

Background:

## Network and Hierarchical Database Systems

It was emerged in late 1960s, and it was

- i. Complex Data structures
  - ii. No separation between logical and physical data structure.
  - iii. Navigational programming language used.
- It means how we will fetch the data need to tell by instruction. (how to fetch, what to fetch)

## # Relational Data Model

→ Relational Algebra

1970 by E.F. Codd. It based on Mathematical foundation

- ii. There is a <sup>complete</sup> separation of logical and physical data structure.
- iii. complete data model
- iv. It solves the problem with previous model.
- v. has become a dominant model.

\* Basic terms & concepts (Domain, attribute, relation, tuple, Relation Schema, instance, constraints)

### objectives -

\* <sup>achive</sup> high degree of data independence. In other words data is not dependent on any application

\* bring consistency, semantics and out redundancy problems.

\* operation become set oriented rather than particular.



## Relation:

A relation is a table, or entity, with columns and rows of logically related data.

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## Attribute: (Column Name)

An attribute is a named column of a relation.

Name	ID	Date	Maj

Attribute forest?  
⇒ Relation is!

## Domain: (Allowed values) (Every attribute has a set of Domain)

A domain is a set of allowable values for one or more attributes.

A set of values  $D = \{D_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$  where  $D$  is domain name and  $D_i$  is a domain element.

Example: LName Dom = { 'Susan', 'James', 'John' }

\* we can't enter anything which is not in Domain.

Degree = # of cols (Number of attributes a relation contains)

Cardinality = # of rows or tuples.

Tuples: A row is called as tuple in a relation.

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tuple			
tuple			



## Relational Database

→ It is a process to create mathematically accurate Database.

A collection of normalized relations with distinct relation names.

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## Relation / Table / entity

Express by mathematical term:

Let two sets,  $D_1 = \{2, 4\}$  and  $D_2 = \{1, 3, 5\}$

The cartesian product of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is  $D_1 \times D_2$

$D_1 \times D_2 =$  Set of all ordered pairs such that first element is a member of  $D_1$  and last is a member of  $D_2$ .

$$D_1 \times D_2 = \{(2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 5), (4, 1), (4, 3), (4, 5)\}$$

→ Any subset of this product is a relation

example,  $R = \{(2, 1), (4, 1)\}$



Relation Schema: (combination of Attribute and Domain) ( ~~$A_1: D_1, A_2: D_2$~~ )

A named relation defined by the set of attribute and domain name pairs.

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be attributes with domains  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$

Then the set,  $\{A_1: D_1, A_2: D_2, \dots, A_n: D_n\}$  is a relation schema

Relational Database Schema:

A set of relation schemas, each with distinct name.

if  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  are a set of relation schema then we can say,

Relational Database schema  $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$

simply

Collection  
of Relation  
Schema



## Relational Keys:

Keys are special fields of a relation mainly for identification.

here we have two main purposes

- i. To identify a record (tuple) uniquely in a relation, [Primary Key]
- ii. To identify or relate to another relation records. [Foreign Key]

\*\* Keys can be simple (a single field) or composite (more than one field).



(Set of all primary key)  
Superkey: (Combination of all uniquely identifier)

An attribute or set of attributes, that uniquely identifies a tuple within a relation.

\*\* A superkey may contain additional attributes that are not necessary for unique identification.

candidate key:

A superkey such that no proper subset is a superkey within the relation.

\* A candidate key is a superkey with minimal attributes.

~~Keys~~ <sup>OR</sup> candidate

keys that are candidate for superkey.

• In a table it may seem there is one or more primary key then these are candidate for primary key.



## Relational Integrity constraints

An attribute can have a valid value of its Domain. That's why we have to consider

two important integrity rules-

i. Entity Integrity: In a base (physical database) relation, no attribute of a primary key can be null.

ii. Referential Integrity constraints:

if a foreign key exist in a relation, then there can be two things, one is the foreign key value must match a candidate key value of some tuple in its home relation and or other thing is the foreign key value must be wholly null.

