SUB QUERY

Nested Subqueries

- SQL provides a mechanism for the nesting of subqueries. A **subquery** is a **select-from-where** expression that is nested within another query.
- The nesting can be done in the following SQL query

select $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$
from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$
where P

as follows:

- A_i can be replaced be a subquery that generates a single value.
- r_i can be replaced by any valid subquery
- P can be replaced with an expression of the form:

  B <operation> (subquery)

  Where B is an attribute and <operation> to be defined later.

Subqueries in the Where Clause

- A common use of subqueries is to perform tests:
  - For set membership
  - For set comparisons
  - For set cardinality.

Set Membership

- Find courses offered in Fall 2009 and in Spring 2010

```
select distinct course_id
from section
where semester = 'Fall' and year= 2009 and
        course_id in (select course_id
                      from section
                      where semester = 'Spring' and year= 2010);
```

Set Membership

- Find courses offered in Fall 2009 but not in Spring 2010

select distinct *course_id*
from *section*
where *semester* = 'Fall' **and** *year*= 2009 **and**
course_id **not in** (**select** *course_id*
from *section*
where *semester* = 'Spring' **and** *year*= 2010);

Set Comparison – "some" Clause

- Find names of instructors with salary greater than that of some (at least one) instructor in the Biology department.

select distinct *T.name*

from *instructor* **as** *T*, *instructor* **as** *S*

where *T.salary* > *S.salary* **and** *S.dept name* = 'Biology';

- Same query using > **some** clause

select *name*
from *instructor*
where *salary* > **some** (**select** *salary*
from *instructor*
where *dept name* = 'Biology');

Set Comparison – "all" Clause

- Find the names of all instructors whose salary is greater than the salary of all instructors in the Biology department.

```
select name
from instructor
where salary > all (select salary
                    from instructor
                    where dept name =
'Biology');
```

Use of “exists” Clause

- Yet another way of specifying the query “Find all courses taught in both the Fall 2009 semester and in the Spring 2010 semester”

```
select course_id
from section as S
where semester = 'Fall' and year = 2009 and
        exists (select *
                from section as T
                where semester = 'Spring' and year= 2010
                        and S.course_id = T.course_id);
```

Subqueries in the From Clause

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- SQL allows a subquery expression to be used in the **from** clause
- Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than $42,000."

```
select dept_name, avg_salary
from (select dept_name, avg (salary) as avg_salary
        from instructor
        group by dept_name)
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

- Note that we do not need to use the **having** clause

Subqueries in the Select Clause

Scalar Subquery

- Scalar subquery is one which is used where a single value is expected
- List all departments along with the number of instructors in each department

```
select dept_name,
        (select count(*)
           from instructor
          where department.dept_name = instructor.dept_name)
        as num_instructors
from department;
```

Modification of the Database

- Deletion of tuples from a given relation.
- Insertion of new tuples into a given relation
- Updating of values in some tuples in a given relation

Deletion

- Delete all instructors

  delete from *instructor*

- Delete all instructors from the Finance department

  delete from *instructor*
  where *dept_name*= ’Finance’;

- Delete all tuples in the *instructor* relation for those instructors associated with a department located in the Watson building.

  delete from *instructor*
  where *dept name* **in** (**select** *dept name*
  from *department*
  where *building* = ’Watson’);

Insertion

- Add all instructors to the *student* relation with tot_creds set to 0

  insert into *student*
  select *ID, name, dept_name, 0*
  from *instructor*

- The **select from where** statement is evaluated fully before any of its results are inserted into the relation.

Updates

- Increase salaries of instructors whose salary is over $100,000 by 3%, and all others by a 5%
  - Write two **update** statements:

```
update instructor
    set salary = salary * 1.03
    where salary > 100000;
update instructor
    set salary = salary * 1.05
    where salary <= 100000;
```