

Fundamentals of Database Systems - Assignment 2

2024

Note: Collaboration on assignments is encouraged, but you must write up your work individually and in your own words.

1. (Relational Algebra)

Consider the relational database schema $\{\text{CUSTOMER}, \text{ORDER}, \text{DRIVER}\}$ with the relation schemata:

- $\text{CUSTOMER} = \{\text{customer_id}, \text{name}, \text{email}\}$ with key $\{\text{customer_id}\}$

- $\text{DRIVER} = \{\text{date}, \text{driver_name}, \text{vehicle}\}$ with key $\{\text{date}\}$

- $\text{ORDERS} = \{\text{order_id}, \text{customer_id}, \text{address}, \text{payment_method}, \text{order_date}\}$ with key $\{\text{order_id}\}$ and with foreign keys

$[\text{customer_id}] \subseteq \text{CUSTOMER}[\text{customer_id}]$

$[\text{order_date}] \subseteq \text{DRIVER}[\text{date}]$

- (a) For the following English language description of a query write the corresponding relational algebra query. Only use operators of relational algebra that were used in the lecture.

i) Which are the orders (the order_ids) that have been delivered by neither the driver 'Karl' nor 'Lenny' (not been delivered by 'Karl' or 'Lenny')?

[4 marks]

ii) Who are the drivers that have never driven a bus and drove a motorbike when they delivered an order to the address '742 Evergreen Tce'?

[4 marks]

- (b) Write down an English language description of the query that is equivalent to the following relational algebra query:

$$i) Q_1 = \pi_{\text{address}}(\text{ORDERS} \bowtie (\sigma_{\text{driver_name}='Karl'}(\text{DRIVER})))$$

$$Q_2 = \pi_{\text{address}}(\sigma_{\text{payment_method}='cash'}(\text{ORDERS}))$$

$$Q = Q_1 - Q_2$$

[3 marks]

ii) $\pi_{\text{name}, \text{email}}(\text{CUSTOMER} \bowtie (\pi_{\text{customer_id}, \text{payment_method}}(\text{ORDERS}) \div \pi_{\text{payment_method}}(\text{ORDERS})))$

[3 marks]

2. (Relational Calculus)

Consider the relational database schema $\{\text{CUSTOMER}, \text{ORDER}, \text{DRIVER}\}$ with the relation schemata:

- $\text{CUSTOMER} = \{\text{customer_id}, \text{name}, \text{email}\}$ with key $\{\text{customer_id}\}$
- $\text{DRIVER} = \{\text{date}, \text{driver_name}, \text{vehicle}\}$ with key $\{\text{date}\}$
- $\text{ORDERS} = \{\text{order_id}, \text{customer_id}, \text{address}, \text{payment_method}, \text{order_date}\}$ with key $\{\text{order_id}\}$ and with foreign keys

$[\text{customer_id}] \subseteq \text{CUSTOMER}[\text{customer_id}]$

$[\text{order_date}] \subseteq \text{DRIVER}[\text{date}]$

- (a) Write the following query in safe relational calculus:

Who are the customers that have ordered on April 1st 2024 (2024-04-01) and paid in cash?

[3 marks]

- (b) Write down in English what the following relational calculus query returns:

$\text{CUSTOMER}(x_{\text{customer_id}}, x_{\text{name}}, x_{\text{email}}) \wedge$
 $\forall x_{\text{order_id}}, x_{\text{address}}, x_{\text{payment_method}}, x_{\text{order_date}}, x_{\text{date}}$
 $((\text{ORDERS}(x_{\text{order_id}}, x_{\text{customer_id}}, x_{\text{address}}, x_{\text{payment_method}}, x_{\text{order_date}}) \Rightarrow$
 $\exists x_{\text{vehicle}} \text{DRIVER}(x_{\text{date}}, \text{'Karl'}, x_{\text{vehicle}})) \wedge (x_{\text{order_date}} = x_{\text{date}}))$

[3 marks]

Possible Marks: 20
