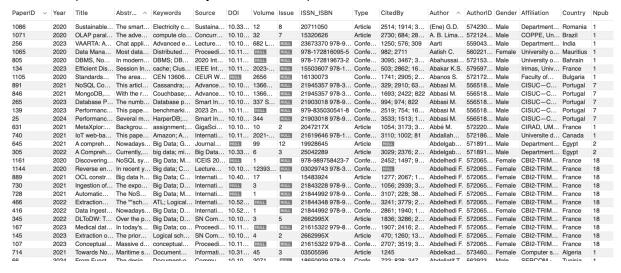
# Final project

**Advanced Data Management Systems** 

# Stage 1: Design

An important client has hired us to design a comprehensive research database that provides access to a vast collection of scholarly literature, including scientific journals, and conference proceedings. The database should be designed to facilitate the discovery and analysis of research publications across various disciplines. Publications have a title, abstract, keywords and DOI number and are published in a specific source (journal or conference proceedings) in a given year. They can also have other attributes such as volume and issue number. Moreover, publications can cite other publications. Publications are written by one or several authors, which belong to a certain affiliation and country, and for each of them we also have the total number of publications they have and their gender. Journals have a unique identifier (source) name and sometimes a fixed ISBN or ISSN number. Conference proceedings also have a unique identifier (source) and have a different title, ISBN or ISSN for every edition of the conference (often every year). Currently, the data is in a single table in a MySQL database (see **RESEARCH.sql** file on eLearn) and looks like this:



As you can see, this format is prone to many mistakes and not optimized at all for its use in a real system so your task is to improve it:

A. Determine the degree of normalization of the current database. If it is not at least 3NF, normalize it further until you reach this degree of normalization and implement it in SQL. Explain all steps of the process.

The current database's degree of normalization is non-normalized, because it violates the 1NF: it has columns, which store semicolon- separated values, which are Keywords and CitedBy. Comma-separated values (CSV) are problematic, because they create difficulties in querying and limitations in data integrity, indexing and searching. Also, to achieve at least the 1NF, we can't have comma-separated values in our columns.

There are several problems in the current database, and if it is not normalized, we will face many anomalies, some discussed below.

To normalize the database, we need to create separate tables, each containing information related to one subject. This way, we can ensure that we'll achieve 3NF. I divided the database into these following tables:

#### Author-table

- <u>authorID</u>
- name
- gender
- country
- totalNumbPublications
- affiliation

#### Explanation:

I created this table to store data about the authors. This table stores data about the author's name, gender, country, the total number of publications, and the affiliation. By creating this table, we can avoid duplicate information about the authors. In the original one-table-database, it would be impossible to insert a new author, who does not have a paper. Also, if we would want to delete a paper, we might lose valuable data about the authors. By creating this table, these anomalies are avoided.

#### Paper-table

- paperID
- title
- abstract
- DOI
- source
- type
- year
- ISSN ISBN
- volume

## Explanation:

I created this table to store data about the publications. The table stores information about the publications title, abstract, DOI-number, source, type, year, ISSN\_ISBN-number and volume. I separated the issue into a separate table to avoid null values. With this paper-table we do not have to list the same article many times, if we want to insert a new author, for example.

#### PaperIssues-table

- paperID
- issue

#### **Explanation:**

I separated the paper's possible issue into a separate table, because I counted how many null values Issues-column had in the one-table-database, and compared to the not null values, the number was significantly higher. The number of rows where the issue was null was 9677, and the number of not null-rows was 3568. This means that storage space has been wasted in many rows unnecessarily. To avoid null values, I created a separate table to store the issues related to a specific paper.

#### paperAuthors-table

- <u>paperID</u>
- <u>authorID</u>

#### Explanation:

I created this intermediate table about the paper's authors. This table enables associating one or more authors with a specific paper.

## **keyword**-table

- keywordID
- keyword

#### Explanation:

I created a keyword-table to store data about the keywords.

# paperKeyWords-table

- paperID
- keywordID

#### Explanation:

I created this intermediate table about the keywords that relate to a specific paper. Thanks to this table, we can avoid the CSV problem in the Keywords-column. This table enables associating zero or more keywords with a specific paper.

## CitedBy-table

- paperID
- citedPaperID

#### Explanation:

I created this table to avoid semicolon separated values in the original database. Thanks to this table, we can associate a paper to zero or more cited papers, without CSV.

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#### Here is the implementation in SQL:

```
SET @OLD_UNIQUE_CHECKS=@@UNIQUE_CHECKS, UNIQUE_CHECKS=0;
SET @OLD_FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=@@FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS,
FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=0;
SET @OLD_SQL_MODE=@@SQL_MODE,
SQL_MODE='ONLY_FULL_GROUP_BY,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,
NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZERO,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION';
--- Schema publications
--- Schema publications
--- Schema publications
--- CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS `publications` DEFAULT CHARACTER SET
```

```
utf8mb3;
USE `publications`;
__ _____
-- Table `publications`.`author`
__ _____
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`author` (
 `authorID` VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
 `name` VARCHAR(301) NOT NULL,
  `gender` VARCHAR(6) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `totalNumbPublications` INT NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `affiliation` VARCHAR(417) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `country` VARCHAR(31) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`authorID`))
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
-- Table `publications`.`paper`
__ _____
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`paper` (
  `paperID` INT NOT NULL,
  `title` VARCHAR(367) NOT NULL,
  `abstract` VARCHAR(4782) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `DOI` VARCHAR (52) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `source` VARCHAR(491) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `type` VARCHAR(16) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `ISSN ISBN` VARCHAR (160) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  `volume` VARCHAR(116) NULL DEFAULT NULL,
  'year' INT NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`paperID`))
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
-- Table `publications`.`citedby`
__ ______
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`citedby` (
  `paperID` INT NOT NULL,
  `citedPaper` INT NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`paperID`, `citedPaper`),
 CONSTRAINT `fk citedBy paper1`
   FOREIGN KEY (`paperID`)
   REFERENCES `publications`.`paper` (`paperID`),
 CONSTRAINT `fk_citedBy_paper2`
   FOREIGN KEY (`citedPaper`)
   REFERENCES `publications`.`paper` (`paperID`)
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
```

```
-- Table `publications`.`keyword`
__ ______
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`keyword` (
 `keywordID` INT NOT NULL,
  `keyword` VARCHAR (538) NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`keywordID`))
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
__ ______
-- Table `publications`.`paperauthors`
__ _____
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`paperauthors` (
  `authorID` VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
 `paperID` INT NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`authorID`, `paperID`),
 INDEX `fk paperAuthors paper1_idx` (`paperID` ASC) VISIBLE,
 CONSTRAINT `fk_paperAuthors_author1`
   FOREIGN KEY (`authorID`)
   REFERENCES `publications`.`author` (`authorID`),
 CONSTRAINT `fk paperAuthors paper1`
   FOREIGN KEY (`paperID`)
   REFERENCES `publications`.`paper` (`paperID`))
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
__ _____
-- Table `publications`.`paperissues`
__ _____
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`paperissues` (
   `issue` VARCHAR(22) NOT NULL,
 `paperID` INT NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`issue`, `paperID`),
INDEX `fk_PaperIssues_paper1_idx` (`paperID` ASC) VISIBLE,
 CONSTRAINT `fk_PaperIssues_paper1
   FOREIGN KEY (`paperID`)
   REFERENCES `publications`.`paper` (`paperID`)
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
-- Table `publications`.`paperkeywords`
__ ______
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`paperkeywords` (
  `paperID` INT NOT NULL,
  `keywordID` INT NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY (`paperID`, `keywordID`),
 INDEX `fk paperKeywords paper1 idx` (`paperID` ASC) VISIBLE,
 INDEX `fk_paperKeywords_keyword1_idx` (`keywordID` ASC)
```

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```
VISIBLE,

CONSTRAINT `fk_paperKeywords_keyword1`

FOREIGN KEY (`keywordID`)

REFERENCES `publications`.`keyword` (`keywordID`),

CONSTRAINT `fk_paperKeywords_paper1`

FOREIGN KEY (`paperID`)

REFERENCES `publications`.`paper` (`paperID`))

ENGINE = InnoDB

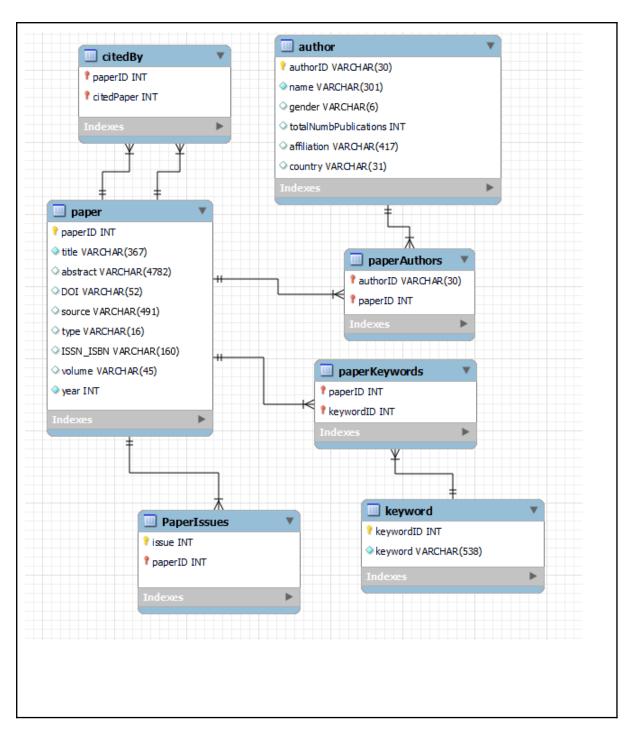
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;

SET SQL_MODE=@OLD_SQL_MODE;

SET FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=@OLD_FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS;

SET UNIQUE_CHECKS=@OLD_UNIQUE_CHECKS;
```

B.	Draw the EER or physical diagram (you can use the reverse engineering feature of MySQLworkbench) of your final solution.



C. Transfer the data to the new schema using SQL commands. An example of how to do this can be seen here: https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql insert into select.asp

The research-schema and my publications-schema were in the same MySQL WorkBench connection. In the connection, I transferred the data to my new schema using SQL commands below.

**Notes:** While parsing the data in the CitedBy column of the research table, I noticed that there are 119 cited paperIDs that are not present in the database. This resulted in me being unable to add citations to the new citedby-table because of a foreign key constraint failure. As a result, I decided to remove these 119 individual citations that were not added to the database.

```
use research;
-- data insertion to author-table
INSERT INTO publications.author
    SELECT distinct AuthorID, Author, Gender, Npub, Affiliation,
country FROM research.research;
-- data insertion to paper-table
INSERT INTO publications.paper
     SELECT distinct PaperID, title, abstract, DOI, source, type,
ISSN ISBN, volume, Year FROM research.research;
-- data insertion to paperauthors-table
INSERT INTO publications.paperauthors
     SELECT AuthorID, PaperID FROM research.research;
-- I investigated the maximum number of citations in the database
with this query (result was 19)
-- The query calculates the amount of semocolons: number of
citations is the number of semicolons + 1:
-- SELECT max((LENGTH(CitedBy) - LENGTH(REPLACE(CitedBy, '; ',
'')))) + 1 AS CitedBy amount
-- FROM research.research;
-- Let's create a temporary table, which is as big as the length
of the longest list of citations.
-- I found out that in the original database, papers have 19
citations maximum:
create temporary table research.temp table as (
select 1 as n
union select 2 as n
union select 3 as n
union select 4 as n
union select 5 as n
union select 6 as n
union select 7 as n
union select 8 as n
union select 9 as n
union select 10 as n
union select 11 as n
union select 12 as n
union select 13 as n
union select 14 as n
union select 15 as n
union select 16 as n
union select 17 as n
union select 18 as n
union select 19 as n
);
```

```
-- Next, let's join the temporary table to the research-table.
select r.CitedBy from research.research r
join research.temp table t
 on char length (r.CitedBy)
    - char_length(replace(r.CitedBy, '; ', ''))
   >= n - 1;
-- Let's create a new table for help
CREATE TABLE research.aputaulu (
   ID INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
   paperID INT,
   citedPaper INT
);
-- data insertion to the table we just created
insert into research.aputaulu (paperID, citedPaper)
SELECT DISTINCT
    r.paperID,
    SUBSTRING INDEX(SUBSTRING INDEX(r.CitedBy, '; ', n), '; ',
-1) AS Cited
FROM research.research r
JOIN research.temp table t ON CHAR LENGTH (r.CitedBy) -
CHAR LENGTH (REPLACE (r.CitedBy, '; ', '')) >= n - 1
JOIN publications.paper p ON r.paperID = p.paperID;
-- let's delete all the 119 citations, that don't exist in the
research database
delete from research.aputaulu
where citedPaper not in (select paperID from research.research);
-- let's add the data to the citedby-table
insert into publications.citedby
select paperID, citedPaper from research.aputaulu;
DROP table if exists research.aputaulu;
DROP temporary table research.temp table;
-- data insertion to paperissues-table
insert into publications.paperissues
select distinct Issue, paperID from research.research
where Issue is not null;
-- I investigated the maximum number of keywords in the database
with this query (result was 53)
-- The query calculates the amount of semocolons: number of
keywords is the number of semicolons + 1:
-- SELECT max((LENGTH(Keywords) - LENGTH(REPLACE(Keywords, '; ',
'')))) + 1 AS keyword amount
-- FROM research.research;
```

```
-- Let's create a temporary table, which is as big as the length
of the longest list of keywords.
-- I found out that in the original database, papers have 53
keywords maximum:
create temporary table research.temp_table1 as (
select 1 as n
union select 2 as n
union select 3 as n
union select 4 as n
union select 5 as n
union select 6 as n
union select 7 as n
union select 8 as n
union select 9 as n
union select 10 as n
union select 11 as n
union select 12 as n
union select 13 as n
union select 14 as n
union select 15 as n
union select 16 as n
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union select 37 as n
union select 38 as n
union select 39 as n
union select 40 as n
union select 41 as n
union select 42 as n
union select 43 as n
union select 44 as n
union select 45 as n
union select 46 as n
union select 47 as n
union select 48 as n
union select 49 as n
```

```
union select 50 as n
union select 51 as n
union select 52 as n
union select 53 as n
);
-- Next, let's join the temporary table to the research-table.
select r.Keywords from research.research r
join research.temp table1 t
 on char length (r.Keywords)
   - char length (replace (r. Keywords, '; ', ''))
   >= n - 1;
-- Let's create another table for help
CREATE TABLE research.aputaulu1 (
   ID INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
   keyword varchar(538)
);
-- Data insertion to the table we just created
insert into research.aputaulu1 (keyword)
SELECT DISTINCT
   SUBSTRING INDEX(SUBSTRING INDEX(r.Keywords, '; ', n), '; ',
-1) AS Keyword
FROM research.research r
JOIN research.temp table1 t ON CHAR LENGTH(r.Keywords) -
CHAR LENGTH (REPLACE (r. Keywords, '; ', '')) >= n - 1;
-- data insertion to keyword-table
Insert into publications.keyword
select ID, keyword from research.aputaulu1;
drop table if exists research.aputaulu1;
-- let's create another table for help.
CREATE TABLE research.aputaulu5 (
   paperID INT,
   keyword varchar (538)
);
-- data insertion to aputaulu5
insert into research.aputaulu5 (paperID, keyword)
SELECT DISTINCT
paperID,
   SUBSTRING INDEX(SUBSTRING INDEX(r.Keywords, '; ', n), '; ',
-1) AS Keyword
FROM research.research r
JOIN research.temp table1 t ON CHAR LENGTH(r.Keywords) -
```

```
CHAR_LENGTH(REPLACE(r.Keywords, '; ', '')) >= n - 1;

-- data insertion to paperkeywords-table
insert into publications.paperkeywords
select a.paperID, k.keywordID
from research.aputaulu5 a
join publications.keyword k on k.keyword = a.keyword;

drop table if exists research.aputaulu5;
drop temporary table if exists research.temp_table1;
```

# **Stage 2: Optimization**

The client is now very satisfied with your design but he is worried that it might not work great for some of the most recurring features that users will make use of in the online interface of the database:

- Search articles by terms included in the title or abstract and filter by year, source (conference proceedings title or journal title) or keyword. The search should return, for each article, the title, author names, year, keywords, source (journal or conference proceedings where it was published), and number of citations.
- Search for all the information related to a specific author including their name, all their publications (title, year and source), gender, their co-authors and the number of joint publications with each of them, the total number of citations received, and their institution and country.
- Search for the most prolific authors (by total number of publications) from a given country, gender or affiliation (or overall).

With this new information,

A. Write the SQL code needed for the required features,

Here's a SQL query, which returns, for each article the title, author names, year, keywords, source and number of citations. In the query, there is where-statement (which is commented below), and it allows to filter the results by title or abstract, and filter by year, source or keyword. Without the WHERE-clause, the query returns the results without filters.

```
SELECT p.title AS title,
-- Let's combine the authors of a paper into a single string
using GROUP_CONCAT:
    GROUP_CONCAT(DISTINCT a.name ORDER BY a.name SEPARATOR ', ')
AS authors,
    p.year AS year,
```

```
Let's combine the keywords of a paper into a single string
using GROUP CONCAT:
   GROUP CONCAT (DISTINCT k.keyword ORDER BY k.keyword SEPARATOR
', ') AS keywords,
   p.source AS source,
-- If there's no citations, the number of citations is 0:
    IFNULL(c.citation count, 0) AS citation count
    publications.paper p
    JOIN publications.paperauthors pa ON p.paperID = pa.paperID
    JOIN publications.author a ON pa.authorID = a.authorID
    LEFT JOIN publications.paperkeywords pk ON p.paperID =
pk.paperID
    LEFT JOIN publications.keyword k ON pk.keywordID =
k.keywordID
   LEFT JOIN (
       SELECT citedPaper, COUNT(*) AS citation count
        FROM publications.citedby
        GROUP BY citedPaper
    ) c ON p.paperID = c.citedPaper
-- THIS PART ALLOWS TO FILTER THE RESULTS BY TERMS IN THE TITLE
OR ABSTRACT,
-- AND FILTER ALSO BY YEAR, SOURCE, OR KEYWORD.
-- WHERE
-- (p.title LIKE CONCAT('%String here%') OR p.abstract LIKE
CONCAT('%Search string here%'))
-- AND p.year = 0000
-- AND p.source = 'source here'
-- AND k.keyword = 'keyword name here'
-- Let's group the results by each row so that each row
corresponds to a unique paper:
GROUP BY
   p.paperID, p.title, p.year, p.source, citation count
ORDER BY
   p.year DESC, p.title ASC;
```

Here's a sql query, which returns all the information related to a specific author including their name, all their publications (title, year and source), gender, their co-authors and the number of joint publications with each of them, the total number of citations received, and their institution and country. This search is done with three separate select-statements. To get all the information, run all of the three selects.

-- This query returns a specific author's name, gender, country

```
and total citations.
SELECT
    a.name AS author name,
    a.gender,
    a.affiliation,
    a.country,
    IFNULL(c.total citations, 0) AS total citations
    publications.author a
    LEFT JOIN (
        SELECT
            authorID,
            COUNT(c.citedPaper) AS total citations
        FROM
            publications.paperauthors pa
            JOIN publications.citedby c ON pa.paperID =
c.citedPaper
        GROUP BY
            authorID
    ) c ON a.authorID = c.authorID
    a.authorID = 10039885900 ; -- INSERT THE AUTHOR'S ID HERE
 -- This second query returns all publications of a specific
author, along with their title, year, source and co-authors
 SELECT
    p.title AS paper title,
   p.year AS publication year,
   p.source AS publication source,
    GROUP CONCAT(DISTINCT co authors.name ORDER BY
co authors.name SEPARATOR ', ') AS co authors
FROM
    publications.paper p
    JOIN publications.paperauthors pa ON p.paperID = pa.paperID
    JOIN publications.author a ON pa.authorID = a.authorID
    LEFT JOIN publications.paperauthors co pa ON p.paperID =
co pa.paperID AND co pa.authorID != a.authorID
   LEFT JOIN publications.author co authors ON co pa.authorID =
co authors.authorID
WHERE
    a.authorID = 10039885900 -- INSERT THE AUTHOR'S ID HERE
GROUP BY
   p.title, p.year, p.source;
-- This third query retrieves all co-authors of a specific author
and number of joint publications with each of them
SELECT
    co authors.name AS co author name,
    COUNT (DISTINCT p.paperID) AS joint publications count
    publications.paperauthors pa
    JOIN publications.author a ON pa.authorID = a.authorID
```

```
JOIN publications.paper p ON pa.paperID = p.paperID

LEFT JOIN publications.paperauthors co_pa ON p.paperID =

co_pa.paperID AND co_pa.authorID != a.authorID

LEFT JOIN publications.author co_authors ON co_pa.authorID =

co_authors.authorID

WHERE

a.authorID = 10039885900 -- INSERT THE AUTHOR'S ID HERE

GROUP BY

co_authors.name;
```

This query searches the 10 most prolific authors by total number of publications. In the query, you can also search by country, gender of affiliation name by removing the comments from the where-clauses

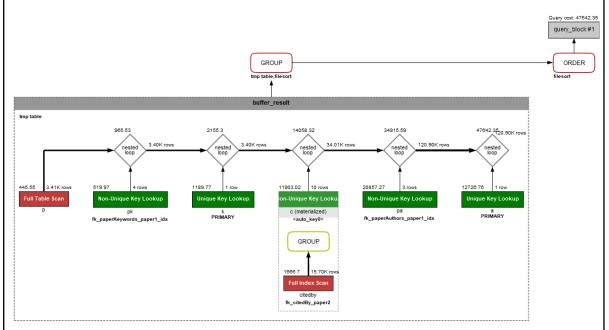
```
-- This query searches 10 most prolific authors by total number
of publications
-- If you want to search by author's country, gender or
affiliation name, uncomment where-clauses
select
    authorID,
    name as author name,
    totalNumbPublications as total publications count
from
   publications.author
-- IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH BY COUNTRY, UNCOMMENT THIS:
-- where country = 'Brazil' -- insert the country here
-- IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH BY GENDER, UNCOMMENT THIS:
-- where gender = 'Female' -- insert gender here ('Female' or
'Male')
-- IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH BY AFFILIATION, UNCOMMENT THIS:
-- where affiliation like 'insert here%' -- insert affiliation
name here
ORDER BY
     total_publications_count DESC
LIMIT 10; -- The number of rows that are shown
```

B. Identify possible bottlenecks and ways to optimize the performance. Document all of the things you try.

In this section, I will attempt to identify the possible bottlenecks in the queries from section A and suggest and try ideas on how the queries could be optimized by modifying the database structure.

Identifying possible bottlenecks in the queries is possible by studying MySQL's execution plan.

For example, the first query's execution plan here below, when results are filtered by 'concurrency' included in the title:



Total cost: 47642.35

Query's performance can be hindered by bottlenecks, for example full table or index scans, hash joins and nested loops. Full scans are very costly for large tables, and require much CPU resources. As can be seen in the plan, the first query does full table scan on paper-table, and full index scan on citedby-column (red coloured boxes). These can be possibly reduced by creating indexes that match the query condition.

Denormalizing the database would optimize the performance in the searches. The searches in section A use GROUP\_CONCAT to combine multiple rows into one string, separated by comma. This could be avoided by storing keywords in the paper-table, in the same way as in the original database's Keywords and CitedBy column. This could also be done to paper's authors, since the queries use CROUP\_CONCAT to combine paper's authors into a single string. This would improve the performance, but we should also consider the risks of denormalization. If we want to store comma-separated values, no indexes are going to work right in those columns, also comma-separated values create difficulties in querying, although it might improve the performance of certain queries.

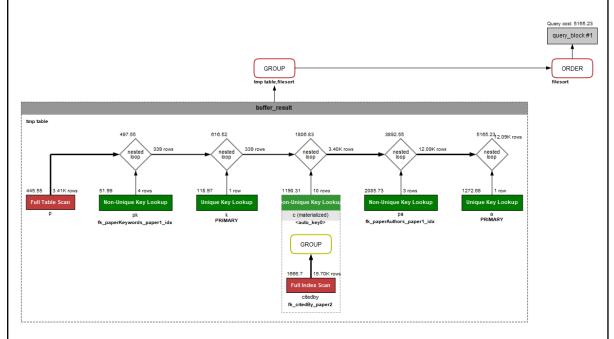
We can also optimize the performance by denormalizing the database structure to be able to reduce the number of joins in the queries, since each join increases the total cost. This is possible by creating columns to a table that already exist in another table, combining multiple tables into one, or creating summary tables.

## OPTIMIZING THE FIRST SEARCH

The first search of section A searches articles by terms included in the title or abstract and filter by year, source or keyword. The search returns, for each article, the title, author names, year, keywords, source (journal or conference proceedings where it was published), and number of citations. The execution plan can be seen above.

I is possible to improve

Let's run the same query, but filter results on titles that start with C, and are published in year 2023:



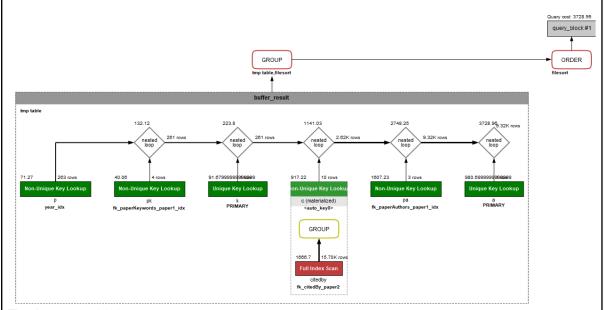
Total cost 5165.23

As seen in the execution plan above, the query does full table scan on table paper and full index scan on citedby table. When searching by year, we can possibly avoid full table scan on paper table by creating an index on column year.

#### **MODIFICATIONS**

I created an index on column year in table paper. (you can see this in SQL in section C) Let's study the query plan after creating the index.

The results are filtered again by year (2023) and title (starting with c):



Total cost: 3728.95

When compared to the previous execution plan (before creating the index), we can see that the total cost has decreased from 5165.23 to 3728.95. With the index we avoided full table scan on table paper, because the query is able to use the index created on year. So, when searched by a certain year, index made on column year does optimize the query's execution. This is a great example of how much a well-chosen index can optimize a query.

It is possible to optimize the query's execution further by modifying the database structure in a way that we can avoid as many joins as possible.

First, let's try to create a new column citation\_count in table paper, so we don't have to calculate citations or join to the citedby table. Full index scan on citedby table seems to be the last possible bottleneck of the query (red box in the plan above). (you can see the column's creation in SQL in section C)

Let's modify the query to utilize the new column.

Here is the modified query and it's execution plan (results are filtered again with year 2023, and country 'Brazil':

```
SELECT p.title AS title,
-- Let's combine the authors of a paper into a single string
using GROUP_CONCAT:
    GROUP_CONCAT(DISTINCT a.name ORDER BY a.name SEPARATOR ', ')
AS authors,
```

```
p.year AS year,
     Let's combine the keywords of a paper into a single string
using GROUP CONCAT:
    GROUP CONCAT(DISTINCT k.keyword ORDER BY k.keyword SEPARATOR
', ') AS keywords,
    p.source AS source,
    p.citation count
FROM
    publications.paper p
    JOIN publications.paperauthors pa ON p.paperID = pa.paperID
    JOIN publications.author a ON pa.authorID = a.authorID
    LEFT JOIN publications.paperkeywords pk ON p.paperID =
pk.paperID
    LEFT JOIN publications.keyword k ON pk.keywordID =
k.keywordID
-- THIS PART ALLOWS TO FILTER THE RESULTS BY TERMS IN THE TITLE
OR ABSTRACT,
-- AND FILTER ALSO BY YEAR, SOURCE, OR KEYWORD.
WHERE
(p.title LIKE CONCAT('C%') OR p.abstract LIKE
CONCAT('%Search string here%'))
AND p.year = 2023
-- AND p.source = 'International%'
-- AND k.keyword = 'keyword here'
-- Let's group the results by each row so that each row
corresponds to a unique paper:
GROUP BY
    p.paperID, p.title, p.year, p.source, citation count
ORDER BY
    p.year DESC, p.title ASC;
                                                               ery cost: 495 63
                                                               query_block #1
                                                      GROUP
                                                                ORDER
               fk paperAuthors paper1 idx
```

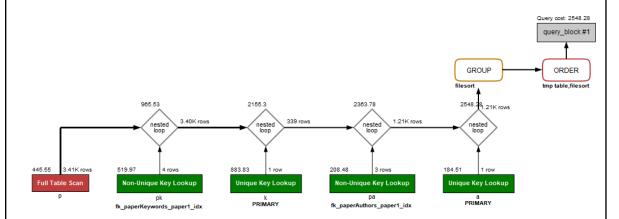
Total cost: 495.63

When comparing the plan to the previous plan before creating the new column, we can see that the query's total cost has decreased from 3728.95 to just 495.63, which is a significant drop in cost. This proves that the full index scan on table citedby was a

bottleneck, which hindered the performance. This bottleneck was addressed by adding a new column to the paper table, which also allowed us to avoid one join which can be seen in the execution plan as one fewer diamond compared to the plan before the column was created.

Let's study the execution plan without the filter year.

The results are filtered by title (starting with C), and by keyword 'Database':

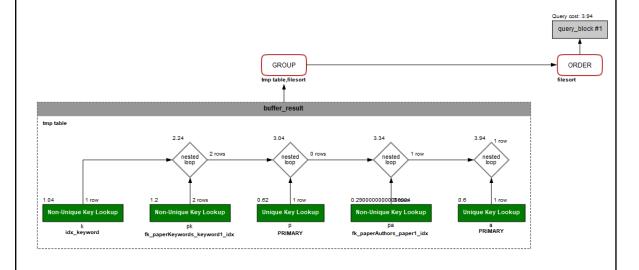


Full cost: 2548.28

As can be seen in the execution plan, the index created on column year obviously doesn't work wonders, when we are not having year in the where-clause.

Let's try to create an index on keyword, and then study the execution plan. (see the creation of an index in section C.)

The results are filtered by title (starting with C), and by keyword 'Database.':



Total cost: 3.94

When comparing the plan to the previous plan before creating the index, we can see that the query's total cost has decreased significantly: from 2548.28 to just 3.94. This proves that the full table scan on table keyword was a bottleneck, which hindered the performance when searched by keyword. This was fixed with a single appropriate index. Now, the query uses non-unique key lookup on table keyword, and it is able to retrieve data without any full table scans.

#### SUMMARY

By creating two indexes and adding one new column, I have significantly optimized the first query's execution from section A. Creating an index on the year column optimized queries when searching by year. Creating an index on the keyword column in the keyword table reduced query costs when searching by keyword. The new citation\_count column in the 'paper' table improved overall query performance, as it helped avoid one join and a full index scan on the 'citedby' table.

Here's a summarized comparison of total costs, showing that each change I made positively impacted performance, especially when searching for results with a specific keyword or year:

#### Searching by title (starting with c) and year (2023)

- Total cost before index on year was made: **5165.26**
- Total cost after index on year was made: 3728.95

## Searching by title (starting with c) and year (2023) (Index already created on year)

- Total cost before column was made: 3728
- Total cost after column was made: 495.63

#### Searching by title (starting with c) and keyword ('Database')

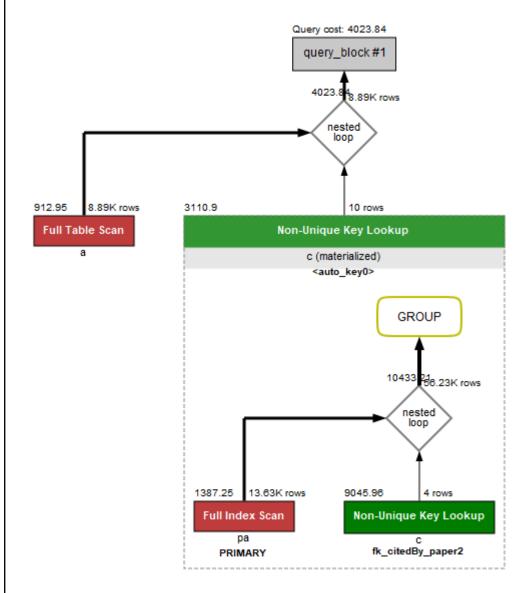
- Total cost before index on keyword was made: 2548
- Total cost after index on keyword was made: **3.95**

### OPTIMIZING THE SECOND SEARCH

The A-section's second search searches certain author's co-parents from the paperauthors-table, and also counts the number of joint publications with each of them. Also, the search counts the number of received citations of a certain author. This query's performance could be improved by creating a summary table about the author's co-authors, and the number of joint publications with each of them. Also adding the number of received citations as a column to the author-table reduces the amount of calculation that the search has to go through.

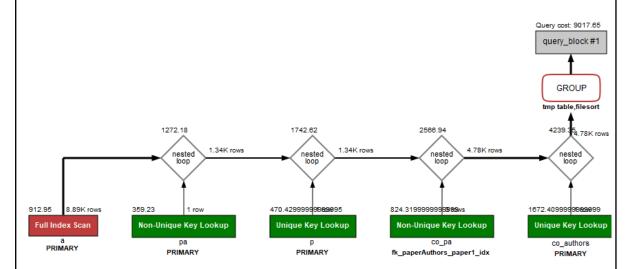
Let's study section A's second search execution, taking notes about the total costs. The search is conducted by three different SELECTs.

Here's the first SELECT's execution plan, which returns a specific author's name, gender, country and total citations, filtered by authorID 10039885900:



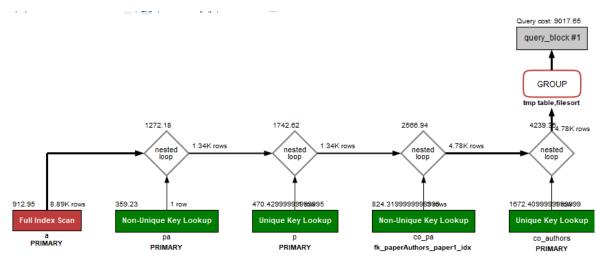
Total cost is 4023.84

The second SELECT returns all publications of a specific author, along with their title, year, source and co-authors. Here's the execution plan of it, filtered by authorID 10039885900:



Total cost is 9017.65

The third SELECT returns all co-authors of a specific author, and number of joint publications with each of them. There's the execution plan of it, filtered by authorID 10039885900:



Total cost is 9017.65

#### **MODIFICATIONS:**

I created a new summary table co\_parent\_summary, added a new column recieved\_citations\_count to the table author and transferred all the data to the new table and column. (you can see these in SQL in the next section [C].)

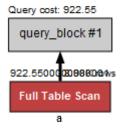
Let's change the queries and then study the execution plans to see if the executions have changed to less costly.

I added a new column to the author-table - that's why we don't need JOINs to return a specific author's number of total citations.

Here's the new version of the **first SELECT** and it's execution plan:

-- This query returns a specific author's name, gender, country and total citations.

```
select
    a.name AS author_name,
    a.gender,
    a.affiliation,
    a.country,
    a.recieved_citations_count
FROM
    publications.author a
    where
    a.authorID = 10039885900 ; -- INSERT THE AUTHOR'S ID HERE
```



Total cost: 922.55

Compared to the previous plan before the modifications, the cost has decreased significantly: from 4023.84 to 922.5. This is all thanks to the new column added to the author-table. The query does not have to calculate the number of received citations or join tables anymore, and it only does one full table scan to get the wanted results, which results in lower cost.

I created a new co\_parent\_summary table, let's change the second SELECT to utilize the new table for finding co-authors.

Here's a new version of the **second SELECT** and it's execution plan:

```
-- This query returns all publications of a specific author, along
with their title, year, source and co-authors
SELECT
    p.title AS paper title,
    p.year AS publication year,
    p.source AS publication source,
    GROUP CONCAT(DISTINCT a2.name ORDER BY a2.name SEPARATOR ',
') AS co authors
FROM
    publications.paper p
JOIN
    publications.paperauthors pa ON p.paperID = pa.paperID
JOIN
    publications.author a ON pa.authorID = a.authorID
    publications.co parent summary cps ON cps.authorID =
a.authorID
LEFT JOIN
    publications.author a2 ON cps.co authorID = a2.authorID
WHERE
    a.authorID = 10039885900 -- Insert the author's ID here
GROUP BY
    p.title, p.year, p.source;
                                                                   Query cost: 3748.60
                                                                    query_block #1
                                                                      GROUP
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loop
```

Total cost: 3748.60

Non-Unique Key Lookup

PRIMARY

Full Index Scan

a PRIMARY

Compared to the previous execution plan before the modifications, the query's cost has dropped from 9017.65 to 3748.60. The change in the query is that it searches the co-authors from table co\_parent\_summary, when in the previous version it searched co-authors by joining paperauthors-table to itself. Thanks to the summary table, the query does not have to do as much work to search for the co-authors, and that is why the total cost has dropped.

Unique Key Lookup

a2 PRIMARY Non-Unique Key Lookup

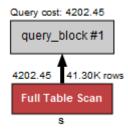
PRIMARY

Unique Key Lookup

P PRIMARY Here's a new version of the **third SELECT** and it's execution plan:

-- This query retrieves all co-authors of a specific author and number of joint publications with each of them

```
SELECT
    co_authorID,
    joint_publications
FROM
    publications.co_parent_summary s
WHERE
    authorID = 10039885900; -- INSERT THE AUTHOR'S ID HERE
```



Total cost: 4202.45

Compared to the previous plan before the modifications, the cost has decreased from 9017.65 to 4202.45. This is thanks to the new summary table co\_parent\_summary. Because of the new table, we avoided all JOINs and that is why the query has to do only one full table scan to get the results.

#### **SUMMARY**

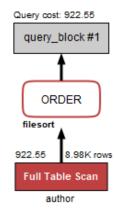
By creating a co\_parent\_summary table and adding a new column recieved\_citations\_count to the actor table, we significantly reduced the total cost of the query execution for the second search in task A.

The cost before denormalizing: 4023.84 + 9017.65 + 9017.65 = 22059.14 The cost after denormalizing: 922.55 + 3748.60 + 4202.45 = 8873.6

This proves that the modifications I made optimize the second search queries in task A.

## OPTIMIZING THE THIRD SEARCH

The third search of section A searches the 10 most prolific authors by total number of publications, filtered by country, gender or affiliation. Let's take note of the query's total cost before modifications. Results are filtered by country 'Brazil':

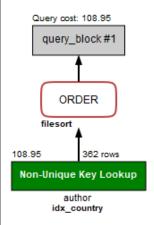


Total cost: 922.55

#### **MODIFICATIONS**

I created indexes in the author table on columns that appear in where-caluses; country and gender. These indexes are made to avoid full table scan on table author. (you can see the creation of the indexes in SQL in the next section [C].) I also tried to create an index on affiliation, because results are searched based on that too. The index did not affect the execution cost, because the query was not able to find the index. This was because there are so little duplicate values in the affiliation column: no indexes can help!

After creating the indexes, the same query's execution plan looks like this (results are filtered again by country 'Brazil'):



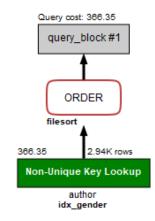
Total cost: 108.95

When compared to the previous plan, we can see that we did in fact avoid full table scan, thanks to the created indexes. The query is able to use the index made on the column

country. The query does a non-unique key lookup to find the results from the table author, filtered by country. Also, the total cost has dropped from 922.55 to just 108.95.

Let's filter the results by gender too, taking notes about the query costs.

Filtered by gender 'Female':



Total cost: 366.35

Compared to the execution plan before creating the indexes, we can see that the total cost has dropped from 922.55 to 366.35. The reason for decreased cost is, that the query does not have to do a full table scan on the table author, because it is able to use the index made on the column gender.

When compared to the previous query, which searches based on country, the total cost is higher. This is because the gender column contains only two distinct values, whereas the country column has a smaller number of repeated values.

C. Perform the necessary modifications to your original design and/or implementation to optimize for these features. If needed, write the necessary schema modifications/indices/triggers in SQL to implement your solution.

```
use publications;
-- new index
create index year_idx on publications.paper(year);
-- New column citation_count in table paper
ALTER TABLE publications.paper
ADD COLUMN citation_count INT DEFAULT 0;
-- Data insertion to the citation_count column:
UPDATE publications.paper p
LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT citedPaper, COUNT(*) AS citation_count
    FROM publications.citedby
```

```
GROUP BY citedPaper
) c ON p.paperID = c.citedPaper
SET p.citation count = IFNULL(c.citation count, 0);
-- new index on keyword in keyword table
create index idx keyword on publications.keyword(keyword);
-- The new summary-table co parent summary about co-parents:
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `publications`.`co parent summary` (
    `authorID` VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    `co authorID` VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
    `joint_publications` INT NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (`authorID`, `co authorID`),
    CONSTRAINT `fk co parent summary author1`
        FOREIGN KEY (`authorID`)
        REFERENCES `publications`.`author` (`authorID`),
    CONSTRAINT `fk co parent summary author2`
       FOREIGN KEY (`co authorID`)
        REFERENCES `publications`.`author` (`authorID`)
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8mb3;
-- New column called recieved citations count to the author-table:
ALTER TABLE `publications`.`author`
ADD COLUMN `recieved citations count` INT NULL DEFAULT 0;
-- Data insertion to the co_parent_summary:
INSERT INTO `publications`.`co parent summary` (authorID,
co authorID, joint publications)
SELECT
   pa.authorID,
   co pa.authorID as co authorID,
    -- let's count how many times the author and
    -- co-author is occuring in the paperauthors-table:
   COUNT(*) as joint publications
FROM
    `publications`.`paperauthors` pa
    -- Let's join paperauthors with itself (self-join). Let's add
condition, which rules that authorID and co-author
    -- can't be the same ID (AND pa.authorID != co pa.authorID)
    JOIN `publications`.`paperauthors` co_pa ON pa.paperID =
co pa.paperID AND pa.authorID != co pa.authorID
group by
    pa.authorID, co pa.authorID;
-- Data insertion to the column recieved citations count:
UPDATE publications.author a
JOIN (
```

```
SELECT
        pa.authorID,
        COUNT(c.citedPaper) AS total citations
        publications.paperauthors pa
   JOIN
       publications.citedby c ON pa.paperID = c.citedPaper
    GROUP BY
       pa.authorID
) cit ON a.authorID = cit.authorID
SET a.recieved citations count = cit.total citations;
-- New indexes
CREATE INDEX idx country ON publications.author(country);
CREATE INDEX idx gender ON publications.author(gender);
-- BELOW ARE THE NECESSARY TRIGGERS THAT KEEP THE DATA UP TO DATE
-- AFTER INSERT trigger, which keeps the author table's
totalNumbPublications column up to date
-- After new paper is inserted, the column in author table is
updated.
delimiter //
CREATE TRIGGER paper insert
     AFTER INSERT ON publications.paper
   FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
     UPDATE publications.author
   SET totalNumbPublications = totalNumbPublications + 1
   WHERE author.authorID = NEW.author.authorID;
END //
delimiter ;
-- This AFTER DELETE trigger keeps the author table's
totalNumbPublications column up to date
-- After a paper is deleted, the column in author table is
updated.
delimiter //
CREATE TRIGGER paper delete
     AFTER DELETE ON publications.paper
   FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
```

```
UPDATE publications.author
   SET totalNumbPublications = totalNumbPublications -1
   WHERE author.authorID = OLD.author.authorID;
END //
delimiter;
-- This AFTER DELETE trigger keeps the author table's
totalNumbPublications column up to date
-- If an author is deleted from a paper's authors, the
totalNumbPublications column is updated
DELIMITER //
CREATE TRIGGER paper author delete
     AFTER DELETE ON publications.paperAuthors
     FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
   UPDATE author
    SET totalNumbPublications = totalNumbPublications - 1
   WHERE authorID = OLD.authorID;
END//
DELIMITER ;
-- This AFTER INSERT trigger keeps the author table's column
recieved citations up to date, when
-- new citation is inserted to the citedby table
DELIMITER //
CREATE TRIGGER citedby insert
     AFTER INSERT ON publications.citedby
    FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
   UPDATE publications.author
   SET received citations = received citations + 1
   WHERE authorID = (SELECT authorID FROM publications.paper
WHERE paper.paperID = NEW.citedby.citedPaper);
END//
DELIMITER ;
-- This AFTER DELETE trigger keeps the author table's column
recieved citations up to date, when
-- citation is deleted from the citedby table
DELIMITER //
CREATE TRIGGER citedby delete
AFTER DELETE ON publications.citedby
```

```
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    UPDATE publications.author
    SET received citations = received citations - 1
    WHERE authorID = (SELECT authorID FROM publications.paper
WHERE paper.paperID = OLD.citedby.citedPaper);
END//
DELIMITER ;
-- This AFTER UPDATE trigger keeps the data up to date, when data
in citedby table is updated
DELIMITER //
CREATE TRIGGER citedby update
AFTER UPDATE ON publications.citedby
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    -- Decreases the citation count for the old cited paper's
author
   UPDATE publications.author
    SET received citations = received citations - 1
    WHERE author.authorID = (SELECT authorID FROM
publications.paper WHERE paper.paperID =
OLD.citedby.citedPaperID);
    -- Increases the citation count for the new cited paper's
author
    UPDATE publications.author
    SET received citations = received citations + 1
    WHERE author.authorID = (SELECT authorID FROM
publications.paper WHERE paper.paperID =
NEW.citedby.citedPaperID);
END//
DELIMITER ;
```

# Stage 3: Deployment

Before putting our database in production, we need to create a specific database user for the web application that will make use of our database. For this purpose, provide the SQL code to create a new user named 'web' with password 'research', and give this user only reading privileges to the database.

```
CREATE USER 'web'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'research';
GRANT SELECT ON publications.* TO 'web'@'localhost';
-- Now the user has SELECT privilege on all of the tables in
```

```
schema publications.
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

# Stage 4: Data analysis and visualization

The client is interested in generating a report from the data stored in the database. Namely, they are interested in the following:

A. The evolution of the number of articles per year

```
This SQL query retrieves distinct years and counts the number of articles for each year:
select distinct p.year, count(pa.paperID) as article count
      from publications.paper p
      join publications.paper pa on p.year = pa.year
where p.type = 'Article' and pa.type = 'Article'
group by p.year
order by year asc;
   year article_count
2010 16
  2011 25
  2012 100
2013 961
  2014 2916
  2015 4624
  2016 12321
2017 13689
  2018 10609
  2019 17689
  2020 15129
  2021 9801
  2022 9025
  2023 12544
  2024 900
```

## B. The number of articles per country per year

The original database did not have data about the article's countries. In the single-table-database, the 'country' column was information related to the author.

# C. The number of articles per author per year, for the top 20 most productive authors

This query returns the top 20 most productive authors and displays the number of articles they have authored each year:

```
SELECT
   author.authorID,
   author.name AS author_name,
   -- column for each year's number of articles per year
   SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2011 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles_2011,
```

```
SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2012 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2012,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2013 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2013,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2014 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2014,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2015 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2015,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2016 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2016,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2017 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2017,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2018 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2018,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2019 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2019,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2020 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2020,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2021 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2021,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2022 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2022,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2023 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles_2023,
    SUM(CASE WHEN p.year = 2024 AND p.type = 'Article' THEN 1
ELSE 0 END) AS articles 2024,
    COUNT (DISTINCT p.paperID) AS total publications count
FROM
    publications.author
JOIN
    publications.paperAuthors pa ON author.authorID = pa.authorID
JOIN
    publications.paper p ON pa.paperID = p.paperID
GROUP BY
    author.authorID,
    author.name
ORDER BY
    total publications count DESC
LIMIT 20; -- limits the rows by 20 --> we get 20 most productive
8847095400 Bernardino J.
6507596657 Zurfluh G.
15125412100 Molina J.G.
57202521929 Joosen W.
57202521929 Joosen W.

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6602113319 Gargouri F.

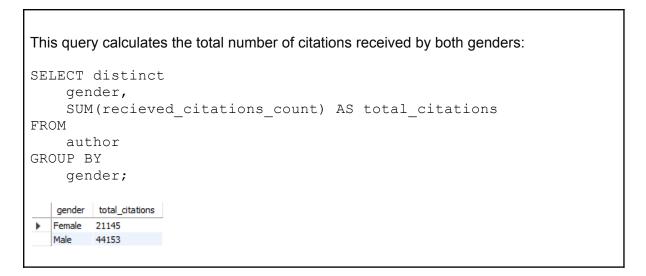
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57206513787 Abdelhedi F.

36761221300 Ma K.

23388937400 Mello R.D.S.
56006924900 Rafique A.
22735445100 Van Landuyt D.
```

D. The distribution in the number of citations per gender



E. The number of citations in contrast with the number of authors in a paper

```
SELECT
    author count,
    round(AVG(citation count), 2) AS average citations
FROM
     (
       SELECT
           pa.paperID,
             COUNT (DISTINCT cited.paperID) AS citation count,
              COUNT (DISTINCT pa.authorID) AS author count
       FROM
             paperauthors pa
       LEFT JOIN
           citedby cited ON pa.paperID = cited.paperID
       GROUP BY
           pa.paperID
    ) AS subquery
GROUP BY
  author count
order by author_count asc;
author_count average_citations
     0.90
       0.91
      0.90
       0.91
       0.92
     0.91
       0.90
     1.00
12
13
       1.00
     1.00
    1.00
17
       1.00
20
     1.00
23
     1.00
       1.00
```

For each of the previous analyses decide which is the most suitable visual representation, and write the SQL queries to extract the necessary data to generate such visualizations.

# **Stage 6: Anonymization**

The client is thinking of releasing some of their private data about researchers' salaries as open data for scientific purposes after anonymization. The dataset looks like this:

Author	Affiliation	Country	Npub Gender Salary
Molina J.G.	Faculty of Computer Science, University of Murcia, Murcia	Spain	21 Female 25000
Klettke M.	Faculty of Computer Science and Data Science, University of Regensburg, Regensburg	Germany	27 Male 110000
Ruiz D.S.	Faculty of Computer Science, University of Murcia, Murcia	Spain	1 Male 71000
Chillon A.H.	Faculty of Computer Science, University of Murcia, Murcia	Spain	11 Male 44000
Sethy P.K.	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Department of Ece, C.G, Bilaspur	India	1 Male 89000
Somasundar A.V.S.S.	Sagi Rama Krishnam Raju (S.R.K.R) Engineering College (A), Department of Information Technology, A. P, Bhimavaram, 534204	India	1 Male 35000
Kumari Behera S.	Vssut Burla, Department of Cse, Odisha	India	1 Male 74000

The client is worried that even after anonymization, the fields on the dataset that are public in the scientific database (affiliation, country, number of publications [Npub] and Gender) would allow to identify the researchers and therefore find out their salary.

To avoid this, use the ARX tool (or similar) and apply the necessary anonymization techniques to ensure K-anonimity where K=10 and I-diversity where I= 3 while keeping most of the usefulness of the dataset. Document the anonymization techniques that you have tried and the final decision, and paste a screenshot of the dataset in which these techniques can be seen and the anonymization report from ARX.

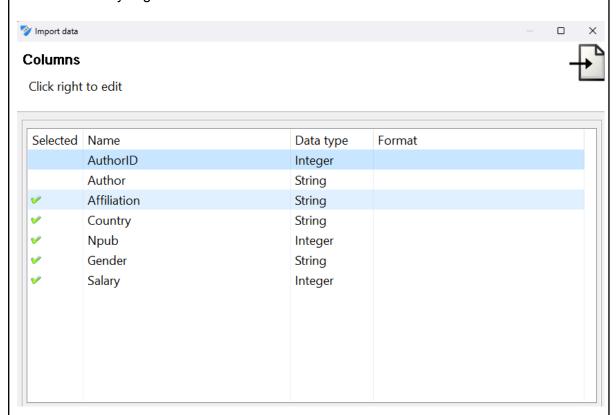
To achieve k-autonomity and I-diversity, we have to first identify quasi-identifiers and sensitive attributes in our dataset. For the analysis, the authorID and the author's name are not significant pieces of information, and they can be used to identify a specific author too easily. That's why we won't be choosing those attributes in the ARX tool, when we import the data.

- Quasi-identifiers: affiliation, country, Npub, gender
- Sensitive data: salary

My ideas to achieve k=10 k-anonimity and I-3 I-diversity:

- Change countries as continents: Europe, Africa, Oceania, South-America or America.
- Change the nPub into ranges. For example 1-5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20...
- Change Affiliation to 'University', or replace with \*.

Let's import the dataset to the ARX Anonymization tool, and select the columns that are needed for analyzing the dataset. I didn't include AuthorID and Author's name.:



After importing the dataset, I set attributes affiliation, country, Npub and gender to quasi-identifiers, and salary as sensitive data.

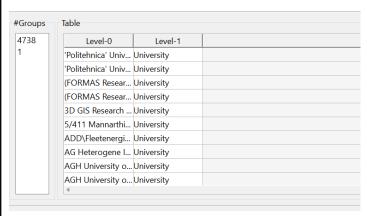
I started creating hierarchies to the attributes with the ARX tool to the quasi-identifiers. I started from column Npub, and created hierarchy by defining intervals:



I also changed all of the affiliations to constant value 'University.'

#### Review the hierarchy

Overview of groups and values



Next, I changed all countries to their continents. This was the most difficult phase. I created a hierarchy using ordering, and in order to change each country's name to its respective continent, I needed to have the countries listed so that, for example, the European countries came first, then the Asian countries, then Africa, and so on. I chose the ordinal order, from which I got a CSV file of the distinct countries present in the dataset. After that, I opened the list in a text editor and manually organized the countries. Then I imported the CSV file into the ARX tool and grouped the countries correctly. I counted the number of countries in each continent from the file and created the correct groups for each continent in order.

#### Review the hierarchy

Overview of groups and values

16	Level-0	Level-1	Level-2	
	Malta	Europe	*	
	Netherlands	Europe	*	
	Norway	Europe	*	
	Poland	Europe	*	
	Portugal	Europe	*	
	Slovakia	Europe	*	
	Slovenia	Europe	*	
	Spain	Europe	*	
	Sweden	Europe	*	
	Switzerland	Europe	*	
	Turkey	Europe	*	
	Ukraine	Europe	*	
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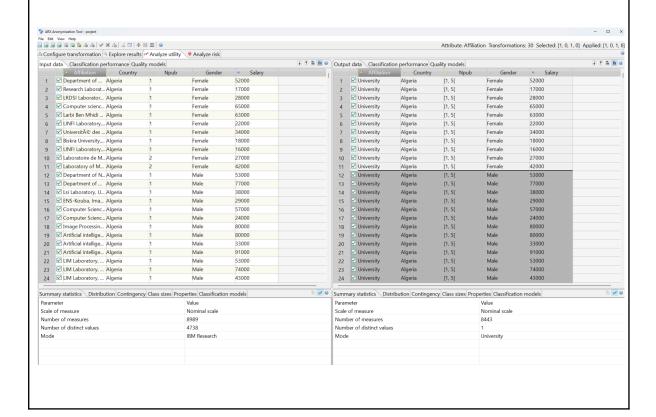
As seen in the picture below, the Affiliation attribute on quasi-identifier, which appears in many combinations of quasi-identifiers, can be used to identify almost all individuals in the dataset. Just by affiliation, we can identify 52.70..% of persons in the dataset, which was the reason I changed all of the affiliations to just 'University'

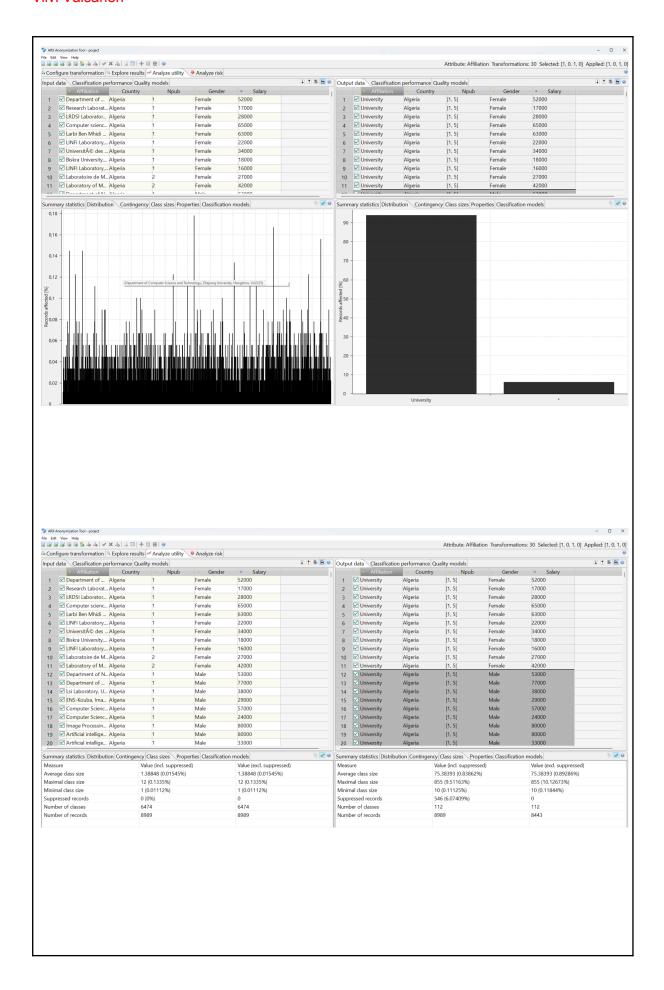
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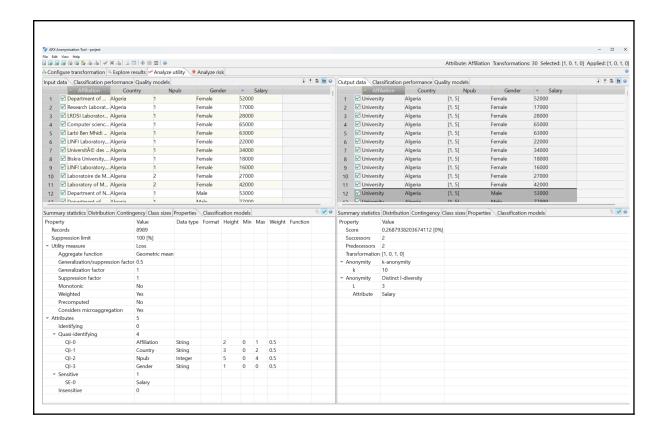
# **Anonymization results**

Here are screenshots of the results after the anonymization process.

The tool did not end up using the hierarchy I created for the country attribute, probably because it was no longer necessary after generalizing the Affiliation to 'University.'







# **Extra** (for the students aiming for 5 ECTS)

Given the requirements of our database, discuss in detail whether a NoSQL solution would be more suitable and, if so, explain which one and why. Regardless of which one you have chosen, define how the schema would look like in MongoDB and repeat the queries for stage 2 in MongoDB.

# Submission

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