SQL Queries

CS 377: Database Systems

Today and Next Lecture

- 1. Basic Single Table Queries
 - 1. Select-From-Where Query
 - 2. Useful Operators
 - 3. Exercise: Company Database
- 2. Multi-table Queries
 - 1. Join
 - 2. Aliasing

SQL Query

Basic form is called a *mapping* or a SELECT-FROM-WHERE block

> SELECT <attribute list> FROM WHERE <condition on the tables>

SQL Query <-> Relational Algebra



 $\pi_{\text{<attribute list}} \sigma_{\text{<condition}} (R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n)$

Example: Product Database

PRODUCT

Name	Category	Price	Manufacter
iPad	Tablet	\$399.00	Apple
Surface	Tablet	\$299.00	Microsoft
Kindle	eReader	\$79.00	Amazon
Macbook Air	Laptop	\$999.99	Apple

Simple SQL Query: * SELECTOR

- Selects all the values of the selected tuples for all the attributes
- Example:
 SELECT *
 FROM Product;



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Selection Query Using *



Name	Category	Price	Manufacter
iPad	Tablet	\$399.00	Apple
Surface	Tablet	\$299.00	Microsoft

Projection Query

SELECT Name, Category FROM Product;





Name	Category	
iPad	Tablet	
Surface	Tablet	
Kindle	eReader	
Macbook Air	Laptop	

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Select-Project Query

SELECT Name, Category
FROM Product
WHERE Manufactor = 'Apple'



Name	Category	
iPad	Tablet	
Macbook Air	Laptop	

SQL Details

- SQL commands are case insensitive
 - SELECT = select = Select
- Values are case **sensitive**
 - Apple =/= apple
- Single quotes should be used for constants
 - 'Apple' instead of "Apple"

Exercise: Company Database

- Retrieve the birthdate and address of the employee whose name is 'John B. Smith"
- List the SSN, last name, and department number of all employees
- List the department number and name of all departments
- List the projects under department number 5

DISTINCT: Eliminate Duplicates

- SQL outputs duplicate values by default
 - Relation is a multi-set (bag) of tuples vs a set of tuples
 - Favored for database efficiency
- Syntax:
 SELECT DISTINCT <attr list>
 FROM ;

Example Query: DISTINCT

SELECT Category
 FROM Product;



SELECT DISTINCT Category FROM Product;



SQL Details: WHERE Conditions



- Attribute names of the relation(s) used in the FROM clause
- Comparison operators: =, <>, <, >, <=, >=
- Arithmetic operations: +, -, *, /

SQL Details: WHERE Conditions

- Logical operators to combine conditions: AND, OR, NOT
- Operations on strings (e.g., concatenation)
- Membership test
- Pattern matching

IN: Member of Set Test

- Tests whether a value is contained in a set
 - True if attribute value is a member of the set of values
 - False otherwise
- Syntax:
 SELECT <attr list>
 FROM
 WHERE attr IN (set of values);

Example Queries: IN

- Find the name and prices of products made by Amazon or Microsoft:
 SELECT name, price
 FROM Product
 WHERE Manufacter IN ('Amazon', 'Microsoft');
- Find the name of products whose made by Amazon or Microsoft and are tablets:
 SELECT name
 FROM Product
 WHERE (Manufacter, Category) IN (('Amazon', (Tablet'))
 - 'Tablet'), ('Microsoft', 'Tablet'));

LIKE: Simple String Pattern Matching

- Syntax:
 SELECT * Substring comparison for FROM Products partial strings
 WHERE Name LIKE '%Air';
- Supports 2 wildcard characters
 - Underscore (_) matches exactly one character (equivalent to ? in the UNIX shell)
 - Percent (%) matches 0 or more characters (equivalent to * in the UNIX shell)

Example Queries: LIKE

- Find names of products whose company start with 'A':
 SELECT name
 FROM Product
 WHERE Company LIKE 'A%';
- Find the name and price of products with the word Air in them:
 SELECT name, price
 FROM Product
 WHERE name LIKE '%Air%;

SQL: IS NULL

- Test if an attribute contains the NULL value
- Syntax:
 attr IS NULL
- Example: Find employees that have NULL value in the salary attribute

SELECT * FROM employee WHERE salary IS NULL

SQL: NOT IN and IS NOT NULL

- Tests whether a value is not contained in a set or not a null value respectively
- Syntax looks similar to the IN and IS NULL operators: attr NOT IN (set of values) attr IS NOT NULL

SQL: Three-Value Logic

AND

OR

	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	FALSE	UNKNOWN

	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	TRUE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

NOT	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
	FALSE	TRUE	UNKNOWN

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SQL: ORDER BY

- Sort the tuples in a query based on the values of some attributes
- Default order is in ascending order of the values (ASC)
- Syntax: sorting by multiple
 SELECT <attribute list> columns is just separated
 FROM with a comma
 WHERE <condition on the tables>
 ORDER BY <attribute-list> ASC | DESC;

Example Query: ORDER BY

- Sort employees by their salary value in descending order
 SELECT fname, Iname, salary
 FROM employee
 ORDER BY salary DESC;
- Sort employees by their salary figures and within the same salary figure, by their last name
 SELECT fname, Iname, salary
 FROM employee
 ORDER BY salary, Iname;

SQL: LIMIT

- Limit the output to be only the specified number of tuples
 - Useful if your table has many relations and you just want to sanity check your work
 - Can be used with ORDER BY to get a maximum or minimum value
- Syntax:
 SELECT <attribute list>
 FROM
 WHERE <condition on the tables>
 LIMIT <number of tuples>;

Exercise: Company Database (2)

- What are the first and last names of employees who live in Houston?
- What are the SSNs of the top 5 employees who worked the most hours on project number 30? List them in descending order
- Which department number(s) are ProductX, ProductY, and ProductZ controlled by?

Multi-table Queries

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Recap: SQL Query

SELECT <attribute list> FROM WHERE <condition on the tables>



 $\pi_{\text{<attribute list}} \sigma_{\text{<condition}} (R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_n)$

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Example Query: Cartesian Product

SELECT ssn, Iname, dno, dnumber, dname FROM employee, department;

ssn	Iname	dno	dnumber	dname
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	5	Research
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	4	Administration
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	1	Headquarters
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	5	Research
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	4	Administration
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	1	Headquarters
134-52-2340	Scott	5	5	Research
134-52-2340	Scott	5	4	Administration
134-52-2340	Scott	5	1	Headquarters

SQL: Join Operation

Relational algebra expression

$$R_1 \bowtie_{\text{condition}} R_2 = \sigma_{\text{condition}}(R_1 \times R_2)$$

- Cartesian product followed by a selection operation
- SQL command
 - FROM clause specifies Cartesian product operation
 - WHERE clause specifies condition of the selection operation

Example Query: Join

SELECT ssn, Iname, dno, dnumber, dname FROM employee, department WHERE dno = dnumber;

ssn	Iname	dno	dnumber	dname
111-12-2345	Kirk	5	5	Research
222-23-2222	McCoy	4	4	Administration
134-23-2345	Sulu	4	4	Administration
234-13-3840	Chapel	1	1	Headquarters
134-52-2340	Scott	5	5	Research

SQL: Join Part II

- Several equivalent ways to write a basic join
- Method 1 is to just use Cartesian Product on the FROM clause
- Method 2 syntax: SELECT <attribute list> FROM <table1> JOIN <table2> ON <join condition> WHERE <condition on the tables>

Example Query: Join Part II

SELECT ssn, Iname, dno, dnumber, dname FROM employee, department WHERE dno = dnumber;



SELECT ssn, Iname, dno, dnumber, dnameFROM employeeJOIN department ON dno = dnumber;

Example Query: Join in RA

Query: Find the name and address of employees working in the 'Research' department

RA expression:

 $RD = \sigma_{Dname='Research'}(DEPARTMENT)$ $RE = RD \bowtie_{Dnumber = Dno} EMPLOYEE$ $Answer = \pi_{fname, lname, Address}(RE)$

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Example Query: Join in SQL

Q: Find the name and address of employees working in the 'Research' department

SQL expression 1
 SELECT fname, Iname, address
 FROM employee, department
 WHERE dname='Research' AND dno = dnumber;



Exercises: Company Database (3)

- Find the name of employees in the 'Research' department who earn over \$30,000
- Find the name of employees who work on the project 'ProductX'
- For the projects located in 'Stafford', find the name of the project, the name of the controlling department, the last name of the department's manager, his address, and birthdate
SQL: Ambiguity

What happens if we wanted a list of employees with the name of their dependents and the projects the employee works on?

SELECT essn, pno, dep_name FROM Project, Dependent WHERE essn = essn;

Ambiguous attribute names: the same name for two (or more) attributes in different relations

SQL: Qualifying Attribute Names

- Ambiguous attributed names that appear in the same query need to be made explicit (otherwise cannot tell which relation it is from)
- Qualify (prefix) the attribute name with the source relation name
 - Can be done in **SELECT** or **WHERE** clause
- SQL syntax: <relation>.<attr>

Example Query: Qualifying Attribute Names

Find project numbers of projects worked on by employees who have a daughter named 'Alice'

SELECT pno FROM works_on, dependent

- WHERE works_on.essn = dependent.essn
 - AND name = 'Alice';

SQL: Ambiguity Take 2

What if we wanted a list of each employees first name, last name, and their manager's first name and last name?

SELECT fname, Iname, fname, Iname
FROM employee, employee
WHERE superssn = ssn;

Ambiguous attribute names that won't be solved by qualifying their relation

SQL: Aliasing

- Need to use the same relation multiple times in a SELECT command and every attribute name of that relation will be ambiguous
- Use an alias or identifier that follows a relation name in the FROM clause of a SELECT command

SQL: Aliasing Syntax

- SQL Syntax: SELECT <alias1>.<attr1>, <alias2>.<attr2>
 FROM <relation1> <alias1>, <relation2> <alias 2>
 WHERE <alias1>.<A> = <alias2>.A;
- No comma between alias and relation name!
- Refer to the relation using the given alias in other parts of query

Example Query: Aliasing

List each employees first name, last name, and their manager's first name and last name

SELECT e.fname, e.lname, m.fname, m.lname FROM employee e, employee m WHERE e.superssn = m.ssn;

> e and m are called aliases or tuple variables for employee relation

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SQL: Arithmetic Operations

- Any arithmetic expression (that makes sense) can be used in the SELECT clause
- Example: Show the effect of giving all employees who work on the 'ProductX' project a 10% raise

SELECT	fname, Iname, 1.1*salary
FROM	employee, works_on, project
WHERE	ssn = essn
AND	pno = pnumber

AND pname = 'ProductX'

Exercises: Company Database (4)

- What are the name of the departments that are located in Houston?
- Find the name of the managers who are in charge of the departments located in Houston
- What are the names of the children whose parents work on ProductX?

Nested Queries

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Review: Basic SQL Retrieval Query

A SQL query can consist of several clauses, but only **SELECT** and **FROM** are mandatory

SELECT <attribute list> FROM [WHERE <condition on the tables (join or selection)>] [ORDER BY <attribute list>] [LIMIT <number of tuples>]

Subquery

- Subquery: A parenthesized SELECT-FROM-WHERE statement which results in a relation of tuples
- Syntax:
 (SELECT-command)
- Usage
 - Inside **WHERE** clause (nested query)
 - Inside **FROM** clause (temporal relation)

Nested Query

- Nested query is when a subquery is specified within the **WHERE** clause of another query, called the outer query
- Syntax:
 SELECT ...
 FROM ...
 WHERE ... (SELECT ...
 Nested Query
 FROM ...
 WHERE ...)

Nested Query Forms

- Forms of nested query:
 - Set membership: IN and NOT IN
 - Set comparison:
 compareOp ANY or compareOp ALL
 - Test for empty relation: EXIST
- In theory, nesting can be arbitrarily deep but in practice the number of levels is limited

Example Query: Nested Query

Retrieve the name and address of all employees who work for the 'Research' department

- Soln #1: SELECT fname, Iname
 FROM employee, department
 WHERE dno = dnumber
 AND dname = 'Research';
- Soln #2: SELECT fname, Iname FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE dno IN (SELECT dnumber FROM department WHERE dname = 'Research')

Example Query: Nested Query (2)

Find fname, Iname of employees that do not have any dependents

SELECT fname, Iname FROM employee WHERE ssn NOT IN (SELECT essn FROM dependent);

Correlated Nested Queries

- Correlated: inner query (query in the **WHERE** clause) uses one or more attributes from relation(s) specified in the outer query
- Uncorrelated: inner query is a stand-alone query that can be executed independently from the outer query
- Example Syntax:
 SELECT ...
 FROM R1
 WHERE attr1 IN (SELECT attr2 FROM R2 WHERE R2.attr3 = R1.attr4)

Example Query: Correlated Nested Query

Retrieve the name of each employee who has a dependent with the same name as the employee

SELECT e.fname, e.Iname FROM employee AS e WHERE e.ssn IN (SELECT essn FROM dependent WHERE essn = e.ssn AND e.fname = name);

Correlated Nested Query Execution

- FOR (each tuple X in the outer query) DO {
 Execute inner query using attribute value of tuple X
- Example:
 SELECT fname, Iname, salary, uno FROM employee a WHERE salary >= ALL (SELECT salary FROM employee a WHERE b.dno = a.dno)

Correlated Nested Query Execution (2)

FName	LName	DNo	Salary
John	Smith	4	50,000
James	Bond	4	80,000
Jane	Brown	3	60,000
Jennifer	Wallace	5	30,000
James	Borg	1	55,000
Joyce	English	5	25,000
Alicia	Wong	4	70,000

Outer tuple a = John Smith 4 50,000
 WHERE 50,000 >= ALL (SELECT salary FROM employee b where b.dno = 4)
 => FALSE

Correlated Nested Query Execution (2)

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James	Borg	1	55,000
Joyce	English	5	25,000
Alicia	Wong	4	70,000

Outer tuple a = James Bond 4 80,000
 WHERE 80,000 >= ALL (SELECT salary FROM employee b where b.dno = 4)
 => TRUE (select tuple)

Correlated Nested Query Execution (2)

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Jennifer	Wallace	5	30,000
James	Borg	1	55,000

SELECT fname, Iname, salary, uno FROM employee a WHERE salary >= ALL (SELECT salary FROM employee a WHERE b.dno = a.dno)

Correlated Nested Query Scope

Scoping rules defines where a name is visible

- Each nesting level constitutes a new inner scope
- Names of relations and their attributes in outer query are visible in the inner query but not the converse
- Attribute name specified inside an inner query is
 associated with nearest relation

Example: Scoping Nested Queries

- SELECT <attribute list from R1 and/or R2>
 FROM R1, R2
 WHERE <conditions from R1 and/or R2> AND
 (SELECT <attribute list from R1, R2, R3 and/or R4>
 FROM R3, R4
 WHERE <conditions from R1, R2, R3, and/or R4>)
 - Attributes of R1 and R2 are visible in the inner query
 - Attributes of R3 and R4 are not visible in the outer query

Example: Scoping Nested Queries (2)

SELECT <attribute list from R1 and/or R2> FROM R1, R2 WHERE <conditions from R1 and/or R2> AND (SELECT x FROM R3, R4 WHERE <conditions from R1, R2, R3, and/or R4>)

- If R3 or R4 contains the attribute name x, then x refers to that attribute in R3 or R4
- If R3 and R4 does not contain the attribute name x, then x in the inner query refers to the attribute in R1 or R2

SQL Query: EXISTS

- Checks whether the result of a correlated nested query is empty (contains no tuples) or not
- Example: Retrieve the names of employees who have no dependents

SELECT fname, Iname FROM employee WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT * FROM dependent WHERE ssn = essn);

Exercises: Company Database (5)

- Find the fname, Iname of the employee(s) that earn the highest salary in his/her department
- Find the fname, Iname of the female employee that earn the highest salary (among the females) in her department
- Find fname, Iname of employees that do not have any dependent
- Find fname, Iname of employees that do not work on any project controlled by the Research department

SQL Query: Aggregate Functions

- COUNT, SUM, MAX, MIN, AVG can be used in the SELECT clause
- Example: Find the sum, maximum, minimum, and average salary among all employees in the Research department

SELECT SUM(salary), MAX(salary) MIN(salary), AVG(salary) FROM employee, department WHERE dno = dnumber AND dname = 'Research'

SQL Query: Aggregate Functions (2)

- Name given to the selected aggregate function attribute is the same as the function call
 - SELECT MAX(salary), MIN(salary), AVG(salary)
 FROM employee;

max(salary)	min(salary)	avg(salary)

- Rename selected attributes with AS alias clause inside the SELECT clause
 - SELECT MAX(salary) AS max, MIN(salary) AS min, AVG(salary) AS average FROM employee;

SQL Example: Aggregate Function

Retrieve the names of all employees who have two or more dependents

SELECT Iname, fname FROM employee WHERE (SELECT COUNT (*) FROM dependent WHERE ssn = essn) >= 2;

SQL Query: GROUP BY

- Apply aggregate functions to subgroups of tuples in a relation
 - Corresponds to grouping and aggregate function in RA
 - Grouping attributes: attributes used to group the tuples
 - Function is applied to each subgroup independently

Syntax:
 SELECT <attribute list>
 FROM
 WHERE <condition on the tables>
 GROUP BY <grouping attributes>

GROUP BY Execution

A query with **GROUP BY** clause is processed as follows:

- 1. Select the tuples that satisfies the WHERE condition
- 2. Selected tuples from (1) are grouped based on their value in the grouping attributes
- 3. One or more set functions is applied to the group

SQL Example: GROUP BY

For each department, retrieve the department number, the number of employees in the department, and their average salary

SELECTdno, count(*), avg(salary)FROMemployeeGROUP BY dno

SQL Query: GROUP BY details

• What happens if we do not include certain grouping attributes in the **SELECT** clause?

• What happens if we include an attribute in the **SELECT** clause that is not in the group by attribute list?

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Ans: In theory, this should not be allowed as you can not produce a single value for non-grouping attributes. However, some implementations returns one of the tuples.
SQL Query: HAVING

- **HAVING** clause specifies a selection condition on groups (rather than individual tuples)
- Filters out groups that do not satisfy the group condition
- Syntax:
 SELECT <attribute list>
 FROM
 WHERE <condition on the tables>
 GROUP BY <grouping attributes>
 HAVING <group condition>

SQL Query: HAVING Details

- If a SQL query uses HAVING clause, then there MUST be a GROUP BY clause
- Group condition is a condition on a set of tuples
- Can't use non-grouping attribute inside the HAVING clause
- Most common form of group condition is: SetFunction(<attr>) RelationalOperator <value>

SQL Query: HAVING Process Order

- 1. Select tuples that satisfy the WHERE condition
- 2. Selected tuples from (1) are grouped based on their value in the grouping attributes
- 3. Filter groups so only those satisfying the condition are left
- 4. Set functions in the **SELECT** clause are applied to these groups

SQL Example: HAVING

For each project on which more than two employees work, retrieve the project number, project name, and the number of employees who work on that project

SELECTpnumber, pname, COUNT(*)FROMproject, works_onWHEREpnumber = pnoGROUP BYpnumber, pnameHAVINGCOUNT(*) > 2;

SQL Example: HAVING (2)

For each department with at least 2 employees, find the department name, and the number of employees in that department that earns greater than \$40K

- SELECT dname, COUNT(ssn)
- FROM department, employee
- WHERE dnumber = dno
- AND salary > 40000
- **GROUP BY** dname
- HAVING COUNT(ssn) > 2;

Is this right? What does it return?

SQL Example: HAVING (2)

• Previous query only counts the number of departments that have at least 2 employees that earn more then \$40K.

· SELECT dname, COUNT(ssn) employee, department FROM WHERE dno = dnumberdno IN (SELECT dno AND FROM employee **GROUP BY** dno COUNT(ssn) >= 2)HAVING AND salary > 40000 **GROUP BY dname**

Summary of SQL Queries

SELECT[DISTINCT] <attribute list>FROM[WHERE<condition on the tables>][GROUP BY <grouping attributes>][HAVING<group condition>][ORDER BY<attribute list>[LIMIT<number of tuples>]

This has every possible clause of a SQL command included

Exercises: Company Database (6)

- What are the SSN of the employees who work on at least 2 projects?
- What is the name of the project where the employees have worked the highest number of hours (total)?
- Which department has the highest number of dependents?
- What department(s) has no projects?

MySQL Workbench

- Open source, integrated development environment for MySQL database system
 - SQL Editor
 - Data modeling
 - Data administration + performance monitoring
- Works on Windows, Linux, Mac OS X
- <u>https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/</u>

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SQL Queries: Recap

- Basic query form
- Useful operators:
 - *, DISTINCT, IN, LIKE, ORDER BY, LIMIT, IS NULL
- Multi-table queries
 - Join
 - Aliasing and qualification
 - Nested queries
- Additional operators and commands
 - Set operations, GROUP BY, HAVING

