Chapter 8

Query Formulation with SQL (Supplement notes)

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Outline

- Background
- Joining tables
- Summarizing tables
- Problem solving guidelines
- Advanced problems in SQL

What is SQL?

- Structured Query Language
- Language for database definition, manipulation, and control
- International standard
- Standalone and embedded usage
- Intergalactic database speak

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SQL Standardization

- Relatively simple standard: SQL-86 and revision (SQL-89)
- Modestly complex standard: SQL-92
- Complex standards: SQL:1999 and SQL:2003

SELECT Statement Overview

SELECT < list of column expressions>
FROM < list of tables and join operations>
WHERE < list of logical expressions for rows>
GROUP BY < list of grouping columns>
HAVING < list of logical expressions for groups>
ORDER BY < list of sorting specifications>

 Expression: combination of columns, constants, operators, and functions

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University Database

Student (**StdSSN**, StdFirstName, StdLastName, StdCity, StdState, StdMajor, StdClass, StdGPA, StdZip)

Faculty (**FacSSN**, FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacCIty, FacState, FacDept, FacRank, FacSalary, FacSupervisor, FacHireDate, FacZipCode)
Course (**CourseNo**, CrsDesc, CrsUnits)
Offering (**OfferNo**, CourseNo, OffTerm, OffYear, OffLocation, OffTIme, FacSSN, OffDays)
Enrollment (**OfferNo**, **StdSSN**, EnrGrade)

First SELECT Examples

```
Example 1
SELECT * FROM Faculty

Example 2 (Access)
SELECT *
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacSSN = '543210987'

Example 3
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary
FROM Faculty

Example 4
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacSalary > 65000 AND FacRank = 'PROF'
```

Using Expressions

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Inexact Matching

- Match against a pattern: LIKE operator
- Use meta characters to specify patterns
 - Wildcard (* or %)
 - Any single character (? or _)

Example 6 (Access)

```
SELECT *
```

FROM Offering

WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS*'

Example 6 (Oracle)

```
SELECT *
```

FROM Offering

WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS%'

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Using Dates

- Dates are numbers
- Date constants and functions are not standard

Example 7 (Access)

```
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacHireDate FROM Faculty
```

WHERE FacHireDate BETWEEN #1/1/1999# AND #12/31/2000#

Example 7 (Oracle)

SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacHireDate FROM Faculty

WHERE FachireDate BETWEEN '1-Jan-1999'

AND '31-Dec-2000'

Other Single Table Examples

```
Example 8: Testing for null values

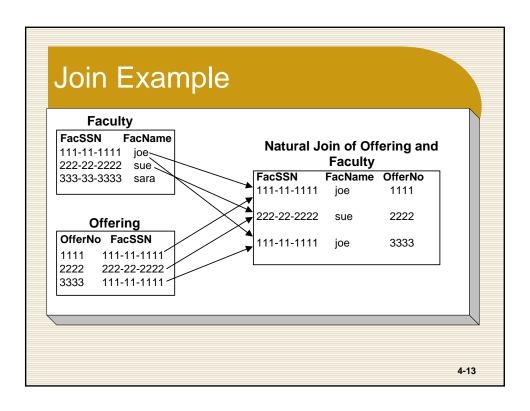
SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo
FROM Offering
WHERE FacSSN IS NULL AND OffTerm = 'SUMMER'
AND OffYear = 2006

Example 9: Mixing AND and OR
SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo, FacSSN
FROM Offering
WHERE (OffTerm = 'FALL' AND OffYear = 2005)
OR (OffTerm = 'WINTER' AND OffYear = 2006)
```

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Join Operator

- Most databases have many tables
- Combine tables using the join operator
- Specify matching condition
 - Can be any comparison but usually =
 - PK = FK most common join condition
 - Relationship diagram useful when combining tables



Cross Product Style

- List tables in the FROM clause
- List join conditions in the WHERE clause

Join Operator Style

- Use INNER JOIN and ON keywords
- FROM clause contains join operations

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Name Qualification

- Ambiguous column reference
 - More than one table in the query contains a column referenced in the query
 - Ambiguity determined by the query not the database
- Use column name alone if query is not ambiguous
- Qualify with table name if query is ambiguous
- Readability versus writability

Summarizing Tables

- Row summaries important for decision-making tasks
- Row summary
 - Result contains statistical (aggregate) functions
 - Conditions involve statistical functions
- SQL keywords
 - Aggregate functions in the output list
 - GROUP BY: summary columns
 - HAVING: summary conditions

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GROUP BY Examples

```
Example 12: Grouping on a single column

SELECT FacRank, AVG(FacSalary) AS AvgSalary

FROM Faculty

GROUP BY FacRank
```

```
Example 13: Row and group conditions
  SELECT StdMajor, AVG(StdGPA) AS AvgGpa
  FROM Student
  WHERE StdClass IN ('JR', 'SR')
  GROUP BY StdMajor
  HAVING AVG(StdGPA) > 3.1
```

SQL Summarization Rules

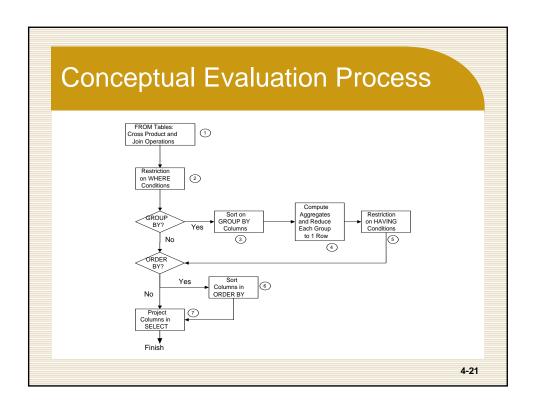
- Columns in SELECT and GROUP BY
 - SELECT: non aggregate and aggregate columns
 - GROUP BY: list <u>all</u> non aggregate columns
- WHERE versus HAVING
 - Row conditions in WHERE
 - Group conditions in HAVING

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Summarization and Joins

- Powerful combination
- List join conditions in the WHERE clause

Example 14: List the number of students enrolled in each fall 2003 offering.

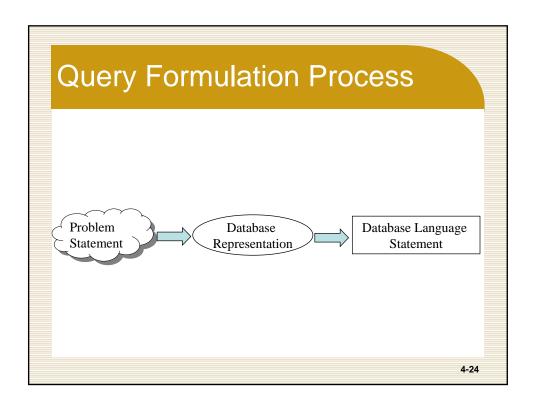


Conceptual Evaluation Lessons

- Row operations before group operations
 - FROM and WHERE before GROUP BY and HAVING
 - Check row operations first
- Grouping occurs only one time
- Use small sample tables

Conceptual Evaluation Problem

Example 15: List the number of offerings taught in 2006 by faculty rank and department. Exclude combinations of faculty rank and department with less than two offerings taught.



Critical Questions

- What tables?
 - Columns in output
 - Conditions to test (including join conditions)
- How to combine the tables?
 - Usually join PK to FK
 - More complex ways to combine
- Individual rows or groups of rows?
 - Aggregate functions in output
 - Conditions with aggregate functions

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Efficiency Considerations

- Little concern for efficiency
- Intelligent SQL compilers
- Correct and non redundant solution
 - No extra tables
 - No unnecessary grouping
 - Use HAVING for group conditions only

Advanced Problems

- Joining multiple tables
- Self joins
- Grouping after joining multiple tables
- Traditional set operators

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Joining Three Tables

Example 16: List <u>Leonard Vince's teaching schedule</u> in fall 2005. For each course, list the offering number, course number, number of units, days, location, and time.

Joining Four Tables

Example 17: List <u>Bob Norbert's course schedule</u> in spring 2006. For each course, list the offering number, course number, days, location, time, and faculty name.

```
SELECT Offering.OfferNo, Offering.CourseNo,
OffDays, OffLocation, OffTime,
FacFirstName, FacLastName
FROM Faculty, Offering, Enrollment, Student
WHERE Offering.OfferNo = Enrollment.OfferNo
AND Student.StdSSN = Enrollment.StdSSN
AND Faculty.FacSSN = Offering.FacSSN
AND OffYear = 2006 AND OffTerm = 'SPRING'
AND StdFirstName = 'BOB'
AND StdLastName = 'NORBERT'
```

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Self-Join

- Join a table to itself
- Usually involve a self-referencing relationship
- Useful to find relationships among rows of the same table
 - Find subordinates within a preset number of levels
 - Find subordinates within any number of levels requires embedded SQL

Self-Join Example

Example 18: List <u>faculty members who have a higher salary than their supervisor</u>. List the social security number, name, and salary of the faculty and supervisor.

```
SELECT Subr.FacSSN, Subr.FacLastName,
Subr.FacSalary, Supr.FacSSN,
Supr.FacLastName, Supr.FacSalary
FROM Faculty Subr, Faculty Supr
WHERE Subr.FacSupervisor = Supr.FacSSN
AND Subr.FacSalary > Supr.FacSalary
```

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Multiple Joins Between Tables

Example 19: List the names of faculty members and the course number for which the faculty member teaches the same course number as his or her supervisor in 2006.

```
SELECT FacFirstName, FacLastName, O1.CourseNo
FROM Faculty, Offering O1, Offering O2
WHERE Faculty.FacSSN = O1.FacSSN
AND Faculty.FacSupervisor = O2.FacSSN
AND O1.OffYear = 2006 AND O2.OffYear = 2006
AND O1.CourseNo = O2.CourseNo
```

Multiple Column Grouping

Example 20: List the course number, the offering number, and the number of students enrolled. Only include courses offered in spring 2006.

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A UNION B A INTERSECT B A MINUS B

Union Compatibility

- Requirement for the traditional set operators
- Strong requirement
 - Same number of columns
 - Each corresponding column is compatible
 - Positional correspondence
- Apply to similar tables by removing columns first

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SQL UNION Example

Example 21: Retrieve basic data about all university people

SELECT

FacSSN AS SSN, FacFirstName AS FirstName, FacLastName AS LastName, FacCity AS City, FacState AS State

FROM Faculty

UNION

SELECT

StdSSN AS SSN, StdFirstName AS FirstName, StdLastName AS LastName, StdCity AS City, StdState AS State

FROM Student

Oracle INTERSECT Example

Example 22: Show teaching assistants, faculty who are students. Only show the common columns in the result.

SELECT FacSSN AS SSN, FacFirstName AS
FirstName, FacLastName AS LastName,
FacCity AS City, FacState AS State
FROM Faculty

INTERSECT

SELECT StdSSN AS SSN, StdFirstName AS
FirstName, StdLastName AS LastName,
StdCity AS City, StdState AS State
FROM Student

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Oracle MINUS Example

Example 23: Show faculty who are <u>not</u> students (pure faculty). Only show the common columns in the result.

SELECT FacSSN AS SSN, FacFirstName AS
FirstName, FacLastName AS LastName,
FacCity AS City, FacState AS State
FROM Faculty

MINUS

SELECT StdSSN AS SSN, StdFirstName AS
FirstName, StdLastName AS LastName,
StdCity AS City, StdState AS State
FROM Student

Data Manipulation Statements

- INSERT: adds one or more rows
- UPDATE: modifies one or more rows
- DELETE: removes one or more rows
- Use SELECT statement to INSERT multiple rows
- UPDATE and DELETE can use a WHERE clause
- Not as widely used as SELECT statement

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INSERT Example

Example 24: Insert a row into the *Student* table supplying values for all columns.

```
INSERT INTO Student
  (StdSSN, StdFirstName, StdLastName,
   StdCity, StdState, StdZip, StdClass,
   StdMajor, StdGPA)
VALUES
('999999999','JOE','STUDENT','SEATAC',
   'WA','98042-1121','FR','IS', 0.0)
```

UPDATE Example

Example 25: Change the major and class of Homer Wells.

```
UPDATE Student
SET StdMajor = 'ACCT',
    StdClass = 'SO'
WHERE StdFirstName = 'HOMER'
AND StdLastName = 'WELLS'
```

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DELETE Example

Example 26: Delete all CS majors who are seniors.

```
DELETE FROM Student
WHERE StdMajor = 'CS'
AND StdClass = 'SR'
```

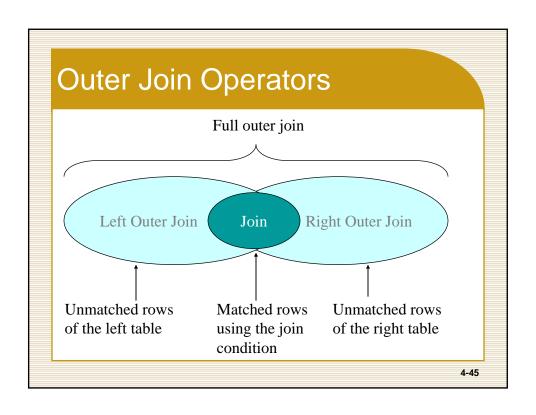
Advance problems in SQL

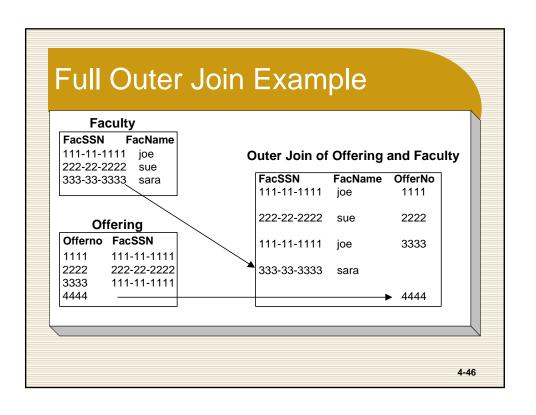
- Outer join problems
- Type I nested queries
- Type II nested queries and difference problems
- Nested queries in the FROM clause
- Division problems
- Null value effects

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Outer Join Overview

- Join excludes non matching rows
- Preserving non matching rows is important in some business situations
- Outer join variations
 - Full outer join
 - One-sided outer join





LEFT JOIN and RIGHT JOIN Keywords

Example 27 (Access)

SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo, Offering.FacSSN,
FacFirstName, FacLastName
FROM Offering LEFT JOIN Faculty
ON Offering.FacSSN = Faculty.FacSSN
WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS*'

Example 28 (Oracle)

SELECT OfferNo, CourseNo, Offering.FacSSN,
FacFirstName, FacLastName
FROM Faculty RIGHT JOIN Offering
ON Offering.FacSSN = Faculty.FacSSN
WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS%'

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Full Outer Join Example I

Full Outer Join Example II

Example 30 (Access)

SELECT FacSSN, FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary, StdSSN, StdFirstName, StdLastName, StdGPA

FROM Faculty RIGHT JOIN Student
ON Student.StdSSN = Faculty.FacSSN
UNION

SELECT FacSSN, FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary, StdSSN, StdFirstName, StdLastName, StdGPA

FROM Faculty LEFT JOIN Student
ON Student.StdSSN = Faculty.FacSSN

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Mixing Inner and Outer Joins I

Example 31 (Access)

Type I Nested Queries

- Query inside a query
- Use in WHERE and HAVING conditions
- Similar to a nested procedure
- Executes one time
- No reference to outer query
- Also known as non-correlated or independent nested query

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Type I Nested Query Examples I

```
Example 32 (Access): List finance faculty who teach IS courses.
SELECT FacSSN, FacLastName, FacDept
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacDept = 'FIN' AND FacSSN IN
   ( SELECT FacSSN FROM Offering
     WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS*' )
```

Type I Nested Query Examples II

```
Example 33 (Oracle): List finance faculty who teach 4 unit IS courses.
```

```
SELECT FacSSN, FacLastName, FacDept
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacDept = 'FIN' AND FacSSN IN
( SELECT FacSSN FROM Offering
WHERE CourseNo LIKE 'IS%' AND CourseNo IN
( SELECT CourseNo FROM Course
WHERE CrsUnits = 4 ) )
```

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DELETE Example

- Use Type I nested queries to test conditions on other tables
- Use for UPDATE statements also

Example 34: Delete offerings taught by Leonard Vince.

```
DELETE FROM Offering
WHERE Offering.FacSSN IN

( SELECT FacSSN FROM Faculty
WHERE FacFirstName = 'Leonard'
AND FacLastName = 'Vince')
```

Type II Nested Queries

- Similar to nested loops
- Executes one time for each row of outer query
- Reference to outer query
- Also known as correlated or variably nested query
- Use for difference problems not joins

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Type II Nested Query Example for a Difference Problem

Example 35: Retrieve MS faculty who are not teaching in winter 2006.

```
SELECT FacSSN, FacLastName, FacDept
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacDept = 'MS' AND NOT EXISTS
  ( SELECT * FROM Offering
    WHERE OffTerm = 'WINTER'
    AND OffYear = 2006
    AND Faculty.FacSSN = Offering.FacSSN )
```

Limited Formulations for Difference Problems

- Type I nested query with NOT IN condition
- One-sided outer join with IS NULL condition
- Difference operation using MINUS (EXCEPT) operator

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Type I Difference Formulation

Example 36: Retrieve MS faculty who are not teaching in winter 2006.

```
SELECT FacSSN, FacLastName, FacDept
FROM Faculty
WHERE FacDept = 'MS' AND FacSSN NOT IN
  ( SELECT FacSSN FROM Offering
    WHERE OffTerm = 'WINTER'
    AND OffYear = 2006 )
```

One-Sided Outer Join Difference Formulation

Example 37: Retrieve MS faculty who have never taught a course (research faculty).

SELECT FacSSN, FacLastName, FacDept
FROM Faculty LEFT JOIN Offering
ON Faculty.FacSSN = Offering.FacSSN
WHERE FacDept = 'MS'
AND Offering.FacSSN IS NULL

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MINUS Operator Difference Formulation

Example 38 (Oracle): Retrieve faculty who are not students

SELECT FacSSN AS SSN, FacFirstName AS FirstName, FacLastName AS LastName, FacCity AS City, FacState AS State

FROM Faculty MINUS

SELECT StdSSN AS SSN, StdFirstName AS FirstName, StdLastName AS LastName, StdCity AS City, StdState AS State

FROM Student

Nested Queries in the FROM Clause

- More recent introduction than nested queries in the WHERE and HAVING clauses
- Consistency in language design
- Wherever table appears, table expression can appear
- Specialized uses
 - Nested aggregates

SELECT T.CourseNo, T.CrsDesc,

Multiple independent aggregate calculations

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Nested FROM Query Example

Example 39: Retrieve the course number, course description, the number of offerings, and the average enrollment across offering.

```
COUNT(*) AS NumOfferings,
Avg(T.EnrollCount) AS AvgEnroll

FROM

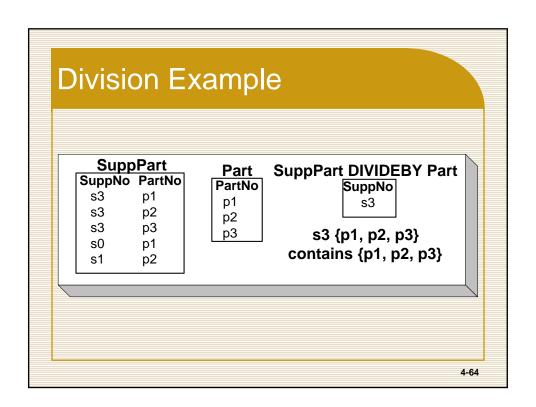
(SELECT Course.CourseNo, CrsDesc,
Offering.OfferNo,
COUNT(*) AS EnrollCount

FROM Offering, Enrollment, Course
WHERE Offering.OfferNo = Enrollment.OfferNo
AND Course.CourseNo = Offering.CourseNo
GROUP BY Course.CourseNo, CrsDesc,
Offering.OfferNo) T

GROUP BY T.CourseNo, T.CrsDesc
```

Divide Operator

- Match on a subset of values
 - Suppliers who supply <u>all</u> parts
 - Faculty who teach every IS course
- Specialized operator
- Typically applied to associative tables representing M-N relationships



COUNT Method for Division Problems

- Compare the number of rows associated with a group to the total number in the subset of interest
- Type I nested query in the HAVING clause

```
Example 40: List the students who belong to <u>all</u> clubs.

SELECT StdNo

FROM StdClub

GROUP BY StdNo

HAVING COUNT(*) =

( SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Club )
```

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Typical Division Problems

- Compare to an interesting subset rather than entire table
- Use similar conditions in outer and nested query

Example 41: List the students who belong to <u>all</u> social clubs.

```
SELECT Student1.StdNo, SName

FROM StdClub, Club, Student1

WHERE StdClub.ClubNo = Club.ClubNo

AND Student1.StdNo = StdClub.StdNo

AND CPurpose = 'SOCIAL'

GROUP BY Student1.StdNo, SName

HAVING COUNT(*) =

( SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Club

WHERE CPurpose = 'SOCIAL' )
```

Advanced Division Problems

- Count distinct values rather than rows
 - Faculty who teach at least one section of selected course offerings
 - Offering table has duplicate CourseNo values
- Use COUNT(DISTINCT column)
- Use stored query or nested FROM query in Access

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Advanced Division Problem Example

Example 42: List the SSN and the name of faculty who teach at least one section of all of the fall 2005, IS courses.

```
SELECT Faculty.FacSSN, FacFirstName,
FacLastName

FROM Faculty, Offering
WHERE Faculty.FacSSN = Offering.FacSSN
AND OffTerm = 'FALL' AND CourseNo LIKE 'IS%'
AND OffYear = 2005
GROUP BY Faculty.FacSSN, FacFirstName,
FacLastName
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT CourseNo) =
( SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT CourseNo)
FROM Offering
WHERE OffTerm = 'FALL' AND OffYear = 2005
AND CourseNo LIKE 'IS%')
```

Null Value Effects

- Simple conditions
- Compound conditions
- Grouping and aggregate functions
- SQL:2003 standard but implementation may vary

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Simple Conditions

- Simple condition is null if either left-hand or right-hand side is null.
- Discard rows evaluating to false or null
- Retain rows evaluating to true
- Rows evaluating to null will not appear in the result of the simple condition or its negation

Compound Conditions AND True **False** Null True True False Null False False False False Null Null False Null OR True **False** Null True True True True **False** True False Null Null True Null Null NOT True **False** Ndl False True Nıll 4-71

Aggregate Functions

- Null values ignored
- Effects can be subtle
 - COUNT(*) may differ from Count(Column)
 - SUM(Column1) + SUM(Column2) may differ from SUM(Column1 + Column2)

Grouping Effects

- Rows with null values are grouped together
- Grouping column contains null values
- Null group can be placed at beginning or end of the non-null groups

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Oracle 8i Notation for One-Sided Outer Joins

```
Example A1 (Oracle 8i)
SELECT OfferNo.
```

HERE Offering.FacSSN = Faculty.FacSSN (+) AND CourseNo LIKE 'IS%'

Example A2 (Oracle 8i)

Full Outer Join Example III

Example A3 (Oracle 8i)

SELECT FacSSN, FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary, StdSSN, StdFirstName, StdLastName, StdGPA

FROM Faculty, Student

WHERE Student.StdSSN = Faculty.FacSSN (+)
UNION

SELECT FacSSN, FacFirstName, FacLastName, FacSalary, StdSSN, StdFirstName, StdLastName, StdGPA

FROM Faculty, Student

WHERE Student.StdSSN (+) = Faculty.FacSSN

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Mixing Inner and Outer Joins II

Example A4 (Oracle 8i)

SELECT OfferNo, Offering.CourseNo, OffTerm,
CrsDesc, Faculty.FacSSN, FacLastName
FROM Faculty, Course, Offering
WHERE Offering.FacSSN = Faculty.FacSSN (+)
AND Course.CourseNo = Offering.CourseNo
AND Course.CourseNo LIKE 'IS%'

Summary

- SQL is a broad language
- SELECT statement is complex
- Advanced matching problems not common but important when necessary
- Understand outer join, difference, and division operators
- Nested queries important for advanced matching problems
- Lots of practice to master query formulation and SQL