

Subquery as a single value

To find films whose `rental_rate` is at most 1.0 dollar from the maximum rate. We can do so in two steps:

- Compute the average rental rate using `AVG`.

```
SELECT MAX(rental_rate) FROM film; // → 4.99
```

- Use this value in a query with a `WHERE` condition.

```
SELECT title FROM film WHERE rental_rate ≥ 3.99;
```

We can do all of that in one query:

```
SELECT title, rental_rate FROM film
WHERE rental_rate > (
  SELECT MAX(rental_rate) - 1.0 FROM film
);
```

Copying tuples

INSERT allows you to specify tuples as a SELECT statement

```
INSERT INTO new_users (  
    SELECT * FROM users WHERE active = true  
);
```

```
INSERT INTO new_users (name) (  
    SELECT name FROM users  
);
```

Set Membership

In the clause `WHERE ... IN`, we can plug another `SELECT` query.
To list the customers that had a rental with return date 27/05/2005:

```
SELECT first_name, last_name
FROM customer
WHERE customer_id IN (
    SELECT customer_id
    FROM rental
    WHERE CAST(return_date AS DATE) = '2005-05-27'
);
```

Subqueries in the FROM clause (1)

If we have the number of times every movie was rented:

```
SELECT title, count(rental_id) as times
FROM film
JOIN inventory using(film_id)
JOIN rental using(inventory_id)
GROUP BY film_id;
```

Subqueries in the FROM clause (2)

We can compute the average number of rentals per movie:

```
SELECT AVG(times) FROM (  
  SELECT count(rental_id) as times  
    FROM film  
   JOIN inventory using(film_id)  
   JOIN rental  using(inventory_id)  
   GROUP BY film_id  
) AS rental_times;
```

Subqueries in the FROM clause require using the AS keyword to name the resulting table.

Common Table Expressions (CTEs)

A general way to partition a query into multiple steps is to use **WITH**, which makes a query be the input to another query:

```
WITH tmp_table AS (  
    SELECT ... FROM ...  
    WHERE ...  
)  
SELECT * FROM tmp_table, ...  
WHERE ...;
```

Common Table Expressions (CTEs): Example

Let's rewrite the "average number of times rented" query with CTEs:

```
WITH rental_times AS (  
    SELECT count(rental_id) as times  
    FROM film  
    JOIN inventory using(film_id)  
    JOIN rental using(inventory_id)  
    GROUP BY film_id  
)  
SELECT AVG(times) FROM rental_times;
```