

# RELATIONAL ALGEBRA & RELATIONAL CALCULUS 11/1/23

→ To work with Relational Database  
 → RA → Procedural | RC → Non-Procedural  
 (Expressions → Sequence of Operations) | What data we need (No op<sup>n</sup> given)

■ Relational Algebra → Provides the foundation to work with Rel<sup>n</sup> DB

• Useful for implementing & optimising the query

• Some of the concepts of Rel<sup>n</sup> Alg is implemented in SQL.

eg: — DEPT (D<sub>CODE</sub>, D<sub>NAME</sub>, ...)  
 STUDENT (R<sub>OLL</sub>, NAME, ---, D<sub>CODE</sub>)

In an expression →  
 I/O make use → I/P  
 Operations → Applied  
 Rel<sup>n</sup>(s) → O/P

(Pred<sup>n</sup> =  
 check  
 on every  
 tuple)

(#) SELECT Operation → [COMMUTATIVE ( $\forall_1 \forall_2 R = \forall_2 \forall_1 R$ )]

predicate (R)

eg: —  $\forall_{D_{CODE} = 'DI'} (STUDENT)$

$\sum$   
 $\prod$   
 $\leq$   
 $\geq$   
 $=$  AND OR NOT

O/P Rel<sup>n</sup> →  
 Schema → Same as I/P Rel<sup>n</sup>  
 State → Set of tuples satisfying the predicate

[CONJUNCTIVE ( $\forall_A \forall_{P2} R = \forall_{A \text{ AND } P2} R$ )]

(#) PROJECT OPERATION → [NOT COMMUTATIVE]

$\pi_{\text{List of attributes}} (R)$   
 $\langle l_i \rangle \forall l_i \in R$

eg: —  $\pi_{ROLL, NAME} (STUDENT)$

O/P →  
 Schema → ROLL, NAME

eg: —  $\pi_{score} (ST^D)$   
 → Same scores are merged into 1

# Tuples → Likely to be same as # tuples in I/P Rel<sup>n</sup>



#) DUPLICATE ELIMINATING PROJECT  $Op^n \rightarrow$  If Projected Attr<sup>n</sup> does not contain Superkey, after projection, multiple tuples maybe taken as 1.

$$\pi_{a_1, a_2} (\sigma_{a_3 > 30} (R)) = \pi_{a_1, a_2} (\sigma_{a_3 > 30} (\pi_{a_1, a_2, a_3} (R)))$$

[Broader Table narrowed  $\rightarrow$  In Memory (Not Disk)  $\rightarrow$  Faster  $\rightarrow$  Optimisation]

#) RENAME Operation  $\rightarrow$  General  
 $R_2(x, y, z, w) \leftarrow Op^n(R)$   
 $R_2(x, y, z, w) \leftarrow R_1(A, B, C, D)$   
 (Can use assignment for changing name also)

First 4 are FUNDAMENTAL OPERATIONS

#) CARTESIAN PRODUCT  $\rightarrow$   
 $R_1 \times R_2$   
 $A, B \quad A, B$   
 $R_1.A, R_1.B, R_2.A, R_2.B$

O/P Rel<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  Schema  $\rightarrow$   $Sch(R_1) \cup Sch(R_2)$   
 $\rightarrow$  State  $\rightarrow$   $|R_1| \times |R_2|$  Relations

eg:  $\pi_{ROLL, NAME, DNAME} (\sigma_{STD.DCODE = DEPT.DCODE} (STUDENT \times DEPT))$   
 $\rightarrow$  Qualification needed as conflicting attributes

Derived Operations

#) JOIN  $\rightarrow$

$R_1 \bowtie_{Condition} R_2$  eg:  $STD \bowtie_{STD.DCODE = DEPT.DCODE} DEPT$

If Condition is not given, equality of all common attributes is checked...

(Use RENAME to remove conflicting attr on which = not done)  
 eg:  $STD \bowtie_{DECODE, DNAME} DEPT$

If not based on '=' (equality) of attr<sup>n</sup>, ( $>, <, \neq$ , etc.)  $\rightarrow$   $\theta$  (Theta Join)

Later, choose any 1 attr<sup>n</sup> common (maybe cannot join unequal attr)

Same Score Students Pairs

$\rightarrow (\sigma_{STUDENT.SCORE = T.SCORE} (STUDENT \times \rho_T(STUDENT)))$   
 AND  $STUDENT.ROLL = T.ROLL$

$\rightarrow$  Can give  $<, /, >$

To avoid  
 (2,3)  
 (3,2)

FUND<sup>m</sup> OP →  
Select, Project  
Rename, Con<sup>t</sup> = Pdt  
Union, Minus

DER<sup>m</sup> OP →  
Intersection,  
Join, Natural Join