

Data Analytics Immersion

3.8: Performing Subqueries

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Step 1: Find the average amount paid by the top 5 customers.

1. Copy the query you wrote in step 3 of the task from [Exercise 3.7: Joining Tables of Data](#) into the Query Tool. This will be your subquery, so give it an alias, “total_amount_paid,” and add parentheses around it.
2. Write an outer statement to calculate the average amount paid.
3. Add your subquery to the outer statement. It will go in either the **SELECT**, **WHERE**, or **FROM** clause. (Hint: When referring to the subquery in your outer statement, make sure to use the subquery’s alias, “total_amount_paid”.)
4. If you’ve done everything correctly, pgAdmin 4 will require you to add an alias after the subquery. Go ahead and call it “average”.
5. Copy-paste your queries and the final data output from pgAdmin 4 into your answers document.

The screenshot shows the pgAdmin 4 web interface. On the left, the 'Object Explorer' shows a tree view of the database structure, including 'My Server', 'Databases (5)', 'Rockbuster', 'Casts', 'Catalogs (2)', 'Event Triggers', 'Extensions (1)', 'Foreign Data Wrappers', 'Languages (1)', 'Publications', 'Schemas (1)', 'public', 'Subscriptions', 'Testing', 'mehreenbecker', 'postgres', 'Login/Group Roles', and 'Tablespaces'.

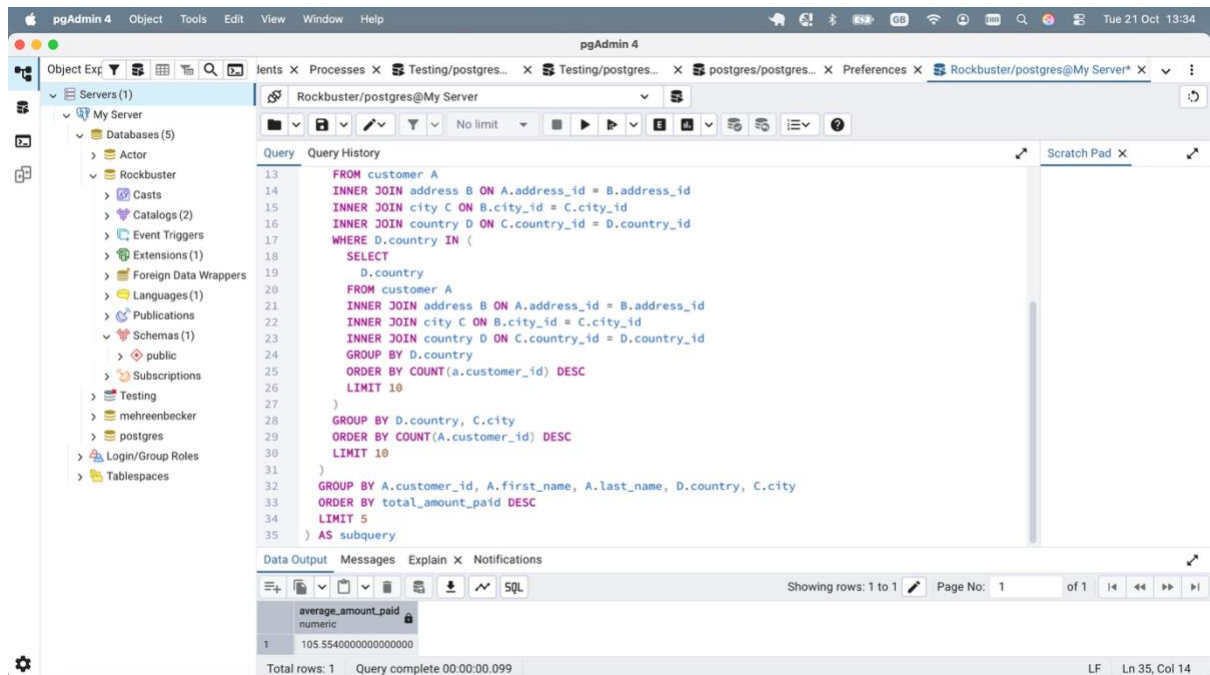
The main pane displays a SQL query in the 'Query' tab. The query is as follows:

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1 SELECT AVG(total_amount_paid) AS average_amount_paid
2 FROM (
3     SELECT
4         SUM(p.amount) AS total_amount_paid
5     FROM customer A
6     INNER JOIN address B ON A.address_id = B.address_id
7     INNER JOIN city C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
8     INNER JOIN country D ON C.country_id = D.country_id
9     INNER JOIN payment P ON A.customer_id = P.customer_id
10    WHERE C.city IN (
11        SELECT
12            C.city
13        FROM customer A
14        INNER JOIN address B ON A.address_id = B.address_id
15        INNER JOIN city C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
16        INNER JOIN country D ON C.country_id = D.country_id
17        WHERE D.country IN (
18            SELECT
19                D.country
20            FROM customer A
21            INNER JOIN address B ON A.address_id = B.address_id
22            INNER JOIN city C ON B.city_id = C.city_id
23            INNER JOIN country D ON C.country_id = D.country_id
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The 'Data Output' tab shows the results of the query. The output is a single row with the following values:

average_amount_paid
105.554000000000000000

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Total rows: 1' and 'Query complete 00:00:00.099'.



Step 2: Find out how many of the top 5 customers you identified in step 1 are based within each country.

Your final output should include 3 columns:

- “country”
- “all_customer_count” with the total number of customers in each country
- “top_customer_count” showing how many of the top 5 customers live in each country

You'll notice that this step is quite difficult. We've broken down each part and provided you with some helpful hints:

1. Copy the query from step 3 of task 3.7 into the Query Tool and add parentheses around it. This will be your inner query.
2. Write an outer statement that counts the number of customers living in each country. You'll need to refer to your entity relationship diagram or data dictionary in order to do this. The information you need is in different tables, so you'll have to use a **JOIN**. To get the count for each country, use **COUNT(DISTINCT)** and **GROUP BY**. Give your second column the alias "all_customer_count" for readability.
3. Place your inner query in the outer query. Since you want to merge the entire output of the outer query with the information from your inner query, use a left join to connect the two queries on the "country" column. You'll need to add a **LEFT JOIN** after your outer query, followed by the subquery in parentheses.
4. Give your subquery an alias so you can refer to it in your outer query, for example, "top_5_customers".
5. Remember to specify which columns to join the two tables on using **ON**. Both **ON** and the column names should follow the alias.

6. Count the top 5 customers for the third column using **GROUP BY** and **COUNT (DISTINCT)**. Give this column the alias “top_customer_count”.
7. Copy-paste your query and the data output into your “Answers 3.8” document.

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1 SELECT cnt1.country,
2 COUNT(DISTINCT cust1.customer_id) AS all_customer_count,
3 COUNT(DISTINCT top_5_customers.customer_id) AS top_customer_count
4 FROM customer AS cust1
5 INNER JOIN address AS addr1 ON cust1.address_id = addr1.address_id
6 INNER JOIN city AS ct1 ON addr1.city_id = ct1.city_id
7 INNER JOIN country AS cnt1 ON ct1.country_id = cnt1.country_id
8 LEFT JOIN
9 (SELECT B.customer_id,
10 B.first_name,
11 B.last_name,
12 D.city,
13 E.country,
14 SUM(A.amount) AS total_amount_paid
15 FROM payment A
16 INNER JOIN customer B ON A.customer_id = B.customer_id
17 INNER JOIN address C ON B.address_id = C.address_id

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country	all_customer_count	top_customer_count
1 Mexico	30	2
2 India	60	1
3 United States	36	1
4 Turkey	15	1
5 China	53	0
6 Japan	31	0

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18 INNER JOIN city D ON C.city_id = D.city_id
19 INNER JOIN country E ON D.country_id = E.country_id
20 WHERE D.city IN
21 ('Aurora', 'Atlixco', 'Xintai', 'Adoni', 'Dhule (Dhulia)', 'Kurashiki',
22 'Pingxiang', 'Sivas', 'Celaya', 'So Leopoldo')
23 AND E.country IN
24 ('India', 'China', 'United States', 'Japan', 'Mexico', 'Brazil',
25 'Russian Federation', 'Philippines', 'Turkey', 'Indonesia')
26 GROUP BY B.customer_id, B.first_name, B.last_name, D.city, E.country
27 ORDER BY total_amount_paid DESC
28 LIMIT 5) AS top_5_customers ON top_5_customers.country = cnt1.country
29 GROUP BY cnt1.country
30 ORDER BY top_customer_count DESC, all_customer_count DESC;

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Nigeria	13	0
South Africa	11	0
Taiwan	10	0
United Kingdom	9	0
Poland	8	0
Iran	8	0
Venezuela	7	0
Germany	7	0
Italy	7	0
Egypt	6	0
Ukraine	6	0
Vietnam	6	0
Colombia	6	0
Spain	5	0
Canada	5	0
Saudi Arabia	5	0
Netherlands	5	0
Pakistan	5	0
South Korea	5	0
Peru	4	0
France	4	0
Yemen	4	0
Israel	4	0
Algeria	3	0
Switzerland	3	0
Tanzania	3	0
United Arab Emirates	3	0
Morocco	3	0
Bangladesh	3	0
Chile	3	0
Thailand	3	0
Malaysia	3	0

Austria	3	0
Paraguay	3	0
Mozambique	3	0
Ecuador	3	0
Dominican Republic	3	0
Sudan	2	0
Bolivia	2	0
Greece	2	0
Belarus	2	0
Bulgaria	2	0
Yugoslavia	2	0
Cambodia	2	0
Cameroon	2	0
Romania	2	0
Puerto Rico	2	0
Kazakstan	2	0
Kenya	2	0
Angola	2	0
Latvia	2	0
Azerbaijan	2	0
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	2	0
Oman	2	0
Myanmar	2	0
French Polynesia	2	0
Zambia	1	0
American Samoa	1	0
Anguilla	1	0
Armenia	1	0
Bahrain	1	0
Brunei	1	0
Chad	1	0
Czech Republic	1	0
Estonia	1	0
Ethiopia	1	0
Faroe Islands	1	0
Finland	1	0
French Guiana	1	0
Gambia	1	0
Greenland	1	0
Holy See (Vatican City State)	1	0

Hong Kong	1	0
Hungary	1	0
Iraq	1	0
Kuwait	1	0
Liechtenstein	1	0
Lithuania	1	0
Madagascar	1	0
Malawi	1	0
Moldova	1	0
Nauru	1	0
Nepal	1	0
New Zealand	1	0
North Korea	1	0
Runion	1	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	0
Senegal	1	0
Slovakia	1	0
Sri Lanka	1	0
Sweden	1	0
Tonga	1	0
Tunisia	1	0
Turkmenistan	1	0
Tuvalu	1	0
Virgin Islands, U.S.	1	0
Afghanistan	1	0

Step 3:

1. Write 1 to 2 short paragraphs on the following:
 - Do you think steps 1 and 2 could be done without using subqueries?
 - When do you think subqueries are useful?

In principle, steps 1 and 2 could have been done without using subqueries. However, the benefit of using a subquery is that one can use the original query in our own query to filter out the data that we are looking for. Subqueries, in this instance, saves us having to run multiple queries to end up at the same result.

Since we are able to nestle the inner statement in the outer statement, subqueries are useful when we want to be flexible. They can also make complex queries easier to read, and thus, I can imagine probably are also more efficient.