Subqueries

We can write nested queries, i.e., a query inside another query.

Let's understand the scenarios where subqueries can be used with the following database.

Database:

The database stores the sample data of an e-commerce aplication.

Here, the database consists of

user , order_details and product tables that store the information of products, orders placed, and the products on the platform.



Refer the tables in the code playground for a better understanding of the database.

Examples

Example 1:

Get the rating variance of products in the "WATCH" category. Rating variance is the difference between average rating and rating of a product.

Here, we need to write an expression to subtract rating of each product from the average rating as following.

```
SQL

SELECT name,

(average_rating - rating) AS rating_variance

...
```

Replace average rating with a query which computes the average.

```
1
2 SELECT
3 name,
4 \( \) (
```

```
5     SELECT AVG(rating)
6     FROM product
7     WHERE category = "WATCH"
8     ) - rating AS rating_variance
9     FROM product
10     WHERE category = "WATCH";
```

Output

| name | rating_variance |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Analog-Digital | -0.766666666666667 |
| Fastfit Watch | -0.366666666666666 |
| Fastrack M01 | 0.333333333333334 |
| | |

Example 2:

Fetch all the products whose ratings is greater than average rating of all products.

Output

```
SQL

2 SELECT *

3 FROM product

4 * WHERE rating > (

5 SELECT AVG(rating)

6 FROM product

7 );
```

Expected Output

| product_id | name | price_per_unit | rating | category |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| 202 | Biotique Almond Soap | 34 | 4.5 | SOAP |
| 203 | Boat Stone Speaker | 1999 | 4.3 | SPEAKER |
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Example 3:

Fetch all the order_ids in which order consists of mobile (product_ids: 291, 292, 293, 294, 296) and not ear phones (product_ids: 227, 228, 229, 232, 233).

```
SQL

1 SELECT

2 order_id

3 FROM

4 order_details

5 WHERE

6 * order_id IN (

7 SELECT

8 order_id

9 FROM

10 order_product
```

Output

| order_id |
|----------|
| 801 |
| 802 |
| 806 |
| 807 |

Possible Mistakes

In SELECT Clause

A subquery in the SELECT clause can have only one column.

Query

```
SQL

1 * SELECT name, (

2    SELECT AVG(rating), MAX(rating)

3     FROM product

4    WHERE category = "WATCH"

5    ) - rating AS rating_variance

6  FROM product

7  WHERE category = "WATCH";
```

Output

```
1 Error:
2 sub-select returns 2 columns - expected 1
```

In WHERE Clause

Query

In WHERE clause, a subquery can have only one column.

```
SQL

1   SELECT
2   order_id, total_amount
3   FROM order_details
4   WHERE total_amount > (
5    SELECT total_amount, order_id
6   FROM order_details
7 );
```

Output

1 Error: Row value misused

Try it Yourself!

Question 1

Get the rating variance of products in the "MOBILE" category. Rating variance is the difference between average rating and rating of a product.

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Expected Output Format:

| name | rating_variance |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Oneplus 8 Pro | -0.0400000000000000924 |
| Oneplus 8t Pro | 0.2599999999999989 |
| | |

Question 2

Get all the products from the "MOBILE" category, where rating is greater than average rating.

Expected Output Format:

| name | rating |
|-------------------|--------|
| Oneplus 8 Pro | 4.5 |
| Mi 10T | 4.5 |
| Samsung S21 Ultra | 4.7 |
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