SQL Exercises: Subqueries

Questions

1. What does this query do? (Recall that the $||$ operator concatenates two strings.)

   ```sql
   SELECT sid, dept || cnum as course, grade
   FROM Took,
   (SELECT * 
    FROM Offering 
    WHERE instructor = 'Horton') Offering 
   WHERE Took.oid = Offering.oid;
   ```

2. What does this query do?

   ```sql
   SELECT sid, surname 
   FROM Student 
   WHERE cgpa > (SELECT cgpa 
    FROM Student 
    WHERE sid = 99999);
   ```

3. What does this query do?

   ```sql
   SELECT sid, dept || cnum AS course, grade 
   FROM Took JOIN Offering ON Took.oid = Offering.oid 
   WHERE 
   grade >= 80 AND 
   (cnum, dept) IN ( 
   SELECT cnum, dept 
   FROM Took JOIN Offering ON Took.oid = Offering.oid 
   JOIN Student ON Took.sid = Student.sid 
   WHERE surname = 'Lakemeyer');
   ```

4. (a) Suppose we have these relations: R(a, b) and S(b, c). What does this query do?

   ```sql
   SELECT a 
   FROM R 
   WHERE b in (SELECT b FROM S);
   ```

   (b) Can we express this query without using subqueries?
5. What does this query do?

```sql
SELECT instructor
FROM Offering Off1
WHERE NOT EXISTS ( 
    SELECT *
    FROM Offering
    WHERE
        oid <> Off1.oid AND
        instructor = Off1.instructor
);```

6. What does this query do?

```sql
SELECT DISTINCT oid
FROM Took
WHERE EXISTS ( 
    SELECT *
    FROM Took t, Offering o
    WHERE
        t.oid = o.oid AND
        t.oid <> Took.oid AND
        o.dept = 'CSC' AND
        took.sid = t.sid
)
ORDER BY oid;
```

7. Now let’s write some queries! For each course, that is, each department and course number combination, find the instructor who has taught the most offerings of it. If there are ties, include them all. Report the course (eg “csc343”), instructor and the number of offerings of the course by that instructor.

   (a) First, create a view called Counts to hold, for each course, and each instructor who has taught it, their number of offerings.

   (b) Now solve the problem. Do not use any joins. (This will force you to use a subquery.)

8. Use EXISTS to find the surname and email address of students who have never taken a CSC course.

9. Use EXISTS to find every instructor who has given a grade of 100.

10. Let’s say that a course has level “junior” if its cNum is between 100 and 299 inclusive, and has level “senior” if its cNum is between 300 and 499 inclusive. Report the average grade, across all departments and course offerings, for all junior courses and for all senior courses. Report your answer in a table that looks like this:

    | level | levelavg |
    |-------|----------|
    | junior|          |
    | senior|          |

Each average should be an average of the individual student grades, not an average of the course averages.