

1 Numeric Functions

Function	Description	Example
ABS(n)	Absolute value	ABS(-5) → 5
CEIL(n)	Smallest integer ≥ n	CEIL(4.2) → 5
FLOOR(n)	Largest integer ≤ n	FLOOR(4.8) → 4
MOD(m, n)	Remainder of m/n	MOD(10, 3) → 1
POWER(m, n)	m raised to n	POWER(2, 3) → 8
ROUND(n [, dec])	Round to dec places	ROUND(123.456, 2) → 123.46
TRUNC(n [, dec])	Truncate to dec places	TRUNC(123.456, 2) → 123.45
SIGN(n)	Sign of n (-1,0,1)	SIGN(-12) → -1
SQRT(n)	Square root	SQRT(16) → 4
EXP(n)	e^n	EXP(1) → 2.71828
LN(n)	Natural log	LN(10)
LOG(b, n)	Log base b of n	LOG(10, 100) → 2
REMAINDER(m, n)	IEEE remainder	REMAINDER(10, 3) → 1

2 Character / String Functions

Function	Description	Example
INITCAP(str)	Capitalize first letter of each word	INITCAP('hello world') → Hello World
LOWER(str)	Convert to lowercase	LOWER('SQL') → sql

<code>UPPER(str)</code>	Convert to uppercase	<code>UPPER('sql') → SQL</code>
<code>LENGTH(str)</code>	String length	<code>LENGTH('Oracle') → 6</code>
<code>INSTR(str, sub [,start [,occurrence]])</code>	Find position	<code>INSTR('DATABASE', 'A') → 2</code>
<code>SUBSTR(str, start [,length])</code>	Extract substring	<code>SUBSTR('DATABASE', 1, 4) → DATA</code>
<code>LPAD(str, len, pad)</code>	Left pad	<code>LPAD('45', 5, '0') → 00045</code>
<code>RPAD(str, len, pad)</code>	Right pad	<code>RPAD('45', 5, '0') → 45000</code>
<code>LTRIM(str [,set])</code>	Trim left chars	<code>LTRIM('\$\$DATA', '\$') → DATA</code>
<code>RTRIM(str [,set])</code>	Trim right chars	<code>RTRIM('DATA\$\$', '\$') → DATA</code>
<code>'TRIM([LEADING TRAILING BOTH] chr FROM str)</code>		
<code>REPLACE(str, search [,replace])</code>	Replace substring	<code>REPLACE('abc', 'a', 'z') → zbc</code>
<code>TRANSLATE(str, from, to)</code>	Translate chars	<code>TRANSLATE('12345', '15', 'AB') → A234B</code>
<code>CONCAT(a,b)</code>	Concatenate strings	<code>CONCAT('Hello', 'World') → HelloWorld</code>

17 3 Date and Time Functions

Function	Description	Example
<code>SYSDATE</code>	Current date and time	<code>SELECT SYSDATE FROM DUAL;</code>
<code>CURRENT_DATE</code>	Current date (session TZ)	<code>SELECT CURRENT_DATE FROM DUAL;</code>

CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Timestamp with time zone	SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP FROM DUAL;
ADD_MONTHS(date, n)	Add n months	ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE, 2)
MONTHS_BETWEEN(d1, d2)	Months difference	MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE, '2025-01-01')
NEXT_DAY(date, 'DAY')	Next given weekday	NEXT_DAY(SYSDATE, 'MONDAY')
LAST_DAY(date)	Last day of month	LAST_DAY(SYSDATE)
ROUND(date [,fmt])	Round date	ROUND(SYSDATE, 'MONTH')
TRUNC(date [,fmt])	Truncate date	TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'YEAR')
'EXTRACT(YEAR	MONTH	DAY FROM date)'
TO_CHAR(date, fmt)	Convert date to string	TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'DD-MON-YYYY')
TO_DATE(str, fmt)	Convert string to date	TO_DATE('12-11-2025', 'DD-MM-YYYY')
TO_TIMESTAMP(str, fmt)	Convert to timestamp	TO_TIMESTAMP('2025-11-12 10:00:00', 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS')

4 Conversion Functions

Function	Description	Example
TO_CHAR(expr [,fmt])	Convert to string	TO_CHAR(1234, '\$9,999')
TO_NUMBER(str [,fmt])	Convert to number	TO_NUMBER('1234')
TO_DATE(str [,fmt])	Convert to date	TO_DATE('2025-11-12', 'YYYY-MM-DD')

<code>TO_TIMESTAMP(str [, fmt])</code>	Convert to timestamp	<code>TO_TIMESTAMP('12-NOV-2025 10:00', 'DD-MON-YYYY HH24:MI')</code>
<code>CAST(expr AS datatype)</code>	Type conversion	<code>CAST('123' AS NUMBER)</code>

5 Aggregate Functions

Function	Description	Example
<code>COUNT(expr)</code>	Number of rows	<code>COUNT(*)</code>
<code>SUM(expr)</code>	Sum of values	<code>SUM(salary)</code>
<code>AVG(expr)</code>	Average value	<code>AVG(salary)</code>
<code>MIN(expr)</code>	Minimum value	<code>MIN(salary)</code>
<code>MAX(expr)</code>	Maximum value	<code>MAX(salary)</code>
<code>STDDEV(expr)</code>	Standard deviation	<code>STDDEV(salary)</code>
<code>VARIANCE(expr)</code>	Variance	<code>VARIANCE(salary)</code>
<code>LISTAGG(expr, delimiter)</code>	Concatenate within group	<code>LISTAGG(name, ',') WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY name)</code>

6 Conditional / Comparison Functions

Function	Description	Example
<code>NVL(expr1, expr2)</code>	Replace NULL	<code>NVL(comm, 0)</code>
<code>NVL2(expr1, expr2, expr3)</code>	If expr1 NOT NULL → expr2 else expr3	<code>NVL2(comm, sal+comm, sal)</code>
<code>NULLIF(expr1, expr2)</code>	Return NULL if equal	<code>NULLIF(sal, 0)</code>

<code>COALESCE(expr1, expr2, ...)</code>	First non-NULL value	<code>COALESCE(comm, bonus, 0)</code>
<code>DECODE(expr, val1, res1, ..., default)</code>	Conditional logic	<code>DECODE(deptno, 10, 'Sales', 20, 'IT', 'Other')</code>
<code>CASE WHEN cond THEN val ELSE val END</code>	Conditional branching	<code>CASE WHEN sal>5000 THEN 'High' ELSE 'Low' END</code>

7 Analytical / Window Functions

Function	Description	Example
<code>ROW_NUMBER()</code>	Row sequence	<code>ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY sal DESC)</code>
<code>RANK()</code>	Rank with gaps	<code>RANK() OVER (ORDER BY sal DESC)</code>
<code>DENSE_RANK()</code>	Rank without gaps	<code>DENSE_RANK() OVER (ORDER BY sal DESC)</code>
<code>NTILE(n)</code>	Divide rows into n buckets	<code>NTILE(4) OVER (ORDER BY sal)</code>
<code>LEAD(expr [, offset, default])</code>	Next row value	<code>LEAD(sal, 1, 0) OVER (ORDER BY sal)</code>
<code>LAG(expr [, offset, default])</code>	Previous row value	<code>LAG(sal, 1, 0) OVER (ORDER BY sal)</code>
<code>FIRST_VALUE(expr)</code>	First in window	<code>FIRST_VALUE(sal) OVER (ORDER BY sal)</code>
<code>LAST_VALUE(expr)</code>	Last in window	<code>LAST_VALUE(sal) OVER (ORDER BY sal ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)</code>
<code>SUM(expr) OVER (...)</code>	Running total	<code>SUM(sal) OVER (ORDER BY sal)</code>

AVG(expr) OVER (...)	Moving average	AVG(sal) OVER (PARTITION BY deptno)
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8 Miscellaneous Functions

Function	Description	Example
USER	Current DB user	SELECT USER FROM DUAL;
UID	Current user ID	SELECT UID FROM DUAL;
SYS_CONTEXT(namespace, param)	Session/env info	SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'IP_ADDRESS')
DUMP(expr)	Data type and internal info	DUMP('A')
VSIZE(expr)	Bytes used	VSIZE('Oracle')

9 Dual Table Usage

Oracle provides a dummy table **DUAL** for evaluating functions:

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SELECT SYSDATE, USER, ABS(-5), UPPER('oracle') FROM DUAL;
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