

# Analytical SQL

**Case Study** 

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## **Overview**

Customers has purchasing transaction that we shall be monitoring to get intuition behind each customer behavior to target the customers in the most efficient and proactive way, to increase sales/revenue, improve customer retention and decrease churn.

## **Objective**

This case study offers a comprehensive analysis of customer transactions, aiming to provide actionable insights for businesses to improve their marketing strategies, inventory management, customer retention, and pricing.

#### **Dataset**

Our dataset consists of 12,858 records, containing information such as invoice numbers, stock codes, quantities, dates, prices, customer IDs, and countries.



## Q1:

#### 1) Identifying Seasonal Trends in Revenue:

This query calculates the monthly revenue for each distinct month in the dataset and ranks them based on their revenue, presenting the result set with the highest revenue months appearing first. Helping in identifying seasonal patterns and assessing the effectiveness of marketing efforts over time.

```
with cte as (
-- Select distinct month-year combinations from the 'InvoiceDate' column and calculate total
revenue for each month-year combination
  select distinct
    to char(to date(InvoiceDate, 'MM/DD/YYYY HH24:MI'), 'YYYY-MM') as month,
-- Calculate monthly revenue by summing up Quantity * Price over each month-year partition
    sum(Quantity * Price) over (partition by to char(to date(InvoiceDate, 'MM/DD/YYYY
HH24:MI'), 'YYYY-MM')) as monthly revenue
  from tableRetail
-- Main Query
Select
  -- Select the month and its corresponding monthly revenue from cte
  month,
  monthly revenue,
-- Assign a rank to each month based on its revenue (higher revenue gets lower rank)
  rank() over (order by monthly revenue desc) as month rank
from cte
-- Order the result set by the month rank in ascending order
order by month rank;
```



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∄	MONTH	MONTHLY_REVENUE	MONTH_RANK
١	2011-11	45633.38	1
	2011-08	38374.64	2
	2011-09	27853.82	3
	2011-10	19735.07	4
	2011-05	19496.18	5
	2011-03	17038.01	6
	2011-07	15664.54	7
	2011-06	13517.01	8
	2010-12	13422.96	9
	2011-02	13336.84	10
	2011-12	11124.13	11
	2011-04	10980.51	12
	2011-01	9541.29	13

## 2) The Highest Single Transaction value for each customer

This query retrieves the maximum value of a single transaction for each customer from the tableRetail table and order the result to show customers with the highest single transaction value.

#### • Query:

```
with cte as (
-- select relevant columns and calculate the transaction value for each invoice
  select
    invoice.
    customer id,
    quantity * price as transaction_value,
    -- assign a row number for each row within each partition of 'customer_id', ordering them
by the transaction value for each invoice for him in descending order
    row_number() over (partition by customer_id order by quantity * price desc) as row_num
  from tableretail
)
select
  invoice,
  customer id,
  transaction_value AS max_single_transaction_value
from cte
/* filter the results to only include rows where the row number is equal to 1,
meaning it selects only the invoices with the highest transaction value for each customer
and order the results by the transaction_value desc
```



meaning the first row represents the customer with the highest single transaction

values \*/
where row\_num = 1

order by max\_single\_transaction\_value desc;

i≣ INV	OICE	CUSTOMER_ID	MAX_SINGLE_TRANSACTION_VALUE
▶ 562	439	12931	4176
567	309	12901	1519.8
576	389	12748	850.5
540	507	12939	650.88
561	672	12830	587.52
568	214	12823	535.5
557	092	12908	432
567	882	12906	360
571	685	12863	340
562	270	12917	297
538	420	12875	293.76
554	084	12909	290
579	837	12882	283.2
569	397	12747	243
546	462	12845	208.8
551	595	12891	204
537	433	12913	204

## 3) Identifying price variance across countries:

This query examines the average, maximum, and minimum prices for each product (StockCode) in different countries and ranks each stock code based on its average price within each country. It helps businesses understand their pricing strategies, segment markets based on price sensitivity, compare pricing competitiveness with competitors, and track product performance over time. Ultimately, it enables businesses to make informed decisions about pricing and product positioning to maximize profitability and market share.

## Query

-- This cte calculates the average, maximum, and minimum prices for each stock code in each country

```
with cte as (
select
country,
stockcode,
avg(price) as avg_price,
max(price) as max price,
```

```
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              min(price) as min_price
  from tableretail
  group by country, stockcode
-- Main query to select country, stock code, average price, maximum price, minimum price, and
rank stock codes based on average price within each country
SELECT
  country,
  stockcode,
  avg_price,
  max_price,
  min price,
  row_number() over (partition by country order by avg_price desc) as avg_price_rank
from cte;
```

∄	COUNTRY	STOCKCODE	AVG_PRICE	MAX_PRICE	MIN_PRICE	AVG_PRICE_RANK
Þ	United Kingdom	22827	155	165	145	1
	United Kingdom	22826	140	195	85	2
	United Kingdom	М	70.1626315789474	850.5	0	3
	United Kingdom	22929	65	65	65	4
	United Kingdom	C2	50	50	50	5
	United Kingdom	84816	39.95	39.95	39.95	6
	United Kingdom	21763	29.95	29.95	29.95	7
	United Kingdom	22503	29.95	29.95	29.95	8
	United Kingdom	84616	29.95	29.95	29.95	9
	United Kingdom	22504	29.95	29.95	29.95	10
	United Kingdom	23485	25	25	25	11
	United Kingdom	22782	24.95	24.95	24.95	12
	United Kingdom	23462	19.95	19.95	19.95	13
	United Kingdom	21473	19.95	19.95	19.95	14
	United Kingdom	85161	18.95	18.95	18.95	15
	United Kingdom	22848	16.95	16.95	16.95	16
	United Kingdom	23010	16.95	16.95	16.95	17
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## 4) Customer Lifetime Cycle:

Customer lifetime insight is a valuable metric for businesses to understand the overall value a customer brings over their entire relationship with the company.

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This helps businesses in optimizing their strategies for acquiring, retaining, and maximizing the value of their customer base, ultimately leading to sustainable growth and profitability.

```
-- CTE to calculate customer transactions and activity
with customer activity as (
  -- calculate total spent, first purchase date, and last purchase date, total transactions and
unique products for each customer
  select
    customer_id,
    sum(price) as total spent, -- cumulative amount of money spent by each customer
    min(to date(invoicedate, 'MM/DD/YYYY HH24:MI')) as first transaction date,
    max(to date(invoicedate, 'MM/DD/YYYY HH24:MI')) as last transaction date,
    count(distinct invoice) as total transactions,
    count(distinct stockcode) as unique products purchased
  from tableretail
  group by customer id
-- Main query
select
  customer id,
  total_spent,
  first transaction date,
  last transaction date,
  total transactions,
  unique products purchased,
  round(total spent / total transactions, 2) as avg transaction value,
  --Duration of the customer's lifetime in days (last purchase date - first purchase date)
 round( (last transaction date - first transaction date)) as customer lifetime days
from customer activity
-- Order the results by total transactions for each customer desc which means the first row is the
most active customer
order by total transactions desc;
```



CUSTOMER_ID	TOTAL_SPENT	FIRST_TRANSACTION_DATE	LAST_TRANSACTION_DATE	TOTAL_TRANSACTIONS	UNIQUE_PRODUCTS_PURCHASED	AVG_TRANSACTION_VALUE	CUSTOMER_LIFETIME_DAYS
12748	12205.6	12/1/2010 12:48:00 PM	12/9/2011 12:20:00 PM	210	1768	58.12	373
12971	392.71	12/2/2010 4:42:00 PM	6/24/2011 2:36:00 PM	45	66	8.73	204
12921	1684.94	12/1/2010 3:06:00 PM	11/30/2011 4:22:00 PM	37	233	45.54	364
12901	170.1	3/14/2011 10:41:00 AM	12/1/2011 10:07:00 AM	28	30	6.08	262
12841	1005.97	12/3/2010 10:43:00 AM	12/5/2011 11:13:00 AM	25	229	40.24	367
12931	139.54	12/17/2010 9:45:00 AM	11/18/2011 12:39:00 PM	15	28	9.3	336
12839	602.95	12/7/2010 3:48:00 PM	12/7/2011 12:33:00 PM	14	95	43.07	365
12877	292.43	12/16/2010 12:23:00 PM	12/6/2011 10:30:00 AM	12	100	24.37	355
12747	449.89	12/5/2010 3:38:00 PM	12/7/2011 2:34:00 PM	11	42	40.9	367
12955	304.19	3/17/2011 9:03:00 AM	12/8/2011 4:29:00 PM	11	81	27.65	266
12843	361.86	3/20/2011 2:38:00 PM	10/5/2011 12:09:00 PM	8	69	45.23	199
12910	156.96	4/12/2011 10:01:00 AM	11/16/2011 2:28:00 PM	8	48	19.62	218
12963	313.01	12/9/2010 9:14:00 AM	12/1/2011 12:55:00 PM	8	75	39.13	357
12949	618.91	4/1/2011 1:20:00 PM	11/9/2011 11:25:00 AM	8	166	77.36	222
12957	670.58	1/4/2011 12:18:00 PM	11/30/2011 9:53:00 AM	8	208	83.82	330
12939	112.96	1/9/2011 11:20:00 AM	10/6/2011 2:33:00 PM	8	21	14.12	270
12826	175.42	12/9/2010 3:21:00 PM	12/7/2011 10:25:00 AM	7	58	25.06	363
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## 5) Best-Selling Products:

Identifying the best-selling products helps businesses understand customer preferences and demand patterns. By ranking products based on total quantity sold, businesses can prioritize their inventory, focus on popular items, and allocate resources effectively. This insight enables businesses to optimize their product offerings, streamline inventory management, and capitalize on high-demand products to maximize sales and profitability.

#### • Query:

-- CTE to calculate total quantity sold for each product

```
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          with product_sales as (
  select
    stockcode,
    sum(quantity) as total quantity sold
  from tableretail
  group by stockcode
-- main query to rank products based on total quantity sold
select
  stockcode,
  total_quantity_sold,
  rank() over (order by total quantity sold desc) as sales rank
from product sales
order by total_quantity_sold desc;
```

	STOCKCODE	TOTAL_QUANTITY_SOLD	SALES_RANK
Þ	84077	7824	1
	84879	6117	2
	22197	5918	3
	21787	5075	4
	21977	4691	5
	21703	2996	6
	17096	2019	7
	15036	1920	8
	23203	1803	9
	21790	1579	10
	22988	1565	11
	23215	1492	12
	20974	1478	13
	22992	1359	14
	21731	1342	15
	22693	1320	16
	40016	1284	17
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## 6) Cross-Selling Analysis:

This insight aims to identify frequently co-purchased products to optimize cross-selling strategies and improve revenue generation. Understanding which products are frequently purchased together allows businesses to implement effective cross-selling strategies. By recommending complementary products to customers during the purchase process, businesses can increase the average order value and enhance customer satisfaction.



```
-- CTE to generate pairs of co-purchased products
with cte as (
  -- selects pairs of products that are purchased together, avoiding duplicate pairs
    a.stockcode as product_A, -- The first product in the pair
    b.stockcode AS product B, -- The second product in the pair
    count(*) as co purchase count -- Counts the number of times the pair purchased together
  from tableretail a
  join tableretail b
on a.invoice = b.invoice and a.stockcode < b.stockcode
    /* Joins the table with itself to find co-purchased items, ensuring product_1 < product_2
    using a.stockcode < b.stockcode ensures that each pair of products is only counted once.
    This condition prevents duplicate pairs where the same two products are swapped in
positions
     (a.StockCode and b.StockCode are interchanged) */
  group by a.stockcode, b.stockcode -- group the results by the two products in each pair
select
  product A,
  product_B,
  co purchase count,
  row number() over (order by co purchase count desc) as rank
    -- assigns a rank to each pair based on their frequency
from cte
order by co purchase count desc; -- orders the results by the frequency of co-purchase counts
```



:	PRODUCT_A	PRODUCT_B	CO_PURCHASE_COUNT	RANK	
١	20724	22355	23	1	
	20725	20728	22	2	
	82482	82494L	21	3	
	20719	22355	21	4	
	20725	22382	21	5	
	20725	22384	21	6	
	22697	22699	20	7	
	20719	20724	20	8	
	22355	22661	20	9	
	23084	23120	20	10	
	20725	20726	19	11	
	23120	23121	19	12	
	20727	22382	19	13	
	23199	85099B	19	14	
	20724	22661	19	15	
	20723	20724	18	16	
	20726	22382	18	17	
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## Q2: A Monetary model for customers behavior:

A monetary model in customer analytics is used to segment customers based on their monetary value or spending behavior. It focuses on how much money each customer has spent over a certain period and helps identify high-value customers, low-value customers, and everything in between.

### • Query:

```
-- cte to calculate RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) metrics for each customer
with RFM as (
select
customer_id,
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```
-- calculate recency as the difference between the maximum invoice date and the
maximum invoice date for each individual customer(last transaction).
    round((select max(to_date(invoicedate, 'mm/dd/yyyy hh24:mi')) from tableretail) -
max(to_date(invoicedate, 'mm/dd/yyyy hh24:mi'))) as recency,
    -- calculate frequency as the count of distinct invoices for each customer
    count(distinct invoice) as frequency,
    -- calculate monetary as the sum of quantity multiplied by price for each customer
    sum(quantity * price) as monetary
  from tableretail
  group by customer id
--CTE to calculate scores
rfm scores as (
select
  customer_id,
  recency,
  frequency,
  monetary,
 -- assign r_score based on the recency, dividing customers into 5 groups
    ntile(5) over (order by recency desc) as r_score,
    ntile(5) over (order by Frequency ) as f score,
    ntile(5) over (order by Monetary ) as m score
    from rfm
-- CTE to calculate the FM score, which is the average of f score and m score
FM as (
  select
    customer id,
    ntile(5) over (order by (f score + m score) / 2) as FM score
  from rfm scores
-- Main query to select RFM metrics, scores, and customer segments
select
 fm.customer id,
 recency,
frequency,
monetary,
r score,
 FM.FM_score,
  -- assign customer segments based on r score and FM score combinations
  case
```

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```
when (r score = 5 and FM score = 5) or (r score = 5 and FM score = 4) or
(r score = 4 and FM score = 5) then 'Champions'
    when (r_score = 5 and FM_score = 2) or (r_score = 4 and FM_score = 2) or (r_score = 3 and
FM score = 3) or (r score = 4 and FM score = 3) then 'Potential Loyalists'
    when (r_score = 5 and FM_score = 3) or (r_score = 4 and FM_score = 4) or (r_score = 3 and
FM score = 5) or (r score = 3 and FM score = 4) then 'Loyal Customers'
    when r score = 5 and FM score = 1 then 'Recent Customers'
    when (r_score = 4 and FM_score = 1) or (r_score = 3 and FM_score = 1) THEN 'Promising'
    when (r score = 3 and FM score = 2) or (r score = 2 and FM score = 3) or (r score = 2 and
FM score = 2) then 'Customers Needing Attention'
    when (r_score = 2 and FM_score = 5) or (r_score = 2 and FM_score = 4) or (r_score = 1 and
FM score = 3) then 'At Risk'
    when (r score = 1 and FM score = 5) or (r score = 1 AND FM score = 4) then 'Cant Lose
Them'
    when (r score = 1 and FM score = 2) then 'Hibernating'
    when (r score = 1 and FM score = 1) then 'Lost'
    else 'Undefined'
  end as Cust Segment
from rfm scores
join FM
on rfm scores.customer id=FM.customer id
order by customer id;
```



∄	CUSTOMER_ID	RECENCY	FREQUENCY	MONETARY	R_SCORE	FM_SCORE	CUST_SEGMENT
١	12747	2	11	4196.01	5	5	Champions
	12748	0	210	33719.73	5	5	Champions
	12749	3	5	4090.88	5	5	Champions
	12820	3	4	942.34	5	3	Loyal Customers
	12821	214	1	92.72	1	1	Lost
	12822	70	2	948.88	3	3	Potential Loyalists
	12823	74	5	1759.5	2	4	At Risk
	12824	59	1	397.12	3	2	Customers Needing Attention
	12826	2	7	1474.72	5	5	Champions
	12827	5	3	430.15	5	3	Loyal Customers
	12828	2	6	1018.71	5	4	Champions
	12829	336	2	293	1	1	Lost
	12830	37	6	6814.64	3	5	Loyal Customers
	12831	262	1	215.05	1	1	Lost
	12832	32	2	383.03	3	3	Potential Loyalists
	12833	145	1	417.38	2	1	Undefined
	12834	282	1	312.38	1	1	Lost
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#### Q3:

## A) The maximum number of consecutive days a customer made purchases:

This SQL query aims to find the maximum number of consecutive days on which each customer made purchases. It starts by ranking customer purchases by calendar date using the CTE. Then, it calculates the consecutive days of purchases for each customer in the Consecutive\_Days CTE and put every consecutive day at the same group and then group them using cust\_id,group\_id. Finally, it selects the maximum consecutive days for each customer and orders the results by customer id.

```
with CTE as (
    -- a row number to each purchase for every customer, ordered by purchase date
select
    cust_id,
    calendar_dt ,
    row_number() over (partition by cust_id order by calendar_dt) as rankk
```

```
Information
          Technology
          Institute
            from customers
consecutive_days as (
  -- Calculate the difference between the purchase date and its row number to identify
consecutive purchases(the consective purchases will have the same group id)
  select
    cust id,
    calendar_dt,
    rankk,
    calendar dt - rankk AS group id
  from CTE
),
grouped_consecutive_days as (
  -- group consecutive purchases by customer and group id
  select
    cust id,
    group_id,
    min(calendar_dt) as start_date,
    max(calendar dt) as end date,
    count(*) as consecutive_days
  from consecutive days
  group by cust_id, group_id
-- Select the maximum consecutive days for each customer
select
  cust_id,
  max(consecutive days) as max consecutive days
from grouped consecutive days
group by cust id
order by cust_id;
```



∄	CUST_ID	MAX_CONSECUTIVE_DAYS
١	26592	35
	45234	9
	54815	3
	60045	15
	66688	5
	113502	6
	145392	6
	150488	9
	151293	3
	175749	2
	196249	3
	211629	5
	217534	25
	232210	6
	233119	2
	247965	2
	259866	8
	272472	36

# B) On average, How many days/transactions does it take a customer to reach a spent threshold of 250 L.E?

```
-- CTE to calculate cumulative spending for each customer over time
with cumulative_spending as (
  select
    cust id,
    calendar_dt,
    amt LE,
    -- Calculate the total spending for each customer at each transaction
    sum(amt LE) over (partition by cust id order by calendar dt) as total spending,
    -- Identify the first transaction date for each customer
    first_value(calendar_dt) over (partition by cust_id order by calendar_dt) as
first transaction date,
    -- Calculate the cumulative count of transactions for each customer
    count(*) over(partition by cust_id order by calendar_dt) as total_transactions
  from customers
),
-- CTE to calculate the number of days it took for each customer to reach a total spending of 250
to_reach as (
```

```
Information
          Technology
          Institute
              select
  distinct cust id,
  min(total_transactions) over (partition by cust_id) as transactions_to_reach_250,
  min(calendar dt - first transaction date) over (partition by cust id) as days to reach 250
  from cumulative_spending
  where total_spending >= 250
  order by cust id asc
-- Main query to calculate the ava number of days and transactions it took each customer to
reach 250 in total spending
select
  avg(days to reach 250) as avg days to reach 250,
  avg(transactions_to_reach_250) as avg_transactions_to_reach_250
from to_reach;
```

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■ Cumulative Spending CTE (cumulative\_spending):

It computes the cumulative spending for each customer over time.

The SUM window function calculates the total spending for each customer at each transaction, partitioned by cust\_id and ordered by calendar\_dt.

The FIRST VALUE function identifies the first transaction date for each customer.

The count window function computes the cumulative count of transactions for each customer, also partitioned by cust\_id and ordered by calendar\_dt.

■ To Reach CTE (to reach):

It calculates the number of days and transactions it took for each customer to reach a total spending of 250.

The DISTINCT keyword ensures that only unique cust\_id values are considered.

The MIN window function is used to find the minimum value of total\_transactions and calendar\_dt - first\_transaction\_date for each cust\_id, effectively identifying the number of transactions and days it took to reach a spending of 250.

The WHERE clause filters out records where the total spending is less than 250.

■ Main Query:



It computes the average number of days (avg\_days\_to\_reach\_250) and transactions (avg\_transactions\_to\_reach\_250) for each customer to reach a spending of 250.