

# 0-basics

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## 1 Setup

Please make sure to setup the DuckDB database and tables using the below command. It creates the tables and loads in data and can take a few minutes to complete.

**NOTE:** If you have run `setup.py` already you can skip this step.

### 1.0.1 Jupyter notebook [CODE LINK](#) ([click here](#))

```
[50]: ! python setup.py
```

```
Remove existing tpch.db file
Establishing connection to tpch.db db file
Reading in the table creation script
Executing table creation
Committing and closing connection
Setup Done!!!
```

## 2 Data Model

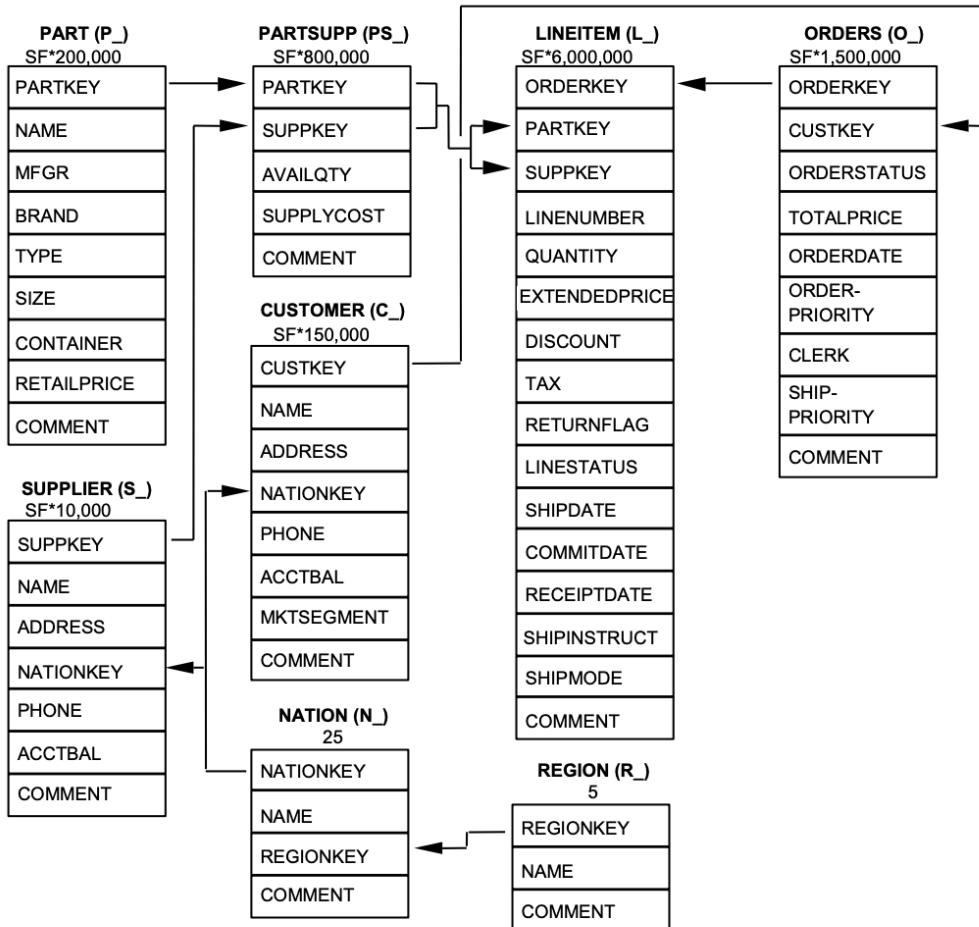
The TPC-H data is usually used to benchmark database performance. The TPC-H data represents a car parts seller's data warehouse, where we record orders, items that make up that order (lineitem), supplier, customer, part (parts sold), region, nation, and partsupp (parts supplier).

Note: Have a copy of the data model(table schemas and how they relate to each other) as you follow along; this will help in understanding the examples provided and in answering exercise questions.

## 1.2 Database Entities, Relationships, and Characteristics

The components of the TPC-H database are defined to consist of eight separate and individual tables (the Base Tables). The relationships between columns of these tables are illustrated in Figure 2: The TPC-H Schema.

Figure 2: The TPC-H Schema



**Legend:**

- The parentheses following each table name contain the prefix of the column names for that table;
- The arrows point in the direction of the one-to-many relationships between tables;
- The number/formula below each table name represents the cardinality (number of rows) of the table. Some are factored by SF, the Scale Factor, to obtain the chosen database size. The cardinality for the LINEITEM table is approximate (see Clause 4.2.5).

## 3 Run SQL

We can run sql queries on Jupyter notebook as shown below

```
[1]: # Load the extension  
%load_ext sql
```

```
[2]: # Connect to DuckDB  
%sql duckdb:///tpch.db
```

Connecting to 'duckdb:///tpch.db'

```
[3]: %%sql  
SELECT  
    table_name  
FROM  
    information_schema.tables  
WHERE  
    table_schema = 'main'
```

Running query in 'duckdb:///tpch.db'

```
[3]: +-----+  
| table_name |  
+-----+  
| customer   |  
| lineitem   |  
| nation     |  
| orders     |  
| part       |  
| partsupp   |  
| region     |  
| supplier   |  
+-----+
```

## 4 Use SELECT...FROM, LIMIT, WHERE, & ORDER BY to read the required data from tables

The most common use for querying is to read data in our tables. We can do this using a SELECT ... FROM statement, as shown below.

```
[ ]: %%sql  
SELECT  
    *  
FROM  
    customer  
LIMIT  
    1;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql  
-- use * to specify all columns  
SELECT
```

```
*  
FROM  
    orders  
LIMIT  
    5;
```

However, running a `SELECT ... FROM` statement can cause issues when the data set is extensive.

```
[ ]: %%sql  
-- use * to specify all columns  
SELECT  
    *  
FROM  
    orders  
LIMIT  
    5;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql  
-- use column c_names only to read data from those columns  
SELECT  
    o_orderkey,  
    o_totalprice  
FROM  
    orders  
LIMIT  
    5;
```

We can use the `WHERE` clause if we want to get the rows that match specific criteria. We can specify one or more filters within the `WHERE` clause.

The `WHERE` clause with more than one filter can use combinations of `AND` and `OR` criteria to combine the filter criteria, as shown below.

```
[ ]: %%sql  
-- all customer rows that have c_nationkey = 20  
SELECT  
    *  
FROM  
    customer  
WHERE  
    c_nationkey = 20  
LIMIT  
    10;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql  
-- all customer rows that have c_nationkey = 20 and c_acctbal > 1000  
SELECT  
    *  
FROM
```

```

customer
WHERE
  c_nationkey = 20
  AND c_acctbal > 1000
LIMIT
  10;

```

[ ]:

```
%%sql
-- all customer rows that have c_nationkey = 20 or c_acctbal > 1000
SELECT
  *
FROM
  customer
WHERE
  c_nationkey = 20
  OR c_acctbal > 1000
LIMIT
  10;
```

[ ]:

```
%%sql
-- all customer rows that have (c_nationkey = 20 and c_acctbal > 1000) or rows
-- that have c_nationkey = 11
SELECT
  *
FROM
  customer
WHERE
  (
    c_nationkey = 20
    AND c_acctbal > 1000
  )
  OR c_nationkey = 11
LIMIT
  10;
```

We can combine multiple filter clauses, as seen above. We have seen examples of equals (=) and greater than (>) conditional operators. There are 6 **conditional operators**, they are

1. < Less than
2. > Greater than
3. <= Less than or equal to
4. >= Greater than or equal to
5. = Equal
6. <> and != both represent Not equal (some DBs only support one of these)

Additionally, for string types, we can make **pattern matching with like condition**. In a like condition, a \_ means any single character, and % means zero or more characters, for example.

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows where the c_name has a 381 in it
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_name LIKE '%381%';
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows where the c_name ends with a 381
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_name LIKE '%381';
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows where the c_name starts with a 381
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_name LIKE '381%';
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows where the c_name has a combination of any character and 9
    ↵and 1
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_name LIKE '%_91%';
```

We can also filter for more than one value using IN and NOT IN.

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows which have c_nationkey = 10 or c_nationkey = 20
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_nationkey IN (10, 20);
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- all customer rows which have do not have c_nationkey as 10 or 20
SELECT
*
FROM
customer
WHERE
c_nationkey NOT IN (10, 20);
```

We can get the number of rows in a table using `count(*)` as shown below.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
COUNT(*)
FROM
customer;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
COUNT(*)
FROM
lineitem;
```

If we want to get the rows sorted by values in a specific column, we use `ORDER BY`, for example.

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- Will show the first ten customer records with the lowest custkey
-- rows are ordered in ASC order by default
SELECT
*
FROM
orders
ORDER BY
o_custkey
LIMIT
10;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
-- Will show the first ten customer's records with the highest custkey
SELECT
*
FROM
orders
ORDER BY
o_custkey DESC
LIMIT
10;
```

## 5 Combine data from multiple tables using JOINs (there are different types of JOINs)

We can combine data from multiple tables using joins. When we write a join query, we have a format as shown below.

```
-- not based on real tables
SELECT
    a.*
FROM
    table_a a -- LEFT table a
    JOIN table_b b -- RIGHT table b
    ON a.id = b.id
```

The table specified first (table\_a) is the left table, whereas the table established second is the right table. When we have multiple tables joined, we consider the joined dataset from the first two tables as the left table and the third table as the right table (The DB optimizes the joins for performance).

```
-- not based on real tables
SELECT
    a.*
FROM
    table_a a -- LEFT table a
    JOIN table_b b -- RIGHT table b
    ON a.id = b.id
    JOIN table_c c -- LEFT table is the joined data from
-- table_a & table_b, right table is table_c
    ON a.c_id = c.id
```

There are five main types of joins, they are:

### 5.1 1. Inner join (default): Get only rows in both tables

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o.o_orderkey,
    l.l_orderkey
FROM
    orders o
    JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
    AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate + INTERVAL '5' DAY
LIMIT
    100;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    COUNT(o.o_orderkey) AS order_rows_count,
    COUNT(l.l_orderkey) AS lineitem_rows_count
```

```

FROM
  orders o
  JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
  AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate +_
  ↵INTERVAL '5' DAY;

```

**Note:** JOIN defaults to INNER JOIN.

The output will have rows from orders and lineitem that found at least one matching row from the other table with the specified join condition (same o\_orderkey and orderdate within ship date +/- 5 days).

We can also see that 247650 rows from orders and lineitem tables matched.

**5.2 2. Left outer join (aka left join): Get all rows from the left table and only matching rows from the right table.**

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
  o.o_orderkey,
  l.l_orderkey
FROM
  orders o
  LEFT JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
  AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate +_
  ↵INTERVAL '5' DAY
LIMIT
  100;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
  COUNT(o.o_orderkey) AS order_rows_count,
  COUNT(l.l_orderkey) AS lineitem_rows_count
FROM
  orders o
  LEFT JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
  AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate +_
  ↵INTERVAL '5' DAY;
```

The output will have all the rows from orders and the rows from lineitem that were able to find at least one matching row from the orders table with the specified join condition (same o\_orderkey and orderdate within ship date +/- 5 days).

We can also see that the number of rows from the orders table is 1,519,332 & from the lineitem table is 247,650. The number of rows in orders is 1,500,000, but the join condition produces 1,519,332 since some orders match with multiple lineitems.

**5.3 3. Right outer join (aka right join):** Get matching rows from the left and all rows from the right table.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o.o_orderkey,
    l.l_orderkey
FROM
    orders o
    RIGHT JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
    AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate + INTERVAL '5' DAY
LIMIT
    100;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    COUNT(o.o_orderkey) AS order_rows_count,
    COUNT(l.l_orderkey) AS lineitem_rows_count
FROM
    orders o
    JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
    AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate + INTERVAL '5' DAY;
```

The output will have the rows from orders that found at least one matching row from the lineitem table with the specified join condition (same o\_orderkey and orderdate within ship date +/- 5 days) and all the rows from the lineitem table.

We can also see that the number of rows from the orders table is 247,650 & from the lineitem table is 6,001,215 .

**5.4 4. Full outer join:** Get all rows from both the left and right tables.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o.o_orderkey,
    l.l_orderkey
FROM
    orders o
    FULL OUTER JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
    AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate + INTERVAL '5' DAY
LIMIT
    100;
```

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
```

```

COUNT(o.o_orderkey) AS order_rows_count,
COUNT(l.l_orderkey) AS lineitem_rows_count
FROM
orders o
FULL OUTER JOIN lineitem l ON o.o_orderkey = l.l_orderkey
AND o.o_orderdate BETWEEN l.l_shipdate - INTERVAL '5' DAY AND l.l_shipdate + INTERVAL '5' DAY;

```

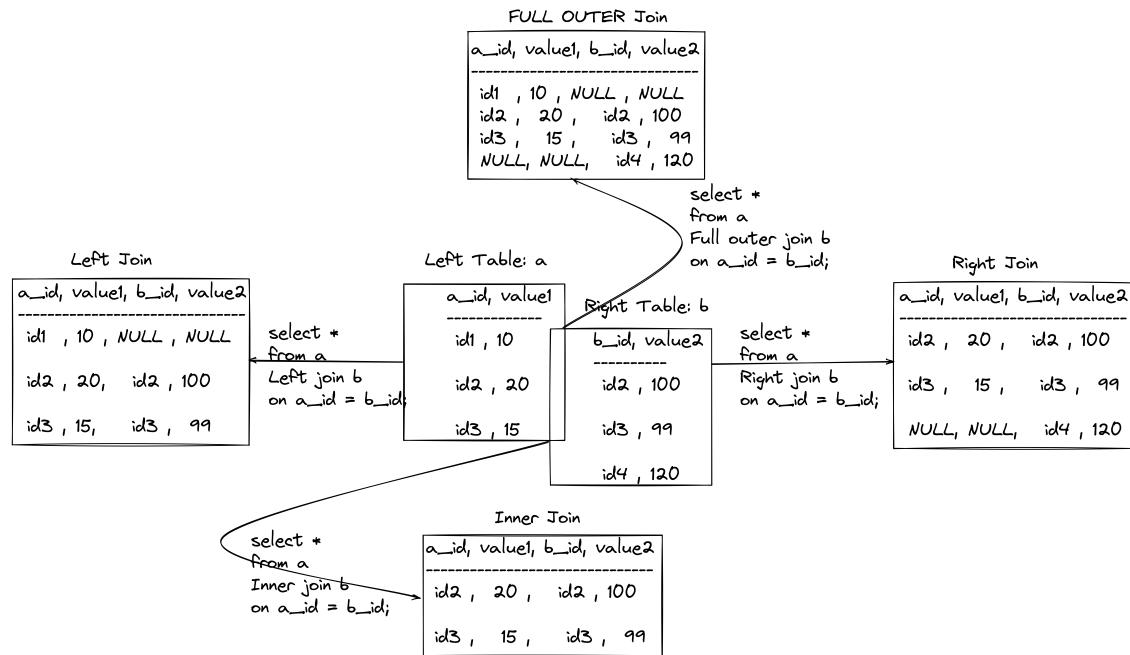
The output will have all the rows from orders that found at least one matching row from the lineitem table with the specified join condition (same o\_orderkey and orderdate within ship date +/- 5 days) and all the rows from the lineitem table.

We can also see that the number of rows from the orders table is 1,519,332 & from the lineitem table is 6,001,215.

## 5.5 5. Cross join: Get the cartesian product of all rows

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
n.n_name AS nation_c_name,
r.r_name AS region_c_name
FROM
nation n
CROSS JOIN region r;
```

The output will have every row of the nation joined with every row of the region. There are 25 nations and five regions, leading to 125 rows in our result from the cross-join.



## CROSS Join

Left Table: a

a_id, value1
id1 , 10
id2 , 20
id3 , 15

Right Table: b

b_id, value2
id2 , 100
id3 , 99
id4 , 120

Select \*  
from a  
cross join b  
on  
a\_id = b\_id;

CROSS Join

a_id, value1, b_id, value2
id1 , 10 , id2 , 100
id1 , 10 , id3 , 99
id1 , 10 , id4 , 120
id2 , 20 , id2 , 100
id2 , 20 , id3 , 99
id2 , 20 , id4 , 120
id3 , 15 , id2 , 100
id3 , 15 , id3 , 99
id3 , 15 , id4 , 120

There are cases where we will need to join a table with itself, called a SELF-join.

### Example:

1. For every customer order, get the order placed earlier in the same week (Sunday - Saturday, not the previous seven days). Only show customer orders that have at least one such order.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o1.o_custkey
FROM
    orders o1
    JOIN orders o2 ON o1.o_custkey = o2.o_custkey
    AND YEAR (o1.o_orderdate) = YEAR (o2.o_orderdate)
    AND week (o1.o_orderdate) = week (o2.o_orderdate)
WHERE
    o1.o_orderkey != o2.o_orderkey;
```

Most analytical queries require calculating metrics that involve combining data from multiple rows. GROUP BY allows us to perform aggregate calculations on data from a set of rows grouped together based on values of specified column(s).

### Example:

1. Create a report that shows the number of orders per orderpriority segment.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o_orderpriority,
    COUNT(*) AS num_orders
FROM
    orders
GROUP BY
    o_orderpriority;
```

In the above query, we group the data by `orderpriority`, and the calculation `count(*)` will be

applied to the rows having a specific `orderpriority` value. The output will consist of one row per unique value of `orderpriority` and the `count(*)` calculation.

orderpriority	num_orders
5-LOW	2950
2-HIGH	3065
3-MEDIUM	2941
1-URGENT	3020
4-NOT SPECIFIED	3024

The calculations allowed are typically SUM/MIN/MAX/AVG/COUNT. However, some databases have more complex aggregate functions; check your DB documentation.

## 6 Use the result of a query within a query using sub-queries

When we want to use the result of a query as a table in another query, we use subqueries. **Example:**

1. Create a report that shows the nation, how many items it supplied (by suppliers in that nation), and how many items it purchased (by customers in that nation).

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    n.n_name AS nation_c_name,
    s.quantity AS supplied_items_quantity,
    c.quantity AS purchased_items_quantity
FROM
    nation n
    LEFT JOIN (
        SELECT
            n.n_nationkey,
            SUM(l.l_quantity) AS quantity
        FROM
            lineitem l
            JOIN supplier s ON l.l_suppkey = s.s_suppkey
            JOIN nation n ON s.s_nationkey = n.n_nationkey
        GROUP BY
            n.n_nationkey
    ) s ON n.n_nationkey = s.n_nationkey
    LEFT JOIN (
```

```

SELECT
    n.n_nationkey,
    SUM(l.l_quantity) AS quantity
FROM
    lineitem l
    JOIN orders o ON l.l_orderkey = o.o_orderkey
    JOIN customer c ON o.o_custkey = c.c_custkey
    JOIN nation n ON c.c_nationkey = n.n_nationkey
GROUP BY
    n.n_nationkey
) c ON n.n_nationkey = c.n_nationkey;

```

In the above query, we can see that there are two sub-queries, one to calculate the quantity supplied by a nation and the other to calculate the quantity purchased by the customers of a nation.

## 7 Replicate IF.EELSE logic with CASE statements

We can do conditional logic in the `SELECT ... FROM` part of our query, as shown below.

```
[ ]: %%sql
SELECT
    o_orderkey,
    o_totalprice,
    CASE
        WHEN o_totalprice > 100000 THEN 'high'
        WHEN o_totalprice BETWEEN 25000
            AND 100000 THEN 'medium'
        ELSE 'low'
    END AS order_price_bucket
FROM
    orders;
```

We can see how we display different values depending on the `totalprice` column. We can also use multiple criteria as our conditional criteria (e.g., `totalprice > 100000 AND orderpriority = '2-HIGH'`).

## 8 Use standard inbuilt DB functions for common String, Time, and Numeric data manipulation

When processing data, more often than not, we will need to change values in columns; shown below are a few standard functions to be aware of:

### 1. String functions

1. **LENGTH** is used to calculate the length of a string. E.g., `SELECT LENGTH('hi');` will output 2.
2. **CONCAT** combines multiple string columns into one. E.g., `SELECT CONCAT(o_orderstatus, '-', o_orderpriority) FROM ORDERS LIMIT 5;` will

concatenate the o\_orderstatus and o\_orderpriority columns with a dash in between them.

3. **SPLIT** is used to split a value into an array based on a given delimiter. E.g., `SELECT STRING_SPLIT(o_orderpriority, '-') FROM ORDERS LIMIT 5;` will output a column with arrays formed by splitting o\_orderpriority values on -.
4. **SUBSTRING** is used to get a sub-string from a value, given the start and end character indices. E.g., `SELECT o_orderpriority, SUBSTRING(o_orderpriority, 1, 5) FROM orders LIMIT 5;` will get the first five (1 - 5) characters of the o\_orderpriority column.
5. **TRIM** is used to remove empty spaces to the left and right of the value. E.g., `SELECT TRIM(' hi ')`; will output hi without any spaces around it. LTRIM and RTRIM are similar but only remove spaces before and after the string, respectively.

## 2. Date and Time functions

1. **Adding and subtracting dates:** Is used to add and subtract periods; the format heavily depends on the DB. In DuckDB, `date_diff` accepts 3 parameters, the outputs unit (day, month, year), the datetime/date values a and b such that the output will be a - b. The '`+ INTERVAL n UNIT(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)`' adds the value (in specified units) to the timestamp value.

```
```sql -- Date and Time Functions
SELECT      date_diff('day', DATE '2022-10-01', DATE '2023-11-05')
AS diff_in_days,      date_diff('month', DATE '2022-10-01', DATE
'2023-11-05') AS diff_in_months,      date_diff('year', DATE
'2022-10-01', DATE '2023-11-05') AS diff_in_years,      DATE
'2022-10-01' + INTERVAL 400 DAY AS new_date;      ``` It will show the
difference between the two dates in the specified period. We can also
add/subtract an arbitrary period from a date/time column. E.g.,SELECT
DATE '2022-11-05' + INTERVAL '10' DAY;will show the output2022-11-15 (try
subtraction of dates).
```

2. **String <=> date/time conversions:** When we want to change the data type of a string to date/time, we can use the `DATE 'YYYY-MM-DD'` or `TIMESTAMP 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS'` functions. But when the data is in a non-standard date/time format such as `MM/DD/YYYY`, we will need to specify the input structure; we do this using `strftime`. E.g., `SELECT strftime('11-05-2023', '%m-%d-%Y');`.

We can convert a timestamp/date into a string with the required format using `strftime`. E.g., `SELECT strftime(o_orderdate, '%Y-%m-01') AS first_month_date FROM orders LIMIT 5;` will map every o\_orderdate to the first of their month.

See [this page](#) on how to set the proper date time format.

3. **Time frame functions (YEAR/MONTH/DAY):** When we want to extract specific periods from a date/time column, we can use these functions. E.g., `SELECT year(DATE '2023-11-05')`; will return 2023. Similarly, we have month, day, hour, min, etc.

## 3. Numeric

1. **ROUND** is used to specify the number of digits allowed after the decimal point. E.g. `SELECT ROUND(100.102345, 2);`
2. **ABS** is used to get the absolute value of a given number. E.g. `SELECT ABS(-100), ABS(100);`
3. **Mathematical operations** these are `+, -, *, /`.

4. **Ceil/Floor** is used to get the next higher and most recent lower integers, given a decimal digit. E.g. `SELECT CEIL(100.1), FLOOR(100.1);`

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