



HABIB UNIVERSITY

Database Systems
CS/CE 355/373 Fall 2023
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Queries and Transactions

Student Name: _____

Consider the following UNIVERSITY database:

STUDENT

Name	Student_number	Class	Major
Smith	17	1	CS
Brown	8	2	CS

COURSE

Course_name	Course_number	Credit_hours	Department
Intro to Computer Science	CS1310	4	CS
Data Structures	CS3320	4	CS
Discrete Mathematics	MATH2410	3	MATH
Database	CS3380	3	CS

SECTION

Section_identifier	Course_number	Semester	Year	Instructor
85	MATH2410	Fall	07	King
92	CS1310	Fall	07	Anderson
102	CS3320	Spring	08	Knuth
112	MATH2410	Fall	08	Chang
119	CS1310	Fall	08	Anderson
135	CS3380	Fall	08	Stone

GRADE_REPORT

Student_number	Section_identifier	Grade
17	112	B
17	119	C
8	85	A
8	92	A
8	102	B
8	135	A

PREREQUISITE

Course_number	Prerequisite_number
CS3380	CS3320
CS3380	MATH2410
CS3320	CS1310

And its meta-data as follows:

RELATIONS

Relation_name	No_of_columns
STUDENT	4
COURSE	4
SECTION	5
GRADE_REPORT	3
PREREQUISITE	2

COLUMNS

Column_name	Data_type	Belongs_to_relation
Name	Character (30)	STUDENT
Student_number	Character (4)	STUDENT
Class	Integer (1)	STUDENT
Major	Major_type	STUDENT
Course_name	Character (10)	COURSE
Course_number	XXXXNNNN	COURSE
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Prerequisite_number	XXXXNNNN	PREREQUISITE

Note: Major_type is defined as an enumerated type with all known majors.
XXXXNNNN is used to define a type with four alphabetic characters followed by four numeric digits.

Answer the following:

1. If the name of the “CS” (Computer Science) department changes to “CSSE” (Computer Science and Software Engineering) department, and the corresponding prefix for the course number also changes (CS to CSSE), identify the columns in the database that would need to be updated.
2. Can you restructure the columns in the COURSE, SECTION and PREREQUISITE tables so that only one column needs to be updated in Q1? Is this restructuring useful? Specify for which table it seems useful, if any, and which ones for not, if there aren’t any.
3. How will the meta-data be updated after restructuring the columns? Specify only the rows for which data is modified/added.

