

Lab work 03 - Database lab

Small group communication (City University)

Solve Chapter 3 Exercise 3.1 to 3.10 Database System Book.

Practice Exercises:

3.1.

Write the following queries in SQL, using the university schema. (We suggest you actually run these queries on a database, using the sample data that we provide on the web site of the book, db-book.com. Instructions for setting up a database, and loading sample data, are provided on the above web site.)

- **a.** Find the titles of courses in the Comp. Sci. department that have 3 credits.
- **b**. Find the IDs of all students who were taught by an instructor named Einstein; make sure there are no duplicates in the result.
- **c.** Find the highest salary of any instructor.
- **d.** Find all instructors earning the highest salary (there may be more than one with the same salary).
- e. Find the enrollment of each section that was offered in Fall 2017.
- **f.** Find the maximum enrollment, across all sections, in Fall 2017.
- **g.** Find the sections that had the maximum enrollment in Fall 2017.

Answer:

a. Find the titles of courses in the Comp. Sci. department that have 3 credits:

```
select title
from course
where dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.'
and credits = 3;
```

b. Find the IDs of all students who were taught by an instructor named Einstein; make sure there are no duplicates in the result:

This query can be answered in several different ways. One way is as follows.

```
select distinct student.ID
```

```
from (student join takes using(ID))

join (instructor join teaches using(ID))

using(course_id,sec_id,semester,year)

where instructor.name = 'Einstein'
```

c. Find the highest salary of any instructor.

```
select max(salary)
from instructor;
```

d. Find all instructors earning the highest salary (there may be more than one with the same salary).

select ID, name

from instructor

where salary = (select max(salary) from instructor);

e. Find the enrollment of each section that was offered in Fall 2017.

One way of writing the query is as follows.

select course id,sec id,count(ID)

from section

natural join takes

where semester = 'Autumn'and year = 2017

group by course_id,sec_id;

f. Find the maximum enrollment, across all sections, in Fall 2017.

One way of writing this query is as follows:

select max(enrollment)
from (select count(ID) as enrollment
from section natural join takes
where semester = 'Autumn' andy ear= 2009
group by course id, sec id

As an alternative to using a nested subquery in the from clause, it is possible to use a with clause, as illustrated in the answer to the next part of this question. A subtle issue in the above query is that if no section had any enrollment, the answer would be empty, not 0. We can use the alternative using a subquery, from the previous part of this question, to ensure the count is 0 in this case.



g. Find the sections that had the maximum enrollment in Fall 2017.

The following answer uses a with clause to create a temporary view, simplifying the query.

```
with sec_enrollment as (
select takes.course_id, takes.sec_id, count(ID) as enrollment
from section ,takes
where takes.year= section.year
and takes.semester= section.semester
and takes.course_id=section.course_id
and takes.sec_id=section.sec_id
and takes.semester='fall'
and takes.year=2017
group by takes.course_id, takes.sec_id)
select course_id,sec_id
from sec_enrollment
where enrollment = (select max(enrollment) from sec_enrollment);
```

It is also possible to write the query without the with clause, but the subquery to find enrollment would get repeated twice in the query.

3.2.

Suppose you are given a relation grade points(grade, points) that provides a conversion from letter grades in the takes relation to numeric scores; for example, an "A" grade could be specified to correspond to 4 points, an "A—" to 3.7 points, a

"B+" to 3.3 points, a "B" to 3 points, and so on. The grade points earned by a student for a course offering (section) is defined as the number of credits for the course multiplied by the numeric points for the grade that the student received.

Given the preceding relation, and our university schema, write each of the following queries in SQL. You may assume for simplicity that no takes tuple has the null value for grade.

- **a.** Find the total grade points earned by the student with ID '12345', across all courses taken by the student.
- **b.** Find the grade point average (GPA) for the above student, that is, the total grade points divided by the total credits for the associated courses.
- **C.** Find the ID and the grade-point average of each student.
- **d.** Now reconsider your answers to the earlier parts of this exercise under the assumption that some grades might be null. Explain whether your solutions still work and, if not, provide versions that handle nulls properly.

Answer:

a. Find the total grade-points earned by the student with ID 12345, across all courses taken by the student.

select sum(credits * points)

from (takes ,course, grade_points
where takes.grade=grade_points.grade
and takes.course_id=course.course_id
and ID = '12345';

One problem with the above query is that if the student has not taken any course, the result would not have any tuples, whereas we would expect to get 0 as the answer. One way of fixing this problem is to use the natural left outer join operation, which we study later in Chapter 4. Another way to ensure that we get 0 as the answer, is to the following query:

```
select sum(credits * points)

from (takes ,course, grade_points
where takes.grade=grade_points.grade
and takes.course_id=course.course_id
and ID = '12345';
union
(select 0
from student
where takes.ID = '12345' and
not exists ( select * from takes where ID = '12345'));
```

b. Find the grade point average (GPA) for the above student, that is, the total grade points divided by the total credits for the associated courses.

```
select sum(credits * points)/sum(credits) as GPA from takes ,course, grade_points where takes.grade=grade_points.grade and takes.course_id=course.course_id and ID = '12345';
```

As before, a student who has not taken any course would not appear in the above result; we can ensure that such a student appears in the result by using the modified query from the previous part of this question. However, an additional issue in this case is that the sum of credits would also be 0, resulting in a divide by zero condition. In fact, the only meaningful way of defining the GPA in this case is to define it as null. We can ensure that such a student appears in the result with a null GPA by adding the following union clause to the above query.

union

(select null as GPA

from student

where takes.ID = '12345' and

not exists (select * from takes where takes.ID = '12345'));

C. Find the ID and the grade-point average of every student.

select ID, sum(credits * points)/sum(credits) as GPA from takes ,course, grade_points where takes.grade=grade_points.grade and takes.course_id=course.course_id group by ID;

Again, to handle students who have not taken any course, we would have to add the following union clause:

union

(select ID, null as GPA

from student



where not exists (select * from takes where takes.ID = student.ID));

d. Now reconsider your answers to the earlier parts of this exercise under the assumption that some grades might be null. Explain whether your solutions still work and, if not, provide versions that handle nulls properly.

The queries listed above all include a test of equality on grade between grade_points and takes. Therefore for any tuple with a null grade, that student's course would be eliminated from the rest of the computation of the result. As a result ,the credits of such courses would be eliminated also, and thus the queries would return the correct answer eve if some grades are null

3.3

Write the following inserts, deletes, or updates in SQL, using the university schema.

- **a.** Increase the salary of each instructor in the Comp. Sci. department by 10%.
- **b.** Delete all courses that have never been offered (i.e., do not occur in the section relation).
- **c.** Insert every student whose tot cred attribute is greater than 100 as an instructor in the same department, with a salary of \$10,000.

Answer:

a. Increase the salary of each instructor in the Comp. Sci. department by 10%.

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.10
where dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.';
```

b. Delete all courses that have never been offered (that is, do not occur in the section relation).

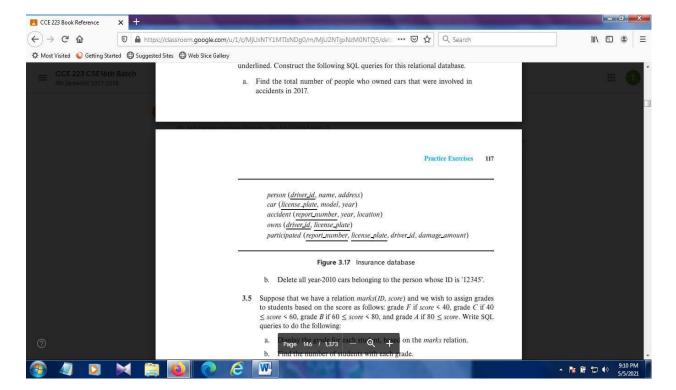
```
delete from course
where course_id not in
(select course_id from section);
```

c. Insert every student whose tot cred attribute is greater than 100 as an instructor in the same department, with a salary of \$10,000.

```
insert into instructor
select ID, name, dept_name, 10000
from student
where tot cred > 100;
```

3.4

Consider the insurance database of Figure 3.17, where the primary keys are underlined. Construct the following SQL queries for this relational database.



- **1.** Find the total number of people who owned cars that were involved in accidents in 2017.
- **2.** Delete all year-2010 cars belonging to the person whose ID is '12345'.

Note: The participated relation relates drivers, cars, and accidents.

a. Find the total number of people who owned cars that were involved in accidents in 2017.

Note: this is not the same as the total number of accidents in 2017. We must count people with several accidents only once.

select count (distinct person.driver_id)

```
from accident, participated, person,owns
where accident.report_number = participated.report_number
and owns.driver_id = person.driver_id
and owns.license_plate=participated.licence_plate
and year=2017;
```

b.Delete all year-2010 cars belonging to the person whose ID is '12345'.

```
delete car
where year=2010' and license_plate in
(select license_plate
from owns o
where o.driver id = '12345')
```

Note –The owns, accident and percipated records associated with the deleted cars still exist.

3.5

Suppose that we have a relation marks(ID, score) and we wish to assign grades to students based on the score as follows: grade F if score < 40, grade C if $40 \le$ score < 60, grade B if $60 \le$ score < 80, and grade A if $80 \le$ score. Write SQL queries to do the following:

- **a.** Display the grade for each student, based on the marks relation.
- **b.** Find the number of students with each grade.

a. Display the grade for each student, based on the marks relation.

```
select ID,
case
when score < 40 then 'F'
when score < 60 then 'C'
when score < 80 then 'B'
else 'A'
end
from marks;
b. Find the number of students with each grade.
with grades as
(select ID,
case
when score < 40 then 'F'
when score < 60 then 'C'
when score < 80 then 'B'
else 'A'
end as grade
from marks)
select grade, count(ID)
```

from grades

group by grade;

As an alternative, the with clause can be removed, and instead the definition of grades can be made a subquery of the main query.

3.6

The SQL like operator is case sensitive (in most systems), but the lower() function on strings can be used to perform case-insensitive matching. To show how, write a query that finds departments whose names contain the string "sci" as a substring, regardless of the case.

Answer:

```
select dept_name
from department
where lower(dept_name) like '%sci%';
```

3.7

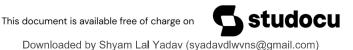
Consider the SQL query

select p.a1

from p, r1, r2

where p.a1 = r1.a1 or p.a1 = r2.a1

Under what conditions does the preceding query select values of p.a1 that are either in r1 or in r2? Examine carefully the cases where either r1 or r2 may be



empty.

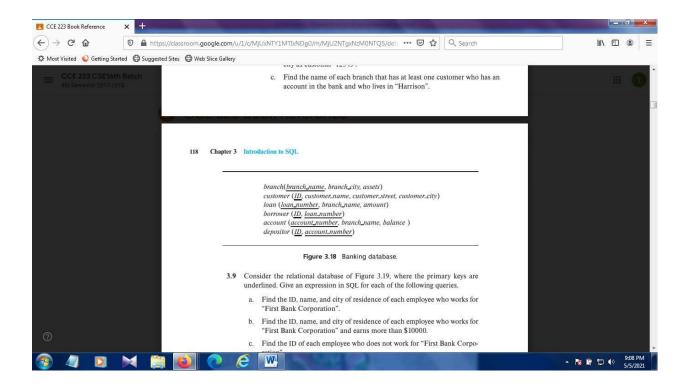
Answer:

The query selects those values of p.a1 that are equal to some value of r1.a1 or r2.a1 if and only if both r1 and r2 are non-empty. If one or both of r1 and r2 are empty, the cartesian product of p, r1 and r2 is empty, hence the result of the query is empty. Of course if p itself is empty, the result is as expected, i.e. empty.

3.8

Consider the bank database of Figure 3.18, where the primary keys are underlined. Construct the following SQL queries for this relational database.

- **a.** Find the ID of each customer of the bank who has an account but not a loan.
- **b.** Find the ID of each customer who lives on the same street and in the same city as customer '12345'.
- **c.** Find the name of each branch that has at least one customer who has an account in the bank and who lives in "Harrison".



a. Find the ID of each customer of the bank who has an account but not a loan.

(select ID

from depositor)

except

(select ID

from borrower);

b. Find the ID of each customer who lives on the same street and in the same city as customer '12345'

select F.ID



from customer as F,customer as S
where F.customer_street = S.customer_street
and F.customer_city = S.customer_city
and S.customer id = '12345'

c. Find the names of all branches with customers who have an account in the bank and who live in "Harrison".

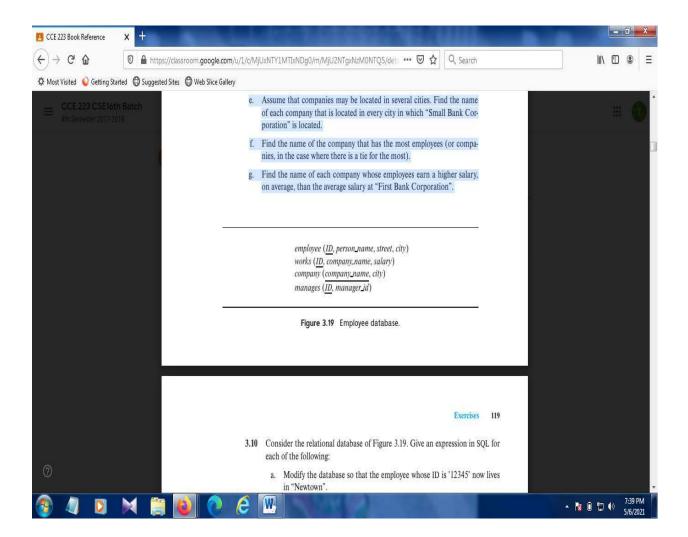
select distinct branch_name
from account ,depositor ,customer
where customer.id=depositor.id
and depositor.account_number=account.account_number
and customer city = 'Harrison';

3.9

Consider the relational database of Figure 3.19, where the primary keys are underlined. Give an expression in SQL for each of the following queries.

- **a.** Find the ID, name, and city of residence of each employee who works for "First Bank Corporation".
- **b.** Find the ID, name, and city of residence of each employee who works for "First Bank Corporation" and earns more than \$10000.
- **c.** Find the ID of each employee who does not work for "First Bank Corporation".
- d. Find the ID of each employee who earns more than every employee of

- "Small Bank Corporation".
- **e.** Assume that companies may be located in several cities. Find the name of each company that is located in every city in which "Small Bank Corporation" is located.
- **f.** Find the name of the company that has the most employees (or companies, in the case where there is a tie for the most).
- **g.** Find the name of each company whose employees earn a higher salary, on average, than the average salary at "First Bank Corporation".





a. Find the ID, name, and city of residence of each employee who works for "First Bank Corporation".

Select e.ID, e.person_name, city
from employee e, works as w
where w.company_name = 'First Bank Corporation' and
w.ID = e.ID;

b. Find the ID, name, and city of residence of each employee who works for "First Bank Corporation" and earns more than \$10000.

select *

from employee

where ID in

(select ID

from works

where company_name = 'First Bank Corporation' and salary > 10000);

c. Find the ID of each employee who does not work for "First Bank Corporation".

The following solution assumes that all people work for exactly one company.

select ID

from works

where company name <> 'First Bank Corporation';

d. Find the ID of each employee who earns more than every employee of "Small Bank Corporation".

The following solution assumes that all people work for at most one company.

select ID

from works

where salary > all

(select salary

from works

where company name = 'Small Bank Corporation');

e. Assume that companies may be located in several cities. Find the name of each company that is located in every city in which "Small Bank Corporation" is located.

The simplest solution uses the contains comparison which was included in the original System R Sequel language but is not present in the subsequent SQL versions.

select S.company name

from company as S

where not exists((select city

from company

where company_name= 'Small Bank Corporation')

except

(select city

from company as T



```
where S.company_name= T.company_name))
```

f. Find the name of the company that has the most employees (or companies, in the case where there is a tie for the most).

```
select company_name
from works
group by company_name
having count (distinct employee_name) >= all
(select count (distinct employee_name)
from works
group by company_name);
```

g. Find the name of each company whose employees earn a higher salary, on average, than the average salary at "First Bank Corporation".

```
select company_name
from works
group by company_name
having avg (salary) > (select avg (salary)
from works
where company_name = 'First Bank Corporation');
```

3.10

Consider the relational database of Figure 3.19. Give an expression in SQL for each of the following:

- **a.** Modify the database so that the employee whose ID is '12345' now lives in "Newtown".
- **b.** Give each manager of "First Bank Corporation" a 10 percent raise unless the salary becomes greater than \$100000; in such cases, give only a 3 percent raise.

a. Modify the database so that the employee whose ID is '12345' now lives in "Newtown".

The solution assumes that each person has only one tuple in the employee relation.

```
update employee
set city = 'Newton'
where ID= '12345';
```

b. Give each manager of "First Bank Corporation" a 10 percent raise unless the salary becomes greater than \$100000; in such cases, give only a 3 percent raise.

```
update works T

set T.salary = T.salary * 1.03

where T.employee name in (select manager name from manages)

and T.salary * 1.1 > 100000

and T.company name = 'First Bank Corporation' update works T

set T.salary = T.salary * 1.1
```

```
where T.employee_name in (select manager_name from manages)
and T.salary * 1.1 <= 100000
and T.company name = 'First Bank Corporation';
```

The above updates would give different results if executed in the opposite order. We give below a safer solution using the case statement.

```
update works T
set T.salary = T.salary *
(case
when (T.salary * 1.1 > 100000) then 1.03
else 1.1
)
where T.employee_name in (select manager_name
from manages) and
T.company name = 'First Bank Corporation';
```