

Relational Algebra Exercises

Save this sheet and bring it to class for the next week or more. We will refer back to it frequently.

Schema

Note: “breadth” is a boolean indicating whether or not a course satisfies the breadth requirement for degrees in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Student(sID, surName, firstName, campus, email, cgpa)

Course(dept, cNum, name, breadth)

Offering(oID, dept, cNum, term, instructor)

Took(sID, oID, grade)

Offering[dept, cNum] \subseteq Course[dept, cNum]

Took[sID] \subseteq Student[sID]

Took[oID] \subseteq Offering[oID]

Queries

Write a query for each of the following:

basics

1. Student number of all students who have taken csc343.
2. Student number of all students who have taken csc343 and earned an A+ in it.
3. The names of all such students.

Course.breadth Offering.instructor

select iterate over rows based on a condition, this condition cannot be mutually exclusive, <50 and >80

4. The names of all students who have passed a breadth course with Professor Picky.
5. sID of all students who have earned some grade over 80 and some grade below 50.
6. Terms when Cook and Pitassi were both teaching something.
7. Terms when either of them was teaching csc463.
8. sID of students who have earned a grade of 85 or more, or who have passed a course taught by Atwood.
9. Terms when csc369 was not offered.

use set operations

10. Department and course number of courses that have never been offered.

11. SIDs and surnames of all pairs of students who've taken a course together.

again, by scanning one row, we can only be sure of student whose grade is lower (implies not MAX)/higher (implies not MIN)

12. sID of student(s) with the highest grade in csc343, in term 20099.
13. sID of students who have a grade of 100 at least twice.
14. sID of students who have a grade of 100 exactly twice.
15. sID of students who have a grade of 100 at most twice.

at least k -> make all combos of k different tuple satisfying condition

exactly k -> (>= k) - (>= k+1)

Every!,

1. make all combo that should have occur

2. subtract with those that did occur (in orig table) to find the “didn't always (not every)”

3. subtract the failures from all

16. Department and cNum of all courses that have been taught in every term when csc448 was taught.

17. Name of all students who have taken, at some point, every course Gries has taught (but not necessarily taken them from Gries).

Integrity Constraints

Use the notation

$\langle \text{relational algebra expression} \rangle = \emptyset$

to write an integrity constraint for each of the following.

1. Courses at the 400-level cannot count for breadth.
2. CSC490 can only be offered at the same time as CSC454.