# Relational Model

- tables (relations)
- columns (attributes)
- rows (tuples)

#### **Relation Schema**

• R(A1, A2, ..., An)

#### Domain

## Logical Definition

 Ssn\_Numbers = Nine digit character string of integer values between 0 and 9 inclusive (can't start with 0).

Data Type

String.

Format

• XXXXXXXX where first X is not 0.

Unit of Measurement (Optional)

• i.e. pounds or kilograms for Weight attribute.

## **Relation State**

r(R) - list of tuples  $t = \{t1, t2, ..., tm\}$ tuple  $t = list of values <math>v = \{v1, v2, ..., vn\}$ 

v1 in the dom(A1)

### **Types of Constraints**

- Model based constraints relational model (see definition on left i.e. domains)
- Explicit constraints defined by DDL i.e. SQL part of our database schema.
- - Semantic Constraints Business Rules (Logic), implemented in the database applications (API).

### **Explicit Constraints**

- - Domain Constraints (Data Types)
- - Key Constraints -
- - Entity Integrity
- - Referential Integrity

### **Key Constraints**

Superkey

SK - subset of attributes such that the following holds for tuples t1, t2.

t1[SK] != t2[SK]

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key is a superkey with the added property that it's minimal superkey.

key K has the property if I remove A from K then I have K' that is not a superkey.

t1[K'] = t2[K']

Multiple keys?

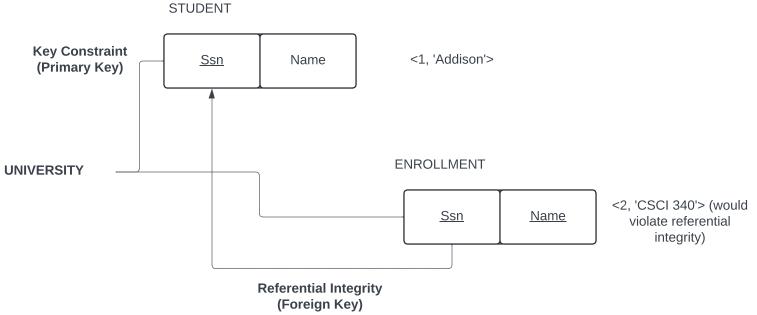
- Arbitrarily choose one to be the *Primary Key*.
- Candidate keys keys, but not the primary key.

### **Entity Integrity Constraint**

Primary Keys don't have null values.

### **Referential Integrity Constraint**

• Foreign Key (FK) - Subset of Attributes on g1 that refers to the Primary Key (PK) of a tuple t1, or is NULL.



#### **Relational Database Schema**

S = {R1, R2, ..., Rn} and integrity constraints IC.

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#### Relational Database State

DB = {r1, r2, ..., rn} relation states satisfy the constraints specified in IC.

Valid database state - follows from definition above.

Retrievals and *Updates* (*Insert*, *Update*, *Delete*).

Domain, Key, Entity Integrity, Referential Integrity.

Insert - entity integrity (<NULL, 'Addison'>), referential integrity (<2, 'CSCI 340'>), domain, key (insert the same tuple twice)\*

Update - not a foreign key or a primary key attribute (can only violate domain constraint). Otherwise see case of insert\*
REJECT - default.

Delete - referential integrity (see cascading delete in SQL Section)