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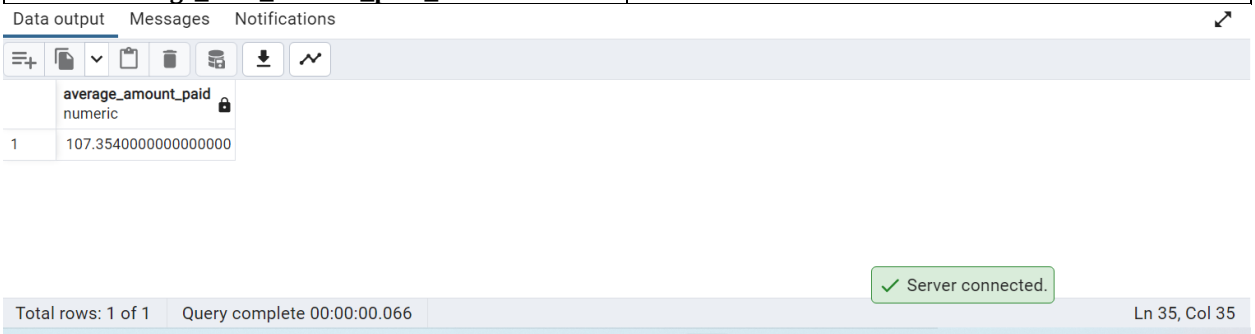
Task 3.9: Common Table Expressions

1) Step 1:

CTE:	Explanation:
WITH average_total_amount_paid_cte(customer_id, first_name, last_name, city, country, total_amount_paid) AS (SELECT A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name, D.city, E.country, SUM(B.amount) AS total_amount_paid FROM customer A INNER JOIN payment B on A.customer_id = B.customer_id INNER JOIN address C on A.address_id = C.address_id INNER JOIN city D on C.city_id = D.city_id INNER JOIN country E on D.country_id = E.country_id WHERE D.city IN ('Aurora', 'Atlixco', 'Xintai', 'Adoni', 'Dhule (Dhulia)', 'Kurashiki', 'Pingxiang', 'Sivas', 'Celaya', 'So Leopoldo') GROUP BY A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name, D.city, E.country ORDER BY total_amount_paid DESC limit 5) SELECT AVG(total_amount_paid) AS average_amount_paid FROM average_total_amount_paid_cte	First, I copied and pasted the query from step in in 3.8. Then, I removed the outer query and rewrote it as CTE by using the WITH and naming it AS the inner query. Lastly, I added the SELECT AVG(total_amount_paid) AS average_amount_paid FROM average_total_amount_paid_cte.



Step 2:

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WITH top_customer_count_cte(amount,
customer_id, first_name, last_name, city, country,
total_amount_paid) AS
(SELECT A.amount, B.customer_id, B.first_name,
B.last_name, D.city, E.country),
SUM(amount) AS total_amount_paid
FROM payment A
INNER JOIN customer B on
A.customer_id=B.customer_id
INNER JOIN address C on
B.address_id=C.address_id
INNER JOIN city D on C.city_id=D.city_id
INNER JOIN country E on
D.country_id=E.country_id
WHERE city IN ('Aurora', 'Atlixco', 'Xintai',
'Adoni', 'Dhule (Dhulia)', 'Kurashiki', 'Pingxiang',
'Sivas', 'Celaya', 'So Leopoldo')
GROUP BY A.amount, B.customer_id,
B.first_name, B.last_name, D.city, E.country
ORDER BY SUM (amount) DESC limit 5),
customer_count_cte AS (SELECT D.country,
COUNT(DISTINCT A.customer_id) AS
all_customer_count,
COUNT(DISTINCT D.country) AS
top_customer_count
FROM customer A
INNER JOIN address B on
A.address_id=B.address_id
INNER JOIN city C on B.city_id=C.city_id
INNER JOIN country D on
C.country_id=D.country_id
GROUP BY D.country)
SELECT D.country, COUNT(DISTINCT
A.customer_id) AS all_customer_count,
COUNT(DISTINCT
top_customer_count_cte.customer_id) AS
top_customer_count
FROM customer A
INNER JOIN address B on
A.address_id=B.address_id
INNER JOIN city C on B.city_id=C.city_id
INNER JOIN country D on
C.country_id=D.country_id
LEFT JOIN top_customer_count_cte ON
D.country=top_customer_count_cte.country
GROUP BY D.country
ORDER BY top_customer_count DESC
LIMIT 5;
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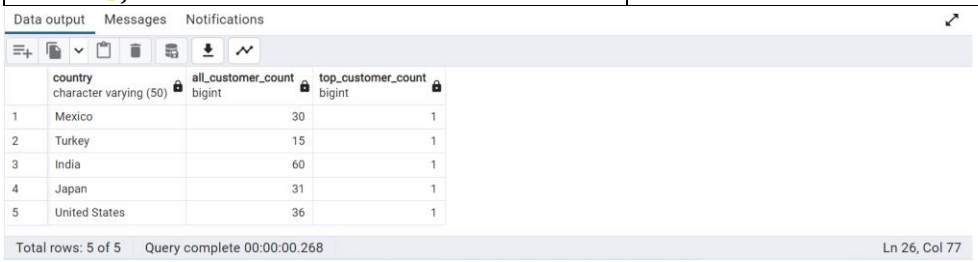
The steps for step 2 was similar to step 1 except this time I added 2 CTE's: one for all customer count and another for top customer count. Also, I used LEFT JOIN to combine the payment and customer tables.



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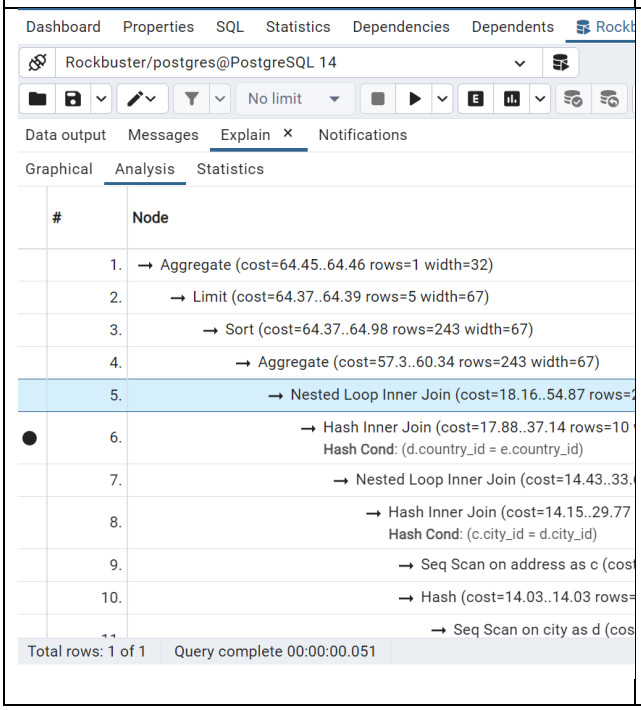
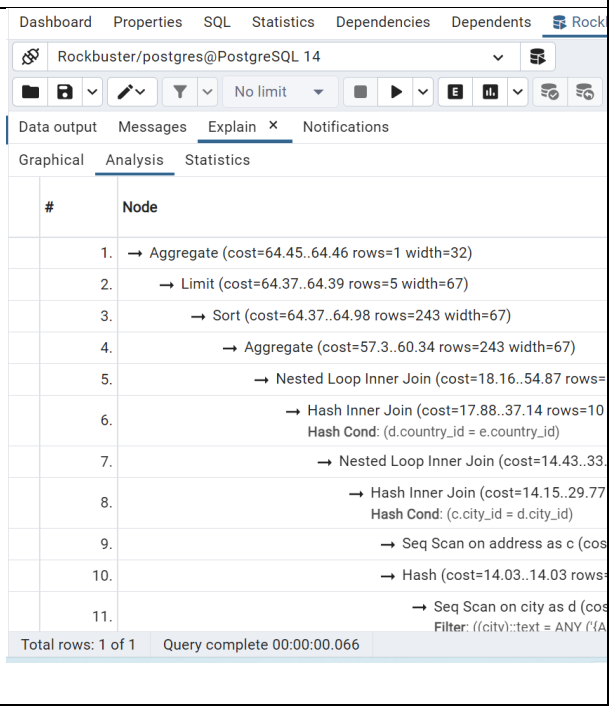
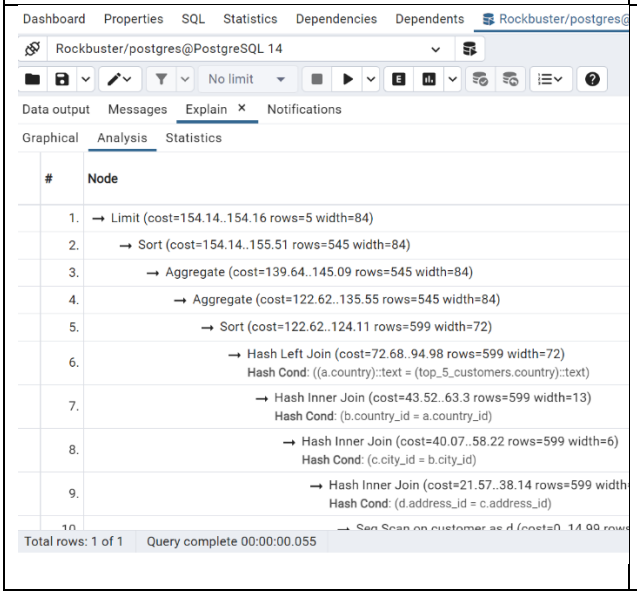


Step 1 CTE Query Plan:

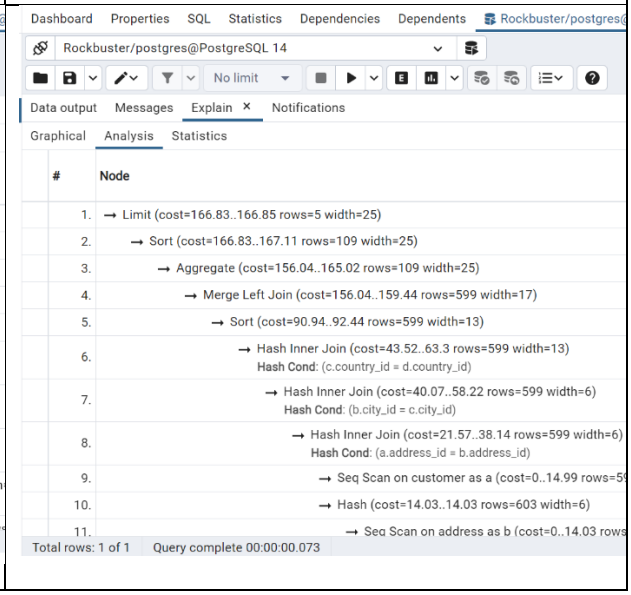


The cost for Step 1 was the same. However, the speed of the subquery was faster than the speed of the CTE by 15 milliseconds.

Step 2 Subquery Query Plan:



Step 2 CTE Query Plan:



The cost for Step 2 were different. The subquery cost was lower than the cost of the CTE. Also, the subquery was 18 milliseconds faster than the CTE.

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I thought the CTE approach would perform better because it was easier to read. However, the results surprised me because for both steps 1 and 2, the subquery was faster. It might be because the subquery is shorter than the CTE since it doesn't have as many clauses or inner statements.

Step 3:

For step 1, replacing the subquery with a CTE was manageable. It was simple and easy to understand. It might be because for step 1 only one table was utilized. However, replacing the subquery with a CTE for step 2 was extremely difficult. Because step 2 dealt with two tables to combine I needed to be meticulous and accurate with which columns needed to be extracted and combined. I also had to write 2 CTE's.