

## Assignments 4

Due Friday, October 6, 2017

In this assignment, you will be required to use PostgreSQL. Your solutions should include the PostgreSQL statements for solving the problems. Submit a file Assignment4.sql with your solutions and a file OutputAssignment4.txt with your outputs to the queries.

**Remark:** Consider a relation  $R(A, B)$  and a relation  $S(C)$  and consider the following RA (Relational Algebra) expression  $F$ :

$$\pi_A(R) - \pi_A(\sigma_{B=1}(R \bowtie_{B=C} S))$$

Then we can write this query in SQL in a way that closely mimics its RA formulation. This can be done using the WITH statement of SQL as follows.<sup>1</sup>

First, we break the RA expression  $F$  up into sub-expressions as follows. (Notice that each sub-expression corresponds to the application of a single RA operation.)

Expression Name	RA expression
$E_1$	$\pi_A(R)$
$E_2$	$R \bowtie_{B=C} S$
$E_3$	$\sigma_{B=1}(E_2)$
$E_4$	$\pi_A(E_3)$
$F$	$E_1 - E_4$

Then we write the following SQL query. Notice how the expressions  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ , and  $E_4$  occur as separate queries in the WITH statements and that the final query gives the result for the expression  $F$ .<sup>2</sup>

If you use overloading of the relational name, the query becomes

WITH

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E1 AS (SELECT DISTINCT A FROM R),
E2 AS (SELECT A, B, C FROM R INNER JOIN S ON (B = C)),
E3 AS (SELECT A, B, C FROM E2 WHERE B = 1),
E4 AS (SELECT DISTINCT A FROM E3)
(SELECT A FROM E1) EXCEPT (SELECT A FROM E4);
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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the WITH statement see <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.1/static/queries-with.html>.

<sup>2</sup>For better readability, I have used relational-name overloading. Sometimes, you may need to introduce new attribute names in SELECT clauses using the AS clause. Also, use DISTINCT where needed.

In your answer to a problem, you should write the resulting RA expression as such an SQL query. (Your SQL query should of course execute correctly in PostgreSQL). In a separate file you should also submit the text for the RA expressions in their standard notation, just as show for the expression  $F$  above.

In the following questions, use the data provided for the student, majors, book, cites, buys relations.

Write the following queries as RA expressions. For each such RA expression, write a SQL query (using the WITH statement) that mimics this expression.

Each problem is worth 10 points.

We will create some expressions that will be useful throughout.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S} &= \pi_{Sid}(Student) \\ \mathcal{B} &= \pi_{Bookno}(Book)\end{aligned}$$

So  $\mathcal{S}$  is the set of all Sids of students and  $\mathcal{B}$  is the set of all Booknos of Books.

1. Find the bookno of each book that is cited by at least one book that cost less than \$50.

$$\pi_{Citedbookno}(Cites \bowtie \sigma_{Price < 50}(Book))$$

Or, equivalently, with semi-join  $\ltimes$

$$\pi_{Citedbookno}(Cites \ltimes \sigma_{Price < 50}(Book))$$

2. Find the bookno and title of each book that was bought by a student who majors in CS and in Math.

$$M = \pi_{Sid}(\sigma_{Major='CS'}(Major)) \cap \pi_{Sid}(\sigma_{Major='Math'}(Major))$$

$$\pi_{bookno,title}(book \bowtie (buys \bowtie M))$$

Or, alternatively, with semi-join  $\ltimes$

$$\pi_{bookno,title}(book \ltimes (buys \ltimes M))$$

3. Find the sid-bookno pairs  $(s, b)$  pairs such student  $s$  bought book  $b$  and such that book  $b$  is cited by at least two books that cost less than \$50.

$$\begin{aligned}E_1 &= Cites \ltimes \pi_{Bookno}(\sigma_{Price < 50}(Book)) \\ E_2 &= \pi_{E_{11}.citedbookno}(\sigma_{E_{11}.bookno \neq E_{12}.bookno \wedge E_{11}.citedbookno = E_{12}.citedbookno}(E_{11} \times E_{12}))\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{sid,bookno}(buys \bowtie_{buys.bookno = E_2.citedbookno} E_2)$$

4. Find the bookno of each book with the next to highest price.

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \pi_{Book_1.bookno, Book_1.price}(\sigma_{Book_1.price < Book_1.price}(Book_1 \times Book_2)) \\ E_2 &= \sigma_{E_1.price < E_2.Price}(E_1 \times E_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{E_2.E_1.bookno}(E_2) - \pi_{Book_1.bookno}(E_1)$$

5. Find the sid of each student who bought all books that cost more than \$50.

$$booksover50 = \pi_{bookno}(\sigma_{price > 50}(book))$$

$$\mathcal{S} - \pi_{sid}(\mathcal{S} \times booksover50 - buys)$$

6. Find the Bookno of each book that was not bought by any student who majors in CS.

$$\mathcal{B} - \pi_{bookno}(buys \times \pi_{sid}(\sigma_{major='CS'}(Major)))$$

7. Find the Bookno of each book that was not bought by all students who majors in CS.

$$\pi_{bookno}(\pi_{sid}(\sigma_{major='CS'}(Major)) \times \mathcal{B} - buys)$$

8. Find sid-bookno pairs  $(s, b)$  such that not all books bought by student  $s$  are books that cite book  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} buyspadded &= buys \times \mathcal{B} \\ citespadded &= \mathcal{S} \times cites \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{sid,citedbookno}(buyspadded - citespadded)$$

9. Find sid-bookno pairs  $(s, b)$  such student  $s$  only bought books that cite book  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} buyspadded &= buys \times \mathcal{B} \\ citespadded &= \mathcal{S} \times cites \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{B} - \pi_{sid,citedbookno}(buyspadded - citespadded)$$

10. Find the bookno of each book that cites all but two books. (In other words, for such a book, there exists only two books that it does not cite.)

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} - cites \\
F &= \sigma_{E_1.bookno_1=E_2.bookno_1 \wedge E_1.bookno_2 \neq E_2.bookno_2}(E_1 \times E_2) \\
H &= \pi_{F.E_1.bookno_1, F.E_1.bookno_2, F.E_2.bookno_1}(F) \\
I &= \sigma_{F.E_1.bookno_1=E_3.bookno_1 \wedge F.E_1.bookno_2 \neq E_3.bookno_2 \wedge F.E_2.bookno_1 \neq E_3.bookno_2}(H \times E_3)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{F.E_1.bookno_1}(H) - \pi_{F.E_1.bookno_1}(I)$$