Database Systems

Relational Algebra

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Topics

Relational Algebra

Introduction Selection Join Set Operations

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Introduction Join Subqueries Set Operations Closure

- closure: input and output of all operations are relations
- output of one operation can be the input to another
- operations can be nested

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Example Database

MOVIE

MOVIE#	TITLE	YEAR	SCORE	VOTES	DIRECTOR#
6	Usual Suspects	1995	8.7	35027	639
70	Being John Malkovich	1999	8.3	13809	1485
107	Batman & Robin	1997	3.5	10577	105
110	Sleepy Hollow	1999	7.5	10514	148
112	Three Kings	1999	7.7	10319	1070
151	Gattaca	1997	7.4	8388	2020
213	Blade	1998	6.7	6885	2861
228	Ed Wood	1994	7.8	6587	148
251	End of Days	1999	5.5	6095	103
281	Dangerous Liaisons	1988	7.7	5651	292
373	Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas	1998	6.5	4658	59
432	Stigmata	1999	6.1	4141	2557
433	eXistenZ	1999	6.9	4130	97
573	Dead Man	1995	7.4	3333	175
1468	Europa	1991	7.6	1042	615
1512	Suspiria	1977	7.1	1004	2259
1539	Cry-Baby	1990	5.9	972	364

Example Database

PERSON

PERSON#	NAME
9	Arnold Schwarzenegger
26	Johnny Depp
59	Terry Gilliam
97	David Cronenberg
103	Peter Hyams
105	Joel Schumacher
138	George Clooney
148	Tim Burton
175	Jim Jarmusch
187	Christina Ricci
243	Uma Thurman
282	Cameron Diaz
292	Stephen Frears
302	Benicio Del Toro
308	Gabriel Byrne
350	Jennifer Jason Leigh

364	John Waters
406	Patricia Arquette
503	John Malkovich
615	Lars von Trier
639	Bryan Singer
745	Udo Kier
793	Jude Law
1070	David O. Russell
1485	Spike Jonze
1641	Iggy Pop
2020	Andrew Niccol
2259	Dario Argento
2557	Rupert Wainwright
2861	Stephen Norrington
3578	Traci Lords

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Example Database

CASTING

MOVIE#	ACTOR#	OND
6	308	2
6	302	3
70	282	2
70	503	14
107	9	1
107	138	2
107	243	4
110	26	1
110	187	2
112	138	1
112	1485	- 4
151	243	2
151	793	3
213	745	6
213	3578	8
228	26	1
228	406	4
251	9	1
251	308	2

251	745	10
281	243	7
281	503	2
373	26	1
373	187	6
373	282	8
373	302	2
432	308	2
432	406	1
433	350	1
433	793	2
573	26	1
573	308	12
573	1641	6
1468	745	3
1512	745	9
1539	26	1
1539	1641	5
1539	3578	7

Selection

- ► selection: selecting tuples that satisfy a condition relation WHERE condition
- ▶ output header = input header

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Selection Examples - 1

▶ movies with more than 10000 votes (S1)
MOVIE WHERE (VOTES > 10000)

			S1			
1	MOVIE#	TITLE	YEAR	SCORE	VOTES	DIRECTOR#
ì	6	Usual Suspects	1995	8.7	35027	639
1	70	Being John Malkovich	1999	8.3	13809	1485
1	107	Batman & Robin	1997	3.5	10577	108
1	110	Sleepy Hollow	1999	7.5	10514	148
1	112	Three Kings	1999	7.7	10319	1070

Selection Examples - 2

► movies older than 1992, with scores higher than 7.5 (S2)
MOVIE WHERE ((YEAR < YEAR(1992))</p>
AND (SCORE > SCORE(7.5)))

		S2			
MOVIE#	TITLE	YEAR	SCORE	VOTES	DIRECTOR#
281	Dangerous Liaisons	1988	7.7	5651	292

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Projection

- ▶ projection: selecting a set of attributes relation { attribute_name [, ...] }
- ▶ output header = attribute list

Projection Examples - 1

► titles of all movies (P1) MOVIE { TITLE }

Usual Suspects
Being John Malkovich
Batman & Robin
Steepy Hollow
Three Kings
Gattaca
Blade
Ed Wood
End of Days

Dangerous Liaisons
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
Stigmata
eXistenZ
Dead Man
Europa
Suspiris
Cru-Rahr

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Projection Examples - 2

titles and years of all movies (P2) MOVIE { TITLE, YEAR }

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas	1998
Gattaca	1997
Sleepy Hollow	1996
Stigmata	1996
Suspiria	1977
Three Kings	1996
Usual Suspects	1995
eXistenZ	1999

Projection Examples - 3

years of all movies (P3) MOVIE { YEAR }

Projection Examples - 4

- titles of movies with votes more than 5000 and scores higher than 7.0 (P4)
- 1 movies with votes more than 5000 and scores higher than 7.0 (P4A)
- 2. titles in P4A (P4)

Projection Examples - 4

 movies with votes more than 5000 and scores higher than 7.0 (P4A)

MOVIE WHERE ((VOTES > 5000) AND (SCORE > SCORE(7.0)))

YEAR	SCORE	VOTES
1995	8.7	35027

		P4A			
MOVIE#	TITLE	YEAR	SCORE	VOTES	DIRECTOR#
6	Usual Suspects	1995	8.7	35027	639
70	Being John Malkovich	1999	8.3	13809	1485
110	Sleepy Hollow	1999	7.5	10514	148
112	Three Kings	1999	7.7	10319	1070
151	Gattaca	1997	7.4	8388	2020
228	Ed Wood	1994	7.8	6587	148
281	Dannerous Liaisons	1988	7.7	5651	202

Projection Examples - 4

► titles in P4A (P4) P4A { TITLE }



Projection Examples - 4

 titles of movies with votes more than 5000 and scores higher than 7.0 (P4)

```
( MOVIE
WHERE ((VOTES > 5000)
AND (SCORE > SCORE(7.0))) )
{ TITLE }
```

Join

- join: matching tuples of two relations over common values of one or more attributes
 relation1 JOIN relation2
- natural join: over common values of all the attributes with the same name

Join

- from the Cartesian product of the two relations, selecting the tuples which have the same values for the given attributes
- matching attributes are not repeated in the output
- ▶ output header = relation1 header ∪ relation2 header

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Join Examples - 1

- ▶ titles and director names of all movies (J1)
- 1. all movies and their directors (J1A)
- 2. titles and director names in J1A (J1)

Join Examples - 1

▶ all movies and their directors (J1A)

MOVIE JOIN

(PERSON RENAME { PERSON# AS DIRECTOR# })

MOVIE#	TITLE	 DIRECTOR#	NAME
6	Usual Suspects	 639	Bryan Singer
70	Being John Malkovich	 1485	Spike Jonze
107	Batman & Robin	 105	Joel Schumache

1468	Europa	 615	Lars von Trier
1512	Suspiria	 2259	Dario Argento
1539	Crv-Baby	 364	John Waters

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Join Examples - 1

▶ titles and director names in J1A (J1) J1A { TITLE, NAME }

J1

TITLE	NAME
Batman & Robin	Joel Schumacher
Being John Malkovich	Spike Jonze
Blade	Stephen Norrington
Three Kings	Spike Jonze
Usual Suspects	Bryan Singer
eXisten7	David Cronenberg

Join Examples - 2

- titles, actor names and actor orders of all movies (J2)
- 1. all movies and their casting data (J2A)
- 2. all data in J2A matched with persons (J2B)
- 3. titles, actor names and actor orders in J2B (J2)

Join Examples - 2

all movies and their casting data (J2A)
 MOVTE JOIN CASTING

J2A

MOVIE#	TITLE	 ACTOR#	ORD
6	Usual Suspects	 302	3
6	Usual Suspects	 308	2
70	Being John Malkovich	 282	2
70	Being John Malkovich	 503	14
1539	Cry-Baby	 26	1
1539	Cry-Baby	 1641	- 5
1539	Cry-Baby	 3578	7

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Join Examples - 2

▶ all data in J2A matched with persons (J2B)

J2A JOIN

(PERSON RENAME { PERSON# AS ACTOR# })

MOVIE#	TITLE		ACT OR#	ORD	NAME
6	Usual Suspects		302	3	Benicio Del Toro
6	Usual Suspects		308	2	Gabriel Byrne
70	Being John Malkovich		282	2	Cameron Diaz
70	Being John Malkovich		503	14	John Malkovich
	_	***			
1539	Cry-Baby		26	1	Johnny Depp
1539	Cry-Baby		1641	5	Iggy Pop

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Join Examples - 2

titles, actor names and actor orders in J2B (J2) J2B { TITLE, NAME, ORD }

J2

TITLE	NAME	ORD
Usual Suspects	Benicio Del Toro	3
Usual Suspects	Gabriel Byrne	2
Being John Malkovich	Cameron Diaz	2
Being John Malkovich	John Malkovich	14
	***	-
Cry-Baby	Johnny Depp	1
Cry-Baby	Iggy Pop	- 5
Cry-Baby	Traci Lords	7

Join Examples - 3

- ▶ names of the actors in Johnny Depp's movies (J3)
- 1. ids of Johnny Depp's movies (J3A)
- 2. ids of the actors in the movies in J3A (J3B)
- 3. names of the actors in J3B (J3)

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```
Join Examples - 3

▶ ids of Johnny Depp's movies (J3A)

(((PERSON RENAME { PERSON# AS ACTOR# })

JOIN CASTING)

WHERE (NAME = "Johnny Depp")) { MOVIE# }
```

Join Examples - 3

▶ ids of the actors in the movies in J3A (J3B) (J3A JOIN CASTING) { ACTOR# }

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Join Examples - 3

▶ names of the actors in J3B (J3)

((J3B RENAME { ACTOR# AS PERSON# })

JOIN PERSON) { NAME }



Division

division: from the tuples of the first relation, selecting the ones that match all the tuples of the second relation in a mediating relation relation1 DIVIDEBY relation2

PER (relation3)

Division Example

- titles of movies with Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci (V1)
- 1. ids of Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci (V1A)
- 2. ids of movies with all the actors in V1A (V1B)
- 3. titles of the movies in V1B (V1)

Division Example

 ids of Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci (V1A) (PERSON

```
WHERE ((NAME = "Johnny Depp")
     OR (NAME = "Christina Ricci")))
{ PERSON# }
```



Division Example

▶ ids of movies with all the actors in V1A (V1B) (MOVIE { MOVIE# })

```
DIVIDEBY
(V1A RENAME { PERSON# AS ACTOR# })
   PER (CASTING { MOVIE#. ACTOR# })
```

V1B

Division Example

▶ titles of movies in V1B (V1) (V1B JOIN MOVIE) { TITLE }



Division Example

product - division relationship: V1B JOIN V1A ⊂ CASTING { MOVIE#, ACTOR# }

MOVIE#	ACTOR#
110	26
110	187
373	26
373	187

Intersection

- intersection: selecting the tuples found in both relations relation1 INTERSECT relation2
- output header = relation1 header = relation2 header

Intersection Example

- ▶ names of all directors who also acted (I1)
- 1. ids of all directors who also acted (I1A)
- 2. names of all the persons in I1A (I1)

Intersection Example

▶ ids of all directors who also acted (I1)

```
(MOVIE { DIRECTOR# }
      RENAME { DIRECTOR# AS PERSON# })
  INTERSECT
(CASTING { ACTOR# }
```

RENAME { ACTOR# AS PERSON# })

Intersection Example

▶ names of all persons in I1A (I1)

(I1A JOIN PERSON) { NAME }

NAME Spike Jonze

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Union

- union: selecting the tuples found in at least one of two relations relation1 UNION relation2
- output header = relation1 header = relation2 header

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Union Example

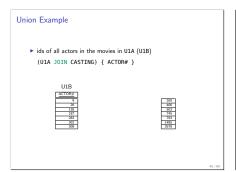
- names of all directors and actors of all movies newer than 1997 (U1)
- 1. ids and director ids of all movies newer than 1997 (U1A)
- 2. ids of all actors in the movies in U1A (U1B)
- 3. ids of directors and actors in at least one of U1A and U1B (U1C)
- ids of directors and actors in at least one of UIA and UIB (UIC)
 names of all the persons in UIC (UI)

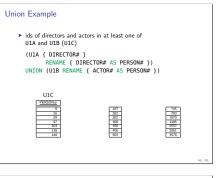
Union Example

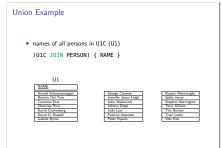
▶ ids and director ids of all movies newer than 1997 (U1A) (MOVIE WHERE (YEAR > YEAR(1997))) { MOVIE#. DIRECTOR# }



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Difference

difference: selecting the tuples which are found in the first but not in the second relation

- relation1 MINUS relation2
- output header = relation1 header = relation2 header

Difference Example

- ▶ names of all actors who haven't played in Johnny Depp's movies (D1)
- 1. ids of all actors who played in Johnny Depp's movies (J3B)
- 2. names of all actors who are not in J3B (D1)

Difference Example

▶ names of all the actors who are not in J3B (D1)

```
(((CASTING { ACTOR# } MINUS J3B)
    RENAME { ACTOR# AS PERSON# })
JOIN PERSON) {NAME}
```



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References

Required Reading: Date

- ► Chapter 7: Relational Algebra
 - 7.1. Introduction
 - 7.2. Closure Revisited
 - 7.4. The Original Algebra: Semantics

Projection

selecting columns from a table:

```
SELECT [ ALL | DISTINCT ] column_name [, ...]
FROM table_name
```

- ▶ duplicate rows are allowed
 - ► ALL: preserve duplicate rows (default)
 - ► DISTINCT: take only one of duplicate rows
- ▶ *: all columns

- all data of all movies
 - SELECT * FROM MOVIE
- ▶ titles and years of all movies SELECT TITLE. YR FROM MOVIE
- years when movies were released SELECT DISTINCT YR FROM MOVIE

Ordering Results

- ordering the rows in the result
- SELECT [ALL | DISTINCT] column_name [, ...]
 FROM table_name
- [ORDER BY { column_name [ASC | DESC] }
- ► ASC: in ascending order (default)
- ▶ DESC: in descending order

Query Examples

- years when movies were released, in ascending order SELECT DISTINCT YR FROM MOVIE ORDER BY YR
- years when movies were released, in descending order SELECT DISTINCT YR FROM MOVIE ORDER BY YR DESC

Query Examples

- all data of movies ordered first by descending years then by ascending titles
 - SELECT * FROM MOVIE ORDER BY YR DESC, TITLE ASC

Column Expressions

▶ evaluating expressions over columns

- ▶ new columns can be named: AS
- ▶ name or index of column can be used for ordering

```
Query Examples
```

► titles and total scores of all movies SELECT TITLE. SCORE * VOTES

FROM MOVTE

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Query Examples

▶ titles and total scores of all movies, in descending order of total scores SELECT TITLE, SCORE * VOTES AS POINTS FROM MOVIE ORDER BY POINTS DESC SELECT TITLE, SCORE * VOTES FROM MOVIE ORDER BY 2 DESC

Selection

```
▶ selecting rows from a table

SELECT [ ALL | DISTINCT ]
{ expression [ AS column_name ] } [, ...]

FROM table_name
[ WHERE condition ]
[ ORDER BY { column_name [ ASC | DESC ] }
[ , ...] ]
```

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▶ year of "Citizen Kane"

SELECT YR FROM MOVIE
 WHERE (TITLE = 'Citizen Kane')

titles of movies with scores less than 3 and votes more than 10

SELECT TITLE FROM MOVIE

WHERE ((SCORE < 3) AND (VOTES > 10))

...

Condition Expressions

► check if null:

column_name IS { NULL | NOT NULL }

set membership:

column_name IN (value_set)

string comparison:

column_name LIKE pattern

▶ %: matches any group of symbols, including empty string

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Query Examples

titles of movies with unknown year

SELECT TITLE FROM MOVIE WHERE (YR IS NULL)

► titles and years of movies in the years 1967, 1954 and 1988

SELECT TITLE, YR FROM MOVIE

WHERE (YR IN (1967, 1954, 1988))

Query Examples

▶ titles and scores of "Police Academy" movies

SELECT TITLE, SCORE FROM MOVIE
WHERE (TITLE LIKE 'Police Academy%')

Grouping

prouping selected rows

```
SELECT [ ALL | DISTINCT ]
{ expression [ AS column_name ] } [, ...]
FROM table_name
[ WHERE condition ]
[ GROUP BY column_name [, ...] ]
[ HAVING condition ]
[ ORDER BY { column_name [ ASC | DESC ] }
[ ...] ]
```

- result contains one row per group
- groups can be filtered: HAVING

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Processing Order

- select the rows that satisfy the WHERE condition
- group the selected rows using the columns specified in the GROUP BY clause
 if no group, the entire result is one group
- select the groups that satisfy the HAVING condition
- calculate the expressions in the column list
- > order the result on the columns specified in the ORDER BY clause

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Group Values

- one value for each group
- column used for grouping
- result of an aggregate function on a column
- ▶ aggregate functions: COUNT SUM AVG MAX MIN
- column name as parameter
- null values are ignored

Query Examples

for every year, the number of movies with score greater than 8.5 in that year

```
SELECT YR, COUNT(ID) FROM MOVIE
WHERE (SCORE > 8.5)
GROUP BY YR
```

 score of the favorite movie of every year, in ascending order of years

```
SELECT YR, MAX(SCORE) FROM MOVIE
GROUP BY YR
ORDER BY YR
```

▶ total number of votes

SELECT SUM(VOTES) FROM MOVIE

Query Examples

 averages of movie scores in the years where there are at least 25 movies for which more than 40 people have voted, in ascending order of years

```
SELECT YR, AVG(SCORE)
FROM MOVIE
WHERE (VOTES > 40)
GROUP BY YR
HAVING (COUNT(ID) >= 25)
ORDER BY YR
```

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Join

- ▶ joining can be achieved using WHERE conditions
- ▶ list tables to join FROM clause
- ▶ use dotted notation for columns with identical names
- ▶ processing order (conceptual):
 - ► take Cartesian product of the tables
 - select rows that satisfy the WHERE condition
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Query Examples

▶ name of the director of "Star Wars"

```
SELECT NAME
FROM MOVIE, PERSON
WHERE ((DIRECTORID = PERSON.ID)
AND (TITLE = 'Star Wars'))
```

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▶ names of the actors in "Alien"

```
SELECT NAME
FROM MOVIE, PERSON, CASTING
WHERE ((TITLE = 'Alien')
AND (MOVIEID = MOVIE.ID)
AND (ACTORID = PERSON.ID))
```

Query Examples

▶ titles of Harrison Ford's movies

```
SELECT TITLE
FROM MOVIE, PERSON, CASTING
WHERE ((NAME = 'Harrison Ford')
AND (MOVIEID = MOVIE.ID)
AND (ACTORID = PERSON.ID))
```

Query Examples

➤ titles and names of the lead actors of the movies in 1962

SELECT TITLE, NAME

FROM MOVIE, PERSON, CASTING
WHERE ((YR = 1962)

AND (MOVIEID = MOVIE.ID)

AND (ACTORID = PERSON.ID)

AND (ORD = 1))

Query Examples

▶ number of movies John Travolta acted in every year

```
SELECT YR, COUNT(MOYIEID)
FROM MOVIE, PERSON, CASTING
WHERE (MAME = 'John Travolta')
AND (MOVIEID = MOVIE.ID)
AND (ACTORID = PERSON.ID))
GROUP BY YR
```

▶ titles and number of actors of the movies in 1978, in descending order of actor counts

SELECT TITLE, COUNT(ACTORID)

FROM MOVIE, CASTING

WHERE ((YR = 1978)

AND (MOVIE. ID = CASTING.MOVIEID))

GROUP BY MOVIEID, TITLE

ORDER BY 2 DESC

Table Expressions

ioins can be expressed as table expressions:

```
SELECT ...
FROM table_expression [ AS table_name ]
WHERE selection_condition
```

- product
- using conditions
- over columns with the same name
- natural join
- outer join

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Join Expressions

product

```
SELECT ... FROM table1_name CROSS JOIN table2_name
```

▶ join using conditions

```
SELECT ...
FROM table1_name JOIN table2_name
ON condition
```

Query Examples

SELECT NAME

```
name of the director of "Star Wars"
```

```
FROM MOVIE, PERSON
WHERE ((DIRECTORID = PERSON.ID)
AND (TITLE = 'Star Wars'))

SELECT NAME
FROM MOVIE JOIN PERSON
ON (DIRECTORID = PERSON.ID)
WHERE (TITLE = 'Star Wars')
```

Join Expressions

over columns with the same name

```
SELECT ...
  FROM table1 name JOIN table2 name
         USING (column name [. ...])
```

- repeated columns are taken once
- natural join

```
SELECT ...
  FROM table1 name NATURAL JOIN table2 name
```

```
Outer Join
```

- inner join: unmatched rows are excluded
- outer join: unmatched rows are included
- columns from the other table are null

```
SELECT ...
  FROM table1_name [ LEFT | RIGHT | FULL ]
         [ OUTER 1 JOIN table2 name
```

Outer Join Examples

▶ left outer join

```
SELECT * FROM T1 LEFT JOIN T2
```

Outer Join Examples

right outer join



Outer Join Examples • full outer join



Query Examples

titles of movies with no known actors

SELECT TITLE
FROM MOVIE LEFT JOIN CASTING
ON (MOVIEID = MOVIE.ID)
WHERE (ACTORID IS NULL)

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Self Join

- ► how to join columns in the same table?
- pive a new name to the table in the expression

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Query Examples

titles of all movies with the same number of votes

SELECT M1.TITLE, M2.TITLE FROM MOVIE AS M1, MOVIE AS M2 WHERE (M1.VOTES = M2.VOTES) AND (M1.ID < M2.ID)

Subqueries

▶ using subquery results in condition expressions

```
SELECT ...
WHERE expression operator
[ ALL | ANY ] (subquery)
```

- result of subquery must be compatible
- ▶ ALL: for all values from subquery
- ANY: for at least one value from subquery

```
Query Examples
```

 titles and scores of all movies with scores higher than that of "Star Wars", in descending order of scores

```
INGRE CHAIR CALL OF SEAF WARS, IN DESCRIDING OF OF SCORE
WHERE ( SCORE FROM MOVIE
WHERE (TITLE = 'Star Wars') )
) ORDER BY SCORE DESC
```

Query Examples

► titles of movies with scores less than
the scores of all "Police Academy" movies

SELECT TITLE FROM MOVIE
WHERE (SCORE < ALL
(SELECT SCORE FROM MOVIE
WHERE (TITLE LIKE 'Police Academy%'))

Query Examples

▶ titles of movies with less votes than any movie made before 1930

▶ names of actors who played with Johnny Depp SELECT NAME FROM PERSON, CASTING WHERE ((ACTORID = PERSON.ID) AND (MOVIEID IN (SELECT MOVIEID FROM PERSON, CASTING WHERE ((ACTORID = PERSON.ID) AND (NAME = 'Johnny Depp')))))

Query Examples

names of actors with at least 10 lead roles

```
SELECT NAME FROM PERSON
  WHERE (ID IN (
       SELECT ACTORID FROM CASTING
          WHERE (ORD = 1)
         GROUP BY ACTORID
         HAVING (COUNT(MOVIEID) >= 10)
) )
```

Set Operations

- > an operation on two subquery results
- ▶ intersection: TNTERSECT
- ► union: UNTON
- ▶ difference: EXCEPT
- duplicate rows are not allowed in the result

Query Examples

```
    number of people who both directed and acted

 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM (
    ( SELECT DISTINCT DIRECTORID FROM MOVIE )
```

```
INTERSECT
( SELECT DISTINCT ACTORID FROM CASTING )
```

) AS DIRECTOR_ACTOR

► number of people who worked in movies before 1930

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM (
(SELECT DISTINCT DIRECTORID FROM MOVIE
WHERE (YR < 1930))

UNION
(SELECT DISTINCT ACTORID FROM CASTING
WHERE (MOVIETID IN
(SELECT ID FROM MOVIE
WHERE (YR < 1930)))
) AS OLD MOVIE PERSON TOS

Query Examples

number of directors who have not acted

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM (
( SELECT DISTINCT DIRECTORID FROM MOVIE )
EXCEPT
( SELECT DISTINCT ACTORID FROM CASTING )
) AS DIRECTOR.ONLY
```

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References

Required Reading: Date

- ► Chapter 8: Relational Calculus
- 8.6. SQL Facilities
- ► Appendix B: SQL Expressions
- ► Chapter 19: Missing Information

Supplementary Reference

A Gentle Introduction to SQL: http://sqlzoo.net/