Keypoints

- 1. SQL allows you to use numeric expressions to perform calculations and manipulate data.
- 2. Numeric expressions in SQL are similar to formulas in spreadsheets, where you can use operators like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- 3. The plus sign (+) is an example of a binary operator, which means it operates on two operands. The operands can be numeric literals or column values.
- 4. The order of operations in numeric expressions follows the usual precedence rules, similar to algebra or spreadsheets. You can use parentheses to change the order of operations.
- 5. The meaning of operators can change depending on the context and the data types of the operands. For example, the division sign (/) can represent integer division or floating-point division.
- 6. You can use the modulus operator (%) to get the remainder after integer division.
- 7. Numeric expressions can also involve column values, not just literals. You can perform calculations on columns by using them as operands in the expression.
- 8. If the data types of the operands are not suitable for the desired operation, you can use the CONVERT function to convert the data types before performing the calculation.
- 9. Expressions in SQL are instructions for the database engine to create new values. They are recognized by their position in the SQL statements.
- 10. Understanding numeric expressions in SQL is essential for performing calculations and manipulating data effectively in your job.