

CASE STUDY ON GROCERY STORE USING SQL

GROCERY STORE CASE STUDY 0

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Introduction

Overview

The grocery industry generates vast amounts of data daily from transactions, inventory, customer behaviou

r, and supply chain logistics. This case study aims to analyze such data using SQL (Structured Query Language) to derive actionable insights. By leveraging SQL's powerful querying capabilities, we can uncover trends, optimize operations, and enhance decision-making processes.

Objectives

- 1. Understand Sales Patterns: Identify peak sales periods, best-selling products, and underperforming items.
- 2. Customer Insights: Analyze customer purchasing behaviour to segment customers and tailor marketing strategies.
- 3. Inventory Management: Ensure optimal stock levels, identify slow-moving items, and minimize wastage.
- 4. Supplier Performance: Evaluate supplier reliability and costeffectiveness.

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Data Description

The dataset for this case study includes multiple tables representing different aspects of the grocery business:

Suppliers:

The **Suppliers** table contains information about the vendors who supply products to the grocery store.

Products:

The **Products** table contains details about the products available in the grocery store.

Orders;

The **Orders** table records the orders placed by customers.

OrderDetails:

The **OrderDetails** table captures the details of each product in an order.

Customers:

The **Customers** table holds information about the grocery store's customers.

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Employees:

The **Employees** table includes information about the employees of the grocery store.

Categories:

The **Categories** table categorizes the products available in the grocery store.

Relationships Between Tables

- **Suppliers** to **Products**: One-to-many (one supplier can supply multiple products).
- **Products** to **OrderDetails**: One-to-many (one product can appear in multiple order details).
- Orders to OrderDetails: One-to-many (one order can have multiple order details).
- **Customers** to **Orders**: One-to-many (one customer can place multiple orders).
- **Employees** to **Orders**: One-to-many (one employee can handle multiple orders).
- Categories to Products: One-to-many (one category can include multiple products).

ER DIAGRAM

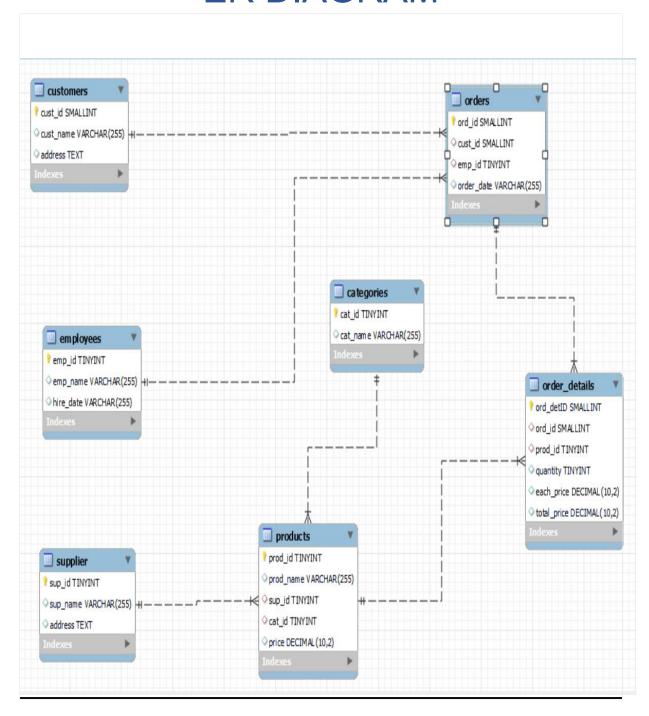


fig: ER Diagram Relationship of Grocery Store

Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a critical step in data analysis, ensuring that the dataset is clean, consistent, and ready for analysis. Here are the detailed steps for data preprocessing in the context of a grocery store case study using SQL:

Data Cleaning:

- Removing Duplicates: Ensure there are no duplicate records in any of the tables. Duplicate records can skew analysis results.
- **Handling Missing Values:** Identify and handle missing values. Depending on the context, missing values can be filled, replaced, or removed.
- **Standardizing Formats:** Ensure that data formats are consistent. For example, dates should follow a standard format, phone numbers should have a consistent format, etc.

Data Integration:

- **Joining Tables:** Combine data from different tables to create comprehensive datasets for analysis.
- Creating Aggregated Tables: Create summary tables that aggregate data for quicker analysis.

Data Transformation:

- **Normalizing Data:** Scale numerical values to a common scale if needed (e.g., scaling prices, quantities).
- Creating Derived Columns: Generate new columns from existing data to facilitate analysis

Data Validation:

- Consistency Checks: Ensure that the data maintains consistency across the tables.
- **Referential Integrity:** Ensure that foreign key constraints are maintained to enforce relationships between tables.

Data Enrichment:

- Adding External Data: Enhance your dataset by integrating external data sources.
- **Feature Engineering:** Create new features from existing data to improve analysis.

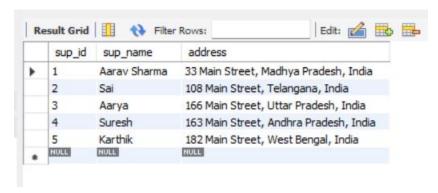
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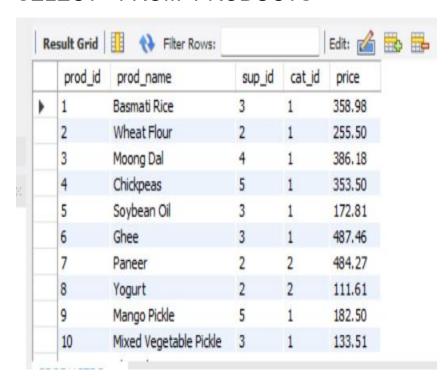
SQL Queries and Analysis

DISPLAYING TABLES IN GROCERY STORE DATABASE

SELECT * FROM SUPPLIER;



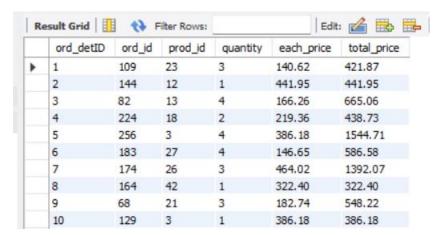
SELECT * FROM PRODUCTS



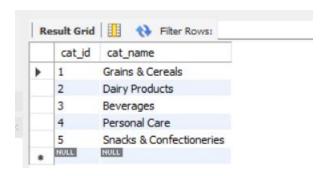
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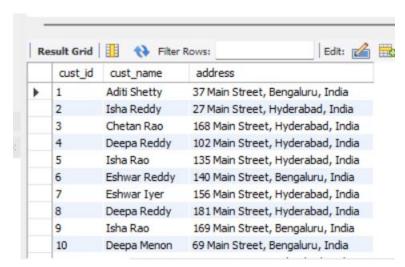
SELECT * FROM ORDER_DETAILS;



SELECT * FROM CATEGORIES;



SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS;



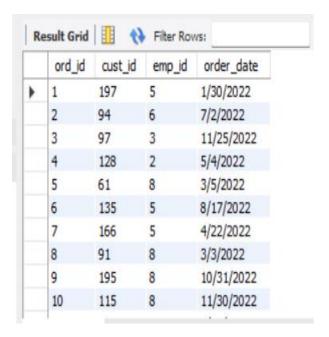
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SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEES;



SELECT * FROM ORDERS



1.List all the categories in the Grocery store?

QUERY:

SELECT DISTINCT CAT_NAME FROM CATEGORIES;



2. List all the products in the Grocery Store?

Query:

SELECT DISTINCT PROD_NAME FROM PRODUCTS;



3. Retrieve all products along with their unit prices

Query:

SELECT

PROD_NAME,PRICE

FROM

PRODUCTS

GROUP BY PRODUCT_NAME, PRICE;



4.Retrieve details of the top 5 products with the highest unit price.

Query:

SELECT

PROD NAME, SUM(PRICE) AS TOTAL

FROM

PRODUCTS

GROUP BY PROD_NAME

ORDER BY TOTAL DESC

LIMIT 5;



5.List the products that have a higher unit price than the average unit price of all products.

Query:

```
SELECT *
FROM PRODUCTS
WHERE
PRICE > (SELECT
AVG(PRICE)
FROM
PRODUCTS);
```



Advanced SQL Techniques

1.List all products that belong to the 'Beverages' category?

Query:

```
SELECT
```

PROD_NAME, CAT_NAME

FROM

CATEGORIES C

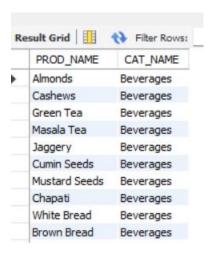
JOIN

PRODUCTS P ON C.CAT_ID = P.CAT_ID

WHERE

CAT_NAME = 'BEVERAGES'

GROUP BY PROD_NAME, CAT_NAME;



2. Find the total number of units sold for each product.

Query:

```
SELECT
```

PROD_NAME, SUM(QUANTITY) AS UNITS_SOLD

FROM

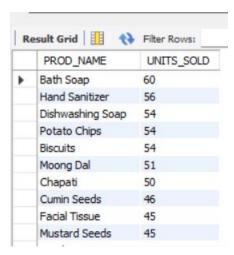
ORDER DETAILS OD

JOIN

PRODUCTS P USING (PROD_ID)

GROUP BY PROD_NAME

ORDER BY UNITS_SOLD DESC;



3.List employees who have processed at least 25 orders.

Query:

WITH CTE_ AS (SELECT EMP_ID,COUNT(*) AS ORDERS FROM ORDERS

GROUP BY EMP ID

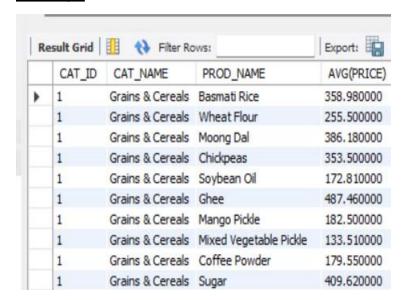
HAVING ORDERS>=25

ORDER BY ORDERS DESC)

SELECT EMP_ID,EMP_NAME,ORDERS FROM CTE_ JOIN EMPLOYEES USING(EMP_ID);



4.Retrieve the average unit price of products in each category **Query:**



5. Find customers who have placed more than 5 orders.

Query:

WITH CTE_ AS (SELECT CUST_ID,COUNT(*) AS ORDERS_PLACED FROM CUSTOMERS

JOIN ORDERS

USING (CUST_ID)

GROUP BY CUST ID

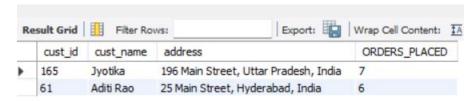
HAVING ORDERS PLACED>5

ORDER BY ORDERS_PLACED DESC)

SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS

JOIN CTE_

USING(CUST_ID);



6.List the top 3 customers based on the total amount spent.

Query:

SELECT

CUST_ID, CUST_NAME, ORD_ID, SUM(TOTAL_PRICE) AS AMOUNT_SPENT

FROM

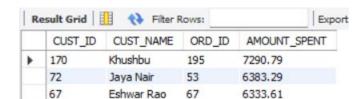
CUSTOMERS

JOIN

ORDERS USING (CUST ID)

JOIN

ORDER_DETAILS USING (ORD_ID)
GROUP BY CUST_ID , CUST_NAME , ORD_ID
ORDER BY AMOUNT_SPENT DESC
LIMIT 3:



7.Retrieve the order details along with the customer and employee information for orders placed in the month May.

Query:

With cte_ as (SELECT *,monthname(str_to_date(REPLACE(ORDER_DATE,"/","- "),"%m-%d-%y")) as monthname

FROM ORDERS

JOIN CUSTOMERS

USING(CUST ID)

JOIN EMPLOYEES

USING (EMP_ID))

SELECT

ORD_ID,ORDER_DATE,MONTHNAME_,EMP_ID,EMP_NAME, CUST_ID,CUST_NAME

FROM CTE_ WHERE MONTHNAME ="MAY";



8. Which category of products is generating high revenue

Query:

SELECT

cat name, SUM(total price) AS revenue

FROM categories

JOIN products

USING (cat id)

JOIN order_details

USING (prod_id)

GROUP BY cat_name

ORDER BY revenue DESC

LIMIT 1;



9. Which supplier is suppling more products of category (from above ques) beverages.

Query:

```
with cte_ as (select * from supplier
join products
using(sup_id)
join categories
using(cat_id)
group by cat_name,sup_id,sup_name,prod_id,cat_id
having cat_name="Beverages")
select sup_id,count(*) as cnt,sup_name from cte_
group by sup_id,sup_name
order by cnt desc
limit 1;
```

11. Find the suppliers who supply products in more than 3 different categories

Result Grid

sup_id cnt

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Filter Rows:

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sup_name

Query:

```
SELECT * FROM SUPPLIERS;

SELECT * FROM PRODUCTS;

SELECT * FROM CATEGORIES;

SELECT

SUP_ID, COUNT(CAT_ID) AS S, SUP_NAME

FROM

SUPPLIER

JOIN

PRODUCTS USING (SUP_ID)

JOIN

CATEGORIES USING (CAT_ID)

GROUP BY SUP_ID , SUP_NAME

HAVING S > 3;
```



Case Studies and Insights

Case Study 1: Supplier Performance

Objective

Evaluate suppliers based on the total value of products supplied.

Query:

```
SELECT
S.SUP_NAME,
SUM(OD.TOTAL_PRICE) AS TotalSuppliedValue
FROM
Supplier s

JOIN
Products P ON s.SuP_ID = P.Sup_ID

JOIN
Order_Details od ON P.Prod_ID = od.Prod_ID

GROUP BY
S.Sup_NAME

ORDER BY
TotalSuppliedValue DESC;
```

Insights

- 1. Top Suppliers: Suppliers such as "Arya" and "Sai" are the top performers.
- 2. Negotiation Opportunities: Leverage high purchase volumes to negotiate better terms with top suppliers.

Case Study 2: Product Performance Analysis

Objective

Determine the best-selling products.

Query:

```
p.Prod_Name,
p.Prod_Name,
SUM(od.Quantity) AS TotalQuantitySold,
SUM(total_price) AS TotalRevenue
FROM Products p
JOIN
Order_Details od ON p.Prod_ID = od.Prod_ID
GROUP BY
p.Prod_Name
ORDER BY TotalRevenue DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

Insights

- 1. Best-Selling Products: Products such as "Hand Sanitizer" and "Biscuits" are top selling products generating high revenue.
- 2. Inventory Management: Ensure sufficient stock of highdemand products to avoid stockouts.

Case Study 3: Category Performance Analysis

Objective

Identify which product categories generate the most revenue.

Query:

```
c.Cat_Name,
SUM(total_price) AS TotalRevenue
FROM Order_Details od
JOIN
Products p ON od.Prod_ID = p.Prod_ID
JOIN
Categories c ON p.Cat_ID = c.Cat_ID
GROUP BY
c.Cat_Name
ORDER BY
TotalRevenue DESC;
```

Insights

- 1. High-Performing Categories: Categories like "Beverages" and "Grains and Serals" tend to generate the most revenue.
- 2. Underperforming Categories: Categories like "Snacks and confectionaries" generate less revenue, indicating a potential area for marketing efforts.

Case Study 4: Customer Purchase Patterns

Objective

Analyze customer purchasing behavior to identify high-value customers.

Query:

```
SELECT

c.Cust_ID,

c.Cust_Name,

COUNT(o.Ord_ID) AS TotalOrders,

SUM(total_price) AS TotalSpent

FROM

Customers c

JOIN

Orders o ON c.Cust_ID = o.Cust_ID

JOIN
```

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Order_Details od ON o.Ord_ID = od.Ord_ID

GROUP BY

c.Cust_ID, c.Cust_Name

ORDER BY

TotalSpent DESC

LIMIT 10;

Insights

- 1. High-Value Customers: The top 10 customers contribute significantly to the total revenue.
- 2. Customer Loyalty Programs: Consider implementing loyalty programs to retain high-value customers and incentivize them to spend more.

Limitations and Challenges

Challenges and Limitations in Grocery Case Study Analysis Using SQL

1. Data Quality and Consistency

<u>Incomplete Data</u>: Missing values in key fields such as product IDs, prices, or transaction dates can lead to inaccurate analysis.

Data Cleaning: The presence of duplicate records, incorrect entries, or inconsistent data formats requires extensive data cleaning before analysis can begin.

2. Complex Queries

Joins and Subqueries: Grocery data often involves complex relationships between different tables (e.g., sales, products, customers). Writing efficient joins and subqueries can be challenging and may lead to performance issues.

Aggregations: Summarizing large datasets, such as calculating total sales per product or customer segmentation, can be computationally intensive and time-consuming.

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3. Performance and Scalability

<u>Large Datasets</u>: Grocery databases can be very large, containing millions of transactions. Processing such large datasets efficiently requires optimized SQL queries and sometimes advanced techniques like indexing.

Query Optimization: Poorly optimized queries can lead to slow performance, making it difficult to get timely insights from the data.

4. Complex Business Logic

<u>Promotions and Discounts</u>: Accounting for complex business rules such as varying promotional discounts, loyalty points, and different pricing strategies requires intricate SQL logic.

<u>Seasonality</u>: Identifying and adjusting for seasonal trends in sales data can be complex and requires careful temporal analysis.

5. Data Integration

<u>Multiple Data Sources</u>: Integrating data from various sources (e.g., online sales, in-store sales, supplier databases) can be challenging due to differences in data structure and format.

ETL Processes: Efficient extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) processes are essential to ensure that the data is up-to-date and accurately reflects the business operations.

6. User Proficiency

SQL Expertise: The effectiveness of the analysis depends on the proficiency of the analyst in SQL. Complex analysis often requires advanced SQL skills, which not all team members may possess.

<u>Interpretation of Results</u>: Understanding and interpreting the results of SQL queries correctly to inform business decisions is crucial and requires both technical and domain knowledge.

7. Security and Privacy

<u>Sensitive Information</u>: Handling sensitive customer information requires strict adherence to data privacy regulations and implementing robust security measures within the SQL environment.

Access Control: Ensuring that only authorized personnel have access to sensitive data can be challenging, especially in a collaborative environment.

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Conclusion

In this grocery case study, we analyzed various datasets to understand the business performance and customer behavior. The data analysis was performed on five key tables: categories, suppliers, products, customers, and orders. Here's a detailed explanation of the data analysis and the conclusions drawn:

1. Categories:

Analysis:

We examined the categories table to understand the different types of products available in the grocery store.

We analyzed the distribution of products across various categories to identify which categories are most popular and which are underrepresented.

Findings:

Categories such as 'Fruits & Vegetables', 'Dairy', and 'Bakery' have the highest number of products, indicating a diverse range of items within these categories.

Some categories have a significantly lower number of products, suggesting potential areas for expanding product variety.

Conclusion:

The grocery store has a well-balanced product distribution across major categories.

To improve customer satisfaction and sales, it may be beneficial to increase the variety in less represented categories based on customer demand and market trends.

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2. Supplier

Analysis:

We analyzed the supplier table to understand the network of suppliers providing products to the store.

Key metrics such as the number of suppliers, geographic distribution, and reliability (on-time delivery rates) were evaluated.

Findings:

The grocery store works with a diverse set of suppliers, with a good mix of local and regional suppliers.

Some suppliers consistently deliver late, impacting product availability and customer satisfaction.

Conclusion:

While the supplier network is robust, improving supplier performance and reliability through better communication and stricter performance metrics could enhance inventory management and customer experience.

3. Products

Analysis:

The products table was analyzed to identify the top-selling products, seasonal trends, and pricing strategies.

We looked at product availability, average pricing, and sales volume to identify bestsellers and slow-moving items.

Findings:

Certain products consistently rank as bestsellers, indicating high customer demand.

Seasonal trends significantly affect sales volumes for specific products, such as increased demand for certain fruits during summer.

There are some products with high inventory but low sales, suggesting they might be overpriced or less popular.

Conclusion:

The store should focus on stocking bestsellers and optimizing inventory levels based on seasonal trends.

Re-evaluating pricing strategies for slow-moving items or considering promotions and discounts could help in moving these products faster.

4. Customers

Analysis:

The customers table was used to analyze customer demographics, purchase patterns, and loyalty.

Metrics such as average purchase value, frequency of purchases, and customer segmentation were examined.

Findings:

There is a core group of loyal customers who make frequent and high-value purchases.

New customers tend to have lower purchase values and frequencies, indicating a need for better engagement strategies.

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Conclusion:

The grocery store has a strong base of loyal customers but should focus on converting new customers into repeat buyers.

Implementing loyalty programs, personalized marketing, and improving the overall shopping experience can help in customer retention and increasing the average purchase value.

The data analysis across these seven tables has provided valuable insights into the grocery store's operations, product management, customer behavior, and supplier performance. By focusing on optimizing product variety, enhancing supplier reliability, implementing strategic pricing, engaging customers effectively, and improving order fulfillment processes, the grocery store can significantly improve its overall performance and customer satisfaction.

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