Chapter 10 Advanced topics in relational databases

- Security and user authorization in SQL
- Recursion in SQL
- Object-relational model
- 1. User-defined types in SQL
- 2. Operations on object-relational data
- Online analytic processing & data cubes

Examples

EDB: Par(c,p) = p is a parent of c.
 Query1: Who is the parent of Sally?
 Select p from Par where c=`Sally';
 Query2: find Sally's brothers or sisters ?

Select p2.c From Par P1,Par P2 Where P1.c=`Sally' and P1.p=P2.p and P2.c <>'Sally';

Question?

 Query3: We want to find generalized cousins: people with common ancestors one or more generations back.

- Find Sally's generalized cousins?
- Find Sally's ancestors?
- How ?

Solutions: Recursive

Base query

query

How to Evaluate?

- We'll proceed in rounds to infer Sib facts (red) and Cousin facts (green).
- Remember the rules:
- Sib(x,y) <- Par(x,p) AND Par(y,p) AND x<>y Cousin(x,y) <- Sib(x,y)
- Cousin(x,y) <- Par(x,xp) AND Par(y,yp) AND Cousin(xp,yp)
- Value used : Round (i) \leftarrow round (i-1)
- At the beginning, sib(x,y) and cousin(x,y) are empty.



SQL-99 Recursion

- Datalog recursion has inspired the addition of recursion to the SQL-99 standard.
- IBM DB2 does implement the SQL-99 proposal.

Form of SQL Recursive Queries WITH [RECURSIVE] R1 AS <Definition of R1> [RECURSIVE] R2 AS <Definition of R2>

<a SQL query about EDB,R1,R2,...>

R1,R2: temporary relations, they are not available outside the query

Example: SQL Recursion – (1)

- Find Sally's cousins, using SQL like the recursive Datalog example.
- Par(child,parent) is the EDB.
- WITH Sib(x,y) AS

SELECT p1.child, p2.child

FROM Par p1, Par p2

WHERE p1.parent = p2.parent AND

p1.child <> p2.child;

Like Sib(x,y) <-Par(x,p) AND Par(y,p) AND x <> y



Example: SQL Recursion – (3)

With those definitions, the query to Cousin(x,y):

SELECT y
FROM Cousin
WHERE x = 'Sally';

Legal SQL Recursion

- It is possible to define SQL recursions that do not have a meaning.
- The SQL standard restricts recursion so there is a meaning.

Non-linear Recursive

WITH [RECURSIVE] R1 AS < Definition of R1> [RECURSIVE] R2 AS < Definition of R2>

Include

more R1

once

instead of

<a SQL query about EDB,R1,R2,...>

Non-linear Recursive (example)

- ParentOf(parent,child)
- With recursive
- Ancestor(a,d) as (select parent as a,child as d from ParentOf

Union

Select A1.a,A2.d from Ancestor a1,Ancestor a2 where a1.d=a2.a)

Select a from Ancestor where d='Sally' ;

Mutual Recursive

WITH

Include R2

[RECURSIVE] R1 AS <Definition of R1> [RECURSIVE] R2 AS <Definition of R2>

<a SQL query about EDB,R1,R2,...?

Include R1

Recursive with aggregation

With Recursive P(x) As
 (select * from R) union
 (select * from Q),
With Recursive Q(x) As
 select sum(x) from P

R is an EDB, consists of tuple 12 and 34

P(x),Q(x) are empty.

Select * from P;

Recursive with aggregation (cont.)

Round	Ρ	Q
1	{(12),(34) }	{null}
2	{(12),(34),(null) }	{(46)}
3	{(12),(34),(46)}	{(46)}
4	{(12),(34),(46)}	{(92)}
5	{(12),(34),(92)}	{(138)}

Problem: Iterative calculation for aggregation, no meaningful solution.

Legal SQL recursion

Linear recursion

- Mutual recursion with monotone.
- A use of P is monotone if adding an arbitrary tuple to P might add one or more tuples to Q, or it might leave Q unchanged, but it can never cause any tuple to be deleted from Q.

Illegal SQL: non-monotone

With Recursive P(x) As
 (select * from R) union
 (select * from Q),
With Recursive Q(x) As
 select sum(x) from P

Add tuples to P may delete tuples in Q

Classroom Exercises (1) write a linear recursive SQL to find the ancestor of Sally

- ParentOf(parent,child)
- With recursive
- Ancestor(a,d) as (select parent as a,child as d from ParentOf

Union

- Select A1.a,A2.d from Ancestor a1,Ancestor a2 where a1.d=a2.a)
- Select a from Ancestor where d='Sally' ;

Solution:

With recursive

Ancestor(a,d) as (select parent as a, child as d from Parentof

Union

Select ancestor.a, parentOf.child as d

From Ancestor, parentOf

Where ancestor.d=parentOf.parent)

Select a from Ancestor where d=`Sally";

Classroom Exercise (2)

create table Employee(ID int, salary int); create table Manager(mID int, eID int); create table Project(name text, mgrID int);

Find total salary cost of project 'X'



Solution 2:

Employee(ID , salary) Manager(mID, eID) Project(name,mgrID)

with recursive

Xemps(ID) as (select mgrID as ID from Project where name = 'X'union select eID as ID from Manager M, Xemps X where M.mID = X.ID) select sum(salary) from **Employee** where ID in (select ID from **Xemps**);

Summary

 SQL recursive query → for some application, it is very useful and powerful.