MSiA-413 Introduction to Databases and Information Retrieval

Lecture 16
Window Functions
Datetime Functions

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Last Lecture

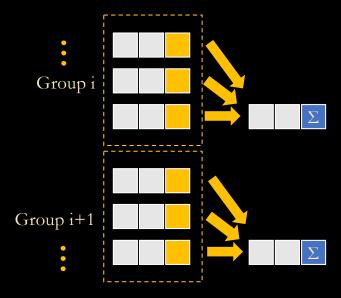
- Common Table Expressions (CTEs): WITH statement
 - Creates scoped views available only to the query issuing the WITH clause
- Recursive CTEs: Recursion on Networks and Hierarchies
 - Powerful queries to express arbitrarily long chains of dependent queries
- Views
 - Temporary relations that are not part of the conceptual model
- Set comparison and existential operators
 - SOME, ANY, ALL, EXISTS

SQL difficulties with aggregates

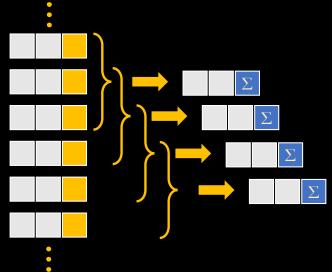
- Regular aggregation causes rows to become grouped into a single result row
- What if this is undesirable?
- Can you perform calculations for each row, based on nearby rows?
 - e.g., calculating moving average
- Window functions allow the use of a "window" of rows on calculations
 - This window is typically called a *frame*
 - The frame can be programed as
 - a range
 - a partition
 - rows relative to the current row
 - ...
- Support for window functions was added to SQLite in 2018 (v3.25)

Window Functions

- Aggregate functions
 - Group rows into one
 - i.e., one result per group
 - Aggregate over entire group

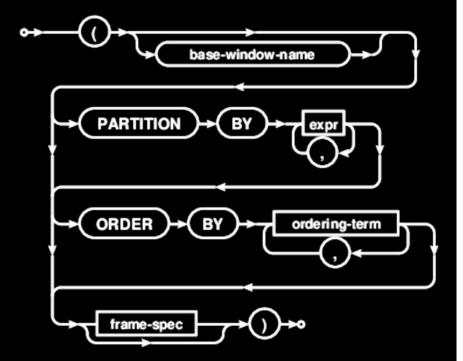


- Window functions
 - Retain row identity
 - i.e., one result per row
 - Aggregate over the frame
 - i.e., the "window" of rows



Window definitions

- Window partition (PARTITION BY)
 - Groups rows into partitions
- Window ordering (ORDER BY)
 - Defines the order or sequence of rows within each window
- Window frame (ROWS, RANGE, GROUPS)
 - Defines the window by use of an offset from the specified row, value or group



- Calculate the running total orders in SalesOrder.sqlite per month
 - i.e., if sales were \$10, \$10, \$30, the running total would be \$10, \$20, \$50
- First, let's calculate the total orders per individual month

SELECT OrderDate, SUM (OrderTotal)
FROM Orders
GROUP BY OrderDate:

	OrderDate	SUM (OrderTotal)
1	2012-09-01	52083.52
2	2012-09-02	56111.08
3	2012-09-03	34505.04
4	2012-09-04	23538.34

- ...this gives the total order per day, not per month...
- Correctness: need to convert date to month for GROUP BY
- Precision: it would be nice to print the last day of the month on the output
- We can do all these with datetime functions

Detour 1: Datetime functions: timestring

- A timestring is a character string in any of the following formats:
 - YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.SSS[+-]HH:MM
 - time is optional: HH:MM or HH:MM:SS or HH:MM:SS.SSS
 - time zone (following time) is also optional, or "Z" to indicate "Zulu" time (UTC)
 - ISO-8601 requires literal character "T" separating the date and the time
 - HH:MM:SS.SSS
 - Assume a date of 2000-01-01
 - seconds are optional: SS or SS.SSS
 - time zone is also optional
 - now
 - - Julian day, expressed as a floating-point value

Datetime functions

```
date(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...) → YYYY-MM-DD
time(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...) → HH:MM:SS
datetime(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...) → YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
julianday(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...) → Julian Day
The number of days since noon in Greenwich on November 24, 4714 B.C.
strftime(format, timestring, modifier, modifier, ...) → date string
Date formatted according to the format string specified as the first argument:
```

```
%d
       day of month: 00
                                 %S
                                        seconds since 1970-01-01
%f
       fractional seconds: SS.SSS
                                 %S
                                         seconds: 00-59
%H
                                        day of week 0-6 with Sunday = 0
       hour: 00-24
                                 %W
%j
       day of year: 001-366
                                 %W
                                         week of year: 00-53
                                 %Y
                                        year: 0000-9999
      Julian day number
%J
%m
                                  %%
                                         0/0
       month: 01-12
%M
       minute: 00-59
```

Datetime function modifiers

- The timestring can be followed by zero or more modifiers
- Modifiers precedence rules: transformations applied from left to write, in order
 - [+-]NN days
 - [+-]NNN hours
 - [+-]NNN minutes
 - [+-]NNN.NNNN seconds
 - [+-]NNN months
 - Normalizes for months with <31 days
 - e.g., 2001-03-31 '+1 month'
 - \rightarrow 2001-04-31; April has only 30 days
 - → normalize to 2001-05-01
 - [+-]NNN years
 - Normalizes like above for leap years
 - start of month
 - · start of year
 - start of day

weekday N

- Advances date forward to desired weekday
- Sunday = 0
- unixepoch
 - Can only follow a DDDDDDDDDD timestring
 - Causes timestring to be interpreted as Unix Epoch
- · localtime
 - Can only follow a timestring that is UTC
 - Causes timestring to be converted to local time
- utc
 - Can only follow a timestring that is local time
 - Causes timestring to be converted to UTC

Datetime function examples

```
• Compute the current date
   SELECT date('now');
• Compute the last day of the current month
   SELECT date('now','start of month','+1 month','-1 day');
• Compute the date and time given a unix timestamp 1092941466, and translate to local time
   SELECT datetime(1092941466, 'unixepoch', 'localtime');
• Compute the current unix timestamp (i.e., unix epoch time)
   SELECT strftime('%s','now');
• Compute the number of days since the signing of the US Declaration of Independence
   SELECT julianday('now') - julianday('1776-07-04');
• Compute the date of the first Tuesday in October for the current year
   SELECT date('now', 'start of year', '+9 months', 'weekday 2');

    https://www.sqlitetutorial.net/sqlite-date-functions/sqlite-date-function/

https://sqlite.org/lang_datefunc.html
```

Datetime function examples in PostgreSQL

• Compute the current date

```
SELECT now(); --- YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS in UTC
SELECT current_date; --- YYYY-MM-DD
```

• Compute the first day of the current month

```
SELECT date_trunc('month', current_date); --- YYYY-MM-01 00:00:00-04
SELECT date_trunc('month', current_date)::DATE; --- YYYY-MM-01
```

• Compute the last day of the current month

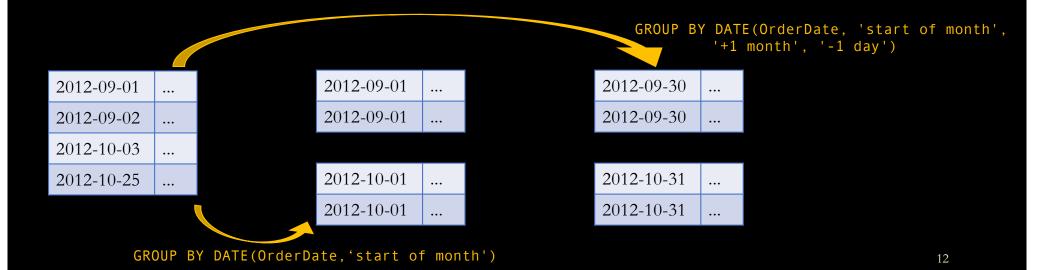
- Compute the date and time given a unix timestamp 1092941466, and translate to local time SELECT to_timestamp(1092941466); SELECT to_timestamp(1092941466) AT TIME ZONE 'America/Chicago';
- Compute the current unix timestamp (i.e., unix epoch time)
 SELECT extract(epoch FROM now());
- Compute the number of days since the signing of the US Declaration of Independence SELECT current_date '1776-07-04'::DATE;
- https://www.postgresql.org/docs/10/functions-datetime.html

- Calculate the running total orders in SalesOrder.sqlite per month
- datetime \rightarrow first day of the month

```
DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')
```

• datetime \rightarrow last day of the month

DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day')



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• datetime \rightarrow last day of the month

```
DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day')
```

```
SELECT DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day') AS EndOfMonth, SUM (OrderTotal) AS MonthlyTotal
```

```
FROM Orders
```

GROUP BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month');

• This query calculates the sum of orders per month

EndOfMonth	MonthlyTotal
2012-09-30	820475.89
2012-10-31	726899.770000001
2012-11-30	757151.65
2012-12-31	618910.4
2013-01-31	936516.5
2013-02-28	770941.16
	2012-09-30 2012-10-31 2012-11-30 2012-12-31 2013-01-31

- Calculate the running total orders in SalesOrder.sqlite per month
- First, let's turn the GROUP BY query into a CTE to use later:

SELECT *
FROM monthly_sales;

• Now we can use this to calculate the running total

	EndOfMonth	MonthlyTotal
1	2012-09-30	820475.89
2	2012-10-31	726899.770000001
3	2012-11-30	757151.65
4	2012-12-31	618910.4
5	2013-01-31	936516.5
6	2013-02-28	770941.16

Window example: running total orders per month SalesOrder.sqlite WITH monthly_sales(EndOfMonth, MonthlyTotal) AS (SELECT DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day'), SUM (OrderTotal) EndOfMonth RunningTotal FROM Orders 1 2012-09-30 820475.89 GROUP BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')) 2 2012-10-31 1547375.66 3 2012-11-30 2304527.31 SELECT EndOfMonth, 2012-12-31 2923437.71 SUM(MonthlyTotal) OVER (ORDER BY EndOfMonth 5 2013-01-31 3859954.21 ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS RunningTotal 6 2013-02-28 4630895.37 FROM monthly sales; monthly_sales:

ROWS vs. RANGE vs. GROUPS

- Consider a database with rows representing item quantities
- The windowed sums below will produce different results each

```
SELECT SequenceNum as RowNumber,
Quantity,
SUM(Quantity) OVER (ORDER BY Quantity ROWS 3 PRECEDING) AS SumOverRows,
SUM(Quantity) OVER (ORDER BY Quantity RANGE 3 PRECEDING) AS SumOverRange,
SUM(Quantity) OVER (ORDER BY Quantity GROUPS 3 PRECEDING) AS SumOverGroups
FROM Items
ORDER BY SequenceNum;
```

ROWS VS. RANGE VS. GROUPS

RowNumber	Quantity	SumOverRows	SumOverRange	SumOverGroups
1	1	1	2	2
2	1	2	2	2
current ro	$x_2 - 3 = r$	5 S	5	5
Current 10	w – J – I	10	13	15
•	5	14	13	15
6	7	20	17	22
7	8	∑ 25	49	52
8	8	28	49	52
9	8	31	49	52
16	8	32	49	52
11	9	33	48	58
current ro	w = row	35	58	58
13	11	38	84	84
14	11	41	84	84
15	11	43	84	84
16	22	55	22	74

```
SELECT
  SequenceNum as RowNumber,
  Quantity,
    ROWS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRows,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    RANGE 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRange,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    GROUPS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverGroups
FROM Items
ORDER BY SequenceNum;
```

ROWS VS. RANGE VS. GROUPS

RowNumber	Quantity	SumOverRows	SumOverRange	SumOverGroups
1	1	1	2	2
current va	lue _ 3 =	5 2	2	2
Current va.	iuc – J –	5	5	5
4	5	10	13	15
5	5	14	13	15
6	7	20	17	22
7	8	25	49	52
8	8	28	49	52
9	8	31	49	52
16	8	32	49	52
11	9		48	58
current ro	w = row	current val	tue – δ 58	58
13	11	38	84	84
14	11	41	84	84
15	11	43	84	84
16	22	55	22	74

```
SELECT
  SequenceNum as RowNumber,
  Quantity,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    ROWS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRows,
    RANGE 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRange,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    GROUPS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverGroups
FROM Items
ORDER BY SequenceNum;
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```

ROWS VS. RANGE VS. GROUPS

current gre	0UD —	3	verRows	SumOverRange	SumOverGroups
	\	П	1	2	2
2	\ _	1	2	2	2
3		3	5	5	5
4		5	10	13	15
5		5	14	13	15
6		7	20	17	22
7		8	25	∑ 49	52
8		8	28	49	52
9		8	31	49	52
16	7	8	32	49	52
11		9	33	48	58
current ro	w = ro	ow 9		58	58
13	1	11	current g	roup 84	84
14	1	11	41	84	84
15	1	11	43	84	84
16	ž	22	55	22	74

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  SequenceNum as RowNumber,
  Quantity,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    ROWS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRows,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    RANGE 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRange,
    GROUPS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverGroups
FROM Items
```

ORDER BY SequenceNum;

ROWS vs. RANGE vs. GROUPS full results

RowNumber	Quantity	SumOverRows	SumOverRange	SumOverGroups
1	1	1	2	2
2	1	2	2	2
3	3	5	5	5
4	5	10	13	15
5	5	14	13	15
6	7	20	17	22
7	8	25	49	52
8	8	28	49	52
9	8	31	49	52
10	8	32	49	52
11	9	33	48	58
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    ROWS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRows,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    RANGE 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverRange,
  SUM(Quantity) OVER (
    ORDER BY Quantity
    GROUPS 3 PRECEDING)
      AS SumOverGroups
```

FROM Items ORDER BY SequenceNum;

Window example: running total orders per month

SalesOrder.sqlite

```
SELECT
```

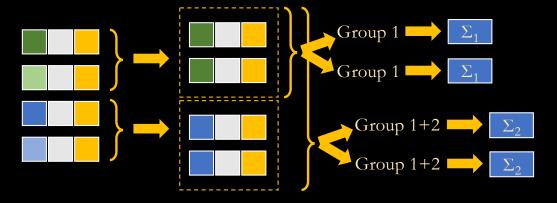
```
DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day') AS EndOfMonth,

SUM(OrderTotal) OVER (

ORDER BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')

GROUPS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS RunningTotal
```

FROM Orders;



• ...but, there are many duplicates (one output per row)

	EndOfMonth	RunningTotal
1	2012-09-30	820475.89
2	2012-09-30	820475.89
3	2012-09-30	820475.89
	•	
163	2012-09-30	820475.89

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164	2012-10-31	1547375.66
165	2012-10-31	1547375.66



Window example: running total orders per month

SalesOrder.sqlite

SELECT DISTINCT

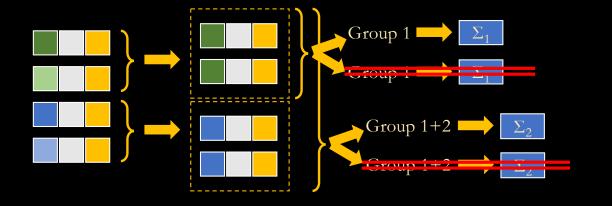
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ORDER BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')

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5	2013-01-31	3859954.21
6	2013-02-28	4630895.37

Window example: running average of monthly orders

SalesOrder.sqlite

FROM Orders

GROUP BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month'))

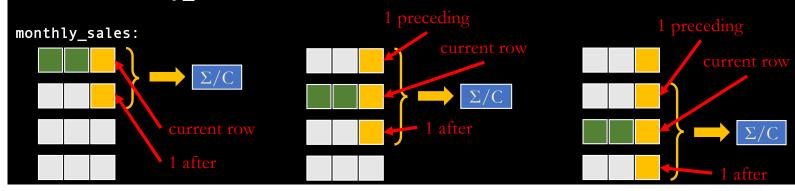
SELECT EndOfMonth,

AVG(MonthlyTotal) OVER (ORDER BY EndOfMonth

ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING AND 1 FOLLOWING)

AS RunningAvg

FROM monthly_sales;



 EndOfMonth
 RunningAvg

 1
 2012-09-30
 773687.83

 2
 2012-10-31
 768175.77

 3
 2012-11-30
 700987.2733333333

 4
 2012-12-31
 770859.5166666667

 5
 2013-01-31
 775456.02

 6
 2013-02-28
 853728.83

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Window example: running average of monthly orders

SalesOrder.sqlite

FROM Orders

GROUP BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month'))

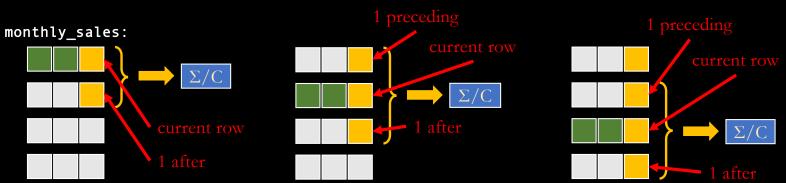
SELECT EndOfMonth,

AVG(MonthlyTotal) OVER win

AS RunningAvg

FROM monthly sales

WINDOW win AS (ORDER BY EndOfMonth ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING AND 1 FOLLOWING);



 EndOfMonth
 RunningAvg

 1
 2012-09-30
 773687.83

 2
 2012-10-31
 768175.77

 3
 2012-11-30
 700987.273333333

 4
 2012-12-31
 770859.5166666667

 5
 2013-01-31
 775456.02

 6
 2013-02-28
 853728.83

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Window example: monthly orders as % of total SalesOrder.sqlite WITH monthly_sales(EndOfMonth, MonthlyTotal) AS (SELECT DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day'), SUM (OrderTotal) FROM Orders GROUP BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')) SELECT EndOfMonth, MonthlyTotal * 100.0 / SUM(MonthlyTotal) OVER (ORDER BY EndOfMonth ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING) AS MonthlyPercent EndOfMonth MonthlyPercent 1 2012-09-30 FROM monthly sales; 17.7174352786122 2 2012-10-31 15.6967435435709 monthly_sales: 3 2012-11-30 16.3500055497907 4 2012-12-31 13.3648107018233 5 2013-01-31 20.2232273712546 6 2013-02-28 16.6477775549483

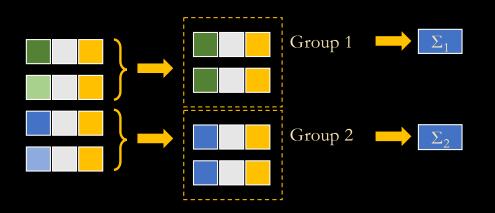
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Window example: average monthly shipping delay

SalesOrder.sqlite

• Solution using GROUP BY:



	EndOfMonth	AvgDelay
1	2012-09-30	2.09815950920245
2	2012-10-31	2.08843537414966
3	2012-11-30	2.46206896551724
4	2012-12-31	2.2027972027972
5	2013-01-31	2.1027027027027
6	2013-02-28	2.59627329192547

Window example: average monthly shipping delay

SalesOrder.sqlite

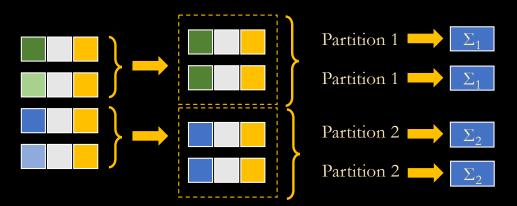
• Solution using windows (partitions) attempt 1

```
SELECT
```

```
DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day') AS EndOfMonth, AVG(julianday(ShipDate) - julianday(OrderDate)) OVER win AS AvgDelay
```

FROM Orders

WINDOW win AS (PARTITION BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month'));



...but, there are many duplicates (one output per row)

	EndOfMonth	AvgDelay			
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	•				
163	2012-09-30	2.09815950920245			
164	2012-10-31	2.08843537414966			
165	2012-10-31	2.08843537414966			

Window example: average monthly shipping delay

SalesOrder.sqlite

• Solution using windows (partitions) attempt 2

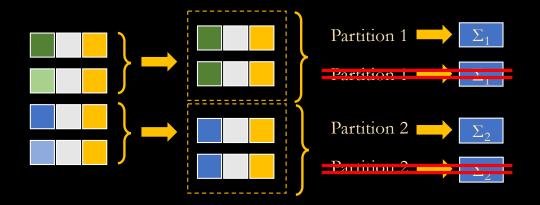
```
✓ SELECT DISTINCT
```

DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day') AS EndOfMonth,

AVG(julianday(ShipDate) - julianday(OrderDate)) OVER win AS AvgDelay

FROM Orders

WINDOW win AS (PARTITION BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month'));



	EndOfMonth	AvgDelay
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4	2012-12-31	2.2027972027972
5	2013-01-31	2.1027027027027
6	2013-02-28	2.59627329192547

Window Functions

Value	Ranking	Aggregate
FIRST_VALUE()	CUME_DIST()	AVG()
LAST_VALUE()	DENSE_RANK()	COUNT()
LAG()	NTILE()	MAX()
LEAD()	RANK()	MIN()
NTH_VALUE()	ROW_NUMBER()	SUM()
	PERCENT_RANK()	

Built-in Window Function Definitions

Value	Operation	Ranking	Operation
FIRST_VALUE()	IRST_VALUE() Get the value of the first row in a specified window frame		Compute the cumulative distribution of a value in an
LAST_VALUE()	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		ordered set of values
LAG()	specified window frame Provide access to a row at a given physical offset that comes before the current row	DENSE_RANK()	Compute the rank for a row in an ordered set of rows with no gaps in rank values
LEAD()	Provide access to a row at a given physical offset that follows the current row	NTILE()	Divide a result set into a number of buckets as evenly as possible and assign a bucket number to each row
NTH_VALUE()	Return the value of an expression evaluated against the row N of the window frame in the result set	PERCENT_RANK()	Calculate the percent rank of each row in an ordered set of rows
		RANK()	Assign a rank to each row within the partition of the result set
		ROW_NUMBER()	Assign a sequential integer starting from one to each row within the current partition

Window ranking function example: ROW_NUMBER()

SalesOrder.sqlite

```
• Which customer issued the largest (in $) order at each month?
```

```
WITH BigOrders(Month, CustomerID, OrderRank) AS (
SELECT strftime('%Y-%m', OrderDate), CustomerID,

ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY DATE(OrderDate, 'start of month')

ORDER BY OrderTotal DESC) AS OrderRank

FROM Orders)

ROW_N
```

SELECT Month, CustomerID,

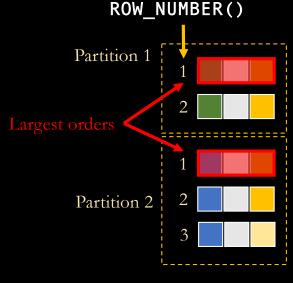
strftime('%Y-%m', OrderDate)

CustFirstName || " " || CustLastName AS Name

FROM BigOrders NATURAL JOIN Customers

WHERE OrderRank = 1;

	Month	CustomeriD	Name
1	2012-09	1004	Robert Brown
2	2012-10	1017	Manuela Seidel
3	2012-11	1006	John Viescas
4	2012-12	1006	John Viescas
5	2013-01	1013	Rachel Patterson
6	2013-02	1005	Dean McCrae



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Window Chaining

- A window can be defined by using another window as its base
- Implicitly copy the PARTITION BY and optionally ORDER BY clauses of the base window

```
SELECT b OVER (

win ROWS BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW
)

FROM t1

WINDOW win AS (PARTITION BY a ORDER BY c);
```

- Rules of engagement:
 - No PARTITION BY clause in new window
 - No ORDER BY clause in new window if the base window has one
 - No frame specification in base window. The frame spec can only be given in the new window

Window Filters

FILTER clause: •• FILTER → () • WHERE • expr • () •

- If a filter clause is specified
 - Input rows are evaluated against the filter clause
 - If true \rightarrow the row is fed to the window function
 - If false → the row is discarded
 - Can only be used with aggregate window functions (no value, ranking)

SELECT COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE Quantity > 10)



FROM Items;

SELECT COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE Quantity > 10)

AS FilteredCount

AS FilteredCount

FROM Items WHERE Quantity < 12;



RowNumber	Quantity
1	1
2	1
3	3
4	5
5	5
6	7
7	8
8	8
9	8
10	8
11	9
12	10
13	11
14	11
15	11
16	22

Frame Exclusion

• EXCLUDE CURRENT ROW

- Remove the current row itself from the frame
- Independent of the frame unit—remove even if the RANGE or GROUPS unit is used, and the current row has peers

• EXCLUDE GROUP

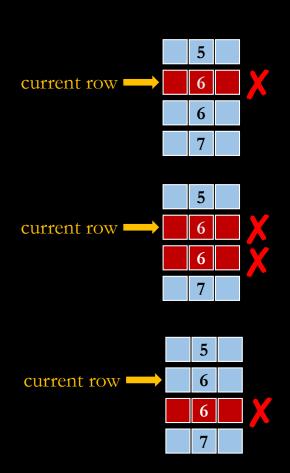
- Remove the current row + all its peers from the frame
- Independent of the frame unit

• EXCLUDE TIES

• Remove the peers of the current row, but not the current row itself

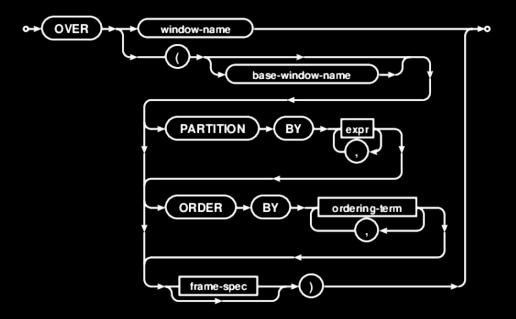
• EXCLUDE NO OTHERS

• does not remove any rows

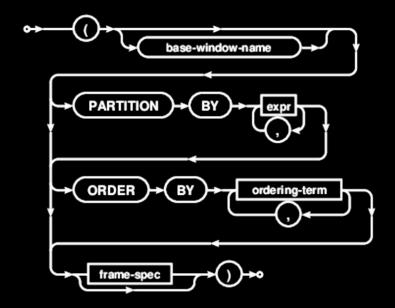


Window Syntax Diagrams

OVER clause:



Window definition:



Window function

window-func

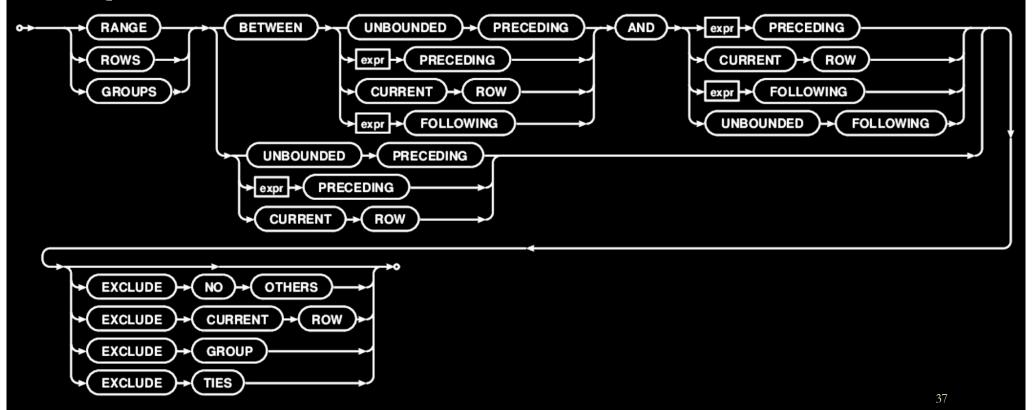
invocation:

OVER window-defn window-name

FILTER clause: •• (FILTER) • (() • (WHERE) • (expr) • () •

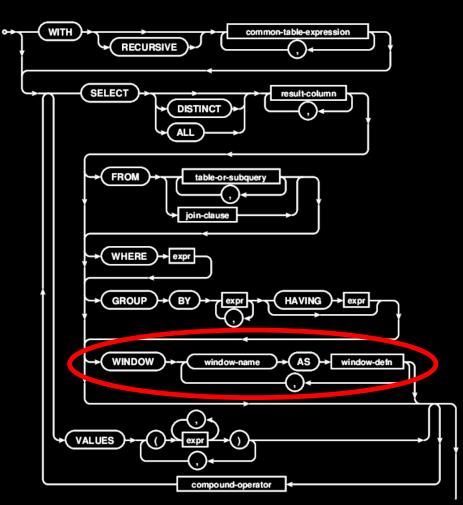
Window Syntax Diagrams

Frame specification:



Window Syntax Diagrams

Windowing in SELECT:



Windows in PostgreSQL 10

- Window frames with ROWS: supported since 2009
- Window frames with RANGE: full support added in 2018 with PostgreSQL 11
 - Previously only UNBOUNDED PRECEDING or CURRENT ROW
- Window frames with GROUPS: full support added in 2018 with PostgreSQL 11
 - Previously not supported at all
- **EXCLUDE**: not supported
 - Support added in 2018 with PostgreSQL 11
- More details at https://www.postgresql.org/docs/10/functions-window.html