Chapter2: Homework

**Exercise 2.3.1**:

In this exercise we introduce one of our running examples of a relational database schema. The database schema consists of four relations, whose schemas are:

Product(maker, model, type)

PC(model, speed, ram, hd, price)

Laptop(model, speed, ram, hd, screen, price)

Printer(model, color, type, price)

The Product relation gives the manufacturer, model number and type (PC, laptop, or printer) of various products. We assume for convenience that model numbers are unique over all manufacturers and product types; that assumption is not realistic, and a real database would include a code for the manufacturer as part of the model number. The PC relation gives for each model number that is a PC, the speed (of the processor, in gigahertz), the amount of RAM (in megabytes), the size of the hard disk (in gigabytes), and the price. The Laptop relation is similar, except that the screen size (inches) is also included. The Printer relation records for each printer model, whether the printer produces color output (true, if so), the process type (laser or ink-jet, typically), and the price.

Write the following declarations:

a) A suitable schema for relation Product.

b) A suitable schema for relation PC.

c) A suitable schema for relation Laptop.

d) A suitable schema for relation Printer.

e) An alteration to your Printer schema from (d) to delete the attribute color.

f) An alteration to your Laptop schema from (c) to add the attribute od (optical-disk type, e.t., cd or dvd). Let the default value for this attribute to be ’none’ if the laptop does not have an optical disk.

**Exercise 2.4.1:**

This exercise builds upon the products schema of Exercise 2.3.2. Recall that the database schema consists of four relations, whose schemas are:

**Product(maker, model, type)**

**PC(model, speed, ram, hd, price)**

**Laptop(model, speed, ram, hd, screen, price)**

**Printer(model, color, type, price)**

Write expressions of relational algebra to answer the following queries. You may use the linear notation of Section 2.4.13 if you wish.

1. What **PC models** have a speed of at least 3.00?
2. Find those **hard-disk sizes** that occur in two or more PC’s.
3. Find those **manufacturers** of at least two different computers (PC’s or laptops) with speeds of at least 2.80.

**Exercise 2.5.1:**

Express the following constraints about the relations of Exercise 2.3.1, reproduced here:

**Product(maker, model, type)**

**PC(model, speed, ram, hd, price)**

**Laptop(model, speed, ram, hd, screen, price)**

**Printer(model, color, type, price)**

You may write your constraints either as containments or by equating an expression to the empty set. For the data of Exercise 2.4.1, indicate any violation to your constraints.

1. A laptop with a screen size less than 15.4 inches must have at least a 100 gigabyte hard disk or sell for less than $1000.