

Scientific Data and Databases

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Lecture 4

Today's class

I. SQL queries

II. Aggregate functions

Last class

I. DDL commands:

-CREATE TABLE

-DROP TABLE <TableName> - delete the table

-ALTER TABLE

ALTER TABLE *r* ADD *A* *B* - add attribute *A* of type *B* to existing relation *r*

ALTER TABLE *r* DROP *A* - remove attribute from existing relation *r*

ALTER TABLE *r* MODIFY *A* NEWTYPE - change attribute type

ALTER TABLE *t1* RENAME *t2*;

II. DML commands:

INSERT into <TableName>
values (*A1*..*An*);

DELETE FROM <RelationName>
WHERE <Predicate>;

UPDATE <TableName>
SET attribute=value
WHERE <predicate>

Safe update/delete mode:
off: SET sql_safe_updates=0;
on: SET sql_safe_updates=1;

Integrity constraints include:

PRIMARY KEY(AttributeName);

FOREIGN KEY(AttributeName) **REFERENCING** RelationName(AttributeName);

NOT NULL constraint: *attribute₁* datatype **NOT NULL**;

In addition:

DEFAULT command – for specified attribute you can set all values to default.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE movie(  
    movieid smallint,  
    moviename char(50) NOT NULL  
    seeingstatus char(25) DEFAULT "haven't seen"  
    PRIMARY KEY(movieid)  
);
```

I. DQL: SQL queries

DQL: SELECT FROM WHERE

- SQL queries: three fundamental clauses

SELECT
FROM
WHERE

- Result of a query is a **relation**!

Simplest form:

SELECT <AttributeName>
FROM <RelationName>

pick **attribute**

SELECT * FROM <RelationName>

pick **all attributes**

SELECT <AttributeName>
FROM <RelationName>
WHERE <Predicate>;

pick **attribute for tuples**
where values satisfy predicate

DQL: SELECT FROM WHERE

E1. Open and execute the following SQL scripts (in this order):

Execute schema “movieDB”

INSERT data

Insert from the CSV data format

1. Use MySQL workbench wizard.

2. Command LOAD DATA INFILE:

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/load-data.html>).

3. Convert CSV to INSERT statements.

Single-relation queries

Single-relation queries

Exercise E2:

1. To display the instance of each relation in a database:

```
SELECT * FROM actor
```

```
SELECT * FROM movie
```

```
SELECT * FROM mcast
```

2. For each actor in actor table, list first name only.
3. List first names of actors whose first name starts with m (hint: instead of equality, use c
4. List first and last names of actors born before 1950.
5. List last names of actors with a name Patricia and born before the year 1950.

Hint: see date operations

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.4/en/date-and-time-functions.html>

Single-relation queries

Sort rows:

ORDER BY ascending (**ASC**) or descending (**DESC**).

Example: **SELECT** aid **ORDER BY ASC**;

To force elimination of duplicates:

use **DISTINCT**:

Example: **SELECT DISTINCT** aid;

You can use **arithmetic operations** in the **SELECT** clause:

Example: **SELECT** release_year+2 **FROM** movie;

Exercises:

2. 7. List last names of actors vs. list distinct last names of actors in ascending order.

2. 8. Example: How many years ago was each movie released? List title and number of years.

Single-relation queries

Single relation query

Count all rows in a table:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM <table>;
```

Count rows in a table that satisfy some predicate:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM <table> WHERE <predicate>;
```

Count number of distinct values of attribute:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT <attribute>) FROM <table>
```

10. How many last names of actors vs. how many distinct last names of actors are there in our database.

11. How many actors do play in movies listed in our DB?

12. How many movies were released before 1950?

Single-relation queries

SET OPERATIONS

UNION means “or”

INTERSECT means “and” – MySQL doesn’t support intersect – use nested subqueries.

EXCEPT means set A minus set B. MySQL does not implement it at all;

Oracle: uses **MINUS** keyword.

In MySQL: use nested subqueries.

Select... **UNION** Select ...
(adding up rows)

Exercise E3:

3.1 List first names of actors born before 1930 **or** after 1950 (use UNION operation)

3.2 List actors (all info) with a name Margot or George.

Multiple-relation query

Multiple-relation query

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
```

```
FROM actors
```

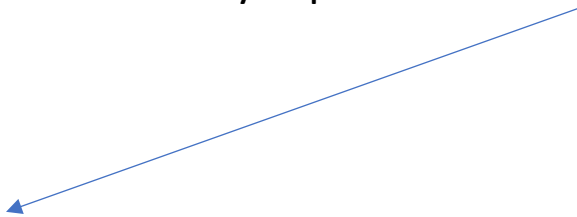
```
SELECT COUNT(*)
```

```
FROM actors, movies
```

How many tuples (i.e. rows) in **actors**?

How many tuples in **movies**?

How many tuples in **movies x actors**?



Recall from last class: **Cartesian-product operation** – a set of n -tuples with a set of m -tuples yields a set of "flattened" $(n + m)$ -tuples

Output is a single tuple (as opposed to a pair of tuples) for each possible pair of tuples – one from r_1 and one from r_2 :

$$r_1 \times r_2 = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m), \\ \text{where } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in r_1 \text{ and } (b_1, \dots, b_m) \in r_2\}$$

DQL: SELECT

Exercise E4: List actors and movies they played in: first name, last name, and movie title.

Here, we need information from 3 tables: movie, actor, and mcast.
If we were to use cartesian product -> loss of information.

-> use matching condition to only join matching tuples:

WHERE mcast.aid=actor.aid **AND** movie.movie_id=mcast.movie_id;

Working with NULL

- Result of any algebraic operation (+, -, x, /) that has null is NULL.
Example: NULL/12 is NULL
- Comparisons: "NULL>1"
TRUE?
FALSE?
- SQL: any comparison involving NULL returns NULL. Note: We can ask whether value is NULL
NULL is a third logical value (in addition to TRUE and FALSE).

Definitions of Boolean operations are extended to include the value unknown:

1. AND:

true **AND** unknown = **unknown**

false **AND** unknown = **false**

unknown **AND** unknown = **unknown**

2. OR:

true **OR** unknown = true; false **OR** unknown = unknown

unknown **OR** unknown=unknown

3. NOT

NOT unknown=unknown

Working with NULL

x	y	x AND y	x OR y
false	false	false	false
true	false	false	true
false	true	false	true
true	true	true	true
true	null	null	true
false	null	false	null
null	null	null	null

Working with NULL

is NULL command means “equals NULL”, you can use it in WHERE clause

Exercise 5:

1. List titles of movies where we do not know the imdbrank.
2. List titles of movies where imdbrank is not NULL.

II. Aggregate functions

Commands:

`Avg()`
`Min()`
`Max()`
`Sum()`
`Count()`

Example: `SELECT AVG(attribute_name)`

Exercise E6:

- 6.1 Find average imdbrank of movies.
- 6.2 Find smallest imdbrank of movies.
- 6.3 Find largest imdbrank of movies.

We can also use command “as” to save new result!

6.4 Example:

```
SELECT MAX(...) AS largest_rank  
FROM ...;
```

II. Aggregate functions

Aggregate functions and NULL?

6.5 Find average imdbrank using AVG() and average imdbrank using summation of ranks/total number of movie.

II. Aggregation with grouping

Group by - tuples with same value on attributes in the group by statement are placed in one group.

```
SELECT <aggregate-function>(<attribute1>)  
FROM <relation>  
GROUP BY <attribute2>;
```

Example: for each name, find average age

```
SELECT name, avg(age)  
FROM database  
GROUP BY name;
```

name	age
Ana	12
Ana	16
Leo	30
Leo	40
Leo	50

database

name	Average age
Ana	14
Leo	40

output

II. Aggregation with grouping

Exercise E7:

7.1 Find average imdbrank for each movie genre.

II. Aggregation with grouping

Having – condition imposed on each group

```
SELECT <attribute(s)>  
FROM <relation>  
WHERE <predicate>  
GROUP BY <attribute>  
HAVING <group predicate> ;
```

Evaluation sequence:

1. **FROM** - get relation
2. **WHERE** – predicate is applied to the relation
3. **GROUP BY** - tuples that satisfy WHERE clause are placed into groups
4. **HAVING** clause is applied to each group.
5. **SELECT** clause uses groups to generate tuples.

II. Aggregation with grouping

Example:

7.2 Find average imdbrank for each movie genre except comedy.

7.3 For each movie, find number of actors who play in it.

7.4 For each movie, find number of actors who play in it. Only list movies with at least 2 actors.

Please practice writing SELECT statements!

Go to:

<https://sqlzoo.net>

Today's material fits the following quizzes:

- SELECT basics
- SELECT from world
- SELECT from nobel
- SUM and COUNT
- NULL
- UNION
- GROUP BY

Last class's material fits the following quizzes:

- CREATE TABLE
- DROP
- ALTER
- UPDATE
- DELETE

This is not an assignment, but a suggestion