CSCB20 Introduction to Databases and Web Application

Week 4 - SQL and Introduction to Web
Development

Topics covered last week

- Creating tables, setting constraints...
- Inserting and updating tables
- More query commands
- Creating views
- Joins
 - Left
 - Right
 - Full
- More on NULL values

Topics covered this week

- SQL
 - Case
 - Subquery
- Introduction to Web development
 - Frontend
 - Backend
 - Intro to HTML

Case

 If you have a list of values and you want to select any one of them based on some conditions.

CASE expression will evaluate these list of conditions for all the values.
 If the condition is true, it will return that value.

SQLite Simple Case Example

- Simple CASE
- Query to group students with either 'Science' or 'Other' department group

```
SELECT

name,

CASE dept_name

WHEN 'Biology' THEN 'Science'

WHEN 'Comp. Sci.' THEN 'Science'

WHEN 'Physics' THEN 'Science'

WHEN 'Elec. Eng.' THEN 'Science'

ELSE 'Other'

END dept_group

FROM student NATURAL JOIN department;
```

SQLite Searched Case

- Evaluates a list of expressions to decide the result.
- Searched CASE

```
CASE
```

END

```
WHEN bool_expression_1 THEN result_1
WHEN bool_expression_2 THEN result_2
[ ELSE result_else ]
```

SQLite Searched Case Example

- Searched CASE
- (example from **myuni.db**)

```
SELECT
  name,
  CASE
    WHEN tot cred < 100 THEN '<100'
    WHEN tot_cred > 100 THEN '>100'
    ELSE tot_cred
  END tot_cred
FROM Student;
```

Subqueries

- A subquery is a select-from-where expression that is nested within another query.
- Where can a subquery go?
 - In SELECT or WHERE or FROM clause
 - Most common clause for subquery is WHERE

```
SELECT column_1
FROM table_1
WHERE column_1 = (
    SELECT column_1
    FROM table_2
);
```

Subquery in WHERE clause

Set Membership, Set comparison, Test for Empty relations, Test for duplicate tuples

Subqueries - set membership

Find all the courses taught in the both the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters.

Subqueries - set membership

- Find all the courses taught in the both the Fall 2017 but not in Spring 2018 semesters.
- Also works for following query
- Select the names of instructors whose names are neither "Mozart" or "Einstein".

```
SELECT DISTINCT name
FROM instructor
WHERE name NOT IN ('Mozart', 'Einstein');
```

Subqueries - set membership

- find the total number of (distinct) students who have taken course sections taught by the instructor with ID 110011.
- This nested query is called a subquery.

Subqueries - Test for Empty Relations

- **EXISTS**: a feature for testing whether a subquery has any tuples in its result
- Find all courses taught in both the Fall 2017 semester and in the Spring 2018 semester

- Correlation name from an outer query (S in the above query), can be used in a subquery in the where clause
- A subquery that uses a correlation name from an outer query is called a correlated subquery.

Subqueries - Test for Empty Relations

 Find the names of all instructors whose salary is greater than at least one instructor in the Biology department.

```
SELECT distinct T.name
FROM instructor AS T , instructor AS S
WHERE T.salary > S.salary AND S.dept_name = 'Biology';
```

Let's rewrite this query using subquery..

Subqueries - Test for Empty Relations

- NOT EXISTS: test for the nonexistence of tuples in a subquery
- Find all students who have taken all courses offered in the "Physics" department

```
SELECT S.ID, S.name
FROM Student as S
WHERE NOT EXISTS
    (SELECT course_id
    FROM course
    WHERE dept_name = 'Physics'
    EXCEPT
    SELECT T.course_id
    FROM takes as T
    WHERE S.ID = T.ID);
```

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Subqueries - Test for the Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- **UNIQUE:** Construct to return the value true if the argument subquery contains no duplicate tuples
- Find all courses that were offered at most once in 2017
- Alternative way:

Subqueries - Test for the Absence of Duplicate Tuples

NOT UNIQUE

Find all courses that were offered at least twice in 2017

Subquery in FROM clause

Set Membership, Set comparison, Test for Empty relations, Test for duplicate tuples

Subqueries - In the From Clause

• Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than \$42,000.

We can give subquery result relation a name

Subqueries - In the From Clause

 Find the maximum across all departments of the total of all instructors' salaries in each department.

```
SELECT max(tot_salary)
FROM (SELECT dept_name, sum(salary) AS tot_salary
    FROM instructor
    GROUP BY dept_name) AS dept_total;
```

• Subqueries in from clause cannot use correlation variables from other relations in the same from clause

Subqueries - Scalar Subqueries

 SQL allows subqueries to occur wherever an expression returning a value is permitted, provided the subquery returns only one tuple containing a single attribute; such sub- queries are called scalar subqueries.

```
SELECT dept_name,
(SELECT count(*)
FROM instructor
WHERE department.dept_name = instructor.dept_name)
AS num_instructors
FROM department;
```

- The subquery in this example is guaranteed to return only a single value since it has a count(*) aggregate without a group by.
- correlation variables: attributes of relations in the from clause of the outer query, such as department.dept_name

Subquery Example

Using subquery in the FROM clause example (myuni.db)

```
SELECT
   s.name, a.mark
FROM student AS s
INNER JOIN
(
   SELECT StudentId, mark
   FROM test AS t
   INNER JOIN mark AS m ON t.TestId = m.TestId
) AS a ON s.StudentId = a.StudentId;
```

- s.name is selected from the main query that gives the name of students and
- a.Mark is selected from the subquery; that gives marks obtained by each of these students

Subquery Example

- Departments' names that don't exist in the Students table (myuni.db)
- Using subquery in the WHERE clause example