

Sound and Efficient Language-Integrated Query

Maintaining the ORDER

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“A ”table” (and subquery in the `FROM` clause too) is – according to the SQL standard – an unordered set of rows.... That’s why the optimizer can ignore the `ORDER BY` clause that you have specified. In fact, SQL standard does not even allow the `ORDER BY` clause to appear in this subquery (we allow it, because `ORDER BY...LIMIT` changes the result, the set of rows, not only their order).”

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“However the same type of query when run in Postgres (9) and Oracle return results - with the order as defined in the subquery. In Postgres the query plan shows the results are sorted and the Postgres release notes include the item which implies subquery orders are used...”

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Modularity, Reuse, Compositionality

Nested Relational Calculus

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SELECT E.* FROM employee **as** E WHERE E.wage > 20

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```
module Qe (S:SYM_SCHEMA) = struct open S  
  let res = fun wage_thr →  
    foreach (table t_employee) @@ fun e →  
      where (wage e > wage_thr ) @@ fun () →  
        yield e  
end
```

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  where e.deptID = d.deptID yield <name=e.name, dep=d.name, wage=e.wage>
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    foreach emp @@ fun e →  
      foreach (table t_department) @@ fun d →  
        where (deptID e = deptID d) @@ fun () →  
          yield (emp_report (name e) (name d) (wage e))  
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      (SELECT E.* FROM employee as E WHERE E.wage > 20) E
WHERE D.deptID=E.deptID
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Motivation 2

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Ranking Challenges

Distributivity laws of UNION ALL

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1 \uplus e_2) e &\equiv (\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) e) \uplus (\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_2) e) \\ \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e) e_1 \uplus e_2 &\equiv (\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e) e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e) e_2) \\ \mathbf{where} e e_1 \uplus e_2 &\equiv (\mathbf{where} e e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{where} e e_2) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{ordering_wage}(\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1 \uplus e_2) e) &\not\equiv \\ (\mathbf{ordering_wage}(\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) e)) \uplus &(\mathbf{ordering_wage}(\mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_2) e)) \end{aligned}$$

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SQR, formally

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There are no λ

Type System

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{employee: } \langle \text{name:string, deptID:int, wage:int} \rangle \text{tbl}} \text{Const}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e: t \text{tbl}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{table } e : t \text{ bag}^{\phi}} \text{Table}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \uplus e_2: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}} \text{UnionAll}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1: t_1 \text{ bag}^{\phi} \quad \Gamma, x:t_1 \vdash e_2: t_2 \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) e_2: t_2 \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}} \text{For}$$

Denotational Semantics: Types

$$\mathcal{T}[\text{int}] = \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mathcal{T}[\text{bool}] = \{T, F\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}[\langle l_1:\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, l_n:\mathbf{b}_n \rangle] = l_1:\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{b}_1] \times \dots \times l_n:\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{b}_n]$$

$$\mathcal{T}[\text{t tbl}] = \{\{\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{t}]\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}[\text{t bag}] = \{\{\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{t}]\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{x}_1:\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n:\mathbf{t}_n] = \mathbf{x}_1:\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{t}_1] \times \dots \times \mathbf{x}_n:\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{t}_n]$$

The very standard and conventional multiset semantics

Denotational Semantics: Values

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash c: s] \rho \quad \in \quad \mathcal{T}[s]$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \text{bag_empty}: t \text{ bag}] \rho \quad = \quad \{\{\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash x: t] \rho \quad = \quad \rho.x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2: \text{int}] \rho &= \\ &\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1: \text{int}] \rho + \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_2: \text{int}] \rho \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1 \uplus e_2: t \text{ bag}] \rho = \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1: t \text{ bag}] \rho \cup \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_2: t \text{ bag}] \rho$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{yield} \ e: t \text{ bag}] \rho = \{ \{ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e: t] \rho \} \}$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{where} \ e_1 \ e: t \text{ bag}] \rho = \mathbf{if} \ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1: \text{bool}] \rho \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e: t \text{ bag}] \rho \ \mathbf{else} \ \{ \{ \} \}$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) \ e: t \text{ bag}] \rho = \bigcup \{ \{ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma, x: t_1 \vdash e: t \text{ bag}] (\rho \times x: x') \mid x' \leftarrow \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1: t_1 \text{ bag}] \rho \} \}$$

for($x \leftarrow e_1$) e is truly a bag (multiset) comprehension

Application: Distributivity Laws

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Application: NBE

Normalization by Rewriting

- ▶ Syntactic: term re-writing
- ▶ Non-deterministic
- ▶ Need to assure (prove) confluence and termination
- ▶ Normal form emerges as the result
(hope it is translatable to SQL)

Normalization by Evaluation

- ▶ Normal form is designed first, to be translatable to SQL
- ▶ Semantic: non-standard evaluation
- ▶ Deterministic and terminating

NBE

$\mathcal{T}^n[\text{int}]$	$= \mathbb{N} \oplus \mathbb{E}_{\text{int}}$
$\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash 0: \text{int}] \rho$	$= 0$
$\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2: \text{int}] \rho$	$= \text{add } (\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e_1: \text{int}] \rho) (\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e_2: \text{int}] \rho)$
$\text{add } 0 \ x$	$= x$
$\text{add } x \ 0$	$= x$
$\text{add } n \ m$	$= n + m \quad n, m \in \mathbb{N}$
$\text{add } x \ y$	$= \text{inr } (\mathcal{I}[x] + \mathcal{I}[y])$
$\mathcal{I}[-]:$	$\mathcal{T}^n[s] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_s$
$\mathcal{I}[0]$	$= 0$
$\mathcal{I}[\text{inr } e]$	$= e$

In **for** ($x \leftarrow$ table t_1) **yield** $1+2+x$, $\mathcal{E}^n[1+2+x]$ is *inr* ($3+x$)

NBE: Bags

$$\mathcal{T}^n[\text{t bag}] = \{ \{ \text{fors}(x \leftarrow \mathbb{M} \dots) \text{ whr } \mathcal{T}^n[\text{bool}] \text{ yld } \mathcal{T}^n[\text{t}] \} \}$$

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$$\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash \text{table } m: t \ \text{bag}] \ \rho \quad = \\ \{\{ \text{fors } (u \leftarrow m) \ \text{whr } T \ \text{yld } u \}\} \text{ and } u \text{ is fresh}$$

$$\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{where} \ e_1 \ e: t \ \text{bag}] \ \rho \quad = \\ \text{where}' \ (\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e_1: \text{bool}] \rho) \ (\mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e: t \ \text{bag}] \rho) \ \text{where} \\ \text{where}' \ T \ xs \quad = \ xs \\ \text{where}' \ F \ xs \quad = \ \{\{\}\} \\ \text{where}' \ t \ xs \quad = \\ \{\{ \text{fors } (x \leftarrow m \dots) \ \text{whr } w \wedge t \ \text{yld } y \\ \quad | \ \text{fors } (x \leftarrow m \dots) \ \text{whr } w \ \text{yld } y \leftarrow xs \}\}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) e: t \text{ bag}] \rho &= \\ \{ \{ \mathbf{fors}(x' \leftarrow m', \dots, x'' \leftarrow m'', \dots) \mathbf{whr} w' \wedge w'' \mathbf{yld} y'' \mid & \\ \mathbf{fors}(x' \leftarrow m' \dots) \mathbf{whr} w' \mathbf{yld} y' \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma \vdash e_1: t_1 \text{ bag}] \rho, & \\ \mathbf{fors}(x'' \leftarrow m'' \dots) \mathbf{whr} w'' \mathbf{yld} y'' \leftarrow & \\ \mathcal{E}^n[\Gamma, x: t_1 \vdash e: t \text{ bag}](\rho \times x: y') \} \} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{I}[\{\{\}\}] = \text{bag_empty}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}[xs] &= \\ \uplus \{ \{ \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow \text{table } m) \dots \mathbf{where} \mathcal{I}[w] \mathbf{yield} \mathcal{I}[y] \mid & \\ \mathbf{fors}(x \leftarrow m \dots) \mathbf{whr} w \mathbf{yld} y \leftarrow xs \} \} & \\ \text{(the } \mathbf{where} \text{ clause is omitted if } w \text{ is } T) & \end{aligned}$$

Query Normalization

query:

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$\mathcal{E}^n \vdash \text{query} : \langle \text{name,dep,wage} \rangle \text{ bag }]:$

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{ { fors(e←employee d←department)
  whr (e.deptID = d.deptID && e.wage>20)
  yld <name=e.name, dep=d.name, wage=e.wage>
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Formal Properties

Theorem (Type Preservation)

For all $\Gamma \vdash e:s$ and $\rho \in \mathcal{T}^n[\Gamma]$, it holds $\Gamma' \vdash \mathcal{I}[\mathcal{E}^n[e]\rho]$, where Γ' lists the variables in the domain of ρ and their types.

Theorem (Soundness of NBE)

For all SQR expressions $\Gamma \vdash e:s$, and environments ρ and ρ' of appropriate types, $\mathcal{E}[\mathcal{I}[\mathcal{E}^n[e]\rho]]\rho'$ is equal to $\mathcal{E}[e](\mathcal{E}[\mathcal{I}[\rho]]\rho')$.

Normalization, Formally

Definition (Normal form)

We call $\mathcal{I}[\mathcal{E}^n[e]\langle\rangle]$ the normal form $\mathcal{N}[e]$ of a closed term e

Theorem (Correctness of normal form)

If e is a closed term of the type s , then

- (a) $\mathcal{N}[e]$ exists
- (b) $\vdash \mathcal{N}[e]:s$
- (c) $\mathcal{N}[\mathcal{N}[e]] = \mathcal{N}[e]$
- (d) $\mathcal{E}[e] = \mathcal{E}[\mathcal{N}[e]]$

SQL Translation

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for (e ← table employee) where e.wage > 20  
  limit (3,1) ordering_wage e.wage yield e
```

```
SELECT E.* FROM employee as E  
WHERE E.wage > 20 ORDER BY E.wage  
LIMIT 3 OFFSET 1
```

SQR with ranking

Ordering Effects $o:[\text{olabel}, \dots], l:(n,m)$

Ordering Labels $owage, \dots$

Expressions $e ::= \mathbf{ordering_wage} \ e_1 \ e \mid \mathbf{limit} \ (n,m) \ e$
 $\mid \mathbf{let} \ \text{table } x = e \ \mathbf{in} \ e$

SQR with ranking: Types

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e : t \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \quad \epsilon \subseteq \{\text{o}:[\text{lb}, \dots]\}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{ordering_wage} \ e_1 \ e : t \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \{\text{o}:[\text{owage}, \text{lb}, \dots]\}} \text{Ordering}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \quad \epsilon = \{\text{o}:[\text{lb}, \dots]\}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{limit} \ (n, m) \ e : t \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}} (\epsilon \cup \{\text{l}:(n, m)\})} \text{Limit}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : t_1 \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}_1} \quad \epsilon_1 \subseteq \{\text{o}:[\text{lb}, \dots]\} \quad \Gamma, x:t_1 \vdash e_2 : t_2 \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) \ e_2 : t_2 \text{ bag}^{\hat{\epsilon}}} \text{For}$$

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Denotation of Ranking

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}[t \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \phi] &= \{ \{ \mathcal{T}[t] \} \} \\ \mathcal{T}[t \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \{o:[lb, \dots]\}] &= \{ \{ \mathcal{T}[t] \times o:(\mathbb{N} \times \dots) \} \} \\ \mathcal{T}[t \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \{o:[lb, \dots], l:(n, m)\}] &= \\ &\{ \{ \mathcal{T}[t] \times o:(\mathbb{N} \times \dots) \times l:(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \} \} \\ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{for}(x \leftarrow e_1) e: t \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon] \rho &= \\ \bigcup \{ \{ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma, x:t_1 \vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon] (\rho \times x : x') \mid & \\ x' \times o _ \leftarrow \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e_1: t_1 \text{ bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon'] \rho \} \} &\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{ordering_lb} \ e_1 \ e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon] \ \rho \quad = \\ \{ \{ x \times o:[\mathcal{E}[e_1]\rho, lb', \dots] \mid \\ x \times o:[lb', \dots] \leftarrow \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon_1]\rho \} \} \\ \text{where } \epsilon_1 = \{o:[lb', \dots]\} \text{ and } \epsilon = \{o:[lb, lb', \dots]\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{limit} \ (n,m) \ e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \{\epsilon \cup l:(n,m)\}] \ \rho \quad = \\ \{ \{ x \times l:(n,m) \mid x \leftarrow \mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon]\rho \} \}$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let} \ \text{table } y=e_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon] \ \rho \quad = \\ \mathcal{E}[\Gamma, y:t_1 \ \text{tbl} \vdash e: t \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon] \ (\rho \times y:\mathcal{M}[\vdash e_1: t_1 \ \mathit{bag}^{\wedge} \epsilon_1])$$

Denotation of Ranking

$$\mathcal{M}[\vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}] \in \{ \text{sequence}[\mathcal{T}[t]] \}$$

$$\mathcal{M}[\vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\phi}] = \mathcal{E}[\vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\phi}] \langle \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}[\vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}] = \\ \text{subrange}(n,m) \circ \text{sort keys} \\ \{ \{ x \mid x \times \text{o:keys} \times \text{l}:(n,m) \leftarrow \mathcal{E}[\vdash e: t \text{ bag}^{\epsilon}] \langle \rangle \} \} \end{aligned}$$

(no subranging if the l annotation is absent)

Application: Distributivity Laws

UNION ALL is associative and symmetric

Furthermore,

Theorem (Distributive Equational Laws of UNION ALL)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e_1 \uplus e_2) e &\equiv (\mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e_1) e) \uplus (\mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e_2) e) \\ \mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e) e_1 \uplus e_2 &\equiv (\mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e) e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{for} (x \leftarrow e) e_2) \\ \mathbf{where} e e_1 \uplus e_2 &\equiv (\mathbf{where} e e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{where} e e_2) \\ \mathbf{ordering_lb} e (e_1 \uplus e_2) &\equiv (\mathbf{ordering_lb} e e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{ordering_lb} e e_2) \\ \mathbf{limit} (n,m) (e_1 \uplus e_2) &\equiv (\mathbf{limit} (n,m) e_1) \uplus (\mathbf{limit} (n,m) e_2) \end{aligned}$$

Sample Normalization

```
for (e ←  
  for(e ← table employee) where e.wage>20  
    ordering_wage e.wage yield e)  
for (d ← table department)  
where e.deptID = d.deptID ordering_dept d.deptID  
yield <name=e.name, dep=d.name, wage=e.wage>
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ordering_dept d.deptID  
yield <name=e.name, dep=d.name, wage=e.wage>
```

```
SELECT E.name, D.name, E.wage  
FROM employee as E, department as D  
WHERE E.deptID = D.deptID AND E.wage > 20  
ORDER BY D.deptID
```

Sample Normalization

```
let table t =  
  for(e ← table employee) where e.wage>20  
    limit (3,1) ordering_wage e.wage yield e  
in  
for (e ← table t) for (d ← table department)  
where e.deptID = d.deptID ordering_dept d.deptID  
yield <name=e.name, dep=d.name, wage=e.wage>
```

```
WITH t8 AS (SELECT E.* FROM employee as E  
            WHERE E.wage > 20 ORDER BY E.wage LIMIT 3 OFFSET 1)  
SELECT t9.name, t7.name, t9.wage FROM department AS t7, t8 AS t9  
WHERE t9.deptID = t7.deptID ORDER BY t7.deptID
```

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The first compositional, denotational treatment of **ORDER BY** and **LIMIT . . . OFFSET**

application for optimizing composed queries to yield efficient and *portable* SQL

- ▶ new calculus **SQUR** with ranking, the sound type system and denotational semantics
- ▶ Equational laws
UNION ALL is still distributive and symmetric, even with ranking
- ▶ Normalization-by-evaluation
- ▶ Ranking as an effect

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