

Quick mongodb different queries

Decision rule (remember this)

Question wording Use

how many times sold \$sum: "\$items.quantity"

how many orders \$sum: 1

unique customers \$addToSet + \$size

If the question says *unique / distinct / different / no duplicates* → use \$addToSet inside \$group.

Examples of trigger words:

- unique customers
- distinct products
- different categories
- customers who bought **both**
- count of **distinct** users

 Brain should auto-think: **\$addToSet**

\$addToSet

- Removes **duplicates**
- Counts **entities**

uniqueProducts: { \$addToSet: "\$items.product" }

Use when:

- “unique customers”
 - “distinct products”
 - “how many different categories”
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Common interview trap

Q: “Total number of customers per product”

- If **unique customers** → \$addToSet + \$size
- If **total purchases** → \$sum: 1

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// 5. find products brought by more than 1 unique customer
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: "$items.product",
      uniqueCustomers: { $addToSet: "$customer.id" }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      product: "$_id",
      customerCount: { $size: "$uniqueCustomers" }
    }
  },
  {
    $match: {
      customerCount: { $gt: 1 }
    }
  }
]);

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// Arrays (+$unwind )
// 6. List each orderId with individual products and their category
db.orders.find();

db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  { $project: { _id: 0, orderId: 1, "items.product": 1, "items.category": 1 } }
]);

// 7. find total revenue per category (sum of price*qty per category)
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: "$items.category",
      totalRevenue: { $sum: { $multiply: ["$items.price", "$items.quantity"] } }
    }
  },
  { $project: { _id: 0, category: "$_id", totalRevenue: 1 } }
]);

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// 8. which subCategory contributes the least profit
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  { $group: { _id: "$items.subCategory", totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" } } },
  { $sort: { totalProfit: 1 } },
  { $limit: 1 },
  { $project: { _id: 0, subCategory: "$_id", totalProfit: 1 } }
]);

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// 8. which subCategory contributes the least profit
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  { $group: { _id: "$items.subCategory", totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" } } },
  { $sort: { totalProfit: 1 } },
  { $limit: 1 },
  { $project: { _id: 0, subCategory: "$_id", totalProfit: 1 } }
]);
// this is wrong bcz here unwind splits, the items at order level becomes twice

// crct way
db.orders.aggregate([
  // here $items is converted to object after unwind
  // to before unwinding store item count
  {
    $addFields: {
      itemCount: { $size: "$items" }
    },
    $unwind: "$items",
    {
      $group: {
        _id: "$items.subCategory",
        totalProfit: {
          $sum: {
            $divide: [ "$profit", "$itemCount" ]
          }
        }
      },
      $sort: { totalProfit: 1 },
      $limit: 1,
      {
        $project: {
          _id: 0,
          subCategory: "$_id",
          totalProfit: { $round: [ "$totalProfit", 2 ] }
        }
      }
    }
  }
]);

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// 9. find how many times each product was sold
// 2 meanings 1. Total units sold(w.r.t quantity)
// 2. Number of orders in which product appears
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  { $group: { _id: "$items.product", totalSold: { $sum: "$items.quantity" } } },
  { $project: { _id: 0, product: "$_id", totalSold: 1 } }
]);
// other(this is secondary, but mostly 1st one is crct)
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: "$items.product", orderCount: { $sum: 1 }
    }
  },
  { $project: { _id: 0, product: "$_id", orderCount: 1 } }
]);

```

🧠 Decision table (save this mentally)

Goal	Order
Group by array field	<code>\$unwind → \$group</code>
Sum / avg item values	<code>\$unwind → \$group</code>
Flatten grouped results	<code>\$group → \$unwind</code>
Create list then explode	<code>\$group → \$unwind</code>

VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT (remember this forever)

When do we need this `$addFields + divide` trick?

Profit stored at	Need divide by itemCount?
Order level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Item level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

If profit was already inside items (simpler case)

JavaScript

```
{  
  items: [  
    { product: "Pen", subCategory: "Stationery", profit: 10 },  
    { product: "Book", subCategory: "Stationery", profit: 20 }  
  ]  
}
```

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// 10. Find orders that contain both Furniture and Electronics.

db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: "$orderId",
      categories: { $addToSet: "$items.category" }
    }
  },
  {
    $match: {
      categories: { $all: ["Furniture", "Electronics"] }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      orderId: "$_id",
    }
  }
]);
db.orders.find();

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// push vs $addToSet
// 11. For each customer, push all products bought (allow duplicates).
db.orders.aggregate([
  {$unwind: "$items"}, // we should do unwind bcz it stores array in array
  { $group: { _id: "$customer.name", products: { $push: "$items.product" } } },
  { $project: { _id: 0, customerName: "$_id", products: 1 } }
]);

// 12. For each customer, addToArray categories bought.
db.orders.aggregate([
  {$unwind: "$items"}, // if we dont use array in arrays are created(also duplicates too)
  { $group: { _id: "$customer.name", categories: { $addToSet: "$items.category" } } },
  { $project: { _id: 0, customerName: "$_id", categories: 1 } }
]);

// 13. Find customers who bought more than 2 unique subCategories.

db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  { $group: { _id: "$customer.name", uniqueSubCategories: { $addToSet: "$items.subCategory" } } },
  { $project: { _id: 0, customerName: "$_id", uniqueCount: { $size: "$uniqueSubCategories" } } },
  { $match: { uniqueCount: { $gt: 2 } } }
]);

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// DATE-BASED AGGREGATION (VERY IMPORTANT)

// 14. Find month-wise total profit.
db.orders.aggregate([
  {
    $group: {
      _id: {
        month: { $month: "$orderDate" }
      },
      totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0, month: "$_id.month", totalProfit: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

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// 15. Find orders placed in January only, grouped by region.

db.orders.aggregate([
  // 1.match, expr allows us to use aggregation expressions in $match
  {
    $match: {
      $expr: { $eq: [{ $month: "$orderDate" }, 1] } // 1- January
    }
  },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: "$customer.region",
      totalOrders: { $sum: 1 }, // optional count of orders
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0, region: "$_id", totalOrders: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

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// 16. Find average profit per day.
db.orders.aggregate([
  {
    $group: {
      // _id: {
      //   day: { $dayOfMonth: "$orderDate" } // dayofmonth - for only one month
      // },
      // so we use dateToString
      _id: {$dateToString: {format: "%Y-%m-%d", date: "$orderDate"}},
      avgProfit: { $avg: "$profit" }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      Day: "$_id",
      avgProfit: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

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// 17. Find customers who placed orders in both Jan and Feb.
db.orders.aggregate([
  // first group and unique months per customer
  // before that extract month number
  {
    $addFields: {
      month: { $month: "$orderDate" }
    }
  },
  { $group: { _id: "$customer.name", months: { $addToSet: "$month" } } },
  {
    $match: {
      months: { $all: [1, 2] } // jan & feb
    }
  },
  {
    $project:
    {
      _id: 0,
      customerName: "$_id",
      months: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

 Rule of thumb:

To check multiple values in the same group → `$addToSet + $match: { $all: [...] }`

```
// 18. Find top 2 most profitable days.
db.orders.aggregate([
  {
    $group: {
      _id: {
        $dateToString: { format: "%Y-%m-%d", date: "$orderDate" }
      },
      totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" }
    }
  },
  { $sort: { totalProfit: -1 } },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0, day: "$_id", totalProfit: 1
    }
  },
  { $limit: 2 }
]);

```

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// 19. From Corporate segment, find top 3 highest profit orders, but only for Electronics category.
db.orders.aggregate([
  // 1 Only Corporate segment
  { $match: { "customer.segment": "Corporate" } },
  // 2 Only orders that contain Electronics items
  { $match: { "items.category": "Electronics" } },
  // Sort by profit descending
  { $sort: { profit: -1 } },
  // 4 Limit top 3
  { $limit: 3 },
  // Project clean output
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      orderId: 1,
      customerName: "$customer.name",
      profit: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

Multiple Group by

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// 4. For each category + region, find:
// number of orders
// (One order counts once even if it has multiple items of same category)

// here we need to count unique orders per category+region
// so first unwind, then group by region+category+orderid -- this ensures one order is counted once
// next group again by category+region
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $group: {
      _id: {
        category: "$items.category",
        region: "$customer.region",
        orderId: "$orderId"
      }
    }
  },
  // count orders per category+region
  {
    $group: {
      _id: {
        category: "$_id.category",
        region: "$_id.region"
      },
      orderCount: { $sum: 1 }
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0,
      category: "$_id.category",
      region: "$_id.region",
      orderCount: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

💡 Key rules you just learned (VERY IMPORTANT)

◆ Rule 1: `$all` vs `$in`

Operator	Use when
<code>\$in</code>	field equals any one value
<code>\$all</code>	array contains all values

👉 Here you needed `$in`, not `$all`.

◆ Rule 2: Filter before grouping

If you know what you want to include:

- `$match` → early
- `$group` → later

This avoids wrong totals and improves performance.

```
// 5. for each region+segment+category find
// total profit, only include electronics and furniture
db.orders.aggregate([
  { $unwind: "$items" },
  {
    $match: {
      "items.category": { $in: ["Electronics", "Furniture"] }
    },
    {
      $group: {
        _id: {
          region: "$customer.region",
          segment: "$customer.segment",
          category: "$items.category"
        },
        totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" }
      }
    },
    {
      $project: {
        _id: 0,
        region: "$_id.region",
        segment: "$_id.segment",
        category: "$_id.category",
        totalProfit: 1
      }
    }
]);
```

```

// 6. For each year + month + region, find:
// total orders
// Sort by year, then month.

db.orders.aggregate([
  {
    $group: {
      _id: {
        year: { $year: "$orderDate" },
        month: { $month: "$orderDate" },
        region: "$customer.region"
      },
      totalOrders: { $sum: 1 }
    }
  },
  {
    $sort: {
      "_id.year": 1,
      "_id.month": 1
    }
  },
  {
    $project: {
      _id: 0, year: "$_id.year", month: "$_id.month", region: "$_id.region", totalOrders: 1
    }
  }
]);

```

💡 Rule to remember (VERY IMPORTANT)

Requirement says

Use

"how many rows / records"

`$sum: 1`

"how many items / units / quantity"

`$sum: "$items.quantity"`

Interviewers **expect you to notice this.**

```
// Q10 For each region + month, find:  
// total profit  
// Then return only the top month per region.  
  
db.orders.aggregate([  
  {  
    $group: {  
      _id: {  
        region: "$customer.region",  
        month: { $month: "$orderDate" }  
      },  
      totalProfit: { $sum: "$profit" }  
    }  
  },  
  // Sort months by profit (highest first) per region  
  {  
    $sort: {  
      "_id.region": 1,  
      totalProfit: -1  
    }  
  },  
  // Pick top month per region  
  {  
    $group: {  
      _id: "$_id.region",  
      topMonth: { $first: "$_id.month" },  
      maxProfit: { $first: "$totalProfit" }  
    }  
  },  
  {  
    $project: {  
      _id: 0,  
      region: "$_id",  
      topMonth: 1,  
      maxProfit: 1  
    }  
  }  
]);
```