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2. Sheet: XPath & XQuery

Exercise 1 (Evaluation of XQuery expressions)

You are given the following XML document, referred to as “book.xml”:

```
<book>
  <title>Data on the Web</title>
  <author>Serge Abiteboul</author>
  <author>Peter Buneman</author>
  <author>Dan Suciu</author>
  <section id="intro" difficulty="easy" >
    <title>Introduction</title>
    <p>T1</p>
    <section>
      <title>Audience</title>
      <p>T1</p>
    </section>
    <section>
      <title>Web Data and the Two Cultures</title>
      <p>T2</p>
      <figure height="400" width="400">
        <title>Traditional client/server architecture</title>
        <image source="csarch.gif"/>
      </figure>
      <p>T2</p>
    </section>
  </section>
  <section id="syntax" difficulty="medium">
    <title>A Syntax For Data</title>
    <p>T1</p>
    <figure height="200" width="500">
      <title>Graph representations of structures</title>
      <image source="graphs.gif"/>
    </figure>
    <p>T1</p>
    <section>
      <title>Base Types</title>
      <p>T1</p>
    </section>
  </section>
</book>
```

- a) Return the results for the following XQuery expressions. Explain in detail what the expressions are calculating.

```
(a) <result> {
    for $x1 in doc("book.xml")//p
    where $x1/text()="T2"
    return
        for $x2 in doc("book.xml")//section
        where (some $x3 in $x2//p satisfies $x3/text()=$x1/text())
        return <x/>
} </result>
Ergebnis: <result><x/><x/><x/><x/></result>
```

Überprüfe für jeden Paragraphen (<p>) mit (möglicherweise zusammengesetztem) text()-Wert "T2" alle Sections (<section>) im Dokument. Wenn unterhalb einer solchen Section ein Paragraph mit einem text()-Wert identisch zum text()-Wert des ursprünglichen Paragraphen auftritt, wird der bachelor tag <x/> ausgegeben.

Es gibt zwei Paragraphen mit text()-Wert "T2". Diese treten in der selben Section auf, die jedoch (rekursiv) wiederum Teil einer Section ist. Diese beiden Sections haben also einen descendant-Paragraphen mit text()-Wert "2". Der bachelor tag <x/> wird also 2x2=4 mal ausgegeben.

```
(b) <results> {
    for $x1 in doc("book.xml")//section
    where $x1//p/text()="T2"
    return
        <result> {
            for $x2 in $x1//p return $x2
        } </result>
} </results>
```

Ergebnis:

```
<results>
  <result>
    <p>T1</p>
    <p>T1</p>
    <p>T2</p>
    <p>T2</p>
  </result>
  <result>
    <p>T2</p>
    <p>T2</p>
  </result>
</results>
```

Das Ergebnis in der *return*-Klausel wird für jede Section berechnet, die einen Paragraphen mit text()="T2" besitzt (also insgesamt zwei mal). Das Ergebnis besteht dann jeweils aus einer Liste aller Paragraphen die innerhalb der entsprechenden Section auftreten.

Exercise 2 (Specifying XQuery expressions)

You are given XML document "bib.xml" which can be downloaded from ILIAS site under EX2. At the Oracle server (<https://dbissql.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/dbis/dpod/sql.php>) the XML file is stored in the table BIB. Specify XQuery expressions for the following goals.

- a) Return all books for which the lastname of one of the authors matches with the lastname of the publisher. Assume that a publisher is always referred to by their lastname.

```
<books>{
    for $book in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book
    where $book/author/last = $book/publisher
    return $book
}</books>
```

- b) For each book of author Peter Buneman, return the title and number of authors. If the book price is above 20 then also return the former.

```

<books>{
  for $book in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book
  where ($book/author/first/text() = "Peter" and
        $book/author/last/text() = "Buneman")
  return
    <book>
      { $book/title }
      <nrauthors>{ count($book/author) }</nrauthors>
      {
        if ($book/price/text() > 20)
        then $book/price
        else ()
      }
    </book>
}</books>

```

- c) Return all pairs of different books of a publisher. The result must not contain duplicates. You can, however, assume that all book titles are different.

```

<bookpairs>{
  for $book1 in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book,
    $book2 in $book1/following::book
  where $book1/publisher=$book2/publisher
  return
    <pair>{ $book1, $book2 }</pair>
}</bookpairs>

```

- d) For each author, return the lastname, name and the sum of all their (co-authored) books' prices.

```

<authors>{
  for $authors in fn:distinct-values(doc("bib.xml")/bib/book/author)
  let $author := doc("bib.xml")/bib/book/author[self::node()=$authors]
  let $book := doc("bib.xml")/bib/book[author=$authors]
  return
    <item>
      { $author[1]/last }
      { $author[1]/first }
      <pricesum>{ fn:sum($book/price) }</pricesum>
    </item>
}</authors>

```

- e) For each author, return a list of his/or book titles (ordered by price). An element of the list has to contain name and lastname of an author, and constrained to three books. In addition, add a tag "minprice" with the price of the cheapest book of the author.

```

<authors>{
  for $authors in fn:distinct-values(doc("bib.xml")//author)
  let $author := doc("bib.xml")/bib/book/author[self::node()=$authors]
  let $book :=
    for $book2 in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book[author=$authors]
    order by $book2/price/text()
    return $book2
  return
    <item>
      { $author[1] }
      { $book[position()<=3]/title }
      <minprice>{ fn:min($book/price/text()) }</minprice>
    </item>
}</authors>

```