

In the Lecture Series Introduction to Database Systems



Calculus



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Introduction to Database Systems

Relational Calculi

There are two calculi:

- Domain relational calculus (DRC);
 - T-uple relational calculus (TRC).
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- DRC and TRC are query languages
 - They are both based on logic

Learning Objectives

- Write and understand queries in Domain Relational Calculus
- Write and understand queries in T-uple Relational Calculus

Propositional Logic

“Aristotle is Greek”

“Aristotle is Greek and Alexander is Persian”

“Aristotle is not Persian”

“Alexander is Macedonian or Persian”

Propositional Logic

“Roxane is Bactrian or not Bactrian”

“Olympias is Greek and is not Greek”

“Olympias is Greek implies Alexander is Greek”

“Roxane is Bactrian implies Roxane is Bactrian”

Propositional Logic

“Olympias is Greek implies Alexander is Greek”

“Alexander is not Greek implies Olympias is not Greek”

Semantics of Propositional Logic

The semantic of propositional logic is defined by truth tables

A	B	$(A \vee B)$	$(A \wedge B)$	$(A \Rightarrow B)$	$\neg (A)$
T	T	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	T	T

First Order Logic: Predicates

`greek(aristotle)`

`greek(X)`

`mother(olympias, alexander)`

`mother(X, Y)`

First Order Logic

$\exists X \text{ greek}(X)$

$\exists X \text{ mother}(\text{olympias}, X)$

$\exists X \exists Y \text{ mother}(Y, X)$

$\exists Y \exists X \text{ mother}(Y, X)$

First Order Logic

$\forall X \text{ greek}(X)$

$\forall Y \exists X \text{ mother}(X, Y)$

$\exists X \forall Y \text{ mother}(X, Y)$

First Order Logic

$$\forall X \forall Y ((\text{mother}(X, Y) \wedge \text{greek}(X)) \Rightarrow \text{greek}(Y))$$

Syntax of First Order Logic

First order logic consists of formulae built from predicates, constants (*lower case*) and variables (*upper case*), and connectives:*

- $(F \wedge G)$
- $(F \vee G)$
- $\neg (F)$
- $(F \Rightarrow G)$

And **quantifiers**: \forall and \exists

Variables can be quantified (bound) or free

Semantics of Predicate Logic

To avoid confusion we agree that:

A variable is quantified once at most.

If a variable is quantified in a formula, it cannot appear outside of the scope of its quantifier.

$$\forall X (\exists X (\text{mother}(X, Y)))$$

$$\exists Y (\text{mother}(X, Y) \wedge \text{father}(Z, Y))$$

Different scopes

Semantics of Predicate Logic

$$\neg \forall X F$$

is equivalent to

$$\exists X \neg F$$

$$\neg \exists X F$$

is equivalent to

$$\forall X \neg F$$

(*Here F represents a formula)

Calculus

- A Calculus defines formulae and their meaning
- T-uple Relational Calculus: variables range over t-uples (TRC)
- Domain Relational Calculus: variables range over values (DRC)

Calculus

How to represent the set of integers 2, 3, and 4?

In extension:

$$\{2, 3, 4\}$$

In Intension (set-builder notation, comprehension, abstraction):

$$\{ X \mid X \in \mathbb{N} \wedge 1 < X \wedge X < 5 \}$$

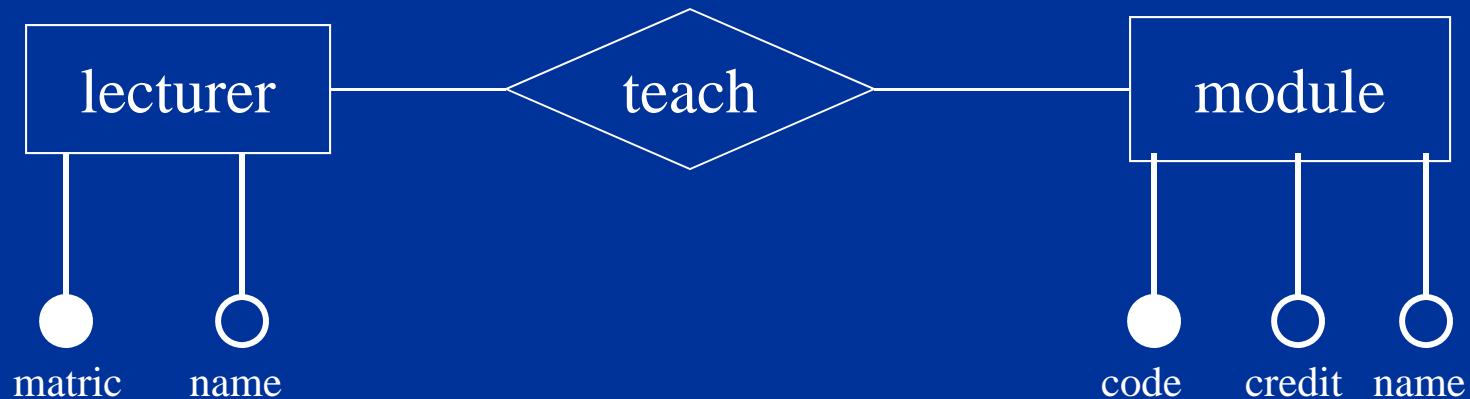
Calculus: Where is the Truth?

- The truth is in the database
- If a relation Mother in the database has a t-uple mother(olympias, alexander) then Olympias is the mother of Alexander
- Otherwise it is not (*closed world assumption*)

T-tuple relational Calculus

Example

- lecturer(matric, name)
- module(code, name, credit),
- teach(matric, code)



Example

- $\{T \mid T \in \text{lecturer}\}$
- $\{T \mid \exists T1 (T1 \in \text{lecturer} \wedge T = T1)\}$
- $\{T \mid \exists T1 (T1 \in \text{Lecturer} \wedge T.\text{matric} = T1.\text{matric} \wedge T.\text{name} = T1.\text{name})\}$

by CONVENTION!

Syntax of T-uple Relational Calculus

- Parenthesis can be omitted if non ambiguous

Example

- $\{T \mid \exists T1 \ T1 \in \text{lecturer} \wedge T.\text{name} = T1.\text{name}\}$

Example

- $\{T \mid \exists T1 \ T1 \in \text{lecturer}$
 $\wedge T1.\text{name} = \text{"Smith"}$
 $\wedge T.\text{matric} = T1.\text{matric}\}$

Example

- $\{T \mid \exists T1 \exists T2 \exists T3$
 $T1 \in \text{lecturer}$
 $\wedge T2 \in \text{module}$
 $\wedge T3 \in \text{teach}$
 $\wedge T1.\text{matric} = T3.\text{matric}$
 $\wedge T2.\text{code} = T3.\text{code}$
 $\wedge T2.\text{credit} < 3$
 $\wedge T.\text{lec_name} = T1.\text{name}$
 $\wedge T.\text{mod_name} = T2.\text{name}\}$

Example

SELECT

T1.name as lec_name,

T2.name as mod_name

FROM lecturer T1, module T2, teach t3

WHERE T1.matric = T3.matric

AND T2.code = T3.code

AND T2.credit < 3

Example (incorrect)

- $\{T \mid \exists T1$

$T1 \in \text{lecturer}$

$\wedge ((\exists T2 T2 \in \text{module}) \Rightarrow (\exists T3$

$T3 \in \text{teach}$

$\wedge T1.\text{matric} = T3.\text{matric}$

$\wedge T2.\text{code} = T3.\text{code}))$

$\wedge T.\text{name} = T1.\text{name}\}$

Example (correct)

- $\{T \mid \exists T1 \forall T2 \exists T3$
 $T1 \in \text{lecturer}$
 $\wedge (T2 \in \text{module} \Rightarrow ($
 $T3 \in \text{teach}$
 $\wedge T1.\text{matric} = T3.\text{matric}$
 $\wedge T2.\text{code} = T3.\text{code}))$
 $\wedge T.\text{name} = T1.\text{name}\}$

Attention!

- $\exists T \in r (F)$
means $\exists T (T \in r \wedge F)$
- $\exists T1 \in r \exists T2 \in s (F)$
means $\exists T1 \exists T2 (T1 \in r \wedge T2 \in s \wedge F)$

(*Here F represents a formula)

Attention!

- $\forall T \in r (F)$
means $\forall T (T \in r \Rightarrow F)$
- $\forall T1 \in r \forall T2 \in s F$
means
$$\forall T1 \forall T2 ((T1 \in r \wedge T2 \in s) \Rightarrow F)$$

(*Here F represents a formula)

Semantics of T-uple Relational Calculus

- Example

- $\forall T \in \text{module } (T.\text{credit} > 1)$

means

- $\forall T (T \in \text{module} \Rightarrow T.\text{credit} > 1)$

and does not mean

- $\forall T (T \in \text{module} \wedge T.\text{credit} > 1)$

Semantics of T-uple Relational Calculus

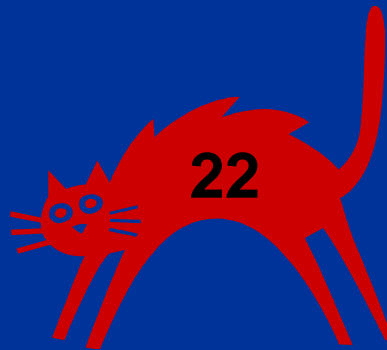
$\{T \mid F(T)\}$

- An interpretation I is a mapping of a formula to $\{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$
- An interpretation is defined by a mapping I of the free variable (T) of a formula $(F(T))$ to a t-uple t of constants
- $t \in R$ is true if and only if the t_uple t is in the instance of R in the database
- A model is an interpretation for which the formula is true

Safety of Queries in T-uple Relational Calculus

$\{T \mid T \notin \text{lecturer}\}$

(“mycat”, 22, “red”) is not a lecturer, any tuple in the world maybe an answer if it is not already in the lecturer relation.



Safety of Queries in T-uple Relational Calculus

$$\{T \mid \exists T1 \ T1 \in \text{lecturer} \\ \wedge T1.\text{matric} \neq '1234' \\ \wedge T.\text{name} = T1.\text{name}\}$$

Safety of Queries in T-tuple Relational Calculus

A query is **safe** if the set of t-tuples in the answer is a subset of the set of t-tuples that can be constructed from the constants explicitly referenced directly (they appear in the query) or indirectly (they appear in a relation mentioned in the query) in the query.

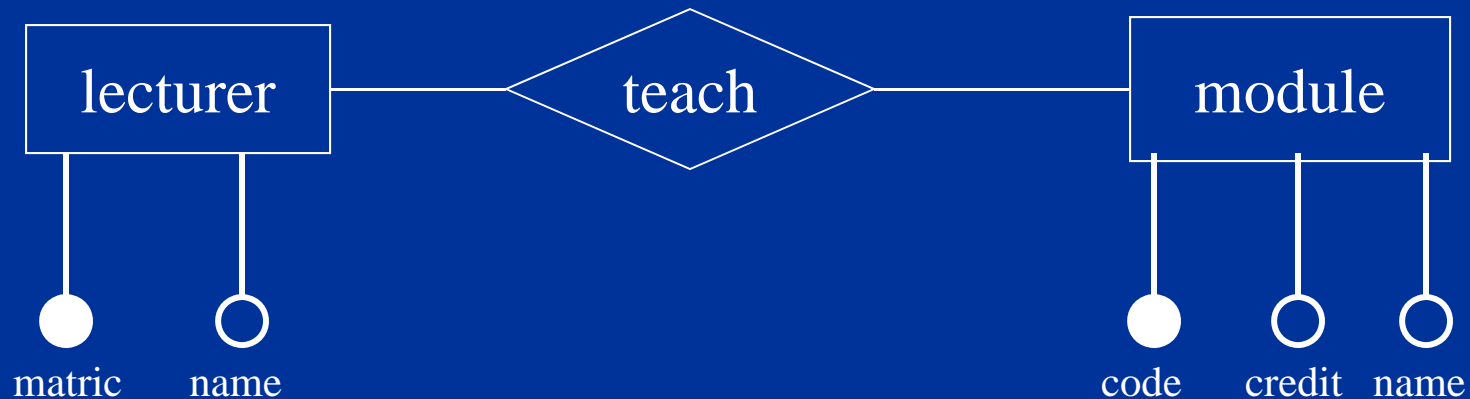
Safety

We consider only safe queries

Domain Relational Calculus

Example

- lecturer(matric, name)
- module(code, name, credit),
- teach(matric, code)



Example

- $\{ \langle X \rangle \mid \exists Y \text{ lecturer}(X, Y) \}$
- $\{ \langle X \rangle \mid \exists Y \text{ lecturer}(X, Y) \wedge Y = \text{"john"} \}$
- $\{ \langle X \rangle \mid \text{lecturer}(X, \text{"john"}) \}$
- How do you express
SELECT * FROM Lecturer

Example

Find the names of lecturers teaching a module with less than 2 credits. Print the names of the lecturers and the names of the corresponding modules.

Example

$$\{ \langle \text{LN}, \text{MN} \rangle \mid \exists M \exists C \exists Cr$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Lecturer}(M, \text{LN}) \\ & \wedge \text{Module}(C, \text{MN}, Cr) \\ & \wedge \text{Teach}(M, C) \\ & \wedge Cr < 2 \} \end{aligned}$$

Example SQL

- $\{ \langle \text{LN}, \text{MN} \rangle \mid \exists M1 \exists M2 \exists C1 \exists C2 \exists Cr$
Lecturer(M1, LN)
 \wedge Module(C1, MN, Cr)
 \wedge Teach(M2, C2)
 $\wedge C1 = C2 \wedge M1 = M2 \wedge Cr < 2 \}$

Example SQL

- SELECT
 Lecturer.lecName,
 Module.moduleName
FROM Lecturer, Module, Teach
WHERE Lecturer.matric=Teach.matric
AND Module.code = Teach.code
AND Module.credit < 2

Example

$$\{ \langle M1, M2, N \rangle \mid$$
$$\quad \text{lecturer}(M1, N)$$
$$\quad \wedge \text{lecturer}(M2, N)$$
$$\quad \wedge M1 \neq M2 \}$$

Example

$$\{ \langle M1, M2, N1 \rangle \mid \exists N2$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{lecturer}(M1, N1) \\ & \wedge \text{lecturer}(M2, N2) \\ & \wedge M1 \neq M2 \\ & \wedge N1 = N2 \} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the names of the lecturers teaching all modules

$$\{ \langle N \rangle \mid \exists M \forall C \forall MN \forall Cr \\ (\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, MN, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

Semantics of Domain Relational Calculus

$$\{ \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle \mid F(X_1, \dots, X_n) \}$$

- An interpretation I is a mapping of each formula to **{true, false}**
- An interpretation is defined by a mapping I of the free variables (X_1, \dots, X_n) of a formula $(F(X_1, \dots, X_n))$ to constants
- $R(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ is true if and only if the tuple $\langle c_1, \dots, c_n \rangle$ is in the instance of R in the database
- A model is an interpretation for which the formula is true

Example

Find the names of the lecturers teaching all modules:

$$\{ \langle N \rangle \mid \exists M \forall C \forall MN \forall Cr \\ (\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, MN, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

Example

$$\exists M \forall C \forall MN \forall Cr$$

We are looking for values of N such that the formula below is true for SOME value of M and, for that value of M, for ALL values of C, MN and Cr and :

$$(\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, N, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

Example

If $\langle M, N \rangle$ is a lecturer and
 $\langle C, N, Cr \rangle$ is not a module the formula is
true!!!!

$$(\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, N, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

Example

If $\langle M, N \rangle$ is a lecturer and
 $\langle C, N, Cr \rangle$ is a module, and M teaches C
the formula is true

$$(\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, N, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

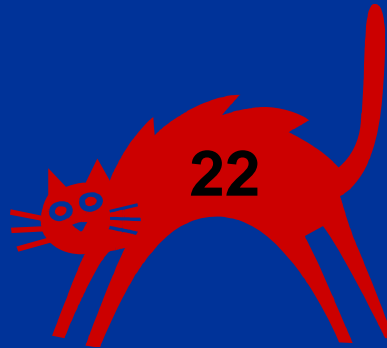
Example

The formula is false only if
<M,N> is not a lecturer or if
<C, N, Cr> is a module, and M does not
teach C

$$(\text{lecturer}(M, N) \wedge \\ (\text{Module}(C, N, Cr) \Rightarrow \text{teach}(M, C))) \}$$

Safety of Queries in the Domain Calculus

$\{ \langle M, N \rangle \mid \neg \text{lecturer}(M, N) \}$



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Safety

- We consider only safe queries

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