University of Toronto CSC343, Fall 2015

CDF IDs: Names:

Subqueries: Solutions

Schema

```
Student(\underline{sID}, surName, firstName, campus, email, cgpa) \qquad Offering[dept, cNum] \subseteq Course[dept, cNum] \\ Course(\underline{dept}, cNum, name, breadth) \qquad \qquad Took[sID] \subseteq Student[sID] \\ Offering(\underline{oID}, dept, cNum, term, instructor) \qquad Took[oID] \subseteq Offering[oID] \\ Took(sID, oID, grade)
```

Questions

1. What does this query do? (The | | operator concatenates two strings.)

```
SELECT sid, dept || cnum as course, grade
FROM Took,
    (SELECT *
    FROM Offering
    WHERE instructor = 'Horton') Hoffering
WHERE Took.oid = Hoffering.oid;
```

Solution: It finds information about students who took an offering taught by Horton. On our dataset, this is the output:

sid		course		grade
	-+-		-+-	
99132		CSC343		79
98000	1	CSC343	1	82
98000	1	CSC263	1	78
99999	1	CSC343	1	89
157	1	CSC343	1	99
(5 rows)				

2. What does this query do?

```
SELECT sid, surname
FROM Student
WHERE cgpa >
   (SELECT cgpa
   FROM Student
   WHERE sid = 99999);
```

Solution: It finds information about students whose cgpa is higher than student 99999. On our dataset, this is the output:

3. What does this query do?

Solution: It finds information about students got an 80 or higher in a course that some Lakemeyer took. They did not have to take the course together. On our dataset, this is the output:

sid	course	grade		
+	+			
157	CSC343	99		
99999	CSC343	89		
98000	CSC343	82		
	rows omi	tted		
99132	ANT203	82		
98000	ENG235	92		
(24 rows)				

Output:

XXX

4. (a) Suppose we have these relations: R(a, b) and S(b, c). What does this query do?

```
SELECT a
FROM R
WHERE b in (SELECT b FROM S);
```

Solution: It finds a values from R whose b occurs in S.

(b) Can we express this query without using subqueries?

Solution: You might think this query is equivalent:

```
SELECT a
FROM R, S
WHERE R.b = S.b
```

(Or we could do a natural join.) But they are not the same in all cases. If a tuple from R connects successfully with more than one tuple from S, this new query will yield duplicates that the original did not.

5. What does this query do?

```
SELECT instructor
FROM Offering Off1
WHERE NOT EXISTS (
    SELECT *
    FROM Offering
    WHERE
        oid <> Off1.oid AND
        instructor = Off1.instructor );
```

Solution: It finds instructors who have exactly one offering. On our dataset, this is the output:

instructor -----Truta Heap Chechik Davies Johancsik Reisman Dow Miller Mendel Richler (10 rows)

6. Now let's write some queries! For each course find the instructor who has taught the most offerings of it. If there are ties, include them all Report the course (eg "csc343"), instructor and the number of offerings of the course by that instructor. Suggestion: Use one or more views to hold intermediate step(s).

Solution:

FROM Counts C1

WHERE count >= ALL (

```
CREATE VIEW Counts as
SELECT cnum || dept as course, instructor, count(oid)
FROM Offering
GROUP BY cnum, dept, instructor;
-- Let's take a look at what this computes.
-- (Our dataset doesn't give this query a very good test.)
SELECT * from Counts;
course | instructor | count
-----
 148CSC | Miller
                           1
 263EEB
        Suzuki
                           1
        | Suzuki
 216EEB
                           1
        | Richler
 235ENG
                           1
 205ENG
        | Atwood
                           1
 110ENG
                           1
         | Percy
                           2
 148CSC
         | Jepson
                     SELECT course, instructor, count
```

```
SELECT count
     FROM Counts C2
     WHERE C1.course = C2.course )
ORDER BY C1.course;
== OR ==
SELECT course, instructor, count
FROM Counts C1
WHERE count = (
     SELECT max(count)
     FROM Counts C2
     WHERE C1.course = C2.course )
ORDER BY C1.course;
course | instructor | count
-----
 110ENG | Percy
110ENG | Atwood
148CSC | Jepson |
 150EEB | Mendel
                  1
 200ANT | Zorich
                   1
```

7. Let's say that a course has level "junior" if its cNum is between 100 and 299 inclusive, and has level "senior" if its cNum is between 300 and 499 inclusive. Report the average grade, across all departments and course offerings, for all junior courses and for all senior courses. Report your answer in a table that looks like this:

```
level | levelavg
-----|
junior |
senior |
```

Each average should be an average of the individual student grades, not an average of the course averages.

Solution:

```
CREATE VIEW Grades AS

SELECT cnum, dept, grade

FROM Offering natural join Took;

(SELECT 'junior' AS level, avg(grade) AS levelavg

FROM Grades

WHERE cnum >= 100 AND cnum <= 299)

union
(SELECT 'junior' AS level, avg(grade) AS levelavg

FROM Grades

WHERE cnum >= 300 AND cnum <= 499);
```

Output: