

EXERCISE

Given the following relational schema:

PROVIDES(Name P, Product, Price)

ORDER(Order#, Date, Customer#)

INFO_ORD(Order#, Product, Quantity)

CUSTOMER(Customer#, Name, City)

where key attributes have been underlined:
answer the questions.

- a) Can a provider provide more than one product?
- b) Can a given product be sold at different prices?
- c) Can two different orders with same number exist?
- d) Can a given product appear in two different orders?
- e) Express the following queries in relational algebra:
 - 1. Find the names of customers from Dublin that ordered Brie in 1999;
 - 2. Find the names of customers from Dublin that ordered both Brie and Parmesan Cheese in 1999;
 - 3. Find the names of customers that have ordered only Brie (i.e. all orders containing such customers contain Brie as product);

SOLUTIONS

- a) Yes
- b) Yes, but by different providers
- c) No
- d) Yes

$$e.1) \pi_{Name}(\sigma_F (CUSTOMER \bowtie ORDER \bowtie INFO_ORD))$$

where:

$F = \text{Date} < 01/01/2000 \text{ AND Date} > 31/12/1998 \text{ AND}$
 $\text{City} = \text{'Dublin'} \text{ AND Product} = \text{'Brie'}$

$$e.2) R = \pi_{Name, Customer\#} (\sigma_F (CUSTOMER \bowtie ORDER \bowtie INFO_ORD))$$

where:

$F = (\text{Date} < 01/01/2000 \text{ AND Date} > 31/12/1998) \text{ AND}$
 $\text{City} = \text{'Dublin'} \text{ AND Product} = \text{'Brie'}$

$$R_1 = \pi_{Name, Customer\#} (\sigma_{F1} (CUSTOMER \bowtie ORDER \bowtie INFO_ORD))$$

where:

$F1 = \text{Date} < 01/01/2000 \text{ AND Date} > 31/12/1998 \text{ AND}$
 $\text{City} = \text{'Dublin'} \text{ AND Product} = \text{'Parmesan'}$

Final result is $\pi_{Name} (R \cap R_1)$

e.3)

$R = \pi_{\text{Name, Customer\#}} (\sigma_{\text{Product} = \text{'Brie'}} \text{CUSTOMER} \bowtie \text{ORDER} \bowtie \text{INFO_ORD})$

$R_1 = \pi_{\text{Name, Customer\#}} (\sigma_{\text{Product} \neq \text{'Brie'}} \text{CUSTOMER} \bowtie \text{ORDER} \bowtie \text{INFO_ORD})$

Final result is $\pi_{\text{Name}} (R - R_1)$