

Database Systems — CSci 4380
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SOLUTIONS

**Question 1 (42 points).** Write the following queries using SQL using the data model below. In each query in this question, do not use any subqueries (in select/from/where/having clauses) and do not use WITH statements. Use only SELECT FROM WHERE GROUP BY HAVING blocks and SET operations. You can use INNER/OUTER JOIN statements in the FROM clause. If you use subqueries, you will lose one point in per query.

Users(userid, email, name, createdon, displayname, description, url, city, country)  
Posts(postid, postdate, posttime, posttext, media, userid)  
Likes(postid, userid, dateliked)  
PostHashtags(postid, hashtag, rank)  
Comments(commentid, postid, userid, commenttext, commentdate, commenttime, replyto\_commentid)  
Follows(userid, followed\_userid, followdate)  
Bookmarks(userid, postid, bookmarkdate)

- (a) (10 points) Return the id and text of all posts in which the user who created the post also liked or commented on his/her own post.

**Solutions:**

```
SELECT
    p.postid
    , p.posttext
FROM
    posts p
    , likes l
WHERE
    p.postid = l.postid
    and p.userid = l.userid
UNION
SELECT
    p.postid
    , p.posttext
FROM
    posts p
    , comments c
WHERE
    p.postid = c.postid
    and p.userid = c.userid
```

or in a grossly inefficient query

```
SELECT DISTINCT
    p.postid
    , p.posttext
FROM
    posts p
    , likes l
    , comments c
WHERE
    (p.postid = l.postid
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    and p.userid = l.userid)
or (p.postid = c.postid
    and p.userid = c.userid)

```

- (b) (10 points) Return the id and text of all posts that contain the hashtag '#sismanlives' and have received some comments containing words 'yacs' and 'schedule'.

**Solutions:**

```

SELECT DISTINCT
    p.postid
    , p.posttext
FROM
    posts p
    , posthashtags ph
    , comments c
WHERE
    p.postid = ph.postid
    AND ph.hashtag = '#sismanlives'
    AND p.postid = c.postid
    AND c.commenttext like '%yacs%'
    AND c.commenttext like '%schedule%';

```

- (c) (10 points) Return all pairs of userids of users who liked the same post within 10 days of each other for at least 50 different posts.

**Solutions:**

```

SELECT
    l1.userid, l2.userid
FROM
    likes l1
    , likes l2
WHERE
    l1.userid <> l2.userid
    AND l1.postid = l2.postid
    AND l1.dateliked - l2.dateliked <= interval '10 days'
    AND l1.dateliked - l2.dateliked >= interval '0 days'
GROUP BY
    l1.userid, l2.userid
HAVING
    count(distinct l1.postid)>=50

```

- (d) (12 points) Return all pairs of userids u1,u2 of users such that u1 does not follow u2, however u1 has bookmarked at least 5 posts of u2.

**Solutions:**

```

SELECT
    b.userid as u1
    , p.userid as u2
FROM
    posts p
    , bookmarks b
WHERE
    p.postid = b.postid

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        and p.userid <> b.userid --I will not penalize for missing this
                                   --may be people can follow themselves
GROUP BY
    p.userid, b.userid
HAVING
    count(*)>= 5
EXCEPT
SELECT
    userid
    , followed_userid
FROM
    follows;

```

**Question 2 (10\*2=20 points).** For each of the following, write a single SQL expression. You are allowed to use subqueries if needed.

- (a) Delete all bookmarks for posts posted before 2012.

**Solutions:**

```

DELETE FROM
    bookmarks
WHERE
    postid in
        (SELECT postid
         FROM posts
         WHERE extract(year from postdate)<=2012);

```

- (b) Update the tuples in the bookmarks table with a null value for **bookmarkdate**. For these tuples, set the **bookmarkdate** to the **postdate** of the post for that bookmark.

**Solutions:**

```
UPDATE
    bookmarks b
SET
    b.bookmarkdate = (SELECT p.postdate
                      FROM posts p
                      WHERE p.postid=b.postid)
WHERE
    b.bookmarkdate IS NULL ;
```

**Question 3 (16 points).** Write a single SQL query (using any SQL construct) to find the influencers in the database. For each user, the (influence) score is calculated as the total number of likes and comments they have received for all their posts. Return the id, name and score of users who have the top 100 score values in the database.

**Solutions:**

```
WITH l as (
SELECT
    p.userid
    , count(l.postid) as numl
FROM
    posts p
    left join likes l
    on p.postid = l.postid
GROUP BY
    p.userid
),
SELECT
    u.userid
    , u.name
    , count(c.commentid)+l.numl as iscore
FROM
    posts p
    join l l on l.userid = p.userid
    join users u on u.userid = l.userid
    left join comments c on p.userid = c.userid
GROUP BY
    u.userid
    , l.numl
ORDER BY
    iscore desc
LIMIT 100;
```

**Question 4 (10 points).** For each user, find the total number of likes this user received for his/her posts in each year the user has created a post. Return the user id, year and number of likes. Note that the user may have no likes in a given year. You can use any SQL construct for this query as well as multi-step procedural SQL.

**Solutions:** Note: this was a Halloween trick. This is one of the easiest queries in the exam!

```
SELECT
    p.userid
    , extract(year from p.postdate)
    , count(l.userid) as numlikes
FROM
    posts p
    left join likes l on p.postid = l.postid
GROUP BY
    p.userid
    , extract(year from p.postdate)
```

**Question 5 (12 points).** You are given the following data definitions and table contents.

```

CREATE TABLE USERS (userid INT PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR(100)) ;
CREATE TABLE POSTS (postid INT PRIMARY KEY, userid INT
, FOREIGN KEY (userid) REFERENCES users(userid) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE SET NULL) ;
CREATE TABLE LIKES (postid INT, userid INT, PRIMARY KEY (postid, userid)
, FOREIGN KEY (postid) REFERENCES posts(postid) ON DELETE CASCADE
, FOREIGN KEY (userid) REFERENCES users(userid) ON DELETE CASCADE) ;

```

| USERS |        | POSTS  |        | LIKES  |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| id    | name   | postid | userid | postid | userid |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1     | Rick   | 11     | 1      | 11     | 2      | <pre> CREATE FUNCTION dostuff(idvar int) RETURNS INT AS \$\$ BEGIN   INSERT INTO users(id) VALUES(idvar);   UPDATE likes SET userid = idvar WHERE postid&lt;12;   RETURN 1 ; END ; \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql ; </pre> |
| 2     | Morty  | 12     | 1      | 11     | 3      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3     | Jaguar | 13     | 2      | 13     | 1      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4     | Beth   | 14     | 3      | 14     | 4      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|       |        | 15     | 3      | 15     | 4      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

For each operation below, describe which rows from which tables are changed/deleted and why (or why not). Assume each operation operates on the table contents listed above (hence each part is independent).

### Solutions:

(a) `DELETE FROM users WHERE name = 'Rick' ;`

Delete (1,Rick) from users, cascades to delete of (11,1) and (12,1) from posts, cascades to delete of (11,2), (11,3) due to posts and (13,1) due to users.

(b) `UPDATE posts SET postid = 24 WHERE postid = 12;`

Update (12,1) to (24,1). Nothing else changed as 12 was not in LIKES.

(c) `UPDATE users SET userid = 9 WHERE name = 'Morty';`

Update (2, Morty) to (9, Morty). Cascades to Posts where (13,2) is set to (13, Null), cascades to LIKES for (11,2) but there is no action, and as a result the whole transaction fails. No changes are made.

(d) `SELECT dostuff(5);`

If we treat the two operations as part of a transaction: insert into users (5,null), then update (11,2) and (11,3) to both (11,5). However this is not allowed as (postid,userid) is primary key. The whole transaction fails and no changes are made.

If we treat them as independent operations, then insert will succeed but update will fail. This is actually the default behavior. So, I will accept both solutions with sufficient explanation.

Use this page for scratch work only. Do not share your solutions or any drafts of your solutions with anyone.



This is a data model loosely based on data stored in Instagram. Note that a post in this model can only have a single media, photo or video which is stored only as a text value for simplicity.

```

create table comments (
    commentid      int primary key
    , postid       int
    , --post being commented on
    , userid       int
    , --user who is commenting
    , commenttext  varchar(100)
    , commentdate  date
    , commenttime  time
    , replyto_commentid int
    , --comment replies to another comment
    , foreign key (postid)
        references posts(postid)
    , foreign key (userid)
        references users(userid)
    , foreign key (replyto_commentid)
        references comments(commentid)
) ;

create table follows (
    userid          int
    , --user who follows
    , followed_userid int
    , --user who is followed
    , followdate     date
    , --date the follow started
    , primary key (userid, followed_userid)
    , foreign key (userid)
        references users(userid)
) ;

create table bookmarks (
    userid int
    , postid int
    , bookmarkdate date
    , primary key(postid, userid)
    , foreign key (postid)
        references posts(postid)
    , foreign key (userid)
        references users(userid)
) ;

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