

ECE30030/ITP30010 Database Systems

More SQL

Reading: Chapter 3

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Agenda

- Nested subqueries
- Set membership (SOME, ALL, EXISTS)

Running Examples

- Relations (tables): *instructor*, *teaches*

Instructor relation

ID	name	dept_name	salary
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000.00
12121	Wu	Finance	90000.00
15151	Mozart	Music	40000.00
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000.00
32343	El Said	History	60000.00
33456	Gold	Physics	87000.00
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000.00
58583	Califieri	History	62000.00
76543	Singh	Finance	80000.00
76766	Crick	Biology	72000.00
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000.00
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000.00

teaches relation

ID	course_id	sec_id	semester	year
76766	BIO-101	1	Summer	2017
76766	BIO-301	1	Summer	2018
10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
45565	CS-101	1	Spring	2018
83821	CS-190	1	Spring	2017
83821	CS-190	2	Spring	2017
10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
45565	CS-319	1	Spring	2018
83821	CS-319	2	Spring	2018
10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
98345	EE-181	1	Spring	2017
12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
32343	HIS-351	1	Spring	2018
15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017

Running Examples

- Relations (tables): *course*, *takes*

course relation

course_id	title	dept_name	credits
BIO-101	Intro. to Biology	Biology	4
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4
BIO-399	Computational Biology	Biology	3
CS-101	Intro. to Computer Science	Comp. Sci.	4
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3
CS-319	Image Processing	Comp. Sci.	3
CS-347	Database System Concepts	Comp. Sci.	3
EE-181	Intro. to Digital Systems	Elec. Eng.	3
FIN-201	Investment Banking	Finance	3
HIS-351	World History	History	3
MU-199	Music Video Production	Music	3
PHY-101	Physical Principles	Physics	4

takes relation

ID	course_id	sec_id	semester	year	grade
00128	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A
00128	CS-347	1	Fall	2017	A-
12345	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	C
12345	CS-190	2	Spring	2017	A
12345	CS-315	1	Spring	2018	A
12345	CS-347	1	Fall	2017	A
19991	HIS-351	1	Spring	2018	B
23121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018	C+
44553	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017	B-
45678	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	F
45678	CS-101	1	Spring	2018	B+
45678	CS-319	1	Spring	2018	B
54321	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A-
54321	CS-190	2	Spring	2017	B+
55739	MU-199	1	Spring	2018	A-
76543	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A
76543	CS-319	2	Spring	2018	A
76653	EE-181	1	Spring	2017	C
98765	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	C-
98765	CS-315	1	Spring	2018	B
98988	BIO-101	1	Summer	2017	A
98988	BIO-301	1	Summer	2018	<null>

Running Examples

- Relations (tables): *student*

student relation

ID	name	dept_name	tot_cred
00128	Zhang	Comp. Sci.	102
12345	Shankar	Comp. Sci.	32
19991	Brandt	History	80
23121	Chavez	Finance	110
44553	Peltier	Physics	56
45678	Levy	Physics	46
54321	Williams	Comp. Sci.	54
55739	Sanchez	Music	38
70557	Snow	Physics	0
76543	Brown	Comp. Sci.	58
76653	Aoi	Elec. Eng.	60
98765	Bourikas	Elec. Eng.	98
98988	Tanaka	Biology	120

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, \dots, A_n
FROM r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m
WHERE P

as follows:

- **FROM clause:** r_i can be replaced by **any valid** subquery
- **WHERE clause:** P can be replaced **with an expression of the form:**
 $B <\text{operation}> (\text{subquery})$
 B is an attribute and $<\text{operation}>$ is to be defined later
- **SELECT clause:**
 A_i can be replaced by a subquery **that generates a single value**
(**scalar subquery**)

Subqueries in the FROM Clause

- Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than \$42,000
 - SELECT** *D.dept_name, D.avg_salary*
FROM (**SELECT** *dept_name, AVG(salary) AS avg_salary*
FROM *instructor*
GROUP BY *dept_name*) **AS** *D*
WHERE *D.avg_salary > 42000*;

dept_name	avg_salary
Biology	72000.000000
Comp. Sci.	77333.333333
Elec. Eng.	80000.000000
Finance	85000.000000
History	61000.000000
Physics	91000.000000

WITH Clause

- The **WITH** clause provides a way of defining a **temporary relation**
 - The relation is available only to the query in which the **WITH** clause occurs
- Find all departments with the maximum budget
 - **WITH** *max_budget* (*value*) **AS**
 (**SELECT** **MAX**(*budget*)
 FROM *department*)
SELECT *department.dept_name*
FROM *department, max_budget*
WHERE *department.budget = max_budget.value;*

dept_name
Finance

Scalar Subquery

- **Scalar subquery** is used **where a single value is expected**
 - Runtime error occurs if a subquery returns more than one result tuple
- 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;

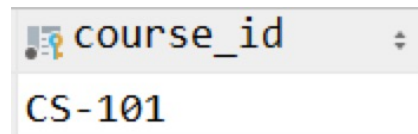
dept_name	num_instructors
Biology	1
Comp. Sci.	3
Elec. Eng.	1
Finance	2
History	2
Music	1
Physics	2

Agenda

- Nested subqueries
- **Set membership (SOME, ALL, EXISTS)**

Set Membership

- Find courses offered in Fall 2017 and in Spring 2018
 - **SELECT DISTINCT** *course_id*
FROM *teaches*
WHERE *semester* = 'Fall' **AND** *year*= 2017 **AND**
course_id **IN** (**SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *teaches*
WHERE *semester* = 'Spring' **AND** *year*= 2018);



Set Membership

- Find courses offered in Fall 2017 but not in Spring 2018
 - SELECT DISTINCT** *course_id*
FROM *teaches*
WHERE *semester* = 'Fall' **AND** *year*= 2017 **AND**
course_id **NOT IN** (**SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *teaches*
WHERE *semester* = 'Spring' **AND** *year*= 2018);

course_id
CS-347
PHY-101

Set Membership

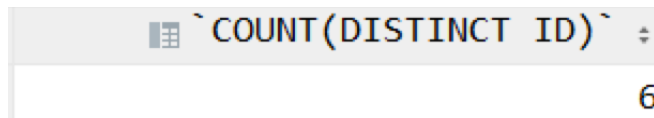
- Name all instructors whose name is neither “Mozart” nor Einstein”
 - **SELECT DISTINCT** *name*
FROM *instructor*
WHERE *name* **NOT IN** ('Mozart', 'Einstein');

name
Srinivasan
Wu
El Said
Gold
Katz
Califieri
Singh
Crick
Brandt
Kim

name
Srinivasan
Wu
Mozart
Einstein
El Said
Gold
Katz
Califieri
Singh
Crick
Brandt
Kim

Set Membership

- Find the total number of unique students who have taken course sections taught by the instructor with *ID* 10101
 - SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT *ID*)**
FROM *takes*
WHERE (*course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*) **IN**
(**SELECT** *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*
FROM *teaches*
WHERE *teaches.ID*= 10101);



<code>~ COUNT(DISTINCT ID) ~</code>
6

- Note: *Above query can be written in a much simpler manner*
The formulation above is simply to illustrate SQL features

Set Comparison – SOME

- 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');

name
Wu
Einstein
Gold
Katz
Singh
Brandt
Kim

Interpretation of SOME

- $F <\text{comp}> \mathbf{SOME} r \Leftrightarrow \exists t \in r \text{ such that } (F <\text{comp}> t)$

Where $<\text{comp}>$ can be: $<$, \leq , $>$, $=$, \neq

$(5 < \mathbf{SOME} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$ (read: 5 < some tuple in the relation)

$(5 < \mathbf{SOME} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$

$(5 = \mathbf{SOME} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$

$(5 \neq \mathbf{SOME} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true (since } 0 \neq 5)$

$(= \mathbf{SOME}) \equiv \mathbf{IN}$

However, $(\neq \mathbf{SOME}) \not\equiv \mathbf{NOT IN}$

Set Comparison – ALL

- 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');

name
Wu
Einstein
Gold
Katz
Singh
Brandt
Kim

Interpretation of ALL

- $F < \text{comp} > \mathbf{ALL} \ r \Leftrightarrow \forall t \in r \ (F < \text{comp} > t)$

$$(5 < \mathbf{ALL} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$$

$$(5 < \mathbf{ALL} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline 10 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true}$$

$$(5 = \mathbf{ALL} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{false}$$

$$(5 \neq \mathbf{ALL} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \text{true (since } 5 \neq 4 \text{ and } 5 \neq 6)$$

$(\neq \mathbf{ALL}) \equiv \mathbf{NOT IN}$

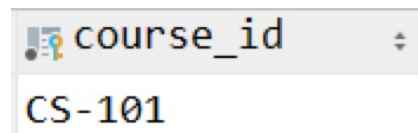
However, $(= \mathbf{ALL}) \not\equiv \mathbf{IN}$

Test for Empty Relations

- The **EXISTS** construct returns the value *true* if the argument subquery is nonempty
 - **EXISTS** $r \Leftrightarrow r \neq \emptyset$
 - **NOT EXISTS** $r \Leftrightarrow r = \emptyset$

Use of EXISTS

- Yet another way of specifying the query “Find all courses taught in both the Fall 2017 semester and in the Spring 2018 semester”
 - **SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *teaches* **AS** *S*
WHERE *semester* = 'Fall' **AND** *year* = 2017 **AND**
EXISTS (**SELECT** *
FROM *teaches* **AS** *T*
WHERE *semester* = 'Spring' **AND** *year* = 2018
AND *S.course_id* = *T.course_id*);



A screenshot of a database query result. It shows a table with one column labeled 'course_id' and one row with the value 'CS-101'. The table has a light gray header and a white body.

Use of NOT EXISTS

- Find all students who have taken all courses offered in the Music department

- SELECT DISTINCT** *S.ID, S.name*
FROM *student AS S*
WHERE NOT EXISTS (**SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *course*
WHERE *dept_name* = 'Music'
AND *course_id* **NOT IN**
(SELECT *T.course_id*
FROM *takes AS T*
WHERE *S.ID = T.ID));*

ID	name
55739	Sanchez

Use of NOT EXISTS

- Note: Renaming (**AS**) is optional in certain contexts
 - **SELECT DISTINCT** *ID, name*
FROM *student*
WHERE NOT EXISTS (**SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *course*
WHERE *dept_name* = 'Music'
AND *course_id* **NOT IN**
(SELECT *course_id*
FROM *takes*
WHERE *student.ID* = *takes.ID*));
- Exception: the following query results in an empty relation
 - **SELECT DISTINCT** *name*
FROM *instructor*
WHERE *salary* > *salary* **AND** *dept_name* = 'Biology';

Use of NOT EXISTS

- Some systems support the **EXCEPT** clause (MySQL does not)
- Find all students who have taken all courses offered in the Music department

- **SELECT DISTINCT** *S.ID, S.name*
FROM *student AS S*
WHERE NOT EXISTS ((**SELECT** *course_id*
FROM *course*
WHERE *dept_name* = 'Music')
EXCEPT
(**SELECT** *T.course_id*
FROM *takes AS T*
WHERE *S.ID = T.ID*));

Test for Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- The **UNIQUE** construct tests whether a subquery has any duplicate tuples in its result
 - **UNIQUE** evaluates to “true” if a given subquery contains no duplicates
 - MySQL does not support the UNIQUE test (UNIQUE in MySQL is a constraint specifier)
- Find all courses that were offered at most once in 2017
 - **SELECT** *T.course_id*
FROM *course* **AS** *T*
WHERE **UNIQUE** (**SELECT** *R.course_id*
FROM *teaches* **AS** *R*
WHERE *T.course_id*= *R.course_id* **AND** *R.year* = 2017);

EOF

- Coming next:
 - SQL DDL