Advanced SQL in Oracle and SQL Server

Analytic Functions – Part III

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Data Used in Module

Table

CHILDSTAT

Columns

- FIRSTNAME child's first name
- GENDER child's gender (M=Male, F=Female)
- □ BIRTHDATE child's date of birth
- HEIGHT child's height (inches)
- WEIGHT child's weight (pounds)

Data

FIRSTNAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
LAUREN	F	10-JUN-00	54	876
ROSEMARY	F	00-YAM-80	35	123
ALBERT	M	02-AUG-00	45	150
BUDDY	M	02-OCT-98	45	189
FARQUAR	M	05-NOV-98	76	198
SIMON	M	03-JAN-99	87	256
TOMMY	M	11-DEC-98	78	167



Window Clause

- What is the Window Clause?
 - Using Analytic Functions allows us to access data very different from the normal sequential way!
 - PARTITION BY chunks up data
 - LEAD()/LAG() allow access to a particular row before or after current row
 - FIRST_VALUE()/LAST_VALUE() allow access to first/last row
- Gain more control as we move down this list!
- The Window Clause allows even more fine-grained access!
 - No WINDOW keyword! Use ROWS or RANGE instead.
 - If no Window Clause specified, default is current row on back.
 - Availability:
 - □ Oracle: 8i
 - SQL Server: 2012
- Default Syntax:

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND CURRENT ROW

- Task: Re-do previous example (Retrieve the name of the heaviest and lightest male and female child.)
- Note: Include default Window Clause syntax!

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.GENDER, A.WEIGHT,

FIRST_VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND CURRENT ROW)

AS LT_CHILD,

LAST_VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING
AND CURRENT ROW)

AS HV_CHILD

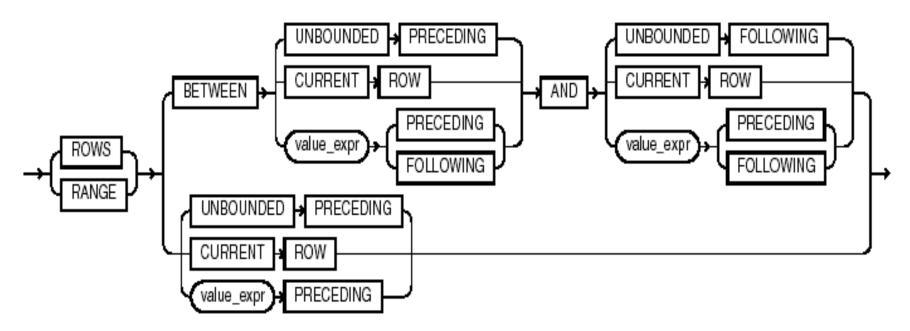
 Task: Re-do previous example (Retrieve the name of the heaviest and lightest male and female child.)

Note: Include default Window Clause syntax!

FIRSTNAME	GENDER	WEIGHT	LT_CHILD	HV_CHILD
ROSEMARY	F	123	ROSEMARY	ROSEMARY
LAUREN	F	876	ROSEMARY	LAUREN
ALBERT	M	150	ALBERT	ALBERT
TOMMY	M	167	ALBERT	TOMMY
BUDDY	M	189	ALBERT	BUDDY
FARQUAR	M	198	ALBERT	FARQUAR
SIMON	M	256	ALBERT	SIMON

Window Clause Syntax

windowing_clause::=



- ROWS allows you to limit data by rows.
- RANGE allows you to limit data by column value, but is limited in SQL Server:
 - RANGE is only supported with UNBOUNDED and CURRENT ROW window frame delimiters.
- The default Windowing Clause is ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED
 PROCEDING AND CURRENT ROW.

- Task: Retrieve the name of the heaviest and lightest male and female child.
- Note: Include appropriate Window Clause syntax!

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.GENDER, A.WEIGHT,
FIRST VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING
AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)

AS LT CHILD,

LAST_VALUE(A.FIRSTNAME) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER
ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING
AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)

AS HV_CHILD

 Task: Retrieve the name of the heaviest and lightest male and female child.

Note: Include appropriate Window Clause syntax!

FIRSTNAME	GENDER	WEIGHT	LT_CHILD	HV_CHILD
ROSEMARY	F	123	ROSEMARY	LAUREN
LAUREN	F	876	ROSEMARY	LAUREN
ALBERT	M	150	ALBERT	SIMON
TOMMY	M	167	ALBERT	SIMON
BUDDY	M	189	ALBERT	SIMON
FARQUAR	M	198	ALBERT	SIMON
SIMON	M	256	ALBERT	SIMON

- Task: Motivational Example #2 Revisited
- Running totals worked because of Window Clause!



SELECT A.GENDER, A.FIRSTNAME, A.WEIGHT,

SUM(A.WEIGHT) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND CURRENT ROW) AS WT_RUN,

SUM(A.WEIGHT) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING) AS WT_RUN2

GENDER	FIRSTNAME	WEIGHT	WT_RUN	WT_RUN2
F	ROSEMARY	123	123	999
F	LAUREN	876	999	999
M	ALBERT	150	150	960
M	TOMMY	167	317	960
M	BUDDY	189	506	960
M	FARQUAR	198	704	960
M	SIMON	256	960	960

 Task: Compute the average weight using current, previous and next rows.

Note: Use the ROWS Window Clause.

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.GENDER, A.WEIGHT,

AVG(A.WEIGHT) OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING

AND 1 FOLLOWING) AS AVG_3

FIRSTNAME	GENDER	WEIGHT	AVG_3
ROSEMARY	F	123	499.5
LAUREN	F	876	499.5
ALBERT	M	150	158.5
TOMMY	M	167	168.6
BUDDY	M	189	184.6
FARQUAR	M	198	214.3
SIMON	M	256	227

 Task: Compute the sum of weight based on a range of height between 10 less than the current row's value to 5 more than the current row's value.

Note: Use the RANGE Window Clause.

Note: Oracle-specific example!

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.HEIGHT, A.WEIGHT,
SUM(A.WEIGHT) OVER (ORDER BY A.HEIGHT

RANGE BETWEEN 10 PRECEDING

AND 5 FOLLOWING) AS SUM_10_5

FROM CHILDSTAT A
ORDER BY A.HEIGHT

<u>HEIGHT</u>	WEIGHT	SUM_10_5
35	123	123
45	189	462
45	150	462
54	876	1215
76	198	365
78	167	365
87	256	423
	35 45 45 54 76 78	35 123 45 189 45 150 54 876 76 198 78 167

 Task: Compute average weight within a 90-day window of the child's birthdate.

Note: Use the RANGE Window Clause.

Note: Oracle-specific example!

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.BIRTHDATE, A.WEIGHT,

AVG(A.WEIGHT) OVER (ORDER BY A.BIRTHDATE

RANGE BETWEEN INTERVAL '30' DAY PRECEDING
AND INTERVAL '60' DAY FOLLOWING)

AS AVG_30_60

FROM CHILDSTAT A
ORDER BY A.BIRTHDATE

FIRSTNAME	BIRTHDATE	WEIGHT	AVG_30_60
BUDDY	02-OCT-98	189	193.5
FARQUAR	05-NOV-98	198	207
TOMMY	11-DEC-98	167	211.5
SIMON	03-JAN-99	256	211.5
ROSEMARY	00-YAM-80	123	499.5
LAUREN	10-JUN-00	876	513
ALBERT	02-AUG-00	150	150



NTH_VALUE() Function

What is the NTH_VALUE() Analytic Function?

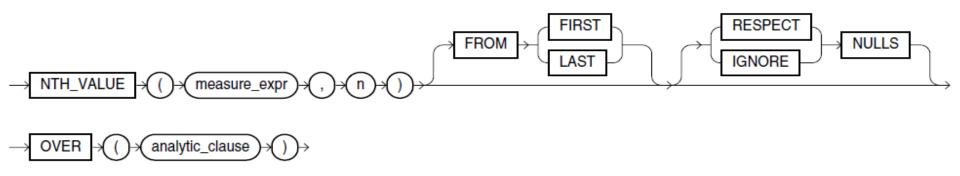
- Generalization of FIRST_VALUE() and LAST_VALUE()
- FIRST_VALUE() returns the first row in the partition
- LAST_VALUE() returns the last row in the partition
- NTH_VALUE() returns the desired row in the partition.
- ORDER BY Required
- Can retrieve data from "top" or "bottom" of table

Availability:

- □ Oracle: 11g/R2
- SQL Server: N/A

NTH_VALUE() Function

- What is the NTH_VALUE() Analytic Function?
- Syntax:



- measure_expr usually a column name
- n the row within the data you want returned
- FROM FIRST (default) pulls row starting from top on down
- FROM LAST pulls row starting from bottom on up
- RESPECT NULLS (default) includes NULLs, IGNORE NULLS excludes NULLs
- Probably want ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING

 Task: Determine the weight one heavier than the minimum weight and the weight one lighter than the maximum weight.

Note: Specify correct Window Clause!

SELECT A.FIRSTNAME, A.GENDER, A.WEIGHT,

NTH_VALUE(A.WEIGHT,2) FROM FIRST

OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)

AS NEXT_HEAVY_GDR,

NTH_VALUE(A.WEIGHT,2) FROM LAST

OVER (PARTITION BY A.GENDER

ORDER BY A.WEIGHT

ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING

AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)

AS NTOLAST_HEAVY_GDR

FROM CHILDSTAT A

 Task: Determine the weight one heavier than the minimum weight and the weight one lighter than the maximum weight.

Note: Specify correct Window Clause!

FIRSTNAME	GENDER	WEIGHT	NEXT_HEAVY_GDR	NTOLAST_HEAVY_GDR
ROSEMARY	F	123	876	123
LAUREN	F	876	876	123
ALBERT	M	150	167	198
TOMMY	M	167	167	198
BUDDY	M	189	167	198
FARQUAR	M	198	167	198
SIMON	M	256	167	198

Summary

- Window Clause allows fine-grained access
- Limit data by ROWS or RANGE
- Don't forget the default:
 - ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW