Introduction to Databases

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Exercises

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More SQL Queries

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-- Sample Solutions --

1. Select the names of the customers who in one day bought at least three trousers of different prices.

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SELECT C.name
         sell S, trouser T, customer C
   FROM
   WHERE S.tcode = T.tcode AND
         S.cid = C.cid
   GROUP BY S.day, C.cid, C.name
   HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT T.price) >= 3
2. Select the trousers that were sold with the highest discount.
   SELECT S.tcode
   FROM sell S
   WHERE S.discount >= ALL
          (SELECT discount
          FROM sell)
3. Select the customers who bought in one week at least three trousers
   of different price categories.
   I.e., there exists a week during which such a customer bought at
   least three such trousers.
   SELECT C.name
   FROM sell S, trouser T,
         datetable D, customer C
   WHERE S.tcode = T.tcode AND
         S.day = D.day
   GROUP BY S.cid, C.name, D.week
   HAVING count(DISTINCT T.category) >= 3
4. Select the trousers that were sold the highest number of times.
   CREATE VIEW salesCount(tcode,sCount) AS
   SELECT S.tcode, count(*)
   FROM sell S
   GROUP BY S.tcode
   SELECT tcode
   FROM salesCount
   WHERE sCOUNT = (SELECT max(sCount)
                   FROM salescount)
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5. Select, for each price, the customer who bought the highest number

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of trousers for the price.
   CREATE VIEW customerPurchasesPrice(cid, price, sCount) AS
   SELECT cid, price, count(*)
   FROM sell S, trouser T
   WHERE S.tcode = T.tcode
   GROUP BY cid, price
   SELECT P.price, P.cid
         customerPurchasesPrice P
   FROM
   WHERE P.SCount = (SELECT max(P0.sCount)
                            customerPurchasesPrice P0
                      FROM
                      WHERE P.price = P0.price)
6. Select, for each category, the customer who bought the lowest
   number of different trousers in that category.
   CREATE VIEW customerPurchasesByCat(cid,category,dCount) AS
   SELECT cid, category, count(DISTINCT S.tcode)
         sell S, trouser T
   FROM
   WHERE S.tcode = T.tcode
   GROUP BY cid, category
   SELECT P.cid, P.category
         customerPurchasesByCat P
   FROM
   WHERE P.dCount = (SELECT min(P0.dCount)
                            customerPurchasesByCat P0
                      FROM
                      WHERE P.category = P0.category)
7. Select the luxury trousers that have been sold at least two times
   every week.
   Idea: Select luxury trousers such that there does not exist a week
   during which there were sales of that trouser that numbered less than 2,
   or during which there were no sales at all.
   SELECT T.tcode
   FROM
         trouser T
         T.category = 'luxury' AND
   WHERE
         NOT EXISTS
          (SELECT *
           FROM
                 datetable DW
           WHERE 2 >
                  (SELECT count(*)
                         sell S, datetable DS
                   FROM
                   WHERE DW.week = DS.week AND
                          S.day = DS.day AND
                          S.tcode = T.tcode)
                  OR NOT EXISTS
                  (SELECT *
                        sell S, datetable DS
                   FROM
                   WHERE DW.week = DS.week AND
                          S.day = DS.day AND
                          S.tcode = T.tcode))
   An alternative with outer join:
   SELECT T.tcode
   FROM trouser T
   WHERE T.category = 'luxury' AND
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2 <= ALL (SELECT count(\*) FROM (SELECT DISTINCT week FROM datetable DW) weeks LEFT JOIN (SELECT week FROM datetable, sell WHERE datetable.day = sell.day AND sell.tcode = T.tcode) sellPerWeek ON weeks.week = sellPerWeek.week GROUP BY weeks.week)

Note: This query also uses two inline views in the outer join, one of which is correlated with the outer query.

Interestingly, this query runs correctly under PostgreSQL, but not on Oracle, which does not accept the correlated inline view.

8. Select the trousers on offer that have been sold during the week after Christmas (week 52) a number of times below the average of any trouser at any week.

I.e., for each trouser and each week, compute the number of times it has been sold during that week. Then, form the average of weekly sales for each trouser. Then take the minimum of these averages. Finally, look for the trousers where the number of sales in week 52 is below that average.

CREATE VIEW trouserSalesPerWeek(tcode, week, scount) AS SELECT S.tcode, D.week, COUNT(\*) FROM sell S, dateTable D WHERE S.day = D.day GROUP BY S.tcode, D.week

CREATE VIEW avgOfWeeklySales(tcode, wavg) AS SELECT tspw.tcode, AVG(scount) FROM trouserSalesPerWeek tspw GROUP BY tspw.tcode

SELECT tsp.tcode
FROM trouserSalesPerWeek tsp
WHERE tsp.week = 52 AND
tsp.scount < (SELECT MIN(wavg)
FROM avgOfWeeklySales)</pre>

One could have written the query using only inline view, but this would have made the query much less readable.