

SQL for Data Scientists / MLE / SDE

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Why?

Data scientist → mostly one round

MLE → Programming + SQL

SDE → Programming + SQL

Data $\xrightarrow{\text{SQL}}$ Code

services / startups / product-based

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Level 1 & 2

↓
Level 2 & 3
↑
rare

} examples ahead!

Applied AI Course → SQL on IMDB dataset
[10 queries]

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Level 2 & 3
↙
nested-queries

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Schema: $\langle Id, Marks \rangle \leftarrow \text{Students}$

Find the second highest marks

↳ very common in many companies

Sub-problems → sort descending order
→ pick the 2nd from top

edge-cases → 1, 89
2, 89
3, 86 [duplicates]

Select distinct Marks from Students

order by Marks desc

LIMIT 1 OFFSET 1

Alt:

(a) Select max(marks) from students

(b) Select max(marks) AS marks from
students

WHERE marks < (select max(marks)
from students)

②

Points : $\langle x, y \rangle$

find the shortest distance between the points

[Amazon, Microsoft]

Python/Java/C++:

for each p_i in $points$

for each p_j in $points$

if $p_i \neq p_j$

$d(p_i, p_j)$

SELECT $\text{MIN}(\text{SQRT}(\text{POW}(P1.x - P2.x, 2) + \text{POW}(P1.y - P2.y, 2)))$
as minDist

FROM Points P1 JOIN Points P2

ON $P1.x \neq P2.x$ OR $P1.y \neq P2.y$

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orders: cust, item, date

select customers who purchased at least
two items and on two different dates

→ e-commerce
companies

group-by
cust COUNT → item Cnt, date Cnt-
↳ distinct

where → filtering (> 2)

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select Cust, COUNT(DISTINCT item) as itemCnt-  
COUNT(DISTINCT date) as dateCnt-
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from Orders
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GROUP BY Cust
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HAVING itemCnt >=2 AND dateCnt >=2
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Level - 2.5

scores: player, country, goals

find players who scored more than all Spanish players and more than atleast one german player

Find players who scored more than all Spanish
players and more than at least one German player

goals > ALL (Spanish player goals)

goals > ANY (German player goals)

SELECT t.player FROM scores AS t

WHERE t.goals > ALL (SELECT t1.goals
FROM scores AS t1
WHERE t1.country = 'Spain')

AND

t.goals > ANY (SELECT t2.goals FROM
scores AS t2 WHERE
t2.country = 'Germany')

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Level - 2.5
[GATE
2016]

water_schemes		
scheme_no	district_name	capacity
1	Ajmer	20
1	Bikaner	10
2	Bikaner	10
3	Bikaner	20
1	Churu	10
2	Churu	20
1	Dungargarh	10

Print names of districts whose
total capacity \geq average capacity of all districts

total: district_name, capacity $\xleftarrow[\text{sum}]{\text{groupby}}$ water_schemes

total_avg: average_capacity $\xleftarrow{\text{avg}}$ total

result: district_name $\xleftarrow[\times]{\text{where}}$ total, total_avg

→ name of the sub-query block

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with total(name, capacity) as
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    select district_name, sum(capacity)
    from water_schemes
    group by district_name
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} → sub-Query block

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with total_avg(capacity) as
    select avg(capacity)
    from total
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select name
    from total, total_avg
    where total.capacity > total_avg.capacity
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[sub-query - refactoring]

Key focus

→ Basic syntax

→ nested queries

→ self-joins [select ... from Emp E1,
Emp E2 ...]

→ Break a problem into sub-problems

For more practice:

① GATE CS <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dbms-gq/sql-gq/>

② Online resources: "SQL interview questions Amazon"

↳ SOLVE actual query-related questions

↳ Theory is easy!