

How Many Ways Can You Join SAS® Tables

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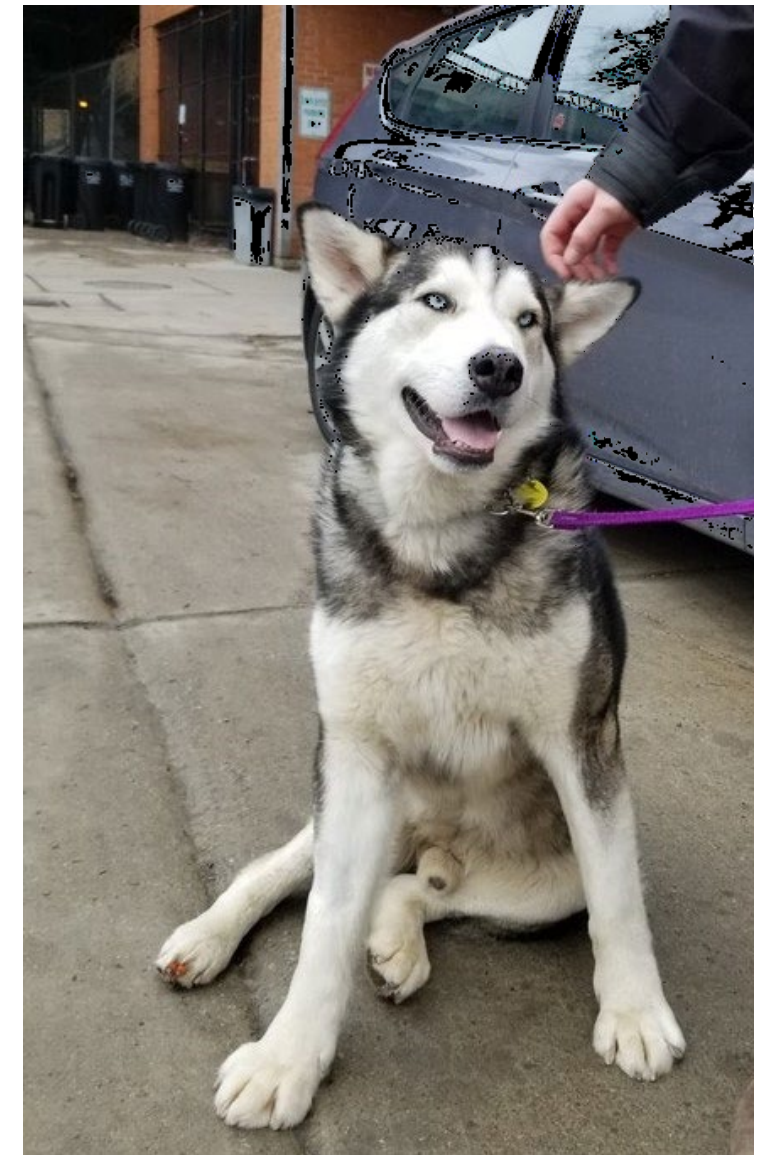
Baking With Arrays Vs. Cooking With Hash In-Memory Look Up Techniques

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Agenda



Nuts and Bolts



Data Step Merge



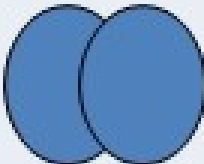
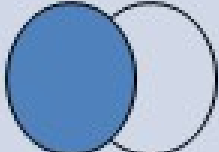
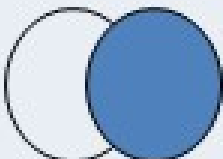
PROC SQL Inner and outer joins



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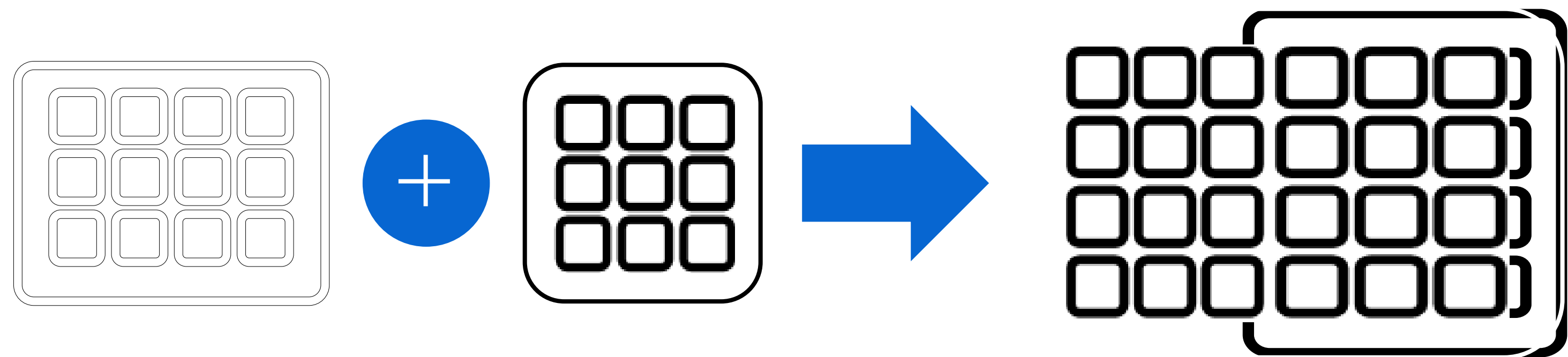
Nuts and Bolts

Merging -SQL vs. Data Step

VISUAL	SQL	DATA STEP
<p>All rows from both tables</p> 	<p>Full Outer Join Select * from tableA Full outer Join tableB On tableA.id=tableB.id;</p>	<p>Match Merge Data tableC; Merge tableA tableB; By id; Run;</p>
<p>All rows from left table & matching rows from right table</p> 	<p>Left Join Select * from tableA Left Join tableB On tableA.id=tableB.id;</p>	<p>Data Step Merge Use IN=data set option Data tableD; Merge tableA(in=INA) tableB; By id; If INA; Run;</p>
<p>All rows from right table & matching rows from left table</p> 	<p>Right Join Select * from tableA Right Join tableB On tableA.id=tableB.id;</p>	<p>Data Step Merge Data tableE; Merge tableA tableB(in=INB); By id; If INB; Run;</p>

Data Step Merge

Merging Tables



Merging Tables

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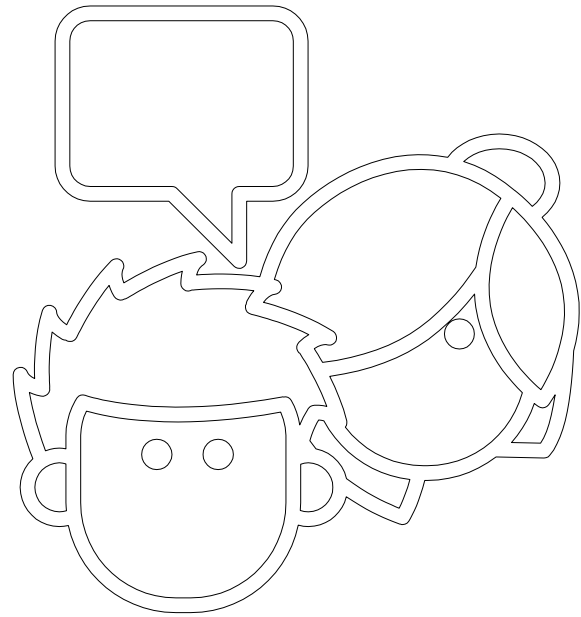
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		2	↔	2		
		3	↔	3		

nonmatching rows

A	B	C		C	D	E
		1		2		
		2		3		
		4		4		

one-to-many

A	B	C		C	D	E
		1		1		
		2		1		
				2		



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Kristin
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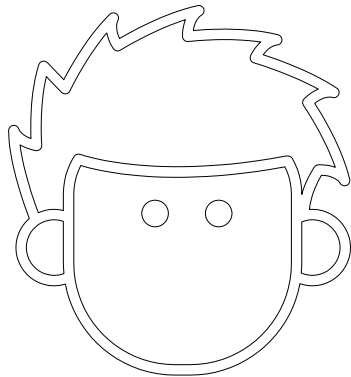
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With the input tables ordered by **AuthorID**, SAS can compare rows sequentially to efficiently match rows.



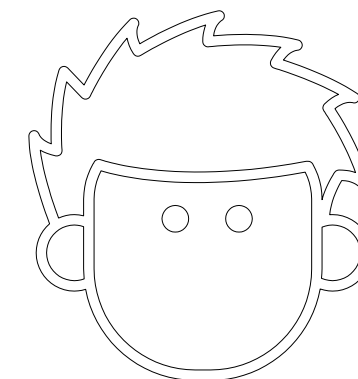
Merging Tables

```
DATA output-table;  
  MERGE input-table1 input-table2 ...;  
  BY BY-column(s);  
RUN;
```

list any number of
input tables with
one or more
common columns

list the common
column or columns

The input tables
must be sorted by
the column (or
columns) listed in
the BY statement.



Prepping Tables for Merging

Data is sorted by the
common key in both
tables

```
Proc sort data= MINSUG.authors out =authors  
    By AuthorId;  
Run;
```

```
Proc sort data= MINSUG.books out =books  
    By AuthorId;  
Run;
```

Merging Tables

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
    merge authors books;  
    by Name;  
run;
```

Columns are combined in the new table by matching values of **Name**.

Authors

AuthorID	AuthorName	AuthorBio
A001	Tricia Aanderud	
A002	Robert Allison	
B001	William Benjamin	
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Merging Tables: Compilation

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
    merge authors books;  
    by Name;  
run;
```

All columns from the first table are added to the PDV.

PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio

Merging Tables: Compilation

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
    merge authors books;  
    by Name;  
run;
```

Additional columns
from the second table
are added to the PDV.

Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle

The BY column is
already in the PDV.

Merging Tables: Execution

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

Rows are read sequentially from both tables. When the BY values match, they are both read into the PDV.

Authors

AuthorID	AuthorName
A001	Tricia Aanderud
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Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle	_N_

Merging Tables: Execution

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

The BY values match,
and both rows are read
into the PDV.

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Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle	_N_
A001	Tricia Aanderud		A00101	Banking..	1

One-to-Many Merge

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

For the next iteration, The BY values do not match, but one value matches the PDV. That row is read into the PDV and overwrites previous values.

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Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle	_N_
A001	Tricia Aanderud		A00102	An introduct	2

One-to-Many Merge

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

For the next iteration,
Neither BY value
matches the PDV.

Authors

AuthorID	AuthorName
A001	Tricia Aanderud
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Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle	_N_
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One-to-Many Merge

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

The PDV is reset to missing values when a new BY group begins.

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Identifying Matching and Non-Matching Rows

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

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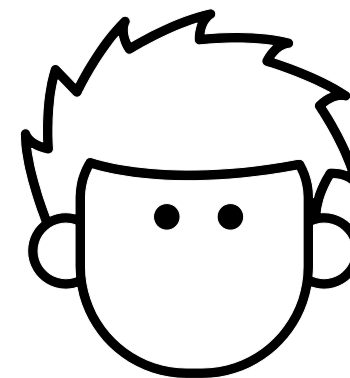
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The new table includes matches and nonmatches.

Merging Tables with Nonmatching Rows

```
DATA output-table;  
    MERGE input-table1(IN=variable)  
          input-table2(IN=variable) ...;  
    BY BY-column(s);  
RUN;
```

The IN= data set option can be used to identify matching and nonmatching rows.



Merging Tables with Nonmatching Rows

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

Partial PDV

AuthorId	AuthorName	AuthorBio	BookId	BookTitle	InAuthors	InBooks	_N_

The IN= variables are 0 if the BY value is *not in* the corresponding input table and 1 if the BY value is *in* the corresponding input table.

Identifying Matching and Non-Matching Rows

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
  merge authors books;  
  by AuthorId;  
run;
```

How can we include only matching rows in the output table?

Authors

AuthorID	AuthorName
A001	Tricia Aanderud
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B001	William Benjamin

Books

BookID	BookTitle	AuthorID
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The new table includes matches and nonmatches.

Multiple Choice Question

Which statement writes only matching rows to the output table?

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
    merge Authors(in=inAuthors)  
          Books(in=inBooks);  
    by AuthorId;  
    ???  
run;
```

- a. **where inAuthor=1 and inBooks=1;**
- b. **where inAuthor=1 or inBooks=1;**
- c. **if inAuthor=1 and inBooks=1;**
- d. **if inAuthor=1 or inBooks=1 ;**

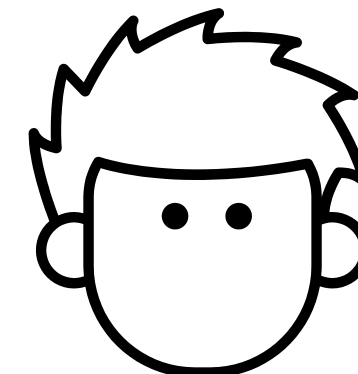
Multiple Choice Question

Which statement writes only matching rows to the output table?

```
data AuthorsBooks;  
    merge Authors(in=inAuthors)  
          Books(in=inBooks);  
    by AuthorId;  
    ???  
run;
```

- a. **where inAuthor=1 and inBooks=1;**
- b. **where inAuthor=1 or inBooks=1;**
- c. **if inAuthor=1 and inBooks=1;**
- d. **if inAuthor=1 or inBooks=1 ;**

The subsetting IF statement must be used because values for the IN= variables are assigned during execution.





Merging Tables with Matching & Nonmatching Rows

1. Demonstration illustrates using the DATA step MERGE to combine two tables with matching rows.
2. Demonstration illustrates using the DATA step MERGE to combine two tables and identify nonmatching rows.

PROC SQL Join

What happens during a Join?

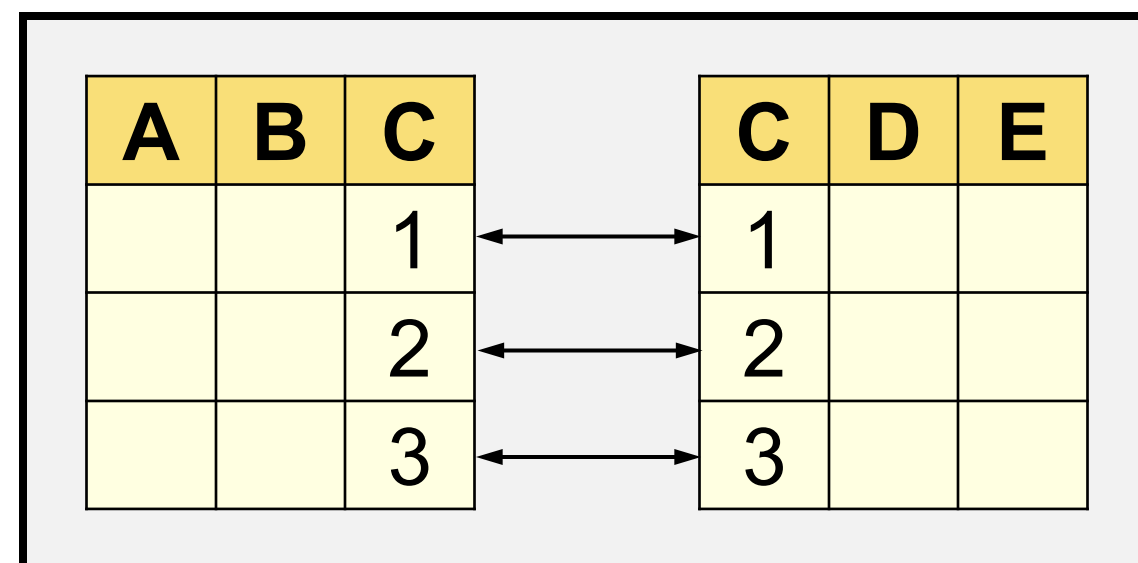
2 phases

1. The first phase determines the names of the tables referenced in the FROM clause. An internal *virtual* table, known as a Cartesian product, is created resulting in each row in the first table being combined with each row in the second table, and so forth. Due to its size, the Cartesian product is managed by the MINSUG software.
2. The second phase of every join processes the WHERE clause, when present.

Types of Joins in PROC SQL

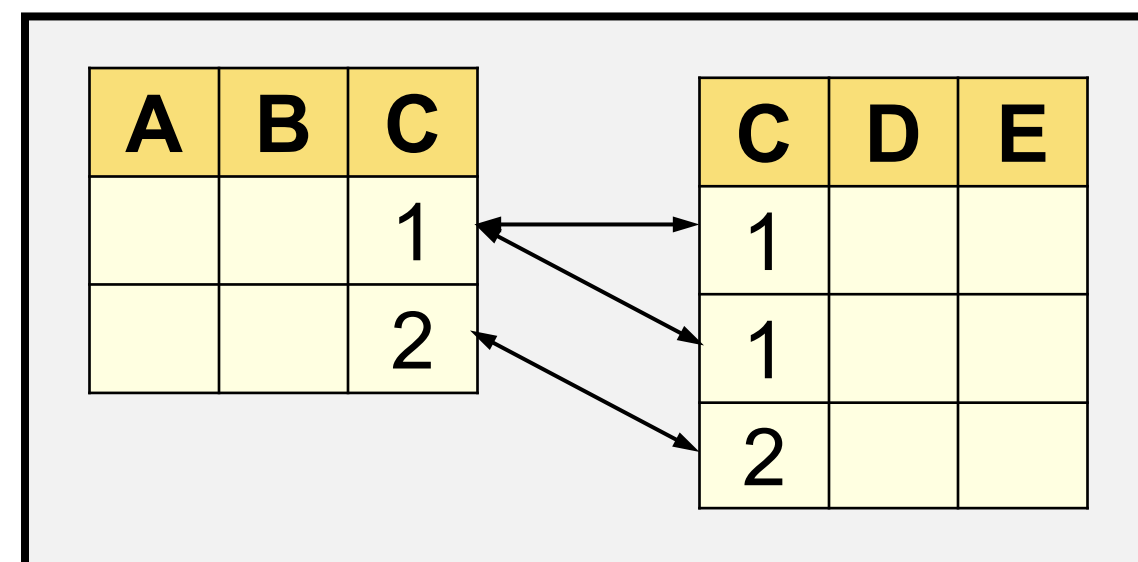
Type of Join	Quality of Join
Inner Join	Returns matching rows in 2 tables
Outer Join	Returns matches/non matches from 2 tables
Cartesian (Cross-Join)	Returns the Cartesian product of rows from the tables in the join, all possible combination of rows are returned
Self Join (Reflexive Join)	Join that joins a table back with itself
Natural Join	JOIN operation that creates an implicit join clause based on the common columns in the tables being joined.
Inline View	SELECTstatement in the FROM-clause of another SELECTstatement to create a temporary table that could be referenced by the SELECTstatement. Inline views are utilized for writing complex SQL queries without join and subqueries operations.
Subquery	Inner Query that sits inside an Outer Query

Data Relationships & Cardinality



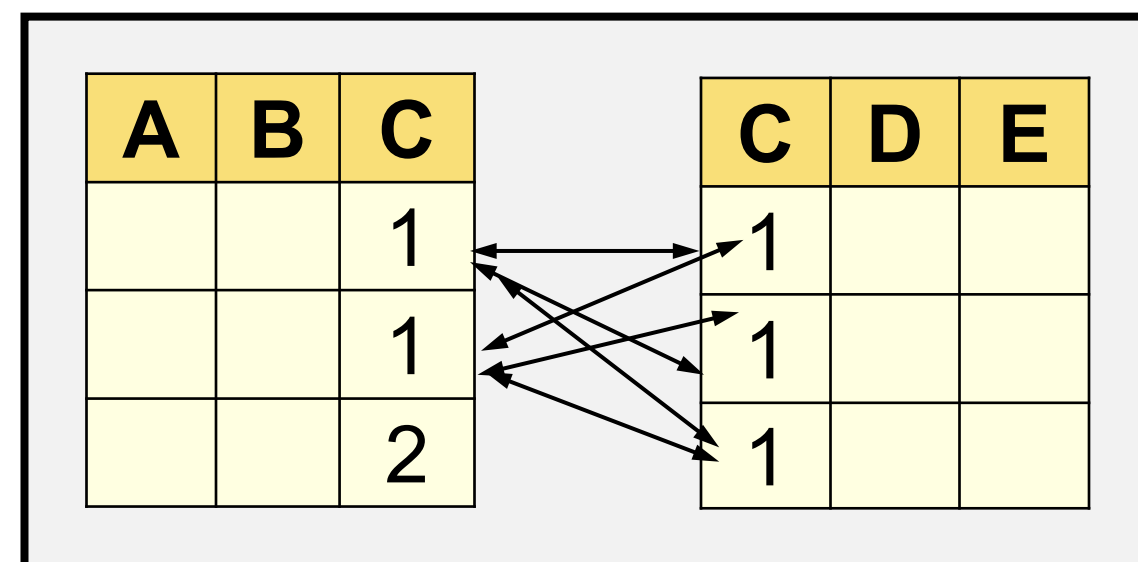
One-to-One

Each row in one table is linked (or related) to a single row in another table using a “key” column.



One-to-Many

Each row in one table is linked (or related) to one, or more, rows in another table using a “key” column.



Many-to-Many

One, or more, rows in one table is linked (or related) to one, or more, rows in another table using a “key”

PROC SQL Joins

Inner, Outer

SELECT Statement: Syntax Order Refresher

SO
FEW
WORKERS
GO
HOME
ON TIME

```
SELECT object-item <, ...object-item>  
FROM from-list  
  <WHERE sql-expression>  
  <GROUP BY object-item <, ... object-item >>  
  <HAVING sql-expression>  
  <ORDER BY order-by-item <DESC>  
    <, ...order-by-item>>;
```

- The WHERE clause specifies data that meets certain conditions.
- The GROUP BY clause groups data for processing.
- The HAVING clause specifies groups that meet certain conditions.
- The ORDER BY clause specifies an order for the data.

SELECT Statement: Required Clauses

```
SELECT object-item <, ...object-item>  
FROM from-list;
```

Here are two things that SQL always needs:

1. What do you want?
The SELECT clause specifies the columns and column order.
2. Where do you want it from?
The FROM clause specifies the data sources.
You can query from 1 to 256 tables.

Joins and a Cartesian Product

Input Tables

Authors
<u>AuthorID</u>
<u>AuthorName</u>

Books
<u>BookID</u>
<u>BookTitle</u>
<u>AuthorID</u>

Joins and a Cartesian Product

PROC SQL Join Query - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
SELECT *  
    FROM MINSUG.Authors ,  
         MINSUG.Books (keep=BookID BookTitle  
                      AuthorID) ;  
QUIT;
```

Joins and a Cartesian Product

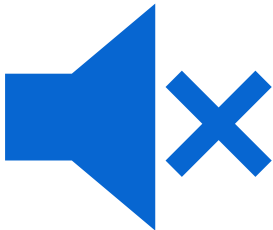
PROC SQL Join - Results

Non Matching
Author Id

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E001	Peter Eberhardt		A00101	Building Business Intelligence Using SAS: Content Development Examples	A001
E002	Jane Esslinger		A00101	Building Business Intelligence Using SAS: Content Development Examples	A001
F001	Lisa Fine		A00101	Building Business Intelligence Using SAS: Content Development Examples	A001
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K001	Warren F. Kuhfeld		A00101	Building Business Intelligence Using SAS: Content Development Examples	A001
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Exponential
of rows

Debugging SQL Processing _METHOD



```
80  PROC SQL _method;
81  SELECT *
82  FROM SAS.Authors,
83  SAS.Books(keep=BookID BookTitle AuthorID);
```

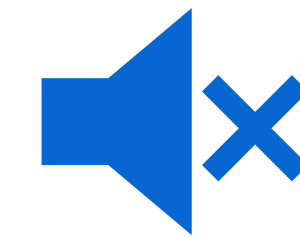
NOTE: The execution of this query involves performing one or more Cartesian product joins that can not be optimized.

NOTE: SQL execution methods chosen are:

```
      sqxslct
      sqxjsl
      sqxsrc( SAS.AUTHORS )
      sqxsrc( SAS.BOOKS )
84  QUIT;
```

CODES	DESCRIPTION
Sqxcrt	CreMINSUGtable as Select
Sqxslct	Select
Sqxjsl	Step loop join (Cartesian)
Sqxjm	Merge join
Sqxjndx	Index join
Sqxjhsh	Hash join
Sqxsort	Sort
Sqxsrc	Source rows from table
Sqxfil	Filter rows
Sqxsumg	Summary stats with GROUP BY
Sqxsumn	Summary stats with no GROUP BY

Debugging SQL Processing _TREE



NOTE: The execution of this query involves performing one or more Cartesian product joins that can not be optimized.
Tree as planned.

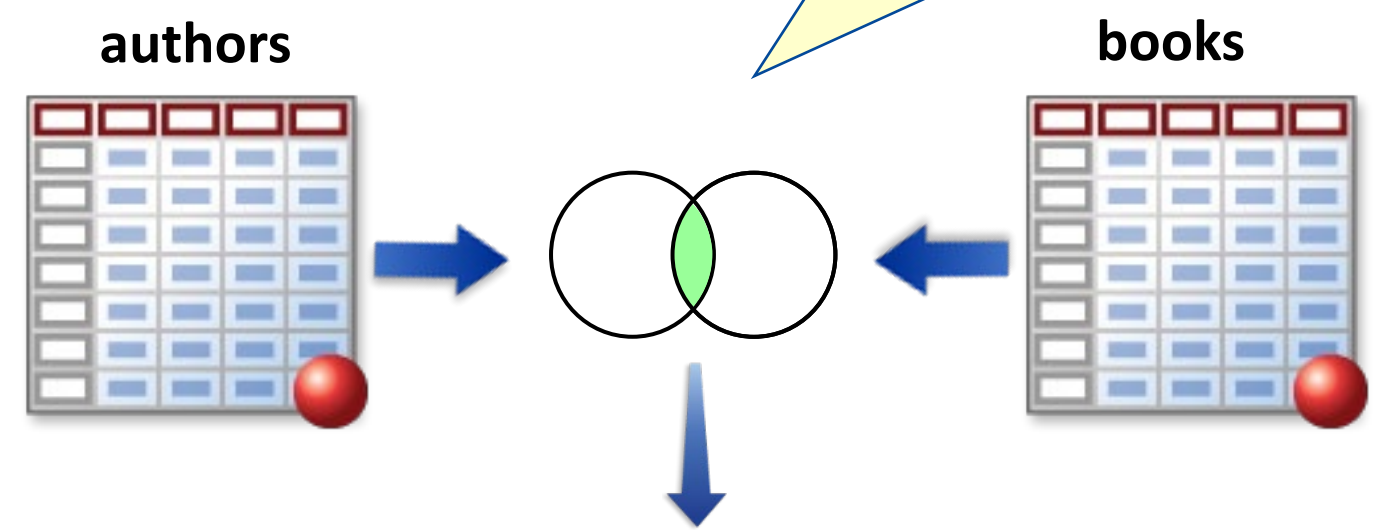
```

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    /-OBJ----|
    |         |--SYM-V-(Authors.AuthorName:2 flag=00000001)
    |         |--SYM-V-(Authors.AuthorBio:3 flag=00000001)
    |         |--SYM-V-(Books.BookID:1 flag=00000001)
    |         |--SYM-V-(Books.BookTitle:2 flag=00000001)
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```

Conventional Joins with 2 Tables

PROC SQL Inner Join Concepts

A conventional join of 2 or more tables, uses a WHERE- or HAVING-clause to produce a result set of “matched” rows. The Authors and Books table are joined together using the “key” **AuthorID**.



AuthorId	AuthorName	BookId	BookTitle	AuthorID
S008	Susan Slaughter	S00801	The Little MINSUG Book: A Primer, Fifth Edition	S008

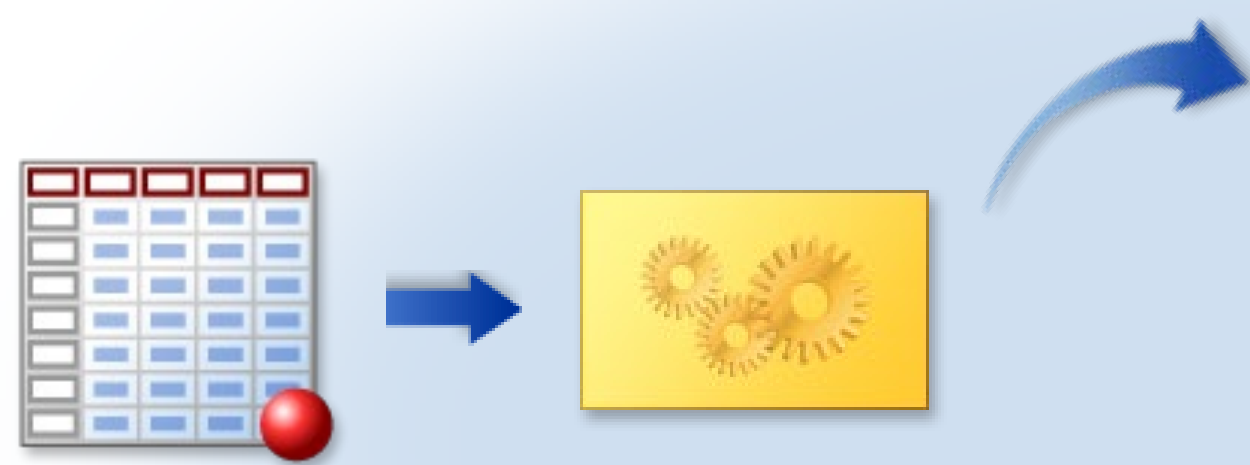
Conventional Joins with 2 Tables

PROC SQL Inner Join - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
SELECT *  
  FROM t1  
  INNER JOIN  
  t2  
  ON t1.key=t2.key;  
QUIT;
```

Locate Key Columns For Joins

How did I know what key columns the 2 tables Authors & Books in common?



Column Name	Member Name	Column Type	Column Length
AuthorId	AUTHORS	char	8
AuthorID	BOOKS	char	8

Locate Common Columns For Joins

```
proc sql;
```

```
    describe table dictionary.columns;
```

NOTE: SQL table DICTIONARY.COLUMNS was creMINSUGd like:

creMINSUG table DICTIONARY.COLUMNS

Know your dictionary table

```
(
  libname char(8) label='Library Name',
  memname char(32) label='Member Name',
  memtype char(8) label='Member Type',
  name char(32) label='Column Name',
  type char(4) label='Column Type',
  length num label='Column Length',
  npos num label='Column Position',
  varnum num label='Column Number in Table',
  label char(256) label='Column Label',
  format char(49) label='Column Format',
  informat char(49) label='Column Informat',
  idxusage char(9) label='Column Index Type',
  sortedby num label='Order in Key Sequence',
  xtype char(12) label='Extended Type',
  notnull char(3) label='Not NULL?',
  precision num label='Precision',
  scale num label='Scale',
  transcode char(3) label='Transcoded?'
);
```

Locate Common Columns For Joins

How can I search without hard coding?

```
proc sql;  
  select name, memname, type, length from dictionary.columns  
  where libname = 'MINSUG'  
  group by upcase(name)  
  having count(upcase(name)) > 1  
  order by upcase(name);  
quit;
```

Column Name	Member Name	Column Type	Column Length
AuthorId	AUTHORS	char	8
AuthorID	BOOKS	char	8

Conventional Joins with 2 Tables

PROC SQL Inner Join - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
SELECT *  
  FROM MINSUG.Authors  
  INNER JOIN  
  MINSUG.Books (keep=BookID BookTitle AuthorID)  
  ON Authors.AuthorID = Books.AuthorID;  
QUIT;
```

“key”, AuthorID in a WHERE-clause. When the value of AuthorID is equal in both tables, the rows are combined together.

Conventional Joins with 2 Tables

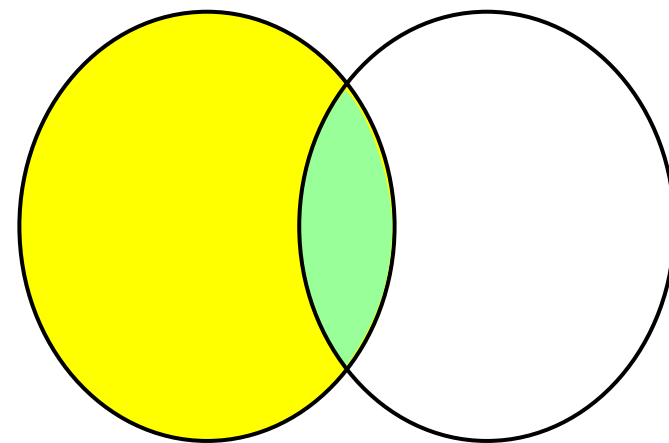
PROC SQL Inner Join - Results

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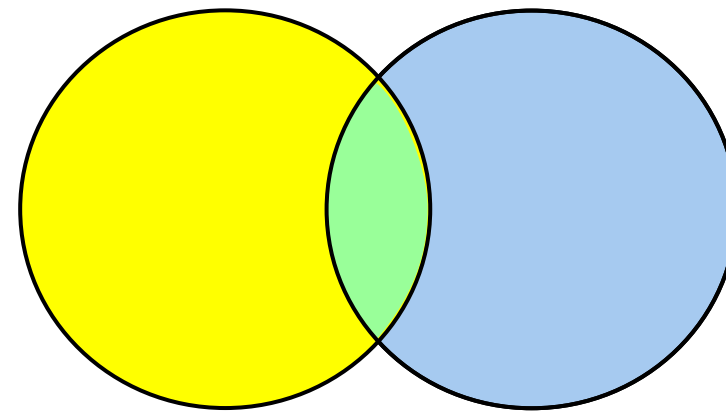
AuthorID column is displayed twice in the results – once from the Authors table and a second time from the Books table.

Outer Joins

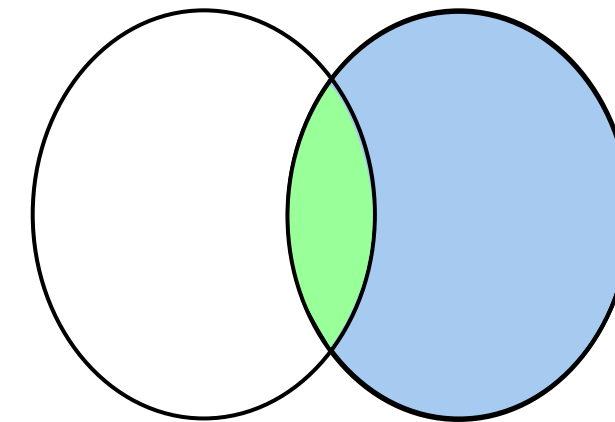
matching rows are selected along with the unmatched rows from one, both or all tables. sometimes referred to as an asymmetric (or unconventional) join. Its basic purpose is to select the matching rows from all tables, and to capture the rows without a match row from all tables.



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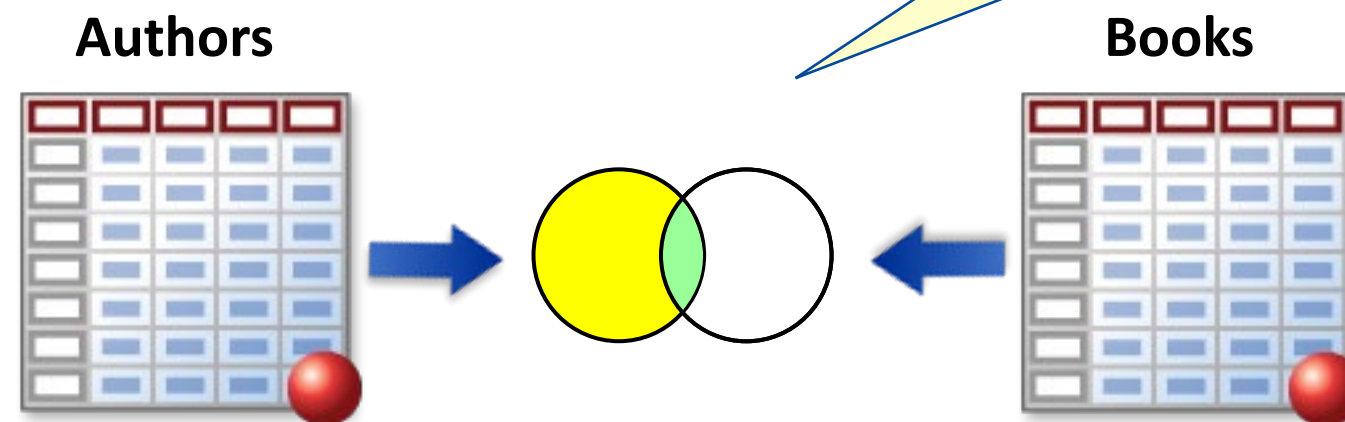


Right

This type of join construct serves a significant purpose when working with tables of data and is referred to as an outer join construct.

Left Outer Joins

Left Outer Join - Concepts



a left outer join is constructed to select the “matched” AuthorIDs from both the Authors and Books tables, plus all the “unmatched” rows from the Authors table.

Left Outer Joins

Left Outer Join - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
  SELECT Authors.AuthorID, BookTitle, HardcoverPrice  
    format=Dollar8.2  
  FROM MINSUG.Authors  
    LEFT JOIN  
    MINSUG.Books  
    ON Authors.AuthorID = Books.AuthorID;  
QUIT;
```

Left Outer Joins

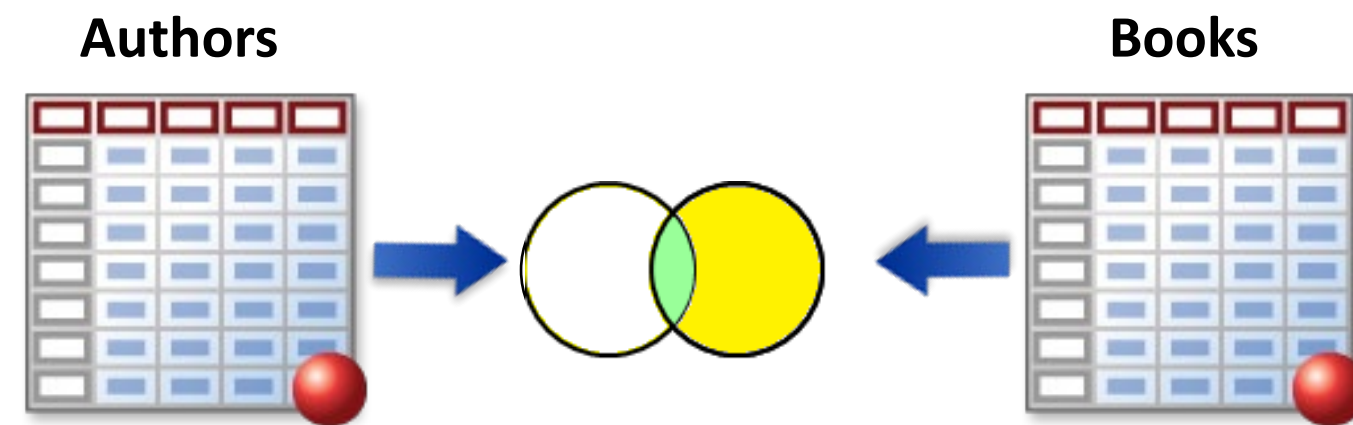
Left Outer Join – Results

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The result contains all rows matching the rows from the left table (Authors) that did not match any row in the right (Books) table. Essentially any “unmatched” rows from the left table are preserved and displayed as they appear in the table itself.

Right Outer Joins

Right Outer Join - Concepts



An example of a right outer join to identify and match AuthorIDs from the Authors and Books tables

Right Outer Joins

Right Outer Join - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
    SELECT Authors.AuthorID, BookTitle, HardcoverPrice  
    format=Dollar8.2  
    FROM MINSUG.Authors  
    RIGHT JOIN  
    MINSUG.Books  
    ON Authors.AuthorID = Books.AuthorID;  
QUIT;
```

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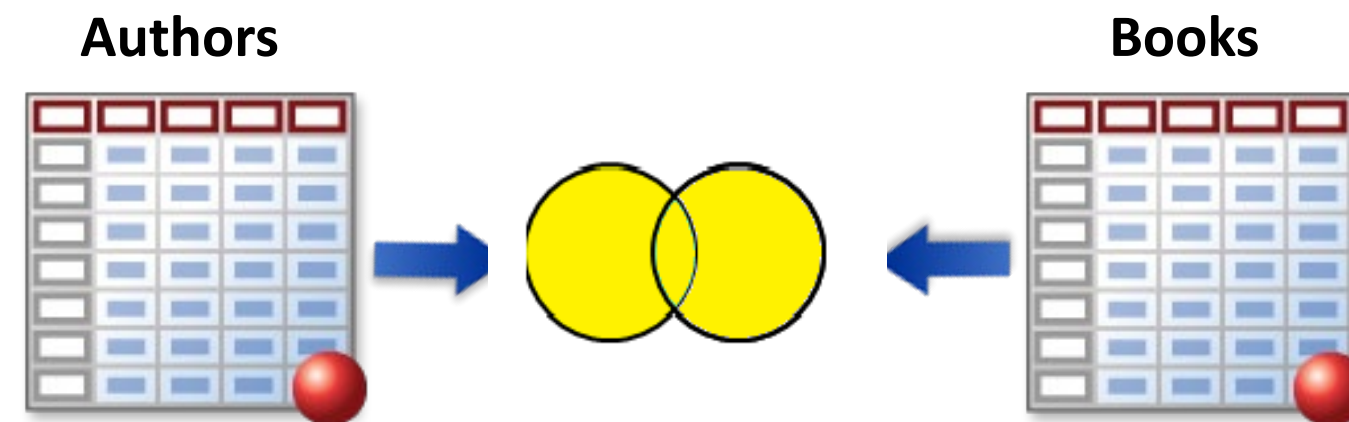
The result contains all rows for which the SQL expression, referenced in the ON clause, matches the rows from the right table (Books) that did not match any row in the left (Authors) table.

Full Outer Joins

Full Outer Join - Concepts

A full outer join essentially represents the result of a left outer join and a right outer join. The result of a full outer join can be sizeable because it contains all “matches” and “non matches” from both the left and right table.

A full outer join query is constructed that selects columns from the Authors and Books tables.



Full Outer Joins

Full Outer Join - Syntax

```
PROC SQL;  
    SELECT Authors.AuthorID, BookTitle, HardcoverPrice  
    format=Dollar8.2  
    FROM MINSUG.Authors  
    FULL JOIN  
        MINSUG.Books  
    ON Authors.AuthorID = Books.AuthorID;  
QUIT;
```

Full Outer Joins

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The result contains all rows that satisfy the SQL expression, referenced in the ON clause, by matching the rows from the right table (Books) that did not match any row in the left (Authors) table.

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