

Relational Algebra (continued)

Annoucements

HW1 Due

Project 1 Part 1:

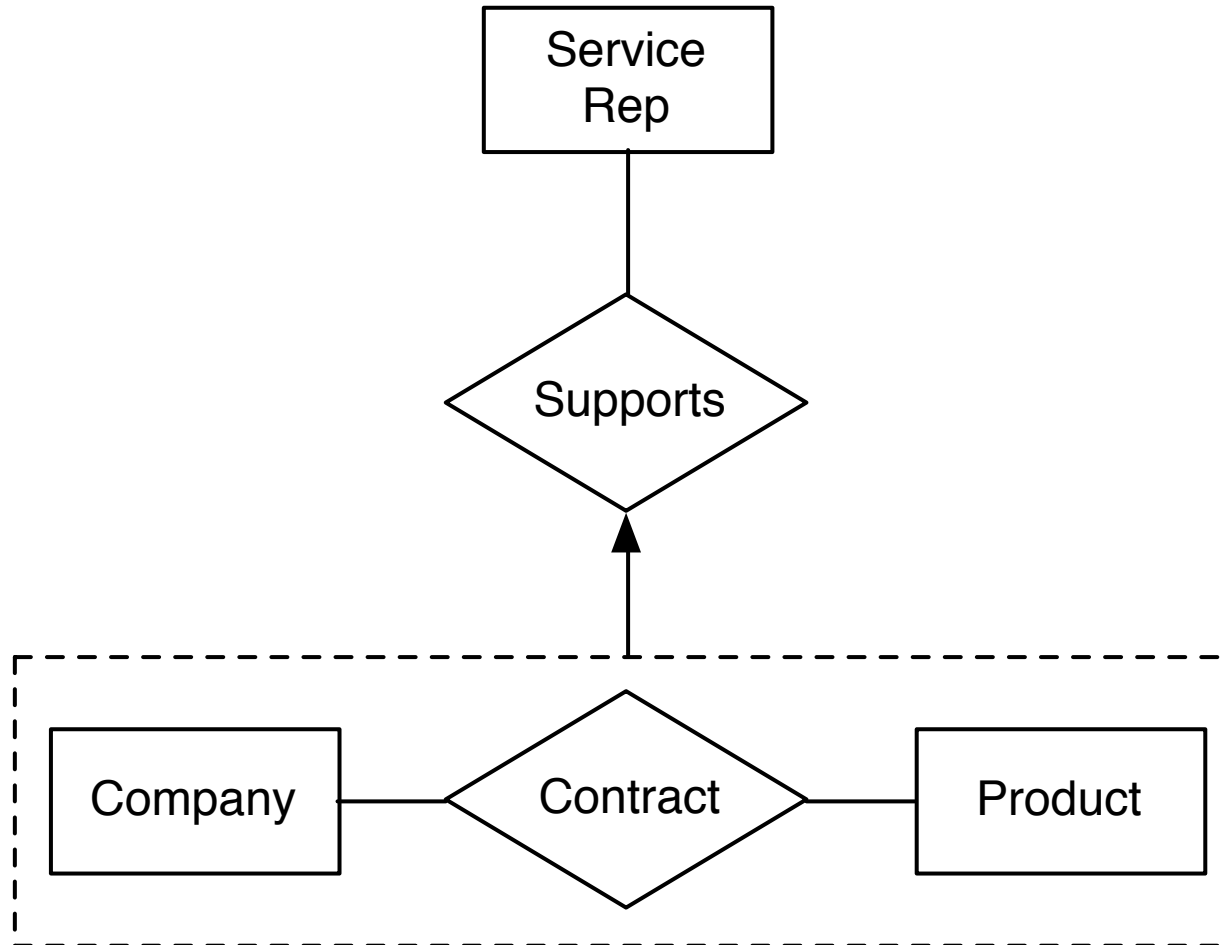
 Passwords for part 2 on front for each user

 All capital letters

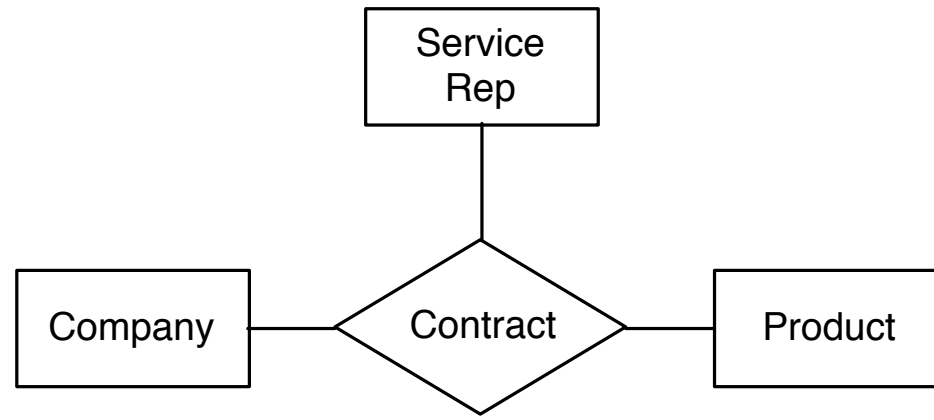
 Will provide access to list of Azure codes

Part 2: Available now

Aggregate example: Why not ternary?



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Companies buy products with a contract;

all contracts have service reps

Relationship sets: Connects N entities

All entities are required

Cross-Product

SI

sid	name	gpa	age
1	eugene	4	20
2	barak	3	21
3	trump	2	88

RI

sid	rid	day
1	101	10/10
2	102	11/11

SI x RI =

(sid)	name	gpa	age	(sid)	rid	day
1	eugene	4	20	1	101	10/10
2	barak	3	21	1	101	10/10
3	trump	2	88	1	101	10/10
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Rename

$\rho(<\text{new_name}>(<\text{mappings}>), Q)$

Explicitly defines/changes field names of schema

$\rho(C(1 \rightarrow \text{sid1}, 5 \rightarrow \text{sid2}), S1 \times R1)$

C =

sid1	name	gpa	age	sid2	rid	day
1	eugene	4	20	1	101	10/10
2	barak	3	21	1	101	10/10
3	trump	2	88	1	101	10/10
1	eugene	4	20	2	102	11/11
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How do I know column # in large DB?

You count

Yes, that seems silly, but how else can you assign identifiers automatically?

Project

$$\pi(\text{[blue box] [orange box]}) = \text{[blue box]}$$

Select

$$\sigma(\text{[blue box] [orange box]}) = \text{[blue box]}$$

Cross product

$$\text{[blue box]} \times \text{[orange box]} = \text{[blue box] [orange box]}$$

Difference

$$\text{[orange box] [blue box]} - \text{[orange box]} = \text{[blue box]}$$

Union

$$\text{[blue box]} \cup \text{[orange box]} = \text{[blue box] [orange box]}$$

Intersect

$$\text{[orange box] [blue box]} \cap \text{[purple box] [orange box]} = \text{[orange box]}$$

Ambiguous names

E.g. Students: (sid, name, ...)

Enrolled: (sid, cid, grade)

Qualified names: Use table name: Students.age

Rename: AS (optional): shortcuts, ambiguity, clarity

```
SELECT S.sid, S.name FROM Students AS S
```

```
SELECT S.sid, S.name FROM Students S
```

Related data: Multiple tables

What does this return?

```
SELECT S.name, E.cid  
FROM Students S, Enrolled E  
WHERE S.sid = E.sid AND  
       E.grade = 'A'
```

Enrolled

sid	cid	grade
1	2	A
1	3	B
2	2	A+

```
SELECT S.name, E.cid  
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```

Students

sid	name
1	eugene
2	luis

Result

name	cid
eugene	2

Multi-Table Semantics

- Modify the FROM clause evaluation
 - 1. FROM clause: compute *cross-product* of Students and

Enrolled

sid	cid	grade
1	2	A
1	3	B
2	2	A+

Students

sid	name
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2	luis

Cross-product

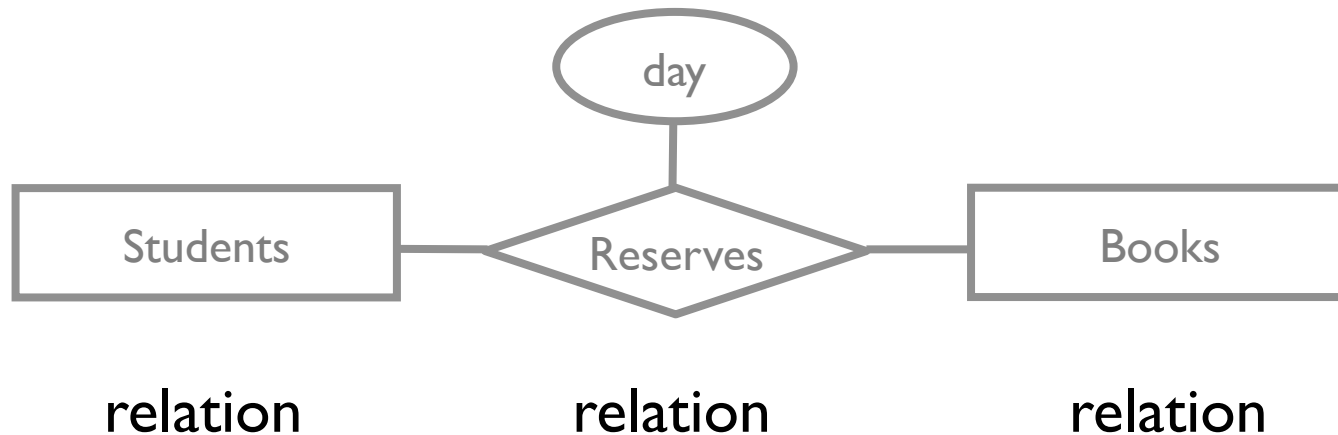
sid	cid	grade	sid	name
1	2	A	1	eugene
1	3	B	1	eugene
2	2	A+	1	eugene
1	2	A	2	luis
1	3	B	2	luis
2	2	A+	2	luis

Multi-Table Semantics

Modify the FROM clause evaluation

1. FROM clause: compute *cross-product* of Students, Enrolled
2. WHERE clause: Check conditions, discard tuples that fail
3. SELECT clause: Delete unwanted fields

Joins (high level)



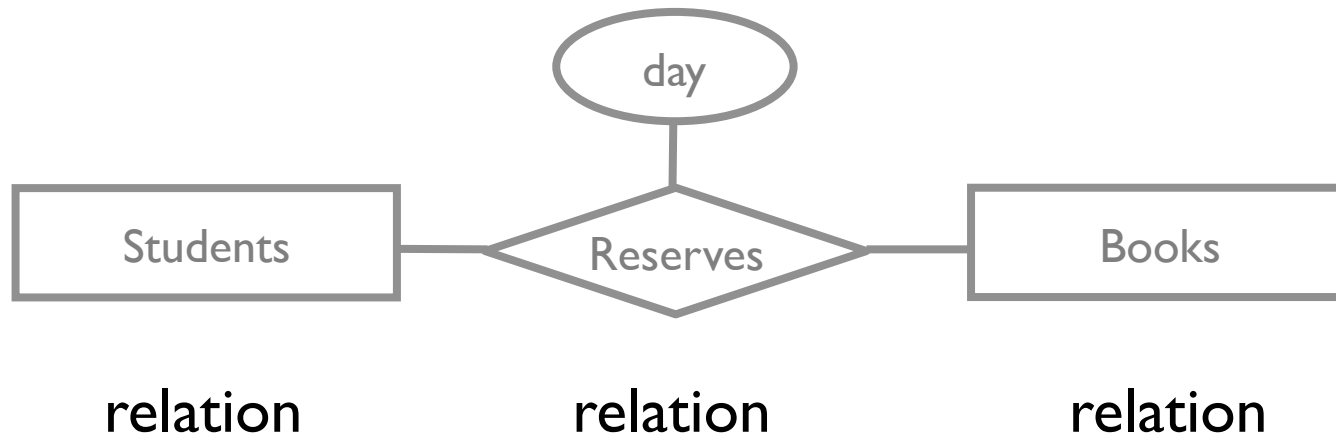
What if you want to query across all three tables?

e.g., all names of students that reserved “The Purple Crayon”

Need to combine these tables

Cross product? But that ignores foreign key references

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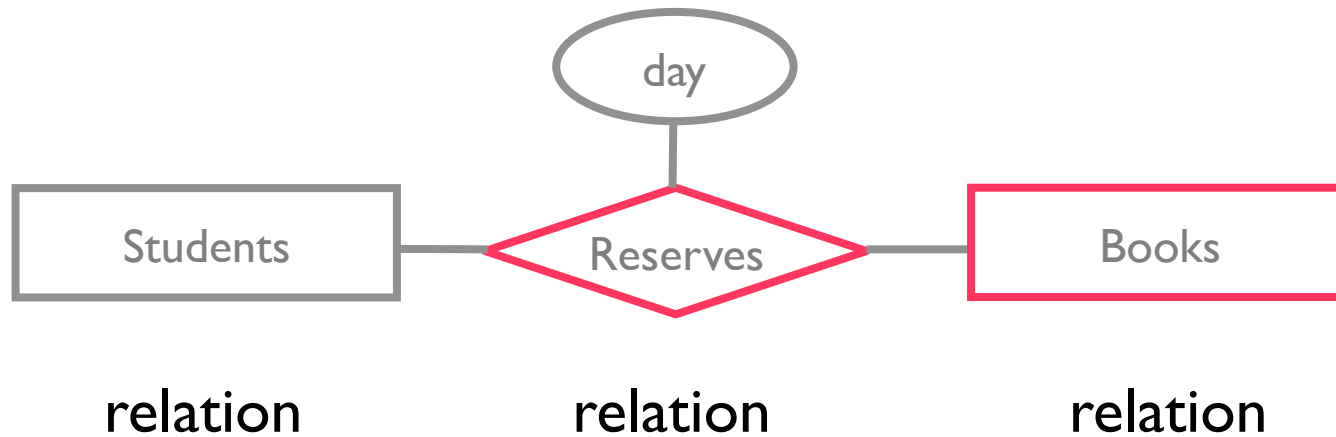
RI

sid	rid	day
1	101	10/10
2	102	11/11

BI

rid	name
101	The Purple Crayon
102	1984

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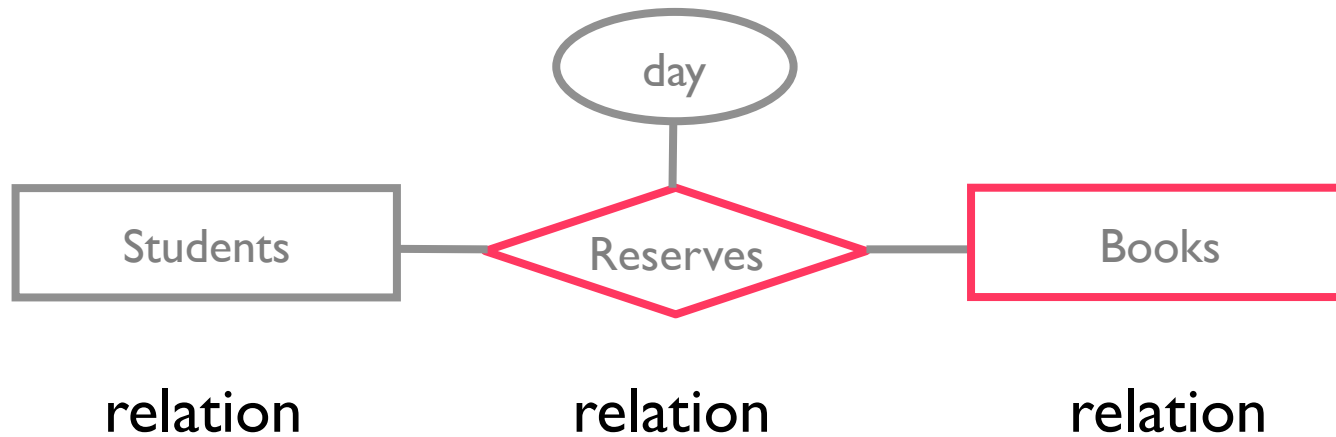
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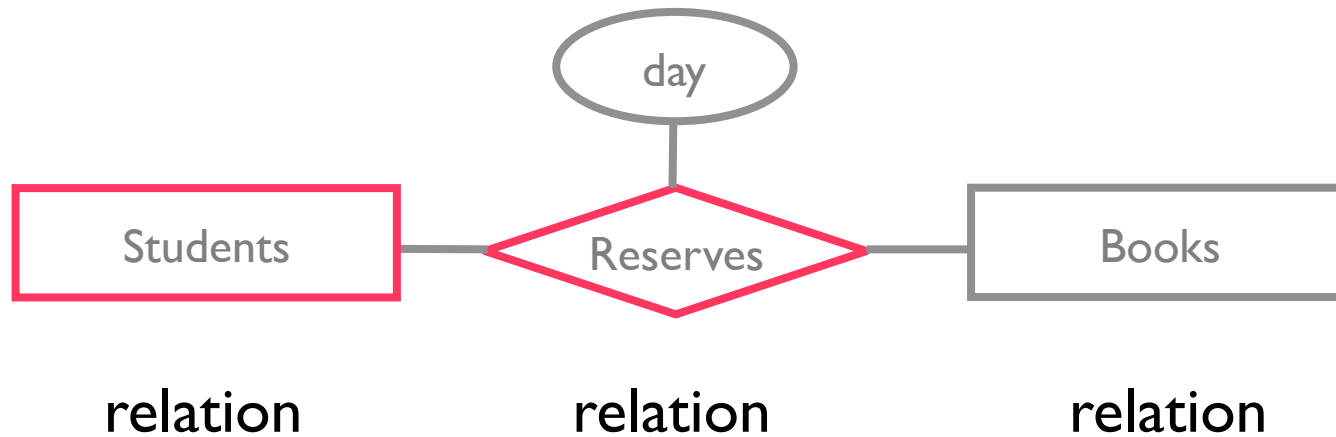
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RBI

sid	(rid)	day	(rid)	name
1	101	10/10	101	The Purple Crayon
2	102	11/11	102	1984

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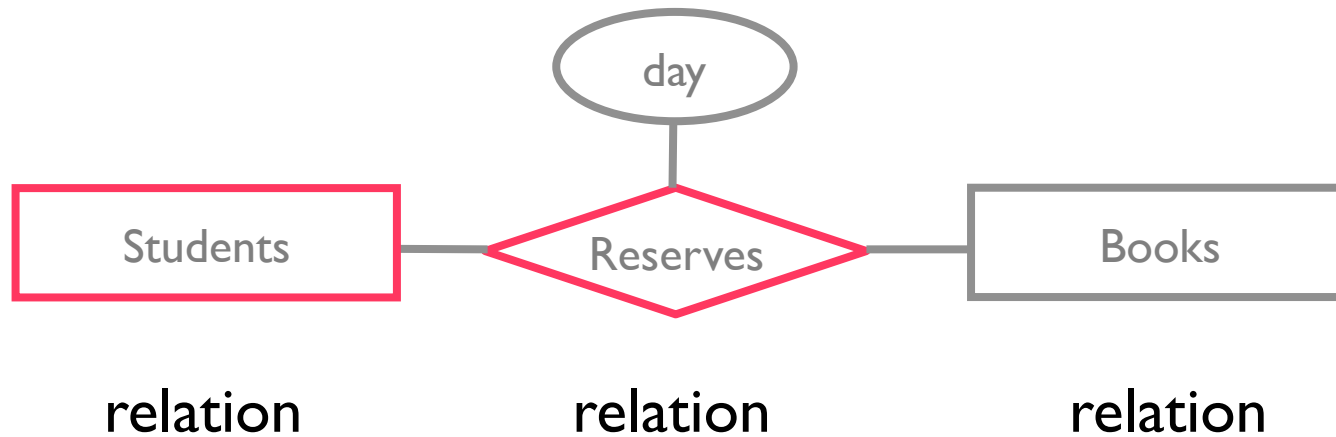
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RBI

sid	(rid)	day	(rid)	name
1	101	10/10	101	The Purple Crayon
2	102	11/11	102	1984

Joins (high level)



SRBI

(sid)	(name)	gpa	age	(sid)	(rid)	day	(rid)	(name)
1	eugene	4	20	1	101	10/10	101	The Purple Crayon
2	barak	3	21	2	102	11/11	102	1984

theta (θ) Join

$$A \bowtie_c B = \sigma_c(A \times B)$$

Most general form

Result schema same as cross product

Often *far* more efficient to compute than cross product

Commutative

$$(A \bowtie_c B) \bowtie_c C = A \bowtie_c (B \bowtie_c C)$$

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$$SI \bowtie_{SI.sid \leq RI.sid} RI =$$

(sid)	name	gpa	age	(sid)	rid	day
1	eugene	4	20	1	101	10/10
1	eugene	4	20	2	102	11/11
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Equi-Join

$$A \bowtie_{\text{attr}} B = \pi_{\text{all attrs except B.attr}}(A \bowtie_{A.\text{attr} = B.\text{attr}} B)$$

Special case where the condition is attribute equality

Result schema only keeps *one copy* of equality fields

Natural Join ($A \bowtie B$):

Equijoin on *all* shared fields (fields w/ same name)

Equi-Join

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Division

Let us have relations $A(x, y)$, $B(y)$

$$A/B = \{ \langle x \rangle \mid \forall y \in B \langle x, y \rangle \in A \}$$

Find all students that have reserved all books

A/B = all x (students) s.t. for every y (reservation), $\langle x, y \rangle \in A$

Good to ponder, not supported in most systems (why?)

Generalization

y can be a list of fields in B

$x \cup y$ is fields in A

Examples

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

R1

rid
2

R2

rid
2
4

R3

rid
1
2
4

A/R1

A/R2

A/R3

Examples

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

R1

rid
2

sid
1
2
3
4

A/R1

R2

rid
2
4

A/R2

R3

rid
1
2
4

A/R3

Examples

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

R1

rid
2

sid
1
2
3
4

A/R1

R2

rid
2
4

sid
1
4

A/R2

R3

rid
1
2
4

A/R3

Examples

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

R1

rid
2

sid
1
2
3
4

A/R1

R2

rid
2
4

sid
1
4

A/R2

R3

rid
1
2
4

sid
1

A/R3

Is A/B a Fundamental Operation?

No. Shorthand like Joins

joins so common, it's natively supported

Hint: Find all x s not 'disqualified' by some y in B .

x value is *disqualified* if

by attaching y value from B (e.g., create $\langle x, y \rangle$)

we obtain an $\langle x, y \rangle$ that is not in A .

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

B

rid
2
4

Disqualified =

A/B =

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

B

rid
2
4

 $\pi_x(A) \times B$

sid	rid
1	2
1	4
2	2
2	4
3	2
3	4
4	2
4	4

Disqualified =

A/B =

 $(\pi_{\text{sid}}(A) \times B)$

A

sid	rid
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
2	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
4	4

B

rid
2
4

 $\pi_x(A) \times B$

sid	rid
1	2
1	4
2	2
2	4
3	2
3	4
4	2
4	4

 $\pi_x(A) \times B - A$

sid	rid
2	4
3	4

Disqualified = $((\pi_{\text{sid}}(A) \times B) - A)$
 A/B =

A		B		$\pi_{\text{sid}}(A) \times B$		$(\pi_{\text{sid}}(A) \times B) - A$	
sid	rid	rid		sid	rid	sid	rid
1	1	2		1	2	2	4
1	2	4		1	4	3	4
1	3			2	2		
1	4			2	4		
2	1			3	2		
2	2			3	4		
3	2			4	2		
4	2			4	4		
4	4						

sid
1
4

A/B

$$\text{Disqualified} = \pi_{\text{sid}}((\pi_{\text{sid}}(A) \times B) - A)$$

$$A/B = \pi_x(A) - \text{Disqualified}$$

Names of students that reserved book 2

$$\pi_{\text{name}}(\sigma_{\text{rid}=2} (R1) \bowtie S1)$$

**Equivalent
Queries**

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{tmp1}, \sigma_{\text{rid}=2} (R1)) \\ & p(\text{tmp2}, \text{tmp1} \bowtie S1) \\ & \pi_{\text{name}}(\text{tmp2}) \end{aligned}$$
$$\pi_{\text{name}}(\sigma_{\text{rid}=2}(R1 \bowtie S1))$$

Names of students that reserved db books

Book(rid, type) Reserve(sid, rid) Student(sid)

Need to join DB books with reserve and students

$\sigma_{\text{type}='db'}(\text{Book})$

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Names of students that reserved db books

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Need to join DB books with reserve and students

$\pi_{\text{name}}(\sigma_{\text{type}='db'}(\text{Book}) \bowtie \text{Reserve} \bowtie \text{Student})$

More efficient query

$\pi_{\text{name}}(\pi_{\text{sid}}((\pi_{\text{rid}} \sigma_{\text{type}='db'}(\text{Book})) \bowtie \text{Reserve}) \bowtie \text{Student})$

Query optimizer can find the more efficient query!

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Query optimizer can find the more efficient query!

Students that reserved DB or HCI book

1. Find all DB or HCI books
2. Find students that reserved one of those books
 - $\rho(\text{tmp}, (\sigma_{\text{type}='DB' \vee \text{type}='HCI'} (\text{Book})))$
 - $\pi_{\text{name}}(\text{tmp} \bowtie \text{Reserve} \bowtie \text{Student})$

Alternatives

define tmp using UNION (how?)

what if we replaced \vee with \wedge in the query?

Students that reserved a DB and HCI book

Does previous approach work?

$$\rho(\text{tmp}, (\sigma_{\text{type}='DB' \wedge \text{type}='HCI'}(\text{Book})))$$
$$\pi_{\text{name}}(\text{tmp} \bowtie \text{Reserve} \bowtie \text{Student})$$

NO

Students that reserved a DB and HCI book

Does previous approach work?

1. Find students that reserved DB books
2. Find students that reversed HCI books
3. Intersection

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{tmpDB}, \pi_{\text{sid}}(\sigma_{\text{type}='DB'} \text{ Book}) \bowtie \text{ Reserve}) \\ & p(\text{tmpHCI}, \pi_{\text{sid}}(\sigma_{\text{type}='HCI'} \text{ Book}) \bowtie \text{ Reserve}) \\ & \pi_{\text{name}}((\text{tmpDB} \cap \text{tmpHCI}) \bowtie \text{ Student}) \end{aligned}$$

Students that reserved all books

Use division

Be careful with schemas of inputs to / !

$$\frac{\rho(\text{tmp}, (\pi_{\text{sid,rid}} \text{Reserves}) / (\pi_{\text{rid}} \text{Books}))}{\pi_{\text{name}}(\text{tmp} \bowtie \text{Student})}$$

What if want students that reserved all horror books?

$$\rho(\text{tmp}, (\pi_{\text{sid,rid}} \text{Reserves}) / (\pi_{\text{rid}} (\sigma_{\text{type}='horror'} \text{Book})))$$

Let's step back

Relational algebra is expressiveness benchmark

A language equal in expressiveness as relational algebra is relationally complete

But has limitations

nulls

aggregation

recursion

duplicates

Equi-Joins are a way of life

Matching of two sets based on shared attributes

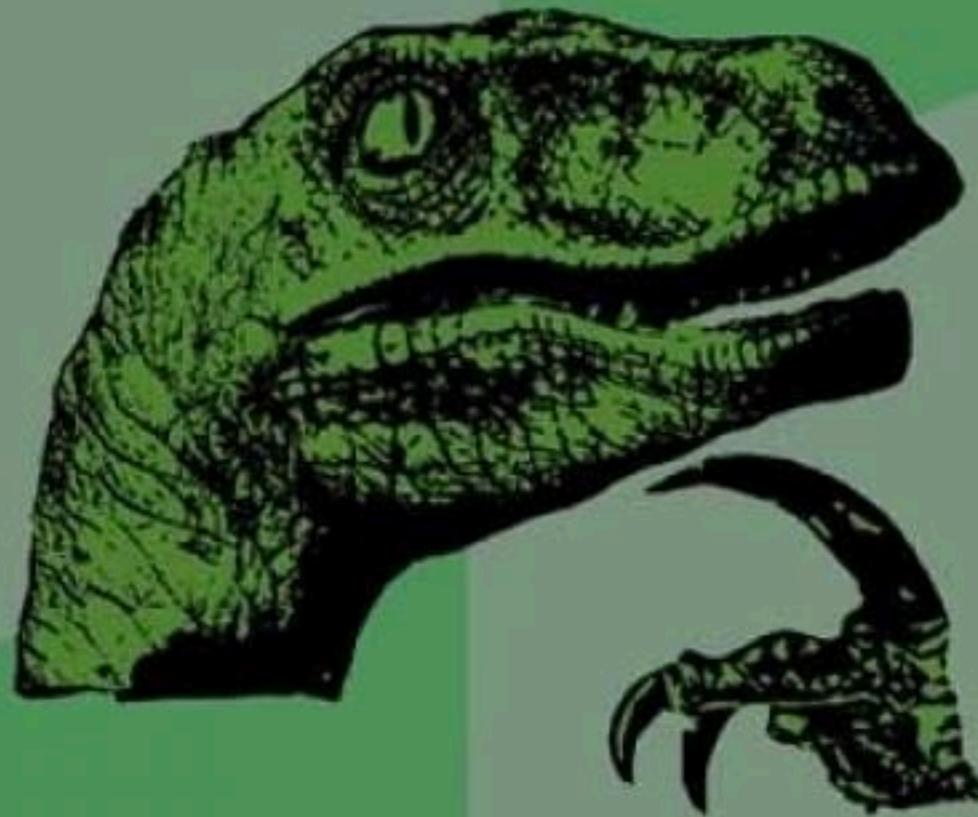
Yelp: Join between your location and restaurants

Market: Join between consumers and suppliers

High five: Join between two hands on time and space

Comm.: Join between minds on ideas/concepts

PLANES



ARE JOINS BETWEEN CITIES

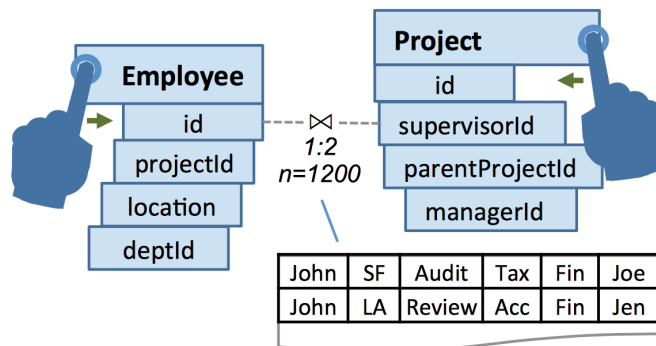
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What can we do with RA?

Query by example

Here's my data and examples of the result, *generate the query for me*

Novel relationally complete interfaces



GestureDB. Nandi et al.

Summary

Relational Algebra (RA) operators

Operators are closed

inputs & outputs are relations

Multiple Relational Algebra queries can be equivalent

It is operational

Same semantics but different performance

Forms basis for optimizations

Next Time

~~Relational Calculus~~

SQL