

Outline of Lecture

- Review of Relational Data Model
- Relational Algebra Operations
 - SELECT σ and PROJECT Π
 - Set Operations
 - JOIN Operations
 - Additional Relational Operations

Review of Relational Data Model

Relational Model

- A particular way of structuring data (relations)
- Simple
- Mathematically based
 - Expressions (queries) can be analyzed by DBMS
 - Transformed to equivalent expressions automatically (query optimization)
 - Optimizers have limits (\Rightarrow programmer needs to know how queries are evaluated and optimized)

Definition Summary

Informal Terms

Table

Column

Values in a column

Row

Table Definition

Populated Table

Formal Term

Relation

Attribute/Domain

Domain

Tuple/Instance

Schema of Relation

Extension

Relation Instance

- Relation is a set of tuples
 - Tuple ordering immaterial
 - No duplicates
- All tuples in a relation have the same structure; constructed from the same set of attributes
 - Attributes named (\Rightarrow ordering immaterial)
 - Value of an attribute drawn from the attribute's domain
 - Arity (degree) = number of attributes

Relation Instance (Example)

Id	Name	Address	Status
1111111	John	123 main	freshman
2345678	Mary	456 cedar	sophomore
4433322	Art	77 so. 3rd	senior
7654321	Pat	88 no. 4th	sophomore

Student

Data Structures of Relation

- an attribute name refers to a position in a tuple by **name** rather than position
- an attribute name indicate the **role of a domain** in a relation
- attribute names must be **unique** within relations
- by using attribute names we can forget the ordering of field values in tuples
- a relation definition includes the following $R(A_1:D_1, A_2:D_2, \dots, A_n:D_n)$
 - Student (Id: INT, Name: STRING, Address: STRING, Status: STRING)

Relation Schema

- Relation name
- Attribute names and domains
- Integrity constraints - e.g.,
 - The values of a particular attribute in all tuples are unique
- Default values

Relational Database

- Finite set of relations
- Each relation consists of a schema and an instance
- Database schema = set of relation schemas (and integrity constraints IC)
- Database state = set of (corresponding) relation states and each r satisfies constraints

Integrity Constraints

- Constraints: *conditions* that must hold on *all* valid relation instances.
- Three main constraints:
 - **Key** constraints (single relation)
 - **entity integrity** constraints (single relation)
 - **referential integrity** constraints (two relations)

Key Constrains

- **Superkey:** A set of attributes SK of R such that no two tuples *in any valid relation instance* $r(R)$ will have the same value for SK
 - for any distinct tuples t_1 and t_2 in $r(R)$,
 $t_1[SK] \neq t_2[SK]$.
- **Key:** A "**minimal**" superkey.
 - a superkey K such that removal of any attribute from K results in a set of attributes that is not a superkey.

Example:

CAR(State, Reg#, SerialNo, Make, Model, Year)

- **Two candidate keys:**
 - Key1 = {State, Reg#}
 - Key2 = {SerialNo}
 - Are Key1 and Key2 superkeys?
- {SerialNo, Make}, key or superkey?
- **Primary key:** If a relation has *several candidate keys*, one is chosen arbitrarily to be the **primary key**.
 - The primary key attributes are *underlined*.

Entity Integrity

- **Relational Database Schema:** A set S of relation schemas that belong to the same database.
 - S is the *name* of the **database**.
 $S = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$
- **Entity Integrity:** The *primary key attributes* PK of each relation schema R in S **cannot** have **null** values in any tuple of $r(R)$.
 - primary key values are used to *identify* the individual tuples.
 - $t[PK] \neq \text{null}$ for any tuple t in $r(R)$

Referential Integrity (Foreign Key Constrains)

- A constraint involving *two* relations
- specify a *relationship* among tuples in two relations:
 - the **referencing relation**(R_1) and the **referenced relation** (R_2)
 - **FK**(foreign key attributes) of R_1 reference **PK** of R_2
- displayed in a relational database schema as a directed arc from $R_1.FK$ to $R_2.PK$

Foreign Key Constrains

- Satisfy 2 conditions:
 - $\text{Dom}(R_1.\text{FK}) = \text{Dom}(R_2.\text{PK})$
 - $t_1[\text{FK}] = t_2[\text{PK}]$ or $t_1[\text{FK}] = \text{NULL}$

Figure 7.6 One possible relational database state corresponding to the COMPANY schema.

EMPLOYEE	NAME	SEX	EMPID	DOB	EMAIL	WORKING	DEPT	SALARY	DATE_HIRED	DEPT
1	Scott	M	7566	1947-07-15	SCOTT	Y	10	9500	1987-07-15	10
2	Ford	M	7569	1949-12-03	FORD	Y	10	9000	1981-12-03	10
3	Smith	M	7566	1950-07-05	SMITH	Y	20	8000	1980-07-05	20
4	Adams	F	7567	1953-12-17	ADAMS	Y	20	7600	1983-12-17	20
5	Jones	M	7568	1951-02-01	JONES	Y	30	8500	1985-02-01	30
6	Blake	M	7569	1951-05-01	BLAKE	Y	30	8000	1983-05-01	30
7	Clark	M	7566	1951-09-01	CLARK	Y	20	7600	1981-09-01	20
8	Allen	F	7567	1953-02-02	ALLEN	Y	20	7600	1983-02-02	20
9	King	M	7568	1951-01-01	KING	Y	40	15000	1981-01-01	40
10	Deena	F	7569	1951-01-01	DEENA	Y	30	12000	1981-01-01	30

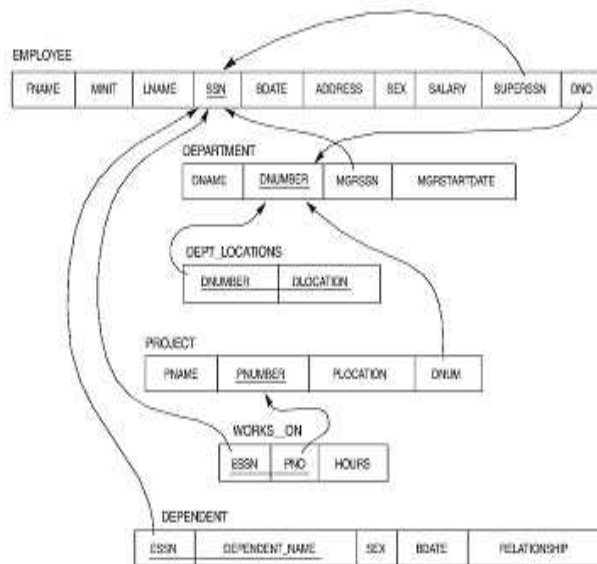
DEPT	LOCATION	DEPARTMENT	DEPT
10	NEW YORK	ACCOUNTING	10
20	NEW YORK	MARKETING	20
30	NEW YORK	SALES	30
40	NEW YORK	EXECUTIVE	40

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6	Blake	30	Y	1983-05-01
7	Clark	20	Y	1981-09-01
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Figure 7.7 Referential integrity constraints displayed on the COMPANY relational database schema diagram.



AIRPORT

<u>airportcode</u>	name	city	state
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FLT-SCHEDULE

<u>flt#</u>	airline	dtime	from-airportcode	atime	to-airportcode	miles	price
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FLT-WEEKDAY

<u>flt#</u>	<u>weekday</u>
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FLT-INSTANCE

<u>flt#</u>	<u>date</u>	plane#	#avail-seats
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AIRPLANE

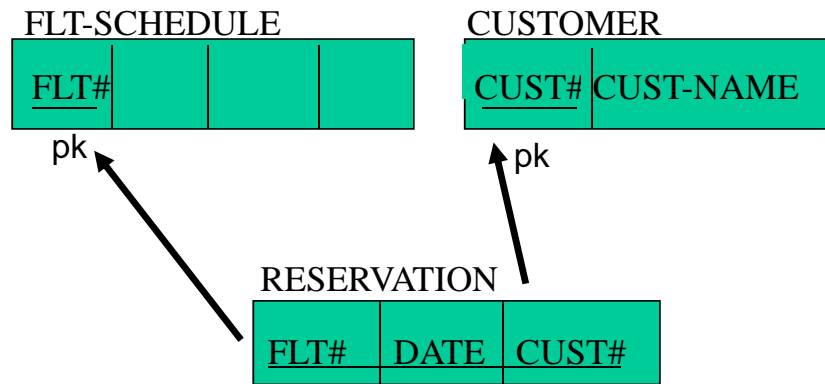
<u>plane#</u>	plane-type	total-#seats
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CUSTOMER

<u>cust#</u>	first	middle	last	phone#	street	city	state	zip
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RESERVATION

<u>flt#</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>cust#</u>	seat#	check-in-status	<u>ticket#</u>
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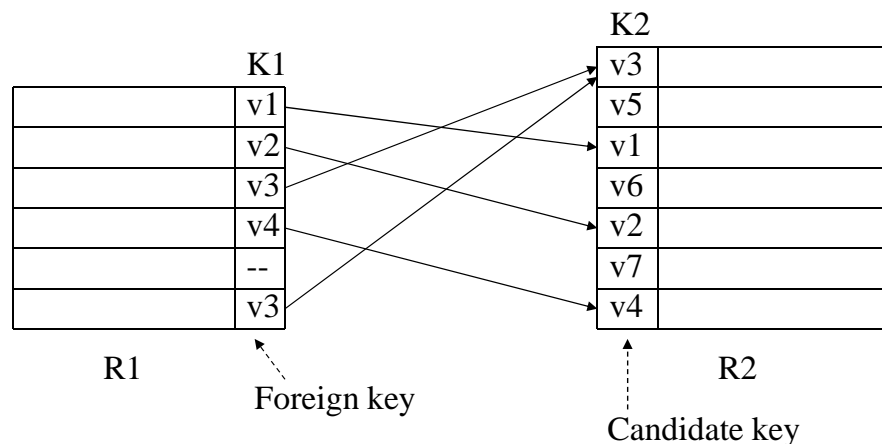
Database Schema (Example)

- Student (Id: INT, Name: STRING, Address: STRING, Status: STRING)
- Professor (Id: INT, Name: STRING, DeptId: DEPTS)
- Course (DeptId: DEPTS, CrsName: STRING, CrsCode: COURSES)
- Transcript (CrsCode: COURSES, StudId: INT, Grade: GRADES, Semester: SEMESTERS)
- Department(DeptId: DEPTS, Name: STRING)

Foreign Key Constraint(Cont.)

- **Referential integrity** - attribute named in one relation must correspond to tuple(s) in another that describes the item
 - Transcript (CrsCode) references Course(CrsCode)
 - Professor(DeptId) references Department(DeptId)
- K1 is a **foreign key** of R1 referring to K2 in R2
 - if v is a value of K1, there is a *unique* tuple of R2 in which K2 has value v
 - This is a special case of referential integrity: K2 must be a candidate key of R2 (CrsCode is a key of Course)
 - If no row exists in R2 -- violation of referential integrity
 - Not all rows of R2 need to be referenced. Relationship is not symmetric (some course might not be taught)
 - Value of a foreign key might not be specified (DeptId column of some professor might be null)

Foreign Key Constraint (Example)



Foreign Key (con't)

- Names of K1 and K2 need not be the same.
 - With tables:
Teaching(CrsCode: COURSES, Sem: SEMESTERS, ProfId: INT)
Professor(Id: INT, Name: STRING, DeptId: DEPTS)
ProfId attribute of Teaching references Id attribute of Professor
- R1 and R2 need not be distinct.
 - Employee(Id:INT, MgrId:INT,)
 - Employee(MgrId) references Employee(Id)
 - Every manager is also an employee and hence has a unique row in Employee

Foreign Key (con't)

- Foreign key might consist of several columns
 - (CrsCode, Semester) of Transcript references (CrsCode, Sem) of Teaching
- R1(A1, ...An) references R2(B1, ...Bn)
 - There exists a 1:1 relationship between A1,...An and B1,...Bn
 - Ai and Bi have same domains (although not necessarily the same names)
 - B1,...Bn is a candidate key of R2

Relational Algebra

- the Relational Algebra is procedural; you tell it how to construct the result
- it consists of a set of **operators** which, when applied to relations, yield relations
- Operations:
 - SELECT σ and PROJECT Π operations
 - Set operations: UNION \cup , INTERSECTION \cap , DIFFERENCE $-$, CARTESIAN PRODUCT \times .
 - JOIN operations \bowtie
 - Others: DIVISION, OUTER JOIN, AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS.

SELECT

- Selects the tuples (rows) from a relation R that satisfy a certain *selection condition* c
- Form of the operation: $\sigma_c(R)$
- The condition c is an arbitrary Boolean expression on the attributes of R
- Resulting relation has the *same attributes* as R
- Resulting relation includes each tuple in $r(R)$ whose attribute values satisfy the condition c

Selection

FLT-WEEKDAY

flt#	weekday
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- “Retrieve (flt#, weekday) for all flights scheduled for Mondays”

$$\sigma_{\text{weekday=MO}}(\text{FLT-WEEKDAY})$$

- the expression in $\sigma_{\text{expression}}(R)$ involves:
- operands: constants or attribute names of R
- comparison operators: $< > =$
- logical operators: $\vee \wedge \neg$
- nesting: $()$

Projection (Π)

- Keeps only certain attributes (columns) from a relation R specified in an *attribute list* L
- Form of operation: $\Pi_L(R)$
- Resulting relation has only those attributes of R specified in L

Examples of Projection

- e.g.1, $\Pi_{\text{FNAME,LNAME,SALARY}}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$
 - It **eliminates duplicate** tuples in the resulting relation (remains a mathematical set)
 - no duplicate elements
- E.g. 2 : $\Pi_{\text{SEX,SALARY}}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$
 - Guess what's the output relation? Any duplicate elements in result?

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 - If several male employees have salary 30000, only a single tuple $\langle \text{M}, 30000 \rangle$ is kept in the resulting relation.
- **Duplicate tuples are eliminated by the Π operation.**

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$\Pi_{\text{FNAME,LNAME,SALARY}} (\sigma_{\text{DNO=4}}(\text{EMPLOYEE}))$

- we specify explicit intermediate relations for each step:
 - $\text{DEPT4_EMPS} \leftarrow \sigma_{\text{DNO}=4}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$
 - $R \leftarrow \pi_{\text{FNAME,LNAME,SALARY}}(\text{DEPT4_EMPS})$
- Attributes can optionally be *renamed* in the resulting left-hand-side relation
 - $\text{DEPT4_EMPS} \leftarrow \sigma_{\text{DNO}=4}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$
 - $R(\text{FIRSTNAME, LASTNAME, SALARY}) \leftarrow \pi_{\text{FNAME,LNAME,SALARY}}(\text{DEPT4_EMPS})$

FLT-WEEKDAY

flt#	weekday
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- “find flt# for all flights scheduled for Mondays

$$\pi_{\text{flt\#}}(\sigma_{\text{weekday=MO}}(\text{FLT-WEEKDAY}))$$

- the attributes in the attribute list of $\pi_{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n}(R)$ must be attributes of the operand R

Set Operations

- Binary operations from mathematical set theory:
 - **UNION:** $R1 \cup R2$
 - **INTERSECTION:** $R1 \cap R2$
 - **SET DIFFERENCE:** $R1 - R2$
 - **CARTESIAN PRODUCT:** $R1 \times R2$

Union compatibility

- For \cup , \cap , $-$, the operand relations $R1(A1, A2, \dots, An)$ and $R2(B1, B2, \dots, Bn)$ must have the same number of attributes, and the domains of corresponding attributes must be compatible
- $\text{dom}(Ai) = \text{dom}(Bi)$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.
- The resulting relation for \cup , \cap , or $-$ has the same attribute names as the *first* operand relation $R1$ (by convention).

Figure 7.11 Illustrating the set operations union, intersection, and difference. (a) Two union compatible relations. (b) $\text{STUDENT} \cup \text{INSTRUCTOR}$. (c) $\text{STUDENT} \cap \text{INSTRUCTOR}$. (d) $\text{STUDENT} - \text{INSTRUCTOR}$. (e) $\text{INSTRUCTOR} - \text{STUDENT}$.

(a)	STUDENT	FN	LN
		Susan	Yao
		Ramesh	Shah
		Johnny	Kohler
		Barbara	Jones
		Amy	Ford
		Jimmy	Wang
		Ernest	Gilbert
	INSTRUCTOR	FNAME	LNAME
		John	Smith
		Ricardo	Browne
		Susan	Yao
		Francis	Johnson
		Ramesh	Shah

(b)	FN	LN
		Susan Yao
		Ramesh Shah
		Johnny Kohler
		Barbara Jones
		Amy Ford
		Jimmy Wang
		Ernest Gilbert
		John Smith
		Ricardo Browne
		Francis Johnson

(c)	FN	LN
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	Ramesh	Shah

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Cartesian Product

- Also called **CROSS JOIN, X**
- **Binary** set operation
- Do not have to be *union compatible*
- $R(A1, A2, \dots, Am, B1, B2, \dots, Bn) \leftarrow$

$$R1(A1, A2, \dots, Am) \times R2(B1, B2, \dots, Bn)$$

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	=	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
a1	b1		c1	d1		a1	b1	c1	d1
a2	b2		c2	d2		a1	b1	c2	d2
			c3	d3		a1	b1	c3	d3
						a2	b2	c1	d1
						a2	b2	c2	d2
						a3	b3	c3	d3

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- $\text{DEP_EMP} \leftarrow \text{DEPARTMENT X EMPLOYEE}$
- $\text{DEPT_MANAGER} \leftarrow \sigma_{\text{MGRSSN}=\text{SSN}}(\text{DEP_EMP})$

JOIN Operation

- **THETA JOIN** (\bowtie): Similar to a CARTESIAN PRODUCT followed by a SELECT. The condition c is called a *join condition*.

$$R \bowtie_c S = \sigma_c(R \times S)$$

- A general JOIN condition: $\langle c \rangle \text{ AND } \langle c \rangle \dots \text{ AND } \langle c \rangle$
 - Each c is $A_i \theta B_j$
 - θ is one of the comparison operators $\{=, <, \leq, >, \geq, \neq\}$

EQUIJOIN

- The join condition c includes one or more *equality comparisons* involving attributes from R_1 and R_2 .
 - $(A_i = B_j) \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } (A_h = B_k)$
 - A_i, \dots, A_h are called the **join attributes** of R_1
 - B_j, \dots, B_k are called the **join attributes** of R_2

Climbers (C2):

CId	CName	Skill	Age
123	Edmund	EXP	80
214	Arnold	BEG	25
313	Bridget	EXP	33
212	James	MED	27

Climbs (C1):

CId	RId	Date	Duration
123	1	10/10/88	5
123	3	11/08/87	1
313	1	12/08/89	5
214	2	08/07/92	2
313	1	06/07/94	3

$\sigma_{CId:1=CId:2}(\text{Climbs} \times \text{Climbers})$:

C1.CId	RId	Date	Duration	C2.CId	CName	Skill	Age
123	1	10/10/88	5	123	Edmund	EXP	80
123	3	11/08/87	1	123	Edmund	EXP	80
313	1	12/08/89	5	313	Bridget	EXP	33
214	2	08/07/92	2	214	Arnold	BEG	25
313	1	06/07/94	3	313	Bridget	EXP	33

Natural JOIN (*)

- In an EQUIJOIN $R \leftarrow R_1 \bowtie R_2$, the join attribute of R_2 appear *redundantly* in the result relation R.
- In a NATURAL JOIN, the *redundant join attributes* of R_2 are *eliminated* from R. The equality condition is *implied* and need not be specified.

Climbs \bowtie Climbers :

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- Example: Retrieve each EMPLOYEE's name and the name of his/her SUPERVISOR:

$SUPERVISOR(SUPERSSN, SFN, SLN) \leftarrow$

$\Pi_{SSN, FNAME, LNAME}(EMPLOYEE)$

$T \leftarrow EMPLOYEE * SUPERVISOR$

RESULT $\leftarrow \Pi_{FNAME, LNAME, S_FN, S_LN}(T)$

FNAME	LNAME	S_FN	S_LN
John	Smith	Franklin	Wong
Franklin	Wong	James	Borg
Jennifer	Wallace	James	Borg
Ramesh	Narayan	Franklin	Wong

JOIN two relations

EMPLOYEE EMP and DEPARTMENT DEPT

JOIN ATTRIBUTES

EMP.SSN=DEPT.MGRSSN

RELATIONSHIP

EMP *manage* DEPT

EMP.DNO=DEPT.DNUMBER EMP *works for* DEPT

Example:

List each EMP's name and the name of the DEPT he/she works for

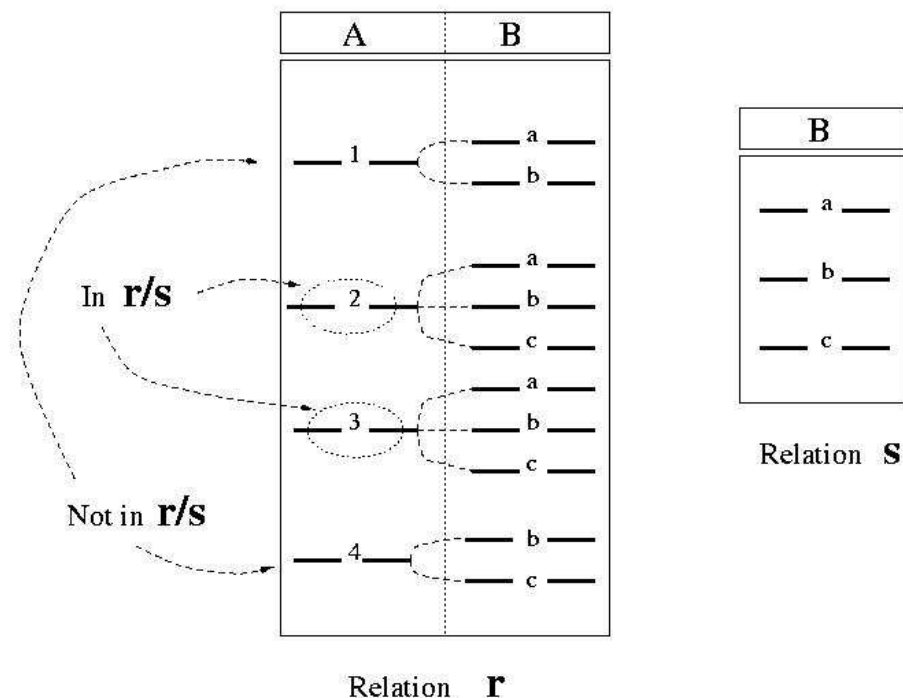
$T \leftarrow EMPLOYEE \bowtie_{DNO=DNUMBER} DEPARTMENT$

RESULT $\leftarrow \Pi_{FNAME, LNAME, DNAME}(T)$

Division

- Goal: Produce the tuples in one relation, r , that match *all* tuples in another relation, s
 - $r(A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m)$
 - $s(B_1 \dots B_m)$
 - r/s , with attributes A_1, \dots, A_n , is the set of all tuples $\langle a \rangle$ such that for every tuple $\langle b \rangle$ in s , $\langle a, b \rangle$ is in r
- Can be expressed in terms of projection, set difference, and cross-product

Division (con't)



Division - Example

- List the Ids of students who have passed *all* courses that were taught in spring 2000

Division - Example

- List the Ids of students who have passed *all* courses that were taught in spring 2000
- *Numerator*: StudId and CrsCode for every course passed by every student
 - $\pi_{StudId, CrsCode}(\sigma_{Grade \neq 'F'}(Transcript))$
- *Denominator*: CrsCode of all courses taught in spring 2000
 - $\Pi_{CrsCode}(\sigma_{Semester='S2000'}(Teaching))$
- Result is *numerator/denominator*

Complete Set of Relational Algebra Operations

- the set $\{\sigma, \Pi, \cup, -, \bowtie\}$ is called a *complete set* of relational algebra operations. Any query language *equivalent to* these operations is called **relationally complete**.
- All the basic operations discussed so far can be described as a sequence of *only* the above set
- Additional operations were not part of the *original* relational algebra
 - Aggregate functions (SUM, AVG), grouping
 - Outer Join, outer union

Additional Relational Operations

- Aggregate Functions and Grouping
- Outer JOIN and Outer UNION

Aggregate functions

- Functions are often applied to sets of values or sets of tuples in DB applications

- SUM, COUNT, AVERAGE, MIN, MAX
- $\langle \text{grouping attributes} \rangle F \langle \text{function list} \rangle (R)$
- Grouping attributes are optional

- Example:

List the average salary of **all** employees (no grouping needed):

For each department, retrieve the department number, the number of employees, and the average salary:

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$R(\text{AVGSAL}) \leftarrow F_{\text{AVG SALARY}}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$

For each department, retrieve the department number, the number of employees, and the average salary:

$R(\text{DNO}, \text{NUMEMPS}, \text{AVGSAL}) \leftarrow$

$\text{DNO } F_{\text{COUNT SSN, AVERAGE SALARY}}(\text{EMPLOYEE})$

- DNO is called the *grouping attribute*

Figure 7.16 An illustration of the AGGREGATE FUNCTION operation. (a) $R(DNO, NO_OF_EMPLOYEES, AVERAGE_SAL) \leftarrow_{DNO} \gamma_{COUNT_SSN, AVERAGE_SALARY}(EMPLOYEE)$. (b) $\gamma_{DNO} \gamma_{COUNT_SSN, AVERAGE_SALARY}(EMPLOYEE)$. (c) $\gamma_{COUNT_SSN, AVERAGE_SALARY}(EMPLOYEE)$.

(a)

	DNO	NO_OF_EMPLOYEES	AVERAGE_SAL
	5	4	33250
	4	3	31000
	1	1	55000

(b)

DNO	COUNT_SSN	AVERAGE_SALARY
5	4	33250
4	3	31000
1	1	55000

(c)

COUNT_SSN	AVERAGE_SALARY
8	35125

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Outer join

- In a regular EQUIJOIN or NATURAL JOIN operation, tuples in R1 or R2 that do not have matching tuples in the other relation *do not appear in the result*
- Tuples with null in the join attributes are also eliminated.
- Some queries require all tuples in R1 (or R2 or both) to appear in the result
- When no matching tuples are found, **nulls** are placed for the missing attributes

Outer join (Cont.)

- **LEFT OUTER JOIN:**
 - $R1 \text{ left} \bowtie R2$ lets every tuple in $R1$ appear in the result
- **RIGHT OUTER JOIN:**
 - $R1 \bowtie \text{right} R2$ lets every tuple in $R2$ appear in the result
- **FULL OUTER JOIN:**
 - $R1 \text{ left} \bowtie \text{right} R2$ lets every tuple in $R1$ or $R2$ appear in the result

Figure 7.18 The LEFT OUTER JOIN operation.

RESULT	FNAME	MINIT	LNAME	DNAME
	John	B	Smith	null
	Franklin	T	Wong	Research
	Alicia	J	Zelaya	null
	Jennifer	S	Wallace	Administration
	Ramesh	K	Narayan	null
	Joyce	A	English	null
	Ahmad	V	Jabbar	null
	James	E	Borg	Headquarters

Outer UNION

- If two relations are **not union compatible**
- Partial compatible
- example