Functions and Operators

Overview

- Logical operators
- Comparison functions and operators
- Mathematical functions and operators
- String functions and operators

Logical Operators

- AND
- OR
- NOT

Logical Operators

а	b	a AND b	a OR b
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
TRUE	NULL	NULL	TRUE
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	NULL	FALSE	NULL
NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

а	NOT a
TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE
NULL	NULL

Comparison Operators

Operator	tor Description	
<	less than	
>	greater than	
<=	less than or equal to	
>=	greater than or equal to	
=	equal	
<> or !=	not equal	

Comparison Predicates

Predicate	Description	
a BETWEEN x AND y	between	
a NOT BETWEEN x AND y	not between	
a BETWEEN SYMMETRIC x AND y	between, after sorting the comparison values	
a NOT BETWEEN SYMMETRIC x AND y	not between, after sorting the comparison values	
a IS DISTINCT FROM b	not equal, treating null like an ordinary value	
a IS NOT DISTINCT FROM b	equal, treating null like an ordinary value	
expression IS NULL	is null	
expression IS NOT NULL	is not null	
expression ISNULL	is null (nonstandard syntax)	
expression NOTNULL	is not null (nonstandard syntax)	
boolean_expression IS TRUE	is true	
boolean_expression IS NOT TRUE	is false or unknown	
boolean_expression IS FALSE	is false	
boolean_expression IS NOT FALSE	is true or unknown	
boolean_expression IS UNKNOWN	is unknown	
boolean_expression IS NOT UNKNOWN	is true or false	

Comparison Predicates

a BETWEEN x AND y

a >= x AND a <= y

Comparison Predicates

a NOT BETWEEN x AND y

a < x OR a > y

Mathematical Operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
+	addition	2 + 3	5
_	subtraction	2 - 3	-1
*	multiplication	2 * 3	6
/	division (integer division truncates the result)	4 / 2	2
ક	modulo (remainder)	5 % 4	1
^	exponentiation (associates left to right)	2.0 ^ 3.0	8
/	square root	/ 25.0	5
/	cube root	/ 27.0	3
!	factorial	5 !	120
11	factorial (prefix operator)	!! 5	120
@	absolute value	@ -5.0	5
&	bitwise AND	91 & 15	11
	bitwise OR	32 3	35
#	bitwise XOR	17 # 5	20
~	bitwise NOT	~1	-2
<<	bitwise shift left	1 << 4	16
>>	bitwise shift right	8 >> 2	2

Mathematical Functions

Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
abs(x)	(same as input)	absolute value	abs(-17.4)	17.4
cbrt(dp)	dp	cube root	cbrt(27.0)	3
ceil(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	nearest integer greater than or equal to argument	ceil(-42.8)	-42
ceiling(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	nearest integer greater than or equal to argument (same as ceil)	ceiling(-95.3)	-95
degrees(dp)	dp	radians to degrees	degrees(0.5)	28.6478897565412
<pre>div(y numeric, x numeric)</pre>	numeric	integer quotient of y/x	div(9,4)	2
exp(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	exponential	exp(1.0)	2.71828182845905
floor(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	nearest integer less than or equal to argument	floor(-42.8)	-43
ln(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	natural logarithm	ln(2.0)	0.693147180559945
log(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	base 10 logarithm	log(100.0)	2
log(b numeric, x numeric)	numeric	logarithm to base b	log(2.0, 64.0)	6.000000000
mod(y, x)	(same as argument types)	remainder of y/x	mod(9,4)	1

Mathematical Functions

pi()	dp	"π" constant	pi()	3.14159265358979
<pre>power(a dp, b dp)</pre>	dp	a raised to the power of b	power(9.0, 3.0)	729
<pre>power(a numeric, b numeric)</pre>	numeric	a raised to the power of b	power(9.0, 3.0)	729
radians(dp)	dp	degrees to radians	radians(45.0)	0.785398163397448
round(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	round to nearest integer	round(42.4)	42
<pre>round(v numeric, s int)</pre>	numeric	round to s decimal places	round(42.4382, 2)	42.44
scale(numeric)	integer	scale of the argument (the number of decimal digits in the fractional part)	scale(8.41)	2
sign(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	sign of the argument (-1, 0, +1)	sign(-8.4)	-1
sqrt(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	square root	sqrt(2.0)	1.4142135623731
trunc(dp or numeric)	(same as input)	truncate toward zero	trunc(42.8)	42
<pre>trunc(v numeric, s int)</pre>	numeric	truncate to s decimal places	trunc(42.4382, 2)	42.43

Random Functions

Function	Return Type	Description	
random()	dp	random value in the range $0.0 \le x \le 1.0$	
setseed(dp)	void	set seed for subsequent random() calls (value between -1.0 and 1.0, inclusive)	

Trigonometric Functions

Function (radians)	Function (degrees)	Description
acos(x)	acosd(x)	inverse cosine
asin(x)	asind(x)	inverse sine
atan(x)	atand(x)	inverse tangent
atan2(y, x)	atan2d(y, x)	inverse tangent of y/x
cos(x)	cosd(x)	cosine
cot(x)	cotd(x)	cotangent
sin(x)	sind(x)	sine
tan(x)	tand(x)	tangent

String Functions and Operators

Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
string string	text	String concatenation	'Post' 'greSQL'	PostgreSQL
string non-string Or non-string string	text	String concatenation with one non-string input	'Value: ' 42	Value: 42
bit_length(string)	int	Number of bits in string	<pre>bit_length('jose')</pre>	32
<pre>char_length(string) or character_length(string)</pre>	int	Number of characters in string	char_length('jose')	4
lower(string)	text	Convert string to lower case	lower('TOM')	tom
octet_length(string)	int	Number of bytes in string	octet_length('jose')	4
<pre>overlay(string placing string from int [for int])</pre>	text	Replace substring	<pre>overlay('Txxxxas' placing 'hom' from 2 for 4)</pre>	Thomas
position(substring in string)	int	Location of specified substring	<pre>position('om' in 'Thomas')</pre>	3
<pre>substring(string [from int] [for int])</pre>	text	Extract substring	<pre>substring('Thomas' from 2 for 3)</pre>	hom
substring(string from pattern)	text	Extract substring matching POSIX regular expression. See <u>Section 9.7</u> for more information on pattern matching.	<pre>substring('Thomas' from '\$')</pre>	mas
<pre>substring(string from pattern for escape)</pre>	text	Extract substring matching SQL regular expression. See <u>Section 9.7</u> for more information on pattern matching.	<pre>substring('Thomas' from '%#"o_a#"_' for '#')</pre>	oma
<pre>trim([leading trailing both] [characters] from string)</pre>	text	Remove the longest string containing only characters from <i>characters</i> (a space by default) from the start, end, or both ends (both is the default) of <i>string</i>	<pre>trim(both 'xyz' from 'yxTomxx')</pre>	Tom
<pre>trim([leading trailing both] [from] string [, characters])</pre>	text	Non-standard syntax for trim()	<pre>trim(both from 'yxTomxx', 'xyz')</pre>	Tom
upper(string)	text	Convert string to upper case	upper('tom')	TOM

format()

 The function format produces output formatted according to a format string, in a style similar to the C function sprintf.

```
format(formatstr text [, formatarg "any" [, ...] ])
```

 formatstr is a format string that specifies how the result should be formatted.

format()

```
SELECT format('Hello %s', 'World');
Result: Hello World

SELECT format('Testing %s, %s, %s, %%', 'one', 'two', 'three');
Result: Testing one, two, three, %

SELECT format('INSERT INTO %I VALUES(%L)', 'Foo bar', E'O\'Reilly');
Result: INSERT INTO "Foo bar" VALUES('O''Reilly')

SELECT format('INSERT INTO %I VALUES(%L)', 'locations', E'C:\\Program Files');
Result: INSERT INTO locations VALUES(E'C:\\Program Files')
```

Bit String Operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
Π	concatenation	B'10001' B'011'	10001011
&	bitwise AND	B'10001' & B'01101'	00001
	bitwise OR	B'10001' B'01101'	11101
#	bitwise XOR	B'10001' # B'01101'	11100
~	bitwise NOT	~ B'10001'	01110
<<	bitwise shift left	B'10001' << 3	01000
>>	bitwise shift right	B'10001' >> 2	00100

LIKE

• The LIKE expression returns true if the *string* matches the supplied *pattern*. (As expected, the NOT LIKE expression returns false if LIKE returns true, and vice versa. An equivalent expression is NOT (*string* LIKE *pattern*).)

```
string LIKE pattern [ESCAPE escape-character]
string NOT LIKE pattern [ESCAPE escape-character]
```

LIKE

 If pattern does not contain percent signs or underscores, then the pattern only represents the string itself; in that case LIKE acts like the equals operator. An underscore (_) in pattern stands for (matches) any single character; a percent sign (%) matches any sequence of zero or more characters.

```
'abc' LIKE 'abc' true
'abc' LIKE 'a%' true
'abc' LIKE '_b_' true
'abc' LIKE 'c' false
```

Data Type Formatting Functions

Function	Return Type	Description	Example
to_char(timestamp, text)	text	convert time stamp to string	to_char(current_timestamp, 'HH12:MI:SS')
to_char(interval, text)	text	convert interval to string	to_char(interval '15h 2m 12s', 'HH24:MI:SS')
to_char(int, text)	text	convert integer to string	to_char(125, '999')
to_char(double precision, text)	text	convert real/double precision to string	to_char(125.8::real, '999D9')
to_char(numeric, text)	text	convert numeric to string	to_char(-125.8, '999D99S')
to_date(text, text)	date	convert string to date	to_date('05 Dec 2000', 'DD Mon YYYY')
to_number(text, text)	numeric	convert string to numeric	to_number('12,454.8-', '99G999D9S')
to_timestamp(text, text)	timestamp with time zone	convert string to time stamp	to_timestamp('05 Dec 2000', 'DD Mon YYYY')

 The SQL CASE expression is a generic conditional expression, similar to if/else statements in other programming languages:

```
CASE WHEN condition THEN result

[WHEN ...]

[ELSE result]

END
```

```
SELECT * FROM test;
 а
 1
 3
SELECT a,
       CASE WHEN a=1 THEN 'one'
           WHEN a=2 THEN 'two'
           ELSE 'other'
       END
    FROM test;
 a case
 1 one
 2 | two
 3 | other
```

 There is a "simple" form of CASE expression that is a variant of the general form above:

```
CASE expression

WHEN value THEN result

[WHEN ...]

[ELSE result]

END
```

```
SELECT a,
       CASE a WHEN 1 THEN 'one'
              WHEN 2 THEN 'two'
              ELSE 'other'
       END
    FROM test;
a case
1 one
2 | two
3 | other
```

COALESCE

 The COALESCE function returns the first of its arguments that is not null. Null is returned only if all arguments are null.

```
COALESCE(value [, ...])
```

```
SELECT COALESCE(description, short_description, '(none)') ...
```

NULLIF

• The NULLIF function returns a null value if *value1* equals *value2*; otherwise it returns *value1*. This can be used to perform the inverse operation of the COALESCE example given above:

```
NULLIF(value1, value2)
```

```
SELECT NULLIF(value, '(none)') ...
```

GREATEST & LEAST

• The GREATEST and LEAST functions select the largest or smallest value from a list of any number of expressions.

```
GREATEST(value [, ...])
LEAST(value [, ...])
```

Array Operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
=	equal	ARRAY[1.1,2.1,3.1]::int[] = ARRAY[1,2,3]	t
<>	not equal	ARRAY[1,2,3] <> ARRAY[1,2,4]	t
<	less than	ARRAY[1,2,3] < ARRAY[1,2,4]	t
>	greater than	ARRAY[1,4,3] > ARRAY[1,2,4]	t
<=	less than or equal	ARRAY[1,2,3] <= ARRAY[1,2,3]	t
>=	greater than or equal	ARRAY[1,4,3] >= ARRAY[1,4,3]	t
@ >	contains	ARRAY[1,4,3] @> ARRAY[3,1]	t
<@	is contained by	ARRAY[2,7] <@ ARRAY[1,7,4,2,6]	t
& &	overlap (have elements in common)	ARRAY[1,4,3] && ARRAY[2,1]	t
П	array-to-array concatenation	ARRAY[1,2,3] ARRAY[4,5,6]	{1,2,3,4,5,6}
П	array-to-array concatenation	ARRAY[1,2,3] ARRAY[[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]	{{1,2,3},{4,5,6},{7,8,9}}
П	element-to-array concatenation	3 ARRAY[4,5,6]	{3,4,5,6}
П	array-to-element concatenation	ARRAY[4,5,6] 7	{4,5,6,7}

Array Functions

Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
<pre>array_append(anyarray, anyelement)</pre>	anyarray	append an element to the end of an array	array_append(ARRAY[1,2], 3)	{1,2,3}
<pre>array_cat(anyarray, anyarray)</pre>	anyarray	concatenate two arrays	array_cat(ARRAY[1,2,3], ARRAY[4,5])	{1,2,3,4,5}
array_ndims(anyarray)	int	returns the number of dimensions of the array	array_ndims(ARRAY[[1,2,3], [4,5,6]])	2
array_dims(anyarray)	text	returns a text representation of array's dimensions	array_dims(ARRAY[[1,2,3], [4,5,6]])	[1:2][1:3]
<pre>array_fill(anyelement, int[], [, int[]])</pre>	anyarray	returns an array initialized with supplied value and dimensions, optionally with lower bounds other than 1	array_fill(7, ARRAY[3], ARRAY[2])	[2:4]= {7,7,7}
<pre>array_length(anyarray, int)</pre>	int	returns the length of the requested array dimension	<pre>array_length(array[1,2,3], 1)</pre>	3
<pre>array_lower(anyarray, int)</pre>	int	returns lower bound of the requested array dimension	array_lower('[0:2]={1,2,3}'::int[], 1)	0
<pre>array_position(anyarray, anyelement [, int])</pre>	int	returns the subscript of the first occurrence of the second argument in the array, starting at the element indicated by the third argument or at the first element (array must be one-dimensional)	<pre>array_position(ARRAY['sun','mon','tue','wed','thu','fri','sat'], 'mon')</pre>	2
<pre>array_positions(anyarray, anyelement)</pre>	int[]	returns an array of subscripts of all occurrences of the second argument in the array given as first argument (array must be one-dimensional)	array_positions(ARRAY['A','A','B','A'], 'A')	{1,2,4}
<pre>array_prepend(anyelement, anyarray)</pre>	anyarray	append an element to the beginning of an array	array_prepend(1, ARRAY[2,3])	{1,2,3}
<pre>array_remove(anyarray, anyelement)</pre>	anyarray	remove all elements equal to the given value from the array (array must be one- dimensional)	array_remove(ARRAY[1,2,3,2], 2)	{1,3}
array_replace(anyarray, anyelement)	anyarray	replace each array element equal to the given value with a new value	array_replace(ARRAY[1,2,5,4], 5, 3)	{1,2,3,4}

Array Functions

<pre>array_to_string(anyarray, text [, text])</pre>	text	concatenates array elements using supplied delimiter and optional null string	array_to_string(ARRAY[1, 2, 3, NULL, 5], ',', '*')	1,2,3,*,5
array_upper(anyarray, int)	int	returns upper bound of the requested array dimension	array_upper(ARRAY[1,8,3,7], 1)	4
cardinality(anyarray)	int	returns the total number of elements in the array, or 0 if the array is empty	cardinality(ARRAY[[1,2],[3,4]])	4
<pre>string_to_array(text, text [, text])</pre>	text[]	splits string into array elements using supplied delimiter and optional null string	string_to_array('xx~^~yy~^~zz', '~^~', 'yy')	{xx,NULL,zz}
unnest(anyarray)	setof anyelement	expand an array to a set of rows	unnest(ARRAY[1,2])	1 2 (2 rows)
unnest(anyarray, anyarray [,])	setof anyelement, anyelement [,]	expand multiple arrays (possibly of different types) to a set of rows. This is only allowed in the FROM clause; see Section 7.2.1.4		1 foo 2 bar NULL baz

Range Operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
=	equal	int4range(1,5) = '[1,4]'::int4range	
<>	not equal	umrange(1.1,2.2) <> numrange(1.1,2.3)	
<	less than	<pre>int4range(1,10) < int4range(2,3)</pre>	t
>	greater than	<pre>int4range(1,10) > int4range(1,5)</pre>	t
<=	less than or equal	numrange(1.1,2.2) <= numrange(1.1,2.2)	t
>=	greater than or equal	numrange(1.1,2.2) >= numrange(1.1,2.0)	t
@ >	contains range	int4range(2,4) @> int4range(2,3)	t
@ >	contains element	'[2011-01-01,2011-03-01)'::tsrange @> '2011-01-10'::timestamp	t
<@	range is contained by	<pre>int4range(2,4) <@ int4range(1,7)</pre>	t
<@	element is contained by	42 <@ int4range(1,7)	f
& &	overlap (have points in common)	int8range(3,7) && int8range(4,12)	t
<<	strictly left of	int8range(1,10) << int8range(100,110)	t
>>	strictly right of	int8range(50,60) >> int8range(20,30)	t
&<	does not extend to the right of	int8range(1,20) &< int8range(18,20)	t
&>	does not extend to the left of	int8range(7,20) &> int8range(5,10)	t
- -	is adjacent to	numrange(1.1,2.2) - - numrange(2.2,3.3)	t
+	union	numrange(5,15) + numrange(10,20)	[5,20)
*	intersection	int8range(5,15) * int8range(10,20)	[10,15]
_	difference	int8range(5,15) - int8range(10,20)	[5,10)

Range Functions

Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
lower(anyrange)	range's element type	lower bound of range	<pre>lower(numrange(1.1,2.2))</pre>	1.1
upper(anyrange)	range's element type	upper bound of range	upper(numrange(1.1,2.2))	
isempty(anyrange)	boolean	is the range empty?	<pre>isempty(numrange(1.1,2.2))</pre>	false
lower_inc(anyrange)	boolean	is the lower bound inclusive?	<pre>lower_inc(numrange(1.1,2.2))</pre>	true
upper_inc(anyrange)	boolean	is the upper bound inclusive?	upper_inc(numrange(1.1,2.2))	false
lower_inf(anyrange)	boolean	is the lower bound infinite?	<pre>lower_inf('(,)'::daterange)</pre>	true
upper_inf(anyrange)	boolean	is the upper bound infinite?	upper_inf('(,)'::daterange)	true
<pre>range_merge(anyrange, anyrange)</pre>	anyrange	the smallest range which includes both of the given ranges	<pre>range_merge('[1,2)'::int4range, '[3,4)'::int4range)</pre>	[1,4)

Aggregate Functions

Function	Argument Type(s)	Return Type	Partial Mode	Description
array_agg(expression)	any non-array type	array of the argument type	No	input values, including nulls, concatenated into an array
array_agg(expression)	any array type	same as argument data type	No	input arrays concatenated into array of one higher dimension (inputs must all have same dimensionality, and cannot be empty or NULL)
avg(expression)	smallint, int, bigint, real, double precision, numeric, or interval	numeric for any integer-type argument, double precision for a floating-point argument, otherwise the same as the argument data type	Yes	the average (arithmetic mean) of all input values
bit_and(expression)	smallint, int, bigint, or bit	same as argument data type	Yes	the bitwise AND of all non-null input values, or null if none
bit_or(expression)	smallint, int, bigint, or bit	same as argument data type	Yes	the bitwise OR of all non-null input values, or null if none
bool_and(expression)	bool	bool	Yes	true if all input values are true, otherwise false
bool_or(expression)	bool	bool	Yes	true if at least one input value is true, otherwise false
count(*)		bigint	Yes	number of input rows
count(expression)	any	bigint	Yes	number of input rows for which the value of expression is not null
every(expression)	bool	bool	Yes	equivalent to bool_and
<pre>json_agg(expression)</pre>	any	json	No	aggregates values as a JSON array
<pre>jsonb_agg(expression)</pre>	any	jsonb	No	aggregates values as a JSON array
<pre>json_object_agg(name, value)</pre>	(any, any)	json	No	aggregates name/value pairs as a JSON object
<pre>jsonb_object_agg(name, value)</pre>	(any, any)	jsonb	No	aggregates name/value pairs as a JSON object

Aggregate Functions

max(expression)	any numeric, string, date/time, network, or enum type, or arrays of these types	same as argument type	Yes	maximum value of <i>expression</i> across all input values
min(expression)	any numeric, string, date/time, network, or enum type, or arrays of these types	same as argument type	Yes	minimum value of expression across all input values
<pre>string_agg(expression, delimiter)</pre>	(text, text) or (bytea, bytea)	same as argument types	No	input values concatenated into a string, separated by delimiter
sum(expression)	smallint, int, bigint, real, double precision, numeric, interval, or money	bigint for smallint or int arguments, numeric for bigint arguments, otherwise the same as the argument data type	Yes	sum of expression across all input values
xmlagg(expression)	xml	xml	No	concatenation of XML values (see also Section 9.14.1.7)

EXISTS

- The argument of EXISTS is an arbitrary SELECT statement, or subquery
- The subquery is evaluated to determine whether it returns any rows
- If it returns at least one row, the result of EXISTS is "true"
- If the subquery returns no rows, the result of EXISTS is "false"

EXISTS (subquery)

EXISTS

```
SELECT col1
FROM tab1
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM tab2 WHERE col2 = tab1.col2);
```

IN

- The right-hand side is a parenthesized subquery, which must return exactly one column
- The left-hand expression is evaluated and compared to each row of the subquery result
- The result of IN is "true" if any equal subquery row is found
- The result is "false" if no equal row is found

expression IN (subquery)

IN

```
SELECT col1
FROM tab1
WHERE col1 IN (SELECT col2 FROM tab2);
```

NOT IN

- The right-hand side is a parenthesized subquery, which must return exactly one column
- The left-hand expression is evaluated and compared to each row of the subquery result
- The result of NOT IN is "true" if only unequal subquery rows are found
- The result is "false" if any equal row is found

expression NOT IN (subquery)

NOT IN

```
SELECT col1
FROM tab1
WHERE col1 NOT IN (SELECT col2 FROM tab2);
```

ANY/SOME

- The right-hand side is a parenthesized subquery, which must return exactly one column.
- The left-hand expression is evaluated and compared to each row of the subquery result using the given operator, which must yield a Boolean result.
- The result of ANY/SOME is "true" if any true result is obtained.
- The result is "false" if no true result is found

```
expression operator ANY (subquery) expression operator SOME (subquery)
```

ANY/SOME

```
SELECT ProductName
FROM Products
WHERE ProductID = ANY (SELECT ProductID FROM OrderDetails WHERE Quantity = 10);
```

ALL

- The right-hand side is a parenthesized subquery, which must return exactly one column
- The left-hand expression is evaluated and compared to each row of the subquery result using the given operator, which must yield a Boolean result
- The result of ALL is "true" if all rows yield true
- The result is "false" if any false result is found

expression operator ALL (subquery)

ALL

```
SELECT ProductName
FROM Products
WHERE ProductID = ALL (SELECT ProductID FROM OrderDetails WHERE Quantity = 10);
```

Questions?