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Topic 1: SQL
L05: SQL intermediate

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CS3200 Database design (fa22)

https://northeastern-datalab.github.io/cs3200/fa22s3/

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Class warm-up

- Last class summary
- Extra office hours with Grishma Alshi: 1-3pm on THU
- groupme.com (2010, 2011 Skype, 2011 MSN)
- Keep notes on feedback, esp. collaboration policy on homeworks

- SQL today: nested queries
- SQL next: Nulls, outer joins, "witnesses" (traditionally students find this topic the conceptually most difficult)

1. Aggregates
2. Groupings
3. Having

From → Where → Group By → Select

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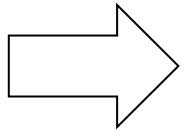

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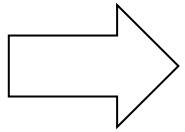

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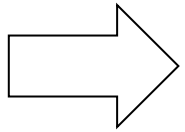

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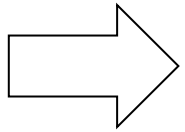

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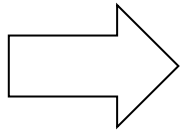

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Interpreted as comment, contrast with "quantity-(-1)"!

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Also contrast with MySQL: MySQL

Standard SQL uses "--" as a start-comment sequence. MySQL Server uses # as the start comment character. MySQL Server also supports a variant of the -- comment style. That is, the -- start-comment sequence must be followed by a space (or by a control character such as a newline). The space is required to prevent problems with automatically generated SQL queries that use constructs such as the following, where we automatically insert the value of the payment for `payment`:

```
UPDATE account SET credit=credit-payment
```

Consider about what happens if `payment` has a negative value such as `-1`:

```
UPDATE account SET credit=credit-(-1)
```

Screenshot from: https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/ansi-diff-comments.html

How to think about a query?
Step-by-step,
with intermediate results

Thinking like SQL

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Company (cName, stockPrice, country)

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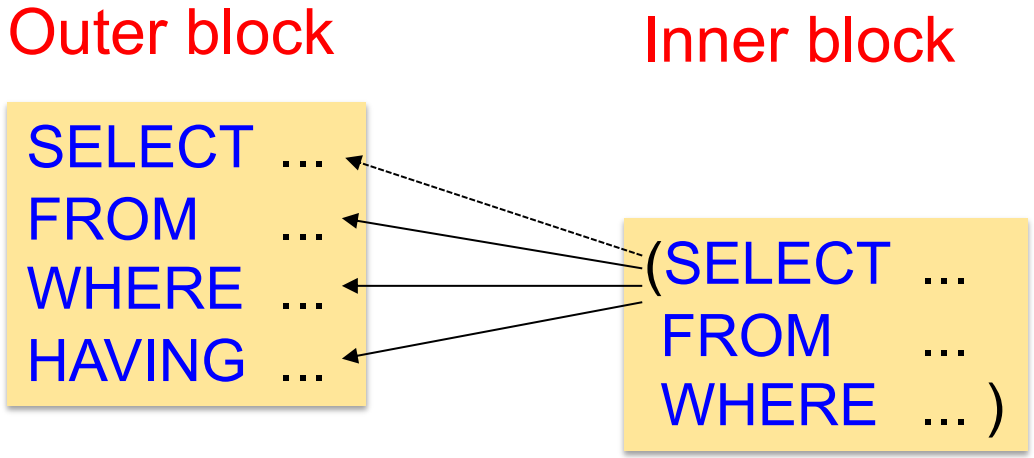
Nested queries (Subqueries)

Subqueries = Nested queries



We focus mainly on nestings in the WHERE and HAVING clauses, which are the most expressive type of nesting.

- We can nest queries because SQL is compositional:
  - Input & Output are represented as relations (multisets)
  - Subqueries also return relations; thus the output of one query can thus be used as the input to another (nesting)
- This is extremely powerful (think in terms of input/output)
- A complication: subqueries can be correlated (not just in-/output)

Subqueries

- A subquery is a SQL query nested inside a larger query
- Such inner-outer queries are called nested queries
- A subquery may occur in a:
  - SELECT clause
  - FROM clause
  - WHERE clause
  - HAVING clause

not recommended

"table subqueries"

- Rule of thumb: avoid writing nested queries when possible; keep in mind that sometimes it's impossible

Subqueries in

SELECT clause (not recommended)

FROM clause

WHERE clause

HAVING clause

Subqueries in SELECT (not recommended)

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Company (cid, cname, stockprice, country)

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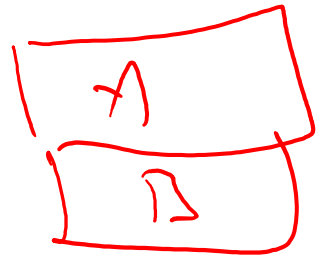

What happens if the subquery returns more than one city ?

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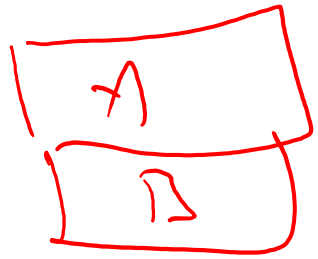

What happens if the subquery returns more than one city ?

Runtime error ☹

→ "Scalar subquery": returns exactly one row with one column. See e.g.:
https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-expressions.html#SQL-SYNTAX-SCALAR-SUBQUERIES

Subqueries in SELECT (not recommended)

Product (<u>pName</u>, price, category, cid)
Company (<u>cid</u>, cname, stockprice, country)

Q: For each product return the city where it is manufactured

```
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                  WHERE   C.cid = P.cid)
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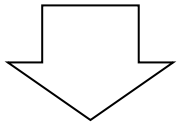

Can you "unnest" the query?

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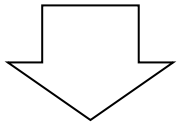
```



"unnesting the query"

```
SELECT  P.pname, C.city
FROM    Product P, Company C
WHERE   C.cid = P.cid
```

Whenever possible,
don't use nested queries

Subqueries in SELECT (not recommended)

Product (<u>pName</u>, price, category, cid)
Company (<u>cid</u>, cname, stockprice, country)

Q: Compute the number of products made by each company

?

Subqueries in SELECT (not recommended)

Product (pName, price, category, cid)
Company (cid, cname, stockprice, country)

Q: Compute the number of products made by each company

```
SELECT  C.cname, ( SELECT count (*)
                   FROM   Product P
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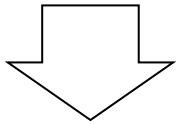
FROM    Company C
```



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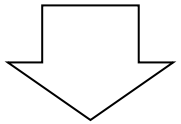


```
SELECT  C.cname, count(*)
FROM    Company C, Product P
WHERE   C.cid=P.cid
GROUP BY C.cname, C.cid
```

- We can unnest by using GROUP BY: that's more elegant ☺
- Notice the "C.cid" in the GROUP BY. Do we need it?

Subqueries in

SELECT clause

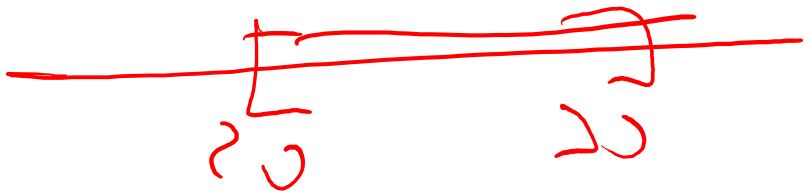
FROM clause

WHERE clause

HAVING clause

(also called "derived tables")

Subqueries in FROM clause



Q: Find all products whose prices are > 20 and < 30!

```
SELECT  X.pname
FROM    ( SELECT *
          FROM   Product as P
          WHERE  price >20 ) as X
WHERE   X.price < 30
```

Product

PName	Price	Category	cid
Gizmo	19.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
Powergizmo	29.99	Gadgets	GizmoWorks
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Subqueries in FROM clause

Composition: Think of a workflow ("data flow"): input / output

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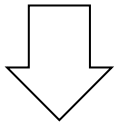

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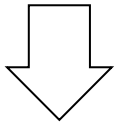

PName
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```
SELECT  X.pname
FROM    X
WHERE   X.price < 30
```

PName
Powergizmo

Subqueries in FROM clause

Product (pname, price, cid)
Company (cid, cname, city)

Q: Find all products whose prices are > 20 and < 30!

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Can you rewrite the query without nestings?

?

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No need to write this query as nested query either ☺

```
SELECT  pname
FROM    Product
WHERE   price > 20 and price < 30
```

Product

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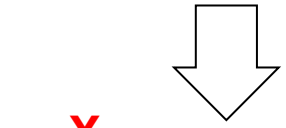

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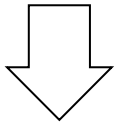

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Subqueries in

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HAVING clause

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Subqueries in FROM clause = Derived tables

Purchase

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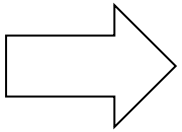

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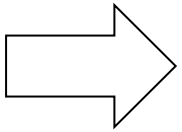

Product	TQ
Bagel	40
Banana	70

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? in SQL

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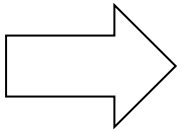

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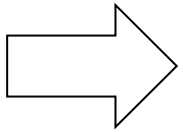

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Q1: For each product, find total quantities (sum of quantities) purchased.

Q2: Find the maximal total quantities purchased across all products [MTQ]

```
SELECT product, SUM(quantity) as TQ
FROM Purchase
GROUP BY   product
```

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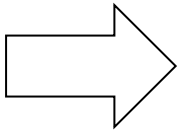

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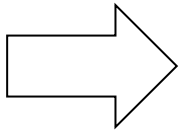

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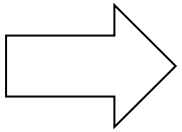

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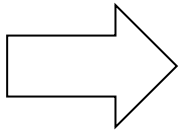

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```
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      FROM Purchase
      GROUP BY product) X
```

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Is the Having Clause really necessary?

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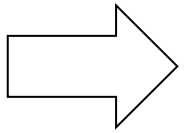

Product	SumQ	MaxP
Banana	?	?
Bagel	?	?

```
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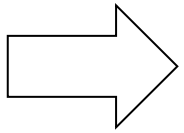

Product	SumQ	MaxP
Banana	70	4
Bagel	40	3

```
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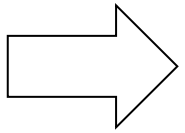

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Bagel	40	3

```
SELECT   product,
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FROM     Purchase
GROUP BY product
HAVING   sum(quantity) > 50
```

?

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Can you rewrite the query without the HAVING clause?

?

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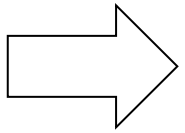

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```

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```
SELECT *
FROM X

WHERE SumQ > 50
```

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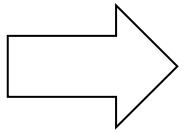

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```
SELECT *
FROM
  ( SELECT    product,
              sum(quantity) as SumQ,
              max(price) as MaxP
    FROM      Purchase
    GROUP BY  product
  ) as X
WHERE SumQ > 50
```

Subqueries in

SELECT clause

FROM clause

WHERE clause (including IN, ANY, ALL)

HAVING clause

Subqueries in WHERE clause


What do these queries return?

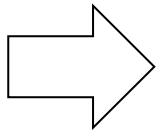
R

a
1
2

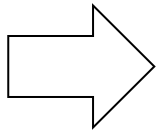
W

a	b
2	0
3	0
4	0

```
SELECT  a
FROM    R
WHERE   a IN
        (SELECT a FROM W)
```

 ?

```
SELECT  a
FROM    R
WHERE   a < ANY
        (SELECT a FROM W)
```

 ?

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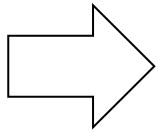 ?

Subqueries in WHERE clause

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1
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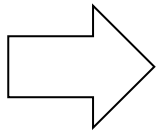

a
2

Since 2 is in the set (bag) (2, 3, 4)

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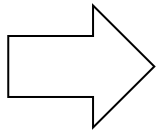
         (SELECT a FROM W)
```



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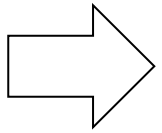
         (SELECT a FROM W)
```



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Subqueries in WHERE clause

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1
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W

a	b
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4	0

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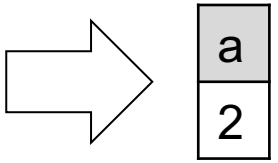

a
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Since 2 is in the set (bag) (2, 3, 4)

```
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FROM     R
WHERE    a < ANY
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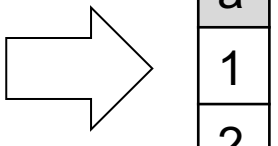
```



a
1
2

Since 1 and 2 are < than at least one ("any") of 2, 3 or 4

```
SELECT   a
FROM     R
WHERE    a < ALL
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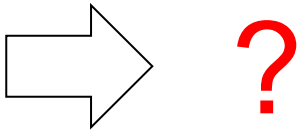
```



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Subqueries in WHERE clause

What do these queries return?

SQLite does not support "ANY" or "ALL" ☹

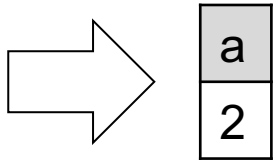
R

a
1
2

W

a	b
2	0
3	0
4	0

```
SELECT  a
FROM    R
WHERE   a IN
        (SELECT a FROM W)
```



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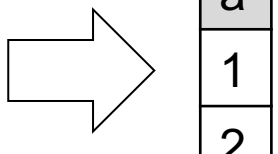

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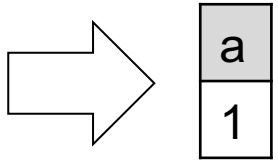

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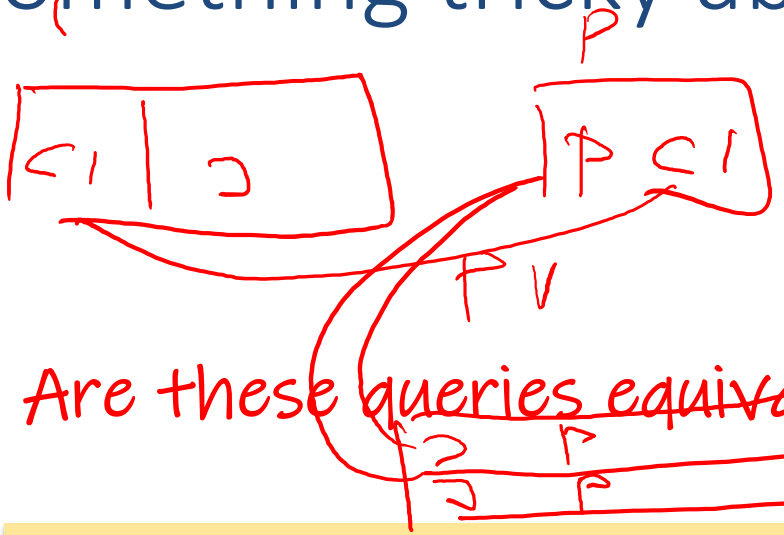
Something tricky about Nested Queries



Are these queries equivalent ?

Product (pName, price, category, manufacturer)
Company (cName, stockPrice, country)
Purchase (pname, buyer, pudate)

```
SELECT C.country
FROM   Company C
WHERE  C.cname  IN (
SELECT P.manufacturer
FROM   Purchase PU, Product P
WHERE  P.pname = PU.pname
  AND  PU.buyer = 'Joe B')
```

```
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FROM   Company C,
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       Purchase PU
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  AND  P.pname = PU.pname
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```

Notice that "equivalent" means give the same results over any database!

Something tricky about Nested Queries

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Beware of duplicates!

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```

Something tricky about Nested Queries

Product (pName, price, category, manufacturer)
Company (cName, stockPrice, country)
Purchase (pname, buyer, pudate)

Are they now equivalent ?

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WHERE  P.pname = PU.pname
  AND  PU.buyer = 'Joe B')
```

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.country
FROM   Company C,
       Product P,
       Purchase PU
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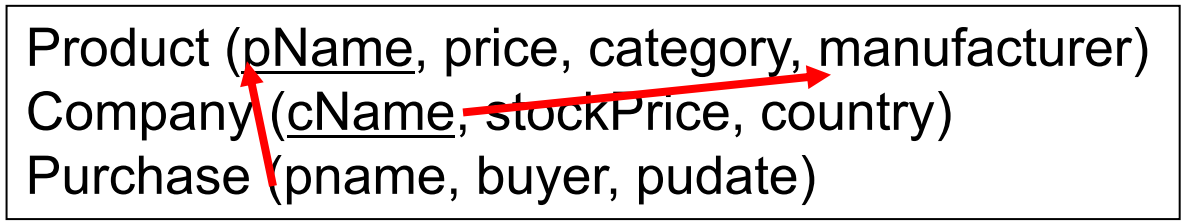

What about now? Are they now equivalent ?

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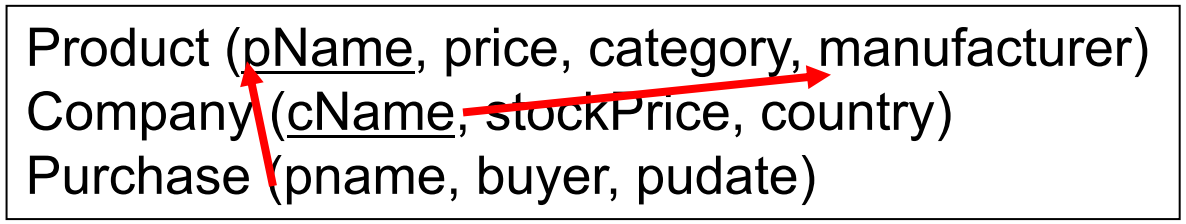

Now they are equivalent:

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Correlated subqueries (in WHERE clause)

Correlated subqueries

- In all previous cases, the nested subquery in the inner select block could be entirely evaluated before processing the outer select block.
  - Recall the "compositional" nature of relational queries (input/output)
  - This is no longer the case for correlated nested queries.
- Whenever a condition in the WHERE clause of a nested query references some column of a table declared in the outer query, the two queries are said to be correlated.
  - The nested query is then evaluated once for each tuple (or combination of tuples) in the outer query (that's the conceptual evaluation strategy)

Correlated subquery (existential ∃)

Product

PName	Price	Category	cid
Gizmo	$19.99	Gadgets	1
Powergizmo	$29.99	Gadgets	1
SingleTouch	$14.99	Photography	2
MultiTouch	$203.99	Household	3

Company

cid	CName	StockPrice	Country
1	GizmoWorks	25	USA
2	Canon	65	Japan
3	Hitachi	15	Japan

slightly different product database!

Q_1: Find all companies that make some product(s) with price < 25

Using IN: Set / Bag membership

```
SELECT  DISTINCT C.cname
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Is this a correlated nested query ?

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```

Not a correlated nested query!

```
SELECT  DISTINCT C.cname
FROM    Company C
WHERE   C.cid IN ( 1, 2 )
```

Inner query does not reference outer query! You could first evaluate the inner query by itself.

Correlated subquery (existential ∃)

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Using EXISTS: TRUE if the subquery's result is NOT empty

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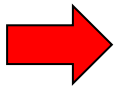

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```

This is a correlated nested query! Notice the additional join condition referencing a relation from the outer query.

Recall our conceptual evaluation strategy!

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Q_1: Find all companies that make some product(s) with price < 25

Using ANY (also SOME): again set / bag comparison

```
SELECT  DISTINCT C.cname
FROM    Company C
WHERE   25 > ANY ( SELECT  price
                   FROM    Product P
                   WHERE   P.cid = C.cid)
```

But do we really need to write this query as nested query

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SQLite does not support "ANY" ☹

Correlated subquery (existential ∃)

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Q_1: Find all companies that make some product(s) with price < 25

```
SELECT  DISTINCT C.cname
FROM    Company C, Product P
WHERE   C.cid = P.cid
and     P.price < 25
```

We did not need to write nested queries; we can "unnest" it!

Existential quantifiers are easy ☺

Correlated subquery (universal ∀)

Product

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~~Q_1: Find all companies that make some product(s) with price < 25~~

Q_2: Find all companies that make only products with price < 25

≡ Q_2: Find all companies for which all products have price < 25

≡ Q_2: Find all companies that do not have any product with price >= 25

Universal quantifiers are more complicated ! ☹
(Think about the companies that should not be returned)

All three formulations are equivalent: a company with no product will be returned!

Correlated subquery (universal ∀ = not exists ∄)

Q_2: Find all companies that make only products with price < 25

Step 1: Q_2': Find the other companies that make some product(s) with price ≥ 25

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname
FROM   Company C
WHERE  C.cid IN      ( SELECT P.cid
                       FROM   Product P
                       WHERE  P.price >= 25)
```

First think about the companies that should not be returned!

Step 2: Q_2: Find all companies that make no products with price ≥ 25

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname
FROM   Company C
WHERE  C.cid NOT IN ( SELECT P.cid
                      FROM   Product P
                      WHERE  P.price >= 25)
```

Correlated subquery (universal ∀ = not exists ∄)

Q_2: Find all companies that make only products with price < 25

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```
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                     FROM   Product P
                     WHERE  C.cid = P.cid
                     and    P.price >= 25)
```

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Step 2: Q_2: Find all companies that make no products with price ≥ 25

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname
FROM   Company C
WHERE  NOT EXISTS ( SELECT *
                    FROM   Product P
                    WHERE  C.cid = P.cid
                    and    P.price >= 25)
```

Correlated subquery (universal ∀ = not exists ∄)

Q_2: Find all companies that make only products with price < 25

Step 1: Q_2': Find the other companies that make some product(s) with price ≥ 25

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname
FROM   Company C
WHERE  25 <= ANY    ( SELECT  P.price
                      FROM    Product P
                      WHERE   C.cid = P.cid)
```

First think about the companies that should not be returned!

Step 2: Q_2: Find all companies that make no products with price ≥ 25

```
SELECT DISTINCT C.cname
FROM   Company C
WHERE  25 > ALL     ( SELECT  P.price
                      FROM    Product P
                      WHERE   C.cid = P.cid)
```

A natural question

Q_2: Find all companies that make only products with price < 25

- How can we unnest (no GROUP BY) the universal quantifier query ?

```
SELECT ...
FROM   ...
WHERE  ...
```

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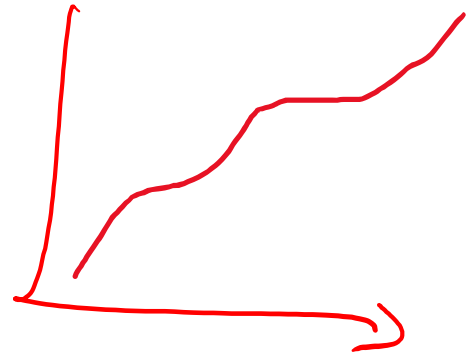
Queries that must be nested



1. Definition: A query Q is monotone if:
   - Whenever we add tuples to one or more of the tables…
   - … the answer to the query cannot contain fewer tuples
2. Fact: all unnested queries are monotone
   - Proof: using the "nested for loops" semantics
3. Fact: Query with universal quantifier is not monotone
   - Add one tuple violating the condition. Then "all" returns fewer tuples
4. Consequence: we cannot unnest a query with a universal quantifier

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Frequents(person, bar)
Serves(bar, drink)

Challenge: write these in SQL.

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Tip: SQL based on First-Order Logic (FOL)

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