CS-319	CS-101
CS-347	CS-101
EE-181	PHY-101

Iteration Number	Tuples in cl
0	
1	(CS-301)
2	(CS-301), (CS-201)
3	(CS-301), (CS-201)
4	(CS-301), (CS-201), (CS-101)
5	(CS-301), (CS-201), (CS-101)

Advanced Aggregation Features



Ranking

- Ranking is done in conjunction with an order by specification.
- Suppose we are given a relation
 student_grades(ID, GPA)
 giving the grade-point average of each student
- Find the rank of each student.
 select ID, rank() over (order by GPA desc) as s_rank
 from student_grades
- An extra order by clause is needed to get them in sorted order select ID, rank() over (order by GPA desc) as s_rank from student_grades order by s_rank
- Ranking may leave gaps: e.g. if 2 students have the same top GPA, both have rank 1, and the next rank is 3
 - dense_rank does not leave gaps, so next dense rank would be 2



Ranking

Ranking can be done using basic SQL aggregation, but resultant query is very inefficient



Ranking (Cont.)

- Ranking can be done within partition of the data.
- "Find the rank of students within each department."

```
select ID, dept_name,
    rank () over (partition by dept_name order by GPA desc)
        as dept_rank
from dept_grades
order by dept_name, dept_rank;
```

- Multiple rank clauses can occur in a single select clause.
- Ranking is done after applying group by clause/aggregation
- Can be used to find top-n results
 - More general than the limit n clause supported by many databases, since it allows top-n within each partition



Ranking (Cont.)

- Other ranking functions:
 - percent_rank (within partition, if partitioning is done)
 - cume_dist (cumulative distribution)
 - fraction of tuples with preceding values
 - row_number (non-deterministic in presence of duplicates)
- SQL:1999 permits the user to specify nulls first or nulls last select ID,
 - rank () over (order by GPA desc nulls last) as s_rank from student_grades



Ranking (Cont.)

- For a given constant n, the ranking the function ntile(n) takes the tuples in each partition in the specified order, and divides them into n buckets with equal numbers of tuples.
- E.g.,
 select ID, ntile(4) over (order by GPA desc) as quartile from student_grades;



Windowing

- Used to smooth out random variations.
- E.g., moving average: "Given sales values for each date, calculate for each date the average of the sales on that day, the previous day, and the next day"
- Window specification in SQL:
 - Given relation sales(date, value)
 select date, sum(value) over
 (order by date between rows 1 preceding and 1 following)
 from sales



Windowing

- Examples of other window specifications:
 - between rows unbounded preceding and current
 - rows unbounded preceding
 - range between 10 preceding and current row
 - All rows with values between current row value -10 to current value
 - range interval 10 day preceding
 - Not including current row



Windowing (Cont.)

- Can do windowing within partitions
- E.g., Given a relation transaction (account_number, date_time, value), where value is
 positive for a deposit and negative for a withdrawal



Lab Exercise

Use the university database to

- 1. Create a procedure to give a raise of 20,000 to all Instructors
- 2. Create a procedure to keep track of the total salaries of Instructors working for each department
- 3. Write a function to return all instructors in a given department
- 4. Create a trigger to update the total salary of a department when a new Instructor is hired
- 5. Create a trigger to update the total salary of a department when an Instructor tuple is modified



PL/SQL

• PL/SQL is a combination of SQL along with the procedural features of programming languages. It was developed by Oracle Corporation in the early 90's to enhance the capabilities of SQL.