Group Summary Statistics: Takeaways

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Syntax

• Computing summary statistics by a unique value in a row:

```
SELECT SUM(Employed)
FROM recent_grads
GROUP BY Major_category;
```

• Filtering results after aggregation:

```
SELECT Major_category, AVG(Employed) / AVG(Total) AS share_employed
FROM recent_grads
GROUP BY Major_category
HAVING share_employed > 0.8;
```

• Rounding a column to two decimal places:

```
SELECT Major_category, ROUND(ShareWomen, 2) AS rounded_share_women
FROM recent_grads;
```

• Converting, known as "casting," a column to a float type:

```
SELECT CAST(Women as Float) / CAST(Total as Float)
FROM recent_grads;
```

• Using if/then logic in SQL:

```
CASE
WHEN <condition_1> THEN <value_1>
WHEN <condition_2> THEN <value_2>
ELSE <value_3>
END AS <new_column_name>
```

• High-level structure of a query:

```
FROM some_table

WHERE some_condition

GROUP BY column(s)

HAVING some_condition

ORDER BY column(s)

LIMIT some_limit;
```

- The order in which SQL runs the high-level structure above:
 - FROM
 - WHERE
 - GROUP BY
 - HAVING
 - SELECT

- ORDER BY
- LIMIT

Concepts

- The **GROUP BY** clause allows you to compute summary statistics by group.
- The HAVING clause filters on the virtual column that GROUP BY generates.
- WHERE filters results before the aggregation, whereas HAVING filters after aggregation.
- The **ROUND** function rounds the results to the desired decimal place.
- The CAST function in SQL converts data from one data type to another. For example, we can use the CAST function to convert numeric data into character string data.

Resources

• Core functions of SQLite



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