Chapter 3

Introduction to SQL

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History of SQL

- IBM Sequel language developed as part of System R project at the IBM San Jose Research Laboratory
- Renamed Structured Query Language (SQL)
- ANSI and ISO standard SQL
 - SQL-86
 - SQL-89
 - SQL-92
 - SQL:1999 (language name became Y2K compliant!)
 - SQL:2003
- Commercial Systems offer most, if not all SQL-92 features, plus varying feature sets from later standards and special proprietary features
 - Not all examples here may work on your particular system

Domain Types in SQL

- char (n): Fixed length character string, with user specified length n.
- varchar (n): Variable length character string, with user specified maximum length n
- int : Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent)
- smallint: Small Integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type)
- numeric (p,d): Fixed point number, with user specified precision of p digits, with n digits to the right of the decimal point
- real, double precision: Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- float (n): Floating point number, with user specified precision of at least n digits
- More covered in Chap 4

Create Table Construct

• An SQL relation is defined using the create table command:

- r is the name of the table
- each a; is an attribute name in the schema of relation r
- d_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute a_i

Create Table Construct

```
• Example:
```

```
create table instructor (
ID char (5),
name varchar (20) not null,
dept_name varchar (20),
salary numeric (8,2))
```

- insert into instructor values ('10211', 'Smith', 'Biology', 66000);
- insert into instructor values ('10211', 'Null', 'Biology', 66000);

Integrity Constraints in Create Table

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```
A Few More Relation Definitions

    create table student

                          varchar (5) primary key,
varchar (20) not null,
          ID
          name
                         varchar
          dept name
                         varchar
                                   (20)
          tot cred
                         numeric (3,0),
          foreign key (dept name)
                          references department))

    create table course (

                          varchar (8) primary key,
          course ID
                         varchar (50),
          title
                         varchar (20)
          dept name
          credits
                         numeric (2, 0),
                        (dept name)
          foreign key
                          references department))
```

One Last Definition

```
create table takes (
                      varchar (5) primary key,
         ID
        course id
                      varchar (8),
        sec id
                      varchar (8),
        semester
                      varchar (6),
                      numeric (4,0),
        year
        grade
                      varchar (2),
         foreign key (ID) references student,
        foreign key (course id, sec id,
                 semester, year) references
                 section))
```

Drop and Alter Table Constructs

- drop table
- alter table
 - -alter table r add a d
 - Where a is the name of the attribute to be added to relation r and d is the domain of a
 - All tuples in the relation are assigned to null as the value for the new attribute
 - -alter table r drop a
 - Where a is the name of an attribute of relation r
 - Dropping of attributes is not supported by many databases

Basic Query Structure

• A typical SQL query has the form:

```
select A_1, A_2, ..., A_n
from r_1, r_2, ..., r_m
where P
```

- A_i represents an attribute
- R_i represents a relation
- P is a predicate
- The result of an SQL query is a relation

The select Clause

- The select clause lists the attributes desired in the result of a query
 - Corresponds to the projection operation of the relational algebra
- Example : Find the names of all instructors:

```
select name
from instructor
```

 Note: SQL names are case insensitive (you may use upper or lower case letters)

```
e.g. Name = NAME = name
```

The **select** Clause

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results
 - To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword distinct after select
- Find the names of all departments with an instructor, and remove duplicates

```
select distinct dept_name
from instructor
```

• The keyword all specifies that duplicates are NOT to be removed

```
select all dept_name from instructor
```

The **select** Clause

An asterisk in the select clause denotes "all attributes"

```
select *
from instructor
```

- The select clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, -, *, and /, and operation on constants or attributes of tuples.
- The query:

```
select ID, name, salary/12
from instructor
```

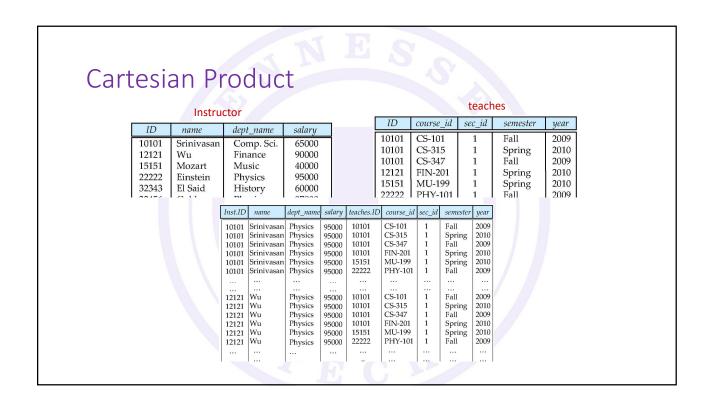
would return a relation that is the same as the instructor relation, except that the value of the attribute salary is divided by 12.

The **from** Clause

- The from clause lists the relations involved in the query
 - Corresponds to the Cartesian product operation of the relational algebra
- Find the Cartesian product instructor X teaches

select * from instructor, teaches

- Generates every possible instructor teaches pair, with all attributes from both relations
- Cartesian product not very useful directly, but useful when combined with where-clause conditions (selection operation in relational algebra)



The where Clause

- The where clause specifies conditions that the result must satisfy
 Corresponds to the selection predicate of the relational algebra
- To find all instructors in Computer Science with a salary > 80000...

```
select name
from instructor
where dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.' and
    salary > 80000
```

- Comparison results can be combined using the logical connectives and, or and not
- Comparisons can be applied to results of arithmetic expressions

Joins

• For all instructors who have taught courses, find their names and the course ID of the courses they taught.

```
select name, course_id
from instructor, teaches
where instructor.ID = teaches.ID
```

• Find the course ID, semester, year and title of each course offered by the Comp. Sci. department

Natural Join

 Natural join matches tuples with the same values for all common attributes, and retains only one copy of each common column

select *
from instructor natural join teaches;

ID	name	dept_name	salary	course_id	sec_id	semester	year
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-101	1	Fall	2009
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-315	1	Spring	2010
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	CS-347	1	Fall	2009
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	FIN-201	1	Spring	2010
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	MU-199	1	Spring	2010
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	PHY-101	1	Fall	2009
32343	El Said	History	60000	HIS-351	1	Spring	2010
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	CS-101	1	Spring	2010
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	CS-319	1	Spring	2010
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	BIO-101	1	Summer	2009
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	BIO-301	1	Summer	2010

Natural Join

- Danger in natural join: beware of unrelated attributes with same name which get equated incorrectly
- List the names of instructors along with the the titles of courses that they teach
- Incorrect version (equates course.dept name with instructor.dept name)
 - select name, title
 from instructor natural join teaches natural join course;
- Correct version
 - select name, title from instructor natural join teaches, course where teaches.course_id= course.course_id;
- Another correct version
 - select name, title
 from (instructor natural join teaches) join course
 using(course_id);

The **rename** Operation

• The SQL allows renaming relations and attributes using the **as** clause:

```
old-name as new-name
```

- E.g.,
 - select ID, name, salary/12 as monthly_salary
 from instructor
- Find the names of all instructors who have a higher salary than some instructor in 'Comp. Sci'.
 - select distinct T. name
 from instructor as T, instructor as S
 where T.salary > S.salary and S.dept_name = 'Comp. Sci.'
- Keyword as is optional and may be omitted instructor as T ≡ instructor T

String Operations

- SQL includes a string-matching operator for comparisons on character strings. The operator "like" uses patterns that are described using two special characters:
 - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
 - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character.
- Find the names of all instructors whose name includes the substring "dar".
 - select name
 from instructor
 where name like '%dar%'
- Match the string "100 %"
 - like '100 \%' escape '\'

String Operations

- SQL supports a variety of string operations such as
 - concatenation (using "||")
 - converting from upper to lower case (and vice versa)
 - finding string length, extracting substrings, etc.

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Ordering the Display of Tuples

• List in alphabetic order the names of all instructors

select distinct name
from instructor
order by name

- We may specify **desc** for descending order or **asc** for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.
 - Example: order by name desc
- Can sort on multiple attributes
 - Example: order by dept_name, name

Where Clause Predicates

- SQL includes a between comparison operator
 - Example: Find the names of all instructors with salary between \$90,000 and \$100,000 (that is, 2 \$90,000 and 2 \$100,000)

```
select name
from instructor
where salary between 90000 and 100000
```

Tuple comparison

Duplicates

- In relations with duplicates, SQL can define how many copies of tuples appear in the result.
- Multiset versions of some of the relational algebra operators given multiset relations r_1 and r_2 :
 - $-\sigma_{\theta}(r_1)$: If there are c_1 copies of tuple t_1 in r_1 , and t_1 satisfies selections σ_{θ} , then there are c_1 copies of t_1 in $\sigma_{\theta}(r_1)$.
 - $\Pi_A(r)$: For each copy of tuple t_1 in r_1 , there is a copy of tuple $\Pi_A(t_1)$ in $\Pi_A(r_1)$ where $\Pi_A(t_1)$ denotes the projection of the single tuple t_1 .
 - $r_1 \times r_2$: If there are c_1 copies of tuple t_1 in r_1 and c_2 copies of tuple t_2 in r_2 , there are $c_1 \times c_2$ copies of the tuple t_1 . t_2 in $r_1 \times r_2$

Duplicates

• Example: Suppose multiset relations r₁ (A, B) and r₂ (C) are as follows:

```
 \begin{aligned} & r_1 = \{(1, \, a) \,\, (2, a)\} \quad r_2 = \{(2), \, (3), \, (3)\} \\ - & \text{Then } \Pi_B(r_1) \, \text{would be } \{(a), \, (a)\}, \\ - & \Pi_B(r_1) \, \text{x} \, r_2 \, \text{would be} \\ & \{(a, 2), \, (a, 2), \, (a, 3), \, (a, 3), \, (a, 3), \, (a, 3)\} \end{aligned}
```

SQL duplicate semantics:

```
select A_1, A_2, ..., A_n from r_1, r_2, ..., r_m where P
```

is equivalent to the multiset version of the expression:

```
\prod_{A1,A2,...,An} (\sigma_P(r_1 \times r_2 \times ... \times r_n))
```

Set Operations

- Set operations union, intersect, and except
 - Each of the above operations automatically eliminates duplicates
- To retain all duplicates use the corresponding multiset versions union all, intersect all and except all.
- Suppose a tuple occurs m times in r and n times in s, then, it occurs:
 - m + n times in r union all s
 - min(m,n) times in r intersect all s
 - $\max(0, m n)$ times in r except all s

Set Operations

```
Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 or in Spring 2010

- (select course id from section where sem = 'Fall' and year = '2009)

union
(select course id from section where sem = 'Spring' and year = '2010)
Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 and in Spring 2010

- (select course id from section where sem = 'Fall' and year = 2009)

intersect
(select course id from section where sem = 'Spring' and year = 2010)

• Find courses that ran in Fall 2009 but not in Spring 2010

- (select course id from section where sem = 'Fall' and year = 2009)

except
(select course id from section where sem = 'Spring' and year = 2010)
```

Null Values

- It is possible for tuples to have a null value, denoted by null, for some of their attributes
- null signifies an unknown value or that a value does not exist.
- The result of any arithmetic expression involving null is null
 - Example: 5 + null returns null
- The predicate is null can be used to check for null values.
 - Example: Find all instructors whose salary is null.

```
select name
from instructor
where salary is null
```

Null Values and Three Valued Logic

- Any comparison with null returns unknown
 - Example: 5 < null or null <> null or null = null
- Three-valued logic using the truth value unknown:
 - OR: (unknown or true) = true,(unknown or false) = unknown(unknown or unknown) = unknown
 - AND: (true and unknown) = unknown, (false and unknown) = false, (unknown and unknown) = unknown
 - NOT: (not unknown) = unknown
 - "P is unknown" evaluates to true if predicate P evaluates to unknown
- Result of where clause predicate is treated as false if it evaluates to unknown

Aggregate Functions

- These functions operate on the multiset of values of a column of a relation, and return a value
 - avg: average value
 - min: minimum value
 - max: maximum value
 - sum : sum of values
 - count: number of values

Aggregate Functions

• Find the average salary of instructors in the Computer Science department

```
- select avg (salary)
from instructor
where dept name= 'Comp. Sci.';
```

 Find the total number of instructors who teach a course in the Spring 2010 semester

```
- select count (distinct ID)
  from teaches
  where semester = 'Spring' and year = 2010;
```

Find the number of tuples in the course relation

```
- select count (*)
  from course;
```

Aggregate Functions – Group By

• Find the average salary of instructors in each department

- select dept_name, avg (salary)
from instructor
group by dept name; 76766 Crick

ID name dept_name salary 76766 Crick Biology 72000 Comp. Sci. 75000 45565 Katz Comp. Sci. 10101 Srinivasan 65000 Comp. Sci. 83821 Brandt 92000 Elec. Eng. 98345 Kim 80000

12121 Wu 90000 Finance 76543 Singh Finance 80000 32343 El Said History 60000 58583 Califieri History 62000 15151 Mozart 40000 Music 33456 | Gold Physics 87000 22222 Einstein Physics 95000

dept_name	salary
Biology	72000
Comp. Sci.	77333
Elec. Eng.	80000
Finance	85000
History	61000
Music	40000
Physics	91000

Aggregation

 Attributes in select clause outside of aggregate functions must appear in group by list

```
-/* erroneous query */
select dept_name, ID, avg (salary)
from instructor
group by dept_name;
```

Aggregate Functions – Having Clause

 Find the names and average salaries of all departments whose average salary is greater than 42000

```
-select dept_name, avg (salary)
from instructor
group by dept_name
having avg (salary) > 42000;
```

 Note: predicates in the having clause are applied after the formation of groups whereas predicates in the where clause are applied before forming groups

Null Values and Aggregates

Total all salaries

select sum (salary)
from instructor

- Above statement ignores null amounts
- Result is **null** if there is no non-null amount
- All aggregate operations except count(*) ignore tuples with null values on the aggregated attributes
- What if collection has only null values?
 - count returns 0
 - all other aggregates return null

Nested Subqueries

- SQL provides a mechanism for the nesting of subqueries.
- A subquery is a select-from-where expression that is nested within another query.
- A common use of subqueries is to perform tests for set membership, set comparisons, and set cardinality.

Subquery Examples

```
    Find courses offered in Fall 2009 and in Spring 2010
```

```
- select distinct course_id
from section
where semester = 'Fall' and year= 2009 and
course_id in (select course_id
from section
where semester = 'Spring' and
year= 2010);

• Find courses offered in Fall 2009 but not in Spring 2010
- select distinct course_id
from section
where semester = 'Fall' and year= 2009 and
course_id not in (select course_id
```

from section

year= 2010);

where semester = 'Spring' and

Subquery Examples

• Find the total number of (distinct) students who have taken course sections taught by the instructor with *ID* 10101

• Note: The above query can be written in a much simpler manner. The formulation above is simply to illustrate SQL features.

Set Comparison

• Find names of instructors with salary greater than that of some (at least one) instructor in the Biology department.

Definition of Some Clause

Example Query

• Find the names of all instructors whose salary is greater than the salary of all instructors in the Biology department.

Test for Empty Relations

- The exists construct returns the value true if the argument subquery is nonempty.
- exists $r \Leftrightarrow r \neq \emptyset$
- not exists $r \Leftrightarrow r = \emptyset$

Correlation Variables

 Yet another way of specifying the query "Find all courses taught in both the Fall 2009 semester and in the Spring 2010 semester"

- Correlated subquery
- Correlation name or correlation variable

Not Exists

 Find all students who have taken all courses offered in the Biology department.

- Note that $X Y = \emptyset \iff X \subset Y$
- Note: Cannot write this query using = all and its variants

Test for Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- The unique construct tests whether a subquery has any duplicate tuples in its result.
- Find all courses that were offered at most once in 2009

Derived Relations

- SQL allows a subquery expression to be used in the from clause
- Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than \$42,000."

```
select dept name, avg_salary
from (select dept name, avg (salary) as avg_salary
    from instructor
    group by dept name)
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

- Note : we do not need to use the having clause
- Another way to write above query

Derived Relations

And yet another way to write it: lateral clause

With Clause

- The with clause provides a way of defining a temporary view whose definition is available only to the query in which the with clause occurs.
- Find all departments with the maximum budget

```
with max_budget (value) as
  (select max(budget)
   from department)
select budget
from department, max_budget
where department.budget = max_budget.value;
```

Complex Queries using with Clause

 Find all departments where the total salary is greater than the average of the total salary at all departments

Scalar Subquery

Modification of the Database - Deletion

```
    Delete all instructors
```

delete from instructor

- Delete all instructors from the Finance department delete from instructor where dept_name= 'Finance';
- Delete all tuples in the instructor relation for those instructors associated with a department located in the Watson building.

Example Query

 Delete all instructors whose salary is less than the average salary of instructors

- Problem: as we delete tuples from deposit, the average salary changes
- Solution used in SQL:
 - First, compute avg salary and find all tuples to delete
 - Next, delete all tuples found above (without recomputing avg or retesting the tuples)

Modification of the Database – Insertion

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Add all instructors to the student relation with tot_creds set to 0

```
insert into student
    select ID, name, dept_name, 0
    from instructor
```

• The select from where statement is evaluated fully before any of its results are inserted into the relation (otherwise queries like

```
insert into table1 select * from table1
would cause problems)
```

Modification of the Database – Updates

- Increase salaries of instructors whose salary is over \$100,000 by 3%, and all others receive a 5% raise
 - Write two update statements:

```
update instructor
    set salary = salary * 1.03
    where salary > 100000;
update instructor
    set salary = salary * 1.05
    where salary <= 100000;</pre>
```

- The order is important
- Can be done better using the case statement (next slide)

Case Statement for Conditional Updates

Same query as before but with case statement

```
update instructor
   set salary =
        case
        when salary <= 100000 then
        salary * 1.05
        else salary * 1.03
        end</pre>
```

Updates with Scalar Subqueries

• Recompute and update tot creds value for all students

- from takes natural join course where S.ID= takes.ID and takes.grade <> 'F' and takes.grade is not null);
- Sets tot_creds to null for students who have not taken any course
- Instead of sum(credits), use:

Advanced SQL Features **

• Like keyword allows you to create a table with the same schema as an existing table:

create table temp account like account

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Data Definition Language

- Allows the specification of not only a set of relations but also information about each relation, including:
 - The schema for each relation.
 - The domain of values associated with each attribute.
 - Integrity constraints
 - The set of indices to be maintained for each relations.
 - Security and authorization information for each relation.
 - The physical storage structure of each relation on disk.

