

Question - 1

SQL: Detecting Potential Payment Fraud in an Online Marketplace

The company needs a report identifying users who have failed transactions using different payment methods. Failed transactions have "Failed" in the *status* field.

The result should have the following columns: *user_id* / *failed_transactions* / *distinct_payment_methods*.

- *user_id* – User attempting multiple failed transactions.
- *failed_transactions* – Total number of failed transactions.
- *distinct_payment_methods* – Total number of unique payment methods used.

Note:

- Only users who have made more than 5 failed transactions in the entire dataset should be included in the report.
- Row order does not matter.

▼ Schema

transactions

| Name | Type | Constraint | Description |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| transaction_id | INT | PRIMARY KEY | Unique identifier for a transaction |
| user_id | INT | | User attempting the payment |
| payment_method | VARCHAR(255) | | Payment method used |
| amount | DECIMAL(10,2) | | Transaction amount |
| transaction_date | DATE | | Date of the transaction |
| status | VARCHAR(255) | | Status of transaction |

▼ Sample Data Tables

transactions

| transaction_id | user_id | payment_method | amount | transaction_date | status |
|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|-----------|
| 101 | 202 | Credit Card | 200.43 | 2025-02-16 | Completed |
| 102 | 203 | Netbanking | 3233.10 | 2025-03-11 | Failed |
| 103 | 203 | Netbanking | 1195.35 | 2025-02-24 | Failed |
| 104 | 203 | Debit Card | 376.11 | 2025-03-10 | Failed |
| 105 | 203 | Netbanking | 112.01 | 2025-04-04 | Failed |
| 106 | 203 | Credit Card | 111.1 | 2025-09-12 | Failed |
| 107 | 203 | Debit Card | 2344.5 | 2025-10-03 | Failed |

Sample Output

```
user_id  failed_transactions  distinct_payment_methods
203      6                  3
```

Explanation

The user with *user_id* 203 attempted 6 distinct transactions, which have the status as "Failed", thus it is a potential case of fraud.

Question - 2

SQL: Average Response Time

A customer support team wants to analyze response times for resolving tickets to identify performance metrics and improve service quality. The goal is to generate a report calculating the average response time for successfully resolved customer support tickets. Resolved tickets have a value in the *resolved_at* field.

The result should have the following columns: *average_response_time*.

- *average_response_time* - The average time between *created_at* and *resolved_at*, calculated in hours and set to two decimal places, including trailing zeros if necessary (e.g., 5.00).

▼ Schema

| support_tickets | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Name | Type | Constraint | Description |
| id | INT | PRIMARY KEY | Unique identifier for each support ticket |
| customer_id | INT | | Reference to the customer who created the ticket |
| created_at | VARCHAR(19) | | Date and time when the ticket was created |
| resolved_at | VARCHAR(19) | | Date and time when the ticket was resolved |

▼ Sample Data Tables

| support_tickets | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| id | customer_id | created_at | resolved_at |
| 1 | 1 | 2023-12-21 05:42:00 | 2024-01-01 05:42:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 2023-07-08 14:22:00 | NULL |
| 3 | 3 | 2023-05-22 08:54:00 | 2023-06-17 08:54:00 |

Sample Output

```
average_response_time
444.00
```

Explanation

The sample output shows the average response time for resolved tickets to be 444.00, excluding Ticket *id* 2 since it has not been resolved.