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# **Basic Rules**

This reference section provides information on the most basic rules in MDX within Business Intelligence — rules for identifiers and comments.

Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

### **Identifiers (MDX)**

This section discusses identifiers in InterSystems MDX.

#### **MDX Identifiers and Allowed Variations**

Every cube, subject area, relationship, dimension, hierarchy, level, member, property, and measure has an identifier.

Each MDX identifier has one of the following forms:

• A regular identifier:

name

You can use this form if *name* follows these rules:

- The first character must be either an alphabetic character (Latin-1) or the underscore character (\_).
  - In InterSystems MDX, the first character can be numeric if the rest of the characters are also numeric. This Inter-Systems extension to MDX means that you can conveniently refer to members that have all-numeric names (such as postal codes).
- The other characters must be either alphabetic characters, the underscore character, or numeric characters.
- The name must not be an MDX reserved keyword. Reserved keywords are not case-sensitive in MDX.
- A delimited identifier:

[name]

You must use this form if *name* does not follow the preceding rules. If *name* includes a right square bracket (]), you must escape that by using two right square brackets together (]])

• (Only for members) A *member key*:

```
&[key value]
```

For information on key values, see Key Values.

**Note:** *name* is not case-sensitive, but *key value* is.

**Important:** Note that *name* and *key value* are not expressions. That is, you cannot replace them with string-valued expressions.

# **Comments (MDX)**

This section discusses comments in InterSystems MDX queries and in stand-alone MDX expressions used within model definitions.

#### **Comments**

You can include a comment of the following form in any MDX query or expression, at any place where white space is acceptable.

```
/* comment here */
```

You can include comments of the following forms as separate lines within an MDX query or expression.

```
-- comment
Or:
// comment
```

You can also use the preceding two forms at the end of a line that contains MDX.

### **Examples**

The following examples show valid MDX queries:

```
select /* change this later */ birthd.decade.members on 1
from patients

--comment
select birthd.decade.members on 1 --comment
from patients // comment
//another comment
```

# **Expression Types (MDX)**

 $This \ reference \ section \ provides \ information \ on \ the \ MDX \ expression \ types \ supported \ in \ Business \ Intelligence.$ 

Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

# **Numeric Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use numeric expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a numeric expression can have any of the following forms:

• A numeric literal. For example: 37

The literal cannot start with a decimal point; that is, you must include a leading 0 with any fractional values. For example, 0.1 is valid is valid, but .1 is not valid.

• A percentage literal. For example: 10%

There must be no space between the number and the percent sign.

- An expression that refers to a numeric-valued measure, such as MEASURES. [ %COUNT ]
- An expression that uses an MDX function that returns a numeric value, for example: AVG(aged.age, MEASURES.[test score])

Many MDX functions return numeric values, including AVG, MAX, COUNT, and others. Also, the IIF function can return numeric values; this function evaluates a condition and returns one of two values, depending on the condition.

• An expression that uses mathematical operators to combine numeric expressions. For example: MEASURES. [ %COUNT] / 100

The system supports the standard mathematical operators: + (addition), - (subtraction), / (division), and \* (multiplication). It also supports the standard unary operators: + (positive) and - (negative).

You can use parentheses to control precedence.

In the expression, if any value is null, the expression evaluates to null.

If you divide a value by 0, the system treats the result as null.

**Tip:** The MDX function **IIF** can be useful in such expressions.

• A member expression, such as [gend].[h1].[gender].[female]

Note that the value of a member expression depends upon the measure that is currently in use. By default, this expression evaluates to the number of records that belong this member. In contrast, if a specific measure is in use, this expression evaluates to the aggregate value of that measure across those records.

• The MDX identifier for a dimension, such as [gend]

Note that the value of this expression depends upon the measure that is currently in use. By default, this expression evaluates to the number of records in the cube. In contrast, if a specific measure is in use, this expression evaluates to the aggregate value of that measure across all records in the cube.

• A reference to a pivot variable that contains a numeric value. To refer to a pivot variable, use the following syntax:

```
$VARIABLE.variablename
```

Where *variablename* is the logical variable name. Do not enclose this expression with square brackets. This syntax is not case-sensitive; nor is the pivot variable name.

For information on defining pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

#### **Uses**

You can use numeric expressions in the following ways:

• As a numeric argument to many MDX functions. For example:

```
AVG(diagd.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT])
```

- As an element of a set.
- As the definition of a calculated member (in this case, a measure).

### **Examples**

This section shows examples of some of the less common kinds of numeric expressions. The first example shows that a member expression has a numeric value:

```
SELECT gend.hl.gender.female ON 0 FROM patients

Female
```

The next example is a variation of the preceding:

```
SELECT gend.hl.gender.female+100 ON 0 FROM patients

Expression 626
```

As noted earlier, the value of a member expression depends upon the measure that is in use:

```
SELECT gend.hl.gender.female ON 0 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[avg age]

Female
37.23
```

Similarly:

```
SELECT gend.hl.gender.female+500 ON 0 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[avg age]

Expression
537.23
```

The next example shows the numeric value of a dimension:

```
SELECT allerd ON 0 FROM patients
```

1,000

As noted earlier, the value of such an expression depends upon the measure that is in use:

```
SELECT allerd ON 0 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[avg allergy count]
```

0.99

# **String Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use string expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a string expression can have any of the following forms:

- A string literal (a double quote character, followed by any characters, followed by another double quote character). For example: "label" or "my property"
- A numeric literal.
- An expression that uses an MDX function to return a string. These functions include:
  - PROPERTIES, which returns the value of a property of a member. For example: homed.city.magnolia.PROPERTIES("Population")

See the reference section Intrinsic Properties for intrinsic properties that you can use.

- IIF, which returns one of two values, depending on the value of a given logical expression.
- LOOKUP, which looks up a given key in a term list and returns a substitute string.
- %LOOKUP, which returns one value from a term list.
- An expression that refers to a string-valued measure. For example, suppose that you define a calculated member as follows:

```
CREATE MEMBER patients.measures.stringtest AS 'IIF(MEASURES.[avg test score]<60, "low", "high")'
```

Then the expression MEASURES. stringtest is a string expression.

• An expression that uses the MDX concatenation operator (+) to combine other string expressions. For example:

```
"string 1 " + "string 2"
```

For another example:

```
"Pop: " + homed.city.magnolia.PROPERTIES("Population")
```

• A reference to a pivot variable that contains a string value. To refer to a pivot variable, use the following syntax:

```
$VARIABLE.variablename
```

Where *variablename* is the logical variable name. Do not enclose this expression with square brackets. This syntax is not case-sensitive; nor is the pivot variable name.

For information on defining pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

#### Uses

You can use string expressions in the following ways:

- As an argument to the ORDER function or to the PROPERTIES function.
- As an element of a set.
- As the definition of a calculated member (in this case, a measure).

# **Logical Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use logical expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details and Uses**

MDX does not include a logical data type. However, it provides the FILTER function and the IIF function, both of which take an argument that is treated as true or false. In these contexts, InterSystems MDX interprets numeric and string values as true or false, as follows:

- A numeric expression that evaluates to 0 is treated as false.
- All other numeric expressions are treated as true.
- All string expressions are treated as false.

In the same contexts, you can combine true and false values by using the following standard tools:

Logical comparison operators: > (greater than), >= (greater than or equal to), = (equal to), < (less than), and <= (less than or equal to). For example, the following expression returns true or false, depending on the value of MEASURES. [%COUNT]:</li>

```
MEASURES.[%COUNT]>1100
```

For another example, the following expression returns true or false, depending on the name of the current member:

```
colord.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Name") = "Red"
```

When a numeric expression is compared to null, the null value is treated as 0.

• The AND operator, the OR operator, and parentheses to control precedence. For example, the following expression returns true or false, depending on the value of MEASURES. [ %COUNT]:

```
(MEASURES.[%COUNT]>1100) AND (MEASURES.[%COUNT]<1500)
```

When you compare scalar values of different types, the system compares them as follows:

If	Then
Both expressions are numeric	Perform a numeric comparison
Both expressions are strings	Perform a string comparison
One expression is numeric and the other is a string	The numeric expression is less than the string expression

You cannot use member expressions in a logical comparison expression. For example, the following is not a valid logical expression:

```
homed.CURRENTMEMBER = homed.hl.city.magnolia
```

Instead, you should use the Name property or some other suitable property, all of which are strings. For example, the following is a valid logical expression:

```
homed.CURRENTMEMBER.Properties("Name") = "magnolia"
```

See the reference section Intrinsic Properties for intrinsic properties that you can use.

Also see the section Measure Search Expressions.

## **Tuple Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use tuple expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a tuple expression can have either of the following forms:

• A tuple literal, which is a comma-separated list of member expressions, enclosed by parentheses:

```
(member_expr1, member_expr2, member_expr3, ...)
```

Where member\_expr1, member\_expr2, member\_expr3, and so on are member expressions. The parentheses are required.

• A reference to a pivot variable that contains a tuple literal. To refer to a pivot variable, use the following syntax:

```
$VARIABLE.variablename
```

Where *variablename* is the logical variable name. Do not enclose this expression with square brackets. This syntax is not case-sensitive; nor is the pivot variable name.

For information on defining pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

### **Notes and Additional Terminology**

In other implementations of MDX, a tuple cannot include more than one member from the same dimension. In InterSystems MDX, a tuple expression *can* include more than one member expression from the same dimension. In most cases, the result is null. However, in Business Intelligence, a level can be based on a list value, which means that a given record can belong to multiple members. For example, the tuple (allerd.soy,allerd.wheat) represents all patients who are allergic to both soy and wheat, and this tuple could potentially have a non-null value.

If the tuple refers to each dimension in the cube, the tuple is *fully qualified*. Otherwise, it is *partially qualified*. The following shows an example of a partially qualified tuple from the Patients cube:

```
(allerd.[dairy products], colord.red, aged.35)
```

Another partially qualified tuple is as follows:

```
(diagd.asthma, aged.[age group].[30 to 59], MEASURES.[%COUNT])
```

Also, note that each data cell returned by a query is a tuple.

The CROSSJOIN function returns a set of tuples, as does the NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN function.

#### **Uses**

You can use tuple expressions in the following ways:

- As an element of a set.
- As the argument to the WHERE clause.

# **Member Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use member expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a member expression can have any of the following forms:

• An member literal, which is an explicit reference to a single member by its name:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name].[member_name]
```

#### Where:

- [dimension\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a dimension.
- [hierarchy\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a hierarchy within that dimension. You can omit the hierarchy name. If you do, the query uses the first level with the given name, as defined in this dimension.

You can also omit the hierarchy name when you refer to a calculated member, because a calculated member is not in a hierarchy.

- [level\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a level within that hierarchy. You can omit the level name. If you do, the query uses the first member with the given name, as defined within this dimension.

You can also omit the level name when you refer to a calculated member, because a calculated member is not in a level.

[member\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a member of that level.

#### For example:

```
[gend].[h1].[gender].[female]
```

For a measure, a member literal has the following variant form, because any measure is a member of a dimension called Measures. This dimension does not have a hierarchy or a level.

```
[MEASURES].[measure_name]
```

#### For example:

```
[MEASURES].[%COUNT]
```

Note that although a measure is a member, an expression like the preceding returns a scalar value and cannot be used in all the same ways as other member expressions.

An explicit reference to a hierarchy as follows:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name]
```

This expression returns the All member of the dimension to which the hierarchy belongs.

#### For example:

```
aged.hl
```

The preceding expression returns the All member of the AgeD dimension; in the sample Patients cube, the name of this member is All Patients.

• An expression that uses an MDX function to return a single member. For example:

```
[gend].[h1].[gender].female.NEXTMEMBER
```

Many MDX functions return members, including LAG, NEXTMEMBER, PARENT, and others.

Note that %TERMLIST can return a member.

• An expression that uses the internal key of a member to return that member, via the following syntax:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name].&[member_key]
```

Where *member\_key* is the value of the KEY property of the member. For example:

```
birthqd.hl.quarter.&[2]
```

Note that *member\_key* is a case-sensitive literal value rather than an expression. That is, you cannot replace it with a string-valued expression.

For information on how KEY values are created, see the reference <u>Intrinsic Properties</u>. Also note that you can use the <u>PROPERTIES</u> function to find the value of the KEY property or any other property of a member.

• An expression that uses an InterSystems MDX extension to refer to a member in another cube, via the following syntax:

```
[relationship_name].member_expression
```

Where [relationship\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a relationship in the cube used by the query and member\_expression is a member expression suitable for that cube.

• A reference to a pivot variable that contains a member expression. To refer to a pivot variable, use the following syntax:

```
$VARIABLE.variablename
```

Where *variablename* is the logical variable name. Do not enclose this expression with square brackets. This syntax is not case-sensitive; nor is the pivot variable name.

For information on defining pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

For example, the following member expressions are all equivalent:

```
[gend].[h1].[gender].Female
[gend].female
gend.H1.gender.female
gend.h1.FEMALE
gend.female
```

#### **Calculated Members**

Members can be defined within the cube definition, as part of the definition of a level. You can also create *calculated members*, which are typically based on other members. You can define calculated members in two ways:

- Within the WITH clause of a query. The member is available within the rest of the query, but is not available in other queries.
- Within the CREATE MEMBER statement. The member is available within the rest of the session (for example, within the rest of the session in the MDX shell).

#### **Uses**

You can use member expressions in the following ways:

• As a member argument to many MDX functions.

- As the argument to the WHERE clause.
- As an element of a set.

## **Level Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use level expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a level expression has one of the following forms:

• A level literal, which is a direct reference to the level as follows:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

#### Where:

- [dimension\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a dimension.
- [hierarchy\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a hierarchy within that dimension. You can omit the hierarchy name. If you do, the query uses the first level with the given name, as defined in this dimension.
- [level\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a level within that hierarchy.

#### For example:

```
[gend].[h1].[gender]
```

• An expression that uses an InterSystems MDX extension to refer to a level in another cube, via the following syntax:

```
[relationship_name].level_expression
```

Where *relationship\_name* is the name of a relationship in the cube used by the query and *level\_expression* refers to a level contained in that relationship.

#### **Uses**

You can use level expressions as arguments to the following MDX functions:

- %TOPMEMBERS
- ALLMEMBERS
- MEMBERS
- ANCESTOR
- CLOSINGPERIOD
- OPENINGPERIOD
- PARALLEL PERIOD

# **Hierarchy Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use hierarchy expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

In InterSystems MDX, a hierarchy expression has one of the following forms:

• A hierarchy literal, which is a direct reference to the hierarchy as follows:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name]
```

#### Where:

- [dimension\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a dimension.
- [hierarchy\_name] is an MDX identifier that names a hierarchy within that dimension.

#### For example:

```
[gend].[h1]
```

A reference to a dimension:

```
[dimension_name]
```

#### For example:

[gend]

The system interprets this as a reference to the first visible hierarchy of that dimension.

 An expression that uses an InterSystems MDX extension to refer to a hierarchy in another cube, via the following syntax:

```
[relationship_name].hierarchy_expression
```

Where *relationship\_name* is the name of a relationship in the cube used by the query and *hierarchy\_expression* refers to a hierarchy contained in that relationship.

#### **Uses**

A bare hierarchy expression returns all records; this expression is equivalent to an All member. (Note that you can use a bare hierarchy expression even if the dimension does not formally define an All level.) For example:

SELECT MEASURES.[%count] ON 0, colord.h1 ON 1 FROM patients

```
Patient Count
1,000
```

Also, you can use a hierarchy expression as an argument to any of the following functions:

- %TOPMEMBERS
- ALLMEMBERS
- CURRENTMEMBER
- MEMBERS

# **Set Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use set expressions in InterSystems MDX.

#### **Details**

The general syntax for a set expression is as follows:

```
{expression1, expression2, ...}
```

This list can include any number of items. In InterSystems MDX, if the list includes only one item, you can omit the curly braces.

In this list, expression1, expression2, and so on can have any of the following forms:

- A member expression.
- A numeric expression or string expression.
- A range of members, specified as follows:

```
member1:member2
```

This expression returns a set that consists of the two given members and all members between them, given the order of members in the level that contains them. The members must belong to the same level.

For example:

```
birthd.year.1960:birthd.year.1980
```

For member2, you can omit the dimension, hierarchy, and level identifiers. For example:

```
birthd.year.1960:1980
```

• An expression that uses an MDX function that returns a set, for example:

```
homed.zip.MEMBERS
```

Many MDX functions return sets, including MEMBERS, NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN, ORDER, and others.

Note that %TERMLIST can return a set.

- Another set expression.
- The name of a named set. See the following section.
- A tuple expression.

(Note that in other implementations of MDX, for each tuple in a set, you must use the dimensions in the same order as in the other tuples in the set. For example, if the first tuple uses dimension A in its first list item, all the other tuples must do so as well. InterSystems MDX does not have this restriction. Similarly, in other implementations of MDX, a set cannot include a combination of tuples and other types of set elements. InterSystems MDX does not have this restriction either.)

• A reference to a pivot variable that contains a set expression. To refer to a pivot variable, use the following syntax:

```
$VARIABLE.variablename
```

Where *variablename* is the logical variable name. Do not enclose this expression with square brackets. This syntax is not case-sensitive; nor is the pivot variable name.

For information on defining pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

You can precede any set expression with the keyword phrase NON EMPTY, for example:

```
NON EMPTY {birthd.year.1960:1980}
NON EMPTY birthd.year.1960:1980
NON EMPTY {homed.zip.MEMBERS}
NON EMPTY homed.zip.MEMBERS
```

The NON EMPTY keyword phrase suppresses empty elements of the set; the set is evaluated and then empty elements are removed. This keyword is particularly useful with CROSSJOIN and in scenarios where a filter can potentially cause elements to be null.

#### **Named Sets**

A named set consists of two elements: a set name and a set expression. You can define named sets in two ways:

- Within the WITH clause of a query. The set name is available within the rest of the query, but is not available in other queries.
- Within the CREATE SET statement. The set name is available within the rest of the session (for example, within the rest of the session in the MDX shell).

#### **Uses**

You can use set expressions in the following ways:

- As a set argument of many MDX functions. Note that for some functions, the set must consist only of members. For
  other functions, the set must consist only of members or tuples. The reference documentation notes these requirements
  where needed.
- As an axis in the **SELECT** statement.
- As the definition of a named set, as described in the previous subsection.

### **Measure Search Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use measure search expressions, which enable you to access rows from the fact table based on the value of a measure for the facts themselves (that is, at the lowest level rather than at an aggregate level). These expressions are an InterSystems extension to MDX.

#### **Details**

A *measure search expression* has the following syntax, which refers to a special dimension in Business Intelligence called %SEARCH:

```
%SEARCH.&[comparison expression]
```

Where *comparison expression* is a logical expression like the following example:

```
[MEASURES].[test score]>60
```

**Note:** Both sets of square brackets are required: the square brackets around the comparison expression *and* the square brackets of the measure identifier in the comparison expression. Hence a valid search expression always starts with \$SEARCH.&[

For example, the following query selects all patients with a test score higher than 60:

```
SELECT FROM patients WHERE %SEARCH.&[[MEASURES].[Test Score]>60]
Result: 6,191
```

More generally, comparison expression can be a combination of logical expressions. This expression can include:

• Logical comparison operators: > (greater than), >= (greater than or equal to), = (equal to), < (less than), and <= (less than or equal to).

If the searchable measure contains string values, you can also use the SQL LIKE operator.

- The AND operator, the OR operator, and parentheses to control precedence.
- Numeric literals.
- String literals enclosed in single quotes.
- The SQL expressions IS NULL and IS NOT NULL. For example:

```
SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS WHERE [%Search].&[[Measures].[Units Sold] IS NULL]
```

#### Uses

You can use measure search expressions in all the following contexts:

- As the argument for the %FILTER clause
- As the argument for the WHERE clause
- As an argument for the FILTER function.

#### **Additional Notes**

The system parses a measure search expression as follows:

1. %Search is treated as a dimension.

- 2. Because the comparison expression is enclosed inside &[], the system treats it as a KEY value, which permits it to contain arbitrary syntax.
- 3. The comparison expression is converted to an SQL statement against the fact table.

The preceding means that comparison expression can include SQL syntax.

Also, it may be possible to use a measure in a measure search expression even if it is not marked as searchable="true" in the cube definition. This attribute value causes the system to do two things:

- Display this measure as an option in advanced filters.
- Add additional index, if needed, to enable the measure to be searchable.

# **Quality Measure Expressions (MDX)**

This section describes how to create and use quality measure expressions, which provide access to the values of quality measures. These expressions are an InterSystems extension to MDX.

#### **Details**

A *quality measure expression* has the following syntax, which refers to a special dimension in Business Intelligence called %QualityMeasure:

[%QualityMeasure].&[catalog/set/qm name]

#### Or:

[%QualityMeasure].&[catalog/set/qm name/group name]

#### Where:

- *catalog* is the catalog to which the quality measure belongs.
- *set* is a set in that catalog.
- qm name is the short name of the quality measure. (The full name of a quality measure is catalog/set/qm name.)
- group name is the name of a group defined in the given quality measure.

The first expression returns the value of the quality measure. The second expression returns the value of the given group.

#### **Uses**

You can use quality measure expressions in the same way that you use other measures.

# **MDX Statements and Clauses**

This reference section provides information on the MDX statements and clauses supported in Business Intelligence. Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

### **%FILTER Clause (MDX)**

Applies a filter to a SELECT statement; describes how to slice the results of a SELECT statement. This clause is similar to WHERE except that you can include multiple %FILTER clauses in a statement. %FILTER is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Syntax and Details**

select\_statement %FILTER set\_expression

#### Where:

- select statement is a statement that uses SELECT.
- set\_expression is an expression that returns a set of members or tuples.

Instead of *set\_expression*, you can use a measure search expression; see the example to see the behavior of %FILTER in this case.

Because InterSystems MDX automatically converts types where appropriate, you can also use a single member expression or tuple expression in place of the set expression.

You can include as many %FILTER clauses as needed. This clause is particularly useful when you run queries programmatically, because it enables to you filter the results further by simply appending to the SELECT statement. (In contrast, if you use the WHERE clause and you need to add another filter item, it is necessary to rewrite the WHERE clause, because only one WHERE clause is permitted.)

#### **Important:**

Each set element is used as a separate slicer axis, and the results of all the slicer axes (of all %FILTER clauses) are aggregated together. This is the process of *axis folding* (a filter is considered to be a query axis). Axis folding means that if a given source record has a non-null result for each slicer axis, that record is counted multiple times.

In axis folding, values are combined according to the aggregation method for that measure, as specified in the cube definition. (In the examples here, %COUNT is added.)

For more details, see Axis Folding in How the Business Intelligence Query Engine Works.

### **Example**

If you use the %FILTER clause with a measure search expression, the clause uses the rows of the fact table that do meet the given criteria. (A measure search expression is an InterSystems extension to MDX that considers the measure values in the fact table itself.)

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0 FROM patients %FILTER %SEARCH.&[[MEASURES].[age]<10]
Patient Count
1 370
```

#### **%SQLRESTRICT**

If you have enabled the %SQLRESTRICT dimension for a cube, you can include an SQL SELECT statement or WHERE clause in your MDX queries against that cube. This will allow run-time restriction via an SQL statement in your MDX query. To use the %SQLRESTRICT dimension, add a %FILTER clause using the following syntax:

```
%FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[sqlStatement]
```

where *sqlStatement* is an SQL SELECT statement or an SQL WHERE clause. Any SELECT statement must be designed to return a of list of IDs from the source table of the cube. These IDs limit which facts may be considered in the final MDX

result — only facts that correspond to records with an ID in the returned list of IDs are included in the final result. Consider the following example MDX query that uses a SELECT statement for *sqlStatement*:

```
SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS
WHERE [Comments].[H1].[Comments].&[SELECT ID FROM HoleFoods.SalesTransaction WHERE ID IN (1,2,3,4)]
```

It is also possible to query an external reference table. For example, given the following simplistic tables:

#### Table C-1: Example Cube Source Table

ID	Name
1	Bill
2	Sally
3	Tom
4	Mike
5	Teresa
6	Alice

#### Table C-2: Example External Reference Table (Cohort. Table)

ID	PatientID	Name	Age
1	1	Bill	1
2	6	Sally	10
3	4	Tom	45

the following %SQLRESTRICT subquery would return PatientID values of 1 and 6, leaving only Bill and Alice, who have IDs of 1 and 6 in the Example Cube Source Table, as possible results for your MDX query:

```
%SQLRESTRICT.&[SELECT PatientID From Cohort.Table WHERE Age < 35]</pre>
```

Note that the above sample tables are overly simplistic and are for example purposes only.

The %SQLRESTRICT subquery should return a single column of numbers, which are assumed to IDs from the source table

Alternatively, a WHERE clause may be used as a shortcut to describe a limitation of the source records directly. Consider the following examples:

```
SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS %FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[WHERE ID IN (1,2,3,5,10)]

SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS %FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[WHERE Outlet = 24]

SELECT NON EMPTY [DateOfSale].[Actual].[YearSold].Members ON 1

FROM [HOLEFOODS] %FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[WHERE YEAR(DateOfSale)='2017']
```

Internally, this WHERE clause syntax causes the system to insert a SELECT statement into the %SQLRESTRICT subquery, with the target being the source class of the cube that is being queried in the MDX query. For example, these two queries are equivalent, because Holefoods.SalesTransaction is the source class of the Holefoods cube:

```
SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS %FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[SELECT ID FROM Holefoods.SalesTransaction WHERE ID IN (1,2,3,4)]

SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS %FILTER %SQLRESTRICT.&[WHERE ID IN (1,2,3,4)]
```

### **See Also**

See the WHERE clause.

### **CREATE MEMBER Statement (MDX)**

Creates a calculated member that can be used within the current session.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
CREATE SESSION MEMBER calc_mem_details, FORMAT_STRING='format_details', SOLVE_ORDER=integer
```

Where calc mem details is as follows:

```
cube_name.[dimension_name].[new_member_name] AS 'value_expression'
```

#### And:

- *cube\_name* is the name of the cube to which you are adding this member.
- *dimension\_name* is the name of the dimension to which you are adding this member.
- *new\_member\_name* is the name of a member; the member may or may not be already defined in the cube. If it is, the definition given here takes precedence.
- *value\_expression* is an MDX expression that defines the calculated member, typically in terms of references to other members. For details, see WITH Clause.
- FORMAT\_STRING='format\_details' is an optional clause that specifies how to display the values. This clause is applicable only for numeric values. See FORMAT\_STRING Clause.
- SOLVE\_ORDER=integer is an optional clause that specifies the relative order in which to evaluate this calculated
  member. This clause is relevant only if the query contains calculated members on both axes. See SOLVE\_ORDER
  Clause.

Also see Identifiers.

When you use the MDX shell, a session is started; the session ends when you exit the shell. During this session, if you use the CREATE MEMBER statement, the member that you create is available until the session ends or until you use the DROP MEMBER statement.

### **Example**

First, in the MDX shell, we define a new member in the Patients cube:

Then we use the new measure in a query:

#### See Also

- WITH Clause
- FORMAT\_STRING Clause

- SOLVE\_ORDER Clause
- DROP MEMBER Statement

## **CREATE SET Statement (MDX)**

Creates a named set that can be used within the current session.

### **Syntax and Details**

CREATE SESSION SET cube\_name.set\_name AS 'set\_expression'

- *cube\_name* is the name of the cube to which you are adding this set.
- *set\_name* is an unquoted string that names the set. Later you can use this set name in the place of a set expression in any MDX query within the same session.
- set\_expression is an expression that refers to a set.

When you use the MDX shell, a session is started; the session ends when you exit the shell. During this session, if you use the CREATE SET statement, the member that you create is available until the session ends or until you use the DROP SET statement.

### **Example**

First, in the MDX shell, we define a new named set in the Patients cube:

Then we use the named set in a query:

```
>>SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, testset ON 1 FROM patients
                                 Patient Count
 1 1910s
 2 1920s
                                              223
 3 1930s
 4 1940s
                                             683
 5 1950s
                                           1.030
 6 1960s
7 1970s
                                           1.520
 8 1980s
                                           1,400
9 1990s
10 2000s
                                           1,413
                                           1,433
11 2010s
                                             155
```

Elapsed time: .018745s

#### See Also

- WITH Clause
- DROP SET Statement

## **DRILLFACTS Statement (MDX)**

Displays the lowest-level data associated with the first cell of results of a given SELECT statement, using the fact and dimension tables defined by the cube.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
DRILLFACTS select_statement
Or:

DRILLFACTS select_statement RETURN fieldname1, fieldname2, ...
Or:

DRILLFACTS select_statement RETURN fieldname1, ... %ORDER BY fieldname3, ...
```

#### Where:

- select\_statement is a statement that uses SELECT.
- *fieldname1*, *fieldname2*, *fieldname3*, *fieldname4*, and so on are names of fields in the fact table class defined by the cube.

If you do not specify the RETURN clause, the query returns the IDs of the records.

The %ORDER BY clause is an InterSystems extension to MDX. This clause specifies how to sort the displayed records.

For additional details on RETURN and %ORDER BY, see DRILLTHROUGH Statement.

Internally, the system builds and uses an SQL query.

**Important:** If the SELECT statement returns more than one cell of data, the listing shows only the fields associated with the first cell.

### **Example**

The first example does not use RETURN, so it uses the default listing as defined in the cube:

```
DRILLFACTS SELECT diagd.osteoporosis ON 0 FROM patients

# ID
1: 7
2: 13
3: 42
4: 123
5: 140
```

The next example uses the RETURN clause:

drillfacts select diagd.osteoporosis on 0 from patients return dxcolor->dxcolor, dxage, dxpatgroup->dxpatgroup

```
# DxColor
                   DxAge
                                   DxPatGroup
1: Orange
                                   Group A
                                   Group B
2: Red
                   11
3: <null>
                   30
                                   Group A
4: Purple
                   58
                                   Group A
5: Purple
                   62
```

### See Also

• DRILLTHROUGH Statement

### **DRILLTHROUGH Statement (MDX)**

Displays the lowest-level data associated with the first cell of results of a given SELECT statement.

### **Syntax and Details**

Or:

DRILLTHROUGH optionalmaxrows select\_statement RETURN fieldname1, fieldname2, ...

Or:

DRILLTHROUGH optionalmaxrows select\_statement RETURN fieldname1, fieldname2, ...

Or:

DRILLTHROUGH optionalmaxrows select\_statement RETURN fieldname1, ... %ORDER BY fieldname3, ...

Or:

#### Where:

optionalmaxrows, which is optional, has the form MAXROWS integer
 This argument specifies the maximum number of rows to return. The default is 1000.

DRILLTHROUGH optionalmaxrows select\_statement %LISTING [listingname]

- *select\_statement* is a statement that uses SELECT.
- fieldname1, fieldname2, fieldname3, fieldname4, and so on are names of fields in the base class used by the cube.
- *listingname* is the name of a detail listing. This listing must already be defined and the user must have permission to use it. If this name does not include spaces, you can omit the square brackets around it. The name of the listing is case-sensitive.

The RETURN clause specifies the fields to display. The %ORDER BY clause is an InterSystems extension to MDX. If included, this clause specifies how to sort the displayed records.

The %LISTING clause is another InterSystems extension to MDX. This clause specifies the listing to use. If you specify this clause, the system displays the fields as given in that listing.

If you do not specify the RETURN clause or the %LISTING clause, the query uses the default listing defined in the cube. Internally, the system builds and uses an SQL query.

**Important:** If the SELECT statement returns more than one cell of data, the listing shows only the fields associated with the first cell.

### Additional Options for RETURN and ORDER BY

In the RETURN and %ORDER BY clauses, note the following points:

- You can use arrow syntax to refer to a property in another table. See Implicit Joins (Arrow Syntax).
- You can include aliases.
- You can use standard SQL and InterSystems IRIS® data platform functions. To use a standard SQL function, enclose it within parentheses so that the function name is not interpreted as a field name; this is not necessary for InterSystems SQL functions, which start with the percent character (%).
- You can use more advanced SQL features if you use source. field\_name rather than field\_name.

#### For example:

```
... RETURN %ID, %EXTERNAL(Field1) F1, '$' | | source. Sales Sales
```

The first line of any listing is a heading that indicates the field names or their aliases. Below the heading, the listing has a column of data below each heading. In this case, the columns would be as follows:

- %ID this column displays the %ID field
- F1 this column uses the InterSystems SQL %EXTERNAL function to return the value of the Field1 field in DISPLAY format
- Sales this column displays the Sales field, preceded by a dollar sign (\$)

## **Example**

The first example does not use RETURN, so it uses the default listing as defined in the cube:

DRILLTHROUGH SELECT homed.Magnolia ON 1 FROM patients

#	PatientID	Age	Gender	TestScore	HomeCity	DoctorGrou
1:	SUBJ_10161	0	F	76	3	I
2:	SUBJ_10330	0	F		3	II
3:	SUBJ_10554	0	F	68	3	II
4:	SUBJ_10555	0	F	78	3	II
5:	SUBJ_10686	0	F	91	3	I

The next example uses the MAXROWS argument:

DRILLTHROUGH MAXROWS 3 SELECT homed.Magnolia ON 1 FROM patients

#	PatientID	Age	Gender	TestScore	HomeCity	DoctorGrou
1:	SUBJ_10161	0	F	76	3	I
2:	SUBJ_10330	0	F		3	II
3:	SUBJ_10554	0	F	68	3	II

The next example uses the RETURN clause:

```
DRILLTHROUGH SELECT homed.Magnolia ON 1 FROM patients RETURN Gender, HomeCity->PostalCode

# Gender PostalCode
1: F 34577
2: F 34577
4: F 34577
5: F 34577
```

The next example also uses the %ORDER BY clause:

DRILLTHROUGH SELECT homed.Magnolia ON 1 FROM patients RETURN PatientID, Age, Gender %ORDER BY Age

```
# PatientID Age Gender
1: SUBJ_101616 0 F
2: SUBJ_102705 0 M
3: SUBJ_103210 0 M
4: SUBJ_103300 0 F
5: SUBJ_103972 0 M
```

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The last example uses the %ORDER BY clause with two field names to specify the order:

 $\label{lem:decomposition} \mbox{DRILLTHROUGH SELECT homed.Magnolia ON 1 FROM patients RETURN PatientID, Age, Gender <math>\mbox{\ensuremath{\$ORDER}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{BY}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{Gender}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{BY}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{\$ORDER}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{BY}\xspace} \mbox{\ensuremath{BY}\x$ 

```
# PatientID Age Gender
1: SUBJ_101616 0 F
2: SUBJ_103300 0 F
3: SUBJ_105548 0 F
4: SUBJ_105556 0 F
5: SUBJ_106865 0 F
```

In this case, the records are sorted first by gender. Within gender, they are sorted by age.

# **DROP MEMBER Statement (MDX)**

Removes a calculated member defined earlier in the current session.

## **Syntax and Details**

DROP MEMBER cube\_name.calculated\_member\_expression

- *cube\_name* is the name of the cube to which you are adding this member.
- calculated\_member\_expression is an expression that refers to a member. Typically, calculated\_member\_expression has the form MEASURES.new\_measure\_name.

When you use the MDX shell, a session is started; the session ends when you exit the shell. During this session, if you use the CREATE MEMBER statement, the member that you create is available until the session ends or until you use the DROP MEMBER statement.

## **Example**

### See Also

• CREATE MEMBER Statement

# **DROP SET Statement (MDX)**

Removes a named set defined earlier in the current session.

## **Syntax and Details**

DROP SET cube\_name.set\_name

- *cube\_name* is the name of the cube to which you are adding this member.
- set\_name is an unquoted string that names the set.

When you use the MDX shell, a session is started; the session ends when you exit the shell. During this session, if you use the CREATE SET statement, the set that you create is available until the session ends or until you use the DROP SET statement.

### **Example**

### See Also

CREATE SET Statement

# FORMAT\_STRING Clause (MDX)

Used with a definition of a calculated member, this clause specifies the display format for the data.

### **Syntax and Details**

You can use this clause when you define a calculated member with the CREATE MEMBER Statement or with the WITH Clause.

FORMAT\_STRING = 'positive\_piece;negative\_piece;zero\_piece;missing\_piece;'

#### Where:

- positive\_piece controls how a positive value is displayed.
- negative\_piece controls how a negative value is displayed.
- zero\_piece controls how zero is displayed.
- missing\_piece controls how a missing value is displayed; this is not currently used.

Each piece is a literal and consists of one or more characters that include one of the following base units:

Base Unit	Meaning	Example
#	Display the value without the thousands separator. Do not include any decimal places.	12345
#,#	Display the value with the thousands separator. Do not include any decimal places. This is the default display format for positive numbers.	12,345
#.##	Display the value without the thousands separator. Include two decimal places (or one decimal place for each pound sign after the period).  Specify as many pound places after the period as you need.	12345.67
#,#.##	Display the value with the thousands separator. Include two decimal places (or one decimal place for each pound sign after the period). Specify as many pound places after the period as you need.	12,345.67

You can include additional characters before or after the base unit, as follows:

- If you include a percent sign (%), the system displays the value as a percentage. That is, it multiplies the value by 100 and it displays the percent sign (%) in the position you specify.
- Any other characters are displayed as given, in the position you specify.

If a query includes multiple calculated members with different format strings, the SOLVE\_ORDER clause controls which format string is used. (This clause is relevant only if the query contains calculated members on both axes.)

### **Examples**

The following table shows some examples:

Example	Logical Value	Display Value
FORMAT_STRING='#,#;(#,#);'	6608.9431	6,609
Note that this corresponds to the default way in which numbers are displayed.	-1234	(1234)
FORMAT_STRING='#,#.###;'	6608.9431	6,608.943
FORMAT_STRING='#%;'	6	600%
FORMAT_STRING='\$#,#;(\$#,#);'	2195765	\$2,195,765
	-3407228	(\$3,407,228)

## See Also

- CREATE MEMBER Statement
- SOLVE\_ORDER Clause
- WITH Clause

# **SELECT Statement (MDX)**

Executes a query and returns the results. This section describes the basic syntax.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
SELECT set_expression ON 0, set_expression ON 1 FROM cube_name
```

#### Where:

• The ON clause is an optional axis specification. It has the following form:

```
set_expression ON axis_name_or_number
```

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.
- axis\_name\_or\_number is COLUMNS (or 0, which is equivalent) or ROWS (or 1, which is equivalent).

You can specify zero, one, or two ON clauses. If you specify two ON clauses, you can specify them in either order.

In other implementations of MDX, if you specify ROWS, you must also specify COLUMNS. In InterSystems MDX, if you specify ROWS but do not specify COLUMNS, the system automatically generates an ON clause for COLUMNS. This clause uses the count measure.

• *cube\_name* is the name of the cube to use. The set expressions must make sense within that cube.

If you omit the ON clause, MDX returns the count of records in the cube. If this is a compound cube, this is the sum of the counts of all cubes combined in that compound cube.

For any given cell of the results, to determine the value to use, the system finds the *intersection* of the member used for the column and the member (if any used) for the row:

- If one member is a measure and the other is not a measure, the system finds the value of that measure for that member. For example, if one member is the Ave Age measure, and the other member is the 34577 ZIP code, then the corresponding data cell contains the average age of patients whose home ZIP code is 34577.
- If neither member is a measure, the system uses the default measure, which is usually %COUNT. For example, if one member is the gender F, and the other member is the 34577 ZIP code, then the corresponding data cell contains the count of all female patients whose home ZIP code is 34577.

## **Example**

The following simple example shows patient counts by ZIP code.

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.zip.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count

2,272
232007 1,111
334577 3,399
436711 1,069
538928 2,149
```

In the following example, the patients 2 cube does not include the Home Zip level. Instead, this cube has a relationship called Home City that points to another cube, called cities. The query uses this relationship:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, city.cityd.city.members ON 1 FROM patients2

		Patient	Count
1	Cedar Falls		1,097
2	Centerville		1,136
3	Cypress		1,124
4	Elm Heights		1,089
5	Juniper		1,133
6	Magnolia		1,063
7	Pine		1,124
8	Redwood		1,083
9	Spruce		1,151

## **See Also**

- DRILLTHROUGH Statement
- WHERE Clause
- WITH Clause

# **SET Statement (MDX)**

Creates a pivot variable for use in the current session, for the purpose of development. This statement is available only in the MDX shell.

## **Syntax and Details**

SET variable\_name variable\_value

#### Where:

• variable\_name is the name of the pivot variable (without the leading \$variable. syntax). The name is not case-sensitive; the system ignores the case when you refer to the variable. You cannot create multiple variables with names that differ only in case.

Note that this pivot variable is independent of any cube and is available only for use within the current shell session.

• *variable\_value* is the value of the pivot variable.

For information on pivot variables, see Defining and Using Pivot Variables.

### **Examples**

The following MDX shell session provides an example:

>>set mypivotvar colord.red
mypivotvar is: colord.red
>>select \$variable.mypivotvar on 0 from patients

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# **SOLVE\_ORDER Clause (MDX)**

Used with a definition of a calculated member, this clause specifies the order in which to apply the definition of this calculated member relative to other calculated members. This clause is relevant only if the query contains calculated members on both axes.

### **Syntax and Details**

You can use this clause when you define a calculated member with the CREATE MEMBER Statement or with the WITH Clause.

SOLVE\_ORDER=integer

The SOLVE\_ORDER keyword is not case-sensitive. For *integer*, specify a literal integer. The default is 0.

This clause is useful in a query that has a calculated member as a column and a conflicting calculated member as a row. This clause affects how the system determines the value in the cell *and* the format applied to the cell. By default, the *column* determines FORMAT\_STRING.

If you instead want the row to determine the format and the value, ensure that SOLVE\_ORDER is higher for the calculated member used as a row.

With one exception, the calculated member with the higher SOLVE\_ORDER is evaluated last and thus controls the results. The exception is that if a row or column uses the %CELL function, its implicit default SOLVE\_ORDER is 10.

If the row and column both use %CELL and you want the row to determine the value and format string, set the SOLVE ORDER to 11 for the row.

If the column and row members have the same SOLVE\_ORDER, the column member controls the results, as in the default case.

For calculated measures that depend on other calculated measures, the system recognizes the dependencies and evaluates the measures in the appropriate order; you do not need to use SOLVE\_ORDER for these measures.

### See Also

- CREATE MEMBER Statement
- FORMAT\_STRING Clause
- WITH Clause

## WHERE Clause (MDX)

Applies a filter to a SELECT statement; describes how to slice the results of a SELECT statement.

## **Syntax and Details**

select\_statement WHERE set\_expression

#### Where:

- *select\_statement* is a statement that uses SELECT.
- set\_expression is an expression that returns a set of members or tuples.

Instead of *set\_expression*, you can use a measure search expression; see the example to see the behavior of WHERE in this case.

Because the system automatically converts types where appropriate, you can also use a single member expression or tuple expression in place of the set expression.

#### **Important:**

Each set element is used as a separate slicer axis, and the results of all the slicer axes (of all %FILTER clauses) are aggregated together. This is the process of *axis folding* (a filter is considered to be a query axis). Axis folding means that if a given source record has a non-null result for each slicer axis, that record is counted multiple times.

In axis folding, values are combined according to the aggregation method for that measure, as specified in the cube definition. (In the examples here, %COUNT is added.)

For more details, see Axis Folding in How the Business Intelligence Query Engine Works.

## **Example**

Compare the following two example SELECT statements, one with a WHERE clause and one without a WHERE clause.

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
1 Cedar Falls
                                       1,039
 Centerville
                                       1,107
 Cypress
                                       1,096
4 Elm Heights
                                       1,093
5 Juniper
                                       1,150
6 Magnolia
                                       1,092
 Pine
                                       1,157
8 Redwood
                                        1,125
9 Spruce
```

The previous query shows the count of patients in each city. In contrast, consider the following query, which shows the count of male patients in each city:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE gend.male

```
Patient Count
                                           509
1 Cedar Falls
                                           569
2 Centerville
3 Cypress
                                           517
4 Elm Heights
                                           531
5 Juniper
                                           574
6 Magnolia
                                           527
 Pine
                                           569
8 Redwood
                                           553
9 Spruce
```

To demonstrate the effect of multiple items in the WHERE clause, first consider the following query:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE colord.green

		Patient	Count
1	Cedar Falls		137
2	Centerville		129
3	Cypress		150
4	Elm Heights		128
5	Juniper		126
6	Magnolia		143
7	Pine		155
8	Redwood		148
9	Spruce		147

Now consider the following query, which uses both gend.male and colord.green as set elements in the WHERE clause:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE {gend.male,colord.green}

		Patient	Count
1	Cedar Falls		646
2	Centerville		698
3	Cypress		667
4	Elm Heights		659
5	Juniper		700
6	Magnolia		670
7	Pine		724
8	Redwood		701
9	Spruce		704

By comparing the results for Cedar Falls, for example, you can see that this query adds the results for male patients *and* the results for patients whose favorite color is green. If you instead wanted to see the results for male patients whose favorite color is green, you would use either a CROSSJOIN or a tuple expression in the WHERE clause, as follows:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE CROSSJOIN(gend.male,colord.green)
```

		Patient	Count
1	Cedar Falls		56
2	Centerville		65
3	Cypress		80
4	Elm Heights		59
5	Juniper		73
6	Magnolia		74
7	Pine		82
8	Redwood		70
9	Spruce		74

The following example uses a tuple expression in the WHERE clause:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE (gend.male,aged.60)
Patient Count

1 Cedar Falls 3
2 Centerville 9
3 Cypress 7
4 Elm Heights 1
5 Juniper 8
6 Magnolia 2
7 Pine 5
8 Redwood 6
9 Spruce 3
```

You can also use the WHERE clause as a way to display a specific measure:

```
SELECT gend.gender.MEMBERS ON 0 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[avg test score] Female Male
All Patients 74.78 74.46
```

Notice that the measure name is not shown, however.

If you use the WHERE clause with a measure search expression, the clause uses only rows of the fact table that do meet the given criteria. (A measure search expression is an InterSystems extension to MDX that considers the measure values in the fact table itself.)

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0 FROM patients WHERE %SEARCH.&[[MEASURES].[age]<10] Patient Count $1,370$
```

### See Also

See the %FILTER clause.

# WITH Clause (MDX)

Defines one or more calculated members, named sets, or parameters for use in the SELECT statement.

### **Syntax and Details**

WITH with\_details1 with\_details2 ... select\_statement

#### Where:

- select\_statement is a statement that uses SELECT
- with\_details1, with\_details2, and so on can have one of the following syntaxes:

```
MEMBER calc_mem_definition
```

Or:

SET named\_set\_definition

Or:

%PARM named\_parameter\_definition

You can mix these subclauses in a single WITH clause.

**Tip:** Notice that there is no comma to separate the WITH subclauses from each other. Nor is there a comma between the WITH clause and the SELECT statement.

The following sections provide the details for the MEMBER, SET, and %PARM subclauses.

### **WITH MEMBER**

In a WITH clause, MEMBER defines a calculated member for use in the query. The MEMBER subclause has the following syntax:

```
MEMBER calc_mem_details, FORMAT_STRING='format_details', SOLVE_ORDER=integer
```

Where *calc\_mem\_details* is as follows:

```
cube_name.[dimension_name].[new_member_name] AS 'value_expression'
```

#### And:

- *cube\_name* is the name of a cube.
- *dimension\_name* is the name of a dimension.
- new\_member\_name is the name of a member; the member may or may not be already defined in the cube. If it is, the definition given here takes precedence.
- *value\_expression* is an MDX expression that defines the calculated member, typically in terms of references to other members.

For example:

```
MEASURES.[test score]/MEASURES.[%COUNT]
```

In any context where you use this calculated member, the system first evaluates the Test Score and %COUNT measures in that context and then performs the division.

For another example:

```
%OR({colord.red,colord.blue,colord.yellow})
```

This new member refers to all the records of the fact table that correspond to the red, yellow, or blue members of the colord dimension.

For other variations, see Defining Calculated Members.

- FORMAT\_STRING='format\_details' is an optional clause that specifies how to display the values. This clause is applicable only for numeric values. See FORMAT\_STRING Clause.
- SOLVE\_ORDER=integer is an optional clause that specifies the relative order in which to evaluate this calculated
  member. This clause is relevant only if the query contains calculated members on both axes. See SOLVE\_ORDER
  Clause.

The first example shows a calculated member defined within the WITH clause:

```
WITH MEMBER MEASURES.avgage AS 'MEASURES.age/MEASURES.%COUNT'
SELECT MEASURES.avgage ON 0, diagd.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

1 None 33.24
2 asthma 34.79
3 CHD 67.49
4 diabetes 57.24
5 osteoporosis 79.46
```

The system first evaluates the Age and %COUNT measures and then performs the division for the avgage measure.

### WITH SET

In a WITH clause, SET defines a named set for use in the query. The SET subclause has the following syntax:

```
SET set_name AS 'set_expression'
```

- *set\_name* is an unquoted string that names the set.
- set\_expression is an expression that refers to a set.

The following example shows a named set defined within the WITH clause:

```
WITH SET testset AS '{homed.city.members}' SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, testset ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
 Cedar Falls
                                       1,045
                                       1,069
 Centerville
3 Cypress
                                       1,150
4 Elm Heights
                                       1,104
                                       1,155
5 Juniper
6 Magnolia
                                       1,111
 Pine
                                       1.138
8 Redwood
                                       1,111
9 Spruce
                                       1,117
```

### **WITH %PARM**

In a WITH clause, %PARM defines a named parameter for use in the query. The %PARM subclause has the following syntax:

```
%PARM parameter_name AS 'value:default_value'
Or:
%PARM parameter_name AS 'value:default_value,caption:label'
```

- parameter\_name is the name of the parameter.
- *default\_value* is the default value of the parameter.
- *label* is the caption to use when prompting for a value of this parameter.

When you run a query within the MDX shell, the shell prompts you for values of any named parameters.

Then, to refer to the parameter within the query itself, use @parameter\_name

For example:

```
>>WITH %PARM c as 'value:Pine' select homed.[city].@c ON 0 FROM patients
Please supply parameter value(s) for this query:
C [Pine]:
                                     Pine
                                     1,073
Elapsed time:
                  2.136337s
>>WITH %PARM c as 'value:Pine' select homed.[city].@c ON 0 FROM patients
Please supply parameter value(s) for this query:
C [Pine]:Magnolia
                                 Magnolia
                                     1,113
Elapsed time: 2.627897s
>>WITH %PARM c as 'value:Pine,caption:city' select homed.[city].@c ON 0 FROM patients
Please supply parameter value(s) for this query:
city [Pine]:
                                     Pine
                                     1,073
Elapsed time: 2.235228s
>>WITH %PARM c AS 'value:5, caption:count' SELECT TOPCOUNT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, @c) ON 1 FROM patients
Please supply parameter value(s) for this query:
count [5]:3
1 1970s
                                     1,593
2 1960s
                                     1,505
3 2000s
                                     1.442
Elapsed time: 1.207581s
```

### See Also

The WITH clause defines elements that are available only during the query that defines them.

To define calculated members and named sets for use during the entire session, use the following statements:

- CREATE MEMBER Statement
- CREATE SET Statement

For information on defining calculated members and named sets as part of the cube definition (available in all sessions), see *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.

# **MDX Functions**

This reference section provides information on the MDX functions supported in Business Intelligence.

Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

# %ALL (MDX)

Enables you to use a member while ignoring any ROW and COLUMN context that uses the hierarchy to which this member belongs. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### Syntax and Details

```
member expression.%ALL
```

#### Where:

• *member expression* is an expression that evaluates to a member.

This function enables you to create calculated members that compare one member of a hierarchy to another member of the hierarchy (for example, comparing one product to all products).

### **Example**

Sometimes it is necessary to compute values like the following:

- Percentage of one product compared to all products
- Percentage of one product compared to another product

For example, the following query uses a calculated member that equals the patient count for each age group, as a percentage of patients in all the age groups:

```
WITH MEMBER MEASURES.[pct age grps] AS 'aged.CURRENTMEMBER/aged.[all patients].%ALL', FORMAT_STRING='#.##'

SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[pct age grps]} ON 0,
aged.h1.[age group].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count pct age grps

1 0 to 29 4,216 0.42
2 30 to 59 4,212 0.42
3 60+ 1.572 0.16
```

The calculated member is defined as the current member of the AgeD dimension, divided by the All member of that dimension:

```
aged.CURRENTMEMBER/aged.[all patients].%ALL
```

In contrast, consider the following query in which the calculated member does not use the %ALL function:

```
WITH MEMBER MEASURES.[BADpct age grps] AS 'aged.CURRENTMEMBER/aged.[all patients]', FORMAT_STRING='#.##'

SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[BADpct age grps]} ON 0,
aged.h1.[age group].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
BADpct age grps
1 0 to 29
4,216
1.00
2 30 to 59
4,212
1.00
3 60+
1,572
1.00
```

In this case, the value of aged.[all patients] in each row is the same as the value of aged.CURRENTMEMBER, because the row members belong to the same hierarchy as aged.[all patients].

Note that the % ALL function does consider the context given by members of other hierarchies. (It ignores only the hierarchy associated with the member that you use with the function.) For example:

Here, the first two Patient Count and pct age grps columns correspond to female patients and the second two correspond to male patients. Each pct age grps column indicates the patient count for that gender, as a percentage of all age groups for that gender.

Also note that the %ALL function does not ignore members of its hierarchy if those are used in a WHERE or FILTER clause; that is, the %ALL function fully respects all filtering applied to the query. For example:

```
WITH MEMBER MEASURES.[pct of all ages] AS 'aged.CURRENTMEMBER/aged.[all patients].%ALL', FORMAT_STRING='#.##'

SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[pct of all ages]} ON 0, aged.hl.[age group].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

WHERE aged.hl.[age group].[0 to 29]

Patient Count pct of all ages

1 0 to 29 4,216 1.00
2 30 to 59 * * * * *
3 60+ * * *
```

### See Also

• %MDX

# %CELL (MDX)

Returns the value of another cell in a pivot table, by position. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number or a string.

### **Syntax and Details**

%CELL(relative\_column\_position,relative\_row\_position)

#### Where:

- *relative\_column\_position* is an integer. Use 0 for the current column, -1 for the previous column (the column to the left), 1 for the next column (the column to the right), and so on.
- *relative\_row\_position* is an integer. Use 0 for the current row, -1 for the previous row (the column above), 1 for the next row (the column below), and so on.

The system returns the value of the given cell, or null if the cell has no value.

The system evaluates %CELL after resolving the rest of the query; this means that you cannot use this function within an expression used by another function.

### **Example**

The following example displays rainfall data and cumulative rainfall data for a given span of time:

SELECT {MEASURES.[Rainfall Inches], CELL(-1,0)+CELL(0,-1)} ON 0, {dated.year.1960:1970} ON 1 FROM cityrainfall

	Rainfall Inches	Expression
1960	177.83	177.83
1961	173.42	351.25
1962	168.11	519.36
1963	188.30	707.66
1964	167.58	875.24
1965	175.23	1,050.47
1966	182.50	1,232.97
1967	154.44	1,387.41
1968	163.97	1,551.38
1969	184.84	1,736.22
1970	178.31	1,914.53
	1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969	1960     177.83       1961     173.42       1962     168.11       1963     188.30       1964     167.58       1965     175.23       1966     182.50       1967     154.44       1968     163.97       1969     184.84

Notice that the default label here is Expression. You can use %LABEL to provide a more suitable label. For example:

SELECT {MEASURES.[Rainfall Inches], %LABEL((%CELL(-1,0)+%CELL(0,-1)), "Cumulative Inches")} ON 0, {dated.year.1960:1970} ON 1 FROM cityrainfall

		Rainfall Inches	Cumulative Inches
1	1960	177.83	177.83
2	1961	173.42	351.25
3	1962	168.11	519.36
4	1963	188.30	707.66
5	1964	167.58	875.24
6	1965	175.23	1,050.47
7	1966	182.50	1,232.97
8	1967	154.44	1,387.41
9	1968	163.97	1,551.38
10	1969	184.84	1,736.22
11	1970	178.31	1,914.53

### See Also

%CELLZERO

# %CELLZERO (MDX)

Returns the value of another cell in a pivot table or returns zero if that cell has no value. This function is a Business Intelligence extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number or a string.

## **Syntax and Details**

%CELLZERO(relative\_column\_position,relative\_row\_position)

#### Where:

- *relative\_column\_position* is an integer. Use 0 for the current column, -1 for the previous column (the column to the left), 1 for the next column (the column to the right), and so on.
- *relative\_row\_position* is an integer. Use 0 for the current row, -1 for the previous row (the column above), 1 for the next row (the column below), and so on.

The system returns the value of the given cell, or zero if the cell has no value.

### **Example**

The following query uses three measures. The first measure displays the number of units sold in a given period. The second measure displays the number of units sold in the previous period; this is a calculated measure defined with PREVMEMBER. The third measure displays the change in units sold since the previous period; this is a calculated measure defined with %CELLZERO.

```
WITH MEMBER [MEASURES].[UnitsSoldPreviousPeriod]
AS '%LABEL(([DateOfsale].[Actual].CurrentMember.PrevMember,MEASURES.[units sold]), "Units (Prev Period)")'
MEMBER [MEASURES].[Delta Since Prev Period] AS '%CELLZERO(-2,0)-%CELLZERO(-1,0)'
SELECT
{[Measures].[Units Sold],[MEASURES].[UNITSSOLDPREVIOUSPERIOD],[MEASURES].[DELTA SINCE PREV PERIOD]} ON
[DateOfSale].[Actual].[MonthSold].Members ON 1
FROM [HoleFoods]
%FILTER [PRODUCT].[P1].[PRODUCT CATEGORY].&[Dairy]
                                      Units (Prev Peri
                                                         Delta Since Prev
1 Jan-2009
 2 Feb-2009
 3 Mar-2009
 4 Apr-2009
 5 May-2009
 6 Jun-2009
  Jul-2009
8 Aug-2009
 9 Sep-2009
10 Oct-2009
11 Nov-2009
12 Dec-2009
                                   1
13 Jan-2010
14 Feb-2010
15 Mar-2010
```

### See Also

%CELL

# %FIRST (MDX)

Returns the value of the given measure (or other numeric expression) evaluated for the first non-empty member of a set. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

%FIRST(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The %FIRST function returns the first non-missing value evaluated for each member of the given set.

### **Example**

For reference, the following query shows patients with asthma, grouped by birth decade:

SELECT MEASURES.[%Count] ON 0, birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE diagd.asthma

		Patient	Count
1	1910s		*
2	1920s		*
3	1930s		1
4	1940s		9
5	1950s		8
6	1960s		11
7	1970s		12
8	1980s		14
9	1990s		11
10	2000s		14
11	2010s		4

The following query uses %FIRST to get the first non-empty set of patients from the preceding set:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%Count] ON 0, %FIRST(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients WHERE diagd.asthma

Patient Count

FIRST 1
```

### **See Also**

%LAST

# %KPI (MDX)

Returns a value from a KPI or plug-in. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

%KPI(kpiName,propName,series)

Or:

%KPI(kpiName,propName,series,parmName1,parmValue1,parmName2,parmValue2)

#### Where:

- *kpiName* is the name of a KPI or plugin.
- propName is the quoted name of a property> element of the KPI or plug-in.
- series is the optional number or the quoted name of a series (row) in the KPI or plug-in. The default is 1.
- *parmName1*, *parmName2*, and so on are optional quoted names of parameters of the KPI or plug-in (in most cases, these are filters). Note that parameter names are case-sensitive.

The order in which you list the filters does not affect the KPI.

You can specify up to 16 parameters and their values.

• parmValue1, parmValue2, and so on are the corresponding values of the named filters.

%KPI uses all provided parameter values and returns the value of the given *propName* for the given *series*. For KPIs and plug-ins, the caption for a value is the normalized and localized property name.

For MDX-based KPIs and plug-ins, you can use the special %CONTEXT parameter to cause the KPI to consider the context of query, which is otherwise ignored. For its value, specify a combination of the following flags:

- "rows" specifies that the context of the current pivot row should be used
- "columns" specifies that the context of the current pivot column should be used
- "filters" specifies that the context of the filters of current pivot should be used
- "all" specifies that all the preceding should be used (this is the default)

Use a pipe character (|) to combine flags, for example: "rows | columns". The value "all" is equivalent to "rows | columns | filters". (The %MDX function also uses this parameter; see %MDX for examples.)

#### **Important:**

If you use the *%CONTEXT* parameter, remember to enclose it in quotes. Also, you must specify a value for this parameter unless you use it as the last parameter. For example, the following is valid:

```
%KPI("%DeepSee.Median","MEDIAN",1,"%measure","Amount Sold","%CONTEXT")
The following is also valid:
%KPI("%DeepSee.Median","MEDIAN",1,"%CONTEXT","all","%measure","Amount Sold")
But the following is not correct and will not be interpreted as desired:
```

KPIs (other than plug-ins) are executed synchronously by default but can be defined to execute asynchronously.

%KPI("%DeepSee.Median","MEDIAN",1,"%CONTEXT","%measure","Amount Sold")

### **Example**

The following example gets the value of the PatCount property for the first row of the DemoMDX KPI:

```
SELECT %KPI("demomdx","PatCount") ON 0 FROM patients

Patient Count

115
```

The following example defines a calculated measure that uses the %DeepSee.Plugin.Median sample plug-in:

```
WITH MEMBER [MEASURES].[Median Amount Sold] AS
'%KPI("%DeepSee.Median","MEDIAN",1,"%measure","Amount Sold","%CONTEXT")'
SELECT NON EMPTY [Measures].[Amount Sold],[MEASURES].[MEDIAN AMOUNT SOLD]} ON 0,
NON EMPTY [Product].[P1].[Product Name].Members ON 1
FROM [HoleFoods]

Amount Sold Median Amount Sold

1 Pagels (dozen)

38 96
```

		I IIII O GITO DO I G	TICGEGII IMMOGIIO DOEG
1	Bagels (dozen)	38.96	2.95
2	Bundt Cake	1,632.01	19.95
3	Calamari (frozen	566.90	22.95
4	Cheerios (box)	600.11	3.95
5	Donuts (dozen)	429.36	2.95
6	Free-range Donut	1,310.64	12.95
7	Fruit Loops (box	772.83	4.95
8	Lifesavers (roll	248.96	1.15
9	Onion ring	377.25	4.95
10	Onion ring	28.57	5.95
11	Penne (box)	176.72	1.95
12	Pineapple Rings	512.00	8.95
13	Pretzels (bag)	88.12	3.95
14	Swiss Cheese (sl	445.10	5.95
15	Tortellini (froz	1,000.89	6.95
16	Unsalted Pretzel	316.70	4.25
17	Ziti (box)	979.43	4.81

## **Available Plug-in Classes**

The system provides several plug-ins for you to use with the % KPI function:

#### %DeepSee.Distinct

Gets the number of distinct values for the given level.

This plug-in provides the property DISTINCT. The plug-in accepts the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
%cube	Logical name of the cube.
%level	MDX identifier for the level or relationship whose distinct values you want to count. For example, [DocD].[H1].[Doctor] or [RelatedCubes/Doctors].[DocD]

This plug-in is defined by the class %DeepSee.PlugIn.Distinct.

### %DeepSee.Median

Gets the median value for a given measure, across all the lowest-level records used in a cell.

This plug-in provides the property MEDIAN. The plug-in accepts the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
%cube	Logical name of the cube.
%measure	MDX identifier for measure whose values you want to use. For example: [MEASURES].[Measure Name]

This plug-in is defined by the class %DeepSee.PlugIn.Median.

### %DeepSee.Percentile

Gets a percentile value for a given measure, across all the lowest-level records.

This plug-in provides the property PERCENTILE. The plug-in accepts the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
%cube	Logical name of the cube.
%measure	MDX identifier for measure whose values you want to use. For example:  [MEASURES].[Measure Name]
%percentile	The percentile that you want to evaluate. The default is 50, so that the plug-in calculates the 50th percentile.

This plug-in is defined by the class %DeepSee.PlugIn.Percentile.

### %DeepSee.Variance

Gets the variance for a given measure, across all the lowest-level records.

This plug-in provides three properties: SAMPLE, POPULATION, and VARIANCE. POPULATION calculates the population variance; SAMPLE and VARIANCE calculate the sample variance.

The plug-in accepts the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
%cube	Logical name of the cube.
%measure	MDX identifier for measure whose values you want to use. For example:  [MEASURES].[Measure Name]

This plug-in is defined by the class %DeepSee.PlugIn.Variance.

### %DeepSee.StdDev

Gets the standard deviation for a given measure, across all the lowest-level records.

This plug-in provides three properties: SAMPLE, POPULATION, and STDDEV. POPULATION calculates the population standard deviation; SAMPLE and STDDEV calculate the sample standard deviation.

The plug-in accepts the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
%cube	Logical name of the cube.
%measure	MDX identifier for measure whose values you want to use. For example:  [MEASURES].[Measure Name]

This plug-in is defined by the class %DeepSee.PlugIn.StdDev.

Note that these plug-in classes are defined with *PLUGINTYPE* as "Aggregate", which means that the plug-ins cannot be directly used in the Analyzer or in widgets.

### See Also

• %MDX

# %LABEL (MDX)

Given an MDX expression, returns the same expression with a different label for use as a row or column header. %LABEL can also specify formatting for the row or column. This function is a Business Intelligence extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns an expression of the same type that you use with the function.

### **Syntax and Details**

%LABEL(MDX\_expression, label, format\_string, solve\_order, cell\_style, heading\_style)

#### Where:

- *MDX\_expression* is an MDX expression of any type.
- *label* is a string to use as the new label as a row or column header.
- format\_string is an optional literal (such as "#.##") that specifies how to display the values. See FORMAT\_STRING Clause.
- solve\_order is an optional integer that specifies the order in which to apply labels. See SOLVE\_ORDER Clause.
- cell\_style is an optional literal that specifies a Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) style definition to apply to the data cells.
- heading\_style is an optional literal that specifies a Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) style definition to apply to the heading.

### **Example**

SELECT %LABEL(MEASURES.[avg allergy count], "my label") ON 0, colord.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

		ıııy	Tanel
1	None		1.04
2	Blue		1.01
3	Green		1.02
4	Orange		1.01
5	Purple		1.06
6	Red		1.03
7	Yellow		1.00

#### In contrast:

SELECT MEASURES.[avg allergy count] ON 0, colord.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

		Avg	Allergy	Count
1	None			1.04
2	Blue			1.01
3	Green			1.02
4	Orange			1.01
5	Purple			1.06
6	Red			1.03
7	Yellow			1.00

For more examples, see %CELL, CURRENTMEMBER, IIF, and PROPERTIES.

### **See Also**

- IIF
- ISNULL

# %LAST (MDX)

Returns the value of the given measure (or other numeric expression) evaluated for the last non-empty member of a set. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

%LAST(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The %LAST function returns the last non-missing value evaluated for each member of the given set.

### **Example**

For reference, the following query shows patients with osteoporosis, grouped by birth decade:

SELECT MEASURES.[%Count] ON 0, birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE diagd.osteoporosis

		Patient	Count
1	1910s		2
2	1920s		5
3	1930s		10
4	1940s		5
5	1950s		*
6	1960s		*
7	1970s		*
8	1980s		*
9	1990s		*
10	2000s		*
11	2010s		*

The following query uses %LAST to get the last non-empty set of patients from the preceding set:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%Count] ON 0, %LAST(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients WHERE diagd.osteoporosis

Patient Count
LAST

5
```

### See Also

%FIRST

# %LIST (MDX)

Returns a comma-separated list of values, given a set of values. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX and is intended for use in KPIs.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a string that consists of a comma-separated list of values.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
%LIST(set_expression)
```

#### Where:

set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.

## **Example**

The following example shows the measure %COUNT for each diagnosis, followed by a string that contains a comma-separated list of those values:

In the following example, the LIST column contains, for each city, a comma-separated list of the birth counts by decade for that city. This is the basic query used in the scorecard on the Scorecard with Trend Lines dashboard.

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT],%LIST(birthd.decade.MEMBERS)} ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

```
1 Cedar Falls
                                    1,079
                                             11, 22, 42, 92, 115, 159, 176, 135, 127, 179, 21
2 Centerville
                                    1,058
                                             3,24,51,57,114,157,167,152,161,145,27
                                    1,095
3 Cypress
                                             12,14,57,84,105,146,160,159,153,166,39
4 Elm Heights
                                    1,086
                                             8,22,54,72,121,154,168,135,176,143,33
                                              9,21,56,79,124,165,200,152,169,155,22
 Juniper
6 Magnolia
                                    1,152
                                             6,18,55,83,116,181,190,159,172,145,27
                                             8,22,47,72,108,160,166,173,161,170,33
6,17,61,90,109,174,189,129,171,154,32
 Pine
                                    1,120
8 Redwood
                                    1,132
                                    1,126
                                             11,20,70,74,107,167,171,161,164,156,25
9 Spruce
```

**Note:** This function is intended for use in KPIs displayed in scorecard widgets. Specifically, you use this as the source value for a scorecard property that displays a trend line or trend bar graphic.

# %LOOKUP (MDX)

Returns one value from a term list. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number or a string.

### **Syntax and Details**

%LOOKUP(termlist,key,field,default)

#### Where:

- *termlist* is the name of a term list.
- key is a key value in that term list.
- field is an optional field (column) name to use to get the value. By default the value column is returned.
- *default* is the value to return if the term list, key, or field cannot be found.

Unlike % TERMLIST, % LOOKUP returns a single value.

If a cell in a term list defines a valid member reference, such as [Outlet].[h1].[city].[boston], then %LOOKUP resolves this reference and does not return the member reference as a literal value. This is mainly to be compatible with term lists created for use with %TERMLIST.

For information on defining term lists, see Defining Term Lists.

### **Comparison with Other Term List Functions**

The following table compares functions that you can use with term lists:

Function	Purpose	Return Value
%LOOKUP	Looks up a value, given the key of a term list item. Returns the value of the term list item. You can specify a default value to return.	A number or a string (which could be the name of a member).
LOOKUP	Returns a field from a term list item. By default, this field is the key field, but you can return another field instead. You can specify a default value to return.	
%TERMLIST	Returns a set based on the given term list.	Returns a set.

## **Example**

Consider a term list called VALUES with one key-value pair:

```
key value
CutOff 10000000
```

In this case, you can use %LOOKUP as follows:

```
SELECT %LOOKUP("Values","CutOff") ON ROWS FROM HOLEFOODS ==> 1000000
```

For another example, the following query returns the list of cities whose population is greater than the cut off value in the term list:

```
SELECT
FILTER(Outlet.City.Members,Outlet.H1.City.CurrentMember.Properties("Population")>%LOOKUP("Values","CutOff"))
```

 $\texttt{ON ROWS,Outlet.H1.City.CurrentMember.Properties("Population") ON COLUMNS} \quad \texttt{FROM HOLEFOODS} \\$ 

### **See Also**

- %TERMLIST
- **LOOKUP**

# %MDX (MDX)

Executes an MDX query outside of the context of the current query and then returns a single result. This function is a Business Intelligence extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number or a string.

### **Syntax and Details**

%MDX(mdx\_query,parmName1,parmValue1,parmName2,parmValue2)

#### Where:

mdx\_query is a quoted MDX query. It should return a single value; only the upper left cell is used.

The query can include named parameters, calculated members, and named sets.

• parmName1, parmName2, and so on are optional named parameters in the query. These must be quoted.

The order in which you list parameters does not affect the query.

You can specify up to 16 parameters and their values.

• parmValue1, parmValue2, and so on are the corresponding values of the named parameters.

This function executes the given query and returns a single value; if the query returns multiple rows or columns, the function returns only the upper left cell. You use this to include a subquery within another query.

The system provides the special %CONTEXT parameter which you can use within %MDX. For details, see %KPI, which also accepts this parameter.

**Important:** Remember to quote the *%CONTEXT* parameter if you use it.

## **Example**

You use %MDX to obtain a value that you want to include in a query but that would otherwise be affected by the row and column definition of the query. For example, you can use it if you need to access the total record count:

```
WITH MEMBER A.FRACTION AS 'MEASURES.[%COUNT]/%MDX("SELECT FROM patients")' SELECT { MEASURES.[%COUNT], A.FRACTION } ON 0, diagd.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

	Patient Count	FRACTION
1 None	8,428	0.84
2 asthma	712	0.07
3 CHD	343	0.03
4 diabetes	485	0.05
5 osteoporosis	212	0.02

The following example uses %MDX with a named parameter (City):

```
SELECT %MDX("WITH %PARM City AS 'value:[All Cities]' SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS WHERE Outlet.@City", "City",Outlet.CurrentMember.Properties("NAME")) ON 0, Outlet.City.Members on 1 FROM HOLEFOODS
```

```
      NAME

      1 Amsterdam
      1,633

      2 Antwerp
      421

      3 Atlanta
      3,331

      4 Bangalore
      3,786
```

In this case, the subquery is as follows:

```
WITH %PARM City AS 'value: [All Cities]' SELECT FROM HOLEFOODS WHERE Outlet.@City
```

The following examples show the effect of the %CONTEXT parameter. First, the following query uses %MDX without %CONTEXT:

```
WITH
MEMBER [MEASURES].[PercentOfAllRevenue] AS '100 * MEASURES.[Amount Sold] /
%MDX("SELECT MEASURES.[Amount Sold] ON 0 FROM holefoods")
SELECT NON EMPTY [Channel].[H1].[Channel Name].Members ON 0,
NON EMPTY [Product].[P1].[Product Category].Members ON 1
FROM [HoleFoods]
WHERE [MEASURES].[PERCENTOFALLREVENUE]
                         No Channel
                                                 Online
                                                                     Retail
1 Candy
                                                    0.83
                                0.28
                                                                        0.61
2 Cereal
                                0.11
                                                    0.58
                                                                        0.39
3 Dairy
                                0.23
                                                    2.43
                                                                        1.01
                                                    7.55
4 Fruit
                                1.04
                                                                        3.76
5 Pasta
                                0.79
                                                    7.19
                                                                        4.14
6 Seafood
                                3.60
                                                   22.23
                                                                       10.41
7 Snack
                                2.58
                                                   10.84
                                                                        7.28
8 Vegetable
                                1.42
                                                                        4.05
                                                    6.63
```

The calculated member [MEASURES]. [PercentOfAllRevenue] computes the Amount Sold measure for the current pivot table cell, divided by the aggregate value for that measure across the entire cube. This value is then divided by 100, so the values displayed in the results add up to 100.

In contrast, consider the results when we use \( \%CONTEXT \) as "rows":

```
WITH
MEMBER [MEASURES].[PercentOfRows] AS '100 * MEASURES.[Amount Sold] /
%MDX("SELECT MEASURES.[Amount Sold] ON 0 FROM holefoods", "%CONTEXT", "rows")'
SELECT NON EMPTY [Channel].[H1].[Channel Name].Members ON 0,
NON EMPTY [Product].[P1].[Product Category].Members ON 1
FROM [HoleFoods]
WHERE [MEASURES].[PercentOfRows]
                         No Channel
                                                 Online
                                                                     Retail
1 Candy
                               16.08
                                                   48.30
                                                                       35.62
2 Cereal
                               10.29
                                                   53.69
                                                                       36.02
3 Dairy
                                6.38
                                                   66.15
                                                                       27.48
4 Fruit
                                8.41
                                                   61.14
                                                                       30.45
5 Pasta
                                                   59.33
                                6.49
                                                                       34.18
                                9.93
6 Seafood
                                                   61.34
                                                                       28.73
                               12.46
 Snack
                                                   52.38
                                                                       35.16
                                                   54.77
8 Vegetable
                               11.72
                                                                       33.51
```

In this case, the %MDX subquery uses the row context. As a result, the numbers in each row add up to 100.

11.37

12.80

Now consider the results when we use %CONTEXT as "columns":

```
WITH
MEMBER [MEASURES].[PercentOfCols] AS '100 * MEASURES.[Amount Sold] /
%MDX("SELECT MEASURES.[Amount Sold] ON 0 FROM holefoods","%CONTEXT","columns")'
SELECT NON EMPTY [Channel].[H1].[Channel Name].Members ON 0,
NON EMPTY [Product].[P1].[Product Category].Members ON 1
FROM [HoleFoods]
WHERE [MEASURES].[PercentOfCols]
                        No Channel
                                                Online
                                                                    Retail
                                2.76
1 Candy
                                                    1.43
                                                                       1.94
                                1.10
                                                    0.99
2 Cereal
                                                                       1.22
3 Dairy
                                2.34
                                                    4.18
                                                                       3.19
4 Fruit
                               10.35
                                                  12.96
                                                                      11.88
5 Pasta
                                7.83
                                                  12.34
                                                                      13.08
6 Seafood
                               35.83
                                                   38.14
                                                                       32.89
7 Snack
                               25.67
                                                   18.60
```

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In this case, the numbers in each column add up to 100.

8 Vegetable

## See Also

• %KPI

# %NOT (MDX)

Enables you to exclude a single member of a given level. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.%NOT
```

#### Where:

member\_expression is a member identifier. (Note that you cannot use a general member expression.)

This function enables you to exclude the given member.

## **Example**

Often it is necessary for the WHERE clause to exclude a single member. For example, first consider the following query, which uses EXCEPT:

```
SELECT aged.[age bucket].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE EXCEPT(aged.[age group].MEMBERS,aged.[age group].[0 to 29])

1 0 to 9

2 10 to 19

3 20 to 29

4 30 to 39

5 40 to 49

6 50 to 59

7 60 to 69

8 70 to 79

9 80+
```

You can use the %NOT function to rewrite the previous query as follows:

If you use this function on the column or row axis, you can see that it returns a member:

```
SELECT aged.[age group].[0 to 29].%NOT ON 1 FROM patients
Not 0 to 29 600
```

As you can see the name of the member is NOT followed by the name of the excluded member.

The %NOT function provides several advantages:

- The system does not need to materialize all the members of the level.
- The negation occurs in an earlier part of the processing for greater efficiency.
- %NOT returns a single member which can be combined (internally) with other filters to form simple tuple expressions.

## **See Also**

• EXCEPT

## %OR (MDX)

Enables you to combine multiple members into a single member, for efficiency and to avoid double-counting. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member. The name of the member is the name of the member, followed by +Others.

## Syntax and Details

```
%OR(set_expression)
```

#### Where:

set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples. This expression must be enclosed in curly braces.

This function enables you to combine the given members or tuples into a single unit.

### **Example**

Often it is necessary for the WHERE clause to contain a set of multiple members. For example:

```
SELECT gend.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE {allerd.[ant bites],allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}

1 Female 56
2 Male 59
```

This query construction, however, means that the system evaluates the query results multiple times (once for each item in the WHERE clause) and then combines them. This can be undesirably slow and can double-count items. (In this example, a given patient can be counted as many as three times, once for each allergy in the WHERE clause.)

With the %OR function, you can rewrite the query as follows:

```
SELECT gend.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE %OR({allerd.[ant bites],allerd.soy,allerd.wheat})

1 Female 55
2 Male 57
```

Note the numbers are lower, because this query does not double-count any patients.

You can use %OR with a set that contains members of different levels (or even that contains tuples). For example:

```
SELECT NON EMPTY [Measures].[%COUNT] ON 0 FROM [Patients]
WHERE %OR({[AgeD].[H1].[Age Bucket].&[80+],[DiagD].[H1].[Diagnoses].&[CHD]})

Patient Count
```

If you use this function on the column or row axis, you can see that it returns a member:

```
SELECT OR({allerd.[ant bites], allerd.soy, allerd.wheat}) ON 1 FROM patients ant bites+Others 112
```

The %OR function provides several advantages:

- The members of the set are treated as one unit.
- The combination of members occurs in an earlier part of the processing for greater efficiency.

• %O	R returns a single i	member which ca	in be combined	(internally)	with other filters	to form simi	ple tuple exi	pressions.
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Also see examples in Defining Calculated Members.

# **%SEARCH (MDX)**

Returns a measure search expression that you can use with the WHERE and %FILTER clauses.

## **Returned Type**

See the section Measure Search Expressions in Expression Types.

# **%SPACE (MDX)**

Inserts a blank row or column with no label. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns an empty string.

## **Syntax and Details**

%SPACE()

## **Example**

 ${\tt SELECT~\{allerd.MEMBERS, \$SPACE(), allersevd.MEMBERS\}~ON~1~FROM~patients}$ 

	No Data Available	3,962
	additive/coloring agen	423
	animal dander	428
	ant bites	457
	bee stings	407
6	dairy products	460
7	dust mites	422
8	eggs	419
9	fish	429
10	mold	438
11	nil known allergies	1,382
12	peanuts	441
13	pollen	424
14	shellfish	431
15	soy	455
16	tree nuts	452
17	wheat	419
18		
19	Nil known allergies	1,382
20	Minor	1,229
21	Moderate	1,205
22	Life-threatening	1,202
23	Inactive	1,184
24	Unable to determine	1,141

## %TERMLIST (MDX)

Enables you to create a set of members based on a term list. When used with the %OR function, %TERMLIST is particularly useful for filtering. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
%TERMLIST(term_list_name, flag)
```

#### Where:

- term\_list\_name is a string expression that evaluates to the name of a term list.
- flag, which is optional, is either "EXCLUDE" or "INCLUDE" (the default).

This function returns a set that, by default, consists of members that are identified by the key values in the term list, in combination with the *term list pattern*. The term list pattern indicates the level to which the members belong, and indicates how to create the full identifiers for the members.

If you specify flag as "EXCLUDE", the set instead consists of all members of the given level except for the ones identified in the term list.

For information on defining term lists, see Defining Term Lists.

### **Example**

For example, suppose that for HoleFoods, we have a term list named MyCities that is defined as follows:

Terms		
key	value	
Atlanta	Atlanta	
Boston	Boston	
New York	New York	

Suppose that this term list has the following **Pattern** expression:

```
[Outlet].[H1].[City].[*]
```

Then for this term list, the %TERMLIST function returns a set that consists of the Atlanta, Boston, and New York members of the City level. That is, the following two expressions are equivalent:

```
%TERMLIST("MyCities")
```

#### And:

```
{[Outlet].[H1].[City].[Atlanta],[Outlet].[H1].[City].[Boston],[Outlet].[H1].[City].[New York]}
```

When used with the %OR function, %TERMLIST is particularly useful for filtering. For example:

```
SELECT FROM holefoods %FILTER %OR(%TERMLIST("MyCities"))
```

- %LOOKUP (which contains Comparison with Other Term List Functions)
- LOOKUP
- %OR

# **%TIMERANGE (MDX)**

Enables you to define a range of time members, possibly open-ended. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
%TIMERANGE(start_member,end_member,keyword)
```

#### Where:

- *start\_member* is an optional expression that evaluates to a member of a time level. If you omit this, the system uses the earliest member of this level.
- *end\_member* is an optional expression that evaluates to a member of a time level. If you omit this, the system uses the latest member of this level.
- keyword is optional and is either INCLUSIVE or EXCLUSIVE

The default is INCLUSIVE.

You must specify start\_member, end\_member, or both.

## **Example**

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The following example uses both start\_member and end\_member:

The next example shows an open-ended range:

```
SELECT NON EMPTY DateOfSale.YearSold.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM holefoods WHERE %TIMERANGE(DateOfSale.YearSold.&[2009])

1 2009 179
2 2010 203
3 2011 224
4 2012 114
```

The next example shows another open-ended range, this time using the EXCLUSIVE keyword:

```
SELECT NON EMPTY DateOfSale.YearSold.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM holefoods WHERE %TIMERANGE(,DateOfSale.YearSold.&[2009],EXCLUSIVE)

1 2007 124
```

## %TIMEWINDOW (MDX)

Returns a set of members of a time dimension that match the given range template.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
%TIMEWINDOW(periodSet,rangeTemplateStart)
```

Or:

%TIMEWINDOW(periodSet,rangeTemplateStart,rangeTemplateEnd)

#### Where:

- *periodSet* is a set of members of a time level.
- rangeTemplateStart is a member of a time level within the same hierarchy, at a lower level than periodSet.
- rangeTemplateEnd is another member of a time level within the same hierarchy, at a lower level than periodSet. If specified, rangeTemplateEnd must fall within the same period as rangeTemplateStart (for example, these two members must belong to the same year or to the same month).

The default for *rangeTemplateEnd* is *rangeTemplateStart*.

The system generates the set of members from *rangeTemplateStart* to *rangeTemplateEnd* and then uses that as a template to specify a time window. For example, if *rangeTemplateStart* is January 2000, and *rangeTemplateEnd* is June 2000, the time window consists of the dates from 1 January to 30 June of any given year.

Then the function examines each member of the given *periodSet* and, for each, returns the child members that fall within the given time window.

This function is intended for use within the WHERE clause or the %FILTER clause. It includes optimizations to return members of higher time levels where possible, so that large numbers of members are not returned.

## **Example**

First, the following query uses %TIMEWINDOW as rows. This query examines birth years and for each one, selects only the patients born between 1 January and 5 January, inclusive:

```
SELECT NON EMPTY %TIMEWINDOW(birthd.year.MEMBERS,birthd.[jan 01 1924],birthd.[jan 05 1924]) ON 1 FROM patients

1 Jan 4 1918
2 Jan 3 1934
1 1
3 Jan 3 1937
1 4 Jan 4 1937
5 Jan 2 1938
6 Jan 1 1940
7 Jan 1 1940
1 1
8 Jan 4 1947
9 Jan 5 1947
1 0 Jan 2 1949
1 Jan 1 1953
```

In this example, the range template arbitrarily refers to dates in the year 1924; any year could be used instead.

As noted earlier, this function is primarily meant for use in filtering. The following query simply selects all patients born between 1 January and 5 January of any given year:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0 FROM patients
WHERE %TIMEWINDOW(birthd.year.MEMBERS,birthd.[jan 01 1924],birthd.[jan05 1924])
Patient Count
206
```

The following query uses the same filter but displays patients grouped by birth years:

To make the result more understandable, the following query uses %LABEL to apply a better caption:

```
SELECT %LABEL(MEASURES.[%COUNT], "Born Jan 1-5") ON 0, NON EMPTY birthd.year.MEMBERS on 1 FROM patients WHERE %TIMEWINDOW(birthd.year.MEMBERS,birthd.[jan 01 1924],birthd.[jan 05 1924])
```

		Born	Jan	1-5
1	1918			1
2	1934			1
3	1937			2
4	1938			1
5	1940			1
6	1941			1
7	1947			2
8	1949			1
9	1953			1

# %TOPMEMBERS (MDX)

Returns a set of all members of the first level in the given hierarchy. Or, given a level, it returns a set of all the members of that level. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
level_expression.%TOPMEMBERS

Or:
hierarchy_expression.%TOPMEMBERS

Or:
```

dimension\_expression.%TOPMEMBERS

#### Where:

• level\_expression is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

• hierarchy\_expression is an expression that returns a hierarchy. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name]
```

• dimension expression is a dimension name, included within square brackets if needed (see Identifiers). For example:

```
[dimension_name]
```

The system interprets this as a reference to the first visible hierarchy within the given dimension.

Given a level name, this function is equivalent to the MEMBERS function.

Given a hierarchy name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of the first level defined in that hierarchy.

Given a dimension name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of the first level defined in the first visible hierarchy of this dimension.

The Analyzer uses this function when you drag and drop a dimension into the **Rows** or **Columns**. Specifically, when you drag and drop a dimension, the Analyzer uses the expression [dimension\_name]. [hierarchy\_name]. %TOPMMEMBERS, where *hierarchy\_name* is the first hierarchy defined in the dimension.

## **Example**

For example, consider the following cube contents:

```
BirthD
Hl
Decade
Year
Period
Date
```

The following query uses the %TOPMEMBERS function with H1 hierarchy (the only hierarchy in this case), so it retrieves all members of the Decade level:

SELECT birthd.%TOPMEMBERS	ON 1 FROM patients All Patients
1 1910s	71
2 1920s	223
3 1930s	572
4 1940s	683
5 1950s	1,030
6 1960s	1,500
7 1970s	1,520
8 1980s	1,400
9 1990s	1,413
10 2000s	1,433
11 2010s	155

## **See Also**

MEMBERS

## **AGGREGATE (MDX)**

Returns the aggregate value for a given measure (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set, according to the aggregation logic of the measure.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## Syntax and Details

AGGREGATE(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the aggregate value of those values.

### **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                         Encounter Count
                                                              Avg Test Score
                      Patient Count
                                   80
 1 1910s
                                                     5,359
                                                                         75.17
 2 1920s
                                  227
                                                                         74.20
                                                   12,910
 3 1930s
                                  567
                                                   33,211
                                                                         74.67
                                  724
                                                                         73.39
 4 1940s
                                                   38,420
                                1.079
  1950s
                                                   46,883
                                                                         73.72
 6 1960s
                                1.475
                                                   57,814
                                                                         74.16
  1970s
                                1,549
                                                    49,794
                                                                         74.35
 8 1980s
                                1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                         74.13
 9 1990s
                                1,426
                                                   29,219
                                                                         74.79
10 2000s
                                1,406
                                                    20,072
                                                                         74.95
11 2010s
                                  134
                                                     1,346
                                                                         73.55
```

Next, the following query uses AGGREGATE to find the aggregated values for these measures, across this set of members:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[*COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, AGGREGATE(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
AGGREGATE 10,000 330,947 74.28
```

The following query uses the second argument of the AGGREGATE function:

For additional, similar examples, see AVG. Also see examples in Defining Calculated Members.

### See Also

AVG

- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# **ALLMEMBERS (MDX)**

Returns a set of all members of the given level or hierarchy. Or returns a set of all members of the first hierarchy of a dimension. In either case, any calculated members are also returned.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

level\_expression.ALLMEMBERS

Or:

hierarchy\_expression.ALLMEMBERS

Or:

dimension\_expression.ALLMEMBERS

#### Where:

• *level\_expression* is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

• hierarchy\_expression is an expression that returns a hierarchy. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name]
```

• dimension expression is a dimension name, included within square brackets if needed (see Identifiers). For example:

```
[dimension_name]
```

The system interprets this as a reference to the first visible hierarchy within the given dimension.

Given a level expression, this function returns a set that consists of the members of that level. The members are in the order specified in the level definition in the cube.

Given a hierarchy expression, this function returns a set that consists of the members of all levels in that hierarchy, including the All member, if defined. The members are returned in hierarchical order.

Given a dimension name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of all levels in the first visible hierarchy of that dimension.

In any case, any calculated members are also returned (in contrast to the MEMBERS function).

For information on hierarchical order, see the HIERARCHIZE function.

## **Example**

The following query displays all members of the Home Zip level as rows:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.zip.ALLMEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

		Patient	Count
1	32006		2,272
2	32007		1,111
3	34577		3,399
4	36711		1,069
5	38928		2,149

The following query displays all members of all levels in the Home . H1 hierarchy as rows:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.hl.ALLMEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients Patient Count 2,272 1,155 1,117 1 32006 2 Juniper 2 Juniper 3 Spruce 4 32007 5 Redwood 6 34577 7 Cypress 8 Magnolia 1,111 3,399 1,150 1,111 9 Pine 1,138 10 36711 11 Centerville 1,069 1,069 12 38928 2,149 13 Cedar Falls 1,045 14 Elm Heights 1,104

The following query shows all measures, each aggregated across the cube:

SELECT MEASURES.ALLMEMBERS	ON 1, gend.gender	MEMBERS on 0 FROM patients
	Female	Male
1 Patient Count	5,067	4,933
2 Age	187,139	170,117
3 Avg Age	36.93	34.49
4 Allergy Count	3,067	3,131
5 Avg Allergy Count	1.02	1.04
6 Encounter Count	169,164	158,183
7 Avg Encounter Cou	33.39	32.07
8 Test Score	302,267	298,818
9 Avg Test Score	74.78	74.46

### See Also

MEMBERS

# **ANCESTOR (MDX)**

Returns the ancestor of the given member, within the given level.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

ANCESTOR(member\_expression,ancestor\_level)

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

• ancestor\_level is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

This level must be the parent level of *member\_expression* or an ancestor of that member.

This function returns the ancestor of the given member, within the given level.

### **Example**

The following query displays the year that is the ancestor of March 24, 1943:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, ANCESTOR(birthd.[Mar 24 1943],birthd.year) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
76
```

In contrast, the following query displays the period that is the ancestor of March 24, 1943:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, ANCESTOR(birthd.[Mar 24 1943],birthd.period) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count

Mar-1943 5
```

- CHILDREN
- CLOSINGPERIOD
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- OPENINGPERIOD
- PARENT
- PERIODSTODATE

## **AVG (MDX)**

Returns the average value of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set that have a non-null value for that expression.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

AVG(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set, ignores any elements for which this value is null, and computes the average value for the remaining elements.

If you want to include the null elements in the average, use an expression for *optional\_numeric\_expression* that replaces null values with zero values.

If the numeric value is null for all elements, the function returns null.

## **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged. decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                      Patient Count
                                         Encounter Count
                                                               Avg Test Score
                                                     5,359
 1 1910s
                                   80
                                                                          75.17
 2 1920s
                                  227
                                                    12,910
                                                                          74.20
 3 1930s
                                  567
                                                    33,211
                                                                          74.67
 4 1940s
                                  724
                                                    38,420
                                                                          73.39
 5
  1950s
                                1,079
                                                    46,883
                                                                          73.72
   1960s
                                1,475
                                                    57,814
 6
                                                                          74.16
   1970s
                                1,549
                                                    49,794
                                                                          74.35
 8
  1980s
                                1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                          74.13
  1990s
                                1,426
                                                    29,219
                                                                          74.79
10 2000s
                                1,406
                                                    20,072
11 2010s
                                                     1,346
```

Next, the following query shows the average values for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, AVG(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
AVG 909.09 30,086.09 74.28
```

Here, each value is the average of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the average of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for AVG:

```
SELECT AVG(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients $\operatorname{AVG}$ 909.09
```

The following example uses AVG in a query that does not specify a measure:

```
SELECT AVG(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 0 FROM patients AVG 909.09
```

In this case, the function uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

Finally, the following example uses AVG in a query that specifies a measure in the WHERE clause:

```
SELECT AVG(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 0 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[encounter count] $\operatorname{AVG}$ 30,086.09
```

In this case, the function uses the measure specified in the WHERE clause.

- AGGREGATE
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

## **BOTTOMCOUNT (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its lower-valued end, given a desired element count.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
BOTTOMCOUNT(set_expression, element_count, optional_ordering_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- *element count* is an integer literal.

The function uses this argument to determine the number of elements to return in the subset. If this argument is greater than the number of elements, all elements are returned.

• optional\_ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set elements.

```
Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure_name]
```

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in ascending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

If this argument is omitted, the function uses the current order of the set elements (and this function behaves like the TAIL function).

## **Example**

First consider the following query and the results it returns:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
BOTTOMCOUNT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 100, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1
FROM patients
                              Patient Count
1 1910s
 2 2010s
                                          155
 3 1920s
 4 1930s
  1940s
 6 1950s
 7 1980s
8 1990s
                                        1,413
 9 2000s
10 1960s
11 1970s
```

Because *count\_expression* is greater than the number of members, all members are returned. The members are sorted in ascending order according to the value of the %COUNT measure.

Next, consider a similar query, using *count\_expression* equal to 3:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
BOTTOMCOUNT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 3, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1
FROM patients

Patient Count
1 1910s 71
2 2010s 155
3 1920s 223
```

This query selects three members from the lower-valued end of the set.

## **See Also**

• TOPCOUNT

## **BOTTOMPERCENT (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its lower-valued end, given a cutoff percentage that is applied to a total across members.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

## **Syntax and Details**

BOTTOMPERCENT(set\_expression, percentage, ordering\_expression)

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- percentage is a numeric literal equal to or less than 100. For example, 15 represents 15 percent.

The function uses this argument to determine the cutoff point for elements to return in the subset.

There is usually a member that straddles the cutoff point; this member is assigned to the upper set, rather than the lower set. As a result, in the returned subset, the cumulative total for *ordering\_expression* could be less than *percentage*, as a percentage of the entire set.

ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set members.

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in ascending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

## **Example**

First consider the following query and the results it returns:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
BOTTOMPERCENT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 100, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                               Patient Count
1 1910s
 2 1920s
                                           13
 3 2010s
                                           44
 4 1940s
                                           54
 5 1930s
                                           56
 6 1950s
                                          107
  1970s
                                          128
 8 1960s
                                          136
 9 1990s
                                          144
10 1980s
                                          155
  2000s
                                          157
```

Because *percentage* is 100, all members are returned.

Now consider a variation of the preceding, in which percentage is 50, so that we see the bottom 50 percent:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, BOTTOMPERCENT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 50, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 1910s 6
```

```
      1 1910s
      6

      2 1920s
      13

      3 2010s
      44

      4 1940s
      54

      5 1930s
      56

      6 1950s
      107

      7 1970s
      128
```

The total for the \*COUNT measure for these members is slightly less than the specified threshold (50% of the total).

## **See Also**

• TOPPERCENT

## **BOTTOMSUM (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its lower-valued end, given a cutoff value that is applied to a total across elements.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

## **Syntax and Details**

BOTTOMSUM(set\_expression, cutoff\_value, ordering\_expression)

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- *cutoff\_value* is a numeric literal.

The function uses this argument to determine the cutoff value for elements to return in the subset.

For all elements in the returned subset, the sum of the values of *ordering\_expression* will be less than or equal to *cutoff\_value*.

• ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set elements.

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in ascending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

## **Example**

First consider an example in which the cutoff value is high enough to include all members:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
BOTTOMSUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 10000, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
1 1910s
                                          155
 2 2010s
 3 1920s
                                          223
                                          572
 4 1930s
 5 1940s
                                          683
 6 1950s
                                        1,030
 7 1980s
                                        1,400
8 1990s
                                        1,413
9 2000s
                                        1,433
10 1960s
                                        1,500
11 1970s
                                        1,520
```

Now consider a variation in which the cutoff value is set to 2500:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
BOTTOMSUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 2500, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1 1910s 71
2 2010s 155
3 1920s 223
4 1930s 572
5 1940s 683
```

### See Also

TOPSUM

# **CHILDREN (MDX)**

Returns a set that contains the children, if any, of a specified member.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

member\_expression.CHILDREN

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

If the specified member has no children, this function returns an empty set.

## **Example**

For example:

- ANCESTOR
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# **CLOSINGPERIOD (MDX)**

Returns the last descendent member of the given level, at the same level as the given member. This function is intended primarily for use with time levels.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
CLOSINGPERIOD(ancestor_level,member_expression)
```

#### Where:

• ancestor\_level is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

This level must be the parent level of *member\_expression* or an ancestor of that member.

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

Given a level and a member, this function returns the last member that is a descendent of the given level *and* that is at the same level as member.

## **Example**

The following query displays the closing quarter for the year that includes Q3 2003:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, CLOSINGPERIOD (birthd.year,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q4 2003 40
```

In contrast, the following query displays the closing quarter for the decade that includes Q3 2003:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, CLOSINGPERIOD (birthd.decade,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q4 2010 36
```

- ANCESTOR
- COUSIN
- OPENINGPERIOD
- PERIODSTODATE

## **COUNT (MDX)**

Returns the count of elements in the given set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
COUNT(set_expression)
```

Or:

COUNT(set\_expression,EXCLUDEEMPTY)

• *set\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a set.

By default, COUNT considers any empty elements and counts them along with the non-empty elements. If you use the EXCLUDEEMPTY keyword, this function returns the number of non-empty elements.

## **Example**

For example, the following query counts the members of the Home City level:

```
SELECT COUNT(homed.city.MEMBERS) ON 0 FROM patients

COUNT
Results

9
```

The next examples demonstrate the EXCLUDEEMPTY keyword. First, consider the following query:

SELECT aged.[age group].MEMBERS ON 0, diagd.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients WHERE MEASURES.[%COUNT]

	0 to 29	30 to 59	60+
1 None	3,839	3,615	971
2 asthma	308	282	113
3 CHD	1	93	229
4 diabetes	30	246	228
5 osteoporosis	*	*	200

The following query counts the number of members of the Diagnoses level:

```
WITH SET myset AS 'diagd.MEMBERS'
SELECT COUNT(myset) ON 0 FROM patients
COUNT
All Patients
```

The following query counts the number of members of the Diagnoses level and uses the WHERE clause to get only patients in the age group 0 to 29:

```
WITH SET myset AS 'diagd.MEMBERS'
SELECT COUNT(myset) ON 0 FROM patients WHERE aged.[0 to 29]

COUNT
5
```

As you can see, although the query uses the WHERE clause, the COUNT function returns the same value as before; this is because COUNT considers empty elements by default.

The next query is a variation of the preceding but uses EXCLUDEEMPTY:

WITH SET myset AS 'diagd.MEMBERS' SELECT COUNT(myset, EXCLUDEEMPTY) ON 0 FROM patients WHERE aged.[0 to 29]

COUNT

For another example, you can use COUNT with a set of scalar items, rather than the more common set of members:

```
WITH SET test AS '{"item 1","item 2",23}'
SELECT COUNT(test) ON 0 FROM patients
All Patients 3
```

## **COUSIN (MDX)**

Given a reference member and a member of a higher level in the same hierarchy, this function finds the ancestor of the reference member at that higher level, determines the relative position of the reference member to that ancestor, and then returns the descendent of the higher member that has the same relative position. This function is intended primarily for use with time levels.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

COUSIN(member\_expression, higher\_member\_expression)

#### Where:

- *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.
- *higher\_member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member that is a member of a higher level in the hierarchy that contains *member\_expression*.

These expressions cannot refer to measures.

This function finds the ancestor of the reference member at the higher level, determines the relative position of the reference member to that ancestor, and then returns the descendent of the higher member that has the same relative position. If no such member is found, this function returns an empty set.

## **Example**

For example, the following query finds the cousin of March 24, 1943, within the year 1990:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, COUSIN(birthd.[Mar 24 1943],birthd.1990) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count

Mar 24 1990 1
```

In contrast, the following query finds the cousin of March 24, 1943, within January 1990:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, COUSIN(birthd.[Mar 24 1943],birthd.[jan-1990]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count

Jan 24 1990 *
```

- ANCESTOR
- CHILDREN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARALLELPERIOD

- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

## **CROSSJOIN (MDX)**

Returns a set of tuples formed by the cross-product of the specified sets.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of tuples.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
CROSSJOIN(set_expression1, set_expression2)
```

#### Where:

• set\_expression1 and set\_expression2 are expressions that evaluate to sets of members.

Note that no more than one of these sets can contain measures or expressions that evaluate to numbers. If both sets contain measures or expressions that evaluate to numbers, the analytics engine issues the error Two measures cannot be crossjoined.

The function identifies all the members of each set and then generates a set of tuples that combine each member of the first set with each member of the second set.

**Tip:** The keyword phrase NON EMPTY is particularly useful with this function. Note that you can use this keyword phrase immediately before any set expression.

### **Example**

For example:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, CROSSJOIN(diagd.MEMBERS, aged.[age group].MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

```
Patient Count
1 None->0 to 29
                                        3,839
 2 None->30 to 59
                                        3,615
 3 None->60+
                                          971
 4 asthma->0 to 29
                                          308
5 asthma->30 to 59
                                          282
 6 asthma->60+
                                          113
 7 CHD->0 to 29
8 CHD->30 to 59
                                          93
                                          229
9 CHD->60+
10 diabetes->0 to 29
                                          30
11 diabetes->30 to 59
                                          246
12 diabetes->60+
13 osteoporosis->0 to 29
14 osteoporosis->30 to 59
15 osteoporosis->60+
                                          200
```

In contrast, suppose that we add the NON EMPTY keyword phrase:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, NON EMPTY CROSSJOIN(diagd.MEMBERS, aged.[age group].MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

```
Patient Count
1 None->0 to 29
                                        3,839
 2 None->30 to 59
                                        3,615
 3 None->60+
 4 asthma->0 to 29
                                          308
5 asthma->30 to 59
                                          282
6 asthma->60+
                                          113
 7 CHD->0 to 29
8 CHD->30 to 59
                                           93
9 CHD->60+
                                          229
10 diabetes->0 to 29
                                           30
11 diabetes->30 to 59
                                          246
12 diabetes->60+
                                          228
13 osteoporosis->60+
```

### For another example:

SELECT CROSSJOIN([GenD].[H1].[Gender].Members,
{[Measures].[%COUNT],[Measures].[Avg Age]}) ON 0,[DiagD].[H1].[Diagnoses].Members ON 1
FROM [Patients]

	Patient Coun	Avg Age	Patient Coun	Avg Age
1 None	419	35.61	412	32.36
2 asthma	51	37.12	33	27.79
3 CHD	17	70.47	19	62.42
4 diabetes	25	63.96	21	57.67
5 osteoporosis	20	80.55	2	74.50

## See Also

NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN

## **CURRENTMEMBER (MDX)**

Enables you to refer to a member programmatically within an iteration through the members of a hierarchy.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### **Syntax and Details**

hierarchy\_expression.CURRENTMEMBER

dimension\_expression.CURRENTMEMBER

- hierarchy\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a hierarchy.
- dimension\_expression is a dimension name, included within square brackets if needed (see Identifiers). For example:

```
[dimension_name]
```

The system interprets this as a reference to the first visible hierarchy within the given dimension.

You use this function in a context that iterates through a hierarchy. The CURRENTMEMBER function returns the given member, in that context.

In abstract, this function has the same purpose as does \$this in ObjectScript.

**Note:** The CURRENTMEMBER function is not supported with the MEASURES dimension. That is, *dimension\_expression* cannot be MEASURES.

## **Example**

In the following example, cities are used as rows. The data shown in the column is the Principal Export property for each city, retrieved via the PROPERTIES function.

SELECT homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Principal Export") ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

```
Home ZIP
1 Cedar Falls
                                         iron
                                 video games
2 Centerville
3 Cypress
                                      gravel
4 Elm Heights
                                      lettuce
5 Juniper
                                        wheat
                                  bundt cake
6 Magnolia
7 Pine
                                   spaghetti
8 Redwood
                                      peaches
9 Spruce
```

The following variation uses the %LABEL function to provide a better caption for the data column:

```
SELECT %LABEL(homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Principal Export"), "Exports") ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

```
Export
1 Cedar Falls
                                         iron
2 Centerville
                                 video games
3 Cypress
                                       gravel
4 Elm Heights
                                      lettuce
 Juniper
                                        wheat
                                  bundt cake
6 Magnolia
7 Pine
                                   spaghetti
8 Redwood
                                     peaches
9 Spruce
```

The following query shows both the Principal Export and Population properties of the City level:

SELECT { $\LABEL(homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Principal Export"), "Export"), \\\LABEL(homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Population"), "Population")} ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients$ 

	Export	Population
Cedar Falls	iron	90,000
Centerville	video games	49,000
Cypress	gravel	3,000
Elm Heights	lettuce	33,194
Juniper	wheat	10,333
Magnolia	bundt cake	4,503
Pine	spaghetti	15,060
Redwood	peaches	29,192
Spruce	mud	5,900
	Cedar Falls Centerville Cypress Elm Heights Juniper Magnolia Pine Redwood Spruce	Cedar Falls iron Centerville video games Cypress gravel Elm Heights lettuce Juniper wheat Magnolia bundt cake Pine spaghetti Redwood peaches

## **DESCENDANTS (MDX)**

Returns the members that are the descendants of a given member, within the specified level or levels.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

DESCENDANTS(member\_expression, level\_expression, OPTIONAL\_FLAG)

Or:

DESCENDANTS(member\_expression, level\_offset, OPTIONAL\_FLAG)

- *member\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a member. In the following discussion, this member is the *target member*.
- *level\_expression* is a level identifier. This must identify a level that is in the same hierarchy as the target member and that is lower in the hierarchy (more granular).

As an alternative, you can specify *level\_offset*, which is an integer that indicates a level relative to the one that contains the target member. For example, use 1 to specify the next lowest level.

In the following discussion, the phrase target level refers to the level specified by level\_expression or level\_offset.

- *OPTIONAL\_FLAG* specifies the level or levels whose members should be returned. This option describes a relationship to the target level. If specified, *OPTIONAL\_FLAG* must be one of the following keywords, which are not case-sensitive:
  - SELF (the default) Returns only descendents that are members of the target level.
  - AFTER Returns descendents that are members of all levels below the target level.
  - BEFORE Returns all descendents up to and including the target member. That is, it returns descendents that are
    members of all levels above the target level, and it also returns the target member.
  - BEFORE\_AND\_AFTER Returns descendants from both above and below the target level, but does not include
    members from the target level.
  - SELF\_AND\_AFTER Returns descendents that are members of the target level, as well as descendents from all levels below it.
  - SELF\_AND\_BEFORE Returns descendents that are members of the target level, descendents that belong to all levels *above* the specified level, and the target member.
  - SELF\_BEFORE\_AFTER Returns descendents from all levels, *including* the target member.

In this case, the target level does not affect the outcome.

When the function returns members of more than one level, the hierarchy affects the order of the members as follows: A member of a higher level is followed by its children from the next lowest level, followed by the next member of the higher level, and so on. See the example for SELF\_AND\_AFTER.

Note: This implementation of DESCENDANTS does not support the optional LEAVES flag.

## **Example**

For reference, in the Patients cube, the BirthD dimension contains the following levels, from highest to lowest:

- [BirthD].[H1].[Decade]
- [BirthD].[H1].[Year]
- [BirthD].[H1].[Quarter Year] (which represents year plus quarter)
- [BirthD].[H1].[Period] (which represents year plus month)
- [BirthD].[H1].[Date] (which represents year plus month plus day)

The following example gets all the descendents of the year 1990, within the [BirthD].[H1].[Period] level:

SELECT DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,birthd.period) ON 1 FROM patients

1	Jan-1990	*	
2	Feb-1990	2	
3	Mar-1990	1	
4	Apr-1990	1	
5	May-1990	1	
6	Jun-1990	*	
7	Jul-1990	2	
8	Aug-1990	2	
9	Sep-1990	1	
10	Oct-1990	3	
11	Nov-1990	1	
12	Dec-1990	*	

This example uses the default for *OPTIONAL\_FLAG* (SELF), so the function returns only descendents of 1990 that are members of the period level.

The following variation uses NON EMPTY and thus filters out periods when no patients were born:

SELECT NON EMPTY DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,birthd.period) ON 1 FROM patients

1	Feb-1990	2
2	Mar-1990	1
3	Apr-1990	1
4	May-1990	1
5	Jul-1990	2
6	Aug-1990	2
7	Sep-1990	1
8	Oct-1990	3
9	Nov-1990	1

The period level is two levels below the year level, and the following query (which uses *level\_offset* as 2) is equivalent to the first query:

SELECT DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,2) ON 1 FROM patients

1	Jan-1990	*
2	Feb-1990	2
3	Mar-1990	1
4	Apr-1990	1
5	May-1990	1
6	Jun-1990	*
7	Jul-1990	2
8	Aug-1990	2
9	Sep-1990	1
10	Oct-1990	3
11	Nov-1990	1
12	Dec-1990	*

The next variation uses AFTER:

SELECT DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,birthd.period,AFTER) ON 1 FROM patients

This example returns descendents of 1990 of all levels *below* the period level. In this case, there is only one lower level: date, which corresponds to year plus month plus day of the month.

The next variation uses SELF\_AND\_AFTER. This example returns members of more than one level and demonstrates the order in which these members are returned.

SELECT DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,birthd.period,SELF\_AND\_AFTER) ON 1 FROM patients

The next variation uses BEFORE:

SELECT DESCENDANTS(birthd.1990,birthd.period,BEFORE) ON 1 FROM patients

1	199	0	14
2	Q1	1990	3
3	Q2	1990	2
4	Q3	1990	5
5	Q4	1990	4

In this case, the query obtains all descendents of 1990 that are members of the levels *above* the period level (that is, it returns members of the quarter year level). Notice that 1990 is also returned.

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# **DISTINCT (MDX)**

Examines a set, removes duplicate elements, and returns a set of the remaining elements.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
DISTINCT(set_expression)
```

• set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.

## **Example**

For example, suppose that the query must return a specific city as reference, which is needed for comparison to the other cities. Consider the following query, which displays a reference city, followed by a set of cities with a given patient count:

```
WITH SET refcity AS '{homed.juniper}' SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
{refcity,FILTER(homed.city.MEMBERS,MEASURES.[%COUNT]>1100)} ON 1 FROM patients
                                 Patient Count
 1 Juniper
                                            1,197
 2 Cedar Falls
                                            1,188
 3 Centerville
                                           1,155
 4 Cypress
                                           1,221
 5 Elm Heights
                                            1,266
 6 Juniper
                                            1,197
 7 Magnolia
                                            1,156
 8 Pine
                                            1,139
 9 Redwood
                                            1,144
10 Spruce
                                            1,135
```

Compare to the following query, which removes the duplicate city:

```
WITH SET refcity AS '{homed.juniper}' SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
DISTINCT((refcity, FILTER(homed.city, MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]>1100))) ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
                                       1,197
1 Juniper
2 Cedar Falls
                                       1,188
3 Centerville
                                       1,155
4 Cypress
                                       1,221
5 Elm Heights
                                       1,266
6 Magnolia
                                       1,156
7 Pine
                                       1,139
8 Redwood
                                       1,144
9 Spruce
                                       1,135
```

# **EXCEPT (MDX)**

Examines two sets and returns a set that consists of the elements of the first set, except for any elements that are also in the second set. This function optionally eliminates duplicates in that set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
EXCEPT(set_expression1, set_expression2, ALL)
EXCEPT(set_expression1, set_expression2)
```

- set\_expression1 and set\_expression2 are expressions that evaluate to sets.
- The optional keyword ALL, if included, specifies that all duplicates should be retained. By default, if the first set includes any duplicate elements, only the first of those is included.

If *set\_expression2* includes elements that are not in *set\_expression1*, those elements are ignored. The returned set includes only elements from *set\_expression1*.

## **Example**

Consider the following query which defines two named sets:

```
WITH SET set1 AS '{allerd.eggs,allerd.eggs,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SET set2 AS '{allerd.[diary products],allerd.pollen,allerd.wheat}'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, EXCEPT(set1,set2) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 eggs 451
2 soy 462
```

This query shows the members of set1 that are not also in set2. Notice that the member allerd.eggs is listed twice within set1, but is shown only once in the result.

In contrast, the following variation uses the ALL keyword:

- INTERSECT
- UNION

# FILTER (MDX)

Examines a set and returns the subset in which the given expression is true for each element. The set order is unchanged.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
FILTER(set_expression, logical_expression)
```

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.
- logical\_expression is a logical expression, typically that examines a measure value or a property value.

Instead of *logical\_expression*, you can use a measure search expression; see the example to see the behavior of FILTER in this case.

## **Example**

For example, consider the following query, which returns only cities with more than 1150 patients.

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
FILTER(homed.city.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]>1150) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count

1 Cedar Falls
2 Centerville
3 Cypress
1,155
3 Cypress
1,221
4 Elm Heights
1,266
5 Juniper
6 Magnolia
1,156
```

In comparison, consider the following query, which returns cities with any patient count:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
FILTER(homed.city.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]>=0) ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
1 Cedar Falls
                                       1,188
2 Centerville
                                       1,155
                                       1,221
3 Cypress
4 Elm Heights
                                       1,266
                                       1,197
5 Juniper
6 Magnolia
                                       1,156
7 Pine
                                       1,139
8 Redwood
                                       1,144
9 Spruce
                                       1,135
```

For another example, the following query uses a more complex filter expression:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
FILTER(diagd.members, (MEASURES.[%COUNT]>500 and MEASURES.[%COUNT]<1000)) ON 1
FROM patients

Patient Count
1 asthma 746
2 diabetes 555
```

The next example uses a filter expression that evaluates a property:

```
SELECT homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Population") ON 0,
FILTER(homed.city.MEMBERS,homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Population")>20000) ON 1 FROM patients

ZIP
1 Cedar Falls 90,000
2 Centerville 49,000
3 Elm Heights 33,194
4 Redwood 29,192
```

If you use FILTER with a measure search expression, the function returns only those members that are based on at least one fact that meets the given criteria. (A measure search expression is an InterSystems extension to MDX that considers the measure values in the fact table itself.)

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT]} ON 0, FILTER(diagd.members, %SEARCH.&[[MEASURES].[age]<10]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 None 8,425
2 asthma 703
```

This query shows the diagnoses that have at least one patient under ten years old. For other diagnoses such as diabetes and osteoporosis, there are no such young patients.

### See Also

• IIF

# FIRSTCHILD (MDX)

Returns the first child of the given member.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

member\_expression.FIRSTCHILD

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

The function returns the first child of this member. To determine which child is first, the function considers the default order of the set of children.

## **Example**

For example, consider the following hierarchy:

Member the ZIP I	 Members of the City level
32006	— Juniper
	Spruce
32007	 <ul> <li>Redwood</li> </ul>
34577	<ul><li>Cypress</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Magnolia</li> </ul>
	Pine
36711	 <ul> <li>Centerville</li> </ul>
38928	<ul><li>Cedar Falls</li></ul>
	— Elm Heights

Now consider the following query:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.zip.[34577].FIRSTCHILD ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Cypress 1,089
```

### For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1960.FIRSTCHILD ON 1 FROM patients Patient Count $\operatorname{Jan-1960}$
```

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTSIBLING

- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# FIRSTSIBLING (MDX)

Returns the first sibling of the given member.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

member\_expression.FIRSTSIBLING

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

This function examines all the children of the parent of the given member, and returns the first member of that set (considering the default order of that set).

This function can return the same member that you specify as an argument (if that member is the first sibling).

## **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.[Mar 2003].FIRSTSIBLING ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Jan-2003 10
```

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# **HEAD (MDX)**

Returns a subset from the start of a set, using the current order of the set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
HEAD(set_expression, optional_integer_expression, optional_sample_flag)
```

set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.

**Important:** 

When *set\_expression* is a CROSSJOIN or NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN expression and the slicer axis contains related cube terms, HEAD may return inaccurate results. This is because under these conditions the HEAD subset is evaluated before the join indexes have been computed.

• *optional\_integer\_expression* is an integer literal.

The default value for this argument is 1.

The function uses this argument to determine the number of elements to return in the subset.

• *optional\_sample\_flag*, if included, is SAMPLE

This optional flag has an effect only in the case where the *set\_expression* contains multiple nested CROSSJOIN expressions. In such cases, by default, the system does not attempt to determine the subset until *set\_expression* has been fully evaluated and all the set elements are known. If you include the *optional\_sample\_flag*, the system truncates the results as each CROSSJOIN is evaluated; this approach can be considerably faster but can result in a subset that contains fewer elements than given by the *optional\_integer\_expression*.

Note that when you use drag and drop actions in the Analyzer to create queries that use the HEAD function for a set that contains multiple nested CROSSJOIN expressions, the Analyzer automatically adds this flag.

**Important:** 

When the <code>optional\_sample\_flag</code> is included, HEAD may return inaccurate results if the <code>set\_expression</code> is a CROSSJOIN or NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN expression and the slicer axis contains related cube terms. This is because under these conditions the HEAD subset is evaluated before the join indexes have been computed.

This function returns a set that consists of the specified number of elements from the start of the given set (considering the current order of the set). If *integer\_expression* is less than 1, the function returns the empty set. If *integer\_expression* is greater than the number of elements of the set, the function returns the original set.

The elements of the subset are returned in the same order specified by the original set.

## **Example**

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, HEAD(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 3) ON 1
FROM patients

Patient Count
1 1910s 71
2 1920s 223
3 1930s 572
```

### **See Also**

TAIL

# **HIERARCHISE (MDX)**

Synonym for HIERARCHIZE.

## See Also

• HIERARCHIZE

# **HIERARCHIZE (MDX)**

Given a set, returns a set that is in hierarchical order (the order specified by the hierarchy).

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

HIERARCHIZE(set\_expression)

Or:

HIERARCHIZE(set\_expression, POST)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members.
- If POST is specified, child members precede their parents. This is called *post-natural order*.

If the set members are in different hierarchies, the order of the hierarchies themselves is indeterminate. That is, if some members are from hierarchy A and the others are from hierarchy B, the A members will be listed consecutively in hierarchical order and the B members will be listed consecutively in hierarchical order, but there is no rule governing whether the A members or the B members are first overall.

### **Example**

Within a hierarchy, the hierarchical order is determined as follows:

- The All member of the dimension, if present, is first.
- The next member is the first member of the highest level of that hierarchy.
- The next member is the first child of that member.

And so on. For example, consider the following hierarchy:

Members the ZIP I		Members of the City level
32006	 _	Juniper
	_	Spruce
32007	 _	Redwood
34577	_	Cypress
	_	Magnolia
	\	Pine
36711	 _	Centerville
38928	_	Cedar Falls
	_	Elm Heights

To see the overall hierarchical order of these members, we use the following query, which uses a set consisting of all members of dimension to which these members belong:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, HIERARCHIZE(homed.members) ON 1 FROM patients
                               Patient Count
 1 32006
                                         2,272
                                         1,155
1,117
 2 Juniper
 3 Spruce
 4 32007
                                         1,111
5 Redwood
6 34577
                                         1,111
                                         3,399
 7 Cypress
                                         1,150
 8 Magnolia
                                         1,111
 9 Pine
                                         1,138
10 36711
                                         1,069
11 Centerville
                                         1,069
                                         2,149
12 38928
13 Cedar Falls
                                         1,045
14 Elm Heights
                                         1,104
```

The following example creates a set of several members of the Home City and Home ZIP levels and then uses the HIERARCHIZE function to place these members into hierarchical order:

In contrast, the next example uses the POST keyword:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
HIERARCHIZE({homed.36711, homed.38928, homed.[elm heights], homed.Spruce}, POST) ON 1
FROM patients

Patient Count

1,069
2 Spruce
1,117
3 Elm Heights
1,104
4 38928
2,149
```

### See Also

ORDER

# IIF (MDX)

Returns one of two values, depending on the value of a given logical expression.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number or a string, depending on the arguments used and the value of the logical expression.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
IIF(check_expression, expression1, expression2)
```

- expression1 and expression2 are numeric or string expressions. They do not have to be the same type.
  - InterSystems MDX does not support other types of arguments.
  - To compare to a null value, use the ISNULL function instead.
- check\_expression is a logical expression, typically that compares a measure or a property to a constant.

If *check\_expression* is true, the function returns the value given by *expression1*. Otherwise, it returns the value given by *expression2*.

## **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT IIF(MEASURES.[%COUNT]<500, "fewer than 500", "500 or more") ON 0, diagd.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

```
| IF
| None | 500 or more
| 2 asthma | 500 or more
| 3 CHD | fewer than 500
| 4 diabetes | 500 or more
| 5 osteoporosis | fewer than 500
```

As a variation, the following query uses %LABEL to apply a suitable caption to the data column:

```
SELECT LABEL(IIF(MEASURES.[COUNT]<500, "fewer than 500", "500 or more"), "Patient Count") ON 0, diagd.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

```
Patient Count

1 None 500 or more
2 asthma 500 or more
3 CHD fewer than 500
4 diabetes 500 or more
5 osteoporosis fewer than 500
```

For another example, the following query uses the value of a property:

```
SELECT %LABEL(IIF(homed.h1.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("Population")>20000,"big","small"),
"Town Size") ON 0,
homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                  Town Size
1 Cedar Falls
 Centerville
                                         big
 Cypress
                                       small
                                         big
4 Elm Heights
5 Juniper
                                       small
6 Magnolia
                                       small
7 Pine
                                       small
8 Redwood
                                         biq
9 Spruce
                                       small
```

The following example examines the name of the member and conditionally suppresses display of a measure:

WITH MEMBER MEASURES.iif AS 'IIF(homed.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("name")="Pine"," ", MEASURES.[%COUNT])' SELECT MEASURES.iif ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients

		iif
1	Cedar Falls	1,120
2	Centerville	1,106
3	Cypress	1,139
4	Elm Heights	1,078
5	Juniper	1,109
6	Magnolia	1,122
7	Pine	
8	Redwood	1,128
9	Spruce	1,108

- ISNULL
- FILTER

# **INTERSECT (MDX)**

Returns a set that consists of the elements that occur in both of the two given sets, optionally eliminating duplicates in that set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
INTERSECT(set_expression1, set_expression2, ALL)
Or:
INTERSECT(set_expression1, set_expression2)
```

- set\_expression1 and set\_expression2 are expressions that evaluate to sets.
- The optional keyword ALL, if included, specifies that all duplicates in the second set should be retained. By default, if the returned set includes any duplicate elements, only the first of those is included.

This keyword does not affect duplicates in the first set.

## **Example**

Consider the following query which defines two named sets:

```
WITH SET set1 AS '{allerd.eggs,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat,allerd.wheat}'
SET set2 AS '{allerd.[dairy products],allerd.pollen,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, INTERSECT(set1,set2) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1 soy 462
2 wheat 479
```

In contrast, consider the following variation, which uses the ALL keyword:

```
WITH SET set1 AS '{allerd.eggs,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat,allerd.wheat}'
SET set2 AS '{allerd.[dairy products],allerd.pollen,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, INTERSECT(set1,set2,ALL) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count

1 soy 462
2 wheat 479
3 wheat 479
```

Finally, you can of course use more interesting sets as arguments. For example:

```
WITH SET set1 AS 'TOPCOUNT(homed.city.members,5,MEASURES.[avg allergy count])'
SET set2 AS 'TOPCOUNT(homed.city.members,5,MEASURES.[avg age])'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, INTERSECT(set1,set2) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 Centerville 1,155
2 Magnolia 1,156
```

- EXCEPT
- UNION

# **ISNULL (MDX)**

Evaluates a scalar MDX expression and returns either its value or an alternative value (if the value of the expression is null). This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns an expression of the same type that you use with the function.

## **Syntax and Details**

ISNULL(MDX\_expression,value\_if\_null)

### Where:

- MDX\_expression is a scalar MDX value (a numeric, string, or logical expression).
- *value\_if\_null* is the value to return if *MDX\_expression* evaluates to null.

## **Example**

The following shows a simple example:

SELECT ISNULL(MEASURES.[%COUNT], "None") ON 0, birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients where diagd.chd

ISNULL		
None	1910s	1
1	1920s	2
12	1930s	3
3	1940s	4
10	1950s	5
3	1960s	6
None	1970s	7
1	1980s	8
None	1990s	9
None	2000s	10
None	2010s	11

- IIF
- %LABEL

# LAG (MDX)

Given a level member and a nonnegative integer, this function counts backward in the level and returns a previous member. The details are different for time dimensions and data dimensions.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.LAG(optional_integer_expression)
```

#### Where:

member\_expression is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

• optional\_integer\_expression is a nonnegative integer literal.

The default value for this argument is 0; in this case, the function returns the member given by member\_expression.

If *integer\_expression* is 1, this function is equivalent to the PREVMEMBER function.

This function examines the members of the level to which the given member belongs, counts backward from the current member (using *integer\_expression*), and returns the member at that position. For time dimensions, this function ignores any parent level. For data dimensions, this function considers the parent level; it counts backward from the current member within the given parent member. (Note that the terms *time dimension* and *data dimension* refer specifically to the dimension type as defined in the cube. See *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.)

Within any time dimension, this function is more useful for a timeline-based time level (such as Period, which groups records by year and month) than for a date-part-based time level (such as Month, which groups records only by month). If the level is based on a date part, this function returns null when it refers to a level beyond the end of the set; see an example of a similar scenario in PREVMEMBER. For a fuller discussion, see Introduction to Time Levels.

## **Example**

The first examples use a time dimension. Consider the following query, shown for reference:

#### The following query uses LAG:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1951.LAG(1) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1950 12
```

### For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1951.LAG(2) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1949 4
```

In this sample, the year level is the child of the decade level, which means that the members 1949 and 1950 belong to different parents. As you can see, the LAG function ignores the parent level when you use the function with a time dimension.

The second examples use a data dimension (the HomeD dimension). To see the hierarchy in this dimension, see the examples in the FIRSTCHILD function. The following query uses LAG with this dimension:

Because this is a data dimension, this query retrieves the previous member of the city level within the parent ZIP code. Within this ZIP code, Cypress is the first city, so the following query returns no results:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Cypress.LAG(1) ON 1 FROM patients  \text{Patient Count}_{_{\bullet}}
```

- LEAD
- NEXTMEMBER
- PREVMEMBER

# LASTCHILD (MDX)

Returns the last child of the given member.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.LASTCHILD
```

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

The function returns the last child of this member. To determine which child is last, the function considers the default order of the set of children.

## **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.zip.[34577].LASTCHILD ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Pine 1,100
```

To see a picture of the hierarchy used in this example, see the FIRSTCHILD function.

For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.[1950].LASTCHILD ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
Dec-1950 8
```

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTSIBLING
- FIRSTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# LASTSIBLING (MDX)

Returns the last sibling of the given member.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

member\_expression.LASTSIBLING

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

This function examines all the children of the parent of the given member, and returns the last member of that set (considering the default order of that set).

This function can return the same member that you use as its argument (if that is the last sibling).

## **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.[Mar 2003].LASTSIBLING ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Dec-2003
```

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- PARENT
- SIBLINGS

# LEAD (MDX)

Given a level member and a nonnegative integer, this function counts forward in the level and returns a later member. The details are different for time dimensions and data dimensions.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.LEAD(optional_integer_expression)
```

#### Where:

• *member expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

• *optional\_integer\_expression* is a nonnegative integer literal.

The default value for this argument is 0; in this case, the function returns the member given by member\_expression.

If *integer\_expression* is 1, this function is equivalent to the NEXTMEMBER function.

This function examines the members of the level to which the given member belongs, counts forward from the current member (using *integer\_expression*), and returns the member at that position. For time dimensions, this function ignores any parent level. For data dimensions, this function considers the parent level; it counts forward from the current member within the given parent member. (Note that the terms *time dimension* and *data dimension* refer specifically to the dimension type as defined in the cube. See *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.)

Within any time dimension, this function is more useful for a timeline-based time level (such as Period, which groups records by year and month) than for a date-part-based time level (such as Month, which groups records only by month). If the level is based on a date part, this function returns null when it refers to a level beyond the end of the set; see an example of a similar scenario in NEXTMEMBER. For a fuller discussion, see Introduction to Time Levels.

## **Example**

The first examples use a time dimension. Consider the following query, shown for reference:

The following query uses LEAD:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1948.LEAD(1) ON 1 FROM patients  \text{Patient Count}   1949  4
```

#### For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1948.LEAD(3) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1951 8
```

In this sample, the year level is the child of the decade level, which means that the members 1948 and 1951 belong to different parents. As you can see, the LEAD function ignores the parent level when you use the function with a time dimension.

The second examples use a data dimension (the HomeD dimension). To see the hierarchy in this dimension, see the examples in the FIRSTCHILD function. The following query uses LEAD with this dimension:

Because this is a data dimension, this query retrieves the next member of the city level within the parent ZIP code. Within this ZIP code, Pine is the last city, so the following query returns no results:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Pine.LEAD(1) ON 1 FROM patients  \text{Patient Count}_{_{_{\bf T}}}
```

- LAG
- NEXTMEMBER
- PREVMEMBER

# LOG (MDX)

Returns the base-ten logarithm of the given numeric value.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
LOG(numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

• *numeric\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a number.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

## **Example**

The first example shows the base-ten logarithm for the \$COUNT measure:

```
SELECT LOG(MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients

LOG
4
```

The next example uses the %LABEL function to apply a more detailed caption:

```
SELECT %LABEL(LOG(MEASURES.[%COUNT]), "LOG PAT CNT") ON 0 FROM patients

LOG PAT CNT

4
```

- POWER
- SQRT

# **LOOKUP (MDX)**

Looks up a given key in a term list and returns a substitute string. This function enables you to perform string replacements within a query. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a string.

## **Syntax and Details**

LOOKUP(term\_list\_name, lookup\_value,default,alternative\_field)

Where the arguments are string expressions as follows:

- term\_list\_name evaluates to the name of a term list.
- lookup\_value evaluates to the string to look up in the term list.
- default, which is optional, evaluates to the value to return if lookup\_value is not found in the term list.
- alternative\_field, which is optional, is the name of the field to return. The default is "value".

This argument is not case-sensitive.

This function examines the given term list, finds the term whose "key" field equals the string given by *lookup\_value* and then returns the value contained in the field identified by *alternative\_field*.

All term lists have at least two fields: "key" and "value". You can add additional fields. For information, see Defining Term Lists

The system notes the most recent modification time stamp of any term list and invalidates any query cache that uses an outdated term list.

## **Example**

For example, suppose that for HoleFoods, we have a term list named Teams that is defined as follows:

Terms		
	key	value
	Atlanta	Braves
	Boston	Red Sox
	New York	Yankees

Here is a simple query that uses this term list:

```
SELECT Lookup("Teams",Outlet.Boston.Properties("NAME")) ON ROWS FROM HOLEFOODS Lookup Red Sox
```

### Here is a more complex query:

```
SELECT Lookup("Teams",Outlet.CURRENTMEMBER.Properties("NAME"),"No Team") ON 0, outlet.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM HOLEFOODS
```

	Lookup
1 Amsterdam	No Team
2 Antwerp	No Team
3 Atlanta	Braves
4 Bangalore	No Team
5 Barcelona	No Team
6 Beijing	No Team
7 Berlin	No Team
8 Boston	Red Sox
9 Brasilia	No Team

- %LOOKUP (which contains Comparison with Other Term List Functions)
- %TERMLIST

# MAX (MDX)

Returns the maximum value of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
MAX(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

```
Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure_name]
```

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the largest of those values.

### **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                         Encounter Count
                                                              Avg Test Score
                      Patient Count
                                                     5,359
 1 1910s
                                                                          75.17
                                  227
                                                                          74.20
                                                    12,910
 2 1920s
                                                                          74.67
 3 1930s
                                  567
                                                    33,211
                                  724
 4 1940s
                                                    38,420
                                                                          73.39
 5 1950s
                                1,079
                                                    46,883
                                                                          73.72
 6 1960s
                                1,475
                                                    57,814
                                                                          74.16
  1970s
                                1,549
                                                    49.794
                                                                          74.35
 8 1980s
                                1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                          74.13
 9 1990s
                                1,426
                                                    29,219
                                                                          74.79
10 2000s
                                1,406
                                                    20,072
                                                                          74.95
11
   2010s
                                  134
                                                     1,346
                                                                          73.55
```

Next, the following query shows the maximum values for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[*COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, MAX(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
MAX 1,549 57,814 75.17
```

Here, each value is the maximum of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the maximum of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

Notice that these maximum values do not belong to the same member. For example, the decade with the highest patient count is not the same as the decade with the highest average test score.

For another example, we use the second argument for MAX:

```
SELECT MAX(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients

MAX

1,549
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# **MEDIAN (MDX)**

Returns the value closest to the median value, for a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set that have a non-null value for that expression.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

MEDIAN(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set, ignores any set elements for which this value is null, and finds the value that is closest to the median for the remaining elements.

Tip: To instead find the median value across the lowest-level records, use the % KPI function with the sample plug-in class %DeepSee.PlugIn.Median. To see examples, download and set up the samples as described in Accessing the BI Samples; then display the User Portal in the namespace where you downloaded the samples and look at the sample dashboards in the KPIs & Plug-ins folder.

## **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                      Patient Count
                                         Encounter Count
                                                              Avg Test Score
 1 1910s
                                   80
                                                     5,359
                                                                         75.17
  1920s
                                  227
                                                    12,910
                                                                         74.20
 3 1930s
                                  567
                                                    33,211
                                                                         74.67
  1940s
                                  724
                                                   38,420
                                                                         73.39
  1950s
                                1,079
                                                    46,883
  1960s
                                1,475
                                                    57,814
 7 1970s
                                1,549
                                                    49,794
  1980s
                                1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                         74.13
   1990s
                                1,426
                                                    29,219
                                                                         74.79
10 2000s
                                1,406
                                                    20,072
                                                                         74.95
11 2010s
```

Next, the following query shows the average values for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, MEDIAN(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
MEDIAN 1,079 33,211 74.20
```

Here, each value is the median of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the median value of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for MEDIAN:

```
SELECT MEDIAN(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients MEDIAN $1,079$
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# **MEMBERS (MDX)**

Returns a set of all members of the given level or hierarchy, not including any calculated members.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

level\_expression.MEMBERS

Or:
hierarchy\_expression.MEMBERS

Or:
dimension\_expression.MEMBERS

#### Where:

• level\_expression is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

hierarchy\_expression is an expression that returns a hierarchy. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name]
```

• dimension\_expression is a dimension name, included within square brackets if needed (see Identifiers). For example:

```
[dimension_name]
```

The system interprets this as a reference to the first visible hierarchy within the given dimension.

Given a level name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of that level, not including any calculated members. The members are in the default order specified in the level definition in the cube. This default order is as follows:

- For non-date levels, members are sorted in increasing order alphabetically by name, unless the cube specifies a different sort order. The system provides flexible options for the default sort order of each level.
- For date levels, members are sorted chronologically.

Given a hierarchy name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of all levels in that hierarchy, including the All member, if defined. The members are returned in hierarchical order. For information on hierarchical order, see the HIERARCHIZE function.

Given a dimension name, this function returns a set that consists of the members of all levels of the first visible hierarchy in this dimension.

## **Example**

The following query displays all members of the Home Zip dimension as rows:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.zip.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
2,272
2 32007
3 34577
3 34577
4 36711
1,069
5 38928
```

The following query displays all members of all levels in the homed .h1 hierarchy as rows:

1	32006	2,272
2	! Juniper	1,155
3	Spruce	1,117
4	: 32007	1,111
5	Redwood	1,111
6	34577	3,399
7	Cypress	1,150
8	Magnolia	1,111
9	Pine	1,138
10	36711	1,069
11	Centerville	1,069
12	38928	2,149
13	Cedar Falls	1,045
14	Elm Heights	1,104

## **See Also**

ALLMEMBERS

# MIN (MDX)

Returns the minimum non-null value of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

MIN(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression)

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the smallest of those values, ignoring any null values.

## **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                         Encounter Count
                                                               Avg Test Score
                       Patient Count
                                   80
 1 1910s
                                                     5,359
                                                                          75.17
 2 1920s
                                   227
                                                                          74.20
                                                    12,910
 3 1930s
                                   567
                                                    33,211
                                                                          74.67
                                   724
                                                                          73.39
 4 1940s
                                                    38,420
                                 1.079
   1950s
                                                    46,883
                                                                          73.72
 6 1960s
                                 1.475
                                                    57,814
                                                                          74.16
   1970s
                                 1,549
                                                    49,794
                                                                          74.35
 8 1980s
                                 1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                          74.13
 9 1990s
                                 1,426
                                                    29,219
                                                                          74.79
10 2000s
                                 1,406
                                                    20,072
                                                                          74.95
11 2010s
                                   134
                                                     1,346
                                                                          73.55
```

Next, the following query shows the minimum values for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[*COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, MIN(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
MIN 80 1,346 73.39
```

Here, each value is the minimum of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the minimum of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

Notice that these minimum values do not belong to the same member. For example, the decade with the lowest patient count is not the same as the decade with the highest lowest test score.

For another example, we use the second argument for MIN:

```
SELECT MIN(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients MIN 80
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# **NEXTMEMBER (MDX)**

Returns the next member of the level to which the given member belongs. The details are different for time dimensions and data dimensions.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### Syntax and Details

member expression.NEXTMEMBER

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

This function examines the members of the level to which the given member belongs, and returns the next member of that set (considering the default order of that set). For data dimensions, this function considers the parent level; it looks for the next member within the given parent member. (Note that the terms *time dimension* and *data dimension* refer specifically to the dimension type as defined in the cube. See *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.)

The NEXTMEMBER function is equivalent to LEAD(1).

Within any time dimension, this function is more useful for a timeline-based time level (such as Period, which groups records by year and month) than for a date-part-based time level (such as Month, which groups records only by month). See the examples. For a fuller discussion, see Introduction to Time Levels.

## **Example**

The first examples use a time dimension. Consider the following query, shown for reference:

The following query uses NEXTMEMBER:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1948.NEXTMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count

1949

4
```

For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1949.NEXTMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1950 12
```

In this sample, the year level is the child of the decade level, which means that the members 1949 and 1950 belong to different parents. As you can see, the NEXTMEMBER function ignores the parent level when you use the function with a time dimension.

The second examples use a data dimension (the HomeD dimension). To see the hierarchy in this dimension, see the examples in the FIRSTCHILD function. The following query uses NEXTMEMBER with this dimension:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Magnolia.NEXTMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Pine 114
```

Because this is a data dimension, this query retrieves the next member of the city level within the parent ZIP code. Within this ZIP code, Pine is the last city, so the following query returns no results:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Pine.NEXTMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients  \text{Patient Count} \\
```

For time level that is based on *part* of the date, this function returns null for the last member of the level. Consider the Month level, which groups records only by month. When we use this function with December, the engine returns null:

```
SELECT [BirthQD].[H1].[Month].[December].NEXTMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients
```

\*

For a fuller discussion, see Introduction to Time Levels.

- LAG
- LEAD
- PREVMEMBER

# **NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN (MDX)**

Returns a set that consists of the cross-product of the given sets, excluding any tuples that are null.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of tuples.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN(set_expression1, set_expression2)
```

#### Where:

set\_expression1 and set\_expression2 are expressions that evaluate to sets of members.

The function identifies all the members of each set and then generates a set of tuples that combine each member of the first set with each member of the second set. The returned set does not include empty tuples.

**Note:** If you use this function in a query that refers to a compound cube, it returns the same results as CROSSJOIN. This is necessary to ensure that the subqueries have the same number of rows and can be combined. In this case, to exclude empty tuples, precede the function with the keyword phrase NON EMPTY.

## **Example**

### For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN(diagd.MEMBERS, aged.[age group].MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
```

```
1 None->0 to 29
                                             363
 2 None->30 to 59
                                             348
 3 None->60+
                                             120
 4 asthma->0 to 29
                                              36
 5 \text{ asthma->} 30 \text{ to } 59
                                              37
 6 asthma->60+
                                              11
 7 CHD->30 to 59
                                              13
 8 CHD->60+
                                              23
 9 diabetes->0 to 29
10 diabetes->30 to 59
                                              20
11 diabetes->60+
12 osteoporosis->60+
```

# **OPENINGPERIOD (MDX)**

Returns the first descendent member of the given level, at the same level as the given member. This function is intended primarily for use with time levels.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
OPENINGPERIOD(ancestor_level,member_expression)
```

#### Where:

• ancestor\_level is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

This level must be the parent level of *member\_expression* or an ancestor of that member.

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

Given a level and a member, this function returns the first member that is a descendent of the given level *and* that is at the same level as member.

## **Example**

The following query displays the opening quarter for the year that includes Q3 2003:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, OPENINGPERIOD(birthd.year,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q1 2003 35
```

In contrast, the following query displays the opening quarter for the decade that includes Q3 2003:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, OPENINGPERIOD(birthd.decade,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q1 2000 33
```

- ANCESTOR
- CLOSINGPERIOD
- COUSIN
- PERIODSTODATE

# **ORDER (MDX)**

Returns a set that is ordered as specified.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
ORDER(set_expression, ordering_expression, optional_keyword)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members.
- ordering\_expression is a numeric expression or a string expression that determines the order of the set elements.

For numeric values, typically *ordering\_expression* is [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set according to this value.

- optional\_keyword controls how MDX handles any hierarchies in the set. Use one of the following keywords:
  - ASC Use this to sort in ascending order (using the value returned by *ordering\_expression*), while preserving
    the hierarchy. For information on hierarchical order, see <u>HIERARCHIZE</u>.

If you omit the keyword, the function sorts in this way.

- DESC Use this to sort in descending order (using the value returned by *ordering\_expression*), while preserving the hierarchy.
- BASC Use this to break the hierarchy and sort all members in ascending order (using the value returned by ordering\_expression).
- BDESC Use this to break the hierarchy and sort all members in descending order (using the value returned by ordering\_expression).

## **Example**

For example, the following query sorts cities in descending order by average test score, respecting the ZIP codes to which the cities belong:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[avg test score] ON 0,
ORDER(homed.city.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[avg test score], DESC) ON 1 FROM patients
                             Avg Test Score
                                       75.67
1 Pine
2 Magnolia
                                       74.65
                                        74.61
3 Cypress
 Centerville
5 Cedar Falls
6 Elm Heights
                                        74.36
 Juniper
8 Spruce
                                        74.14
9 Redwood
```

To see a picture of the hierarchy used in this example, see the FIRSTCHILD function.

In contrast, the following example uses the BDESC keyword and disregards the hierarchy:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[avg test score] ON 0,
ORDER(homed.city.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[avg test score], BDESC) ON 1 FROM patients
                                   Avg Test Score
75.67
74.85
1 Pine
2 Centerville
3 Magnolia
4 Cedar Falls
                                                \begin{array}{c} 74.65 \\ 74.62 \end{array}
                                                74.61
5 Cypress
6 Juniper
                                                74.52
                                                74.36
7 Elm Heights
                                                74.16
8 Redwood
                                                74.14
9 Spruce
```

For another example, the following query defines a string measure (as a calculated member) and then uses it with the ORDER function:

```
WITH MEMBER measures.stringtest AS 'IIF(MEASURES.[avg test score]<75, "low", "high")'
SELECT {MEASURES.[avg test score], MEASURES.stringtest} on 0, ORDER(homed.city.MEMBERS, measures.stringtest, BASC) ON 1 FROM patients
                           Avg Test Score
                                                          stringtest
                                        75.67
74.62
1 Pine
                                                                    high
2 Cedar Falls
                                                                     low
3 Centerville
                                        74.85
                                                                     low
                                        74.61
74.36
  Cypress
                                                                     low
5 Elm Heights
                                                                     low
6 Juniper
                                        74.52
                                                                     low
7 Magnolia
                                        74.65
                                                                     low
                                        74.16
8 Redwood
                                                                     low
9 Spruce
                                        74.14
                                                                     low
```

### See Also

HIERARCHIZE

# PARALLELPERIOD (MDX)

Given a reference member, a parent level of that member, and an integer, this function counts backward in the parent level, finds a previous member in that level, and then returns its child that has the same position as the reference member.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

PARALLELPERIOD(level\_expression,offset,member\_expression)

### Where:

• *level expression* is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

This level must be a higher level within the hierarchy that contains the reference member.

• *offset* is an integer literal.

You can use negative integers.

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

This is used as the reference member.

For the given member, this function examines the ancestor within the given level, counts backward from that member (using *offset*), finds another member in that level, and returns the child member that has the same position as the reference member.

This function ignores the hierarchy; that is, two members can be considered adjacent even if they have different parents.

## **Example**

For example, the following query finds the quarter that is parallel to Q1 1943, by looking back one year:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PARALLELPERIOD(birthd.year,1,birthd.[Q1 1943]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q1 1942 22
```

In contrast, the following query finds the quarter that is parallel to Q1 1943, by looking one decade backward:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PARALLELPERIOD(birthd.decade,1,birthd.[Q1 1943]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q1 1939 17
```

As noted previously, you can specify a negative integer for *offset*. The following query finds the quarter that is parallel to Q1 1943, by looking ahead three years:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PARALLELPERIOD(birthd.year,-3,birthd.[Q1 1943]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Q1 1946

18
```

## **See Also**

• COUSIN

# PARENT (MDX)

Returns the member that is the parent of the given member.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

### **Syntax and Details**

member\_expression.PARENT

### Where:

• member\_expression is an expression that returns a member, possibly the All member for the dimension.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

The function returns the parent of this member.

Apart from measures, every member belongs to a level, and every level belongs to a hierarchy, which defines the parent-child relationships among the members. The system creates an All level (with a single All member), at the highest part of each hierarchy (unless the cube disables the All level for the dimension).

### **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.[Elm Heights].PARENT ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
38928 2,276
```

To see a picture of the hierarchy used in this example, see the FIRSTCHILD function.

- ANCESTOR
- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- SIBLINGS

# PERCENTILE (MDX)

Evaluates a given expression (or the current measure), across all elements of a set, and returns the value that is at a given percentile level.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

PERCENTILE(set\_expression, optional\_numeric\_expression, optional\_percentile\_value)

### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

• *optional\_percentile\_value* is a numeric literal that represents the percentile to find. For example, use 30 to find the 30th percentile, which is the value that is greater than 30 percent of the other values.

If you omit this argument, the system computes the 50th percentile.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the value that is at the given percentile.

Tip: To instead find a value at the percentile across the lowest-level records, use the % KPI function with the sample plug-in class %DeepSee.Plugln.Percentile. To see examples, download and set up the samples as described in Accessing the BI Samples; then display the User Portal in the namespace where you downloaded the samples and look at the sample dashboards in the KPIs & Plug-ins folder.

### **Example**

For reference, the following query shows the Patient Count measure for the members of the aged. year level. The ORDER function sorts these members into order by their value of Patient Count so that we can easily compare the later results to this query:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, ORDER(birthd.year.MEMBERS,MEASURES.[%COUNT],BASC) ON 1 FROM patients

		Patient	Count
1	1916		1
2	1921		1
3	1922		1
4	1925		1
5	1941		1
6	1914		2
82	1967		18
83	1969		18
84	1973		18
85	1978		18
86	1979		18
87	1981		18
88	2002		18
89	2009		18
90	1968		19
91	1998		21

92	1991	23
93	2003	23
94	1977	25

Next, the following query shows the 5th percentile value for these members:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PERCENTILE(birthd.year.MEMBERS,,5) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
5 Percentile 1
```

That is, the 5th percentile consists of birth years that have at most 1 patient.

The following query shows the 95th percentile instead:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PERCENTILE(birthd.year.MEMBERS,,95) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
95 Percentile 18
```

That is, the 95th percentile consists of birth years that have 18 or fewer patients.

For another example, we use the second argument for PERCENTILE:

```
SELECT PERCENTILE(birthd.year.MEMBERS,MEASURES.[%COUNT],50) ON 1 FROM patients 50 Percentile 10
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# PERCENTILERANK (MDX)

For a given numeric value, this function evaluates a given expression (or the current measure), across all elements of a set, and returns the percentile rank of that expression — the percentage of values that are the same or lower.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

PERCENTILERANK(set\_expression, numeric\_expression, comparison\_value)

### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.
  - Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]
- *comparison\_value* is a numeric literal that represents the value against which the system compares the numeric expression for all set members.

The function evaluates *numeric\_expression* for each element of the set, compares that value to *comparison\_value*, and returns the percentile rank of the comparison value.

## **Example**

For reference, the following query shows the Patient Count measure for the members of the aged. year level. The ORDER function sorts these members into order by their value of Patient Count so that we can easily compare the later results to this query:

SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, ORDER(birthd.year.MEMBERS,MEASURES.[%COUNT],BASC) ON 1 FROM patients

		Patient	Count
1	1916		1
2	1921		1
3	1922		1
4	1925		1
5	1941		1
6	1914		2
7	1918		2
8	1920		1 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 4 4
9	1927		3
10	1931		3
11	1934		3
12	1926		4
13	1932		4
14	1949		4
15	1955		
16 17	1956		4 5 5 5 5 5 6
18	1928 1930		5
19	1930		5
20	1937		5
21	1966		5
22	1929		6
23	1940		6
24	1952		6
25	1939		7
0.2	2003		23
94	1977		25 25

Next, the following query shows the percentile rank of a member that has 5 patients:

 ${\tt SELECT\ PERCENTILERANK(birthd.year.MEMBERS,MEASURES.[\&Count],5)\ ON\ 1\ FROM\ patients}$ 

Rank of 5 19.68

That is, if you consider birth years that have 5 patients or fewer, these birth years constitute 19.68% of the set of years.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# PERIODSTODATE (MDX)

Returns the set of child or descendent members of the given level, up to and including the given member. This function is intended primarily for use with time levels.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
PERIODSTODATE(ancestor_level,member_expression)
```

### Where:

• ancestor level is an expression that returns a level. For example:

```
[dimension_name].[hierarchy_name].[level_name]
```

This level must be either an ancestor to the member given by *member\_expression*.

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

Given a level and a member, this function returns a set that consists of a range of members, from the first member that is a descendent of the given level, up to and including the given member. The members are in the default order specified in the level definition in the cube.

### **Example**

The following query displays all quarters up to Q3 2003, within the year:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PERIODSTODATE(birthd.year,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 Q1 2003 35
2 Q2 2003 44
3 Q3 2003 43
```

In contrast, the following query displays all quarters up to Q3 2003, within the decade:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, PERIODSTODATE(birthd.decade,birthd.[Q3 2003]) ON 1 FROM patients
                                         Patient Count
 1 Q1 2000
1 Q1 2000
2 Q2 2000
3 Q3 2000
4 Q4 2000
5 Q1 2001
7 Q3 2001
8 Q4 2001
9 Q1 2002
                                                          33
                                                          45
                                                          39
10 Q2 2002
                                                          35
11 Q3 2002
12 Q4 2002
                                                          38
13 Q1 2003
14 Q2
       2003
                                                          44
```

This function returns a set expression in the form of a range of members. That is, for example, the following two expressions are equivalent:

```
PERIODSTODATE(birthd.decade,birthd.[Q3 2003]) birthd.[Q1 2000]:birthd.[Q3 2003]
```

- ANCESTOR
- COUSIN
- CLOSINGPERIOD
- OPENINGPERIOD

# **POWER (MDX)**

Returns the given numeric value raised to the power of the second argument.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
POWER(numeric_expression,power)
```

### Where:

• *numeric\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a number.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

• *power* is a numeric expression.

Typically, this expression is an integer.

If you use a decimal value less than 1, be sure to start the number with 0. For example: 0.5

## **Example**

The first example shows the %COUNT measure raised to the third power:

```
SELECT POWER(MEASURES.[%COUNT],3) ON 0 FROM patients

POWER

1,000,000,000,000
```

The next example uses the %LABEL function to apply a more detailed caption:

```
SELECT %LABEL(POWER(MEASURES.[%COUNT],3),"PAT CNT^3") ON 0 FROM patients

PAT CNT^3
1,000,000,000,000
```

The following example shows a fractional power:

```
SELECT POWER(MEASURES.[%COUNT],0.5) ON 0 FROM patients

POWER

100
```

- LOG
- SQRT

# PREVMEMBER (MDX)

Returns the previous member of the level to which the given member belongs. The details are different for time dimensions and data dimensions.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a member.

## **Syntax and Details**

member expression.PREVMEMBER

### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

This function examines the members of the level to which the given member belongs, and returns the previous member of that set (considering the default order of that set). For time dimensions, this function ignores any parent level. For data dimensions, this function considers the parent level; it counts backward from the current member within the given parent member. (Note that the terms *time dimension* and *data dimension* refer specifically to the dimension type as defined in the cube. See *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.)

The PREVMEMBER function is equivalent to LAG(1).

Within any time dimension, this function is more useful for a timeline-based time level (such as Period, which groups records by year and month) than for a date-part-based time level (such as Month, which groups records only by month). See the examples. For a fuller discussion, see Introduction to Time Levels.

## **Example**

The first examples use a time dimension. Consider the following query, shown for reference:

The following query uses PREVMEMBER:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1951.PREVMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1950 12
```

For another example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, birthd.1950.PREVMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count

1949

4
```

In this sample, the year level is the child of the decade level, which means that the members 1949 and 1950 belong to different parents. As you can see, the PREVMEMBER function ignores the parent level when you use the function with a time dimension.

The second examples use a data dimension (the HomeD dimension). To see the hierarchy in this dimension, see the examples in the FIRSTCHILD function. The following query uses PREVMEMBER with this dimension:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Magnolia.PREVMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
Cypress 104
```

Because this is a data dimension, this query retrieves the previous member of the city level within the parent ZIP code. Within this ZIP code, Cypress is the first city, so the following query returns no results:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.Cypress.PREVMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
```

For time level that is based on *part* of the date, this function returns null for the first member of the level. Consider the Month level, which groups records only by month. When we use this function with January, the engine returns null:

```
SELECT [BirthQD].[H1].[Month].[January].PREVMEMBER ON 1 FROM patients
```

\*

For an example that uses PREVMEMBER to get the number of units sold in a previous time period, see %CELLZERO.

- LAG
- LEAD
- NEXTMEMBER

# **PROPERTIES (MDX)**

Returns the value of the given property, for the given member.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a string.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.PROPERTIES(property_name,default_value))
```

#### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

• property\_name is a string that equals the name of the property.

All members have certain intrinsic properties, listed in Intrinsic Properties. A cube definition can include definitions of additional properties.

• *default\_value* is an optional value to return if the member does not have a value for this property. If you omit this argument and if the given member does not have the property, the function returns @NOPROPERTY.

This argument is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

Names of properties are not case-sensitive.

### **Example**

The following example gets the value of the KEY property, which is an intrinsic property:

```
SELECT docd.hl.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("KEY") ON 0, docd.[doctor].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

```
Doctor
1 None <null>
2 Adam, Dan 41
3 Adam, Danielle 391
```

The following variation uses %LABEL to provide a better caption:

The following example uses CURRENTMEMBER and iterates through the ZIP codes to retrieve the values of two intrinsic properties: ID and LEVEL\_NUMBER:

```
WITH SET test AS '{homed.h1.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("id"), homed.h1.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("level_number")}'
SELECT test ON 0, homed.zip.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

		Home ZIP	Home ZIP
1	32006	2	1
2	32007	4	1
3	34577	1	1
4	36711	5	1
5	38928	3	1

As a variation, the following query uses %LABEL to provide better captions:

```
WITH SET test AS '{%LABEL(homed.h1.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("id"),"id"), %LABEL(homed.h1.CURRENTMEMBER.PROPERTIES("level_number"),"level_number")}'SELECT test ON 0, homed.zip.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

		id	level_number
1	32006	2	1
2	32007	4	1
3	34577	1	1
4	36711	5	1
5	38928	3	1

For more examples, see CURRENTMEMBER.

# **RANK (MDX)**

Returns an integer that indicates the rank of the given member, within the given set.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
RANK(member_expression, set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.
- *set\_expression* is an expression that returns a set.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each member in the set.

Typically, this expression is [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

- If you specify this argument, the system evaluates this expression for the member and for every other member in the set. The system then returns an integer that indicates how the given member ranks compared to these other members. The member with the lowest value is at position 1.
- If you do not specify this argument, the system returns the ordinal position of the member within the given set.
   The first position is 1.

### **Example**

For example, the following query shows the rank of the member colord.green within the set of members of the colord dimension, when the members are ranked by patient count:

To see that this is correct, consider the following query, which sorts the members of this dimension by the patient count:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
ORDER(colord.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
1 None
                                        1,243
                                        1,304
2 Green
 Blue
                                        1,302
4 Orange
5 Purple
                                        1,276
6 Red
                                        1,244
7 Yellow
                                        1,250
```

# **ROUND (MDX)**

Evaluates a numeric MDX expression and returns a rounded value. This function is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a numeric expression.

### **Syntax and Details**

ROUND(numeric\_expression,decimal\_places)

### Where:

- numeric\_expression is a numeric expression.
- decimal\_places is an integer literal that specifies the number of decimal places to use for the returned value. The default is 0.

## **Example**

The following shows a simple example:

```
SELECT ROUND(MEASURES.[avg allergy count],2) ON 0, patgrpd.[patient group].MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
```

			ROUND
1	Group	A	0.97
2	Group	В	1.06
3	None		0.97

# **SIBLINGS (MDX)**

Returns a set that contains the specified member and all its siblings.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
member_expression.SIBLINGS
```

### Where:

• *member\_expression* is an expression that returns a member.

This expression cannot refer to a measure.

## **Example**

For example:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.cypress.SIBLINGS ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count
1 Cypress 1,089
2 Magnolia 1,073
3 Pine 1,039
```

To see a picture of the hierarchy used in this example, see the FIRSTCHILD function.

- CHILDREN
- COUSIN
- DESCENDANTS
- FIRSTCHILD
- FIRSTSIBLING
- LASTCHILD
- LASTSIBLING
- PARENT

# **SQRT (MDX)**

Returns the square root of the given numeric value.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

## **Syntax and Details**

```
SQRT(numeric_expression)
```

### Where:

• *numeric\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a number.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

## **Example**

The first example shows the square root of the  ${\tt Patient}$  Count measure:

```
SELECT SQRT(MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients

SQRT

100
```

The next example uses the %LABEL function to apply a more detailed caption:

```
SELECT %LABEL(SQRT(MEASURES.[%COUNT]), "SQRT PAT CNT") ON 0 FROM patients

SQRT PAT CNT

100
```

- LOG
- POWER

# STDDEV (MDX)

Returns the standard deviation of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
STDDEV(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

```
Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure_name]
```

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses \*COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the standard deviation of those values.

### **Example**

First, the following query shows two measure values for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                                   Encounter Count
                            Patient Count
                                           80
 1 1910s
                                                                 5,359
                                          227
                                                                12,910
 2 1920s
                                          567
 3 1930s
                                                                33,211
 4 1940s
                                          724
                                                                38,420
 5 1950s
                                       1.079
                                                                46,883
 6 1960s
                                       1,475
                                                                57,814
 7 1970s
                                       1,549
                                                                49,794
 8 1980s
                                       1,333
                                                                35,919
 9 1990s
                                       1,426
                                                                29,219
10 2000s
                                       1,406
                                                                20,072
11 2010s
                                          134
                                                                 1,346
```

Next, the following query shows the standard deviations for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, STDDEV(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count
STDDEV 579.41 18,401.33
```

Here, each value is the standard deviation of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the standard deviation of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for STDDEV:

```
SELECT STDDEV(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients STDDEV 579.41
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# STDDEVP (MDX)

Returns the population standard deviation of a given expression, across all elements of a set.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
STDDEVP(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the population standard deviation of those values.

### **Example**

First, the following query shows two measure values for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                        Patient Count
                                            Encounter Count
                                     80
 1 1910s
                                                        5,359
 2 1920s
                                    227
                                                       12,910
 3 1930s
                                    567
                                                       33,211
 4 1940s
                                    724
                                                       38,420
 5 1950s
                                  1,079
                                                       46,883
 6 1960s
                                  1,475
                                                       57,814
  1970s
                                  1,549
                                                       49,794
 8 1980s
                                  1,333
                                                       35,919
  1990s
                                  1,426
                                                       29,219
10 2000s
                                  1,406
                                                       20,072
11 2010s
```

Next, the following query shows the population standard deviations for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, STDDEVP(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count
STDDEVP 552.44 17.544.98
```

Here, each value is the population standard deviation of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the population standard deviation of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for STDDEVP:

```
SELECT STDDEVP(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients STDDEVP 552.44
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

### See Also

AGGREGATE

- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- SUM
- VAR
- VARP

# STDEV (MDX)

Synonym for STDDEV.

## See Also

• STDDEV

# STDEVP (MDX)

Synonym for STDDEVP.

## See Also

• STDDEVP

# **SUBSET (MDX)**

Returns a set of elements from a given set, by position. The first member is at position 0.

## **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
SUBSET(set_expression, first_element_position, optional_element_count)
```

### Where:

- set expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.
- first\_element\_position is an integer literal that specifies the position of the first element to return.

The position of the first element is 0.

optional\_element\_count is an integer literal that specifies the position of the number of element to return.

If you omit this argument, the function returns the element at first\_element\_position and all elements that follow it.

## **Example**

In contrast, consider this example, which shows the complete set:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, homed.city.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients {\tt Patient~Count}
```

```
1 Cedar Falls
                                        1,188
2 Centerville
                                        1,155
3 Cypress
                                        1,221
4 Elm Heights
                                        1,266
5 Juniper
                                        1,197
6 Magnolia
                                        1,156
7 Pine
                                        1,139
8 Redwood
                                        1,144
9 Spruce
                                        1,135
```

# **SUM (MDX)**

Returns the sum of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
SUM(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the sum of those values.

### **Example**

First, the following query shows values of three measures for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                         Encounter Count
                                                              Avg Test Score
                      Patient Count
 1 1910s
                                                     5,359
                                                                         75.17
                                  227
                                                                         74.20
                                                    12,910
 2 1920s
                                                                         74.67
 3 1930s
                                  567
                                                   33,211
                                  724
 4 1940s
                                                    38,420
                                                                         73.39
 5 1950s
                                1,079
                                                    46,883
                                                                         73.72
 6 1960s
                                1,475
                                                    57,814
                                                                         74.16
 7 1970s
                                1,549
                                                    49.794
                                                                         74.35
 8 1980s
                                1,333
                                                    35,919
                                                                         74.13
 9 1990s
                                1,426
                                                    29,219
                                                                         74.79
10 2000s
                                1,406
                                                    20,072
                                                                         74.95
11 2010s
                                  134
                                                     1,346
                                                                         73.55
```

Next, the following query shows the sums for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[*COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count], MEASURES.[avg test score]} ON 0, SUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count Encounter Count Avg Test Score
SUM 10,000 330,947 817.08
```

Here, each value is the sum of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the sum of the Patient Count values in the preceding query. The Avg Test Score value is the sum of the average test scores and is probably not a useful value.

For another example, we use the second argument for SUM:

```
SELECT SUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients
SUM
10.000
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- VAR
- VARP

# TAIL (MDX)

Returns a subset from the end of a set, using the current order of the set.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
TAIL(set_expression, optional_integer_expression)
```

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set.
- *optional\_integer\_expression* is an integer literal.

The default value for this argument is 1.

The function uses this argument to determine the number of elements to return in the subset.

This function returns a set that consists of the specified number of elements from the end of the given set (considering the current order of the set). If *integer\_expression* is less than 1, the function returns the empty set. If *integer\_expression* is greater than the number of elements of the set, the function returns the original set.

The elements of the subset are returned in the same order specified by the original set.

### **Example**

### See Also

HEAD

# **TOPCOUNT (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its higher-valued end, given a desired element count.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
TOPCOUNT(set_expression, element_count, optional_ordering_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- *element\_count* is an integer literal.

The function uses this argument to determine the number of elements to return in the subset. If this argument is greater than the number of elements, all elements are returned.

• optional\_ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set elements.

```
Typically, ordering_expression is [MEASURES]. [measure_name]
```

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in descending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

If this argument is omitted, the function uses the current order of the set elements (and this function behaves like the HEAD function).

## **Example**

First consider the following query and the results it returns:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
TOPCOUNT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 100, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                              Patient Count
                                       1,520
 1 1970s
 2 1960s
                                       1,500
 3 2000s
                                       1,433
 4 1990s
                                        1,413
 5 1980s
                                        1,400
 6 1950s
                                        1,030
  1940s
 8 1930s
  1920s
10 2010s
```

Because *count\_expression* is greater than the number of members, all members are returned. The members are sorted in ascending order according to the value of the %COUNT measure.

Next, consider a similar query, using *count\_expression* equal to 3:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
TOPCOUNT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 3, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1,520
2,1960s
1,500
3,2000s
1,433
```

This query selects three members from the higher-valued end of the set.

## **See Also**

• BOTTOMCOUNT

# **TOPPERCENT (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its higher-valued end, given a cutoff percentage that is applied to a total across set elements.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

### **Syntax and Details**

TOPPERCENT(set\_expression, percentage, ordering\_expression)

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- percentage is a numeric literal that is less than or equal to 100. That is, 15 represents 15 percent.

The function uses this argument to determine the cutoff point for elements to return in the subset.

There is usually a member that straddles the cutoff point; this member is assigned to the upper set, rather than the lower set. As a result, in the returned subset, the cumulative total for *ordering\_expression* could be greater than *percentage*, as a percentage of the entire set.

• ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set elements.

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in descending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

### **Example**

First consider the following query and the results it returns:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
TOPPERCENT(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 100, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                                Patient Count
 1 2000s
                                            157
 2 1980s
                                            155
 3 1990s
                                            144
 4 1960s
                                            136
 5 1970s
6 1950s
                                            128
                                             56
 7 1930s
 8 1940s
                                             54
 9 2010s
                                             44
10 1920s
                                             13
11 1910s
```

Because *percentage* is 100, all members are returned.

Now consider a variation of the preceding, in which *percentage* is 50, so that we see the top 50 percent:

The total for the %COUNT measure for these members is a little more than 50% of the total. (If the 1960s were omitted, the total count would be less than 50%.)

## **See Also**

• BOTTOMPERCENT

# **TOPSUM (MDX)**

Sorts a set and returns a subset from its higher-valued end, given a cutoff value that is applied to a total across elements.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members or tuples, depending on the set used.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
TOPSUM(set_expression, cutoff_value, ordering_expression)
```

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set of members or tuples.
- *cutoff\_value* is a numeric literal.

The function uses this argument to determine the cutoff value for elements to return in the subset.

For all elements in the returned subset, the sum of the values of *ordering\_expression* will be less than or equal to *cutoff\_value*.

• ordering\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that determines the order of the set members.

The function evaluates this expression for each element of the set and sorts the elements of the set in descending order according to this value. Any hierarchies are ignored.

### **Example**

First consider an example in which the cutoff value is high enough to include all members:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, TOPSUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 10000, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
                                   Patient Count
 1 1970s
                                              1,520
 2 1960s
                                              1,500
 3 2000s
                                              1,433
 4 1990s
                                              1,413
 5 1980s
                                              1,400
 6 1950s
                                              1,030
 7 1940s
                                                683
 8 1930s
                                                572
 9 1920s
                                                223
10 2010s
                                                155
11 1910s
```

Now consider a variation in which the cutoff value is set to 2500:

```
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0,
TOPSUM(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, 2500, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count
1970s 1,520
```

### See Also

BOTTOMSUM

# **UNION (MDX)**

Returns a set that consists of the elements of the two given sets, optionally eliminating duplicates.

### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set.

### **Syntax and Details**

```
UNION(set_expression1, set_expression2, ALL)
Or:
UNION(set_expression1, set_expression2)
```

- set\_expression1 and set\_expression2 are expressions that evaluate to sets.
- The optional keyword ALL, if included, specifies that all duplicates should be retained. By default, if the returned set includes any duplicate elements, only the first of those is included.

### **Example**

Consider the following query which defines two named sets:

```
WITH SET set1 AS '{allerd.eggs,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SET set2 AS '{allerd.[dairy products],allerd.pollen,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, UNION(set1,set2) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count

1 eggs 451
2 soy 462
3 wheat 479
4 dairy products 463
5 pollen 447
```

This query shows all the members that are in set1 and set2.

In contrast, consider the following variation, which uses the ALL keyword to keep duplicates:

```
WITH SET set1 AS '{allerd.eggs,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SET set2 AS '{allerd.[dairy products],allerd.pollen,allerd.soy,allerd.wheat}'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, UNION(set1,set2,ALL) ON 1 FROM patients
                                     Patient Count
                                                   451
1 eggs
2 soy
                                                   462
3 wheat.
                                                    479
                                                    463
4 dairy products
                                                    447
5 pollen
б воу
                                                   462
7 wheat
```

Finally, you can of course use more interesting sets as arguments. For example:

```
WITH SET set1 AS 'TOPCOUNT(homed.city.members,5,MEASURES.[avg allergy count])'
SET set2 AS 'TOPCOUNT(homed.city.members,5,MEASURES.[avg age])'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, UNION(set1,set2) ON 1 FROM patients
          Patient Count
                                       1,197
1 Juniper
2 Spruce
                                       1,135
3 Centerville
                                       1,155
4 Redwood
                                       1,144
5 Magnolia
                                       1,156
6 Cedar Falls
                                       1,188
7 Elm Heights
                                       1,266
8 Pine
```

## **See Also**

- EXCEPT
- INTERSECT

## **VAR (MDX)**

Returns the variance of a given expression (or of the current measure), across all elements of a set.

#### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

#### **Syntax and Details**

```
VAR(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
Or:
VAR(set_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure\_name]

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the variance of those values.

#### **Example**

First, the following query shows two measure values for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0,
birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                             Encounter Count
                         Patient Count
                                                        5,359
12,910
 1 1910s
                                      80
                                     227
 2 1920s
 3 1930s
                                     567
                                                        33,211
 4 1940s
                                     724
                                                        38,420
                                   1,079
 5 1950s
                                                        46,883
 6 1960s
                                   1,475
                                                        57,814
                                   1,549
  1970s
                                                        49,794
 8 1980s
                                   1,333
                                                        35,919
 9 1990s
                                   1,426
                                                        29,219
10 2000s
                                   1,406
                                                        20,072
11 2010s
                                     134
                                                         1,346
```

Next, the following query shows the variances for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[*COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, VAR(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients

Patient Count Encounter Count
VAR 335,710.89 338,609,051.69
```

Here, each value is the variance of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the variance of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for VAR:

```
SELECT VAR(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients $\operatorname{VAR}$ 335,710.89
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

### **See Also**

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VARP

## **VARIANCE (MDX)**

Synonym for VAR.

## See Also

• VAR

# **VARIANCEP (MDX)**

Synonym for VARP.

## **See Also**

• VARP

## **VARP (MDX)**

Returns the population variance of a given expression, across all elements of a set.

#### **Returned Type**

This function returns a number.

#### **Syntax and Details**

```
VARP(set_expression, optional_numeric_expression)
```

#### Where:

- set\_expression is an expression that evaluates to a set, typically a set of members or tuples.
- optional\_numeric\_expression is a numeric-valued expression that the function evaluates for each set element.

```
Typically, this expression has the form [MEASURES]. [measure_name]
```

If you do not specify a numeric expression, the system uses the measure used by the current result cell. For example, this might be the measure used on the 0 axis or the measure specified in the WHERE clause, if any. If the query itself does not specify a measure, the system instead uses %COUNT, which counts records in the fact table.

The function evaluates the numeric value for each element of the set and returns the population variance of those values.

#### **Example**

First, the following query shows two measure values for the members of the aged.decade level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, birthd.decade.MEMBERS ON 1 FROM patients
                                                   Encounter Count
                            Patient Count
                                          80
 1 1910s
                                                                 5,359
                                         227
                                                               12,910
 2 1920s
                                         567
 3 1930s
                                                               33,211
 4 1940s
                                          724
                                                               38,420
 5 1950s
                                       1.079
                                                               46,883
 6 1960s
                                       1,475
                                                               57,814
 7 1970s
                                       1,549
                                                               49,794
 8 1980s
                                       1,333
                                                               35,919
 9 1990s
                                       1,426
                                                               29,219
10 2000s
                                       1,406
                                                               20,072
11 2010s
                                         134
                                                                 1,346
```

Next, the following query shows the population variances for these measures for the members of this level:

```
SELECT {MEASURES.[%COUNT], MEASURES.[encounter count]} ON 0, VARP(birthd.decade.MEMBERS) ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count Encounter Count
VARP 305,191.72 307,826,410.63
```

Here, each value is the population variance of the values in a column in the preceding query. For example, the Patient Count value is the population variance of the Patient Count values in the preceding query.

For another example, we use the second argument for VARP:

```
SELECT VARP(birthd.decade.MEMBERS, MEASURES.[%COUNT]) ON 0 FROM patients VARP 305,191.72
```

For additional, similar examples, see AVG.

## **See Also**

- AGGREGATE
- AVG
- MAX
- MEDIAN
- MIN
- PERCENTILE
- PERCENTILERANK
- STDDEV
- STDDEVP
- SUM
- VAR

## **VISUALTOTALS (MDX)**

Given a set of members in hierarchical order, returns that set with its visual totals. In the visual totals, the actual value for any higher-level member is replaced with the sum of the values for the children that are included in the query.

#### **Returned Type**

This function returns a set of members.

#### **Syntax and Details**

```
VISUALTOTALS(set_expression, optional_parent_name_pattern)
```

#### Where:

- *set\_expression* is an expression that evaluates to a set of members. This set can include members at different levels within the same dimension but the members should be in hierarchical order.
- *optional\_parent\_name\_pattern* is a string that includes an asterisk (\*) in the place where the parent name is to be used. For example: "SUB \*" or "\* (SUBTOTAL)"

If you omit this, no extra strings are added to the parent names.

#### **Example**

First, for reference, the following figure shows the hierarchy used in this example:

Members of the ZIP level		Members of the City level
32006		- Juniper
		Spruce
32007		Redwood
34577		- Cypress
		Magnolia
		Pine
36711		- Centerville
38928		- Cedar Falls
		Elm Heights

Consider the following query, which does not use VISUALTOTALS:

This query shows the patient count for each of the listed ZIP codes and cities. The patient count for each ZIP code is the total patient count for that ZIP code.

Now consider the following variation, which does use VISUALTOTALS:

In this case, the patient count for any higher-level members (the ZIP codes) reflects only the children that are included in the query. For example, the patient count for ZIP code 34577 is the sum of the patient counts for the cities of Pine and Cypress.

For another variation, consider the following query, which is like the preceding except that it also uses the second argument to VISUALTOTALS:

```
VISUALTOTALS */WITH SET demo AS
'HIERARCHIZE({homed.32006,homed.34577,homed.CYPRESS,homed.PINE,homed.SPRUCE})'
SELECT MEASURES.[%COUNT] ON 0, VISUALTOTALS(demo,"* (included cities)") ON 1 FROM patients
Patient Count

1 32006 (included cities) 1,117
2 Spruce 1,117
3 34577 (included cities) 2,288
4 Cypress 1,150
5 Pine 1,138
```

The values shown are the same as in the preceding query, but each ZIP code is shown with the trailing string (included cities).

#### See Also

HIERARCHIZE

# **Intrinsic Properties (MDX)**

This reference section provides information on the intrinsic properties for levels in cubes in Business Intelligence.

Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

## **Intrinsic Properties (MDX)**

This section lists the intrinsic properties for levels in cubes.

### **Intrinsic Properties**

All members have the following intrinsic properties. The table shows examples using the city of Juniper from the sample.

Property	Details	Example
KEY	Key for the member, for use with the syntax &[key] when referring to the member, as discussed in Member Expressions. For details, see Key Values.	Juniper
ID	Internal ID of the member.	б
NAME	Display name of the member. This is taken from the source	Juniper
MEMBER_NAME	value or (if present) from the value of a property marked isName="true"	
CAPTION		
CUBE_NAME	Uppercase version of the logical name of the cube to which this member belongs. This is controlled by the name attribute of the cube.	PATIENTS
LEVEL_NUMBER	Number of the level to which this member belongs. Level 0 is the All level.	3
LEVEL_CAPTION	Localized version of the displayName of the current level.  The displayName attribute is specified within the cube definition.	City
LEVEL	Uppercase version of the logical name of the level. This is controlled by the name attribute of the level in the cube definition.	CITY
HIERARCHY_CAPTION	Localized version of the displayName of the current hierarchy. The displayName attribute is specified within the cube definition.	н1
HIERARCHY	Uppercase version of the logical name of the hierarchy. This is controlled by the name attribute of the hierarchy in the cube definition.	н1
DIMENSION_CAPTION	Localized version of the displayName of the current dimension. The displayName attribute is specified within the cube definition.	HomeD
DIMENSION	Uppercase version of the logical name of the dimension. This is controlled by the name attribute of the dimension in the cube definition.	HOMED

Names of properties are not case-sensitive.

## **Key Values (MDX)**

This section describes how the system generates KEY values for level members.

### **Key Values**

The system generates KEY values as follows. Note that these values are case-sensitive, unlike all other items in MDX.

Scenario	Format of KEY value	Example Member	Corresponding KEY Value
Null member	<null></null>	None	<null></null>
All member	*	All Patient Addresses	*
Member of a level that uses the HourNumber time function	Integer that represents the hour number	2	2
Member of a level that uses the DayMonthYear time function	Integer that represents the date in <b>\$HOROLOG</b> format	Dec 27 2004	59896
Member of a level that uses the DayNumber time function	Integer that represents the day number	21	21
Member of a level that uses the WeekNumber time function	Integer that represents the day number	6	6
Member of a level that uses the MonthNumber time function	Integer that represents the month number	July	7
Member of a level that uses the WeekYear time function	String in the form YYYYMWW	2012W06	2012W06
Member of a level that uses the MonthYear time function	Integer in the form YYYYMM	July 2010	201007
Member of a level that uses the QuarterNumber time function	Integer that represents the quarter number	Q3	3
Member of a level that uses the QuarterYear time function	Integer in the form YYYYQQ	Q4 2010	201004
Member of a level that uses the Year time function	Four-digit integer that represents the year number	2009	2009
Member of a level that uses the Decade time function	Four-digit integer that represents the year number, followed by s	1990s	1990s
Member of a computed dimension	Member name, followed by a colon, followed by the SQL SELECT statement that retrieves the values	member 1	shown after this table***
Other scenarios	Source value of the member	Juniper	Juniper
	(which is also used as the member name by default)**	Sorenson, Violet	169

&[member 1:select ID from BI\_Model\_PatientsCube.Fact WHERE MxAge<50 AND DxHomeCity->PxName='Elm Heights']

You can use the **PROPERTIES** function to find the value of the KEY property or any other property of a member.

<sup>\*</sup>For levels in time dimensions, this column shows their default display names. Depending on how the level is defined, the member names might be different. See *Defining Models for InterSystems Business Intelligence*.

<sup>\*\*</sup>In a well-defined cube, each member key is unique. See Defining Member Keys and Names Appropriately.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>The key for a member of a computed dimension might be as follows:

# **NOW Member for Time Levels**

This reference section provides information on the NOW member for date/time levels in Business Intelligence.

Also see Accessing the BI Samples.

## **NOW Member (MDX)**

This section provides information on the NOW member for date/time levels. This syntax is an InterSystems extension to MDX.

#### **Basic Syntax**

date\_time\_level.[NOW]

#### Where:

• date\_time\_level is a level expression that refers to a level in a date/time dimension.

This syntax returns the member of the given level that corresponds to the current date and time. The following table shows examples (created on 24 May 2012):

Expression	Returned member
birthd.decade.NOW	birthd.decade.2010s
birthd.[quarter year].NOW	birthd.[quarter year].[Q2 2012]
birthqd.[quarter].NOW	birthd.[quarter year].Q2
birthtd.NOW	birthtd.4pm

NOW is not case-sensitive. Also, the square brackets around it are optional unless you are using one of the variations discussed below in this topic.

#### **Dates Relative to Now**

You can also use expressions of the following form:

```
date_time_level.[NOW-integer]
```

Or:

date\_time\_level.[NOW+integer]

The following table shows examples (created on 24 May 2012):

Expression	Returned member
birthd.decade.[NOW-4]	birthd.decade.1970s
birthd.[quarter year].[NOW-4]	birthd.[quarter year].[Q2 2011]
birthqd.quarter.[NOW-4]	birthqd.quarter.Q2

Be careful when using such expressions with a time level that is independent of the overall calendar. In such cases, [NOW-integer] refers to an earlier bucket in a cycle. Notice the third example in the table. The birthqd.quarter level groups records by quarter, independent of year. For this level, NOW refers only to the current quarter number. This level has four members in a cycle, and for this level, [NOW-4] is equivalent to [NOW].

The same logic applies to expressions of the form [NOW+integer].

#### **Restrictions on Use in Range Expressions**

You cannot use NOW in range expressions for a level that is based on any of the following time functions:

Time Function	Typical Members	Notes
QuarterNumber	Q4	These levels are independent of the year
MonthNumber	November	
DayNumber	24	This level is independent of the year and the part of the year
HourNumber	1am	These levels are independent of the day
MinuteNumber	01:24	

#### **Additional Options for Day Levels**

For a level that is based on the **DayMonthYear** time function, Business Intelligence supports the additional expressions that use a combination of year count, month count, and day count, as follows:

daymonthyear\_level.[NOW-offset\_expression]

Or:

daymonthyear\_level.[NOW+offset\_expression]

In simple cases, offset\_expression is nnynnmnnd, as follows:

- *nn* is a one or two digit integer.
- The optional unit *nny* specifies the number of years.
- The optional unit nnm specifies the number of months.
- The optional unit *nn*d specifies the number of days.

The following table shows examples (created on 24 May 2012):

Expression	Returned member
birthd.date.[NOW-4y3m2d]	birthd.date.[Feb 22 2008]
birthd.date.[NOW-1m]	birthd.date.[Apr 24 2012]

By default, the units are added together. For example, 4y3m2d means four years plus three months plus two days.

You can instead include a minus sign between units to subtract. 1y-1d means one year, minus one day. For example:

Expression	Returned member
dateofsale.actual.daysold.[NOW-1y-1d]	dateofsale.actual.daysold.[May 25 2011]

The system automatically accounts for leap years. The internal logic also accounts for the varying lengths of the months.



# **Quick Function Reference (MDX)**

The following table summarizes the syntax and return type of each supported MDX function in Business Intelligence.

Function	Syntax	Return Type
%ALL	member_expression.%ALL	member
%CELL	%CELL(relative_column_position, relative_row_position)	number or string
%CELLZERO	%CELLZERO(relative_column_position, relative_row_position)	number or string
%FIRST	%FIRST(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
%KPI	%KPI(kpi_name, kpi_prop_name, kpi_series_name, parm, value, parm, value,)	number
%LABEL	%LABEL(MDX_expr, label, format_details, solve_order, cell_style, heading_style)	same as MDX_expr
%LAST	%LAST(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
%LIST	%LIST(set_expr)	string (comma-separated list)
%LOOKUP	%LOOKUP(termlist, key, field, default)	number or string
%MDX	%MDX("MDX select query", parm, value, parm, value, parm, value,)	number or string
%NOT	member_expression.%NOT	member
%OR	%OR(set_expr)	member
%SEARCH	%SEARCH.&[comparison_expression]	measure search expression
%SPACE	%SPACE()	empty space
%TERMLIST	%TERMLIST(term_list_name, INCLUDE   EXCLUDE)	set
%TIMERANGE	%TIMERANGE(start_member, end_member, INCLUSIVE   EXCLUSIVE)	member

Function	Syntax	Return Type
%TIMEWINDOW	%TIMEWINDOW(set_expr, start_member, optional_end_member)	set of members
%TOPMEMBERS	level_expr.%TOPMEMBERS	set of members
	hierarchy_expr.%TOPMEMBERS	
	dimension_expr.%TOPMEMBERS	
AGGREGATE	AGGREGATE(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
ALLMEMBERS	level_expr.ALLMEMBERS	set of members
	hierarchy_expr.ALLMEMBERS	
	dimension_expr.ALLMEMBERS	
ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR(member_expr, ancestor_level)	member
AVG	AVG(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
BOTTOMCOUNT	BOTTOMCOUNT(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
BOTTOMPERCENT	BOTTOMPERCENT(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
BOTTOMSUM	BOTTOMSUM(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
CHILDREN	member_expr.CHILDREN	set of members
CLOSINGPERIOD	CLOSINGPERIOD(ancestor_level, member_expr)	member
COUNT	COUNT(set_expr)	number
	COUNT(set_expr, EXCLUDEEMPTY)	
COUSIN	COUSIN(member_expr, higher_member_expr)	member
CROSSJOIN	CROSSJOIN(set_expr1, set_expr2)	set of tuples
	NON EMPTY CROSSJOIN(set_expr1, set_expr2)	
CURRENTMEMBER	hierarchy_expr.CURRENTMEMBER	member
	dimension_expr.CURRENTMEMBER	
DESCENDANTS	DESCENDANTS(member_expression, level_expression, OPTIONAL_FLAG) DESCENDANTS(member_expression, level_offset, OPTIONAL_FLAG)	set of members
DISTINCT	DISTINCT(set_expr)	set
EXCEPT	EXCEPT(set_expr1, set_expr2, ALL)	set
	EXCEPT(set_expr1,set_expr2)	
FILTER	FILTER(set_expr, logical_expr)	set

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FIRSTCHILD	member_expr.FIRSTCHILD	member
FIRSTSIBLING	member_expr.FIRSTSIBLING	member
HEAD	HEAD(set_expr, optional_integer_expr, optional_sample_flag)	set
HIERARCHIZE, HIERARCHISE	HIERARCHIZE(set_expr)	set of members
	HIERARCHIZE(set_expr, POST)	
IIF	IIF(logical_expr, expression1, expression2)	number or string
INTERSECT	INTERSECT(set_expr1, set_expr2)	set
ISNULL	ISNULL(scalar_expression,scalar_value_if_null)	number or string
LAG	member_expr.LAG(optional_nonnegative_integer_expr)	member
LASTCHILD	member_expr.LASTCHILD	member
LASTSIBLING	member_expr.LASTSIBLING	member
LEAD	member_expr.LEAD(optional_nonnegative_integer_expr)	member
LOG	LOG(numeric_expr)	number
LOOKUP	LOOKUP(term_list_name, lookup_value, default, alternative_field)	string
MAX	MAX(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
MEDIAN	MEDIAN(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
MEMBERS	level_expr.MEMBERS	set of members
	hierarchy_expr.MEMBERS	
	dimension_expr.MEMBERS	
MIN	MIN(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
NEXTMEMBER	member_expr.NEXTMEMBER	member
NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN	NONEMPTYCROSSJOIN(set_expr1, set_expr2)	set of tuples
OPENINGPERIOD	OPENINGPERIOD(ancestor_level, member_expr)	member
ORDER	ORDER(set_expr, ordering_expr, ASC   DESC   BASC   BDESC)	set
	ORDER(set_expr, ordering_expr)	
PARALLELPERIOD	PARALLELPERIOD(level_expr, offset, member_expr)	member
PARENT	member_expr.PARENT	member
PERCENTILE	PERCENTILE(set_expr, numeric_expr, numeric_expr, optional_percentile_value)	number
PERCENTILERANK	PERCENTILERANK(set_expr, numeric_expr, comparison_value)	number

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PERIODSTODATE	PERIODSTODATE(ancestor_level, member_expr)	set of members
POWER	POWER(numeric_expr,numeric_expr_for_power)	number
PREVMEMBER	member_expr.PREVMEMBER	member
PROPERTIES	member_expr.PROPERTIES(property_name)	string
RANK	RANK(tuple_expr, set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
ROUND	ROUND(numeric_expr,decimal_places)	number
SIBLINGS	member_expr.SIBLINGS	set of members
SQRT	SQRT(numeric_expr)	number
STDDEV, STDEV	STDDEV(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
STDDEVP, STDEVP	STDDEVP(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
SUBSET	SUBSET(set_expr, first_element_expr, optional_element_count)	set
SUM	SUM(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
TAIL	TAIL(set_expr, optional_integer_expr)	set
TOPCOUNT	TOPCOUNT(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
TOPPERCENT	TOPPERCENT(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
TOPSUM	TOPSUM(set_expr, element_count, optional_ordering_expr)	set of members or tuples
UNION	UNION(set_expr1,set_expr2)	set
	UNION(set_expr1,set_expr2, ALL)	
VAR, VARIANCE	VAR(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
VARP, VARIANCEP	VARP(set_expr, optional_numeric_expr)	number
VISUALTOTALS	VISUALTOTALS(set_expr, optional_parent_name_pattern)	set of members