CSE 414 section 3: Solutions

1). How many classes are being taught by at least one instructor?

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SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT number) AS class_count FROM Teaches;
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- -- General case: we'll solve using subqueries and grouping first, we group the
- -- Teaches table by department and number in a subquery, then
- -- we count the number of groups in the top-level query.
- -- Note that we don't care what the subquery tuples are, only how many
- -- tuples/groups there are, so we return dummy tuples containing only the
- -- constant 1.

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SELECT COUNT(*) AS class_count
FROM (
SELECT 1
FROM Teaches
GROUP BY dept, number
) x ;
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- 2). Which instructors teach more than 1 class?
- -- With grouping -- no subquery SELECT i.username, i.fname, i.lname FROM Instructor i, Teaches t WHERE i.username = t.username GROUP BY i.username, i.fname, i.lname HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
- -- Without grouping -- uses subquery
- -- We refer to this kind of subquery as a correlated subquery
- -- i is unbound in context of subquery, but is correlated to outer query
- -- For each instructor, we issue the subquery

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SELECT i.username, i.fname, i.lname
FROM Instructor i
WHERE 1 < (
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM Teaches t
WHERE t.username = i.username
);
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-- Sounds like a universal quantifier will be needed (e.g. NOT IN, ONLY, ALL)!
-- wrong --- why?
SELECT c.dept, c.number, c.title
FROM Class c, Teaches t
WHERE c.dept = t.dept AND
   c.number = t.number AND
   t.username NOT IN ('levy', 'djw')
-- This query incorrectly returns CSE 451 and 461 (twice, in fact),
-- because there are tuples in the join where the uid is neither
-- levy or djw, but the class is 451 and 461 -- this comes about
-- from the fact that tom and zahorjan teach those classes.
-- Here's a corrected version that tests that the *class number*
-- is not in the list that Hank and David teach:
SELECT *
FROM Class c
WHERE c.dept = 'CSE' AND
   c.number NOT IN (
     SELECT c.number
     FROM Class c, Teaches t
     WHERE c.dept = t.dept AND
        c.number = t.number AND
        t.username IN ('levy', 'djw')
)
-- This (correctly) returns only CSE 378.
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3). Which courses do neither Dr. Levy nor Dr. Wetherall teach?