

Question 1. [12 MARKS]

Twitter is a social media platform where users post messages called “tweets”. Users can “follow” other users, and can “like” a tweet. Consider this relational schema for Twitter data. Keys are underlined.

As this question considers relational algebra, assume all relations are sets containing no nulls.

User(userID, name, email)

A Twitter user.

Tweet(tweetID, userID, content, date)

The user with *userID* made a tweet containing *content* on *date*.

Follows(a, b)

User *a* follows user *b* on Twitter, which means that *a* has subscribed to *b*’s tweets.

Likes(who, tweetID, userID)

User *who* liked tweet *tweetID*, *userID*.

$\text{Tweet}[\text{userID}] \subseteq \text{User}[\text{userID}]$

$\text{Follows}[a] \subseteq \text{User}[\text{userID}]$

$\text{Follows}[b] \subseteq \text{User}[\text{userID}]$

$\text{Likes}[\text{who}] \subseteq \text{User}[\text{userID}]$

$\text{Likes}[\text{tweetID}, \text{userID}] \subseteq \text{Tweet}[\text{tweetID}, \text{userID}]$

Part (a) [2 MARKS]

Does the scheme enforce this constraint: a user cannot like his or her own tweet? Circle one:

Yes

☒ No.

This would enforce it: $\sigma_{\text{who}=\text{userID}} \text{Likes} = \emptyset$

Part (b) [2 MARKS]

Does the schema enforce this constraint: every userID in *Tweet* must have a name and email (recorded in *User*)? Circle one:

☒ Yes

No.

Through fk from Tweet to User

Part (c) [2 MARKS]

Suppose relation *Tweet* has 100 tuples and $\Pi_{\text{TweetID}}(\text{Tweet})$ has 10 tuples. How many tuples could *Users* have? Circle all that apply:

0

1

☒ 100

☒ 10,000

☒ 100,000

Part (d) [4 MARKS]

Which of the following pairs of queries are equivalent? Circle each pair that returns the same results on all database instances.

1. $\Pi_{tweetID}(Likes \bowtie Tweet) = \Pi_{tweetID}(Tweet)$

Solution: no - right side can have more values

2. $User = User \times User$

Solution: no - right side has more attributes and tuples

3. $\Pi_{userID}(\sigma_{tweetID=1}(Tweet) = \Pi_{userID}(\sigma_{tweetID=1}(Likes))$

Solution: no - tweetID 1 may not be liked among other reasons

4. $\Pi_{name}(User \bowtie Tweet \bowtie Likes) = \Pi_{name}(User \bowtie Tweet \bowtie Likes \bowtie Follows)$

Solution: if Follows is non-empty then yes (because it is the set of names returned, multiplicities don't matter). However, if Follows is empty then the right-hand expression is empty and the left may not be. So no, these are not equivalent on *every* instance.

Part (e) [2 MARKS]

Which of the following queries can be expressed using the same form of relational algebra that we used in class and on Assignment 1, that is assignment, and the operators $\Pi, \sigma, \bowtie, \bowtie_{condition}, \times, \cap, \cup, -, \rho$? Circle all that apply.

1. Find all users who have never tweeted.

Solution: yes

2. Find dates on which every tweet that was posted was liked by at least two users.

Solution: yes

3. Find the email of the most popular user (the user whose tweets are liked by the most people).

Solution: no

4. Find the first date on which a tweet was made.

Solution: yes

5. Find the users with the fewest followers.

Solution: no

Question 2. [8 MARKS]

Here is the schema from Assignment 1. A few attributes and relations have been omitted for simplicity.

Relations

Product(DIN, manufacturer, name, form, schedule)

A tuple in this relation represents a drug product.

Price(DIN, price)

The price of a drug product.

Prescription(RxID, date, patient, drug, doctor)

A prescription for *drug* was written on *date* for *patient* by *doctor*. Attribute *patient* is the patient's OHIP number.

Filled(RxID, date, pharmacist)

Prescription *RxID* was filled by *pharmacist* on *date*.

Attribute *pharmacist* is the pharmacist's OCP number.

Integrity constraints

Price[DIN] \subseteq Product[DIN]

Prescription[drug] \subseteq Product[DIN]

Filled[RxID] \subseteq Prescription[RxID]

$\Pi_{\text{schedule}} \text{Product} \subseteq \{\text{"prescription"}, \text{"narcotic"}, \text{"OTC"}\}$

For every drug product that has been prescribed, report its DIN, the date on which the first prescription for it was written, and the date on which the last prescription for it was written.

Use only the basic operators $\Pi, \sigma, \bowtie, \times, \cap, \cup, -, \rho$, and assignment.

Solution:

$P1(\text{drug1}, \text{date1}) := \Pi_{\text{drug}, \text{date}}(\text{Prescription})$

$P2(\text{drug2}, \text{date2}) := \Pi_{\text{drug}, \text{date}}(\text{Prescription})$

$\text{notfirst} := \Pi_{\text{drug1}, \text{date1}}(P1 \bowtie_{\text{drug1}=\text{drug2} \wedge \text{date1} > \text{date2}} P2)$

$\text{notlast} := \Pi_{\text{drug2}, \text{date2}}(P1 \bowtie_{\text{drug1}=\text{drug2} \wedge \text{date1} > \text{date2}} P2)$

$\text{first} := P1 - \text{notfirst}$

$\text{last} := P2 - \text{notlast}$

$\text{solution}(\text{drug}, \text{first}, \text{last}) := \Pi_{\text{drug1}, \text{date1}, \text{date2}} \text{first} \bowtie_{\text{drug1}=\text{drug2}} \text{last}$

Question 3. [6 MARKS]

Suppose we have implemented the Twitter schema from Question 1 in SQL, and the tables currently contain the following:

User:

userid	name	email
adele	Adele Laurie Blue Adkins	
drizzy	Drake	
potus	Barack Obama	potus@gov.us
rjm	Renee Miller	rjm@cs

Follows:

a	b
potus	drizzy
drizzy	rjm
drizzy	adele
adele	drizzy

Tweet:

tweetid	userid	content	date
15	adele	Hello	2016-10-16
61	adele	It's me	2016-10-16
33	potus	6 weeks	2016-10-11
28	rjm	in the 6	2016-10-10

Likes:

who	tweetid	userid
drizzy	15	adele
drizzy	61	adele
potus	33	potus
potus	61	adele

Show the output of each of the following queries.

Solutions

----- (1)

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SELECT who
FROM Likes natural full join Tweet
WHERE tweetID < 30;
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who
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drizzy
NULL
(2 rows)
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----- (2)

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SELECT t.userID, count(*), max(date)
FROM Tweet t, Likes l
where t.userID = l.who
GROUP BY t.userID;
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userid | count | max
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potus  | 2     | 2016-10-11
(1 row)
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----- (3)
SELECT count(*)
FROM User, Likes;
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count
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      16
(1 row)
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----- (4)
SELECT DISTINCT date
FROM User NATURAL JOIN Tweet;
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date
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2016-10-16
2016-10-10
2016-10-11
(3 rows)
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----- (5)
SELECT T.TweetID, max(date)
FROM Tweet T, Likes L
WHERE T.userid = L.userid
GROUP BY T.TweetID
HAVING count(*) < 1;
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tweetid | max
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(0 rows)
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----- (6)
(SELECT userID
FROM Likes)
  EXCEPT ALL
(SELECT userID
FROM Tweet);
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userid
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adele
(1 row)
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Question 4. [4 MARKS]

Write a query to find the name of users who have only liked tweets posted on the same date that they have made a tweet. Ensure that your query would work on any instance of the database, not simply the one above.

Solution:

Example

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CREATE VIEW goodusers as ((SELECT userid from likes)
  except
  (SELECT u.userid
   FROM likes l, tweet t, user u
   WHERE who = u.userid and l.tweetid = t.tweetid and date not in
     (select date from tweet userTweet where userTweet.userid =
      who)));
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SELECT name
FROM user U, goodusers G
WHERE u.userid = g.userid;
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