CSE 344

APRIL 4TH – SUBQUERIES

ADMINISTRIVIA

- **HW1 Due Tonight (11:30)**
  - Don’t forget to git add and tag your assignment
  - Check on gitlab after submitting
  - Use AS for aliasing
- **HW2 Out Tonight**
  - Due next Wednesday (April 11)
  - Contains AWS instructions
- **OQ1 Due Friday (11:00)**
- **OQ2 Out** Due April 11

QUERY COMPLEXITY

- **As the information we want gets more complex, we need to utilize more elements of the RDBMS**
  - Multi-table queries -> join
  - Data statistics -> grouping
- **Whatever you can do in SQL, you should**
  - Optimization
  - Basic analysis tools
    - Sum, min, average, max, count

SEMANTICS OF SQL WITH GROUP-BY

```
SELECT    S
FROM      R1,…,Rn
WHERE     C1
GROUP BY  a1,…,ak
HAVING    C2
```

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Evaluation steps:

1. **Evaluate FROM-WHERE using Nested Loop Semantics**
2. **Group by the attributes $a_1,\ldots,a_k$**
3. **Apply condition C2 to each group (may have aggregates)**
4. **Compute aggregates in S and return the result**

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 nested queries when possible

- But sometimes it's impossible to avoid, as we will see

SUBQUERIES…

- Can return a single value to be included in a `SELECT` clause
- Can return a relation to be included in the `FROM` clause, aliased using a tuple variable
- Can return a single value to be compared with another value in a `WHERE` clause
- Can return a relation to be used in the `WHERE` or `HAVING` clause under an existential quantifier

1. SUBQUERIES IN SELECT

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

For each product return the city where it is manufactured

```
SELECT X.pname, (SELECT Y.city
                 FROM Company Y
                 WHERE Y.cid=X.cid) as City
FROM   Product X
```

"correlated subquery"

What happens if the subquery returns more than one city?

We get a runtime error

(and SQLite simply ignores the extra values…)

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

1. SUBQUERIES IN SELECT

Whenever possible, don't use a nested queries:

```
SELECT X.pname, (SELECT Y.city
                 FROM Company Y
                 WHERE Y.cid=X.cid) as City
FROM  Product X
```

=

```
SELECT X.pname, Y.city
FROM   Product X, Company Y
WHERE  X.cid=Y.cid
```

We have "unnested" the query

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

1. SUBQUERIES IN SELECT

Compute the number of products made by each company

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname, (SELECT count(*)
                          FROM Product P
                          WHERE P.cid=C.cid)
FROM  Company C
```

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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
```

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

1. SUBQUERIES IN SELECT

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```

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FROM   Company C, Product P
WHERE  C.cid=P.cid
GROUP BY C.cname
```

No! Different results if a company has no products

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

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

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
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```

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

Try to unnest this query !

2. SUBQUERIES IN FROM

Sometimes we need to compute an intermediate table only to use it later in a SELECT-FROM-WHERE

Option 1: use a subquery in the FROM clause

Option 2: use the WITH clause

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```
SELECT X.pname
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```

=

A subquery whose result we called myTable

```
WITH myTable AS (SELECT * FROM Product AS Y WHERE price > 20)
  SELECT X.pname
  FROM myTable as X
  WHERE X.price < 500
```

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Company (cid, cname, city)

3. SUBQUERIES IN WHERE

Find all companies that make some products with price < 200

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Using EXISTS:

```
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WHERE  EXISTS (SELECT *
               FROM Product P
               WHERE C.cid = P.cid and P.price < 200)
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Using ANY:

```
SELECT DISTINCT  C.cname
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WHERE 200 > ANY (SELECT price
                 FROM Product P
                 WHERE P.cid = C.cid)
```

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```

Not supported in sqlite

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Now let's unnest it:

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```
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                 FROM Product P
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2. Find all companies s.t. all their products have price < 200

```
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WHERE  C.cid NOT IN (SELECT P.cid
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Using ALL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT  C.cname
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WHERE 200 >= ALL (SELECT price
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                  WHERE P.cid = C.cid)
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QUESTION FOR DATABASE THEORY FANS AND THEIR FRIENDS

Can we unnest the *universal quantifier* query?

We need to first discuss the concept of *monotonicity*

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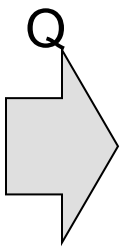
Camera	149.99	c003

Company

cid	cname	city
c002	Sunworks	Bonn
c001	DB Inc.	Lyon
c003	Builder	Lodtz



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c004	Crafter	Lodtz

Q is not monotone!

Q

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Proof. We use the nested loop semantics: if we insert a tuple in a relation R_i, this will not remove any tuples from the answer

```
SELECT a1, a2, …, ak
FROM   R1 AS x1, R2 AS x2, …, Rn AS xn
WHERE  Conditions
```

```
for x1 in R1 do
  for x2 in R2 do
    …
    for xn in Rn do
      if Conditions
        output (a1,…,ak)
```

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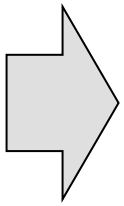

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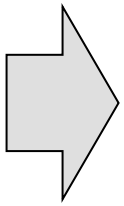

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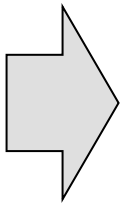

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Consequence: If a query is not monotonic, then we cannot write it as a SELECT-FROM-WHERE query without nested subqueries

Purchase(pid, product, quantity, price)

GROUP BY V.S. NESTED QUERIES

```
SELECT  product, Sum(quantity) AS TotalSales
FROM    Purchase
WHERE   price > 1
GROUP BY product
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT x.product, (SELECT Sum(y.quantity)
                           FROM     Purchase y
                           WHERE x.product = y.product
                             AND y.price > 1)
                           AS TotalSales
FROM  Purchase x
WHERE x.price > 1
```

Why twice ?

```
Author(login,name)
Wrote(login,url)
```

MORE UNNESTING

Find authors who wrote ≥ 10 documents:

Author(login,name)
Wrote(login,url)

MORE UNNESTING

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Attempt 1: with nested queries

```
SELECT DISTINCT Author.name
FROM        Author
WHERE       (SELECT count(Wrote.url)
             FROM Wrote
             WHERE Author.login=Wrote.login)
                >= 10
```

This is SQL by a novice

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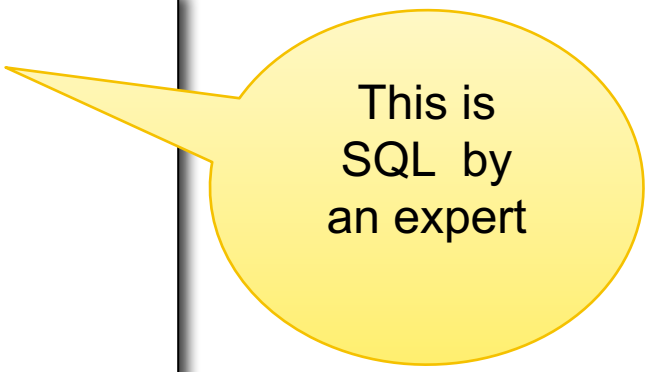
Attempt 2: using GROUP BY and HAVING

```
SELECT      Author.name
FROM        Author, Wrote
WHERE       Author.login=Wrote.login
GROUP BY Author.name
HAVING      count(wrote.url) >= 10
```



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Finding the maximum price is easy…

```
SELECT x.city, max(y.price)
FROM   Company x, Product y
WHERE  x.cid = y.cid
GROUP BY x.city;
```

But we need the *witnesses*, i.e., the products with max price

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

FINDING WITNESSES

To find the witnesses, compute the maximum price in a subquery (in FROM or in WITH)

```
WITH CityMax AS
  (SELECT x.city, max(y.price) as maxprice
   FROM Company x, Product y
   WHERE x.cid = y.cid
   GROUP BY x.city)
SELECT DISTINCT u.city, v.pname, v.price
FROM Company u, Product v, CityMax w
WHERE u.cid = v.cid
      and u.city = w.city
      and v.price = w.maxprice;
```

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      FROM Company x, Product y
      WHERE x.cid = y.cid
      GROUP BY x.city) w
WHERE u.cid = v.cid
      and u.city = w.city
      and v.price = w.maxprice;
```

Product (pname, price, cid)
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FINDING WITNESSES

Or we can use a subquery in where clause

```
SELECT u.city, v.pname, v.price
FROM Company u, Product v
WHERE u.cid = v.cid
  and v.price >= ALL (SELECT y.price
                      FROM Company x, Product y
                      WHERE u.city=x.city
                      and x.cid=y.cid);
```

Product (pname, price, cid)
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FINDING WITNESSES

There is a more concise solution here:

```
SELECT u.city, v.pname, v.price
FROM Company u, Product v, Company x, Product y
WHERE u.cid = v.cid and u.city = x.city
and x.cid = y.cid
GROUP BY u.city, v.pname, v.price
HAVING v.price = max(y.price)
```