ASSIGNMENT 4

1. Difference Between Weak and Strong Entity Sets

An entity set is a collection of similar entities that share the same attributes. Entity sets can be classified as either strong or weak, depending on whether they have enough attributes to uniquely identify their entities.

Strong Entity Set

A strong entity set is an entity set that has a primary key that uniquely identifies each entity in the set. It does not depend on any other entity set for its identification. Strong entities are independent and can exist on their own.

Example: An Employee entity set with attributes Employee_ID, Name, and Department. Each employee can be uniquely identified by Employee ID, making this a strong entity set.

Weak Entity Set

A weak entity set does not have sufficient attributes to form a primary key on its own. Instead, it depends on a strong entity set for its identification. A weak entity set is always associated with a strong entity set through an identifying relationship. The primary key of a weak entity set is formed by combining:

- 1. The primary key of the strong entity set (to which it is related).
- 2. A discriminator attribute (also called a partial key) that uniquely identifies the weak entities within the strong entity set.

Example: An entity set Dependent that stores information about the dependents of employees. A Dependent entity might have attributes <code>Dependent_Name</code> and <code>Relationship</code> but lacks a unique identifier. Instead, it is identified by the Employee_ID (from the Employee entity) and <code>Dependent_Name</code> as a discriminator.

- Strong entity: Employee (Employee ID, Name, Department)
- Weak entity: Dependent (Employee ID, Dependent Name, Relationship)

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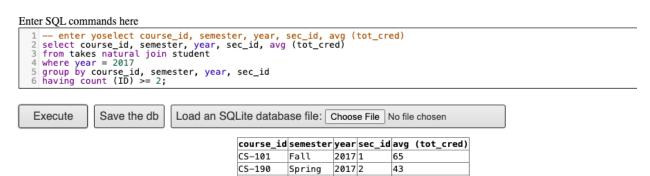


QUESTION 3:

Appending NATURAL JOIN section would not change the result because the section table only contains extra details about courses, like classroom and time slot. The query is already grouping by course id, semester, year, sec id, which uniquely defines each section.

Since the query is calculating the average total credits of students (avg(tot_cred)) and counting the number of students in each section (having count(ID) >= 2), all the needed data comes from takes and student. The section table does not add any new student-related information, so joining it does not affect the final result.

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