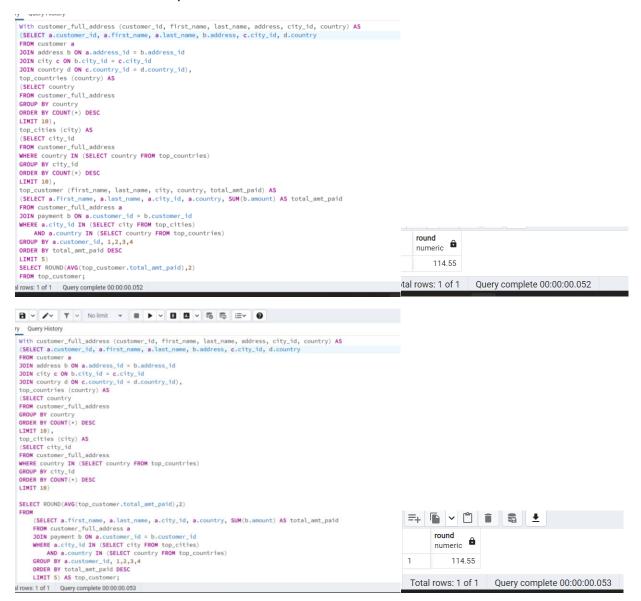
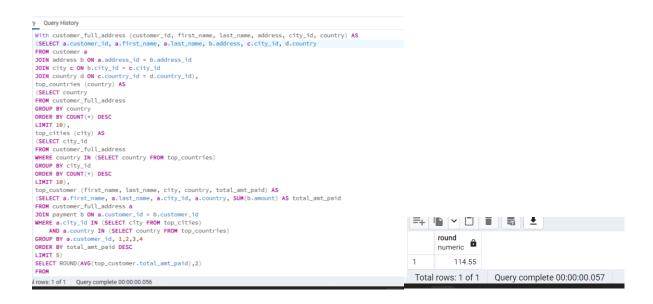
Answers 3.9 Common Table Expressions

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.





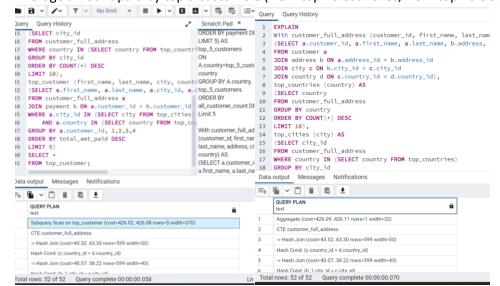
They all came up with the same result (114.55), but you can't see the Query complete time increased. And the cost of adding the payment info at the very beginning proved to be higher that the EXPLAIN

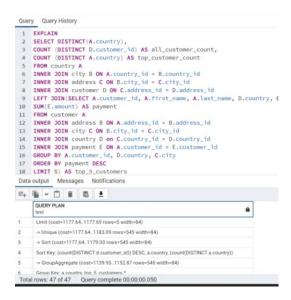
Count of the top 5 customers based in each country

- 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 proformance of your CTEs and subqueries.

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





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 tale 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 ORDEY BY unless you use a LIMIT, which is best for finding top and bottom records.