

## Answers 3.9 Common Table Expressions

Step 1: Answer the business questions form step 1 and 2 of task 3.8 using CTEs

- Average amount paid by top 5 customers (from top-10 countries, from top-10 cities)
  - This CTE starts with a large, joined table of customer information including address, city, and country.

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With customer_full_address (customer_id, first_name, last_name, address, city_id, country) AS
(SELECT a.customer_id, a.first_name, a.last_name, b.address, c.city_id, d.country
FROM customer a
JOIN address b ON a.address_id = b.address_id
JOIN city c ON b.city_id = c.city_id
JOIN country d ON c.country_id = d.country_id),
top_countries (country) AS
(SELECT country
FROM customer_full_address
GROUP BY country
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
LIMIT 10),
top_cities (city) AS
(SELECT city_id
FROM customer_full_address
WHERE country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
GROUP BY city_id
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
LIMIT 10),
top_customer (first_name, last_name, city, country, total_amt_paid) AS
(SELECT a.first_name, a.last_name, a.city_id, a.country, SUM(b.amount) AS total_amt_paid
FROM customer_full_address a
JOIN payment b ON a.customer_id = b.customer_id
WHERE a.city_id IN (SELECT city FROM top_cities)
AND a.country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
GROUP BY a.customer_id, 1,2,3,4
ORDER BY total_amt_paid DESC
LIMIT 5)
SELECT ROUND(AVG(top_customer.total_amt_paid),2)
FROM top_customer;
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round	numeric
	114.55

Total rows: 1 of 1    Query complete 00:00:00.052

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Query History

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top_countries (country) AS
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FROM customer_full_address
GROUP BY country
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
LIMIT 10),
top_cities (city) AS
(SELECT city_id
FROM customer_full_address
WHERE country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
GROUP BY city_id
ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
LIMIT 10)

SELECT ROUND(AVG(top_customer.total_amt_paid),2)
FROM
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  JOIN payment b ON a.customer_id = b.customer_id
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  AND a.country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
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  ORDER BY total_amt_paid DESC
  LIMIT 5) AS top_customer;
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LIMIT 5)
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FROM

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They all came up with the same result (114.55), but you can't see the Query complete time increased. And the cost of adding the payment info at the very beginning proved to be higher than the EXPLAIN Count of the top 5 customers based in each country

- I used a third iteration, joining payment information at the beginning to simplify the main query and increase readability.
- I also used LEFT JOIN to link the top 5 customers to the list of all customers and the aggregated country, counting the customers in the whole set and in the top 5.

Step 2: Compare the performance of your CTEs and subqueries.

- Average amount paid by top 5 customers (from top 10 countries, from top 10 cities)

Query History

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15 (SELECT city_id
16 FROM customer_full_address
17 WHERE country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
18 GROUP BY city_id
19 ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
20 LIMIT 10),
21 top_customer (first_name, last_name, city, country, total_amt_paid) AS
22 (SELECT a.first_name, a.last_name, a.city_id, a.country, SUM(b.amount) AS total_amt_paid
23 FROM customer_full_address a
24 JOIN payment b ON a.customer_id = b.customer_id
25 WHERE a.city_id IN (SELECT city FROM top_cities)
26 AND a.country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
27 GROUP BY a.customer_id, 1,2,3,4
28 ORDER BY total_amt_paid DESC
29 LIMIT 5)
30 SELECT *
31 FROM top_customer;

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Query

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1 EXPLAIN
2 With customer_full_address (customer_id, first_name, last_name, address, city_id, country) AS
3 (SELECT a.customer_id, a.first_name, a.last_name, b.address, c.city_id, d.country
4 FROM customer a
5 JOIN address b ON a.address_id = b.address_id
6 JOIN city c ON b.city_id = c.city_id
7 JOIN country d ON c.country_id = d.country_id),
8 top_countries (country) AS
9 (SELECT country
10 FROM customer_full_address
11 GROUP BY country
12 ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC
13 LIMIT 10),
14 top_cities (city) AS
15 (SELECT city_id
16 FROM customer_full_address
17 WHERE country IN (SELECT country FROM top_countries)
18 GROUP BY city_id

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Query Plan

Step	Operation	Cost	Rows	Width
1	Subquery Scan on top_customer	cost=426.02..426.08	rows=5	width=370
2	CTE customer_full_address			
3	Hash Join	cost=43.52..63.30	rows=599	width=50
4	Hash Cond: (c.country_id = d.country_id)			
5	Hash Join	cost=40.07..58.22	rows=599	width=43
6	Hash Cond: (b.city_id = c.city_id)			

Total rows: 52 of 52 Query complete 00:00:00.058

Query Query History

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1 EXPLAIN
2 SELECT DISTINCT(A.country),
3 COUNT (DISTINCT D.customer_id) AS all_customer_count,
4 COUNT (DISTINCT A.country) AS top_customer_count
5 FROM country A
6 INNER JOIN city B ON A.country_id = B.country_id
7 INNER JOIN address C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
8 INNER JOIN customer D ON C.address_id = D.address_id
9 LEFT JOIN(SELECT A.customer_id, A.first_name, A.last_name, D.country, (
10 SUM(E.amount) AS payment
11 FROM customer A
12 INNER JOIN address B ON A.address_id = B.address_id
13 INNER JOIN city C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
14 INNER JOIN country D on C.country_id = D.country_id
15 INNER JOIN payment E ON A.customer_id = E.customer_id
16 GROUP BY A.customer_id, D.country, C.city
17 ORDER BY payment DESC
18 LIMIT 5) AS top_5_customers

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Data output Messages Notifications

QUERY PLAN  
text

1	Limit (cost=1177.64..1177.69 rows=5 width=84)
2	→ Unique (cost=1177.64..1183.09 rows=545 width=84)
3	→ Sort (cost=1177.64..1179.00 rows=545 width=84)
4	Sort Key: (count(DISTINCT d.customer_id)) DESC, a.country, (count(DISTINCT a.country))
5	→ GroupAggregate (cost=1139.93..1152.87 rows=545 width=84)
6	Group Key: a.country top 5 customers *

Total rows: 47 of 47 Query complete 00:00:00.050

It doesn't surprise me that joining the payment table combined with customer data increased the cost. When joining the customer table with city and country only 2 columns were added. Whereas the payment table added to customer table becomes much larger. Doing an aggregation with a larger table cost more.

Step 3:

I wasn't sure if I wrote multiple CTEs if they would relate to one another. Meaning if they would work as two different commands or if the second one would refer to the first one. It goes to show the power of ; punctuation. I also tried putting subqueries into CTEs and it worked. Similar to subqueries, it's unnecessary to use ORDER BY unless you use a LIMIT, which is best for finding top and bottom records.