- ▲ SQL: One of the most valuable skills (craigkerstiens.com)
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SQL is one the most amazing concepts I've ever experienced. It's nearly 5 decades old and there is no sign of a replacement. We've created countless other technologies to store and process data, and we always seem to try to recreate SQL in those technologies (e.g. Hive, Presto, KSQL, etc).

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SQL: One of the Most Valuable Skills

I've learned a lot of skills over the course of my career, but no technical skill more useful than SQL. SQL stands out to me as the most valuable skill for a few reasons:

- 1. It is valuable across different roles and disciplines
- 2. Learning it once doesn't really require re-learning
- 3. You seem like a superhero. You seem extra powerful when you know it because of the amount of people that aren't fluent

https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=19149792

Didn't Lecture 3 Go Over SQL?

haha...2003 spec is >1400 pages

Didn't Lecture 3 Go Over SQL?

Two sublanguages

DDL Data Definition Languagedefine and modify schema (physical, logical, view)CREATE TABLE, Integrity Constraints

DML Data Manipulation Language get and modify data simple SELECT, INSERT, DELETE human-readable language

Gritty Details

DDL

NULL, Views

DML

Basics, SQL Clauses, Expressions, Joins, Nested Queries, Aggregation, With, Triggers

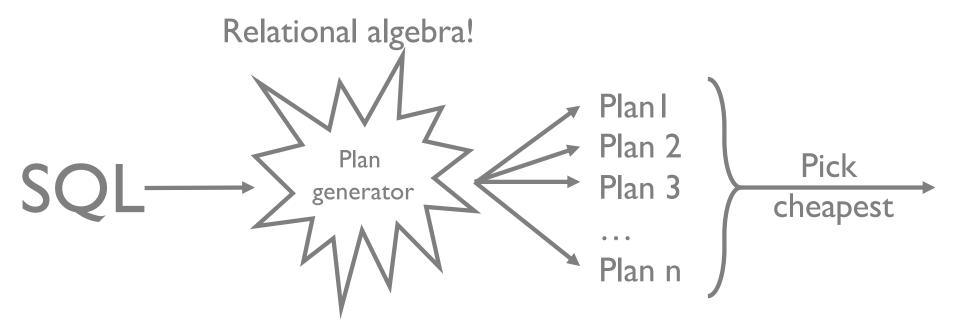
Why a declarative language (SQL)?

DBMS makes it run efficiently

Key: precise query semantics

Reorder/modify queries while answers stay same

DBMS estimates costs for different evaluation plans



SQL Extends Relational Algebra

More expressive power than Rel Alg

Multisets (bags) rather than sets (allow duplicates)

Ordering

NULLs

Aggregates

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Today's Database

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Boats

<u>bid</u>	name	color
101	Legacy	red
102	Melon	blue
103	Mars	red

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	day
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13
2	103	9/14

Is Reserves table correct?

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Day should be part of key

Follow along at home!

w4111.github.io

Announcements

- Link to er to sql notebook
- Sign up for Project 1 Part 1 staff meetings! One meeting per team.
- Updated lecture 2 slides to clarify constraints over N-way relationships.
- HW0 released.

Schedule

<30 year old sailors

SELECT *
FROM Sailors
WHERE age < 30

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
3	Ken	8	27

SELECT name, age FROM Sailors WHERE age < 30

name	age
Eugene	22
Ken	27

<30 year old sailors

```
SELECT *
FROM Sailors
WHERE age < 30
```

σ_{age<30} (Sailors)

```
SELECT name, age
FROM Sailors
WHERE age < 30
```

 $\pi_{\text{name, age}} (\sigma_{\text{age} < 30} (\text{Sailors}))$

Multiple Relations

SELECT S.name

FROM Sailors AS S, Reserves AS R

WHERE S.sid = R.sid AND R.bid = 102

$$\pi_{\text{name}} (\sigma_{\text{bid}=2}(\text{Sailors} \bowtie_{\text{sid}} \text{Reserves}))$$

Sailors Reserves

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age	<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	Eugene	7	22	1	102	9/12
2	Luis	2	39	2	102	9/13
3	Ken	8	27	2	103	9/14

Structure of a SQL Query

DISTINCT

Optional, answer should not have duplicates Default: duplicates not removed (multiset)

target-list

List of expressions over attrs of tables in relation-list

SELECT [DISTINCT] target-list FROM relation-list WHERE qualification

relation-list

List of relation names

Can define range-variable "AS X"

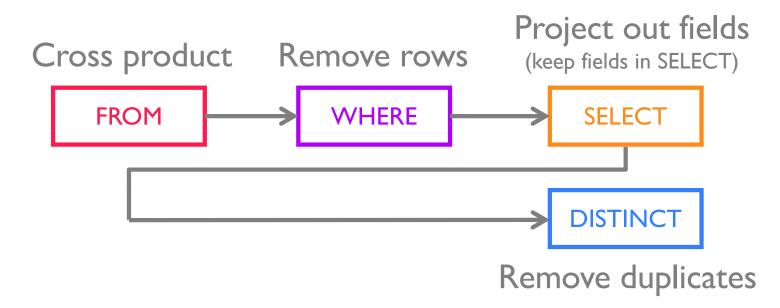
qualification

Boolean expressions

- Combined w/ AND,OR,NOT
- attr op const
- attr₁ op attr₂
- op is =, <, >, !=, etc

Conceptual Query Evaluation

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] target-list
FROM relation-list
WHERE qualification
GROUP BY grouping-list
HAVING group-qualification
```



Not how actually executed! Above is likely very slow

DISTINCT (vol. I)

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13
2	103	9/14

SELECT bid FROM Reserves

<u>bid</u>
102
102
103

SELECT DISTINCT bid FROM Reserves

<u>bid</u>
102
103

Sailors that reserved 1+ boats

```
SELECT S.sid

FROM Sailors AS S, Reserves AS R

WHERE S.sid = R.sid
```

Would DISTINCT change anything in this query? What if SELECT clause was SELECT S.name?

Range Variables

Disambiguate relations same table used multiple times (self join)

```
SELECT sid
```

FROM Sailors, Sailors

WHERE age > age

```
SELECT S1.sid
```

FROM Sailors AS S1, Sailors AS S2

WHERE S1.age > S2.age

Range Variables

Disambiguate relations same table used multiple times (self join)

```
SELECT sid
```

FROM Sailors, Sailors

WHERE age > age

```
SELECT S1.name, S1.age, S2.name, S2.age
```

FROM Sailors AS S1, Sailors AS S2

WHERE S1.age > S2.age

Expressions (Math)

```
SELECT S.age, S.age - 5 AS age2, 2*S.age AS age3
FROM Sailors AS S
WHERE S.name = 'eugene'
```

```
SELECT S1.name AS name1, S2.name AS name2
FROM Sailors AS S1, Sailors AS S2
WHERE S1.rating*2 = S2.rating - 1
```

Expressions (Strings)

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors AS S
WHERE S.name LIKE 'e %'
```

- '_' any one character (• in regex)
- '%' 0 or more characters of any kind (** in regex)

Most DBMSes have rich string manipulation support e.g., regex

PostgreSQL documentation

http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.1/static/functions-string.html

Expressions (Date/Time)

```
SELECT R.sid
```

FROM Reserves AS R

WHERE now() - R.date < interval '1 day'

TIMESTAMP, DATE, TIME types

now() returns timestamp at start of transaction

DBMSes provide rich time manipulation support

exact support may vary by vender

Postgresql Documentation

http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9. l/static/functions-datetime.html

Basic Expressions

Constant 2

Col reference Sailors.name

Arithmetic Sailors.sid * 10

Unary operators NOT, EXISTS

Binary operators AND, OR, IN

Function calls abs(), sqrt(), ...

Casting 1.7::int, '10-12-2015'::date

same as...

B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'blue'

```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'red'
UNION ALL
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B, Reserves R
```

WHERE

same as...

```
SELECT R.sid

FROM Boats B, Reserves R

WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'red'

UNION

SELECT R.sid

FROM Boats B, Reserves R

WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'blue'
```

```
SELECT R.sid

FROM Boats B, Roserves R

WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND

(B.color = 'red' AND B.color = 'blue')
```

```
SELECT R.sid
```

FROM Boats B, Reserves R

WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'red'

INTERSECT ALL

SELECT R.sid

FROM Boats B, Reserves R

WHERE B.bid = R.bid AND B.color = 'blue'

INTERSECT

```
CREATE TABLE R(a int)

CREATE TABLE S(a int)

INSERT INTO R VALUES (1),(1),(2)

INSERT INTO S VALUES (1),(2),(2), (3),(1),(1)
```

```
R intersect S = (1), (2) // remove duplicates R intersect ALL S = (1), (1), (2) // keep common copies
```

```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B1, Reserves R1
WHERE
B1.bid = R1.bid AND
B1.color = 'red'
```

```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B1, Reserves R1, Boats B2, Reserves R2
WHERE
B1.bid = R1.bid AND
B1.color = 'red'
```

```
SELECT R.sid

FROM Boats B1, Reserves R1, Boats B2, Reserves R2

WHERE

B1.bid = R1.bid AND

B2.bid = R2.bid AND

B1.color = 'red' AND B2.color = 'blue'
```

```
SELECT R.sid
FROM Boats B1, Reserves R1, Boats B2, Reserves R2
WHERE R1.sid = R2.sid AND
B1.bid = R1.bid AND
B2.bid = R2.bid AND
B1.color = 'red' AND B2.color = 'blue'
```

sids of sailors that haven't reserved a boat

SELECT S.sid

FROM Sailors S

EXCEPT

SELECT S.sid

FROM Sailors S, Reserves R

WHERE S.sid = R.sid

Can we write EXCEPT using more basic functionality?

EXCEPT ALL actually takes duplicates into account (multi-set cardinality) will then matter.

SET Comparison Operators

Binary: Relation op Relation op: UNION, INTERSECT, EXCEPT [ALL]

Binary: Tuple op Relation op: IN, NOT IN

Unary: OP Relation
op: [NOT] EXISTS, UNIQUE

Turn Scalar op into Set op: op ANY, op ALL $op \in \{ \langle, \rangle, =, \leq, \geq, \neq, ... \}$

Many rely on Nested Query Support

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid IN (SELECT R.sid
FROM Reserves R
WHERE R.bid = 101)
```

a "Subquery"

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE boolean_function(S)
```

```
for S in Sailors
  if boolean_function(S):
    yield S.sid
```

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid IN
subquery()
```

```
for S in Sailors
  if S.sid in subquery():
    yield S.sid
```

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sid IN
subquery()
```

```
sq = subquery()
for S in Sailors
  if S.sid in sq:
    yield S.sid
```

Nested Queries

```
SELECT S.sid
```

FROM Sailors S

WHERE S.sid IN (SELECT R.sid

FROM Reserves R

WHERE R.bid = 101)

Many clauses can contain SQL queries

WHERE, FROM, HAVING, SELECT

Conceptual model:

for each Sailors tuple run the subquery and evaluate qualification

```
SELECT S.sid

FROM Sailors S

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT *

FROM Reserves R

WHERE R.bid = 101 AND

S.sid = R.sid)
```

Outer table referenced in nested query

Conceptual model:

```
for each Sailors tuple
run the subquery and evaluate qualification
```

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE EXISTS
subquery(S.sid)
```

```
sq = subquery(S.sid)
for S in Sailors
  if EXISTS sq:
    yield S.sid
```

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE EXISTS
subquery(S.sid)
```

```
for S in Sailors
  if EXISTS subquery(S.sid):
    yield S.sid
```

```
SELECT S.sid

FROM Sailors S

WHERE UNIQUE (SELECT *

FROM Reserves R

WHERE R.bid = 101 AND

S.sid = R.sid)
```

UNIQUE checks that there are no duplicates What does this do?

R(bid, sid, date). all attributes are returned from subquery, so we know each record is unique.

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE UNIQUE (SELECT R.sid
FROM Reserves R
WHERE R.bid = 101 AND
S.sid = R.sid)
```

UNIQUE checks that there are no duplicates

What does this do?

Sailors whose rating is greater than any sailor named "Bobby"

What about this?

Sailors whose rating is greater than ALL sailors named "Bobby"

Rewrite INTERSECT using IN

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating > 2
WHERE S.rating > 2 AND
S.sid IN (
SELECT R.sid
FROM Reserves R

SELECT S.sid
FROM Reserves R

SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating > 2 AND
S.sid IN (
SELECT R.sid
FROM Reserves R
```

Similar trick for EXCEPT -> NOT IN

What if want names instead of sids?

Rewrite INTERSECT using IN

```
SELECT S2.name
                              SELECT Saname
                              FROM Sailors S
FROM Sailors S2, (
   SELECT S.sid
                              WHERE S.rating > 2 AND
   FROM Sailors S
                                     S.sid IN (
   WHERE S.rating > 2
                                         SELECT R.sid
                                         FROM Reserves R
   TNTFRSFCT
   SELECT R.sid
   FROM Reserves R
   ) as tmp
WHERE tmp.sid = S2.sid
```

Translation harder for INSTERSECT ALL

Hint: double negation S reserved all boats == no boat that S didn't reserve

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE NOT EXISTS (

  (SELECT B.bid FROM Boats B)
  EXCEPT

  (SELECT R.bid
   FROM Reserves R
   WHERE R.sid = S.sid)
)
```

Hint: double negation

S reserved all boats == 2 boat B 2 Sailor S reserved B

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE NOT EXISTS (
```

Sailors S such that

there's no boat B without

a reservation by S

Hint: double negation

S reserved all boats == 2 boat B 2 Sailor S reserved B

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECTB.bid
FROM Boats B
WHERE NOT EXISTS (
```

Sailors S such that

there's no boat B without

a reservation by S

Hint: double negation

S reserved all boats == 2 boat B 2 Sailor S reserved B

```
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors S
WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECTB.bid
FROM Boats B
WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT R.bid
FROM Reserves R
WHERE R.sid = S.sid
AND R.bid = B.bid ))
there's no boat B without
```

a reservation by S

Midterm Logistics

Exam: expected 75min in length

You may take full class time

Gradescope + Zoom

Zoom camera must be on the entire time.

Extra credit question.

Midterm Logistics

Open book and physical notes.

Writing utensils allowed

No electronic resources.

No breaks except emergencies

Professor Wu will answer Qs in the FIRST 75 minutes of exam.

Material: including today's lecture + Columbia CS academic honesty policy

Problem categories

Know definitions. A $\bowtie_c B = \sigma_c(A \times B)$

Apply I concept. Find users older than another user.

Apply > I concepts. Find tall users older than 3 short users.

Inference based on concept(s). Max # of result rows?

Write relational algebra using Latex as in HW2

HWs

HWI

Solutions out today

HW2

- Due today IOAM EST.
- Solutions released after 24 hours (Sat IOAM)
- Accept late submissions until solutions released

Field values sometimes unknown or inapplicable SQL provides a special value *null* for such situations.

```
The presence of null complicates many issues e.g.,

ls age = null true or false?

ls null = null true or false?

ls null = 8 OR 1 = 1 true or false?
```

Special syntax "IS NULL" and "IS NOT NULL" 3 Valued Logic (true, false, unknown)

How does WHERE remove rows?

if qualification doesn't evaluate to true

New operators (in particular, outer joins) possible/needed.

$$(null > 0) = null$$

$$(null + I) = null$$

$$(null = 0) = null$$

null is null = true

Some truth tables

AND	T	F
Т	Т	F
F	F	F

OR	Т	F
Т	Т	Т
F	Т	F

(null > 0) = null

(null + I) = null

(null = 0) = null

(null AND true) = null

null is null = true

Some truth tables

AND	Т	F	NULL
Т	Т	F	NULL
F	F	F	F

OR	т	F	NULL
Т	Т	Т	Т
F	Т	F	NULL

```
(null > 0) = null
```

$$(null + I) = null$$

$$(null = 0) = null$$

(null AND true) = null

null is null = true

Some truth tables

AND	T	F	NULL
т	Т	F	NULL
F	F	F	F
NULL	NULL	F	NULL

OR	Т	F	NULL
Т	Т	Т	Т
F	Т	F	NULL
NULL	Т	NULL	NULL

JOINS

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] target_list
FROM table_name
    [INNER | {LEFT | RIGHT | FULL } {OUTER}] JOIN table_name
    ON qualification_list
WHERE ...
```

INNER is default Difference in how to deal with NULL values

PostgreSQL documentation:

http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.4/static/tutorial-join.html

Inner/Natural Join

```
SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors S, Reserves r
WHERE s.sid = r.sid

SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors s INNER JOIN Reserves r
ON s.sid = r.sid

SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors s NATURAL JOIN Reserves r
```

All Equivalent for example tables

Natural Join means equi-join for each pair of attrs with same name

Sailor names and their reserved boat ids

SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid FROM Sailors s INNER JOIN Reserves r

ON s.sid = r.sid

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13

Result

sid	name	bid
1	Eugene	102
2	Luis	102

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Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13

Result

sid	name	bid
1	Eugene	102
2	Luis	102

Sailor names and their reserved boat ids

```
SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors s INNER JOIN Reserves r
ON s.sid = r.sid
```

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
I	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13

Result

sid	name	bid
1	Eugene	102
2	Luis	102

Notice: No result for Ken!

Left Outer Join (or No Results for Ken)

Returns all matched rows and all unmatched rows from table on left of join clause

(at least one result row for each row in left table)

```
SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors s LEFT OUTER JOIN Reserves r
ON s.sid = r.sid
```

All sailors & bid for boat in their reservations Bid set to NULL if no reservation

Left Outer Join

SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid

FROM Sailors s LEFT OUTER JOIN Reserves r

ON s.sid = r.sid

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
1	102	9/12
2	102	9/13

Result

sid	name	bid
1	Eugene	102
2	Luis	102
3	Ken	NULL

Can Left Outer Join be expressed with Cross-Product?

Sailors sid	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
			İ

8

27

Reserves	5	
<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>

Sailors x Reserves

Ken

Sailors s LEFT OUTER JOIN Reserves r ON s.sid = r.sid

Result

3

sid name bid

Result

sid	name	bid
I	Eugene	NULL
2	Luis	NULL
3	Ken	NULL

Can Left Outer Join be expressed with Cross-Product?

Sailors			
<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Reserves		
<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>

Sailors ⋈ Reserves

U

(Sailors $-\pi_{\text{sid},\text{name},\text{rating},\text{age}}$ (Sailors \bowtie Reserves)) \times {(null, null, null)}



How to compute this with a query?

Joins as For Loops

```
for s in Sailors:
```

```
for r in Reserves:
   if s.sid = r.sid:
     yield s, r
```

Inner Join

Joins as For Loops

```
for s in Sailors:
  bmatched = False
  for r in Reserves:
                            Left
    if s.sid = r.sid:
       yield s, r
                            Outer
       bmatched = True
                            Join
  if not bmatched:
    yield s, null
```

Right Outer Join

Same as LEFT OUTER JOIN, but guarantees result for rows in table on right side of JOIN

```
SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Reserves r RIGHT OUTER JOIN Sailors S
ON s.sid = r.sid
```

FULL OUTER JOIN

Returns all matched or unmatched rows from both sides of JOIN

```
SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.bid
FROM Sailors s FULL OUTER JOIN Reserves r
ON s.sid = r.sid
```

FULL OUTER JOIN

SELECT s.sid, s.name, r.sid, r.bid
FROM Sailors s Full OUTER JOIN Reserves r
ON s.sid = r.sid

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
1	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

Reserves

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
I	102	9/12
2	102	9/13
4	109	9/20

Result

sid	name	sid	bid
I	Eugene	I	102
2	Luis	2	102
3	Ken	NULL	NULL
NULL	NULL	4	109

Are Functions Special?

DBMSes support custom functions

e.g., sum(a,b), floor(a).

Do functions fit within the relational model?

Functions as Joins

What is f(x) = x * 2?

What is f(8)?

x 8



×	f(x)
I	I*2 = 2
2	2*2 = 4
3	3*2 = 6
•••	•••

How big is this relation?

Serious people can count: Aggregation

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
       Sailors S
FROM
                                                COUNT([DISTINCT] A)
                                                SUM([DISTINCT] A)
SELECT AVG(S.age)
                                                AVG([DISTINCT] A)
FROM Sailors S
                                                MAX/MIN(A)
WHERE S.rating = 10
                                                STDDEV(A)
                                                CORR(A,B)
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT S.name)
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.name LIKE 'D%'
SELECT S.name
FROM Sailors
WHERE S.rating = (SELECT MAX(S2.rating)
```

Sailors S2)

PostgreSQL documentation http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.4/static/functions-aggregate.html

FROM

Name and age of oldest sailor(s)

```
SELECT S.name, MAX(S.age)
       Sailors >
FROM
SELECT S.name, S.age
       Sailors S
FROM
WHERE S.age >= ALL (SELECT S2.age
                            Sailors S2)
                    FROM
SELECT S.name, S.age
FROM Sailors S
                      MAX(S2.age)
       S.age = (SELECT
WHERE
                         Sailors S2)
                FROM
SELECT S.name, S.age
       Sailors S
FROM
                               ← When does this not work?
ORDER BY S.age DESC
LIMIT 1
```

SELECT min(s.age)
FROM Sailors s

Minimum age among all sailors

What if want minimum age per rating level? We don't even know how many rating levels exist! If we did, could write (awkward):

```
for rating ir [0...10]
    SELECT min(s.age)
    FROM Sailors s
    WHERE s.rating = <rating>
```

```
for rating in [0...10]
  SELECT min(s.age)
  FROM Sailors s
  WHERE s.rating = <rating>
```

```
for rating in ratings
        SELECT min(s.age)
        FROM Sailors s
rating
        WHERE s.rating = <rating>
0
2
3
                         min()
4
5
6
            sid
                       rating
                                          sid
                 name
                              age
                                               name
                                                     rati
                 Eugene
                            22
                                        5
                       7
                                              Darcy
                                                    7
8
9
10
```

```
for rating in ratings
       SELECT min(s.age)
       FROM Sailors s
rating
       WHERE s.rating = <rating>
0
2
3
4
5
6
           age
         22
8
9
10
```

SELECT count(*)
FROM Reserves R

Total number of reservations

What if want reservations per boat?

May not even know all our boats (depends on data)!

If we did, could write (awkward):

```
for boat in [100...131]
    SELECT count(*)
    FROM Reserves R
    WHERE R.bid = <boat>
```

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] target-list
FROM relation-list
WHERE qualification
GROUP BY grouping-list
HAVING group-qualification
```

grouping-list is a list of expressions that defines groups set of tuples w/ same value for all attributes in grouping-list

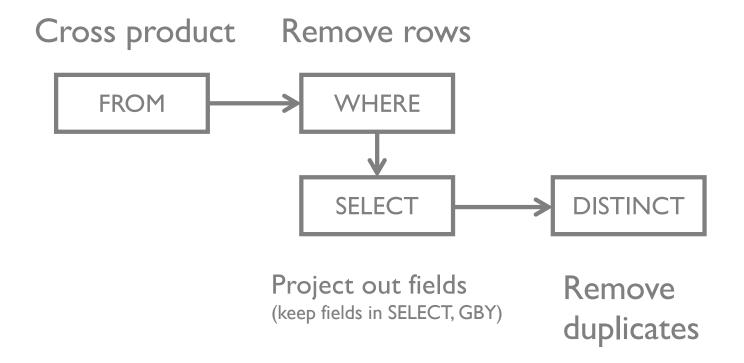
```
target-list contains

attribute-names ⊆ grouping-list

aggregation expressions
```

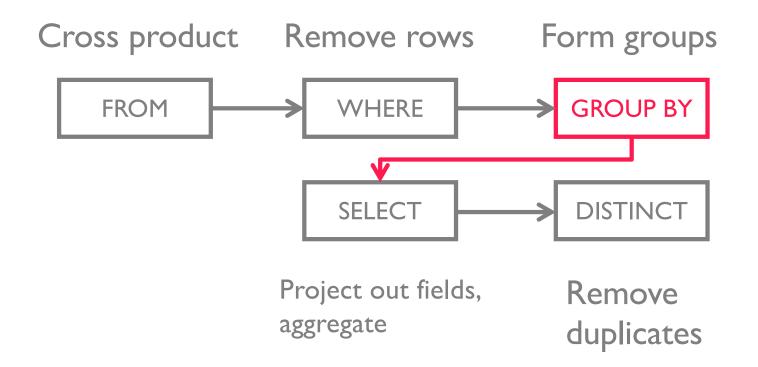
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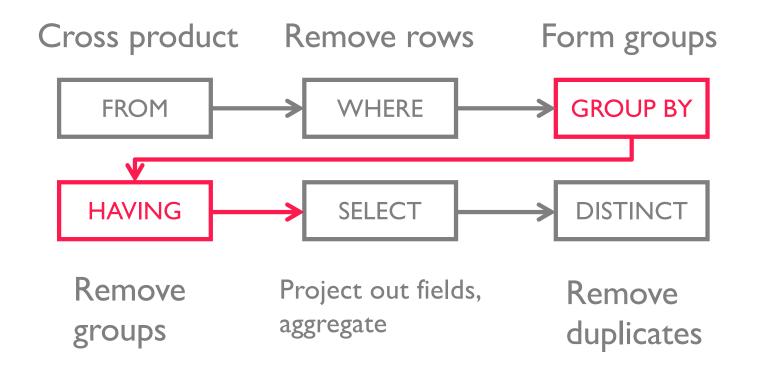
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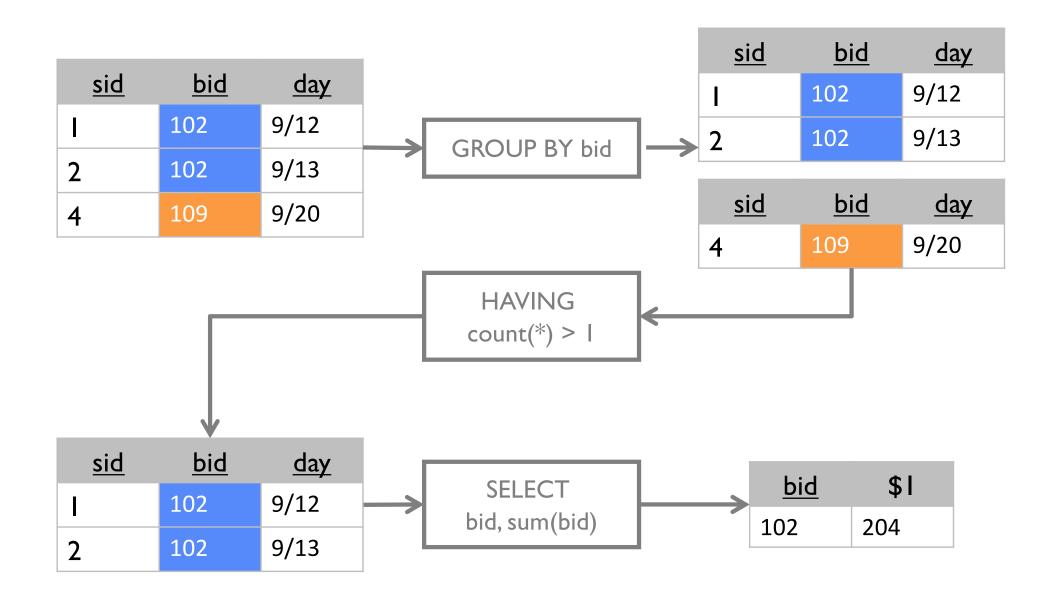


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Conceptual Evaluation



```
SELECT rating, min(age)
```

```
FROM Sailors
```

GROUP BY rating

Minimum age for each rating

```
SELECT min(age)
```

FROM Reserves R, Sailors S

WHERE S.sid = R.sid

GROUP BY bid

HAVING count(*) > 2

Minimum sailor age

for each boat that has >2 reservations

HAVING

group-qualification used to remove groups similar to WHERE clause

Expressions must have one value per group.

An aggregation function or in grouping-list

```
SELECT 3.rating, count(*)
FROM Reserves P. Boats B, Sailors S
   WHERE R.bid = B.bid AND R.sid = S.sid
GROUP BY S.rating
HAVING color = 'red'
```

Color may have >1 value in a group!

AVG age of sailors reserving red boats, by rating

```
SELECT
FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid = R.sid AND
    R.bid = B.bid AND
    B.color = 'red'
```

AVG age of sailors reserving red boats, by rating

```
SELECT S.rating, avg(S.age) AS age
FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid = R.sid AND
R.bid = B.bid AND
B.color = 'red'
GROUP BY S.rating
```

What if move B.color='red' to HAVING clause?

Error

Ratings where the avg age is min over all ratings





Ratings where the avg age is min over all ratings





Example 1: Is the following correct?

```
Query:
SELECT tmp.rating
FROM
     (SELECT S.rating, AVG(S.age) as avgage
          FROM Sailors S
      GROUP BY S.rating) AS tmp
      tmp.a = min(tmp.a)
WHERE
Alternative:
CREATE TABLE tmp(rating, a);
SELECT tmp.rating
FROM tmp
WHERE tmp.a = min(tmp.a)
Conceptual evaluation:
for t in tmp
  if t.a == min(t.a) // min over a single value t.a
    yield t
```

Example 2: Does output cardinality change?

```
SELECT min(age)
FROM Reserves R JOIN Sailors S
     ON R.sid = S.sid
GROUP BY bid
HAVING count(*) > 2
SELECT bid, min(age) // only changes output schema
  FROM Reserves R JOIN Sailors S
      ON R.sid = S.sid
GROUP BY bid
HAVING count(*) > 2
```

ORDER BY, LIMIT

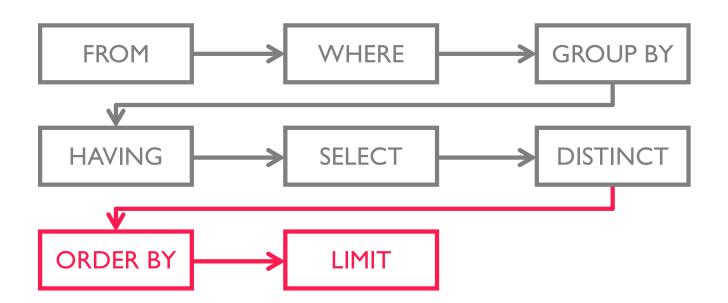
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SELECT [DISTINCT] target-list
```

FROM relation-list
WHERE qualification
GROUP BY grouping-list

HAVING group-qualification

ORDER BY order-list

LIMIT limit-expr [OFFSET offset-expr]



ORDER BY

List of *order-list* expressions dictates ordering precedence Sorted in ascending by age/rating ratio If ties, sorted high to low rating

ORDER BY

Sailors

<u>sid</u>	name	rating	age
I	Eugene	7	22
2	Luis	2	39
3	Ken	8	27

name	int4	age
Luis	1	39
Ken	4	27
Eugene	4	22

ORDER BY

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LIMIT

```
SELECT S.name, (S.rating/2)::int, S.age
```

FROM Sailors S

ORDER BY (S.rating/2)::int ASC,

S.age DESC

LIMIT 2

Only the first 2 results

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LIMIT

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```

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LIMIT 2 OFFSET 1

Only the first 2 results

Sailors

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LIMIT

Can have expressions instead of constants

name	int4	age
Luis	1	39

Content past this slide is not on Midterm

Integrity Constraints

Conditions that every legal instance must satisfy
Inserts/Deletes/Updates that violate ICs rejected
Helps ensure app semantics or prevent inconsistencies

We've discussed

domain/type constraints, primary/foreign key
general constraints ←—

Beyond Keys: Table Constraints

Runs when table is not empty

```
CREATE TABLE Sailors(
   sid int,
   PRIMARY KEY (sid),
   CHECK (rating >= 1 AND rating <= 10)</pre>
CREATE TABLE Reserves(
   sid int,
   bid int,
   day date,
   PRIMARY KEY (bid, day),
   CONSTRAINT no_red_reservations
   CHECK ('red' NOT IN (SELECT B.color
                       FROM Boats B
                       WHERE B.bid = bid))
```

Nested subqueries Named constraints

Multi-Relation Constraints

```
# of sailors + # of boats should be less than 100
CREATE TABLE Sailors (
   sid int,
   bid int,
   day date,
   PRIMARY KEY (bid, day),
   CHECK (
       (SELECT COUNT(S.sid) FROM Sailors S)
       (SELECT COUNT(B.bid) FROM Boats B)
       < 100
```

What if Sailors is empty?
Only runs if Sailors has rows (ignores Boats)

ASSERTIONS: Multi-Relation Constraints

```
CREATE ASSERTION small_club
CHECK (
     (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Sailors S)
     +
     (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Boats B)
     < 100
)</pre>
```

ASSERTIONs are not associated with any table

Total Participation

So many things we can't express or don't work!

Assertions

Nested queries in CHECK constraints



Advanced Stuff

User defined functions

Triggers

WITH

Views

User Defined Functions (UDFs)

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```

A simple UDF (lang = SQL)

```
CREATE FUNCTION mult1(v int) RETURNS int
     AS $$
     SELECT v * 100;
                                            Schema!
     $$ LANGUAGE SQL;
                            Last statement
                            is returned
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SELECT mult1(S.age)
FROM sailors AS S
```

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Process a Record (lang = SQL)

```
CREATE FUNCTION mult2(x sailors) RETURNS float
AS $$
SELECT (x.sid + x.age) / x.rating;
$$ LANGUAGE SQL;

SELECT mult2(S.*) AS v
FROM sailors AS S
```

Sailors

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V
3.285
20.5
3.75

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```
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AS $$
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$$ LANGUAGE SQL;

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FROM sailors AS S
```

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Procedural Language/SQL(lang = plsql)

```
CREATE FUNCTION proc(v int) RETURNS int

AS $$

DECLARE 
-- define variables

BEGIN 
Boilerplate

-- PL/SQL code

END;

$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Procedural Language/SQL(lang = plsql)

```
CREATE FUNCTION proc(v int) RETURNS int
AS $$
DECLARE
   -- define variables. VAR TYPE [= value]
   qty int = 10;
BFGTN
   qty = qty * v;
   IF (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM foo) > 10 THEN
      INSERT INTO blah VALUES(qty);
   END IF;
   RETURN qty + 2;
END:
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Procedural Code (lang = plpython2u)

```
CREATE FUNCTION proc(v int) RETURNS int
AS $$
import random
return random.randint(0, 100) * v
$$ LANGUAGE plpython2u;
```

Very powerful — can do anything so must be careful run in a python interpreter with no security protection plpy module provides database access plpy.execute("select 1")

Procedural Code (lang = plpython2u)

```
CREATE FUNCTION proc(word text) RETURNS text
AS $$
import requests
resp = requests.get('http://google.com/search?q=%s' % v)
return resp.content.decode('unicode-escape')
$$ LANGUAGE plpython2u;
```

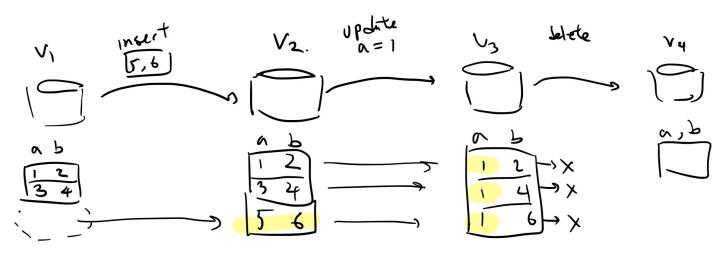
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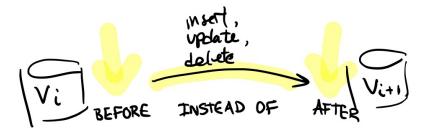
Triggers (background)

- Recall that a database instance is the database Schema + the specific records
- changing a DB instance essentially creates a new DB instance because the records are different. Let's call each instance a "version" of the DB
- · Let's say we made 3 separate changes



Triggers (background)

· When where can we add trigger logic?



Does a SELECT query creek a new version?

def: procedure that runs automatically if specified changes in DBMS happen

CREATE TRIGGER name

Event activates the trigger

Condition tests if triggers should run

Action what to do

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[BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF] event_list
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WHEN trigger_qualifications

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[BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF] event_list

ON table

[FOR EACH ROW]

WHEN trigger_qualifications

procedure
```

Copy new young sailors into special table

(conceptual)

```
CREATE TRIGGER youngSailorUpdate

AFTER INSERT ON SAILORS

REFERENCING NEW TABLE NewInserts

FOR EACH STATEMENT

INSERT

INTO YoungSailors(sid, name, age, rating)

SELECT sid, name, age, rating

FROM NewInserts N

WHERE N.age <= 18
```

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(conceptual)

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FOR EACH ROW

WHEN NEW.age <= 18

INSERT

INTO YoungSailors (sid, name, age, rating)

VALUES (NEW.sid, NEW.name, NEW.age, NEW.rating)
```

Can be complicated to reason about

Triggers may (e.g., insert) cause other triggers to run If > I trigger match an action, which is run first?

```
CREATE TRIGGER recursiveTrigger

AFTER INSERT ON SAILORS

FOR EACH ROW

INSERT INTO Sailors(sid, name, age, rating)

SELECT sid, name, age, rating

FROM Sailors S
```

Triggers vs Constraints

Constraint

Statement about state of database
Upheld by the database for any modifications
Doesn't modify the database state
Safe

Triggers

Operational: X should happen when Y Specific to statements Modifies database state Very flexible

Triggers (postgres)

```
CREATE TRIGGER name
  [BEFORE | AFTER] event_list ON table
  FOR EACH (ROW | STATEMENT)
  WHEN trigger_qualifications
  EXECUTE PROCEDURE user_defined_function();
```

PostgreSQL only runs trigger UDFs

Trigger Example

```
CREATE FUNCTION copyrecord() RETURNS trigger
AS $$
BEGIN
    INSERT INTO blah VALUES(NEW.a);
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Signature: no args, return type is trigger Returns NULL or same record structure as modified row Special variables: OLD, NEW

```
CREATE TRIGGER t_copyinserts BEFORE INSERT ON a
   FOR EACH ROW
        EXECUTE PROCEDURE copyrecord();
```

Total boats and sailors < 100

```
CREATE FUNCTION checktotal() RETURNS trigger
AS $$
BEGIN
   IF ((SELECT COUNT(*) FROM sailors) +
        (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM boats) < 100) THEN
       RFTURN NEW
   FLSF
       RETURN null;
   END IF;
END:
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
CREATE TRIGGER t checktotal BEFORE INSERT ON sailors
   FOR EACH ROW
       EXECUTE PROCEDURE checktotal();
```

You can get into trouble...

```
CREATE FUNCTION addme_bad() RETURNS trigger
AS $$
BEGIN
    INSERT INTO a VALUES (NEW.*);
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Will enter infinite loop when you insert a row into a.

```
CREATE TRIGGER t_addme_bad BEFORE INSERT ON a
FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE PROCEDURE addme_bad();
```

You can get into trouble...

```
CREATE FUNCTION addme_stillwrong() RETURNS trigger
AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM a) < 100 THEN
        INSERT INTO a VALUES (NEW.a + 1);
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;</pre>
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER t_addme_stillwrong BEFORE INSERT ON a
FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE PROCEDURE addme_stillwrong();
```

You can get into trouble...

```
CREATE FUNCTION addme_works() RETURNS trigger
AS $$
BEGIN
    IF (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM a) < 100 THEN
        INSERT INTO a VALUES (NEW.a + 1);
    END IF;
    RETURN NEW;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;</pre>
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER t_addme_works AFTER INSERT ON a
   FOR EACH ROW
   EXECUTE PROCEDURE addme_works();
```

WITH

Names of unpopular boats

similar to "rename" operator in relational algebra

WITH

```
WITH RedBoats(bid, count) AS
   (SELECT B.bid, count(*)
    FROM Boats B, Reserves R
    WHERE R.bid = B.bid AND B.color = 'red'
   GROUP BY B.bid)
SELECT name, count
FROM Boats AS B, RedBoats AS RB
WHERE B.bid = RB.bid AND count < 2
WITH tablename(attr1, ...) AS (select_query)
   [,tablename(attr1, ...) AS (select query)]
main select query
```

Recursive WITH

```
WITH RECURSIVE TABLENAME (ATTR NAMES) AS (
   INITIAL QUERY Q
   UNION [ALL]
   RECURSIVE QUERY Q' CAN REFER TO Q
main_select_query
Runs Q
Runs Q' on output of Q
If Q' produced new records S, run Q' on S
Keep running Q' until no new records
Run main_select_query
```

Recursive WITH

```
WITH RECURSIVE t(n) AS (
   VALUES (1)
   UNION [ALL]
   SELECT n+1 FROM t
)
SELECT sum(n) FROM t;
```

Is there a problem with this query?

Recursive WITH

```
WITH RECURSIVE t(n) AS (
   VALUES (1)
   UNION [ALL]
   SELECT n+1 FROM t WHERE n < 10
)
SELECT sum(n) FROM t;</pre>
```

Fibonacci Series up to 50

```
WITH RECURSIVE fib(n,m) AS (
  VALUES (0,1)
  UNION
  555
SELECT distinct n
  FROM fib
 WHERE n < 50;
```

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  VALUES (0,1)
  UNION ALL
  SELECT m, n+m FROM fib
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  FROM fib
 WHERE n < 50
ORDER BY n;
```

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Views

CREATE VIEW view_name
AS select_statement

"tables" defined as query results rather than inserted base data

Makes development simpler

Used for security

Not materialized

References to view_name replaced with select_statement

Similar to WITH, lasts longer than one query

Often used for access control

Names of popular boats

```
CREATE VIEW boat_counts

AS SELECT bid, count(*)

FROM Reserves R

GROUP BY bid

HAVING count(*) > 10
```

Used like a normal table

```
SELECT bname
FROM boat_counts bc, Boats B
WHERE bc.bid = B.bid

FROM Reserves R
GROUP BY bid
HAVING count(*) > 10) bc,
```

Names of popular boats

Rewritten expanded query

Boats B

WHERE bc.bid = B.bid

CREATE TABLE

Guess the schema:

```
CREATE TABLE used_boats1 AS

SELECT r.bid

FROM Sailors s,

Reservations r

WHERE s.sid = r.sid

CREATE TABLE used_boats2 AS

SELECT r.bid as foo

FROM Sailors s,

Reservations r

WHERE s.sid = r.sid

Used_boats1(bid int)

Used_boats2(foo int)
```

How is this different than views?

What if we insert a new record into Reservations?

Summary

SQL is pretty complex
Superset of Relational Algebra SQL99 turing complete!
Human readable

More than one way to skin a horse

Many alternatives to write a query

Optimizer (theoretically) finds most efficient plan

additional slides

Some Tricky Queries

Lets write some tricky queries social graph analysis statistics

Social Network

```
-- A directed friend graph. Store each link once
CREATE TABLE Friends(
   fromID int,
   toID int,
    since date,
   PRIMARY KEY (fromID, toID),
    FOREIGN KEY (fromID) REFERENCES Users,
    FOREIGN KEY (toID) REFERENCES Users,
   CHECK (fromID < toID));</pre>
-- Return edges in both directions
CREATE VIEW BothFriends AS
   SELECT * FROM Friends
   UNION
   SELECT F.toID, F.fromID, F.since
   FROM Friends F;
```

friends of friends of friends do I have?

friends of friends for each user?

```
F1.fromID, count(distinct F3.toID)
FROM BothFriends F1,
BothFriends F2,
BothFriends F3
WHERE F1.toID = F2.fromID AND
F2.toID = F3.fromID
GROUP BY F1.fromID;
```

Median

Given n values in sorted order, value at idx n/2 if n is even, can take lower of middle 2

Robust statics compared to avg

- if want avg to equal 0, what fraction of values need to be corrupted?
- if want median to be 0, what fraction?

Breakdown point of a statistic crucial if there are outliers helps with over-fitting

Median

Given n values in sorted order, value at idx n/2

```
SELECT T.c

FROM T

ORDER BY T.c

LIMIT 1

OFFSET (SELECT COUNT(*)/2

FROM T AS T2)
```

Administrivia

TWO Exam locations!!

501 NWC if the last UNI digit is 0 - 5

Pupin 329 if the last UNI digit is 6 - 9

Professor Wu's OH: Weds 3:30-4:30PM

Guest lecture next Tuesday (10/23)

Dr. Thibault Sellam. Application APIs

Lecture cancelled next Thursday (10/25)

Median

Given n values in sorted order, value at idx n/2

```
SELECT c AS median
FROM T
WHERE
   (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM T AS T1
    WHERE T1.c < T.c)
=
   (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM T AS T2
   WHERE T2.c > T.c);
```

Faster Median

```
SELECT x.c as median
FROM T x, T y
GROUP BY x.c
HAVING
    SUM((y.c <= x.c)::int) >= (COUNT(*)+1)/2
    AND
    SUM((y.c >= x.c)::int) >= (COUNT(*)/2)+1
```

How to run queries over ordered data Partition over a sequence of rows Each row can be in multiple partitions

```
aggregation OVER (
    [PARTITION BY attrs]
    [ORDER BY attrs]
)
```

1,1,2,3,4,4,5,6

1,1,2,3,4,4,5,6

```
SELECT row_number() OVER (ORDER BY c)
FROM T

for row in T
   partition = (SELECT * FROM T ORDER BY C)
   row_num = idx of row in partition
   # add rank to output row
```

1,1,2,3,4,4,5,6

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FROM T

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   # add rank to output row
```

Window Functions (Median)

How to run queries over ordered data

O(n logn)

Works with even # of items

```
CREATE VIEW twocounters AS

(SELECT c,

ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY c ASC) AS RowAsc,

ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY c DESC) AS RowDesc

FROM T);

SELECT AVG(c)
FROM twocounters
WHERE RowAsc IN (RowDesc, RowDesc - 1, RowDesc + 1);
```