MySQL - RDBMS

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SQL functions

- RDBMS provides many built-in functions to process the data.
- These functions can be classified as:
  - Single row functions
    - One row input produce one row output.
    - e.g. ABS(), CONCAT(), IFNULL(), …
  - Multi-row or Group functions
    - Values from multiple rows are aggregated to single value.
    - e.g. SUM(), MIN(), MAX(), …
- These functions can also be categorized based on data types or usage.
  - Numeric functions
  - String functions
  - Date and Time functions
  - Control flow functions
  - Information functions
  - Miscellaneous functions

Numeric & String functions

- ABS()
- POWER()
- ROUND(), FLOOR(), CEIL()

- ASCII(), CHAR()
- CONCAT()
- SUBSTRING()
- LOWER(), UPPER()
- TRIM(), LTRIM(), RTRIM()
- LPAD(), RPAD()
- REGEXP_LIKE()

Date-Time and Information functions

- VERSION()
- USER(), DATABASE()

- MySQL supports multiple date time related data types
  - DATE (3), TIME (3), DATETIME (5), TIMESTAMP (4), YEAR (1)
- SYSDATE(), NOW()
- DATE(), TIME()
- DAYOFMONTH(), MONTH(), YEAR(), HOUR(), MINUTE(), SECOND(), …
- DATEDIFF(), DATE_ADD(), TIMEDIFF()
- MAKEDATE(), MAKETIME()

Control and NULL and List functions

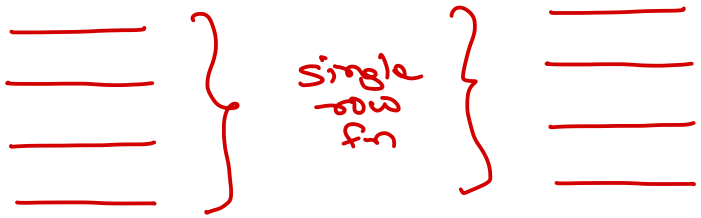
- NULL is special value in RDBMS that represents absence of value in that column.
- NULL values do not work with relational operators and need to use special operators.
- Most of functions return NULL if NULL value is passed as one of its argument.
- ISNULL()
- IFNULL()
- NULLIF()
- COALESCE()

- GREATEST(), LEAST()

- IF(condition, true-value, false-value)

Group functions

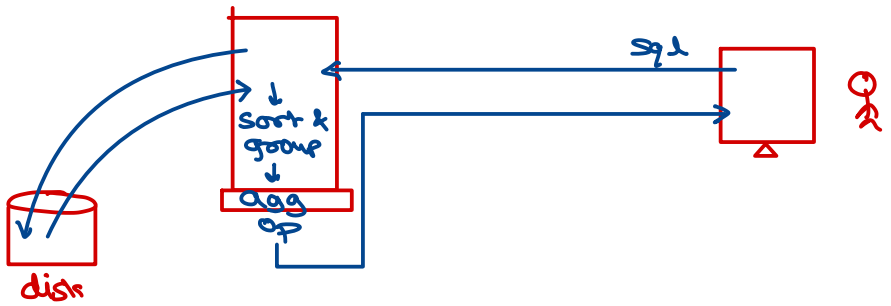
- Work on group of rows of table.
- Input to function is data from multiple rows & then output is single row. Hence these functions are called as "Multi Row Function" or "Group Functions".
- These functions are used to perform aggregate ops like sum, avg, max, min, count or std dev, etc. Hence these fns are also called as "Aggregate Functions".
- Example: SUM(), AVG(), MAX(), MIN(), COUNT().
- NULL values are ignored by group functions.
- Limitations of GROUP functions:
  - Cannot select group function along with a column.
  - Cannot select group function along with a single row fn.
  - Cannot use group function in WHERE clause/condition.
  - Cannot nest a group function in another group fn.

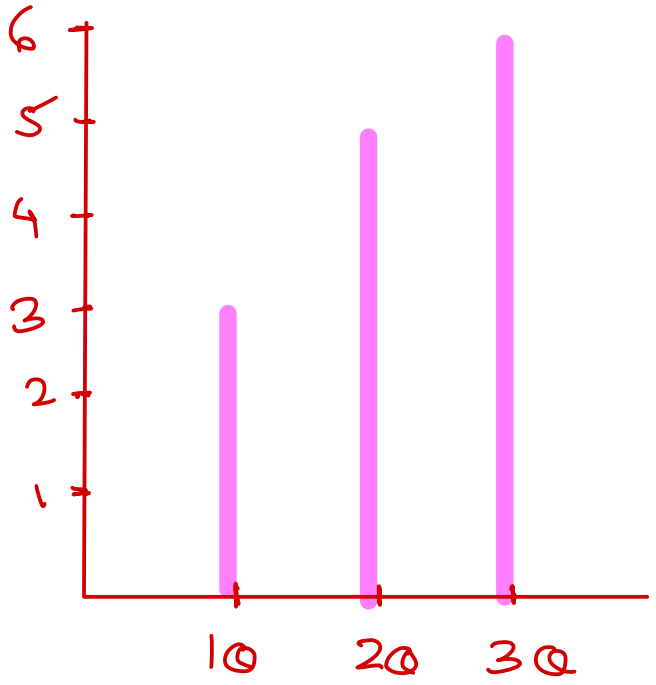


→ these limitations can be overcome with GROUP BY clause.

GROUP BY clause

- GROUP BY is used for analysis of data i.e. generating reports & charts.
- When GROUP BY single column, generated output can be used to plot 2-D chart. When GROUP BY two column, generated output can be used to plot 3-D chart and so on.
- GROUP BY queries are also called as Multi-dimensional / Spatial queries.
- Syntactical Characteristics:
  - If a column is used for GROUP BY, then it may or may not be used in SELECT clause.
  - If a column is in SELECT, it must be in GROUP BY.
- When GROUP BY query is fired on database server, it does following:
  - Load data from server disk into server RAM.
  - Sort data on group by columns.
  - Group similar records by group columns.
  - Perform given aggregate ops on each column.
  - Send result to client.

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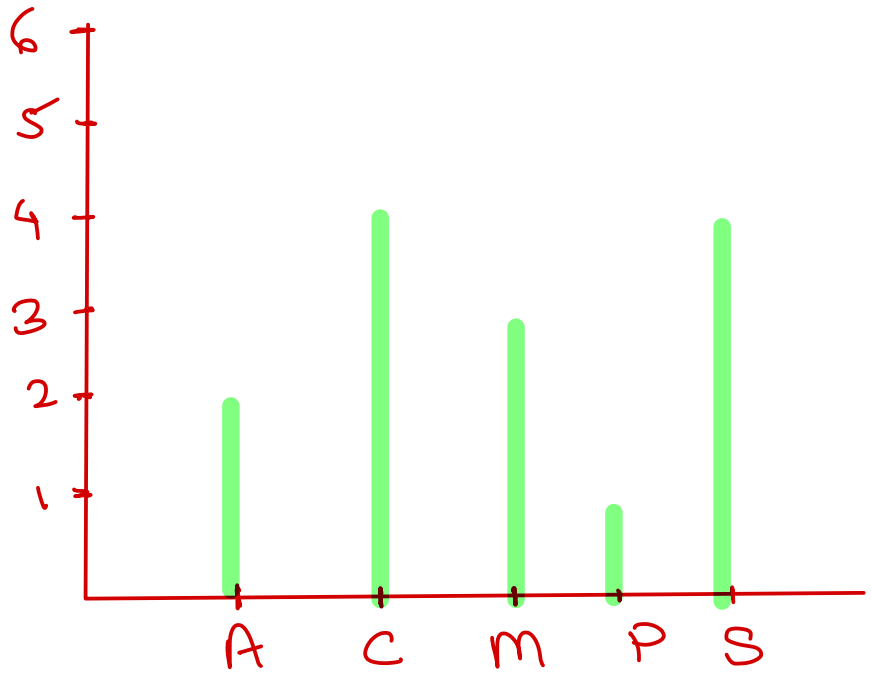
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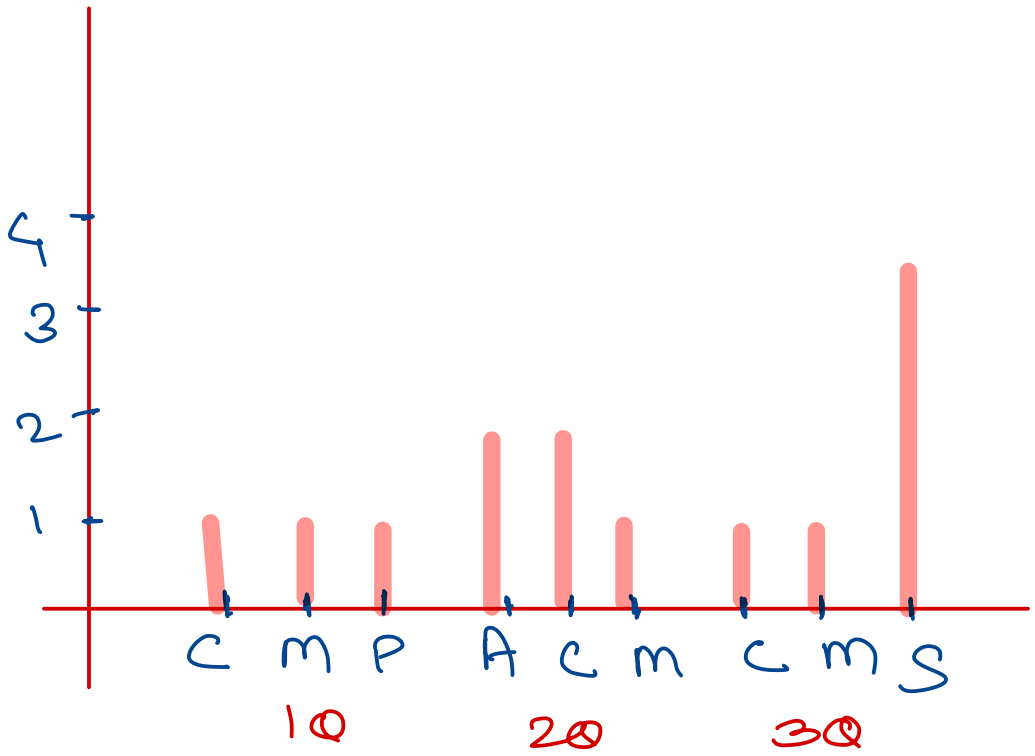
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HAVING clause

- HAVING clause cannot be used without GROUP BY clause.
- HAVING clause is used to specify condition on aggregate values.
- Examples:
  - SELECT deptno, SUM(sal) FROM EMP GROUP BY deptno HAVING SUM(sal) > 9000;
- Syntactical Characteristics:
  - WHERE clause executed for each record; while HAVING is executed for each group.
  - HAVING clause can be used to specify condition on group fn or grouped columns.
  - However using HAVING to specify condition of group col reduce the performance. Use WHERE clause for the same.
- Examples:
  - SELECT deptno, SUM(sal) FROM EMP GROUP BY deptno HAVING deptno = 20;
  - SELECT deptno, SUM(sal) FROM EMP WHERE deptno = 20 GROUP BY deptno;
- We may use GROUP BY with WHERE, ORDER BY & LIMIT.

Thank you!

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