# **FUNCTIONS**

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Oracle has many built-in functions. They are categorized into:

- Numeric/Number Functions
- String Functions
- Null Functions
- Date Functions
- Conversion Functions
- Aggregate Functions

# SAMPLE RELATION: Temperature\_Range

CITY	COUNTRY	HIGH	LOW	RANGE
Athens	Greece	31.7	5.0	
Bangkok	Thailand	35.0	20.6	14.4
Beijing	China	30.1	-8.3	
Berlin	Germany	23.9	-3.9	
Belgrade	Serbia	26.7	-1.7	28.3

These are functions that accept numeric input and return numeric values.

- ABS
- SIGN
- CEIL
- FLOOR
- GREATEST

- LEAST
- POWER
- SQRT
- **MOD**

- ROUND
- TRUNC
- MEDIAN
- ROWNUM
- **EXP**

#### **ABS**

Returns the absolute value of a number.

```
SQL> select ABS(-23.36) from DUAL;

ABS(-23.36)
23.36

SQL> select ABS(23.45) from DUAL;

ABS(23.45)
23.45
```

Display the Absolute value of low temperature of all cities.

```
SQL> select ABS(LOW) from Temperature_Range;

ABS(LOW)
50
20.6
8.3
3.9
1.7
```

#### **SIGN**

Returns a value indicating the sign of a number.

```
SQL> select SIGN(56> from DUAL;

SIGN(56>

1

SQL> select SIGN(-56> from DUAL;

SIGN(-56>

-1
```

Display the sign of low temperature of all cities.

```
SQL> select SIGN(LOW) from Temperature_Range;

SIGN(LOW)

1
1
-1
-1
-1
-1
```

#### **CEIL**

Returns the smallest integer value that is greater than or equal to a number.

```
SQL> select CEIL(56.23) from DUAL;

CEIL(56.23)

57

SQL> select CEIL(-56.23) from DUAL;

CEIL(-56.23)

-56
```

Display the ceil value of high temperature of all cities.

```
SQL> select CEIL(HIGH) from Temperature_Range;

CEIL(HIGH)

32
35
31
24
27
```

#### **FLOOR**

Returns the largest integer value that is equal to or less than a number.

Display the floor value of high temperature of all cities.

```
SQL> select FLOOR(HIGH) from Temperature_Range;
FLOOR(HIGH)
31
35
30
23
26
```

#### **GREATEST**

Returns the greatest value in a list of expressions.

```
SQL> select GREATEST('a','F','z',1) from dual;
SQL> select GREATEST('a','F','z','G') from dual;
SQL> select GREATEST('apple','applis','applas') from dual;
GREATE
applis
```

#### **GREATEST**

```
SQL> select Greatest(City,Country) from Temperature_Range;
GREATEST<CIT
Greece
Thailand
China
Germany
serbia
SQL> select Greatest(High,Low) from Temperature_Range;
GREATEST(HIGH,LOW)
```

#### **LEAST**

Returns the smallest value in a list of expressions.

```
SQL> select LEAST('a','F','z',1) from dual;
SQL> select LEAST('a','F','z','G') from dual;
SQL> select LEAST('apple','applis','applas') from dual;
LEAST(
applas
```

#### **LEAST**

```
SQL> select Least(City,Country) from Temperature_Range;
LEAST(CITY,C
Athens
Bangkok
Beijing
Berlin
Belgrade
SQL> select Least(High,Low) from Temperature_Range;
LEAST(HIGH,LOW)
           31.7
           20.6
           -8.3
           -3.9
```

# NUMBER FUNCTIONS POWER

Returns m raised to the nth power.

```
SQL> select POWER(5,2) from DUAL;
POWER(5,2)
        25
SQL> select POWER(-5,2) from DUAL;
POWER(-5,2)
SQL> select POWER(5.3,2) from DUAL;
POWER(5.3,2)
       28.09
SQL> select POWER(RANGE,3) from Temperature_Range;
POWER<RANGE,3>
      2985.984
     23639.903
```

# NUMBER FUNCTIONS SQRT

Returns the square root of a number.

```
SQL> select SQRT(100) from DUAL;
 SQRT < 100>
         10
SQL> select SQRT(-100> from DUAL;
select SQRT(-100> from DUAL
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01428: argument '-100' is out of range
SQL> select SQRT(37) from DUAL;
  SQRT(37)
6.08276253
SQL> select SQRT(HIGH) from Temperature_Range;
SQRT < H I GH >
```

The argument passed inside a SQRT function should be a positive number.

Returns the remainder of n divided by m.

```
SQL> select MOD(25,3) from DUAL;
MOD(25,3)
SQL> select MOD(26,3) from DUAL;
MOD(26,3)
         2
SQL> select MOD(LOW,3) from Temperature_Range;
MOD(LOW,3>
```

#### **ROUND**

Returns a number rounded to a certain number of decimal places.

```
SQL> select ROUND(123.56) from DUAL;
ROUND(123.56)
          124
SQL> select ROUND(123.21) from DUAL;
ROUND(123.21)
          123
SQL> select ROUND(123.01) from DUAL;
ROUND(123.01)
```

# NUMBER FUNCTIONS ROUND

```
SQL> select ROUND(236.156,1) from DUAL;
ROUND<236.156,1>
           236.2
SQL> select ROUND(236.156,2) from DUAL;
ROUND(236.156,2)
          236.16
SQL> select ROUND(236.156,-1) from DUAL;
ROUND<236.156,-1>
              240
SQL> select ROUND(LOW,1) from temperature_range;
ROUND(LOW.1>
```

#### **TRUNC**

Returns a number truncated to a certain number of decimal places.

```
SQL> select TRUNC<236.156,1> from DUAL;
TRUNC<236.156,1>
           236.1
SQL> select TRUNC(236.156,2) from DUAL;
TRUNC<236.156,2>
          236.15
SQL> select TRUNC(236.156,-1) from DUAL;
TRUNC<236.156,-1>
              230
SQL> select TRUNC(LOW,1) from temperature_range;
TRUNC(LOW,1>
```

Some cases both returns same result.

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUNC AND DELETE

- TRUNC and ROUND function looks similar but not exactly.
- ROUND function used to round the number to the nearest while TRUNC used to truncate/delete the number from some position.

#### **MEDIAN**

Returns the median value of an expression.

#### **Syntax:**

MEDIAN(Column\_Name)

# NUMBER FUNCTIONS ROWNUM

Returns a number that represents the order that a row is.

SQL> select	t ROWNUM, Te	emperature_Ran	ge.* from Tempe	erature_R	ange;	
ROWNUM	CITY	COUNTRY	H I GH	LOW	RANGE	
2 3 4	Athens Bangkok Beijing Berlin	Greece Thailand China Germany	31.7 35 30.1 23.9		14.4	
	Be lgrade	serbia	26.7	-1.7	28.7	
SQL> select	t ROWNUM, Te	emperature_Ran	ge.* from Tempe	erature_R	ange where	Range IS NULL;
ROWNUM	CITY	COUNTRY	HIGH	LOW	RANGE	
2	Athens Beijing Berlin	Greece China Germany	31.7 30.1 23.9	50 -8.3 -3.9		
SQL> select	t ROWNUM, Te	emperature_Ran	ge.* from Tempe	erature_R	ange where	High > 30;
ROWNUM	CITY	COUNTRY	H I GH	LOW	RANGE	
2	Athens Bangkok Beijing	Greece Thailand China	31.7 35 30.1	50 20.6 -8.3	14.4	

There are no parameters or arguments for the ROWNUM function. The ROWNUM function is sometimes referred to as a **pseudo column** in Oracle.

#### **EXP**

Returns e raised to the power of number.

```
SQL> select EXP(5.23) from DUAL;
EXP(5.23)
186.792804
SQL> select EXP(15.23) from DUAL;
EXP(15.23)
4114385.3
SQL> select EXP(LOW) from Temperature_Range;
  EXP(LOW)
```

Character or string functions are used to manipulate text strings.

They accept strings or characters as input and can return both character and number values as output.

ASCII

• LPAD

RTRIM

• CHR

RPAD

SUBSTR

• LENGTH

- TRANSLATE
- INSTR

LOWER

REPLACE

REVERSE

UPPER

TRIM

CONCAT

INITCAP

LTRIM

#### **ASCII**

Returns the NUMBER code that represents the specified character.

```
SQL> select ASCII('G') from Dual;

ASCII('G')
71

SQL> select ASCII(City) from Temperature_Range;

ASCII(CITY)

65
66
66
66
66
66
```

Here in second example the ASCII function returned the value for the first character of the City name and ignored rest of the characters.

#### **CHR**

CHR is the opposite of the ASCII function. It returns the character based on the NUMBER code.

#### LENGTH

Returns the length of the specified string.

```
SQL> select LENGTH(null) from Dual;
LENGTH < NULL >
SQL> select LENGTH(' ') from Dual;
LENGTH('')
SQL> select LENGTH('DBMS') from Dual;
LENGTH<'DBMS'>
SQL> select LENGTH(city) from Temperature_Range;
LENGTH (CITY)
```

If the input string is NULL, then the LENGTH function will return NULL.

#### **LOWER**

Converts all letters in the specified string to lowercase.

```
SQL> select LOWER('DBMS') from DUAL;

LOWE
____
dbms

SQL> select LOWER('DBMS 123') from DUAL;

LOWER('D
_____
dbms 123

SQL> select LOWER(Country) from Temperature_Range;

LOWER(COUN
_____
greece
thailand
china
germany
serbia
```

If there are characters in the string that are not letters, they are unaffected by this function.

#### **UPPER**

Converts all letters in the specified string to uppercase.

```
SQL> select UPPER('dbms') from DUAL;
UPPE
DBMS
SQL> select UPPER<'dbms 123'> from DUAL;
UPPER<'D
DBMS 123
SQL> select UPPER('dBMs 123') from DUAL;
UPPER<'D
DBMS 123
SQL> select UPPER(Country) from Temperature_Range;
UPPERCCOUN
```

If there are characters in the string that are not letters, they are unaffected by this function.

#### **INITCAP**

Sets the first character in each word to uppercase and the rest to lowercase.

```
SQL> select INITCAP('database management systems') from DUAL;
INITCAP('DATABASEMANAGEMENT

Database Management Systems

SQL> select INITCAP(Country) from Temperature_Range;
INITCAP(CO

Greece
Thailand
China
Germany
Serbia
```

#### **LPAD**

Pads the left-side of a string with a specific set of characters (when input string is not null).

#### **Syntax:**

LPAD(input string, padding\_length, [pad\_string])

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

- padded\_length The number of characters to return. If the padding\_length is smaller than the original string, the LPAD function will truncate the string to the size of padding\_length.
- pad\_string Optional. This is the string that will be padded to the left-hand side of input string. If this parameter is omitted, the LPAD function will pad spaces to the left-side of input string.

#### **LPAD**

```
SQL> select LPAD('DATABASE',12) from dual;
LPAD<'DATABA
    DATABASE
SQL> select LPAD('DATABASE',12,'*') from dual;
LPAD<'DATABA
****DATABASE
SQL> select LPAD('DATABASE',1) from dual;
SQL> select LPAD(COUNTRY,15,'*') from Temperature_Range;
LPAD(COUNTRY,15,'*')
<del>хххххххх</del>Greece
******Thailand
<del>xxxxxxx</del>Germany
<del>xxxxxxxx</del>serbia
```

#### **RPAD**

Pads the right-side of a string with a specific set of characters (when input string is not null).

#### **Syntax:**

RPAD(input string, padding\_length, [pad\_string])

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

- padded\_length The number of characters to return. If the padding\_length is smaller than the original string, the RPAD function will truncate the string to the size of padding\_length.
- pad\_string Optional. This is the string that will be padded to the right-hand side of input string. If this parameter is omitted, the RPAD function will pad spaces to the right-side of input string.

#### **RPAD**

```
SQL> select RPAD('DATABASE',12> from dual;
RPAD<'DATABA
DATABASE
SQL> select RPAD('DATABASE',12,'*') from dual;
RPAD<'DATABA
DATABASE****
SQL> select RPAD('DATABASE',1) from dual;
R
SQL> select RPAD(COUNTRY,15,'*') from Temperature_Range;
RPAD(COUNTRY,15,'*')
Greece<del>××××××××</del>
Thailand<del>****</del>
China<del>xxxxxxxxx</del>
German y<del>xxxxxxxx</del>
serbia<del>xxxxxxxx</del>
```

#### **TRANSLATE**

Replaces a sequence of characters in a string with another set of characters. However, it replaces a single character at a time.

For example, it will replace the 1st character in the string\_to\_replace with the 1st character in the replacement\_string. Then it will replace the 2nd character in the string\_to\_replace with the 2nd character in the replacement\_string, and so on.

#### **Syntax:**

TRANSLATE(Input\_String, string\_to\_replace, replacement\_string)

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

**string\_to\_replace -** The string that will be searched for in string1.

**replacement\_string -** All characters in the string\_to\_replace will be replaced with the corresponding character in the replacement\_string.

#### **TRANSLATE**

```
SQL> select TRANSLATE('CSE A,B DBMS','ABC','DEF')    from DUAL;
TRANSLATE('C
FSE D.E DEMS
SQL> select TRANSLATE(COUNTRY,'er','12')    from Temperature_Range;
TRANSLATE(COUNTRY,'ER','12')
G211c1
Thailand
China
G12many
s12hia
SQL> select TRANSLATE('CSE A,B DBMS','ABC') from DUAL; select TRANSLATE('CSE A,B DBMS','ABC') from DUAL
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-00909: invalid number of arguments
```

If the replacement\_string parameter is omitted, it throws error.

#### **REPLACE**

Replaces a sequence of characters in a string with another set of characters.

#### Syntax:

REPLACE( string1, string\_to\_replace [,replacement\_string] )

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

**string\_to\_replace** - The string that will be searched for in string1.

**replacement\_string** - Optional. All occurrences of string\_to\_replace will be replaced with replacement\_string in string1.

#### **REPLACE**

```
SQL> select REPLACE('CSE A,B DBMS','CSE','EIE') from DUAL;
REPLACE('CSE
EIE A.B DBMS
SQL> select REPLACE(COUNTRY,'er','12')    from Temperature_Range;
REPLACE<COUNTRY,'ER'
Greece
Thailand
China
G12many
s12bia
SQL> select REPLACE(COUNTRY,'er') from Temperature_Range;
REPLACE<CO
Greece
Thailand
China
Gmany
sbia
```

If the replacement\_string parameter is omitted, the REPLACE function simply removes all occurrences of string\_to\_replace and returns the resulting string.

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRANSLATE AND REPLACE

TRANSLATE	REPLACE		
Translate function searches for a character and it replaces in occurrence of the character.	Replace function searches for a string and replaces with the given string.		
Returns null if no match found	Returns string if no match found		
Replaces character one-to-one basis	Replaces entire string at a time		

#### **TRIM**

Removes all specified characters either from the beginning or the end of a string.

#### Syntax:

TRIM(LEADING|TRAILING | BOTH trim\_character FROM Input\_String)

#### **Example:**

```
SQL> select TRIM(' DATABASE ') from Dual;

TRIM('DA

DATABASE

SQL> select TRIM(' ' FROM ' DATABASE ') from Dual;

TRIM(''F

DATABASE
```

#### **TRIM**

```
SQL> select TRIM(LEADING '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')                           from Dual;
TRIMCLEADIN
DATAØBASEØØ
SQL> select TRIM(TRAILING '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')    from Dual;
TRIMCTRAILI
00DATA0BASE
SQL> select TRIM(BOTH '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00') from Dual;
TRIMCBOTH
DATAØBASE
SQL> select TRIM('0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')    from Dual;
TRIMC'0'F
DATAØBASE
```

#### **TRIM**

```
SQL> select TRIM(LEADING '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')                           from Dual;
TRIMCLEADIN
DATAØBASEØØ
SQL> select TRIM(TRAILING '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')    from Dual;
TRIMCTRAILI
00DATA0BASE
SQL> select TRIM(BOTH '0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00') from Dual;
TRIMCBOTH
DATAØBASE
SQL> select TRIM('0' FROM '00DATA0BASE00')    from Dual;
TRIMC'0'F
DATAØBASE
```

#### **TRIM**

```
SQL> select TRIM<LEADING 'B' FROM City> from Temperature_Range;
TRIM<LEADING
Athens
angkok
e i jing
e lgrade
SQL> select TRIM(TRAILING 'a' FROM Country) from Temperature_Range;
TRIM<TRAIL
Greece
Thailand
Chin
Germany
serbi
SQL> select TRIM('G' FROM Country) from Temperature_Range;
TRIM<'G'FR
reece
Thailand
China
ermany
serbia
```

If you do not choose a value for the first parameter (LEADING, TRAILING, BOTH), the TRIM function will remove trim\_character from both the front and end of input string.

#### **LTRIM**

Removes all specified characters from the left-hand side of a string.

#### **Syntax:**

LTRIM(Input\_string[, trim\_string])

#### **LTRIM**

```
SQL> select LTRIM('12312DATABASE123','12') from Dual;
LTRIM('12312DA
312DATABASE123
SQL> select LTRIM('12312DATABASE123','124') from Dual;
LTRIM('12312DA
312DATABASE123
```

#### **RTRIM**

Removes all specified characters from the right-hand side of a string. **Syntax:** 

RTRIM(Input\_String [, trim\_string])

```
SQL> select RTRIM(' 123DATABASE123 ') from Dual;

RTRIM('123DATABA

123DATABASE123

SQL> select RTRIM('12312DATABASE123','12') from Dual;

RTRIM('12312DATA

12312DATABASE123

SQL> select RTRIM('12312DATABASE12','12') from Dual;

RTRIM('12312D

12312DATABASE
```

#### **RTRIM**

```
SQL> select RTRIM('12312DATABASE12','12') from Dual;

RTRIM('12312D

12312DATABASE

SQL> select RTRIM('12312DATABASE12','124') from Dual;

RTRIM('12312D

12312DATABASE
```

#### **SUBSTR**

Allows you to extract a substring from a string.

#### Syntax:

SUBSTR(Input\_string, start\_position [, length ])

```
SQL> select SUBSTR('Database Management Systems',5)                          from DUAL;
SUBSTR('DATABASEMANAGEM
base Management Systems
SQL> select SUBSTR('Database Management Systems',3,4)                        from DUAL;
SUBS
taba
SQL> select SUBSTR('Database Management Systems',-6,4)                       from DUAL;
SUBS
yste
```

#### **SUBSTR**

```
SQL> select SUBSTR('Database Management Systems',-3,4)                        from DUAL;
SUB
SQL> select SUBSTR<Country,2> from Temperature_Range;
SUBSTR<COUNTRY,2>
reece
hailand
hina
ermany
erbia
SQL> select SUBSTR<Country,3,2> from Temperature_Range;
SUBSTR<C
ee
ai
rm
rb
SQL> select SUBSTR<Country,-3,2> from Temperature_Range;
SUBSTRCC
eс
an
in
```

#### **INSTR**

Returns the location of a substring in a string.

#### Syntax:

INSTR( Input\_string, [, start\_position [,th\_appearance]])

```
SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e') from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E')

8

SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',1) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',1)

8

SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',2) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',2)

8
```

#### **INSTR**

```
SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',2,1) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',2,1)

8

SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',5,2) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',5,2)

15
```

```
SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',-3,1) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',-3,1)

25

SQL> select INSTR('Database Management Systems','e',-4,2) from DUAL;

INSTR('DATABASEMANAGEMENTSYSTEMS','E',-4,2)

15
```

If the substring is not found in the input string, INSTR will return 0.

#### **INSTR**

```
SQL> select INSTR(Country,'e') from Temperature_Range;
INSTR<COUNTRY,'E'>
SQL> select INSTR(Country,'e',2) from Temperature_Range;
INSTR(COUNTRY,'E',2)
SQL> select INSTR(Country,'e',2,2) from Temperature_Range;
INSTR<COUNTRY,'E',2,2>
                     4000
SQL> select INSTR(Country,'e',-2,2) from Temperature_Range;
INSTR<COUNTRY,'E',-2,2>
```

#### **REVERSE**

It is used to reverse the given input string.

```
SQL> select REVERSE('Database Management Systems') from DUAL;
REVERSE('DATABASEMANAGEMENT
------
smetsyS tnemeganaM esabataD
```

```
SQL> select REVERSE(Country) from Temperature_Range;
REVERSE(CO
------
eceerG
dnaliahT
anihC
ynamreG
aibres
```

#### **CONCAT**

It is used to merge or join two strings.

```
SQL> select CONCAT('Database','Management') from DUAL;
CONCAT('DATABASE',
______
DatabaseManagement
```

```
SQL> select CONCAT('Database','Management','Systems') from DUAL; select CONCAT('Database','Management','Systems') from DUAL *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-00909: invalid number of arguments
```

#### **CONCAT**

Null functions can translate NULL into a value and inversely. Any data type can contain NULL: number, date and varchar.

- NVL
- NVL2
- NULLIF

- DECODE
- COALESCE
- CASE

#### **NVL**

Substitutes a value when a null value is encountered.

#### **Syntax:**

NVL(Column\_Name, Value\_to\_replace)

#### **Example:**

select NVL(Range, 0) from Temperature\_Range;

This SQL statement would return 0 if the Range field contained a null value. Otherwise, it would return the value in Range field.

```
SQL> select NVL(Range,0) from Temperature_Range;

NVL(RANGE,0)

14.4

0

28.7
```

select City, NVL(Range, High) from Temperature\_Range;

The statement would return the High field if the Range contained a null value. Otherwise, it would return the value in Range field.

```
SQL> select City,NUL(Range,High) from Temperature_Range;

CITY NUL(RANGE,HIGH)

Athens 31.7
Bangkok 14.4
Beijing 30.1
Berlin 23.9
Belgrade 28.7
```

#### NVL2

- Extends the functionality found in the NVL function.
- Substitutes a value when a null value is encountered as well as when a non-null value is encountered.

#### Syntax:

NVL2( Coulmn\_Name, value\_if\_not\_null, value\_if\_null)

#### **Example:**

select NVL2(Range, 'NOT NULL', 'NULL') from Temperature\_Range;

This statement would return 'NULL' if the Range field contained a null value. Otherwise, it would return 'NOT NULL'.

#### NVL2

#### select City, NVL2(Range, City, 0) from Temperature\_Range;

The statement would return the City field if the Range contained a null value. Otherwise, it would return 0.

#### **NULLIF**

Compares expr1 and expr2. If expr1 and expr2 are equal, the NULLIF function returns NULL. Otherwise, it returns expr1.

#### **Syntax:**

NULLIF(expr1, expr2)

#### Note:

Datatype of expr1 and expr2 should be same.

```
SQL> select NULLIF(12,12) from dual;

NULLIF(12,12)

SQL> select NULLIF(12,14) from dual;

NULLIF(12,14)

12
```

#### **NULLIF**

```
SQL> select NULLIF('a','b') from dual;

N_
a
SQL> select NULLIF('Apples','apples') from dual;

NULLIF
Apples
```

```
SQL> select NULLIF(High,Low) from Temperature_Range;

NULLIF(HIGH,LOW)

31.7

35

30.1

23.9

26.7
```

#### **COALESCE**

- Returns the first non-null expression in the list.
- If all expressions evaluate to null, then the COALESCE function will return null.

#### **Syntax:**

COALESCE(expr1, expr2, ... expr\_n)

#### Note:

Datatype of all expressions should be same.

```
SQL> select COALESCE('Apples','apples',NULL) from dual;

COALES
Apples

SQL> select COALESCE(23,58,94,NULL,12) from dual;

COALESCE(23,58,94,NULL,12)

23
```

#### **COALESCE**

```
SQL> select COALESCE(23+Null,NULL,12) from dual;

COALESCE(23+NULL,NULL,12)

12

SQL> select COALESCE(Null,NULL) from dual;

C
-
```

```
SQL> select COALESCE(High,Low,Range) from Temperature_Range;

COALESCE(HIGH,LOW,RANGE)

31.7

35

30.1

23.9

26.7
```

#### **DECODE**

Has the functionality of an IF-THEN-ELSE statement.

#### Syntax:

DECODE(expression, search, result [, search, result]... [, default])

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

Expression 

The value to compare.

Search → The value that is compared against expression.

Result The value returned, if expression is equal to search.

Default Defonal. If no matches are found, the DECODE function will return default. If default is omitted, then the DECODE function will return null (if no matches are found).

#### **DECODE**

```
SQL> select DECODE(High,31.7,'Very High',26.7,'Medium',23,'Low','No Prediction')
from Temperature_Range;

DECODE(HIGH,3
------
Very High
No Prediction
No Prediction
No Prediction
No Prediction
Mo Prediction
Mo Rediction
Mo Rediction
```

#### The above query is equivalent to:

```
IF High = 31.7 THEN
    result := 'Very High';
ELSIF High = 26.7 THEN
    result := 'Medium';
ELSE
    result := 'No Prediction';
END IF;
```

SQL> select Temperature_Range.*,DECODE(Range,14.4,'Mentioned')AS RESULT from Tem perature_Range;				
CITY	COUNTRY	HIGH	LOW	RANGE RESULT
Athens Bangkok Beijing Berlin Belgrade	Greece Thailand China Germany serbia	31.7 35 30.1 23.9 26.7	50 20.6 -8.3 -3.9 -1.7	14.4 Mentioned 28.7

#### The above query is equivalent to:

IF Range = 14.4 THEN

result := 'Mentioned';

END IF;

[Here the default value is not mentioned in the query, hence the **DECODE** function returned **NULL**]

# NULL FUNCTIONS CASE

Has the functionality of an IF-THEN-ELSE statement.

#### **Syntax:**

```
CASE [ expression ]

WHEN condition_1 THEN result_1

WHEN condition_2 THEN result_2

...

WHEN condition_n THEN result_n

ELSE result
```

#### **END**

#### **Parameters or Arguments:**

Expression  $\rightarrow$  Optional. It is the value that you are comparing to the list of conditions. condition\_1, condition\_2, ... condition\_n  $\rightarrow$  The conditions are evaluated in the order listed. Once a condition is found to be true, the CASE statement will return the result and not evaluate the conditions any further.

result\_1, result\_2, ... result\_n → This is the value returned once a condition is found to be true.

#### **CASE**

#### • Value Match (Simple) CASE Expression

SELECT ename, empno, deptno,

(CASE deptno WHEN 10 THEN 'Accounting'

WHEN 20 THEN 'Research'

WHEN 30 THEN 'Sales'

WHEN 40 THEN 'Operations'

ELSE 'Unknown' END) department FROM emp;

#### Searched CASE Expression

SELECT ename, empno, sal,

(CASE

WHEN sal < 1000 THEN 'Low'

WHEN sal BETWEEN 1000 AND 3000 THEN 'Medium'

WHEN sal > 3000 THEN 'High' ELSE 'N/A' END) salary FROM emp;

#### **CASE**

```
SQL> select
2    CASE
3    WHEN 'a'<'b' THEN 'Hello'
4    WHEN 'd'>'e' THEN 'HI'
5    END
6    from DUAL;
CASEW
Hello
```

These are functions that take values that are of DATE datatype as input and return values of DATE datatype, except for the MONTHS BETWEEN function, which returns a number.

- SYSDATE
- CURRENT\_DATE
- SYSTIMESTAMP
- CURRENT TIMESTAMP NEXT DAY

- LOCALTIMESTAMP LAST DAY
- ADD\_MONTHS
- MONTHS\_BETWEEN ROUND (dates)

- EXTRACT
- TRUNC (dates)

## SAMPLE RELATION - PRODUCTS

P_ID	P_NAME	P_COST	MFG_DATE
122	Pepsodent	36.23	23-FEB-2017
124	Colgate	32.56	16-JUL-2017
132	Meswak		26-JAN-2018
145	Himalaya	56.58	30-SEP-2017
214	Dabur		24-APR-2017

#### **SYSDATE**

Returns the current system date and time on your local database.

## Syntax:

#### **SYSDATE**

```
SQL> select SYSDATE from dual;
SYSDATE
-----
15-AUG-18
```

#### **CURRENT\_DATE**

Returns the current date in the time zone of the current session.

## **Syntax:**

CURRENT\_DATE

#### **SYSTIMESTAMP**

Returns the current date and time.

It returns a TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE value.

#### **Syntax:**

#### **SYSTIMESTAMP**

```
SQL> select SYSTIMESTAMP from dual;
SYSTIMESTAMP
15-AUG-18 04.51.42.428000 PM +05:30
```

#### **CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP**

Returns the current date and time.

It returns a TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE value.

## Syntax:

CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP

```
SQL> select CURRENT_TIMESTAMP from dual;
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
15-AUG-18 04.53.03.205000 PM +05:30
```

# DATE FUNCTIONS LOCALTIMESTAMP

Returns the current date and time.

It returns a TIMESTAMP WITHOUT TIME ZONE value.

Syntax:

LOCALTIMESTAMP

SQL> select LOCALTIMESTAMP from dual; LOCALTIMESTAMP 15-AUG-18 04.55.15.680000 PM

#### **ADD\_MONTHS**

Returns a date with a specified number of months added.

## **Syntax:**

ADD\_MONTHS(Input date, number\_of\_months)

```
SQL> SELECT ADD_MONTHS('5-JUN-2018',5)FROM dual;

ADD_MONTH

05-NOV-18

SQL> SELECT ADD_MONTHS('5-JUN-2018',12)FROM dual;

ADD_MONTH

05-JUN-19
```

#### ADD\_MONTHS

```
SQL> SELECT ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE,12)FROM dual;
ADD_MONTH
09-AUG-19
SQL> SELECT ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE,-2)FROM dual;
ADD_MONTH
09-JUN-18
SQL> SELECT ADD_MONTHS(SYSDATE,-12)FROM dual;
ADD_MONTH
09-AUG-17
```

#### ADD\_MONTHS

Display the product name, mfg\_date and add two months with mfg\_date

#### MONTHS\_BETWEEN

Returns the **number of months** between input date1 and input date2.

## Syntax:

MONTHS\_BETWEEN(input\_date1,input\_date2)

```
SQL> SELECT MONTHS_BETWEEN('12-JUL-2018','06-MAY-2018')FROM dual;
MONTHS_BETWEEN('12-JUL-2018','06-MAY-2018')
2.19354839
```

#### MONTHS\_BETWEEN

```
SQL> SELECT MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,'01-JAN-2018')
2 FROM dual;
MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,'01-JAN-2018')
7.273523
```

#### MONTHS\_BETWEEN

Find number of months between today's date and mfg\_date.

```
SQL> select p_name,mfg_date,MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,mfg_date) from product;
P_NAME
               MFG_DATE MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE, MFG_DATE)
Pepsodent
               23-FEB-17
                                               17.7648884
               16-JUL-17
Colgate
Meswak
               26-JAN-18
Himalaya
               30-SEP-17
               24-APR-17
Dabur
                                               15.7326303
SQL> select p_name,mfg_date,ROUND(MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,mfg_date))    from product
P NAME
               MFG_DATE ROUND(MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,MFG_DATE))
Pepsodent
               23-FEB-17
Colgate
               16-JUL-17
Meswak
               26-JAN-18
Himalaya
               30-SEP-17
Dabur
```

LAST\_DAY

Returns the last day of the month of the given date

Syntax:

LAST\_DAY(input date)

Query to display last day of this month.

```
SQL> SELECT LAST_DAY(SYSDATE)FROM dual;
LAST_DAY(
31-AUG-18
```

#### LAST\_DAY

If you want to find the first day of the next month, simply add one to the last\_day results.

```
SQL> select LAST_DAY(SYSDATE)+1 from dual;
LAST_DAY(
______
Ø1-SEP-18
```

Display the last day of the mfg\_date of each Product.

#### **NEXT\_DAY**

Returns the first weekday that is greater than a date.

## Syntax:

NEXT\_DAY(date, weekday)

Weekday can be one of the following values

WEEKDAY	DESCRIPTION	
SUNDAY	First Sunday greater than date	
MONDAY	First Monday greater than date	
TUESDAY	First Tuesday greater than date	
WEDNESDAY	First Wednesday greater than date	
THURSDAY	First Thursday greater than date	
FRIDAY	First Friday greater than date	
SATURDAY	First Saturday greater than date	

## **NEXT\_DAY**

```
SQL> SELECT NEXT_DAY('10-AUG-2018','FRIDAY')FROM DUAL;
NEXT_DAY(
17-AUG-18
SQL> SELECT NEXT_DAY('10-AUG-2018','MONDAY')FROM DUAL;
NEXT_DAY(
13-AUG-18
SQL> SELECT NEXT_DAY('13-AUG-2018','MONDAY')FROM DUAL;
NEXT_DAY(
20-AUG-18
SQL> SELECT NEXT_DAY('10-AUG-2018','SUNDAY')FROM DUAL;
NEXT_DAY(
12-AUG-18
```

**NEXT\_DAY** 

Display the next Tuesday of the mfg\_date of each Product.

```
SQL> select NEXT_DAY(mfg_date,'TUESDAY') from product;

NEXT_DAY(
-----
28-FEB-17
18-JUL-17
30-JAN-18
03-OCT-17
25-APR-17
```

#### **EXTRACT**

Extracts a value from a date.

#### Note:

- You can only extract YEAR, MONTH, and DAY from a DATE.
- You can only extract TIMEZONE\_HOUR and TIMEZONE\_MINUTE from a timestamp with a time zone datatype.

#### **Syntax:**

EXTRACT(YEAR/MONTH/DAY FROM input\_date)

#### **EXTRACT**

To EXTRACT the YEAR

```
SQL> select EXTRACT(YEAR FROM mfg_date) from product;

EXTRACT(YEARFROMMFG_DATE)

2017
2017
2018
2017
2017
2017
```

#### To EXTRACT the MONTH

```
SQL> select EXTRACT(MONTH FROM mfg_date) from product;

EXTRACT(MONTHFROMMFG_DATE)

2

7

1

9
4
```

**EXTRACT** function returns the month in NUMBER.

#### **EXTRACT**

To EXTRACT the DAY

```
SQL> select EXTRACT(DAY FROM mfg_date) from product;

EXTRACT(DAYFROMMFG_DATE)

23
16
26
30
24
```

Display the details of the product which is manufactured in the year 2017.

```
      SQL> select *from Product where EXTRACT(YEAR FROM mfg_date)=2017;

      P_ID P_NAME
      P_COST MFG_DATE

      122 Pepsodent
      36.23 23-FEB-17

      124 Colgate
      32.56 16-JUL-17

      145 Himalaya
      56.58 30-SEP-17

      214 Dabur
      24-APR-17
```

#### **EXTRACT**

Display the details of the product which is manufactured in the month of February.

Display the details of the product which is manufactured before 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

```
SQL> select *from Product where EXTRACT(DAY FROM mfg_date)<20;

P_ID P_NAME
P_COST MFG_DATE

124 Colgate
32.56 16-JUL-17
```

#### **EXTRACT**

Display the details of product which is manufactured from jan to may, 2017.

```
SQL> select *from Product where EXTRACT(YEAR FROM mfg_date)=2017
2 AND EXTRACT(MONTH FROM mfg_date) BETWEEN 1 AND 5;

P_ID P_NAME
P_COST MFG_DATE

122 Pepsodent
36.23 23-FEB-17
214 Dabur
24-APR-17
```

#### **ROUND**

Returns a date rounded to a specific unit of measure.

#### **Syntax:**

ROUND(date [, format])

**Round(date, 'year')** – If the month is between Jan- Jun, the year will rounded to the beginning date of the current year and If the month is between July- Dec, the year will rounded to the beginning date of the next year.

```
SQL> select ROUND(mfg_date,'Year') from Product;

ROUND(MFG
------
01-JAN-17
01-JAN-18
01-JAN-18
01-JAN-18
01-JAN-18
01-JAN-18
```

# DATE FUNCTIONS ROUND

**Round(date, 'month')** – If the date is between  $1^{st} - 15^{th}$ , the month will rounded to the beginning date of the current month and If the date is between  $16^{th} - 31^{st}$ , the month will rounded to the beginning date of the next month.

```
SQL> select ROUND(mfg_date,'Month') from Product;

ROUND(MFG
-----
01-MAR-17
01-AUG-17
01-FEB-18
01-OCT-17
01-MAY-17
```

# DATE FUNCTIONS ROUND

**Round(date, 'day')** – If the day is between Sunday - Wednesday, the date will rounded to the beginning date of the current week and If the day is between Thursday - Friday, the date will rounded to the beginning date of the next week.

```
SQL> select ROUND(mfg_date,'day') from Product;

ROUND(MFG
-----
26-FEB-17
16-JUL-17
28-JAN-18
01-OCT-17
23-APR-17
```

#### **ROUND**

Round(date, 'Q')

#### Quarter:

An year is divided into four quarters.

Quarter1 – January to March

Quarter2 – April to June

Quarter3 – July to September

Quarter4 – October to December

# DATE FUNCTIONS ROUND

Round(date, 'Q') – If the date is in the first half of the quarter (i.e., 1st Jan to 15th Feb or 1st April to 15th May or 1st July to 15th Aug or 1st Oct to 15th Nov), then the date will rounded to the beginning date of the current quarter and If the date is in the second half (i.e., 16th Feb to 31st Mar or 16th May to 31st June or 16th Aug to 31st Sep or 16th Nov to 31st Dec), then the date will rounded to the beginning date of the next quarter.

#### **TRUNC**

Returns a date truncated to a specific unit of measure.

## **Syntax:**

TRUNC(date [, format])

**Trunc(date, 'year')** – The date will be truncated to the beginning of the current year.

#### **TRUNC**

**Trunc(date, 'month')** – The date will be truncated to the beginning of the current month.

**Trunc(date, 'day')** – The date will be truncated to the beginning of the current week.

#### **TRUNC**

**Trunc(date, 'Q')** – The date will be truncated to the beginning of the current Quarter

These are the functions that help us to convert a value in one form to another form.

- TO\_CHAR converts a number or date to a string.
- TO\_DATE converts a string to a date.

Parameter	Explanation		
YEAR	Year, spelled out		
YYYY	4-digit year		
YYY			
YY	Last 3, 2, or 1 digit(s) of year.		
Y			
Q	Quarter of year $(1, 2, 3, 4; JAN-MAR = 1)$ .		
MM	Month $(01-12; JAN = 01)$ .		
MON	Abbreviated name of month.		
MONTH	Name of month, padded with blanks to length of 9 characters.		
WW	Week of year (1-53) where week 1 starts on the first day of the year and continues to the seventh day of the year.		
W	Week of month (1-5) where week 1 starts on the first day of the month and ends on the seventh.		

Parameter	Explanation	Parameter	Explanation
D	Day of week (1-7).	HH24	Hour of day (0-23).
DAY	Name of day.	MI	Minute (0-59).
DD	Day of month (1-31).	SS	Second (0-59).
DDD	Day of year (1-366).	SSSSS	Seconds past midnight (0-86399).
DY	Abbreviated name of day.	AM, A.M., PM, or P.M.	Meridian indicator
НН	Hour of day (1-12).	AD or A.D	AD indicator
HH12	Hour of day (1-12).	BC or B.C.	BC indicator

## TO GET YEAR FROM DATE COLUMN [Year, spelled out]:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'YEAR') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'YEAR')

TWENTY SEVENTEEN

TWENTY SEVENTEEN

TWENTY EIGHTEEN

TWENTY SEVENTEEN

TWENTY SEVENTEEN

TWENTY SEVENTEEN

TWENTY SEVENTEEN
```

## [4-digit year]:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'YYYY') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_C
2017
2017
2018
2017
2017
```

## [3-digit year]:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'YYY'> FROM PRODUCT;

TO_____
01?
01?
018
01?
01?
```

## [2-digit year]:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'YY') FROM PRODUCT;
TO
---
17
17
18
17
17
```

## [1-digit year]:

TO GET QUARTER OF YEAR (1, 2, 3, 4; JAN-MAR = 1)

## TO GET MONTH OF YEAR [MONTH - Name of month]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'MONTH'> FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'MONTH'>
FEBRUARY
JULY
JANUARY
SEPTEMBER
APRIL
```

[MON - Abbreviated name of month]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'MON') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR(MFG_
_____
FEB
JUL
JAN
SEP
APR
```

[MM - Month (01-12; JAN = 01 AND SO ON)]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'MM'> FROM PRODUCT;
TO
---
02
07
01
09
04
```

## [DAY - Name of day]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'DAY') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'DAY')

THURSDAY
SUNDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
MONDAY
```

### [DY - Abbreviated name of day]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'DY') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR(MFG_
THU
SUN
FRI
SAT
MON
```

[DDD - Day of year (1-366)]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'DDD'> FROM PRODUCT;

TO__
___
054
197
026
273
114
```

## [DD - Day of month (1-31)]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'DD'> FROM PRODUCT;

TO
23
16
26
30
24
```

[Week of month (1-5)]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR<MFG_DATE,'W'> FROM PRODUCT;
T-4
3
4
5
4
5
4
```

[Week of year (1-53)]

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(MFG_DATE,'WW') FROM PRODUCT;

TO
---
08
29
04
39
17
```

TO DISPLAY DATE IN THE [15<sup>TH</sup> August 2018] FORMAT:

## TO DISPLAY DATE IN THE [August 15<sup>TH</sup> 2018] FORMAT:

TO ADD '\$' BEFORE P\_COST:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(P_COST,'$999.99') FROM PRODUCT;

TO_CHAR(
------
$36.23
$32.56
$56.58
```

### TO DISPLAY P\_COST AS A WHOLE NUMBER:

```
SQL> SELECT TO_CHAR(P_COST,'00099') FROM PRODUCT;
TO_CHA
00036
00033
```

### **TO\_DATE:**

To Convert a string into date.

```
SQL> SELECT TO_DATE('21/03/2013','DD/MM/YYYY') FROM DUAL;

TO_DATE('
21-MAR-13

SQL> SELECT TO_DATE('21032013','DDMMYYYY') FROM DUAL;

TO_DATE('
21-MAR-13
```

```
SQL> SELECT TO_DATE('131113','YYMMDD') FROM DUAL;
TO_DATE('
13-NOU-13
SQL> SELECT TO_DATE('20131113','YYYYMMDD') FROM DUAL;
TO_DATE('
13-NOV-13
```

- These functions perform a summary operation on all the values that a query returns. Also called as multi-row functions.
- These functions don't handle NULL in the same way as ordinary functions and operators. Instead of returning NULL as soon as a NULL operand is encountered, they only take non-NULL fields into consideration while computing the outcome.
- Another thing worth knowing is that COUNT(\*) and COUNT(FieldName) never return NULL: if there are no rows in the set, both functions return 0. COUNT(FieldName) also returns 0 if all FieldName fields in the set are NULL. The other aggregate functions return NULL in such cases.
  - MIN
     SUM
     COUNT
  - $\bullet$  MAX  $\bullet$  AVG

#### MAX

Returns the maximum value of an expression.

### **Syntax:**

select MAX(Column\_Name) from table\_name [where conditions];

```
SQL> select MAX(P_Cost) from Product;

MAX(P_COST)

56.58

SQL> select MAX(P_Cost) from Product where P_Name LIKE 'Px';

MAX(P_COST)

36.23
```

### **MIN**

Returns the minimum value of an expression.

### Syntax:

select MIN(Column\_Name) from table\_name [where conditions];

```
SQL> select MIN(P_Cost) from Product;

MIN(P_COST)

32.56

SQL> select MIN(P_Cost) from Product where P_ID < 130;

MIN(P_COST)

32.56
```

### **SUM**

Returns the summed value of an expression.

### Syntax:

select SUM(Column\_Name) from table\_name [where conditions];

### **AVG**

Returns the average value of an expression.

### **Syntax:**

select AVG(Column\_Name) from table\_name [where conditions];

```
SQL> select AUG(P_Cost) from Product;

AUG(P_COST)

41.79

SQL> select AUG(P_Cost) from Product where P_ID > 130;

AUG(P_COST)

56.58
```

### **COUNT**

Returns the count of an expression.

### Syntax:

select COUNT(Column\_Name) from table\_name [where conditions];

### **COUNT**

Query to display number of records in products relation.

```
SQL> select COUNT(*) from Product;

COUNT(*)

5
```

**Note:** The COUNT function will only include the records in the count where the value of expression in COUNT(expression) is NOT NULL. When expression contains a NULL value, it is not included in the COUNT calculations whereas count(\*) includes NULL values also.