EECS-317 Data Management and Information Processing

Lecture 5 – OUTER JOINs and CROSS JOINs

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Announcements

• HW2 is due on Monday.

Last Lecture

- Illustrated GROUP BY
- Introduced JOINs
- Default type of JOIN is the **INNER JOIN**
- Combines rows from two tables using a **join predicate**, which usually specifies that two columns must be equal.
- Multiple JOINs can be combined
- Must refer to columns as *table.column*
- Can use AS to give a table an alias for use in the statement
 - Do this when joining a table two or more times, to distinguish each copy of the table.

INNER JOIN review

staff				department			
id	name	room	departmentId		id	name	buildingId
11	Bob	100	1		1	Industrial Eng.	1
20	Betsy	100	2		2	Computer Sci.	2
21	Fran	101	1		4	Chemistry	1
CELECE * EDOM staff JOIN dapantment				1	Physics	4	
ON staff.departmentId=department.id				1	Materials Sci.	5	

In output,

- multiple matches leads to multiple rows.
- no matches leads to no rows

staff <i>.id</i>	staff .name	staff.room	staff. <i>departmentId</i>	department <i>.id</i>	department .name	department.buildingId
11	Bob	100	1	1	Industrial Eng.	1
11	Bob	100	1	1	Physics	4
11	Bob	100	1	1	Materials Sci.	5
20	Betsy	100	2	2	Computer Sci.	2
21	Fran	101	1	1	Industrial Eng.	1
21	Fran	101	1	1	Physics	4
21	Fran	101	1	1	Materials Sci.	5

NATURAL JOIN

- A shorthand notation to make some JOINs shorter to express.
- NATURAL JOIN matches rows using whatever columns have identical names.



Designing your data model NATURAL-ly

- Consistent column naming allows you to use NATURAL JOINs.
- This is a reason to avoid generic column names like "id" or "name"



CROSS JOIN is like the cartesian product of two sets



Cartesian Product of Two Sets.

- Take every element (row) of the first set (table) and combine it with every element of the second set.
- If first set has N elements and second set has M elements, then cartesian product has N·M elements.
- There is no "ON" expression to limit results:
 - SELECT * FROM Orders CROSS JOIN Order_Details;

ON functions exactly like WHERE

These two expressions are actually equivalent:

- SELECT * FROM Orders JOIN Order_Details ON Orders.OrderNumber=Order_details.OrderNumber;
- SELECT * FROM Orders CROSS JOIN Order_Details WHERE Orders.OrderNumber=Order_details.OrderNumber;

- However, using ON may be more efficient because it tells the DBMS to avoid building the full N·M cartesian product, and just match rows according to a rule.
- It's also makes the join easier to think about, by separating the filtering and JOINing predicates.

Different JOINs

- INNER JOIN constructs a table of all pairs of matching rows from two tables.
 - INNER is the default.
 - Useful for *foreign keys* (numeric identifiers)
- However, there are many other ways to JOIN tables if you don't require matching.





• LEFT JOIN includes **all** rows in the first table (*left*-hand side) and just the matching rows in the second table (right-hand side).



LEFT JOIN output

- Like all JOINs, LEFT JOIN prints columns from the left table followed by columns from the right table.
- However, with LEFT JOIN, some rows will have NULL values in the right table columns, meaning that no match was found in the right table.
- When to use LEFT JOIN?
 - To supplement a table with additional information that may be available for some rows, but not available for all the rows.

staff					
id	name	room	departmentId		
11	Bob	100	1		
20	Betsy	100	NULL		
21	Fran	101	1		
22	Frank	102	99999		
35	Sarah	200	5		
40	Sam	10	7		
54	Pat	102	2		

department				
id	name	buildingId		
1	Industrial Eng.	1		
2	Computer Sci.	2		
5	Physics	4		
7	Materials Sci.	5		

- Betsy and Frank have NULLs in the right haft of the output because no matching department was found.
- In other words no pair of rows was found to satisfy the ON staff.departmentId=department.id

SELECT * FROM staff LEFT JOIN department ON staff.departmentId=department.id;

staff <i>.id</i>	staff .name	staff.room	staff. <i>departmentId</i>	department.id	department .name	department. <i>buildingId</i>
11	Bob	100	1	1	Industrial Eng.	1
20	Betsy	100	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
21	Fran	101	1	1	Industrial Eng.	1
22	Frank	102	99999	NULL	NULL	NULL
35	Sarah	200	5	5	Physics	4
40	Sam	10	7	7	Materials Sci.	5
54	Pat	102	2	2	Computer Sci.	2

LEFT JOIN with Grouping

• When computing an *aggregation* on a *many-to-one* relationship, LEFT JOIN includes rows from the parent table with no children.

In ClassScheduling.slite, count the classes taught by each faculty member:

• If you want this report to include faculty members teaching zero classes, you must use LEFT JOIN:

SELECT StaffID, ClassID,

COUNT (ClassID) AS num_classes FROM Faculty **NATURAL LEFT JOIN** Faculty_Classes GROUP BY StaffID;

• Note that "COUNT (*) " would return "1" for faculty members with no classes, because there would still be one unmatched row from the left table.

RIGHT JOIN is symmetrical to LEFT

- Includes all rows from right table and matching rows from left table
- Reordering the tables makes a RIGHT JOIN a LEFT JOIN, so it is not necessary to use the RIGHT JOIN syntax.



LEFT JOIN with exclusion



WHERE B.Key IS NULL

- Includes rows from a table that *must not* match another table.
- Useful for finding rows lacking something.
- Just add a WHERE clause to look for *NULL* values in the right-hand side of the joined table
- For example, to determine which faculty members should be assigned a class:
 - SELECT * FROM Faculty NATURAL LEFT JOIN Faculty Classes WHERE ClassID IS NULL;
- Which classrooms are unused?
 - SELECT * FROM Class Rooms NATURAL LEFT JOIN Classes WHERE ClassID IS NULL;

FULL OUTER JOINs are not available in MySQL or SQLite

• You can *emulate* FULL OUTER JOIN with the UNION of two queries.



SalesOrders.sqlite: List all products and the dates for any orders (of that product).

SELECT Products.ProductNumber, ProductName, OrderDate FROM Products LEFT NATURAL JOIN (Order Details NATURAL JOIN Orders);



Display customers who have no sales rep (employees) in the same ZIP Code.

SELECT * FROM Customers LEFT JOIN Employees ON CustZipCode=EmpZipCode WHERE EmpZipCode IS NULL;



Show me customers who have never ordered a Watch.

First solution uses EXCEPT (introduced later), second solution uses LEFT JOIN with exclusion:

- SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers EXCEPT SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers NATURAL JOIN Orders NATURAL JOIN Order_Details NATURAL JOIN Products WHERE ProductName LIKE "%Watch%" GROUP BY CustomerID;
- SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers LEFT JOIN (SELECT CustomerID AS watch_customer FROM Orders NATURAL JOIN Order_Details NATURAL JOIN Products WHERE ProductName LIKE "%Watch%" GROUP BY CustomerID) ON CustomerID=watch_customer WHERE Watch_customer IS NULL;

Recipes.sqlite: List the number of recipes in each category (RecipeClassID)

SELECT RecipeClassDescription, COUNT(RecipeID) AS RecipeCount FROM Recipe_Classes LEFT NATURAL JOIN Recipes GROUP BY RecipeClassID



Recipes: Print every pair of recipes and the number of ingredients they share in common

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SELECT r1.RecipeTitle, r2.RecipeTitle,
COUNT(i2.IngredientID) AS common_ingredients
FROM
Recipes AS r1 CROSS JOIN Recipes AS r2
JOIN Recipe_Ingredients AS i1 ON r1.RecipeID = i1.RecipeID
LEFT JOIN Recipe_Ingredients AS i2 ON
r2.RecipeID = i2.RecipeID AND i1.IngredientID=i2.IngredientID
GROUP BY r1.RecipeID, r2.RecipeID
HAVING r1.RecipeID < r2.RecipeID
ORDER BY common_ingredients DESC;
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Recap

Introduced different types of JOINs:

- **INNER** (default): prints all pairs of rows (one from first table, one from second table) that satisfy the *JOIN predicate*.
- **LEFT**: same as INNER, but adds rows from LEFT table that never satisfied the JOIN predicate.
- **LEFT with exclusion**: only print rows from left table that never satisfied the JOIN predicate.
- **CROSS JOIN**: print the cartesian project, meaning all rows from the first table combined with all rows from the second table. There is no "ON" to match rows.

