

# Relation Schema

A relation schema defines the structure of a relation (table).

It specifies:

- The name of the relation
- The attributes (columns)
- The domain (data type) of each attribute

University Example: `instructor = (ID, name, dept_name, salary)`

# Relation

A relation refers to the table itself, defined by the schema.

It consists of:

- A set of tuples (rows)
- Each tuple follows the structure defined in the schema

University Example: The `instructor` relation is the entire collection of all instructor data currently in the database.

# Relation Instance

It is a "snapshot" of the data. While the schema is stable, the instance changes frequently as rows are added, deleted, or updated.

University Example:

The instructor table at 10:00 AM:

ID	name	dept_name	salary
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10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
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