

# Applications of Logic

## Applied Logic

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# Relational Databases

- **Databases** store **massive amount** of **persistent** data **efficiently**
- They are **reliable** and provide **safe access** to **multiple users**
- **Database management systems (DBMSs)**: software systems that store and manage databases
- They use **relational data model** for storing data in tables:
  - A database consist of a **schema** and a database **instance**

Introduction to Databases (CS3319)  
and Database II (CS4411)

# Database Schemas

- A k-ary **relation schema**  $R(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  consists of
  - **Relation name**  $R$
  - **Attributes**  $\{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$
- Each attribute  $A_i$  has a **domain**  $dom(A_i)$  of values
- **Example:**  $Account(accoun\_no, customer, branch, balance)$   
 $dom(balance) = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$      $dom(account\_no) = \mathbb{Z}^+$   
 $Branch(branch\_no, address)$
- **Database schema:** A set of relation schemas  
 $Sch = \{Account, Branch, Customer\}$

# Database Instances

- **Relation instance  $D$**  of a relation schema  $R$ :  
 $D \subseteq \text{dom}(A_1) \times \dots \times \text{dom}(A_k)$
- **Database instance  $I$**  with schema  $Sch$ :
  - Relation instances  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  of the relation schemas in  $Sch$
- **Example:** Account and Branch

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
7758	888013	Prince	5,000
0159	863279	Ali	250
5982	789815	Zoya	7,000

Branch

branch_no	address
9205	782 Dovetail Estates
3244	746 Andell Road
2501	3605 Oakridge Lane

# Structured Query Language (SQL)

- **SQL** is a language for querying relational data
- **Example:**

```
SELECT account_no, customer  
FROM Account  
WHERE  
    branch = 9205 AND  
    balance > 3,000
```

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
7758	888013	Prince	5,000
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5982	789815	Zoya	7,000

# Integrity Constraints

- **Integrity constraints** prohibit some database instances

- **Example:**

- account\_no is a **primary key** in Account
- branch is a **foreign key** and refers to the primary key (branch\_no) in Branch

There is no pair of accounts with the same account number!

Every account has a valid branch

Account

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9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
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Branch

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...	...

# Relational Databases and Predicate Logic

- Two approaches for **representing relational databases in first-order predicate logic** (Raymond Reiter, 1984):
  - **Model theoretic**
  - **Proof theoretic**

# Model Theoretic Approach

- A database instance is represented as **a structure (model)  $\mathcal{S}$**
- $U_{\mathcal{S}}$  is the union of all attribute domains
- **Example:**  $U_{\mathcal{S}} = \{9205, 3244, \dots, Ivano, Teresa, \dots, 500, \dots\}$

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
9205	888013	Prince	5,000
9205	863279	Ali	250
3244	789815	Zoya	7,000



# Model Theoretic Approach

- Relations correspond to predicates
- **Relation instances** specify **predicate interpretations**
- **Example:**

$Account_S = \{(9205, 890516, Ivano, 10000),$   
 $(3244, 503947, Teresa, 500), \dots\}$

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
9205	888013	Prince	5,000
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# Model Theoretic Approach

- **Queries** are **WFFs** in predicate logic
- Free variables represent selected values in the query
- A **lookup** that maps free variables to values in **a query answer**
- **Query answering** is done by **model checking**:  $\mathcal{S} \models_l Q$
- **Example:**

```
SELECT account_no, customer FROM Account
WHERE branch = 9205 AND balance > 3,000
```

Account			
branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
9205	888013	Prince	5,000
9205	863279	Ali	250
3244	789815	Zoya	7,000

$$Q(x, y): \exists z, t (Account(z, x, y, t) \wedge z = 9205 \wedge t > 3000)$$

# Model Theoretic Approach

- **Boolean queries** are sentences (formulas without free variables)
- A Boolean query returns true if structure  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies the query sentence
- **Example:**

$$Q: \exists x, y, z, t (Account(z, x, y, t) \wedge t > 10000 \wedge z = 9205)$$

Account			
branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
9205	888013	Prince	5,000
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# Model Theoretic Approach

- Integrity Constraints are represented as sentences
- **Example:** branch\_no is a **primary key**

Branch	
branch_no	address
9205	782 Dovetail Estates
3244	746 Andell Road
2501	3605 Oakridge Lane

$$\forall x_1 \forall y_1 \forall x_2 \forall y_2 ((Branch(x_1, y_1) \wedge Branch(x_2, y_2) \wedge x_1 = x_2) \rightarrow y_1 = y_2)$$

# Model Theoretic Approach

- **Example:** branch in Account is a **foreign key** and refers to branch\_no in Branch

$$\forall x, y, z, t \left( \text{Account}(x, y, z, t) \rightarrow (\exists u \text{ Branch}(x, u)) \right)$$

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
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# Proof Theoretic Approach

- A database instance is represented as **a theory  $T$  with axioms:**
  - **Equality:** reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity, and substitution (the 4<sup>th</sup> axiom)
  - **Assertion:** for each tuple in each relation
  - **Completion axioms:** for **closed-world assumption**
  - **Axioms for unique-name assumption**
- Query answering is done by **proving logical consequences of  $T$ :**  
For Boolean query  $Q$ , **prove  $T \vdash Q$**

# Proof Theoretic Approach

- For every tuple,  $T$  includes an atomic sentence called **an assertion**
- **Example:**  
 $Account(9205, 890516, Ivano, 10000)$   
 $Account(3244, 503947, Teresa, 500)$   
...  
are assertion axioms in  $T$

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# Proof Theoretic Approach

- Databases make the **closed-world assumption (CWA)**
- CWA:** Any tuple that is not in a database is false in the model of the database
- Example:** a completion axiom for CWA

Account			
branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
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$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y, z, t \ (Account(x, y, z, t) \rightarrow & ((x = 9205 \wedge y = 890516 \wedge z = Ivano \wedge t = 10000) \vee \\ & (x = 3244 \wedge y = 503947 \wedge z = Teresa \wedge t = 500) \vee \\ & \dots \\ & (x = 3244 \wedge y = 789815 \wedge z = Zoya \wedge t = 7000))) \end{aligned}$$



# Proof Theoretic Approach

- Databases also make the **unique-name assumption (UNA)**
- Constants in assertions are NOT mapped to the same entities in the universe of the database structure

Account

branch	account_no	customer	balance
9205	890516	Ivano	10,000
3244	503947	Teresa	500
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- **Example:** *Teresa* and *Ali* must refer to different individuals  
They must be mapped to different entities in  $U_S$

$$Teresa \neq Ali \wedge Teresa \neq Ivano \wedge Ivano \neq 500 \wedge \dots$$

# Program Verification

- **Software verification:** Checking if a software system does what it is supposed to do
- **Software testing** for software verification
  - Effective in finding certain errors and faults (bugs) in software systems
  - It does not guarantee a software system is error-free

# Why Should We Formally Verify Code?

- **Automatic verification** through logical reasoning
- **Documentation**
- **Decreasing time-to-market:** testing and debugging cost and time
- **Refactoring and reuse:** A verified software with a clear formal specification is easier to refactor and reuse
- **Certification audits:** Safety-critical software systems cannot rely on manual testing and debugging

# Formal Program Verification

- **Software development** starts with informal **program requirements  $R$**
- A framework for formal program verification
  - Convert  $R$  to sentences  $\phi_R$  **in a formal language**
  - Write **a program  $P$**  to realize the requirements
  - Prove the program  $P$  satisfies  $\phi_R$

# A Simple Language

- **Integer expressions**
  - **Example:**
    - 5
    - $x$
    - $x - (x * (y - (5 + z)))$
- **Boolean expressions**
  - **Example:**
    - *false, true*
    - $x < 3$
    - $!(x + 1 == 3)$
    - $(x < 3 || x > 10) \& (z < y)$

# A Simple Language

- **Assignment commands and control structures**

- **Example:**

```
x := (z + 1) * y
if (x == y) {
    z := y
} else {
    x := 2 * y
}
```

```
while (x == y) {
    y := z * 2
    x := 2 + y
    ...
}
```

- **Program:** A sequence of assignments and control structures

# Hoare Logic: Syntax

- **A sentence is a Hoare triple  $(\phi)P(\psi)$** 
  - $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are sentences in some formal language, e.g., First-Order Predicate Logic
  - **$P$  is a program in the simple language**
- **$\phi$  and  $\psi$  are pre-conditions and post-conditions**
- $\phi$  and  $\psi$  only bound variables that do not appear in  $P$  (variables in  $P$  appear as free variables in  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ )

# Hoare Logic: Syntax

- **Example:** A program  $P$  that calculates a number whose square is less than  $x$ :

$$(x > 0) \ P \ (y \times y < x)$$

- **Example:**  
 $(\top) \ y := x + 1 \ (y = x + 1)$

- **Example:**  
 $(x \geq 0) \ P' \ (y = x!)$

$P$	$y := 0;$ $\text{while } (y \times y < x) \{$ $y := y + 1;$ $\}$ $y := y - 1;$
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$P'$	$z := x;$ $y := 1;$ $\text{while}(z \neq 0) \{$ $y := y \times z;$ $z := z - 1;$ $\}$
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# Hoare Logic: Semantics

- **State:** A variable look up that assigns a real number to each variable in the program and the free variables in  $\phi$  and  $\psi$
- A state  $l$  **satisfies**  $\phi$  if  $\mathbb{R} \models_l \phi$
- **$(\phi)P(\psi)$  is valid**, denoted by  $\models (\phi)P(\psi)$ , if for all states that satisfy  $\phi$ , the state resulting from  $P$ 's execution satisfies  $\psi$
- Software validity reduces to checking if a Hoar sentence is valid

# Hoare Logic: Semantics

- If  $P$  always terminates, we say the triple is **totally correct**, denoted by  $\models_{tot} (\phi)P(\psi)$
- If  $P$  does not always terminate,  $(\phi)P(\psi)$  is **partially correct**, denoted by  $\models_{par} (\phi)P(\psi)$

# Hoare Logic: Semantics

- **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = x_0 \wedge x \geq 0) \textit{Fac}(y = x_0!) \\ & (x \geq 0) \textit{Fac}(y = x!) \end{aligned}$$

- **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = 3) \textit{Sum}(z = 6) \\ & (x = 8) \textit{Sum}(z = 36) \\ & (x = x_0 \wedge x \geq 0) \textit{Sum}(z = x_0 \times (x_0 + 1)/2) \end{aligned}$$

*Fac*

```
y := 1;
while(x != 0) {
    y := y × x;
    x := x - 1;
}
```

*Sum*

```
z := 0;
while(x > 0) {
    z := z + x;
    x := x - 1;
}
```

# Hoare Logic: Proof System

- **Proof of correctness:**  $\vdash (\phi)P(\psi)$  ( $\vdash_{tot}$  or  $\vdash_{par}$ )
- **Two proof rules (among other rules):**

$$\frac{(\phi)C_1(\eta) \quad (\eta)C_2(\psi)}{(\phi)C_1; C_2(\psi)} \text{ Composition}$$

$$\frac{(\phi \wedge B)C_1(\psi) \quad (\phi \wedge \neg B)C_2(\psi)}{(\phi) \text{ If}(B)\{C_1\} \text{ else } \{C_2\}(\psi)} \text{ If-statement}$$

# Hoare Logic: Proof System

- **Example:**

$$\frac{(\phi)C_1(\eta) \quad (\eta)C_2(\psi)}{(\phi)C_1; C_2(\psi)} \text{ Composition}$$

$$(x = 0) x := x + 1; (x = 1)$$

$$(x = 1) x := x * 2; (x = 2)$$

$$\frac{}{} \text{Composition}$$

$$(x = 0) x := x + 1; x := x * 2; (x = 2)$$

# Hoare Logic: Proof System

- Example:**

$$\frac{(\phi \wedge B)C_1(\psi) \quad (\phi \wedge \neg B)C_2(\psi)}{(\phi) \text{ If}(B)\{C_1\} \text{ else } \{C_2\}(\psi)} \text{ If-statement}$$

$$(x > 0) y := x; (y = |x|)$$

$$(x \leq 0) y := -x; (y = |x|)$$

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$$(\top) \text{ if } (x > 0) \{ y := x; \} \text{ else } \{ y := -x; \} (y = |x|) \quad \text{If-statement}$$



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