

$$\sigma_{R.b \neq S.b}(R \times S) - (R \times S)$$

Answer: ϕ (Empty).

$$R - \pi_{R.a, R.b}(\sigma_{R.b=S.b}(R \times S))$$

Answer: It finds tuples of R that have no matching tuples in S (i.e. it computes R ANTIJOIN S).

$$\pi_a(R) - \pi_{R.a}(\sigma_{(R_1.a > R.a) \wedge (R_2.a > R_1.a)}(R \times \rho_{R_1}(R) \times \rho_{R_2}(R)))$$

Answer: It finds the top 2 values of a present in R .

“Find the makers who don’t make any desktop, and do make some laptop(s)”

$$(\text{Computer} - \sigma_{\text{category}=\text{“desktop”}}(\text{Computer})) \cap \pi_{\text{maker}}(\sigma_{\text{category}=\text{“laptop”}}(\text{Computer}))$$

Find the phone numbers of *all* the makers who make desktops with speed = 3.2”

$$\pi_{\text{maker}} \sigma_{\text{model}=\text{num}} (\sigma_{\text{category}=\text{“desktop”}} (\text{Computer}) \times \sigma_{\text{speed}=3.2} (\text{Model}))$$