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Joined Relations

- ▶ Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- ▶ A join operation is a Cartesian product which requires that tuples in the two relations match (under some condition). It also specifies the attributes that are present in the result of the join.
- ▶ The join operations are typically used as subquery expressions in the **FROM** clause.
- ▶ Three types of joins:
 - ▶ Natural join
 - ▶ Inner join
 - ▶ Outer join

Natural Join in SQL

- ▶ Natural join matches tuples with the same values for all common attributes, and retains only one copy of each common column.
- ▶ For all students in the university who have taken some course, find their names and the course ID of all courses they took.

```
1      SELECT
2          name, course_id
3      FROM
4          students, takes
5      WHERE
6          student.ID = takes.ID;
```

Natural Join in SQL

- ▶ Same query in SQL with “natural join” construct.

```
1  SELECT
2      name, course_id
3  FROM
4      student NATURAL JOIN takes;
```

Natural Join in SQL (Cont.)

- ▶ The **FROM** clause can have multiple relations combined using natural join:

```
SELECT  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$   
FROM  $r_1$   
      NATURAL JOIN  $r_2$   
      NATURAL JOIN  $\dots$   
      NATURAL JOIN  $r_n$   
WHERE  $P$ ;
```

Student Relation

<i>ID</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>tot_cred</i>
00128	Zhang	Comp. Sci.	102
12345	Shankar	Comp. Sci.	32
19991	Brandt	History	80
23121	Chavez	Finance	110
44553	Peltier	Physics	56
45678	Levy	Physics	46
54321	Williams	Comp. Sci.	54
55739	Sanchez	Music	38
70557	Snow	Physics	0
76543	Brown	Comp. Sci.	58
76653	Aoi	Elec. Eng.	60
98765	Bourikas	Elec. Eng.	98
98988	Tanaka	Biology	120

Takes Relation

<i>ID</i>	<i>course_id</i>	<i>sec_id</i>	<i>semester</i>	<i>year</i>	<i>grade</i>
00128	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A
00128	CS-347	1	Fall	2017	A-
12345	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	C
12345	CS-190	2	Spring	2017	A
12345	CS-315	1	Spring	2018	A
12345	CS-347	1	Fall	2017	A
19991	HIS-351	1	Spring	2018	B
23121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018	C+
44553	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017	B-
45678	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	F
45678	CS-101	1	Spring	2018	B+
45678	CS-319	1	Spring	2018	B
54321	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A-
54321	CS-190	2	Spring	2017	B+
55739	MU-199	1	Spring	2018	A-
76543	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A
76543	CS-319	2	Spring	2018	A
76653	EE-181	1	Spring	2017	C
98765	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	C-
98765	CS-315	1	Spring	2018	B
98988	BIO-101	1	Summer	2017	A
98988	BIO-301	1	Summer	2018	<i>null</i>

Student Natural Join Takes

<i>ID</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>tot_cred</i>	<i>course_id</i>	<i>sec_id</i>	<i>semester</i>	<i>year</i>	<i>grade</i>
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44553	Peltier	Physics	56	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017	B-
45678	Levy	Physics	46	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	F
45678	Levy	Physics	46	CS-101	1	Spring	2018	B+
45678	Levy	Physics	46	CS-319	1	Spring	2018	B
54321	Williams	Comp. Sci.	54	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A-
54321	Williams	Comp. Sci.	54	CS-190	2	Spring	2017	B+
55739	Sanchez	Music	38	MU-199	1	Spring	2018	A-
76543	Brown	Comp. Sci.	58	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	A
76543	Brown	Comp. Sci.	58	CS-319	2	Spring	2018	A
76653	Aoi	Elec. Eng.	60	EE-181	1	Spring	2017	C
98765	Bourikas	Elec. Eng.	98	CS-101	1	Fall	2017	C-
98765	Bourikas	Elec. Eng.	98	CS-315	1	Spring	2018	B
98988	Tanaka	Biology	120	BIO-101	1	Summer	2017	A
98988	Tanaka	Biology	120	BIO-301	1	Summer	2018	<i>null</i>

Dangerous in Natural Join

Beware of unrelated attributes with same name which get equated incorrectly

Example:

List the names of students along with the titles of courses that they have taken.

```
1      SELECT
2          name, title
3      FROM
4          student
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6          takes
7      natural join
8          course;
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Incorrect! double check *dept_name* attribute

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- ▶ This query omits all (student name, course title) pairs where the student takes a course in a department other than the student's own department.

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```
1  SELECT
2      name, title
3  FROM
4      student
5  NATURAL JOIN
6      takes, course
7  WHERE
8      takes.course_id = course.course_id;
```

- ▶ The correct version (above), correctly outputs such pairs.

Outer Join

- ▶ An extension of the join operation that avoids loss of information.
- ▶ Computes the JOIN and then adds tuples from one relation that does not match tuples in the other relation to the result of the join.
- ▶ Uses `null` values.
- ▶ Three forms of outer join:
 - ▶ left outer join
 - ▶ right outer join
 - ▶ full outer join

Outer Join Examples

- ▶ Relation *course*:

course_id	title	dept_name	credits
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3

- ▶ Relation *prereq*:

course_id	prereq_id
BIO-301	BIO-101
CS-190	CS-101
CS-347	CS-101

- ▶ Observe that
 - ▶ course information is missing for CS-347
 - ▶ prereq information is missing for CS-315

Left Outer Join

- ▶ `course NATURAL LEFT OUTER JOIN prereq`

course_id	title	dept_name	credits	prereq_id
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3	null

- ▶ In relational algebra: `course ⋈ prereq`

Right Outer Join

- ▶ `course NATURAL RIGHT OUTER JOIN prereq`

course_id	title	dept_name	credits	prereq_id
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101
CS-347	null	null	null	CS-101

- ▶ In relational algebra: `course ⋈r prereq`

Full Outer Join

- ▶ `course NATURAL FULL OUTER JOIN prereq`

course_id	title	dept_name	credits	prereq_id
BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101
CS-315	Robotics	Comp. Sci.	3	null
CS-347	null	null	null	CS-101

- ▶ In relational algebra: `course ⋈ prereq`

Joined Types and Conditions

- ▶ **Join operations** – take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- ▶ These additional operations are typically used as subquery expressions in the **FROM** clause
- ▶ **Join condition** – defines which tuples in the two relations match, and what attributes are present in the result of the join.
- ▶ **Join type** – defines how tuples in each relation that do not match any tuple in the other relation (based on the join condition) are treated.

<i>Join types</i>
inner join left outer join right outer join full outer join

<i>Join conditions</i>
natural on < predicate > using (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)

Joined Relations – Examples

► course NATURAL RIGHT OUTER JOIN prereq

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BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101
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► course FULL OUTER JOIN prereq USING (course_id)

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Joined Relations – Examples

- ▶ `course INNER JOIN prereq ON course.course_id = prereq.course_id`

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BIO-301	Genetics	Biology	4	BIO-101	BIO-301
CS-190	Game Design	Comp. Sci.	4	CS-101	CS-190

- ▶ What is the difference between the above, and a natural join?
- ▶ `course LEFT OUTER JOIN prereq ON course.course_id = prereq.course_id`

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- ▶ In some cases, it is not desirable for all users to see the entire logical model (that is, all the actual relations stored in the database.)
- ▶ Consider a person who needs to know an instructors name and department, but not the salary. This person should see a relation described, in SQL, by

```
1      SELECT
2          ID, name, dept_name
3      FROM
4          instructor;
```

- ▶ A **view** provides a mechanism to hide certain data from the view of certain users.
- ▶ Any relation that is not of the conceptual model but is made visible to a user as a “virtual relation” is called a **view**.

View Definition

- ▶ A view is defined using the create view statement which has the form:

CREATE VIEW *v* **AS** *< query_expression >* ;

where *< query_expression >* is any legal SQL expression.
The view name is represented by *v*.

- ▶ Once a view is defined, the view name can be used to refer to the virtual relation that the view generates.
- ▶ View definition is not the same as creating a new relation by evaluating the query expression
 - ▶ Rather, a view definition causes the saving of an expression; the expression is substituted into queries using the view.

View Definition and Use

- ▶ A view of instructors without their salary.

```
1 CREATE VIEW faculty AS
2 SELECT ID, name, dept_name
3 FROM instructor
```

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- ▶ Find all instructors in the Biology department

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1 SELECT name
2 FROM faculty
3 WHERE dept_name = 'Biology'
```

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3 WHERE dept_name = 'Biology'
```

- ▶ Create a view of department salary totals

```
1 CREATE VIEW departments_total_salary(dept_name, total_salary) AS
2 SELECT dept_name, SUM(salary)
3 FROM instructor
4 GROUP BY dept_name;
```

Views Defined Using Other Views

- ▶ One view may be used in the expression defining another view.
- ▶ A view relation v_1 is said to **depend directly** on a view relation v_2 if v_2 is used in the expression defining v_1 .
- ▶ A view relation v_1 is said to **depend on** view relation v_2 if either v_1 depends directly to v_2 or there is a path of dependencies from v_1 to v_2 .
- ▶ A view relation v is said to be **recursive** if it depends on itself.

Views Defined Using Other Views

```
1  CREATE VIEW
2      physics_fall_2017 AS
3  SELECT
4      course.course_id, sec_id, building, room_number
5  FROM
6      course, section
7  WHERE
8      course.course_id = section.course_id AND
9      course.dept_name = 'Physics' AND
10     section.semester = 'Fall' AND
11     section.year = '2017';
```

Views Defined Using Other Views

```
1  CREATE VIEW
2      physics_fall_2017_watson AS
3  SELECT
4      course_id, room_number
5  FROM
6      physics_fall_2017
7  WHERE
8      building= 'Watson';
```


View Expansion

- Expand the view:

```
1 CREATE VIEW physics_fall_2017_watson AS
2     SELECT course_id, room_number
3     FROM physics_fall_2017
4     WHERE building= 'Watson';
```

- To:

```
1 CREATE VIEW physics_fall_2017_watson AS
2     SELECT course_id, room_number
3     FROM ( SELECT course.course_id, sect_id, building, room_number
4             FROM course, section
5             WHERE course.course_id = section.course_id
6                   AND course.dept_name = 'Physics'
7                   AND section.semester = 'Fall'
8                   AND section.year = '2017' )
9     WHERE building= 'Watson';
```

View Expansion (Cont.)

- ▶ A way to define the meaning of views defined in terms of other views.
- ▶ Let view v_1 be defined by an expression e_1 that may itself contain uses of view relations.
- ▶ View expansion of an expression repeats the following replacement step:

REPEAT

 Find any view relation v_i **in** e_i

 Replace the view relation v_i
 by the expression defining v_i

UNTIL no more view relations are present **in** e_i

- ▶ As long as the view definitions are not recursive, this loop will terminate.

Materialized Views

- ▶ Certain database systems allow view relations to be physically stored.
 - ▶ Physical copy created when the view is defined.
 - ▶ Such views are called **Materialized view**.
- ▶ If relations used in the query are updated, the materialized view result becomes out of date.
 - ▶ Need to **maintain** the view, by updating the view whenever the underlying relations are updated.

Update of a View

- ▶ Add a new tuple to faculty view which we defined earlier.

```
INSERT INTO faculty  
VALUES ('30765', 'Green', 'Music');
```

- ▶ This insertion must be represented by the insertion into the instructor relation.
 - ▶ Must have a value for salary.
- ▶ Two approaches:
 - ▶ Reject the insert.
 - ▶ Insert the tuple:
(‘30765’, ‘Green’, ‘Music’, null)
into the *instructor* relation.

Some Updates Cannot be Translated Uniquely

```
CREATE VIEW instructor_info AS
  SELECT
    ID, name, building
  FROM
    instructor, department
  WHERE
    instructor.dept_name= department.dept_name;
```

```
INSERT INTO instructor_info
VALUES ('69987', 'White', 'Taylor');
```

- ▶ Issues:
 - ▶ Which department, if multiple departments in Taylor?
 - ▶ What if no department is in Taylor?

And Some Not at All

```
CREATE VIEW history_instructors AS
  SELECT *
  FROM instructor
  WHERE dept_name= 'History';
```

- ▶ What happens if we insert:
(‘25566’, ‘Brown’, ‘Biology’, 100000)
into *history_instructors*?

View Updates in SQL

- ▶ Most SQL implementations allow updates only on simple views:
 - ▶ The **FROM** clause has only one database relation.
 - ▶ The **SELECT** clause contains only attribute names of the relation, and does not have any expressions, aggregates, or distinct specification.
 - ▶ Any attribute not listed in the **SELECT** clause can be set to **null**.
 - ▶ The query does not have a **GROUP BY** or **HAVING** clause.

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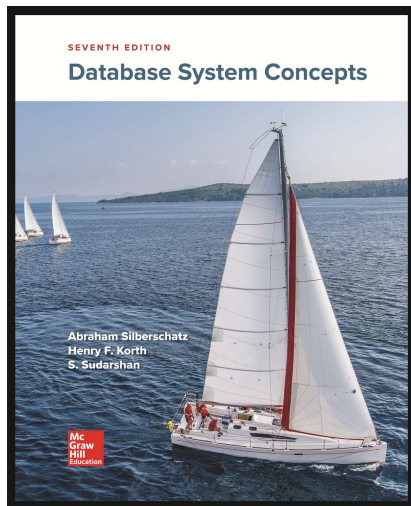
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