

**Homework Assignment 4**

Due: 11:59PM, May 08, 2025

**1.(a)**

(a) (Exercise 4.1) Consider the following SQL query that seeks to find a list of titles of all courses taught in Spring 2017 along with the name of the instructor.

**SELECT** *name, title*

**FROM** *instructor* **NATURAL JOIN** *teaches* **NATURAL JOIN** *section* **NATURAL JOIN** *course*

**WHERE** *semester* = 'Spring' **AND** *year* = 2017;

What is wrong with this query?

**Answer 1(a).**

(NATURAL JOIN) automatically performs equi-join between attributes with the same name. Semester and year attributes all exist in the instructor, teachers, section, and course tables, but the meanings may be different. In this case, **mis-matching** may occur **between attributes with different meanings**, resulting in incorrect results. Therefore, it is safe to explicitly use the (JOIN ...ON) or (JOIN ... USING) syntax in this situation.

**1.(b)**

(b) (Exercise 4.16) Write an SQL query using the university schema to find the ID of each student who has never taken a course at the university. Do this using no subqueries and no set operations (use an outer join).

**Answer 1(b).**

```
SELECT A.ID
FROM student A
LEFT JOIN takes B
ON A.ID = B.ID
WHERE B.ID is NULL;
```

1.(c)

(c) (Exercise 4.17) Express the following query in SQL using no subqueries and no set operations.

```
SELECT ID
FROM student
EXCEPT
SELECT s_id
FROM advisor
WHERE i_ID IS NOT NULL;
```

Answer 1(c).

```
SELECT ID
FROM student A
LEFT JOIN advisor B
ON A.ID = B.s_id
WHERE B.s_id IS NULL
```

1.(d)

(d) (Exercise 4.20) Show how to define a view *tot\_credits*(year, num\_credits), giving the total number of credits taken in each year.

Answer 1(d).

```
CREATE VIEW tot_credits(year, num_credits) AS
SELECT year, SUM(credits)
FROM takes NATURAL JOIN course
GROUP BY year;
```

1.(e)

(e) (Exercise 4.21) For the view that you have defined in the previous problem (Problem 4(d)), explain why the database system would not allow a tuple to be inserted into the database through this view.

Answer 1(e).

Using the aggregation classroom (SUM, GROUP BY) (the next operation is impossible because we do not know which original table column should be inserted during INSERT)

2(a).

(a) Write an SQL query that returns the number of distinct *countries* per *continent*.

Answer 2(a).

```
SELECT continent, COUNT(DISTINCT NAME)
FROM country
GROUP BY continent;
```

2(b).

(b) Write an SQL query that returns the number of distinct *countries* that use Language = 'English'.

Answer 2(b).

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT C.CODE)
FROM Country AS C
JOIN (
  SELECT CountryCode
  FROM CountryLanguage AS CL
  WHERE CL.Language = "English"
) AS CL2 ON (C.code = CL2.countryCode);
```

2(c).

(c) Write an SQL query that returns the number of distinct *countries* that use Language = 'English' per *continent*.

Answer 2(c).

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT NAME)
FROM country
JOIN countryLanguage ON (country.Code = countryLanguage.CountryCode)
WHERE CountryLanguage.Language = 'English'
GROUP BY Continent
```

2(d).

(d) Write an SQL query that lists distinct country names, within which one of the languages is used by more than 99 percent of time.

Answer 2(d).

```
SELECT DISTINCT c.NAME
FROM country AS C
JOIN (
  SELECT CountryCode
  FROM countryLanguage AS CL
  WHERE CL.percentage >= 99.0
) AS CL2
ON (C.code = CL2.countryCode);
```

2(e).

(e) Write an SQL query that increase *populations* of *countries* (*country.Population*) whose *population* is over 100,000,000 by 1% and all others by 2%.

Answer 2(e).

```
UPDATE country
SET population = CASE
  WHEN population > 100000000 THEN (population * 1.01)
  ELSE (population * 1.02)
END;
```

2(f).

(f) Write an SQL query that modifies the table schema of *city* and adds a new attribute named *Remark* whose type is VARCHAR(512).

Answer 2(f).

```
ALTER TABLE city ADD COLUMN Remark VARCHAR(512);
```

3.

(a) Find the number of all courses offered in Fall and that of Spring, respectively.

Answer:

	semester	course_count
1	Fall	46
2	Spring	45

SQL Query to obtain your answer:

```
SELECT semester, COUNT(DISTINCT course_id) AS course_count
FROM teaches
WHERE semester IN ('Fall', 'Spring')
GROUP BY semester;
```

(b) How many unique course names (titles) are among the courses offered by the *university*?

Answer:

	`COUNT(DISTINCT C.title)`
1	133

SQL Query to obtain your answer:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT C.title)
FROM course AS C;
```



(e) Find the ID and name of each *History* student whose name begins with the letter 'D' and who has not taken at least three *Psychology* courses.

**Answer:**

ID	name	ID	name
108	Dhav	60267	Dage
14023	Deshpande	62487	Durrant
15698	Dink	63243	Dostal
1826	Dhav	63361	Djurd
19841	Drems	6367	Doisy
22268	Daat	64138	Doran
22268	Dang	64297	Desp
22467	Dias	64724	Deupree
23525	Dagostino	65198	Dumas
25068	Dickens	67560	Dubu
27236	Date	70965	Dooley
29802	Duxbury	75510	Dumont
29862	Davies	78756	Dai
30197	Dias	82974	Duncan
32886	Damas	83696	Densa
3487	Deshpande	83838	Durrant
36881	Dalton	85236	Dubu
3739	Davy	86641	Dair
39978	Drig	87054	Dietzsch
40738	Dima	89106	Dawson
41486	Dahmann	89734	Doeschn
53172	Du	90809	Donofrio
56486	DeMille	91863	Dair
57925	Doeschn	92617	Dubink
5843	Deng	9514	Dickson
59920	Dano	99399	Duan
		99711	Deshpande

total: 53 students

**SQL Query to obtain your answer:**

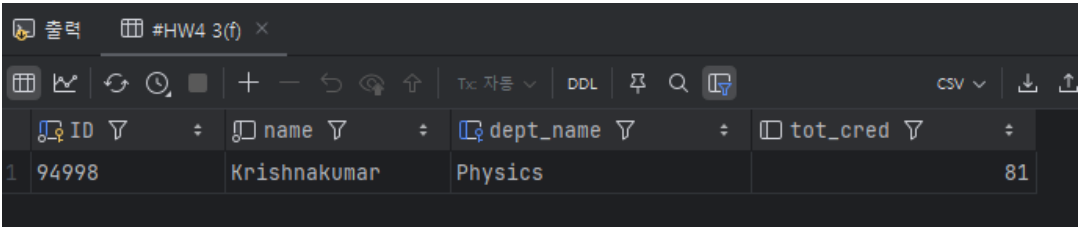
```

SELECT b.ID, b.name
FROM student AS b
LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT takes.ID, COUNT(*) AS takes_num
    FROM takes
    JOIN course ON takes.course_id = course.course_id
    WHERE course.dept_name = 'Psychology'
    GROUP BY takes.ID
) AS c
ON b.ID = c.ID
WHERE (c.takes_num < 3 OR c.takes_num IS NULL)
AND b.name LIKE 'D%'
AND b.dept_name = 'History';

```

(f) Find all *Physics* and *Comp. Sci.* students whose name is longer than 11 characters.

**Answer:**



The screenshot shows a database query result with the following columns: ID, name, dept\_name, and tot\_cred. The result contains one row for a student with ID 94998, name Krishnakumar, dept\_name Physics, and tot\_cred 81.

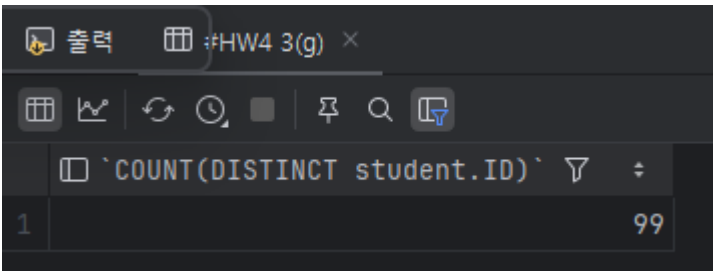
ID	name	dept_name	tot_cred
94998	Krishnakumar	Physics	81

**SQL Query to obtain your answer:**

```
SELECT *
FROM student
WHERE (dept_name = 'Physics' OR dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.') AND CHAR_LENGTH(name)
> 11 ;
```

(g) Find the number of *Comp. Sci.* student total credits greater than that of AT LEAST ONE student in the *English* department.

**Answer:**



The screenshot shows a database query result with the following columns: COUNT(DISTINCT student.ID). The result contains one row with the value 99.

COUNT(DISTINCT student.ID)
99

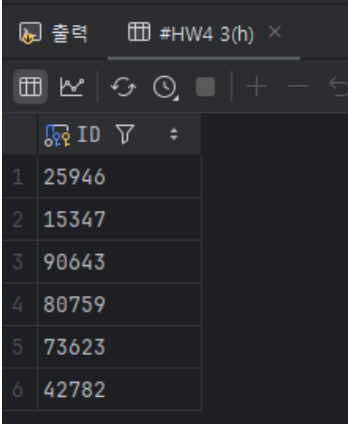
**SQL Query to obtain your answer:**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT student.ID)
FROM student
WHERE student.dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.' AND
student.tot_cred
> SOME (SELECT student.tot_cred
FROM student
WHERE dept_name = 'English');
```



(h) Find all instructor IDs who had *taught until 2003 but had not taught after 2003*. *Hint: Attribute teaches.ID is the instructor ID.*

**Answer:**



The screenshot shows a database query result window titled "#HW4 3(h)". It displays a table with 6 rows and 1 column labeled "ID". The values in the "ID" column are 25946, 15347, 90643, 80759, 73623, and 42782.

	ID
1	25946
2	15347
3	90643
4	80759
5	73623
6	42782

**SQL Query to obtain your answer:**

```
SELECT A.ID
FROM teaches AS A
LEFT JOIN (SELECT * FROM teaches WHERE year > 2003) AS B ON A.ID = B.ID
WHERE B.id IS NULL;
```

4.

Given the following tables, evaluate the result of the following queries. Remember that the output of a query is a table.

**Question 4(a),**

```
(a) SELECT AGENT_NAME FROM AGENTS
WHERE COMMISSION > SOME(
SELECT COMMISSION FROM AGENTS
WHERE WORKING_AREA = 'Bangalore'
);
```

**Answer 4(a)**

	A
1	AGENT_NAME
2	Ivan, McDen
3	

## Question 4(b),

```
SELECT AGENT_NAME FROM AGENTS
WHERE COMMISSION IN(
SELECT COMMISSION FROM AGENTS
WHERE WORKING_AREA = 'Brisban'
);
```

## Answer 4(b)

	A
1	AGENT_NAME
2	Anderson
3	

## Question 4(c),

```
SELECT AGENT_NAME FROM AGENTS
WHERE COMMISSION < ALL(
SELECT COMMISSION FROM AGENTS
WHERE WORKING_AREA = 'London'
);
```

## Answer 4(c)

	A
1	AGENT_NAME
2	Mukesh, Alford, Benjamin, Lucida

## Question 4(d),

```
SELECT AGENT_NAME
FROM AGENTS AS A
WHERE WORKING_AREA = 'San Jose' AND
EXISTS (SELECT * FROM AGENTS AS B
WHERE COMMISSION < 0.14 AND A.AGENT_CODE = B.AGENT_CODE)
```

## Answer 4(d)

	A
1	AGENT_NAME
2	Ivan

## Question 4(e),

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM AGENTS
NATURAL JOIN AGENTS_PHONE;
```

## Answer 4(e)

	A	
1	COUNT (*)	
2		8
3		

[reason]  
 $2 + 2 + 3 + 1$   
 (A001, A003, A004, A010)

Based on AGENTS\_PHONE, the INNER JOIN value attribute is a table containing both elements

## Question 4(f),

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM AGENTS a
LEFT JOIN AGENTS_PHONE p
ON a.AGENT_CODE = p.AGENT_CODE;
```

## Answer 4(f)

	A	
1	COUNT (*)	
2		12
3		

[reason]  
 OUTER JOIN is for the purpose of maintaining DATA,  
 Currently, the data of the AGENT a table is preserved.  
 Since there are a total of 12 AGENT\_CODE (A001~A012) in the AGENT table, 12 was output.

## Question 4(g),

```
SELECT COUNT(*)  
FROM AGENTS a  
RIGHT JOIN AGENTS_PHONE p  
ON a.AGENT_CODE = p.AGENT_CODE;
```

## Answer 4(g)

	A	
1	COUNT (*)	
2		9
3		

[reason]  
 $2 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 1$   
(A001, A003, A004, A010, A013)

The INNER JOIN value + the AGENTS\_PHONE records value declared RIGHT JOIN based on AGENTS\_PHONE (AGENT's attributes are treated as NULL), made table in the order of p-based attributes.