

CS143: Fall 2017: Database Systems

Homework #1

1. Suppose relation $R(A, B, C)$ has the tuples:

A	B	C
3	2	1
4	2	3
4	5	6
2	5	3
1	2	6

and relation $S(A, B, C)$ has the tuples:

A	B	C
2	5	3
2	5	4
4	2	3
3	2	1

Compute $(R - S) \cup (S - R)$, often called the “symmetric difference” of R and S . List all the tuples in the result relation.

2. Suppose relation $R(A, B)$ has the tuples:

A	B
1	2
3	4
5	6

and relation $S(B, C, D)$ has the tuples:

B	C	D
2	4	6
8	6	8
7	5	9

Compute $R \bowtie_{R.A < S.C \wedge R.B < S.D} S$ and list all the result tuples.

3. Assume the following database for this problem. The relations represent information on bank branches:

Customer(customer-name, street, city)

Branch(branch-name, city)

Account(customer-name, branch-name, account-number)

The **Customer** relation has customer names and their addresses. The **Branch** Relation has branch names and the city that a branch is located in. The **Account** relation represents at which branch a customer has his/her accounts. We assume that customer names and branch names are unique. We also assume that a customer may have multiple accounts in one branch and the customer may have accounts in multiple branches.

Write an relational-algebra expression for each of the following queries. We can use only the operators learned in the class.

(Hint: When a query is difficult to write, think of its complement.)

- (a) Find the names of all customers who have an account in the ‘Region12’ branch.
 - (b) Find the names of all customers who have an account in a branch NOT located in the same city that they live in.
 - (c) Find the branches that do not have any accounts.
 - (d) Find the customer names who do not have any account in the ‘Region12’ branch.
 - (e) Find the customer names who have accounts in all the branches located in ‘Los Angeles’.
You are not allowed to use the division operator directly for this question.
 - (f) Find the customer names who have only one account.
4. The relation **Student**(**sid**, **GPA**) captures the student-GPA information, where **sid** is the id of a student and **GPA** is the student’s GPA. Write a relational algebra that finds the ids of the students with the lowest GPA.
(Hint: When a query is difficult to write, think of its complement.)
5. Write the queries of Exercises 3. and 4. in SQL.