Introduction to Data Management CSE 344

Lecture 6: Nested Queries in SQL

Announcements

- Webquiz 2 was due on Tuesday
 Webquiz 3 is out
- Homework 2 is due on Wednesday
 - Homework 3 is out
 - We are using Microsoft Azure Cloud services! (no more sqlite!)
 - Use the promotion code that you received in email
 - Will cover materials this week and next

What have we learned so far

- Data models
- Relational data model
 - Instance: relations
 - Schema:
 - Language: SQL

What have we learned so far

- SQL features
 - Projections
 - Selections
 - Joins (inner and outer)
 - Aggregates
 - Group by
 - Inserts, updates, and deletes
- Make sure you read the textbook!

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Projecting Columns with Grouping

SELECT product,		Product	Price	Quantity
FROM Purchase		Bagel	3	20
GROUP BY product		Bagel	1.50	20
SELECT product, quanti	ty	Banana	0.5	50
GROUP BY product		Banana	2	10
		Banana	4	10



Lecture Goals

 Today we will learn how to write (even) more powerful SQL queries

• Reading: Ch. 6.3

Subqueries

- A subquery is a SQL query nested inside a larger query
- Such inner-outer queries are called nested queries
- A subquery may occur in:
 - A SELECT clause
 - A FROM clause
 - A WHERE clause
- Rule of thumb: avoid writing nested queries when possible
 - But sometimes it's impossible, as we will see

Subqueries...

- Can appear as computed values in a SELECT clause
- Can appear in FROM clauses and aliased using a tuple variable that represents the tuples in the result of the subquery
- Can return a single constant to be compared with another value in a WHERE clause
- Can return relations to be used in WHERE clauses

1. Subqueries in SELECT

Product (pname, price, cid)
Company (cid, cname, city)

For each product return the city where it is manufactured



What happens if the subquery returns more than one city?

We get a runtime error (and SQLite simply ignores the extra values...)

1. Subqueries in SELECT

Whenever possible, don't use a nested queries:



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Better: we can unnest using a GROUP BY SELECT C.cname, count(*)
FROM Company C, Product P
WHERE C.cid=P.cid
GROUP BY C.cname

1. Subqueries in SELECT

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No! Different results if a
company has no products

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SELECT C.cname, count(pname)
FROM Company C LEFT OUTER JOIN Product P
ON C.cid=P.cid
GROUP BY C.cname
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2. Subqueries in FROM

Find all products whose prices is > 20 and < 500

SELECT X.pname
FROM (SELECT *
 FROM Product AS Y
 WHERE price > 20) as X
WHERE X.price < 500</pre>

Side note: This is not a correlated subquery. (why?)

Try unnest this query !

2. Subqueries in FROM

At the end of the lecture we will see that sometimes we really need a subquery and one option will be to put it in the FROM clause.

3. Subqueries in WHERE

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Using EXISTS:

SELECT DISTINCT C.cname

FROM Company C

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT *

FROM Product P

WHERE C.cid = P.cid and P.price < 200)
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