

CS2102 Cheatsheet AY22/23 S2 — @JasonYapzx

- Atomictity - all/none of T reflected in the database
- Consistency - T guarantees the correct state
- Isolation - T isolated from effects of concurrent transactions
- Durability - after T, effects are permanent
- Data model: collection of concepts for describing data.
- Schema: desc. of structure of a database using a data model.
- **superkey**: subset of attributes that uniquely identifies a tuple
- **key**: is a *superkey* that is also minimal → no proper subset of the key is a superkey. (cannot be made smaller) ≠ smallest
- **candidate keys**: set of all keys of a given relation
- **primary key**: selected candidate keys, and they CANNOT be NULL. To simplify our notation, we underline our primary keys in the schema notation.
- **Foreign Keys**: subset of attributes of relation R_1 that refers to the PK of relation R_2 . → R_1 : referencing, R_2 : referenced relation
- **Requirements**: each FK in R_1 must appear as a PK in R_2
OR be NULL value (in a tuple, contain at least 1 NULL value)

Data Types in SQL boolean: true/false (null == unknown)
— **integer**: signed 4 byte integer — **float8**: double-precision floating point number (8 bytes) — **numeric**: arbitrary precision floating point number — **numeric(p, s)**: max total of p digits with max of s decimals — **char(n)**: fixed-length string consisting of n characters — **varchar(n)**: variable-length string up to n characters — **text**: variable-length character string — **date**: calendar date (year, month, day) — **timestamp**: date and time
Is Null Predicate: x IS NULL

Is Distinct from Predicate: x IS DISTINCT FROM y
non-null: name varchar(100) NOT NULL,
unique: studentId INT UNIQUE, or
unique (city, state) -- at bottom
primary key: studentId INT PRIMARY KEY or
PRIMARY KEY (eid, pname), -- at bottom
foreign key: studentId INT REFERENCES Student (id) or
FOREIGN KEY (a, b) REFERENCES Other (a, b) -- at bottom

Foreign Key Constraints Violations

No Action: Rejects action if violates constraint (default) —
Restrict — Same as No action but constraint checking is not deferred —
Cascade: Propagates delete/update to referencing tuples —
Set NULL: Updates foreign keys to NULL —
Set Default: Updates foreign keys to some value, need to speicfy this value as the referecing column and must meet foreign key constraints otherwise fails

CREATE/ALTER/DROP Table

```
1 ALTER TABLE <table_name> [ALTER / ADD / DROP]
2 [COLUMN / CONSTRAINT] <name> <changes>;
3 DROP TABLE [IF EXISTS] // no error if does not exist
4 <table_name>[, <table_name> [, <table_name> [...]]]
5 [CASCADE]; // also delete referencing table
```

Entity-Relationship (ER) Model *Entity*: Real-world object

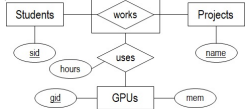
distinguishable from other objects
Attribute: Specific information describing an entity, ovals
Entity set: Collection of similar entities, rectangles
Key: Represented as underlined attributes
Relationship: Association among 2 or more entries *Relationship set*:
Collection of similar relationships, represented by diamonds.
Attributes used to describe information about relationships.

Relationship Constraints

- **Key Constraint**: E at most **one** of R (→)
 - **Total Part Constraint**: E at **least 1** of R (=)
 - **Key & Total Part Constraint**: E **exactly 1** of R (⇒)
 - **Weak Entity Set**: E 's identifying owner is EE ,
1. Can **PK** be used to uniquely identify other attributes
 2. Is the LOWER BOUND satisfied in the schema?
 3. Is the UPPER BOUND satisfied in the schema?

Extended Notations - Aggregation

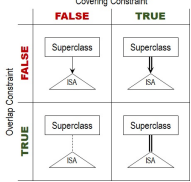
Abstraction that treats relationships as higher-level entities. Treat it as a relation class in OOP.



ISA: Every entity subclass is an entity in its superclass.

Overlap: Can a superclass belong to multiple subclasses?

Covering: Must a superclass belong to at least one subclass?



Subqueries

- **WHERE** - Pattern Matching: $_$ matches any single character, $\%$ matches any sequence of 0 or more characters.
 - start w/ 'Ma', end with 'a': WHERE pizza LIKE 'Ma%a'
 - starts w/ 'A' and ≥ 5 chars: WHERE name LIKE 'A____%'
- **SET OPERATIONS** Q1 UNION/INTERSECT/EXCEPT [ALL] Q2
ALL does not remove duplicates
- **JOIN OPERATIONS**: Most common in practice: cross product + selection condition + attribute selection

Scalar Subqueries: A query that returns at most a single value.
[**NOT**] **IN**: returns exactly one column.
• **IN** returns TRUE if <expr> matches any subquery row
• **NOT IN** returns TRUE if <expr> matches no subquery row
ANY/SOME: Expression <expr> is compared to each row from subquery using the operator <op>, returns TRUE if comparison evaluates to TRUE for at least one row in the subquery
ALL: same as ANY except needs **ALL** rows
[**NOT**] **EXISTS**: May return any number of columns
• **EXISTS** returns TRUE if the subquery returns at least one row
• **NOT EXISTS** returns TRUE if the subquery returns no row

★ Not all constructs required: $IN \equiv ANY \equiv EXIST$

Order By: ORDER BY <attribute> ASC/DESC: (default for SQL, ASC can be removed). If duplicate removal needed, attribute being sorted **must** appear in SELECT. Sorting w.r.t multiple attributes / differing order supported

LIMIT k: Return the first* k rows of the result table
OFFSET i: Specify the position of the first row to be considered
★ **LIMIT** and **OFFSET** typically meaningful only in with ORDER BY

Aggregate Functions

Function	Input Type	Output Type
MIN	any comparable type	same as input
MAX	any comparable type	same as input
SUM	Numeric data (e.g. INT, BIGINT, REAL, etc)	SUM(INT) → BIGINT; SUM(REAL) → REAL
COUNT	any data	BIGINT

Aggregate functions compute a *single value* from a set of tuples.

identifying relationship set:
 R . E does not have own key to be uniquely indentified.
• **Partial Key**: Set of attributes of a weak entity set that uniquely identifies a weak entity for a given owner entity.

If R is empty set with B attribtue, $COUNT(*) = 0$, $COUNT(B) = 0$,
SELECT aggrFn(B) FROM R = NULL. If S is non-empty relation with n -rows of attribute A with only NULL values in table
 $COUNT(*) = n$, $COUNT(A) = 0$ and SELECT aggrFn(A) = NULL

Grouping (GROUP BY):

★ f column A_i appears in SELECT, one condition must hold

- A_i appears in the GROUP BY clause
- A_i appears as input of aggregation function in SELECT clause
- The pkey of R appears in the GROUP BY clause

HAVING: WHERE clauses only works on each row. If we were to use WHERE $p < AVG(p)$, any p that does not fit this condition will be removed, resulting in $AVG(p)$ to change. **HAVING** instead aggregates the condition for each group defined by **GROUP BY**.

★ If column A_i appears in HAVING, one condition must hold

- A_i appears in the GROUP BY clause
- A_i appears as input of aggregation function in HAVING clause
- The pkey of R appears in the GROUP BY clause

Conceptual Evaluation of Queries 1. FROM: Compute cross-product of all tables in FROM. 2. WHERE: Filter (keep) tuples evaluate to TRUE on WHERE. 3. GROUP BY: Partition tables into groups wrt to grouping attributes. 4. HAVING: Filter groups evaluate to TRUE on HAVING. 5. SELECT: Remove all attributes not specified in SELECT (remove dup if DISTINCT). 6. ORDER BY: Sort tables based on specified attribute. 7. LIMIT/OFFSET: Filter tuples based on their order in the table.

Conditional Expressions: CASE Only one of the results will be returned, ELSE optional, NULL returned if no condition matched.
CASE WHEN <condition_1> THEN <result_1> ... ELSE result_0 END
COALESCE Returns first non-NULL value in list of input arguments (order of order matters!)

COALESCE(<value_1>, <value_2>, <value_3>, ...)

NULLIF Returns NULL if <value_1> = <value_2>, else <value_1>

Common Table Expression

```
1 WITH
2 CTE_1 AS ( Q_1 ),
3 ...
4 CTE_n AS ( Q_n )
5 Q_0 -- main SELECT ←
   statement;
```

- Each CTE_i can reference any other CTE_j that has been declared before (i.e., $j < i$)
- Main SELECT statement Q_0 can reference any possible subset of all $CTE_i \rightarrow$ Any CTE_i not referenced can be deleted

Views Usually need parts of the table, restrict access to table for certain users, and often use the same queries and subqueries frequently. CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW <name> AS <query>

Functions

```
1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION
2 markCnt(OUT TopMark INT, OUT Cnt INT)
3 RETURNS SETOF RECORD Scores AS $$
4     SELECT Mark, COUNT(*) FROM Scores GROUP BY Mark;
5 $$ LANGUAGE sql;
```

SETOF used when want to return multiple records. RECORDS used for only 1 record, and not in the current schema. SETOF RECORDS is used for multiple tuples, not in the current schema. TABLE is similar to SETOF RECORDS.

Procedures No return value/tuple needed, may use **SQL procedures**. CALL transfer('Alice', 'Bob', 100);
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE g(x int) as \$\$

Recursive Queries

```

1 WITH RECURSIVE
2   CTE_name AS (
3     Q_1
4     UNION [ ALL ]
5     Q_2 ( CTE_name )
6   )
7 Q_0 ( CTE_name )

```

- Q₁ is non-recursive
- Q₂ is recursive and can reference CTE_{name}
- Query is evaluated 'lazily', stops when a fixed-point is reached

Variables and Control Structures

```

1 AS $$ DECLARE
2   temp_val INTEGER;
3 BEGIN -- function body
4 END;
5 $$ language plpgsql;
6
7 LOOP
8   EXIT WHEN condition;
9   -- loop body;
10 END LOOP;

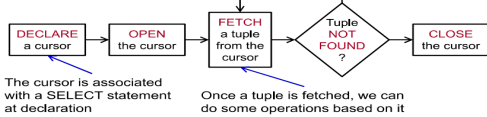
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1 IF condition1 THEN
2   statement1;
3 ELSEIF condition2 THEN
4   statement2;
5 ELSE
6   else-statement;
7 END IF;

```

Cursors



```

1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION score_gap()
2 RETURNS TABLE(name TEXT, mark INT, gap INT) AS $$
3 DECLARE // Declares cursor variable
4   curs CURSOR FOR (SELECT * FROM Scores ORDER BY
5     Mark DESC);
6   r RECORD;
7   prv_mark INT;
8 BEGIN
9   prv_mark := -1;
10  OPEN curs;
11  LOOP
12    FETCH curs INTO r; EXIT WHEN NOT FOUND;
13    name := r.Name; mark := r.Mark;
14    IF prv_mark >= 0 THEN gap := prv_mark - mark;
15    ELSE gap := NULL; END IF;
16    RETURN NEXT; prv_mark := r.Mark;
17  END LOOP;
18 END;
19 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

```

- FETCH PRIOR/FIRST/LAST FROM cur INTO r → fetch the prior/first/last row
- FETCH ABSOLUTE 3 FROM cur INTO r → fetch the 3rd tuple

Triggers ↔ Trigger Functions

```

1 CREATE TRIGGER trigger AFTER INSERT ON Table
2 FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger_fn();
3 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION trigger_fn()
4 RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
5 BEGIN /*Trigger Logic*/ END; $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

```

- RETURNS 'TRIGGER' indicates that this is a trigger function, only RETURNS TRIGGER allowed as only TRIGGER has access to the NEW.

- NEW refers to new row inserted into Scores
- CURRENT_DATE returns the current date
- TG_OP: operation that activates trigger: INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
- TG_TABLE_NAME: name of table that cause trigger invocation
- OLD: old tuple being updated/deleted

Return Values of Trigger Function

- BEFORE INSERT: non-null t — t inserted, null t — no insertion
- BEFORE UPDATE: non-null t — t updated, null t — no update
- BEFORE DELETE: non-null t — t deleted, null t — no deletion
- AFTER INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE return value does not matter
- INSTEAD OF non-null t — proceed, null t — ignore operations on current row. If a BEFORE row-level trigger returns NULL, then all subsequent triggers on same row are omitted. (VIEWS only)

Trigger Levels — FOR EACH ROW: **row-level** trigger that executes trigger function for every tuple encountered.

STATEMENT: **statement-level** trigger that executes the trigger function only once. EXCEPTIONS raised to ignore operations for statement-level triggers. NOTICES does not stop operations

Trigger Condition Has the following rules: e.g.

FOR EACH ROW WHEN (NEW.Name = 'Hello') EXECUTE

- No SELECT in WHEN()
- No NEW in WHEN() for DELETE
- No OLD in WHEN() for INSERT
- No WHEN for INSTEAD OF

Deferred Triggers

```

1 CREATE CONSTRAINT TRIGGER bal_check_trigger
2 AFTER INSERT OR UPDATE OR DELETE ON Account
3 DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED
4 FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION bal_check_func();

```

- CONSTRAINT + DEFERRABLE: trigger can be deferred
- INITIALLY DEFERRED: by default, trigger is deferred. INITIALLY IMMEDIATE trigger not deferred by default.
- DEFERRED Triggers only work for AFTER and FOR EACH ROW, AFTER so that it can be executed after main operation.

- Order of trigger activation: BEFORE statement-level triggers → BEFORE row-level triggers → AFTER row-level triggers AFTER statement-level triggers
- Within each category, triggers activated in alphabetic order

Functional Dependencies: $A \rightarrow B$ means A decides B , if 2 rows have same A , then they have same B also.

Armstrong's Axioms

1. **Reflexivity:** $AB \rightarrow A$
2. **Augmentation:** If $A \rightarrow B$, then $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$ then $AC \rightarrow BC$
3. **Transitivity:** If $A \rightarrow B$, and $B \rightarrow C$ then $A \rightarrow C$
4. **Decomposition:** If $A \rightarrow BC$ then $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$
5. **Union:** If $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$ then $A \rightarrow BC$

Closure: Four attributes A, B, C, D . Given that $B \rightarrow D$, $DB \rightarrow A$, $AD \rightarrow C$, check if $B \rightarrow C$ holds. $\{B\}^+ = \{B\} = \{B, D\}$, since $B \rightarrow D = \{B, D, A\}$, since $DB \rightarrow A = \{B, D, A, C\}$, since $AD \rightarrow C$. $\{B, D, A, C\}$ referred to as *closure* of B , which is the set of components that can be 'activated' by B

Superkeys: set of attributes that decides all other attributes.

Keys: Superkey that is minimal. Whether or not a table has

redundancy or *anomalies* depend on keys. **Prime Attribute:** Attribute that appears in a key. **Finding Keys:** any attribute that *does not appear in RHS*, it **must be in every key**. If key: e.g. $\{A, C\}$ able to activate all other attributes, do no need to check supersets for *keys* as keys are minimal

Normal Forms BCNF requires that if there is any **non-trivial** and **decomposed** FD $A_1A_2...A_n \rightarrow B$, then $A_1A_2...A_n$ must be

a superkey. More simply, BCNF requires LHS to be super keys, prevent redundancy.

Decomposed FD: FD whose RHS only has 1 attribute

Non-Trivial: FD whose RHS does not appear in LHS

Completely Non-Trivial: $LHS \cap RHS = \emptyset$

1. Compute closure of each attribute subset,
2. Derive keys of R (using closures)
3. Derive non-trivial and decomposed FDs from each closure,
4. For each of the FD, if all LHS is super key then R satisfy BCNF

Simplified BCNF: Violation of BCNF *iff* we have a closure that satisfies the **more but not all** condition or some attribute not in the schema's attributes $\{A_1A_2...A_n\}$.

Normalization Algorithm

1. Find subset X of attributes in R , such that its closure $\{X\}^+$ (i) does not contain more attributes than X , but (ii) does not contain all attributes in R
2. Decompose R to form 2 tables R_1 and R_2 such that
 - R_1 contains all attributes in $\{X\}^+$
 - R_2 contains all attributes in X and attributes not in $\{X\}^+$
3. If R_1 not in BCNF, further decompose R_1 , same for R_2

BCNF decomposition not unique. If table only has 2 attributes, it MUST BE in BCNF: Check \emptyset set, $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow A$ or both.

Projection of Closures/FDs: If we derive closures on table R_i decomposed from table R , we can enumerate attribute subsets of R . For each subset, derive its closure on R , and project each closure onto R_i by removing attributes that do not appear in R_i .

Properties of BCNFs: No UPDATE/DELETE/INSERT anomalies.

Small redundancy. Original table can be reconstructed from decomposed table. *Lossless join:* no extra/loss of tuples.

- BCNF guarantees lossless join whenever common attributes in R_1 and R_2 contain a superkey of R_1 or R_2
- Decomposing R , R_1 contains all attributes in $\{X\}^+$, R_2 contains all attributes in X as well as those not in $\{X\}^+$
- Thus X will be the common attributes between both R_1 and R_2 , X will be a superkey of R_1

However, dependencies may not be preserved.

3NF: *iff* for every non-trivial and decomposed FD: 1. Either the LHS is **superkey**, 2. OR RHS is a **prime attribute** (appears in a key) * 3NF more lenient than BCNF. **FD Equivalence:** Prove that Given S , S' can be derived, and vice versa.

3NF Decomposition Algorithm

1. Given table R and set S of FDs, Derive minimal basis of S
2. In minimal basis, combine FDs whose LHS are the same
3. Create a table for each FD remained
4. If non of the tables contains a key of original table R , create table that contains a key of R (any key of R is ok)
5. Remove redundant tables

Minimal Basis: Given set S of FDs, minimal basis of S , M is a simplified version of S , such that M equivalent to original set S .

1. every FD in S can be derived from M , and vice versa
2. every FD in M is a non-trivial and decomposed FD
3. if any FD removed from M , some FD in S \times -derived from M
4. for any FD in M , if we remove an attribute from its left hand side, then the FD cannot be derived from S

Find Minimal Basis: 1. Transform FDs so RHS 1 attr only 2. Remove redundant attr on LHS. 3. Remove redundant FDs

Adding Key for Lossless Join: $R(A, B, C, D)$ $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$

- Minimal basis: $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$; tables: $R_1(A, B)$, $R_2(C, D)$
- R_1 and R_2 cannot be used to reconstruct R , require that the tables contain a key of R , if not then create one: AC is the only key of R , need add table $R_3(A, C)$