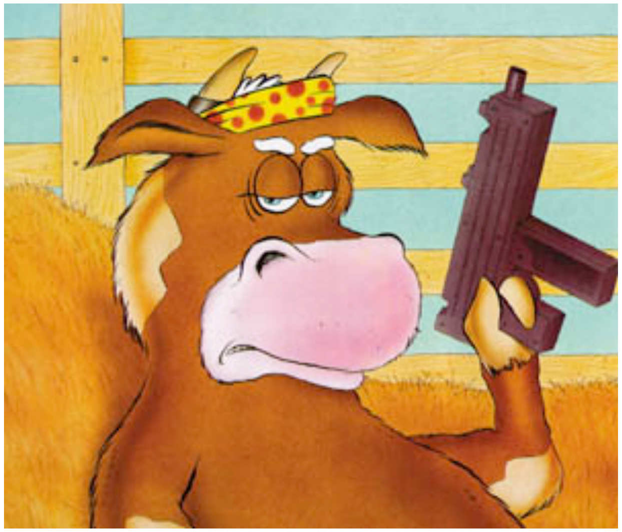
SQL: Queries, Constraints, Triggers Part 2



Chapter 5.5-5.10

Aggregate Operators

- Significant extension of relational algebra.
- Computation and summarization operations
- Result *aggregates* rather than each individually
- E.x. How many Sailor instances in the sailor relation?

```
COUNT (*)
COUNT ( [DISTINCT] A)
SUM ( [DISTINCT] A)
AVG ( [DISTINCT] A)
MAX (A)
MIN (A)
```

single column

```
SELECT  COUNT (*)
FROM  Sailors S
```

More examples

- Average age of Sailors with a rating of 10?

```
SELECT  AVG(S.age)
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.rating=10
```

- Names of all Sailors who have achieved the maximum rating

```
SELECT  S.sname
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.rating=(SELECT  MAX(S2.rating)
                 FROM  Sailors S2)
```

sid	sname	rating	age
22	Dustin	7	45.0
29	Brutus	1	33.0
31	Lubber	8	55.5
32	Andy	8	25.5
58	Rusty	10	35.0
64	Horatio	7	35.0
71	Zorba	10	16.0
74	Horatio	9	35.0
85	Art	3	25.5
95	Bob	3	63.5

More examples (cont)

- How many distinct ratings for Sailors less than 40 years of age?

```
SELECT  COUNT (DISTINCT S.rating)
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE S.age < 40.0
```

- Names of all Sailors who have achieved the maximum rating

```
SELECT  AVG (DISTINCT S.age)
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.rating=10
```

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Find name and age of the oldest sailor(s)

- The first query is illegal! (We'll look into the reason a bit later, when we discuss GROUP BY.)
- The third query is equivalent to the second query, and is allowed in the SQL/92 standard, but is not supported in some systems.

```
SELECT  S.sname, MAX (S.age)
FROM  Sailors S
```

```
SELECT  S.sname, S.age
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.age =
          (SELECT  MAX (S2.age)
           FROM  Sailors S2)
```

```
SELECT  S.sname, S.age
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  (SELECT  MAX (S2.age)
           FROM  Sailors S2)
           = S.age
```

Motivation for Grouping

- So far, we've applied aggregate operators to *all* (qualifying) tuples. Sometimes, we want to apply them to each of several tuple *groups*.
- Consider: *Find the age of the youngest sailor for each rating level.*
  - In general, we don't know how many rating levels exist, and what the rating values for these levels are!
  - Suppose we know that rating values go from 1 to 10; we can write 10 queries that look like this (!):

For i = 1, 2, … , 10:

SELECT MIN (S.age)
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.rating = i

Queries With GROUP BY *and* HAVING

```
SELECT      [DISTINCT]  target-list
FROM        relation-list
WHERE       qualification
GROUP BY    grouping-list
HAVING      group-qualification
```

- The *target-list* contains
  (i) attribute names
  (ii) terms with aggregate operations (e.g., MIN (*S.age*)).
- The attribute list (i) must be a subset of *grouping-list*. Intuitively, each answer tuple corresponds to a *group*, and these attributes must have a single value per group. (A *group* is a set of tuples that have the same value for all attributes in *grouping-list*.)

Conceptual Evaluation

- The cross-product of *relation-list* is computed, tuples that fail *qualification* are discarded, *unnecessary* fields are deleted, and the remaining tuples are partitioned into groups by the value of attributes in *grouping-list*.
- The *group-qualification* is then applied to eliminate some groups. Expressions in *group-qualification* must have a *single value per group*!
  - In effect, an attribute in *group-qualification* that is not an argument of an aggregate op also appears in *grouping-list*. (SQL does not exploit primary key semantics here!)
- One answer tuple is generated per qualifying group.

Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18, for each rating with at least 2 such sailors

```
SELECT  S.rating,  MIN (S.age)
                          AS minage
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.age >= 18
GROUP BY  S.rating
HAVING  COUNT (*) > 1
```

Sailors instance:

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
29	brutus	1	33.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
32	andy	8	25.5
58	rusty	10	35.0
64	horatio	7	35.0
71	zorba	10	16.0
74	horatio	9	35.0
85	art	3	25.5
95	bob	3	63.5
96	frodo	3	25.5

Answer relation:

rating	minage
3	25.5
7	35.0
8	25.5

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rating	age
7	45.0
1	33.0
8	55.5
8	25.5
10	35.0
7	35.0
10	16.0
9	35.0
3	25.5
3	63.5
3	25.5

→

rating	age
1	33.0
3	25.5
3	63.5
3	25.5
7	45.0
7	35.0
8	55.5
8	25.5
9	35.0
10	35.0

→

rating	minage
3	25.5
7	35.0
8	25.5

Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18, for each rating with at least 2 such sailors and with every sailor under 60.

HAVING COUNT (*) > 1 AND EVERY (S.age <=60)

rating	age
7	45.0
1	33.0
8	55.5
8	25.5
10	35.0
7	35.0
10	16.0
9	35.0
3	25.5
3	63.5
3	25.5

rating	age
1	33.0
3	25.5
3	63.5
3	25.5
7	45.0
7	35.0
8	55.5
8	25.5
9	35.0
10	35.0

rating	minage
7	35.0
8	25.5

What is the result of changing EVERY to ANY?

Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18, for each rating with at least 2 sailors between 18 and 60.

```
SELECT  S.rating,  MIN (S.age)
                        AS minage
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.age >= 18 AND S.age <= 60
GROUP BY  S.rating
HAVING  COUNT (*) > 1
```

Sailors instance:

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
29	brutus	1	33.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
32	andy	8	25.5
58	rusty	10	35.0
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Answer relation:

rating	minage
3	25.5
7	35.0
8	25.5

For each red boat, find the number of reservations for this boat

```
SELECT  B.bid,  COUNT (*) AS scount
FROM  Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE  S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid AND B.color='red'
GROUP BY  B.bid
```

- Grouping over a join of three relations.
- What do we get if we remove *B.color='red'* from the WHERE clause and add a HAVING clause with this condition?
- What if we drop Sailors and the condition involving S.sid?

Find age of the youngest sailor with age > 18, for each rating with at least 2 sailors (of any age)

```
SELECT  S.rating,  MIN (S.age)
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.age > 18
GROUP BY  S.rating
HAVING  1  <  (SELECT  COUNT (*)
               FROM  Sailors S2
               WHERE  S.rating=S2.rating)
```

- Shows HAVING clause can also contain a subquery.
- Compare this with the query where we considered only ratings with 2 sailors over 18!
- What if HAVING clause is replaced by:
  - HAVING COUNT(*) >1

Find those ratings for which the average age is the minimum over all ratings

- Aggregate operations cannot be nested! WRONG:

```
SELECT S.rating
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.age = (SELECT MIN (AVG (S2.age)) FROM Sailors S2)
```

- Correct solution (in SQL/92):

```
SELECT Temp.rating, Temp.avgage
FROM (SELECT S.rating, AVG (S.age) AS avgage
          FROM Sailors S
          GROUP BY S.rating) AS Temp
WHERE Temp.avgage = (SELECT MIN (Temp.avgage)
                                  FROM Temp)
```

Null Values

- Field values in a tuple are sometimes *unknown* (e.g., a rating has not been assigned) or *inapplicable* (e.g., no spouse's name).
  - SQL provides a special value *null* for such situations.
- The presence of *null* complicates many issues. E.g.:
  - Special operators needed to check if value is/is not *null*.
  - Is *rating*>*8* true or false when *rating* is equal to *null*? What about AND, OR and NOT connectives?
  - We need a 3-valued logic (true, false and *unknown*).
  - Meaning of constructs must be defined carefully. (e.g., WHERE clause eliminates rows that don't evaluate to true.)
  - New operators (in particular, *outer joins*) possible/needed.

Integrity Constraints (Review)

- An IC describes conditions that every *legal instance* of a relation must satisfy.
  - Inserts/deletes/updates that violate IC's are disallowed.
  - Can be used to ensure application semantics (e.g., *sid* is a key), or prevent inconsistencies (e.g., *sname* has to be a string, *age* must be < 200)
- *Types of IC's*: Domain constraints, primary key constraints, foreign key constraints, general constraints.
  - *Domain constraints*: Field values must be of right type. Always enforced.

General Constraints

- Useful when more general ICs than keys are involved.
- Can use queries to express constraint.
- Constraints can be named.

```
CREATE TABLE  Sailors(
        sid      INTEGER,
        sname    CHAR(10),
        rating   INTEGER,
        age      REAL,
        PRIMARY KEY  (sid),
        CHECK  (rating >= 1
                AND rating <= 10)
```

General Constraints

- Useful when more general ICs than keys are involved.
- Can use queries to express constraint.
- Constraints can be named.

```
CREATE TABLE Reserves(
        sname CHAR(10),
        bid INTEGER,
        day DATE,
        PRIMARY KEY (bid,day),
        CONSTRAINT noInterlakeRes
        CHECK (`Interlake’ <>
                ( SELECT B.bname
                FROM Boats B
                WHERE B.bid=bid)))
```

Constraints Over Multiple Relations

- Awkward and wrong!
- If Sailors is empty, the number of Boats tuples can be anything!
- ASSERTION is the right solution; not associated with either table.

```
CREATE TABLE  Sailors(
        sid  INTEGER,
        sname  CHAR(10),
        rating  INTEGER,
        age  REAL,
        PRIMARY KEY  (sid),
        CHECK
        ( (SELECT COUNT (S.sid) FROM Sailors S)
        + (SELECT COUNT (B.bid) FROM Boats B) < 100 )
```

Number of boats plus number of sailors is < 100

```
CREATE ASSERTION  smallClub
CHECK
( (SELECT COUNT (S.sid) FROM Sailors S)
+ (SELECT COUNT (B.bid) FROM Boats B) < 100 )
```

Triggers

- Trigger: procedure that starts automatically if specified changes occur to the DBMS

- Triggers have three parts:
  - *Event* (activates the trigger)
  - *Condition* (tests whether the triggers should run)
  - *Action* (what happens if the trigger runs)

Triggers: Example

- Suppose there was a rule than no one with a rating less than five can reserve a green boat. The following trigger would enforce this rule:

```
CREATE TRIGGER RatingRuleForGreen
  BEFORE INSERT ON Reserves
  BEGIN
     SELECT RAISE(FAIL, 'Sailor is not qualified')
     WHERE EXISTS (SELECT * FROM Sailors, Boats
                                WHERE sid = new.sid AND rating < 5
                                AND bid = new.bid AND color = 'green');
  END;
```

- Note the special variable "new" for accessing parameters of the original INSERT query

Triggers: Another Example

- Queries of one table can be made to have side-effects in other tables via triggers
- Example "Event Logging"
- We know dates of reservations, but not when they were made. This can be remedied using a trigger as follows:

```
CREATE TRIGGER insertLog AFTER INSERT ON Reserves
BEGIN
   UPDATE log
   SET timeEntered = DATETIME('NOW'),
           sid = new.sid, bid = new.bid, date = new.date
   WHERE rowid = new.rowid;
END;
```

Summary

- SQL was an important factor in the early acceptance of the relational model; more natural than earlier, procedural query languages.
- Relationally complete; in fact, significantly more expressive power than relational algebra.
- Even queries that can be expressed in RA can often be expressed more naturally in SQL.
- Many alternative ways to write a query; optimizer should look for most efficient evaluation plan.
  - In practice, users need to be aware of how queries are optimized and evaluated for best results.

Summary (Contd.)

- NULL for unknown field values brings many complications
- SQL allows specification of rich integrity constraints
- Triggers respond to changes in the database