

The 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

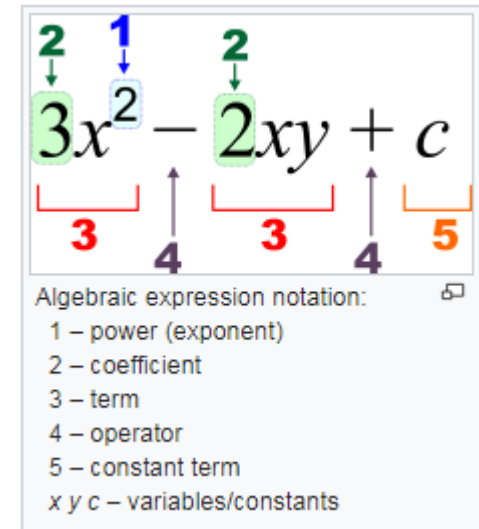
- Preparing the query for execution

- 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



Some Operations are “Set” Operations

- **Think of each table as entire “set” of data**
- **Consider two tables: R and S**
 - Same attributes, same domains
- set operations in Relational Algebra.
 - $R \cup S$ all elements in R or S or both
 - $R \cap S$ the set of elements in R and S
 - $R - S$ 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	ContactName	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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Projection

Produce a new relation that is a subset of columns

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<projection> CustomerID, CustomerName, City (C)

1	Alfreds Futterkiste	Berlin
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Produce a new relation that is a subset of tuples
– Based on a condition

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<selection> <Country=Mexico> (C)

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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

OrderID	CustomerID	OrderTotal
10262	1	10556.22
10269	7	124.56
10278	8	105938.44
10304	12	1034.34
10307	2	15679.02
10322	17	9305.18

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5	Fran Wilson	10262	1	10556.22
5	Fran Wilson	10269	7	124.56
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5	Fran Wilson	10304	12	1034.34
5	Fran Wilson	10307	2	15679.02
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6	Rene Phillips	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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2	Yoshi Lattimer	10307	2	15679.02

Example Union

Some more examples of Set Operations:

Graduates

Number	Surname	Age
7274	Robinson	37
7432	O'Malley	39
9824	Darkes	38

Managers

Number	Surname	Age
9297	O'Malley	56
7432	O'Malley	39
9824	Darkes	38

Example Union

Graduates \cup Managers

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7274	Robinson	37
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Example Intersection

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Example Intersection

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Example Difference

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Example Difference

Graduates - Managers

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