

* Nested subquery -

SQL provides a mechanism for nesting subqueries. A subquery is a select expression from expression where expression i.e. nested within other query. A common use of subquery is to perform a test for set membership, make set comparisons and determine its set cardinality.

* Set membership -

The 'in' connective test for set membership where the set is the collection of values produced by a select clause. The 'not in' connective tests for an absence of set membership.

e.g. Find salary of employee from employee relation whose name is Bhushan or Ahire or Bhadane.

```
SQL> select salary
      from employee
      where name in ('Bhushan', 'Ahire', 'Bhadane')
```

ex. Find all customers who have both loan and account.

We begin finding all customers ~~customer~~ name which have accounts and we write the subquery as

```
SQL> select cname
      from depositor ;
```

But we need to find those customers who are borrowers that means they have a loan and they also appear in the list

of depositor having accounts obtain in the subquery. The resulting complete query will be

```
SQL> select cname from borrower
      where cname in (
        select cname
        from depositor
      );
```

The above ex. shown can be written in several way in SQL.

We can use not in construct in similar ways

ex. Find all customers who do not have a loan at Bank. But have an account at the Bank.

```
SQL> select cname
      from borrower depositor
      where cname not in (
        select cname
        from depositor borrower
      );
```

ex. Find all customers who have ^{loan} ~~account~~ at bank whose names are neither smith nor John.

```
SQL> select cname
      from depositor borrower
      where cname not in ('Smith', 'John');
```

Set comparison -

Nested subqueries are used to compare sets. SQL uses various comparison operators such as less than $<$, $<=$, $>$, $>=$, $=$, $<>$, any,

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all and some to compare sets. SQL allows following set comparison operators:

- < some - less than atleast one
- <= some - less than or equal to atleast one
- > some - greater than atleast one
- >= some - greater than or equal to atleast one
- = some - equal to atleast one
- <> some - not equal to atleast one

consider the following relation:

Branch (Bname, Bcity, Assets)

ex - Find Branch name that have assets greater than those of atleast one branch located in Dhule city.

SQL > select Bname
from Branch
where Assets > some (select Assets from Branch where

Bcity = 'Dhule');

The subquery select Assets from Branch where Bcity = 'Dhule' generates the set of all Assets value for all branches located in Dhule city. It is verified that '=' some' is not identical to 'in' but not a '<> some' is not identical to 'not in'.

SQL also allows set comparison operation using 'all'.

- < all - less than all
- <= all - less than or equal to all

$>all$ - greater than all
 $\geq all$ - greater than equal to all
 $=all$ - equal to all
 $<>all$ - not equal to all.

eg. find the names of all branches that have an Asset value greater than all branches located at Dhule city.

```
select Bname *  
from Branch  
where Assets > all (select Assets  
from Branch  
where Bcity = 'Dhule');
```