

Symbol	Symbol Name	Meaning / definition	Example
$\{ \}$	set	a collection of elements	$A = \{3,7,9,14\}$, $B = \{9,14,28\}$
$A \cap B$	intersection	objects that belong to set A and set B	$A \cap B = \{9,14\}$
$A \cup B$	union	objects that belong to set A or set B	$A \cup B = \{3,7,9,14,28\}$
$A \subseteq B$	subset	A is a subset of B. set A is included in set B.	$\{9,14,28\} \subseteq \{9,14,28\}$
$A \subset B$	proper subset / strict subset	A is a subset of B, but A is not equal to B.	$\{9,14\} \subset \{9,14,28\}$
$A \not\subseteq B$	not subset	set A is not a subset of set B	$\{9,66\} \not\subseteq \{9,14,28\}$
$A \supseteq B$	superset	A is a superset of B. set A includes set B	$\{9,14,28\} \supseteq \{9,14,28\}$
$A \supset B$	proper superset / strict superset	A is a superset of B, but B is not equal to A.	$\{9,14,28\} \supset \{9,14\}$
$A \not\supseteq B$	not superset	set A is not a superset of set B	$\{9,14,28\} \not\supseteq \{9,66\}$
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$A = B$	equality	both sets have the same members	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $B = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $A = B$
A^c	complement	all the objects that do not belong to set A	
$A \setminus B$	relative complement	objects that belong to A and not to B	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A - B = \{9, 14\}$
$A - B$	relative complement	objects that belong to A and not to B	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A - B = \{9, 14\}$
$A \Delta B$	symmetric difference	objects that belong to A or B but not to their intersection	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A \Delta B = \{1, 2, 9, 14\}$
$A \ominus B$	symmetric difference	objects that belong to A or B but not to their intersection	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A \ominus B = \{1, 2, 9, 14\}$
$a \in A$	element of, belongs to	set membership	$A = \{3, 9, 14\}$, $3 \in A$

Types of operations in relational algebra

We have divided these operations in two categories:

1. Basic Operations
2. Derived Operations

Basic/Fundamental Operations:

1. Select (σ)
2. Project (Π)
3. Union (\cup)
4. Set Difference ($-$)
5. Cartesian product (\times)
6. Rename (ρ)

Derived Operations:

1. Natural Join (\bowtie)
2. Left, Right, Full outer join (\ltimes , \rtimes , $\ltimes\rtimes$)
3. Intersection (\cap)
4. Division (\div)