Relational Algebra

Two groups of SQL

DDL – creating tables, columns

DML – Querying and modifying data

Where did DML SQL come from?

The Relational Algebra!

The Relational Algebra

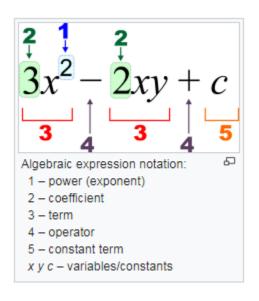
- Write a query in SQL, submit it
- The DBMS engine "parses" the SQL, checks syntax
- Builds an execution plan (based on Relational Algebra)
- Executes the SQL
- Returns an Answer Set (a table)
- Stores the SQL in cache (Oracle Shared Pool)

The Relational Algebra

- Preparing the query for execution
 - It is like algebra

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

- Variables and Operations
 - The "variables" are relations
 - The operations are
 - Union
 - Intersection
 - Difference
 - Selection
 - Projection
 - Cartesian Product
 - Join



Set Operations

Some Operations are "Set" Operations

- Think of each table as entire "set" of data
- Consider two tables: R and S
 - Same attributes, same domains
- I can do the following set operations in R.A.

R <union> Sall elements in R or S or both

R <intersection> Sthe set of elements in R and S

R < difference > S
the set of elements in R but not in S

Example Union

Table C

CustomerID	CustomerName	ContactName	Address	City	PostalCode	Country
1	Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Obere Str. 57	Berlin	12209	Germany
2	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Ana Trujillo	Avda. de la Constitución 2222	México D.F.	05021	Mexico
3	Antonio Moreno Taquería	Antonio Moreno	Mataderos 2312	México D.F.	05023	Mexico

Table S

SupplierID	SupplierName	Contact N ame	Address	City	PostalCode	Country
1	Exotic Liquid	Charlotte Cooper	49 Gilbert St.	London	EC1 4SD	UK
2	New Orleans Cajun Delights	Shelley Burke	P.O. Box 78934	New Orleans	70117	USA
3	Grandma Kelly's Homestead	Regina Murphy	707 Oxford Rd.	Ann Arbor	48104	USA

Example Union

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	1 Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Obere Str. 57	Berlin	12209	Germany
	2 Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Ana Trujillo	Avda. de la Constitución 2222	México D.F.	5021	Mexico
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Projection

Produce a new relation that is a subset of columns

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Selection

Produce a new relation that is a subset of tuples

Based on a condition

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Cartesian Product

Produce a new relation that is the combination of every tuple in one table combined with every tuple in the other.

Table C

CustomerID	CustomerName
1	Howard Snyder
2	Yoshi Lattimer
3	John Steel
4	Jaime Yorres
5	Fran Wilson
6	Rene Phillips

Table O

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	OrderID	CustomerID	OrderTotal
	10262	1	10556.22
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Natural Joins

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Natural Join

Produce a new relation that combines matching tuples on a common attribute.

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Natural Join

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CustomerID	CustomerName	OrderID	CustomerID	OrderTotal
1	Howard Snyder	10262	1	10556.22
2	Yoshi Lattimer	10307	2	15679.02

Theta Join

Produce a new relation that combines matching tuples on a condition.

(quite uncommon)

Constraints

If R is a relational algebra expression, R = 0 is a constraint that says R must be empty

If R and S are relational algebra expressions, R <constrains> S says that every tuple in R is also in S