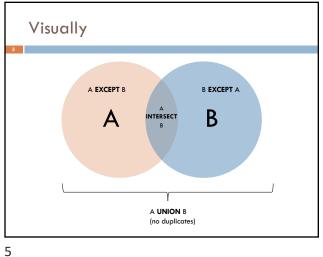


Example: EXISTS Notice scope rule: manf refers to closest nested FROM with SELECT name a relation having that attribute. (Some DBMS consider this FROM Beers b1 WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT * Set of Notice the FROM Beers with the SQL "not equals" WHERE manf = b1.manf ANDmanf as operator b1, but name <> b1.name);not the same beer

Union, Intersection, and Difference □ Union, intersection, and difference of relations are expressed by the following forms, each involving subqueries: (<subquery>) UNION (<subquery>) (<subquery>) INTERSECT (<subquery>) (<subquery>) EXCEPT (<subquery>)

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Example: Intersection Using Likes(drinker, beer), Sells(bar, beer, price), and Frequents(drinker, bar), find the drinkers and beers such that:

The drinker likes the beer, and

The drinker frequents at least one bar that sells the beer.

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Solution subquery is really a stored The drinker frequents table. a bar that sells the (SELECT * FROM Likes) INTERSECT (SELECT drinker, beer FROM Sells, Frequents $\label{eq:WHERE Frequents.bar} W \text{HERE Frequents.bar} = Sells.bar$

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Bag Semantics □ A bag (or *multiset*) is like a set, but an element may appear more than once. \square Example: $\{1,2,1,3\}$ is a bag. \square Example: $\{1,2,3\}$ is also a bag that happens to be a set.

Bag (Multiset) Semantics

- □ SQL primarily uses bag semantics
- The SELECT-FROM-WHERE statement uses bag semantics
 - originally for efficiency reasons

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- The default for union, intersection, and difference is set semantics.
 - That is, duplicates are eliminated as the operation is applied.

Motivation: Efficiency

□ When doing projection, it is easier to avoid eliminating duplicates.

□ Just work tuple-at-a-time.

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- □ For intersection or difference, it is most efficient to sort the relations first.
 - At that point you may as well eliminate the duplicates anyway.

Controlling Duplicate Elimination

- □ Force the result to be a set by SELECT DISTINCT ...
- □ Force the result to be a bag (i.e., don't eliminate duplicates) by ALL, as in
 - ... UNION ALL ...

Example: DISTINCT

□ From Sells(bar, beer, price), find all the different prices charged for beers:

SELECT DISTINCT price
FROM Sells;

Notice that without DISTINCT, each price would be listed as many times as there were bar/beer pairs at that price.

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Example: ALL

- Using relations Frequents(drinker, bar) and Likes(drinker, beer):
- Lists drinkers who frequent more bars than they like beers, and do so as many times as the difference of those counts.

(SELECT drinker FROM Frequents)
 EXCEPT ALL
(SELECT drinker FROM Likes);

Ordering the Display of Tuples

 List in alphabetic order the names of all instructors select name from instructor

 We may specify desc for descending order or asc for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.

■ Example: **order by** name **desc**

order by name

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Humour

SQL query walks into a bar, and approaches two tables and asks, can I join you?

