WEEK 3: READING MATERIAL 2

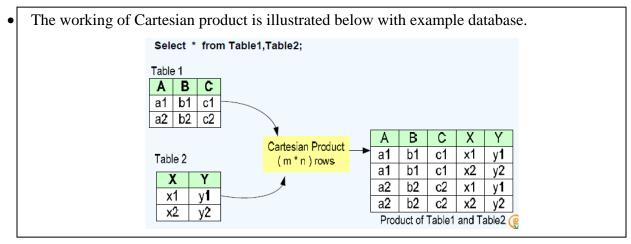
Types of Joins

Following are the type of join.

- Cartesian Product
- Inner join
 - Equi join
 - · Non-equi join
- Outer join
 - Left-outer join
 - Right-outer join
- Self join

Cartesian product

A Cartesian join occurs when data is selected from two or more tables and there is no common relation specified in the WHERE clause. If we do not specify a join condition for the tables listed in the FROM clause, Oracle joins each row from the first table to every row in the second table. In Cartesian join each row from the first table is combined with all rows from the second table.

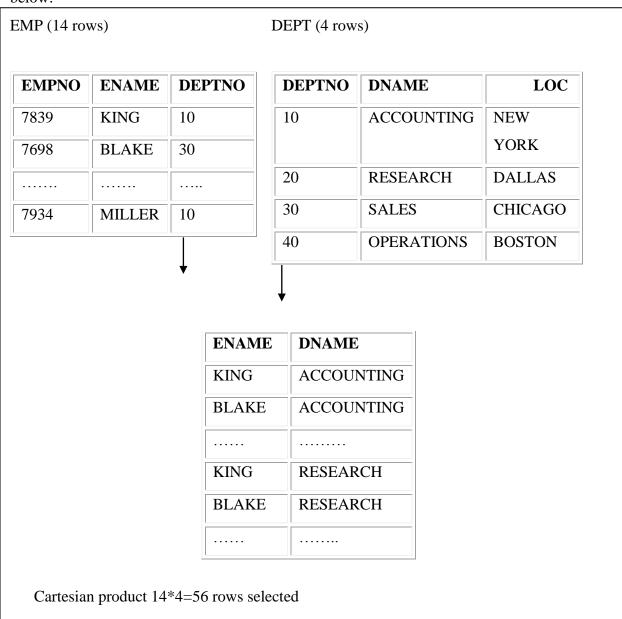


If the first table has three rows and the second table has four rows, the result will have 12 rows. Suppose we add another table with two rows without specifying a join condition; the result will have 24 rows. We should avoid Cartesian joins; for the most part, they happen when there are many tables in the FROM clause and developers forget to include the join condition.

Example:

SQL>Select ename,dname FROM emp, dept;

The above query displays employee name and department name from EMP and DEPT tables. Because no WHERE clause has been specified, all rows(14 rows) from EMP table are joined with all (4 rows) in the DEPT table, there by generating 56 rows in the output as shown below:

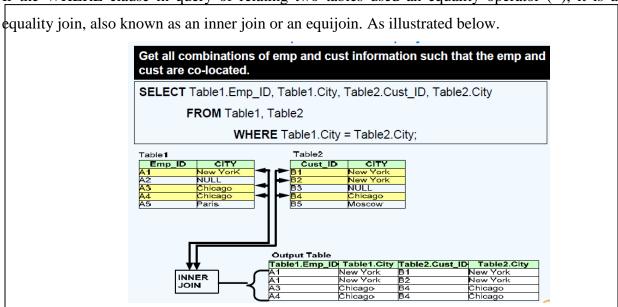


Inner Join

An inner join between two (or more) tables is the Cartesian product that satisfies the join condition in the WHERE clause. It is of two types, depending upon the WHERE consition.

Equality Joins

If the WHERE clause in query of relating two tables used an equality operator (=), it is an



The query discussed earlier to list the department name location for each employee, along with his or her salary is an example of equality join.

To get the required information following query is used:

Non-Equality Join

If any other operator instead of equality operator (=) is used to join the tables in the query, it is non-equality join.

We have already seen examples of equality joins; let's consider an example of non-equality join.

Example:

EMP

EMPNO	ENAME	SAL
7839	KING	5000
7698	BLAKE	2850
7782	CLARK	2450
7566	JONES	2975
7654	MARTIN	1250
7499	ALLEN	1600
7844	TURNER	1500
7900	JAMES	950
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SAL GRADE

GRADE	LOSAL	HISAL
1	700	1200
2	1201	1400
3	1401	2000
4	2001	3000
5	3001	9999

Salary in the EMP table is between low salary and high salary in the SALGRADE table

The relationship between the EMP table and the SALGRADE table is a non-equijoin, meaning that no column in the EMP table corresponds directly to a column in the SALGRADE table. The relationship between the two tables is that the SAL column in the EMP table is between the LOSAL and HISAL column of the SALGRADE table. The relationship is obtained using an operator other than equal (=).

SQL> *SELECT e.ename, e.sal, s.grade from emp e, salgrade s*

WHERE e.sal BETWEEN s.losal and S.hisal;

OUTPUT:

ENAME	SAL	GRADE
JAMES	950	1
SMITH	800	1
ADAMS	1100	1

14 rows selected.

The above example creates a non-equijoin to evaluate an employee's grade. The salary must be between any pair of the low and high salary ranges.