

# Chapter 6, The Relational Algebra and Relational Calculus

## 6.1 Unary Relational Operations: SELECT and PROJECT

### 6.1.1 The SELECT Operation

- SELECT a subset of tuples from  $R$  that satisfy a selection condition.

$$- \sigma_{\langle \text{selection condition} \rangle}(R_1)$$

$$- \sigma_{(DNO=4 \text{ and } SALARY>25000) \text{ or } (DNO=5 \text{ and } SALARY>30000)}(EMPLOYEE)$$

See Figure 6.1(a) (Fig 7.8(a) on e3) for the result.

- The resulting relation  $R_2$  after applying selection on  $R_1$ , we have

$$degree(R_1) = degree(R_2) \text{ and}$$

$$| R_2 | \leq | R_1 | \text{ for any selection condition}$$

$$- \text{Commutative: } \sigma_{C_1}(\sigma_{C_2}(R)) = \sigma_{C_2}(\sigma_{C_1}(R))$$

$$- \sigma_{C_1}(\sigma_{C_2}(\dots(\sigma_{C_n}(R))\dots)) = \sigma_{C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } C_n}(R)$$

### 6.1.2 The PROJECT Operation

- PROJECT some columns (attributes) from the table (relation) and discard the other columns.

$$- R_2 \leftarrow \pi_{\langle \text{attribute list} \rangle}(R_1)$$

$$- R_2 \leftarrow \pi_{LN\!A\!M\!E, \text{ SALARY}}(EMPLOYEE)$$

- $R_2$  has only the attributes in  $\langle \text{attribute list} \rangle$  with the same order as they appear in the list.

$$- degree(R_2) = |\langle \text{attribute list} \rangle|$$

- PROJECT operation will remove any duplicate tuples (**duplication elimination**). This happens when attribute list contains only non-key attributes of  $R_1$ .

- $| R_2 | \leq | R_1 |$ . If the  $\langle attribute\ list \rangle$  is a superkey of  $R_1$ , then  $| R_2 | = | R_1 |$
- $\pi_{\langle list1 \rangle}(\pi_{\langle list2 \rangle}(R)) = \pi_{\langle list1 \rangle}(R)$ , where  
 $\langle list2 \rangle$  must be a subset of  $\langle list1 \rangle$ .

### 6.1.3 Sequences of Operations and the RENAME Operation

- It may apply several relational algebra operations one after another to get the final result.
  - Either we can write the operations as a single **relational algebra expression** by nesting the operations, or
  - we can apply one operation at a time and create intermediate result relations.
- For example, the algebra expression  $\pi_{FNAME, LNAME, SALARY}(\sigma_{DNO=5}(EMPLOYEE))$  is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} DEP5\_EMPS \leftarrow \sigma_{DNO=5}(EMPLOYEE) \\ RESULT \leftarrow \pi_{FNAME, LNAME, SALARY}(DEP5\_EMPS) \end{cases}$$

- We could rename the above intermediate (or final) relations by

$$\begin{cases} TEMP \leftarrow \sigma_{DNO=5}(EMPLOYEE) \\ R(FN, LN, SALARY) \leftarrow \pi_{FNAME, LNAME, SALARY}(TEMP) \end{cases}$$

or we can define a RENAME operation and rewrite the query as follows.

- $\rho_{S(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)}(R)$  or
- $\rho_S(R)$  or
- $\rho_{(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)}(R)$
- Where  $S$  is the renamed relation name of  $R$  and  $B_i$ 's are the renamed attribute names of  $R$ .
- The query becomes

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{TEMP}(\sigma_{DNO=5}(EMPLOYEE)) \\ \rho_{R(FN, LN, SALARY)}(\pi_{FNAME, LNAME, SALARY}(TEMP)) \end{cases}$$

## 6.2 Relational Algebra Operations from Set Theory

## 6.2.1 The UNION, INTERSECTION, and MINUS Operations

- $R_1 \cup R_2$  (UNION),  $R_1 \cap R_2$  (INTERSECTION), or  $R_1 - R_2$  (SET DIFFERENCE) are valid operations iff  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are **union compatible**.
- Two relations  $R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  and  $R_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  are union compatible if  $degree(R_1) = degree(R_2)$  and  $dom(A_i) = dom(B_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- The resulting relation has the same attribute names as the first relation  $R_1$
- Commutative: UNION, INTERSECTION
- Associative: UNION, INTERSECTION
- See Figure 6.4 (or Fig 7.11 on 3e)

## 6.2.2 The CARTESIAN PRODUCT (or CROSS PRODUCT) Operation

- $R_1 \times R_2$  ( $R_1$  and  $R_2$  do not need to be union compatible)
- $R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \times R_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) = Q(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)$ , where

$$- |Q| = |R_1| \times |R_2|$$

- For example,

$$\begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline A_1 & A_2 \\ \hline a_{11} & a_{21} \\ \hline a_{12} & a_{22} \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} B_2 \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline B_1 \\ \hline b_{11} \\ \hline b_{12} \\ \hline b_{13} \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} Q \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline A_1 & A_2 & B_1 \\ \hline a_{11} & a_{21} & b_{11} \\ \hline a_{11} & a_{21} & b_{12} \\ \hline a_{11} & a_{21} & b_{13} \\ \hline a_{12} & a_{22} & b_{11} \\ \hline a_{12} & a_{22} & b_{12} \\ \hline a_{12} & a_{22} & b_{13} \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

- See Figure 6.5 (Fig 7.12 on e3). This figures shows a possible sequence of steps to retrieve a list of names of each female employee's dependents.

## 6.3 Binary Relational Operations: JOIN and DIVISION

### 6.3.1 The JOIN Operation

- JOIN is used to combine related tuples from two relations into single tuples.
- $R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \bowtie_{\langle \text{join condition} \rangle} R_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) = Q(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m);$   
where each tuple in  $Q$  is the combination of tuples – one from  $R_1$  and one from  $R_2$  – whenever the combination satisfies the join condition.
- $R_1 \bowtie_{\langle \text{condition} \rangle} R_2 \equiv \sigma_{\langle \text{condition} \rangle}(R_1 \times R_2)$

– For example, see Figure 6.6 (Figure 7.13 on e3),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ACTUAL\_DEPENDENT} &\longleftarrow \text{EMPLOYEE} \bowtie_{SSN=ESSN} \text{DEPENDENT} \\ &\equiv \text{ACTUAL\_DEPENDENT} \longleftarrow \sigma_{SSN=ESSN} (\text{EMPLOYEE} \times \text{DEPENDENT}) \end{aligned}$$

- Usually the join condition is of the form:

$$\langle A_{i_1} \theta B_{j_1} \rangle \text{ AND } \langle A_{i_2} \theta B_{j_2} \rangle \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } \langle A_{i_p} \theta B_{j_p} \rangle$$

Each attribute pair in the condition must have the same domain;  $\theta$  is one of the comparison operator.

### 6.3.2 The EQUIJOIN and NATURAL JOIN Variations

- All JOIN operations with only “=” operator used in the conditions are called EQUIJOIN.
- Each tuple in the resulting relation of an EQUIJOIN has the same values for each pair of attributes listed in the join condition.
- **NATURAL JOIN** (\*) was created to get rid of the superfluous attributes in an EQUIJOIN.
  - NATURAL JOIN requires each pair of join attributes have the same name in both relations, otherwise, a renaming operation should be applied first.
  - For example, see 6.7 (Figure 7.14 on e3),

DEPT\_LOCS  $\longleftarrow$  DEPARTMENT \* DEPT\_LOCATIONS  
 PROJ\_DEPT  $\longleftarrow$   $\rho_{(DNAME, DNUM, MGRSSN, MGRSTARTDATE)}$  (DEPARTMENT)  
 \* PROJECT

- $0 \leq |R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \bowtie_{\langle COND \rangle} R_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)| \leq n \times m$

### 6.3.3 A Complete Set of Relational Algebra Operations

- $\{\sigma, \pi, \cup, -, \times\}$  is a complete set; that is, any of the other relational algebra operations can be expressed as a sequence of operations from this set. For example,
  - $R \cap S \equiv (R \cup S) - ((R - S) \cup (S - R))$
  - $R \bowtie_{\langle COND \rangle} S \equiv \sigma_{\langle COND \rangle}(R \times S)$
  - A NATURAL JOIN can be specified as a CARTESIAN PRODUCT preceded by RENAME and followed by SELECT and PROJECT operations.

### 6.3.4 The DIVISION Operation

- $T(Y) \longleftarrow R(Z) \div S(X)$ , where  $X, Y, Z$  are sets of attributes and  $X \subseteq Z$  and  $Y = Z - X$
- A tuple  $t \in T$  if tuples  $t_1 \in R$  with  $t_1[Y] = t$  and with  $t_1[X] = t_2$  for every tuple  $t_2$  in  $S$ . See Figure 6.8(b) (Figure 7.15(b) on e3).
- Example for DIVISION operation: “Retrieve the names of employees who work on all the projects that 'John Smith' works on.

JSMITH\_SSN(ESSN)  $\longleftarrow$   $\pi_{SSN} (\sigma_{FNAME='John' \text{ AND } LNAME='Smith'} (\text{EMPLOYEE}))$

JSMITH\_PROJ  $\longleftarrow$   $\pi_{PNO} (\text{JSMITH\_SSN} * \text{WORKS\_ON})$

WORKS\_ON2  $\longleftarrow$   $\pi_{ESSN, PNO} (\text{WORKS\_ON})$

DIV\_HERE(SSN)  $\longleftarrow$   $\text{WORKS\_ON2} \div \text{JSMITH\_PROJ}$

RESULT  $\longleftarrow$   $\pi_{FNAME, LNAME} (\text{EMPLOYEE} * \text{DIV\_HERE})$

See figure 6.8(a) (Figure 7.15(a) on e3).

## 6.4 Additional Relational Operations

### 6.4.1 Aggregate Functions and Grouping

- Apply aggregate functions **SUM**, **AVERAGE**, **MAXIMUM**, **MINIMUM** and **COUNT** of an attribute to different groups of tuples.

- $R_2 \longleftarrow \langle \text{grouping attribs} \rangle \mathfrak{S} \langle \langle \text{func attrib} \rangle, \langle \text{func attrib} \rangle, \dots \rangle (R_1)$

- The resulting relation  $R_2$  has the **grouping attributes** + **one attribute for each element in the function list**.
- Each group results in a tuple in  $R_2$ .
- For example,

$$* \text{ DNO } \mathfrak{S} \text{ COUNT SSN, AVERAGE SALARY } (EMPLOYEE)$$

DNO	COUNT_SSN	AVERAGE_SALARY
5	4	33250
4	3	31000
1	1	55000

$$* \mathfrak{S} \text{ COUNT SSN, AVERAGE SALARY } (EMPLOYEE)$$

COUNT_SSN	AVERAGE_SALARY
8	35125

### 6.4.3 OUTER JOIN

- **LEFT OUTER JOIN:**  $R_3(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) \longleftarrow R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$

$$\bowtie \langle \text{JOIN COND.} \rangle R_2(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)$$

- This operation keeps every tuple  $t$  in left relation  $R_1$  in  $R_3$ , and fills “NULL” for attributes  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$  if the join condition is not satisfied for  $t$ .
- For example,

$$TEMP \longleftarrow (EMPLOYEE \bowtie_{SSN=MGRSSN} DEPARTMENT)$$

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{FNAME, MINIT, DNAME} (TEMP)$$

The result is in Figure 6.12 (Figure 7.18 on e3)

- **RIGHT OUTER JOIN:** similar to LEFT OUTER JOIN, but keeps every tuple  $t$  in right relation  $R_2$  in the resulting relation  $R_3$ .

- Notation:  $\bowtie\!\!\!\sqsubset$

- **FULL OUTER JOIN:**  $\bowtie$

## 6.4.4 The OUTER UNION Operation

- **OUTER UNION:** make union of two relations that are partially compatible.
  - $R_3(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p) \leftarrow R_1(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m) \text{ OUTER UNION } R_2(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p)$
  - The list of compatible attributes are represented only once in  $R_3$ .
  - Tuples from  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  with the same values on the set of compatible attributes are represented only once in  $R_3$
  - In  $R_3$ , fill “NULL” if necessary
  - For example, STUDENT(NAME, SSN, DEPT, ADVISOR) and FACULTY(NAME, SSN, DEPT, RANK)  
The resulting relation schema after OUTER UNION will be R\_3(NAME, SSN, DEPT, ADVISOR, RANK)

## 6.5 Examples of Queries in Relational Algebra

- Retrieve the name and address of all employees who work for the 'Research' department.

$$\begin{aligned} RESEARCH\_DEPT &\leftarrow \sigma_{DNAME='Research'}(DEPARTMENT) \\ RESEARCH\_EMPS &\leftarrow (RESEARCH\_DEPT \bowtie_{DNUMBER=DNO} (EMPLOYEE)) \\ RESULT &\leftarrow \pi_{FNAME,LNAME,ADDRESS}(RESEARCH\_EMPS) \end{aligned}$$

- For every project located in 'Stafford', list the project number, the controlling department number, and the department manager's last name, address, and birthdate.

$$\begin{aligned} STAFFORD\_PROJS &\leftarrow \sigma_{LOCATION='Stafford'}(PROJECT) \\ CONTR\_DEPT &\leftarrow (STAFFORD\_PROJS \bowtie_{DNUM=DNUMBER} (DEPARTMENT)) \\ PROJ\_DEPT\_MGR &\leftarrow (CONTR\_DEPT \bowtie_{MGRSSN=SSN} (EMPLOYEE)) \\ RESULT &\leftarrow \pi_{PNUMBER,DNUM,LNAME,ADDRESS,BDATE}(PROJ\_DEPT\_MGR) \end{aligned}$$

- Find the names of employees who work on all the projects controlled by department number 5.

$$\begin{aligned} DEPT5\_PROJS(PNO) &\leftarrow \pi_{PNUMBER}(\sigma_{DNUM=5}(PROJECT)) \\ EMP\_PROJ(SSN, PNO) &\leftarrow \pi_{ESSN,PNO}(WORKS\_ON) \\ RESULT\_EMP\_SSNS &\leftarrow EMP\_PROJ \div DEPT\_PROJS \\ RESULT &\leftarrow \pi_{LNAME,FNAME}(RESULT\_EMP\_SSNS * EMPLOYEE) \end{aligned}$$

- Make a list of project numbers for projects that involve an employee whose last name is 'Smith', either as a worker or as a manager of the department that controls the project.

$$\begin{aligned} SMITHS(ESSN) &\leftarrow \pi_{SSN}(\sigma_{LNAME='Smith'}(EMPLOYEE)) \\ SMITH\_WORKER\_PROJ &\leftarrow \pi_{PNO}(WORKS\_ON * SMITHS) \\ MGRS &\leftarrow \pi_{LNAME,DNUMBER}(EMPLOYEE \bowtie_{SSN=MGRSSN} DEPARTMENT) \\ SMITH\_MANAGED\_DEPTS(DNUM) &\leftarrow \pi_{DNUMBER}(\sigma_{LNAME='Smith'}(MGRS)) \\ SMITH\_MGR\_PROJS(PNO) &\leftarrow \pi_{PNUMBER}(SMITH\_MANAGED\_DEPTS * PROJECT) \\ RESULT &\leftarrow (SMITH\_WORKER\_PROJS \cup SMITH\_MGR\_PROJS) \end{aligned}$$



- List the names of all employees who have two or more dependents.

$$T_1(SSN, NO\_OF\_DEPTS) \longleftarrow_{ESSN} \mathfrak{S}_{COUNT\ DEPENDENT\_NAME}(DEPENDENT)$$

$$T_2 \longleftarrow \sigma_{NO\_OF\_DEPTS \geq 2}(T_1)$$

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{LNAME, FNAME}(T_2 * EMPLOYEE)$$

- Retrieve the names of employees who have no dependents.

$$ALL\_EMPS \longleftarrow \pi_{SSN}(EMPLOYEE)$$

$$EMPS\_WITH\_DEPS(SSN) \longleftarrow \pi_{ESSN}(DEPENDENT)$$

$$EMPS\_WITHOUT\_DEPS \longleftarrow (ALL\_EMPS - EMPS\_WITH\_DEPS)$$

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{LNAME, FNAME}(EMPS\_WITHOUT\_DEPS * EMPLOYEE)$$

- List the names of managers who have at least one dependent.

$$MGRS(SSN) \longleftarrow \pi_{MGRSSN}(DEPARTMENT)$$

$$EMPS\_WITH\_DEPS(SSN) \longleftarrow \pi_{ESSN}(DEPENDENT)$$

$$MGRS\_WITH\_DEPS \longleftarrow (MGRS \cap EMPS\_WITH\_DEPS)$$

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{LNAME, FNAME}(MGRS\_WITH\_DEPS * EMPLOYEE)$$

- Retrieve the name of each employee who has a dependent with the same first name and same sex as the employee.

$$EMPS\_DEPS \longleftarrow$$

$$(EMPLOYEE \bowtie_{SSN=ESSN\ AND\ SEX=SEX\ AND\ FNAME=DEPENDENT\_NAME} DEPENDENT)$$

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{LNAME, FNAME}(EMPS\_DEPS)$$

- Retrieve the names of all employees who do not have supervisors.

$$RESULT \longleftarrow \pi_{LNAME, FNAME}(\sigma_{SUPERSSN=NULL}(EMPLOYEE))$$

- Find the sum of salary of all employees, the maximum salary, the minimum salary, and the average salary for each department.

$$RESULT \longleftarrow$$

$$DNO \mathfrak{S}_{SUM\ SALARY, MAXIMUM\ SALARY, MINIMUM\ SALARY, AVERAGE\ SALARY}(EMPLOYEE)$$

## 6.6 The Tuple Relational Calculus

- **Nonprocedural** Language: Specify what to do; Tuple (Relational) Calculus, Domain (Relational) Calculus.
- **Procedural** Language: Specify how to do; Relational Algebra.
- The expressive power of Relational Calculus and Relational Algebra is identical.
- A relational query language L is considered **relationally complete** if we can express in L any query that can be expressed in Relational Calculus.
- Most relational query language is relationally complete but have more expressive power than relational calculus (algebra) because of additional operations such as aggregate functions, grouping, and ordering.

### 6.6.1 Tuple Variables and Range Relations

- A **tuple variable** usually **range over** a particular database relation: the variable may take as its value any individual tuple from that relation.
  - General Form:  $\{t \mid COND(t)\}$
  - Examples:
    - Find all employees whose salary is above \$50,000.  
 $\{t \mid EMPLOYEE(t) \text{ and } t.SALARY > 50000\}$
    - Find the first and last names of all employees whose salary is above \$50,000.  
 $\{t.FNAME, t.LNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(t) \text{ and } t.SALARY > 50000\}$
- Compare to:

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SELECT T.FNAME, T.LNAME
FROM   EMPLOYEE AS T
WHERE T.SALARY > 50000;
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- Three information should be specified in a tuple calculus expression.

- For each tuple variable  $t$ , the **range relation**  $R$  of  $t$  is specified as  $R(t)$ . (FROM clause in SQL)
  - A condition to select particular combinations of tuples. (WHERE clause in SQL)
  - A set of attributes to be retrieved, the **requested attributes**. (SELECT clause in SQL)
- Example: Retrieve the birthdate and address of the employee whose name is 'John B. Smith'.  

$$\{t.BDATE, t.ADDRESS \mid EMPLOYEE(t) \text{ and } t.FNAME = 'John' \text{ and } t.MINIT = 'B' \text{ and } t.LNAME = 'Smith'\}$$

### 6.6.2 Expressions and Formulas in Tuple Relation Calculus

- A general expression form:  

$$\{t_1.A_1, t_2.A_2, \dots, t_n.A_n \mid COND(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, t_{n+1}, t_{n+2}, \dots, t_{n+m})\}$$

Where  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, t_{n+1}, t_{n+2}, \dots, t_{n+m}$  are tuple variables, each  $A_i$  is an attribute of the relation on which  $t_i$  ranges, and COND is a **condition** or **formula**
- A **formula** is made up of one or more atoms, which can be one of the following.
  - An atom of the form  $R(t_i)$  defines the range of the tuple variable  $t_i$  as the relation  $R$ .  
 If the tuple variable  $t_i$  is assigned a tuple that is a member of  $R$ , then the atom is TRUE.
  - An atom of the form  $t_i.A \text{ op } t_j.B$ , where **op** is one of the comparison operators  $\{=, >, \geq, <, \leq, \neq\}$ .  
 If the tuple variables  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  are assigned to tuples such that the values of the attributes  $t_i.A$  and  $t_j.B$  satisfy the condition, then the atom is TRUE.
  - An atom of the form  $t_i.A \text{ op } c$  or  $c \text{ op } t_j.B$ .  
 If the tuple variables  $t_i$  (or  $t_j$ ) is assigned to a tuple such that the value of the attribute  $t_i.A$  (or  $t_j.B$ ) satisfies the condition, then the atom is TRUE.

- A **formula** is made up one or more atoms connected via the logical operators **and**, **or**, **not** and is defined recursively as follows.
  - Every atom is a formula.
  - If  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are formulas, then so are  $(F_1 \text{ and } F_2)$ ,  $(F_1 \text{ or } F_2)$ ,  $\text{not}(F_1)$ ,  $\text{not}(F_2)$ .
 And
  - \*  $(F_1 \text{ and } F_2)$  is TRUE if both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are TRUE; otherwise, it is FALSE.
  - \*  $(F_1 \text{ or } F_2)$  is FALSE if both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are FALSE; otherwise, it is TRUE.
  - \*  $\text{not}(F_1)$  is TRUE if  $F_1$  is FALSE; it is FALSE if  $F_1$  is TRUE.
  - \*  $\text{not}(F_2)$  is TRUE if  $F_2$  is FALSE; it is FALSE if  $F_2$  is TRUE.

### 6.6.3 The Existential and Universal Quantifiers

- There are two **quantifiers** can appear in formula, **universal quantifier**  $\forall$  and **existential quantifier**  $\exists$ .
- **free** and **bound** for tuple variables in formula.
  - An occurrence of a tuple variable in a formula  $F$  that is an atom is free in  $F$ .
  - An occurrence of a tuple variable  $t$  is free or bound in  $(F_1 \text{ and } F_2)$ ,  $(F_1 \text{ or } F_2)$ ,  $\text{not}(F_1)$ ,  $\text{not}(F_2)$ , depending on whether it is free or bound in  $F_1$  or  $F_2$ . Notice that a tuple variable may be free in  $F_1$  and bound in  $F_2$ .
  - All free occurrences of a tuple variable  $t$  in  $F$  are bound in formulas  $F' = (\exists t)(F)$  or  $F' = (\forall t)(F)$ . For example:
 
$$F_1 : d.DNAME = 'Research'$$

$$F_2 : (\exists t)(d.DNUMBER = t.DNO)$$

$$F_3 : (\forall d)(d.MGRSSN = '333445555')$$
 Where variable  $d$  is free in  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , but bound in  $F_3$ . Variable  $t$  is bound in  $F_2$ .

- A formula with **quantifiers** is defined as follows.
  - If  $F$  is a formula, then so is  $(\exists t)(F)$ , where  $t$  is a tuple variable. The formula  $(\exists t)(F)$  is TRUE if the formula  $F$  evaluates to TRUE for some tuple assigned to free occurrences of  $t$  in  $F$ ; otherwise  $(\exists t)(F)$  is FALSE.

- If  $F$  is a formula, then so is  $(\forall t)(F)$ , where  $t$  is a tuple variable. The formula  $(\forall t)(F)$  is TRUE if the formula  $F$  evaluates to TRUE for every tuple (in the universe) assigned to free occurrences of  $t$  in  $F$ ; otherwise  $(\forall t)(F)$  is FALSE.

#### 6.6.4 Example Queries Using the Existential Quantifier

- Retrieve the name and address of all employees who work for the 'Research' department.

$\{t.FNAME, t.LNAME, t.ADDRESS \mid EMPLOYEE(t) \text{ and } (\exists d) (DEPARTMENT(d) \text{ and } d.DNAME = 'Research' \text{ and } d.DNUMBER = t.DNO)\}$

- For every project located in 'Stafford', list the project number, the controlling department number, and the department manager's last name, birthdate, and address.

$\{p.PNUMBER, p.DNUM, m.LNAME, m.BDATE, m.ADDRESS \mid PROJECT(p) \text{ and } EMPLOYEE(m) \text{ and } p.PLOCATION = 'Stafford' \text{ and } ((\exists d)(DEPARTMENT(d) \text{ and } p.DNUM = d.DNUMBER \text{ and } d.MGRSSN = m.SSN))\}$

- For each employee, retrieve the employee's first and last name and the first and last name of his or her immediate supervisor.

$\{e.FNAME, e.LNAME, s.FNAME, s.LNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } EMPLOYEE(s) \text{ and } e.SUPERSSN = s.SSN\}$

- Find the name of each employee who works on some project controlled by department number 5.

$\{e.LNAME, e.FNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } ((\exists x)(\exists w) (PROJECT(x) \text{ and } WORKS\_ON(w) \text{ and } x.DNUM = 5 \text{ and } w.ESSN = e.SSN \text{ and } x.PNUMBER = w.PNO))\}$

- Make a list of project numbers for projects that involve an employee whose last name is 'Smith', either as a worker or as a manager of the controlling department for the project.

$\{p.PNUMBER \mid PROJECT(p) \text{ and }$

$((\exists e)(\exists w)(EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } WORKS\_ON(w) \text{ and } w.PNO = p.PNUMBER \text{ and } e.LNAME = 'Smith' \text{ and } e.SSN = w.ESSN))$   
**or**  
 $((\exists m)(\exists d)(EMPLOYEE(m) \text{ and } DEPARTMENT(d) \text{ and } p.DNUM = d.DNUMBER \text{ and } d.MGRSSN = m.SSN \text{ and } m.LNAME = 'Smith'))))\}$

### 6.6.5 Transforming the Universal and Existential Quantifiers

- $(\forall x)(P(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\exists x)(\text{not}(P(x)))$
- $(\exists x)(P(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\forall x)(\text{not}(P(x)))$
- $(\forall x)(P(x) \text{ and } Q(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\exists x)(\text{not}(P(x)) \text{ or } \text{not}(Q(x)))$
- $(\forall x)(P(x) \text{ or } Q(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\exists x)(\text{not}(P(x)) \text{ and } \text{not}(Q(x)))$
- $(\exists x)(P(x) \text{ or } Q(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\forall x)(\text{not}(P(x)) \text{ and } \text{not}(Q(x)))$
- $(\exists x)(P(x) \text{ and } Q(x)) \equiv \text{not}(\forall x)(\text{not}(P(x)) \text{ or } \text{not}(Q(x)))$
- $(\forall x)(P(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(P(x))$
- $\text{not}(\exists x)(P(x)) \Rightarrow \text{not}(\forall x)(P(x))$

### 6.6.6 Using the Universal Quantifier

- Find the names of employees who work on all the projects controlled by department number 5.

$\{e.LNAME, e.FNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } ((\forall x)(\text{not}(PROJECT(x) \text{ or } \text{not}(x.DNUM = 5)) \text{ or } ((\exists w)(WORKS\_ON(w) \text{ and } w.ESSN = e.SSN \text{ and } x.PNUMBER = w.PNO))))))\}$

BREAK INTO:

$\{e.LNAME, e.FNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } F'\}$   
 $F' = ((\forall x)(\text{not}(PROJECT(x) \text{ or } F_1))$

$F_1 = \text{not}(x.DNUM = 5) \text{ or } F_2$

$F_2 = ((\exists w)(WORKS\_ON(w) \text{ and } w.ESSN = e.SSN \text{ and } x.PNUMBER = w.PNO))$

IS EQUIVALENT TO:

$\{e.LNAME, e.FNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } (\text{not}(\exists x)(PROJECT(x) \\ \text{and } (x.DNUM = 5) \text{ and } \\ (\text{not}(\exists w)(WORKS\_ON(w) \text{ and } w.ESSN = e.SSN \text{ and } \\ x.PNUMBER = w.PNO))))))\}$

- Find the names of employees who have no dependents.

$\{e.FNAME, e.LNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } (\text{not}(\exists d)(DEPENDENT(d) \\ \text{and } e.SSN = d.ESSN))\}$

IS EQUIVALENT TO:

$\{e.FNAME, e.LNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } ((\forall d) \\ (\text{not}(DEPENDENT(d)) \text{ or } \text{not}(e.SSN = d.ESSN)))\}$

- List the names of managers who have at least one dependent.

$\{e.FNAME, e.LNAME \mid EMPLOYEE(e) \text{ and } ((\exists d)(\exists p) \\ (DEPARTMENT(d) \text{ and } DEPENDENT(p) \text{ and } e.SSN = d.MGRSSN \text{ and } \\ p.ESSN = e.SSN)))\}$

### 6.6.7 Safe Expressions

- **Safe Expression:** The result is a finite number of tuples.
- For example,  $\{t \mid \text{not}(EMPLOYEE(t))\}$  is unsafe.
- **Domain of a tuple relational calculus expression:** The set of all values that either appear as constant values in the expression or exist in any tuple of the relations referenced in the expression.
- An expression is **safe** if all values in its result are from the domain of the expression.

## 6.7 The Domain Relational Calculus

- Rather than having variables range over tuples in relations, the **domain variables** range over single values from domains of attributes,
- General form:  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \mid COND(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots, x_{n+m})\}$

**Domain Variables:**  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that range over the domains of attributes.

**Formula:**  $COND$  is the formula or condition of the domain relational calculus.

A formula is made up of **atoms**.

- An atom of the form  $R(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j)$  (or simply  $R(x_1x_2\dots x_j)$ ), where  $R$  is the name of a relation of degree  $j$  and each  $x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq j$ , is a domain variable.

This atom defines that  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j \rangle$  must be a tuple in  $R$ , where the value of  $x_i$  is the value of the  $i^{th}$  attribute of the tuple.

If the domain variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j$  are assigned values corresponding to a tuple of  $R$ , then the atom is TRUE.

- An atom of the form  $x_i \text{ op } x_j$ , where **op** is one of the comparison operators  $\{=, >, \leq, <, \geq, \neq\}$ .

If the domain variables  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are assigned values that satisfy the condition, then the atom is TRUE.

- An atom of the form  $x_i \text{ op } c$  or  $c \text{ op } x_j$ , where  $c$  is a constant value.

If the domain variables  $x_i$  (or  $x_j$ ) is assigned a value that satisfies the condition, then the atom is TRUE.

- Examples: we use lowercase letters  $l, m, n, \dots, x, y, z$  for domain variables.

- Retrieve the birthdate and address of the employee whose name is 'John B Smith'.

$$\{uv \mid (\exists q)(\exists r)(\exists s)(\exists t)(\exists w)(\exists x)(\exists y)(\exists z) \\ (EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } q = 'John' \text{ and } r = 'B' \text{ and } s = 'Smith')\}$$

An alternative notation for this query.

$$\{uv \mid EMPLOYEE('John', 'B', 'Smith', t, u, v, w, x, y, z)\}$$

**For convenience, we quantify only those variables actually appearing**



**in a condition (these would be  $q, r$  and  $s$  in the above example) in the rest of examples**

- Retrieve the name and address of all employees who work for the 'Research' department.

$\{qsv \mid (\exists z)(\exists l)(\exists m)(EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } DEPARTMENT(lmno) \text{ and } l = 'Research' \text{ and } m = z)\}$

- For every project located in 'Stafford', list the project number, the controlling department number, and the department manager's last name, birthdate, and address.

$\{iksuv \mid (\exists j)(\exists m)(\exists n)(\exists t)(PROJECT(hijk) \text{ and } EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } DEPARTMENT(lmno) \text{ and } k = m \text{ and } n = t \text{ and } j = 'Stafford')\}$

- Find the names of employees who have no dependents.

$\{qs \mid (\exists t)(EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } (not(\exists l)(DEPENDENT(lmnop) \text{ and } t = l))))\}$

IS EQUIVALENT TO:

$\{qs \mid (\exists t)(EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } ((\forall l)(not(DEPENDENT(lmnop) \text{ or } not(t = l))))))\}$

- List the names of managers who have at least one dependent.

$\{sq \mid (\exists t)(\exists j)(\exists l)(EMPLOYEE(qrstuvwxyz) \text{ and } DEPARTMENT(hijk) \text{ and } DEPENDENT(lmnop) \text{ and } t = j \text{ and } l = t)\}$