



Database and Information Systems

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Introduction to Relational Model

<i>ID</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>salary</i>
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
32343	El Said	History	60000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
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Faculty Database

Set of allowed values for each attribute is called **domain** of the attribute

Attribute values are (normally) required to be **atomic**; that is, indivisible



Relation Schema and Instance

- A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are *attributes*
- $R = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ is a *relation schema*

Example:

instructor = (*ID*, *name*, *dept_name*, *salary*)

- Formally, given sets D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n a **relation** r is a subset of
 $D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_n$

Thus, a relation is a set of n -tuples (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) where each $a_i \in D_i$

- The current values (**relation instance**) of a relation are specified by a table
- An element t of r is a *tuple*, represented by a *row* in a table



Relations are Unordered

- Order of tuples is irrelevant (tuples may be stored in an arbitrary order)
- Example: *instructor* relation with unordered tuples

<i>ID</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>dept_name</i>	<i>salary</i>
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
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Keys

- Let $K \subseteq R$
- K is a **superkey** of R if values for K are sufficient to identify a unique tuple of each possible relation $r(R)$
 - Example: $\{ID\}$ and $\{ID, name\}$ are both superkeys of *instructor*.
- Superkey K is a **candidate key** if K is minimal
Example: $\{ID\}$ is a candidate key for *Instructor*
- One of the candidate keys is selected to be the **primary key**.
 - **which one?**
- **Foreign key** constraint: Value in one relation must appear in another
 - **Referencing** relation
 - **Referenced** relation
 - Example – *dept_name* in *instructor* is a foreign key from *instructor* referencing *department*



Relational Query Languages

- Procedural vs .non-procedural, or declarative
- Relational algebra is a procedural language
 - Consists of 6 basic operations
 - ▶ Projection
 - ▶ Selection
 - ▶ Union
 - ▶ Cross Product
 - ▶ Rename
 - ▶ Set Difference
 - Derived operations
 - ▶ Join
 - ▶ Intersection
 - ▶ Division
 - Each Query input is a table (or set of tables)
 - Each query output is a table



Project Operation – selection of columns (Attributes)

- Projects **column(s)** that satisfy a given predicate
 - Retrieve the data/column
 - ▶ Output distinct records in resulting table

- Relation r

A	B	C
α	10	1
α	20	1
β	30	1
β	40	2

- $\Pi_{A,C}(r)$

A	C
α	1
α	1
β	1
β	2

 $=$

A	C
α	1
β	1
β	2



Select Operation – selection of rows (tuples)

- Selects **tuple(s)** that satisfy the given predicate or condition from a relation

- Relation r

A	B	C	D
α	α	1	7
α	β	5	7
β	β	12	3
β	β	23	10

- $\sigma_{A=B \wedge D > 5}(r)$

A	B	C	D
α	α	1	7
β	β	23	10

Roll No	Name	Age
1	A	20
2	B	21
3	A	19

Table: Student

- Question: Retrieve the name of student whose roll no is 3
- Question: Retrieve the name, age of student whose roll no is 3



Union of two relations

- Performs union between two given relations
 - r , and s must have the same number of attributes
 - Attribute domains must be compatible
 - Duplicate tuples are automatically eliminated

- Relations r , s :

A	B
α	1
α	2
β	1

r

A	B
α	2
β	3

s

- $r \cup s$:

A	B
α	1
α	2
β	1
β	3

- Assume, r relation is a bank account, s relation is a loan information
- $r \cup s$ shows record that have bank account or taken loan or both



Set difference of two relations

- Output tuples, which are present in one relation but are not in the second relation

- Relations r , s :

A	B
α	1
α	2
β	1

r

A	B
α	2
β	3

s

- $r - s$

- Tuples which are present in r but not in s

A	B
α	1
β	1

- Conditions

- No of attributes must be same
- Domain of attributes must be compatible

- It is not **commutative**



Set intersection of two relations

- Discover all the tuples that are present in **r** but not in **s**

- Relation **r**, **s**:

A	B
α	1
α	2
β	1

r

A	B
α	2
β	3

s

- $r \cap s$

A	B
α	2

Note: $r \cap s = r - (r - s)$

- Conditions
 - No of attributes must be same
 - Domain of attributes must be compatible



Cartesian-product

- Combines information of two different relations into one

- Relations r , s :

A	B
α	1
β	2

r

C	D	E
α	10	a
β	10	a
β	20	b
γ	10	b

s

- $r \times s$:

A	B	C	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	20	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b
β	2	γ	10	b

- Total Columns

- $\text{Columns}(r) + \text{Columns}(s)$

- Total Rows

- $\text{Rows}(r) * \text{Rows}(s)$



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