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1 -- Solutions to 'SQL Practice Problems' By Sylvia Moestl Vasilik
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3 -- Not all 57 solutions appear here. A few of the practice problems are built ↗
  upon the problems before it and are designed
4 -- to fix certain problems or issues with the solution that the author might have ↗
  came up with. If my initial solution
5 -- did not have any problems, I did not do the next problem that was designed to ↗
  fix the issue.
6
7 -- 1: Return all fields from all the shippers
8 SELECT * FROM Shippers;
9
10 -- 2: Select certain columns from Categories
11 SELECT CategoryName, Description
12 FROM Categories;
13
14 -- 3: Info about Sales Reps
15 SELECT FirstName, LastName, HireDate
16 FROM Employees
17 WHERE Title = 'Sales Representative';
18
19 -- 4: Info about Sales Reps inn the US
20 SELECT FirstName, LastName, HireDate
21 FROM Employees
22 WHERE Title = 'Sales Representative'
23 AND
24 COUNTRY = 'USA';
25
26 -- 5: Orders placed by secific EmployeeID
27 SELECT OrderID, OrderDate
28 FROM Orders
29 WHERE EmployeeID=5;
30
31 -- 6: Suppliers and ContactTitles
32 SELECT SupplierID, ContactName, ContactTitle
33 FROM Suppliers
34 WHERE ContactTitle!= 'Marketing Manager';
35
36 -- 7: Products with queso
37 SELECT ProductID, ProductName
38 FROM Products
39 WHERE ProductName LIKE '%queso%';
40
41 -- 8: Orders Shipping to France or Belgium
42 SELECT OrderID, CustomerID, ShipCountry
43 FROM Orders
44 WHERE ShipCountry IN ('France', 'Belgium');
45
46 -- 9: Orders shipping to any Latin American country
47 SELECT OrderID, CustomerID, ShipCountry
48 FROM Orders
49 WHERE ShipCountry IN ('Brazil', 'Mexico', 'Argentina', 'Venezuela');
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51 -- 10: Employees ordered by age
52 SELECT FirstName, LastName, Title, BirthDate
53 FROM Employees
54 ORDER BY BirthDate ASC;
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56 -- 11: Only show date instead of datetime
57 SELECT FirstName, LastName, Title, CAST(BirthDate AS Date) AS DateOnlyBirthDate
58 FROM Employees
59 ORDER BY BirthDate ASC;
60
61 -- 12: Employees' full name
62 SELECT FirstName, LastName, CONCAT(FirstName, ' ', LastName) AS FullName
63 FROM Employees;
64
65 -- 13: OrderDetails amount per line item
66 SELECT OrderID, ProductID, UnitPrice, Quantity, UnitPrice*Quantity AS TotalPrice
67 FROM OrderDetails
68 ORDER BY OrderID, ProductID;
69
70 -- 14: Number of Customers
71 SELECT COUNT(*)
72 FROM Customers;
73
74 -- 15: When was the first order?
75 SELECT MIN(OrderDate) AS FirstOrder
76 FROM Orders;
77
78 SELECT TOP 1 OrderDate as FirstOrder
79 FROM Orders
80 ORDER BY OrderDate ASC;
81
82 -- 16: Countries where there are customers
83 SELECT DISTINCT Country
84 FROM Customers;
85
86 SELECT Country
87 FROM Customers
88 GROUP BY Country;
89
90 -- 17: Contact titles for customers
91 SELECT ContactTitle, COUNT(ContactTitle) AS TotalContactTitle
92 FROM Customers
93 GROUP BY ContactTitle
94 ORDER BY TotalContactTitle DESC;
95
96 -- 18: Products with supplier info
97 SELECT ProductID, ProductName, Suppliers.CompanyName AS Supplier
98 FROM Products
99 LEFT JOIN Suppliers ON Products.SupplierID = Suppliers.SupplierID;
100
101 -- 19: Orders and the shipper that was used
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102 SELECT OrderID, CAST(OrderDate AS date) AS OrderDate, Shippers.CompanyName AS
    Shipper
103 FROM Orders LEFT JOIN Shippers on Orders.ShipVia = Shippers.ShipperID
104 ORDER BY OrderID;
105
106 -- 20: Categories and the total products in each category
107 SELECT Categories.CategoryName, COUNT(*) AS TotalProducts
108 FROM Products
109 JOIN Categories
110 ON Products.CategoryID = Categories.CategoryID
111 GROUP BY Categories.CategoryName
112 ORDER BY TotalProducts DESC;
113
114 -- 21: Total customers per country/city
115 SELECT Country, City, Count(*) AS TotalCustomer
116 FROM Customers
117 GROUP BY Country, City
118 ORDER BY TotalCustomer DESC;
119
120 -- 22: Products that need reordering
121 SELECT ProductID, ProductName, UnitsInStock, ReorderLevel
122 FROM Products
123 WHERE UnitsInStock < ReorderLevel
124 ORDER BY ProductID;
125
126 -- 23: Product that need reordering, continued
127 SELECT ProductID, ProductName, UnitsInStock, ReorderLevel
128 FROM Products
129 WHERE (UnitsInStock + UnitsOnOrder) <= ReorderLevel
130 AND
131 Discontinued = 0
132 ORDER BY ProductID;
133
134 -- 24: Customer list by region
135 SELECT CustomerID, CompanyName, Region
136 FROM Customers
137 ORDER BY CASE
138     WHEN Region IS NULL THEN 1 ELSE 0
139     END,
140 Region ASC, CustomerID;
141
142 -- 25: High freight charges
143 SELECT TOP 3 ShipCountry, AVG(Freight) AS AverageFreight
144 FROM Orders
145 GROUP BY ShipCountry
146 ORDER BY AverageFreight DESC;
147
148 -- 26: High freight charges 2015
149 SELECT TOP 3 ShipCountry, AVG(Freight) AS AverageFreight
150 FROM Orders
151 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy,OrderDate)=2015
152 GROUP BY ShipCountry
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153 ORDER BY AverageFreight DESC;
154
155 -- 27: High freight charges with between (Order 10806 isn't being tracked, the
      OrderDate must be cast as date for the BETWEEN
156 -- string to work correctly)
157 SELECT TOP 3 ShipCountry, AVG(Freight) AS AverageFreight
158 FROM Orders
159 WHERE CAST(OrderDate AS DATE) BETWEEN '1/1/2015' AND '12/31/2015'
160 GROUP BY ShipCountry
161 ORDER BY AverageFreight DESC;
162
163 -- 28: High freight charges - Last year
164 SELECT TOP 3
165 ShipCountry, AVG(Freight) AS AverageFreight
166 FROM Orders
167 WHERE OrderDate > (
168     SELECT DATEADD(yy,-1,MAX(OrderDate))
169     FROM Orders
170 )
171 GROUP BY ShipCountry
172 ORDER BY AverageFreight DESC;
173
174 -- 29: Inventory List
175 SELECT Orders.EmployeeID, LastName, OD.OrderID, ProductName, Quantity
176 FROM OrderDetails AS OD
177 LEFT JOIN Products
178     ON OD.ProductID = Products.ProductID
179 LEFT JOIN Orders
180     ON OD.OrderID = Orders.OrderID
181 LEFT JOIN Employees
182     ON Orders.EmployeeID = Employees.EmployeeID
183 ORDER BY OD.OrderID, OD.ProductID
184 ;
185
186 -- 30: Customers with no orders
187 SELECT Customers.CustomerID AS Customers_CustomerID, Orders.CustomerID AS
      Orders_CustomerID
188 FROM Customers
189 LEFT JOIN Orders
190     ON Customers.CustomerID = Orders.CustomerID
191 WHERE OrderID IS NULL;
192
193 -- 31: Customers with no orders for EmployeeID 4
194 SELECT DISTINCT Customers.CustomerID, Orders.CustomerID
195 FROM Customers
196 LEFT JOIN Orders
197     ON Customers.CustomerID = Orders.CustomerID
198 WHERE
199     Customers.CustomerID NOT IN (
200     SELECT DISTINCT Customers.CustomerID
201     FROM Customers
202     LEFT JOIN Orders
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203         ON Customers.CustomerID = Orders.CustomerID
204     WHERE
205         EmployeeID = 4)
206 ;
207
208 -- 32: High-value customers (returns info for customers that spent over $10,000 ↗
209     on a single order in year 2016)
209 SELECT Customers.CustomerID, Customers.CompanyName, OrderDetails.OrderID, SUM ↗
210     (UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalOrderAmount
210 FROM OrderDetails
211 JOIN Orders
212     ON Orders.OrderID = OrderDetails.OrderID
213 JOIN Customers
214     ON Orders.CustomerID = Customers.CustomerID
215 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy,Orders.OrderDate) = 2016
216 GROUP BY OrderDetails.OrderID, Customers.CustomerID, Customers.CompanyName
217 HAVING SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) >= 10000
218 ORDER BY TotalOrderAmount DESC;
219
220 -- 33: High value customers - total orders (returns info for customers that spent ↗
221     over $15,000 total in year 2016)
221 SELECT
222     Customers.CustomerID,
223     Customers.CompanyName,
224     SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalOrderAmount
225 FROM OrderDetails
226 JOIN Orders
227     ON Orders.OrderID = OrderDetails.OrderID
228 JOIN Customers
229     ON Orders.CustomerID = Customers.CustomerID
230 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy,Orders.OrderDate) = 2016
231 GROUP BY Customers.CustomerID, Customers.CompanyName
232 HAVING SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) >= 15000
233 ORDER BY TotalOrderAmount DESC;
234
235 -- 34: High value customers - with discount
236 SELECT
237     Customers.CustomerID,
238     Customers.CompanyName,
239     SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalsWithoutDiscount,
240     SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity*(1-Discount)) AS TotalsWithDiscount
241 FROM OrderDetails
242 JOIN Orders
243     ON Orders.OrderID = OrderDetails.OrderID
244 JOIN Customers
245     ON Orders.CustomerID = Customers.CustomerID
246 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy,Orders.OrderDate) = 2016
247 GROUP BY Customers.CustomerID, Customers.CompanyName
248 HAVING SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity*(1-Discount)) >= 10000
249 ORDER BY TotalsWithDiscount DESC;
250
251 -- 35: Month-end orders
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252 SELECT EmployeeID, OrderID, OrderDate
253 FROM Orders
254 WHERE DATEPART(dd, (SELECT EOMONTH(OrderDate))) = DATEPART(dd, OrderDate)
255 ORDER BY EmployeeID, OrderID;
256
257 -- 36: Orders with many line items
258 SELECT TOP 10 OrderID, COUNT(*)
259 FROM OrderDetails
260 GROUP BY OrderID
261 ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC;
262
263 -- 37: Orders - Random assortment
264 SELECT TOP 2 PERCENT OrderID
265 FROM Orders
266 ORDER BY NEWID();
267
268
269 -- 38: Accidental double entry (returns order info for orders that had at least ↗
      two line items with
270 -- matching quantities, both over 60 items)
271
272 SELECT OrderID, Quantity, COUNT(*) AS NumOrders
273 FROM OrderDetails
274 WHERE Quantity >= 60
275 GROUP BY OrderID, Quantity
276 HAVING Count(*) >= 2;
277
278 -- 39: Accidental double-entry details
279 SELECT OrderID, ProductID, UnitPrice, Quantity, Discount
280 FROM OrderDetails
281 WHERE OrderID IN
282 (
283     SELECT OrderID
284     FROM OrderDetails
285     WHERE Quantity >= 60
286     GROUP BY OrderID, Quantity
287     HAVING Count(*) >= 2
288 )
289 ORDER BY OrderID, Quantity;
290
291 -- 40: Orders- accidental double entry details, derived table (Fix the code)
292 SELECT
293     OrderDetails.OrderID,
294     ProductID,
295     UnitPrice,
296     Quantity,
297     Discount
298 FROM OrderDetails
299 JOIN (
300     SELECT OrderID
301     FROM OrderDetails
302     WHERE Quantity >= 60
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303     GROUP BY OrderID, Quantity
304     HAVING Count(*) > 1)
305     PotentialProblemOrders ON
306     PotentialProblemOrders.OrderID = OrderDetails.OrderID
307 ORDER BY OrderID, ProductID;
308
309 -- 40 FIXED (Add DISTINCT on subquery)
310
311 SELECT
312     OrderDetails.OrderID,
313     ProductID,
314     UnitPrice,
315     Quantity,
316     Discount
317 FROM OrderDetails
318 JOIN (
319     SELECT DISTINCT OrderID
320     FROM OrderDetails
321     WHERE Quantity >= 60
322     GROUP BY OrderID, Quantity
323     HAVING Count(*) > 1)
324     PotentialProblemOrders ON
325     PotentialProblemOrders.OrderID = OrderDetails.OrderID
326 ORDER BY OrderID, ProductID;
327
328 -- 41: Late Orders
329 SELECT OrderID, OrderDate, RequiredDate, ShippedDate
330 FROM Orders
331 WHERE RequiredDate <= ShippedDate
332 ORDER BY OrderID;
333
334 -- 42: Late orders - Which employees?
335 SELECT Orders.EmployeeID, LastName, Count(*) AS TotalLateOrders
336 FROM Orders
337 JOIN Employees
338     ON Orders.EmployeeID = Employees.EmployeeID
339 WHERE RequiredDate <= ShippedDate
340 GROUP BY Orders.EmployeeID, LastName
341 ORDER BY TotalLateOrders DESC;
342
343 -- 43: Late orders vs. total orders
344 SELECT Orders.EmployeeID, LastName, Count(*) AS TotalOrders,
345     SUM(CASE WHEN RequiredDate <= ShippedDate THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS TotalLateOrders
346 FROM Orders
347 JOIN Employees
348     ON Orders.EmployeeID = Employees.EmployeeID
349 GROUP BY Orders.EmployeeID, LastName
350 ORDER BY EmployeeID;
351
352 -- 44: Late orders vs. total orders - missing employee (does not apply: my
353     solution had all 9 employees)
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354 -- 45: Late orders - fix null (does not apply: my solution did not have a NULL)
355
356 -- 46: Late orders vs. total orders - percentage
357 SELECT Orders.EmployeeID, LastName, Count(*) AS TotalOrders,
358 SUM(CASE WHEN RequiredDate <= ShippedDate THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS TotalLateOrders,
359 CAST(SUM(CASE WHEN RequiredDate <= ShippedDate THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS FLOAT)/CAST
    (Count(*) AS FLOAT) AS PercentageLateOrders
360 FROM Orders
361 JOIN Employees
362     ON Orders.EmployeeID = Employees.EmployeeID
363 GROUP BY Orders.EmployeeID, LastName
364 ORDER BY EmployeeID;
365
366 -- 47: Late orders vs. total orders - fix decimal
367 SELECT Orders.EmployeeID, LastName, Count(*) AS TotalOrders,
368 SUM(CASE WHEN RequiredDate <= ShippedDate THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS TotalLateOrders,
369     CAST(
370         CAST(SUM(CASE WHEN RequiredDate <= ShippedDate THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS
    FLOAT)
371     /
372     CAST(Count(*) AS FLOAT)
373     AS decimal(4,2))
374 AS PercentageLateOrders
375 FROM Orders
376 JOIN Employees
377     ON Orders.EmployeeID = Employees.EmployeeID
378 GROUP BY Orders.EmployeeID, LastName
379 ORDER BY EmployeeID;
380
381 -- 48: Customer grouping
382 SELECT CustomerID, SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalSales,
383 CASE WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN 0 AND 1000 THEN 'Low '
384     WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN 1000.01 AND 5000 THEN 'Medium'
385     WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN 5000.01 AND 10000 THEN 'High'
386     ELSE 'Very High' END AS CustomerGroup
387 FROM OrderDetails
388 JOIN Orders
389     ON OrderDetails.OrderID = Orders.OrderID
390 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy, OrderDate)= 2016
391 GROUP BY CustomerID
392 ORDER BY CustomerID;
393
394 SELECT CustomerID, SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalSales,
395 CASE WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 10000 THEN 'Very High'
396     WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 5000 THEN 'High'
397     WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 1000 THEN 'Medium'
398     ELSE 'Low' END AS CustomerGroup
399 FROM OrderDetails
400 JOIN Orders
401     ON OrderDetails.OrderID = Orders.OrderID
402 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy, OrderDate)= 2016
403 GROUP BY CustomerID
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404 ORDER BY CustomerID;
405
406 -- 49: Customer grouping - fix NULL (Does not apply, my solution does not contain ↗
      NULL)
407
408 -- 50: Customer grouping with percentage
409 WITH CustomerGroup_CTE(CustomerID, TotalSales, CustomerGroup) AS (
410     SELECT CustomerID, SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalSales,
411     CASE WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 10000 THEN 'Very High'
412           WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 5000 THEN 'High'
413           WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) > 1000 THEN 'Medium'
414           ELSE 'Low' END AS CustomerGroup
415     FROM OrderDetails
416     JOIN Orders
417         ON OrderDetails.OrderID = Orders.OrderID
418     WHERE DATEPART(yyyy, OrderDate)= 2016
419     GROUP BY CustomerID
420 )
421 SELECT CustomerGroup,
422        Count(*) AS TotalInGroup,
423        CAST(Count(*) AS FLOAT)/CAST((SELECT Count(*) FROM CustomerGroup_CTE) AS ↗
      FLOAT) AS PercentageInGroup
424 FROM CustomerGroup_CTE
425 GROUP BY CustomerGroup
426 ORDER BY TotalInGroup DESC;
427
428 -- 51: Customer grouping - flexible
429 SELECT CustomerID, SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) AS TotalSales,
430 CASE WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN (SELECT RangeBottom FROM ↗
      CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE CustomerGroupName='Low') AND
431       (SELECT RangeTop FROM CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE ↗
      CustomerGroupName='Low') THEN 'Low'
432       WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN (SELECT RangeBottom FROM ↗
      CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE CustomerGroupName='Medium') AND
433       (SELECT RangeTop FROM CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE ↗
      CustomerGroupName='Medium') THEN 'Medium'
434       WHEN SUM(UnitPrice*Quantity) BETWEEN (SELECT RangeBottom FROM ↗
      CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE CustomerGroupName='High') AND
435       (SELECT RangeTop FROM CustomerGroupThresholds WHERE ↗
      CustomerGroupName='High') THEN 'High'
436       ELSE 'Very High' END AS CustomerGroup
437 FROM OrderDetails
438 JOIN Orders
439     ON OrderDetails.OrderID = Orders.OrderID
440 WHERE DATEPART(yyyy, OrderDate)= 2016
441 GROUP BY CustomerID
442 ORDER BY CustomerID;
443
444 -- 52: Countries with suppliers or customers
445 SELECT DISTINCT Country
446 FROM Suppliers
447 UNION
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448 SELECT DISTINCT Country
449 FROM Customers;
450
451 -- 53: Countries with suppliers or customers, version 2
452 SELECT Suppliers.Country AS SupplierCountry, Customers.Country AS CustomerCountry
453     FROM Suppliers
454     FULL OUTER JOIN Customers
455         ON Suppliers.Country = Customers.Country
456 GROUP BY Suppliers.Country, Customers.Country
457 ORDER BY CASE WHEN Suppliers.Country IS NULL THEN Customers.Country
458     WHEN Customers.Country IS NULL THEN Suppliers.Country ELSE Suppliers.Country
459     END, Suppliers.Country;
460 WITH CountryList(SupplierCountry, CustomerCountry) AS
461     (SELECT DISTINCT Suppliers.Country AS SupplierCountry, Customers.Country AS
462     CustomerCountry
463     FROM Suppliers
464     FULL OUTER JOIN Customers
465         ON Suppliers.Country = Customers.Country)
465 SELECT SupplierCountry, CustomerCountry
466 FROM CountryList
467 ORDER BY CASE WHEN SupplierCountry IS NULL THEN CustomerCountry
468     WHEN CustomerCountry IS NULL THEN SupplierCountry ELSE SupplierCountry END,
469     SupplierCountry;
470 WITH SupplierCountries AS (SELECT DISTINCT Country FROM Suppliers),
471     CustomersCountries AS (SELECT DISTINCT Country FROM Customers)
471 SELECT SupplierCountries.Country AS SupplierCountry, CustomersCountries.Country
472     as CustomerCountry
472 FROM SupplierCountries
473 FULL OUTER JOIN CustomersCountries
474     ON SupplierCountries.Country = CustomersCountries.Country;
475
476 -- 54: Customers with suppliers or customers, version 3
477 WITH TS AS(
478 SELECT Country, Count(*) AS TotalSuppliers
479 FROM Suppliers
480 GROUP BY Country),
481
482 TC AS(
483 SELECT Country, Count(*) AS TotalCustomers
484 FROM Customers
485 GROUP BY Country),
486
487 AllCountries AS (
488 SELECT Country FROM Customers
489 UNION
490 SELECT Country FROM Suppliers
491 )
492 SELECT AllCountries.Country,
493     CASE WHEN TotalSuppliers IS NULL THEN 0 ELSE TotalSuppliers END AS
494     TotalSuppliers,
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494     CASE WHEN TotalCustomers IS NULL THEN 0 ELSE TotalCustomers END AS      ↗
        TotalCustomers
495 FROM AllCountries
496 LEFT OUTER JOIN TC
497     ON AllCountries.Country = TC.Country
498 LEFT OUTER JOIN TS
499     ON AllCountries.Country = TS.Country;
500
501 -- 55: First order in each country
502 SELECT Orders.ShipCountry, Orders.CustomerID, CAST(Orders.OrderDate AS DATE) AS  ↗
        OrderDate, OrderID
503 FROM(
504     SELECT ShipCountry, Min(OrderDate) AS minOrderDate
505     FROM Orders
506     GROUP BY ShipCountry)
507     AS o
508 INNER JOIN Orders
509     ON o.minOrderDate = Orders.OrderDate and Orders.ShipCountry = o.ShipCountry
510 ORDER BY Orders.ShipCountry;
511
512 -- 56: Customers with multiple orders in 5 day period
513 WITH FrequentShipments AS (SELECT
514     OrderID,
515     OrderDate,
516     LEAD(OrderDate, 1, 0) OVER (PARTITION BY CustomerID ORDER BY OrderDate) AS  ↗
        NextOrder,
517     DATEDIFF(dd, CAST(OrderDate AS DATE), LEAD(OrderDate, 1, 0) OVER (PARTITION  ↗
        BY CustomerID ORDER BY OrderDate)) AS DaysApart
518     FROM Orders)
519 SELECT *
520 FROM FrequentShipments
521 WHERE DaysApart BETWEEN 0 AND 5;
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