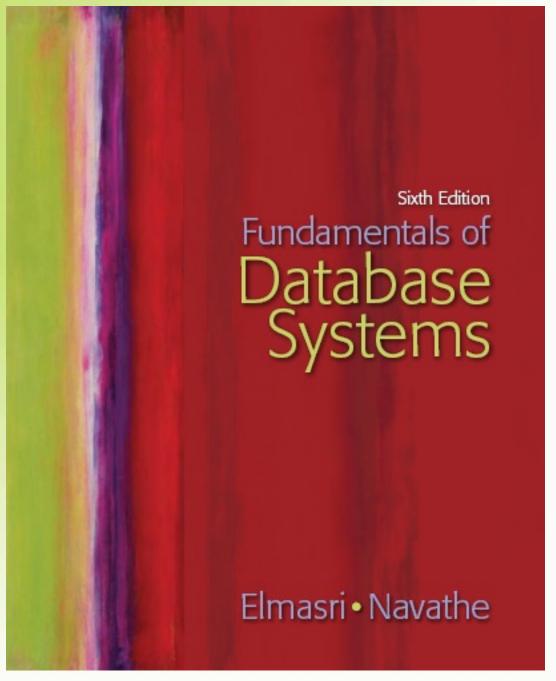
**Chapter 3** 

(Chapter 5)

The Relational
Data Model
and Relational
Database
Constraints







### Chapter 3 Outline

- The Relational Data Model and Relational Database Constraints
- Relational Model Constraints and Relational Database Schemas
- Update Operations, Transactions, and Dealing with Constraint Violations

### The Relational Data Model and Relational Database Constraints

- Relational model
  - First commercial implementations available in early 1980s
  - Has been implemented in a large number of commercial system
- Hierarchical and network models
  - Preceded the relational model



### Relational Model Concepts

- Represents data as a collection of relations
- Table of values
  - Row
    - Represents a collection of related data values
    - Fact that typically corresponds to a real-world entity or relationship
    - Tuple
  - Table name and column names
    - Interpret the meaning of the values in each row attribute



## Relational Model Concepts (cont' d.)

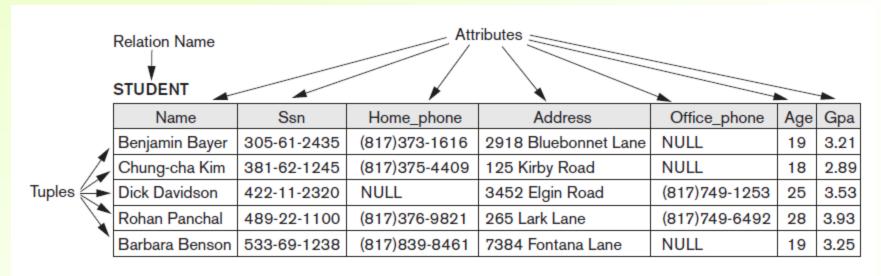


Figure 3.1
The attributes and tuples of a relation STUDENT.

### Domains, Attributes, Tuples, and Relations

- Domain D
  - Set of atomic values
- Atomic
  - Each value indivisible
- Specifying a domain
  - Data type specified for each domain



- Relation schema R
  - Denoted by  $R(A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)$
  - Made up of a relation name R and a list of attributes, A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub>
- Attribute A<sub>i</sub>
  - Name of a role played by some domain D in the relation schema R
- Degree (or arity) of a relation
  - Number of attributes n of its relation schema



- Relation (or relation state)
  - Set of *n*-tuples  $r = \{t_1, t_2, ..., t_m\}$
  - Each n-tuple t
    - Ordered list of *n* values  $t = \langle v_1, v_2, ..., v_n \rangle$
    - Each value  $v_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ , is an element of dom $(A_i)$  or is a special NULL value

- Relation (or relation state) r(R)
  - Mathematical relation of degree n on the domains  $dom(A_1)$ ,  $dom(A_2)$ , ...,  $dom(A_n)$
  - Subset of the Cartesian product of the domains that define R:
    - $r(R) \subseteq (\text{dom}(A_1) \times \text{dom}(A_2) \times ... \times \text{dom}(A_n))$



### Cardinality

Total number of values in domain

#### Current relation state

- Relation state at a given time
- Reflects only the valid tuples that represent a particular state of the real world
- Attribute names
  - Indicate different roles, or interpretations, for the domain



### Characteristics of Relations

- Ordering of tuples in a relation
  - Relation defined as a set of tuples
  - Elements have no order among them
- Ordering of values within a tuple and an alternative definition of a relation
  - Order of attributes and values is not that important
  - As long as correspondence between attributes and values maintained



Figure 3.2

The relation STUDENT from Figure 3.1 with a different order of tuples.

#### STUDENT

Name	Ssn	Home_phone	Address	lress Office_phone		Gpa
Dick Davidson	422-11-2320	NULL	3452 Elgin Road	(817)749-1253	25	3.53
Barbara Benson	533-69-1238	(817)839-8461	7384 Fontana Lane	NULL	19	3.25
Rohan Panchal	489-22-1100	(817)376-9821	265 Lark Lane	(817)749-6492	28	3.93
Chung-cha Kim	381-62-1245	(817)375-4409	125 Kirby Road	NULL	18	2.89
Benjamin Bayer	305-61-2435	(817)373-1616	2918 Bluebonnet Lane	NULL	19	3.21



- Alternative definition of a relation
  - Tuple considered as a set of (<attribute>,
     <value>) pairs
  - Each pair gives the value of the mapping from an attribute A<sub>i</sub> to a value v<sub>i</sub> from dom(A<sub>i</sub>)
- Use the first definition of relation
  - Attributes and the values within tuples are ordered
  - Simpler notation



t=< (Name, Dick Davidson),(Ssn, 422-11-2320),(Home\_phone, NULL),(Address, 3452 Elgin Road), (Office\_phone, (817)749-1253),(Age, 25),(Gpa, 3.53)>

t=< (Address, 3452 Elgin Road),(Name, Dick Davidson),(Ssn, 422-11-2320),(Age, 25), (Office\_phone, (817)749-1253),(Gpa, 3.53),(Home\_phone, NULL)>

#### Figure 5.3

Two identical tuples when the order of attributes and values is not part of relation definition.



- Values and NULLs in tuples
  - Each value in a tuple is atomic
  - Flat relational model
    - Composite and multivalued attributes not allowed
    - First normal form assumption
  - Multivalued attributes
    - Must be represented by separate relations
  - Composite attributes
    - Represented only by simple component attributes in basic relational model



- NULL values
  - Represent the values of attributes that may be unknown or may not apply to a tuple
  - Meanings for NULL values
    - Value unknown
    - Value exists but is not available
    - Attribute does not apply to this tuple (also known as value undefined)

- Interpretation (meaning) of a relation
  - Assertion
    - Each tuple in the relation is a fact or a particular instance of the assertion
  - Predicate
    - Values in each tuple interpreted as values that satisfy predicate

### Relational Model Notation

- Relation schema R of degree n
  - Denoted by R(A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub>)
- Uppercase letters Q, R, S
  - Denote relation names
- Lowercase letters q, r, s
  - Denote relation states
- Letters t, u, v
  - Denote tuples



### Relational Model Notation

- Name of a relation schema: STUDENT
  - Indicates the current set of tuples in that relation
- Notation: STUDENT(Name, Ssn, ...)
  - Refers only to relation schema
- Attribute A can be qualified with the relation name R to which it belongs
  - Using the dot notation R.A

### Relational Model Notation

- n-tuple t in a relation r(R)
  - Denoted by  $t = \langle v_1, v_2, ..., v_n \rangle$
  - v<sub>i</sub> is the value corresponding to attribute A<sub>i</sub>
- Component values of tuples:
  - t[A<sub>i</sub>] and t.A<sub>i</sub> refer to the value v<sub>i</sub> in t for attribute
     A<sub>i</sub>
  - $t[A_u, A_w, ..., A_z]$  and  $t.(A_u, A_w, ..., A_z)$  refer to the subtuple of values  $\langle v_u, v_w, ..., v_z \rangle$  from t corresponding to the attributes specified in the list



### Relational Model Constraints

- Constraints
  - Restrictions on the actual values in a database state
  - Derived from the rules in the miniworld that the database represents



## Relational Model Constraints (cont' d.)

- Inherent model-based constraints or implicit constraints
  - Inherent in the data model
- Schema-based constraints or explicit constraints
  - Can be directly expressed in schemas of the data model
- Application-based or semantic constraints or business rules
  - Cannot be directly expressed in schemas
  - Expressed and enforced by application program



### **Domain Constraints**

- Typically include:
  - Numeric data types for integers and real numbers
  - Characters
  - Booleans
  - Fixed-length strings
  - Variable-length strings
  - Date, time, timestamp
  - Money
  - Other special data types





### Key Constraints and Constraints on NULL Values

 No two tuples can have the same combination of values for all their attributes.

### Superkey

 No two distinct tuples in any state r of R can have the same value for SK

### Key

- Superkey of R
- Removing any attribute A from K leaves a set of attributes K that is not a superkey of R any more





## Key Constraints and Constraints on NULL Values (cont'd.)

- Key satisfies two properties:
  - Two distinct tuples in any state of relation cannot have identical values for (all) attributes in key
  - Minimal superkey
    - Cannot remove any attributes and still have uniqueness constraint in above condition hold

## Key Constraints and Constraints on NULL Values (cont'd.)

- Candidate key
  - Relation schema may have more than one key
- Primary key of the relation
  - Designated among candidate keys
  - Underline attribute
- Other candidate keys are designated as unique keys
- Another constraint on attributes specifies whether NULL values are or are not permitted.



## Key Constraints and Constraints on NULL Values (cont'd.)

#### CAR

Figure 3.4
The CAR relation, with two candidate keys:
License\_number and
Engine\_serial\_number.

License_number	Engine_serial_number	Make	Model	Year
Texas ABC-739	A69352	Ford	Mustang	02
Florida TVP-347	B43696	Oldsmobile	Cutlass	05
New York MPO-22	X83554	Oldsmobile	Delta	01
California 432-TFY	C43742	Mercedes	190-D	99
California RSK-629	Y82935	Toyota	Camry	04
Texas RSK-629	U028365	Jaguar	XJS	04

### Relational Databases and Relational Database Schemas

#### Relational database schema S

- Set of relation schemas  $S = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$
- Set of integrity constraints IC

#### Relational database state

- Set of relation states  $DB = \{r_1, r_2, ..., r_m\}$
- Each r<sub>i</sub> is a state of R<sub>i</sub> and such that the r<sub>i</sub> relation states satisfy integrity constraints specified in IC

# Relational Databases and Relational Database Schemas (cont' d.)

- Invalid state
  - Does not obey all the integrity constraints
- Valid state
  - Satisfies all the constraints in the defined set of integrity constraints IC



## Integrity, Referential Integrity, and Foreign Keys

- Entity integrity constraint
  - No primary key value can be NULL
- Referential integrity constraint
  - Specified between two relations
  - Maintains consistency among tuples in two relations

## Integrity, Referential Integrity, and Foreign Keys (cont'd.)

#### Foreign key rules:

- The attributes in FK have the same domain(s) as the primary key attributes PK
- Value of FK in a tuple  $t_1$  of the current state  $r_1(R_1)$  either occurs as a value of PK for some tuple  $t_2$  in the current state  $r_2(R_2)$  or is NULL
- In the former case, we have  $t_1[FK] = t_2[PK]$ , and we say that the tuple  $t_1$  references or refers to the tuple  $t_2$
- In this definition, R<sub>1</sub> is called the referencing relation and R<sub>2</sub> is the referenced relation. If these two conditions hold, a referential integrity constraint from R<sub>1</sub> to R<sub>2</sub> is said to hold



#### Figure 5.6

One possible database state for the COMPANY relational database schema.

#### **EMPLOYEE**

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John	В	Smith	123456789	1965-01-09	731 Fondren, Houston, TX	М	30000	333445555	5
Franklin	Т	Wong	333445555	1955-12-08	638 Voss, Houston, TX	М	40000	888665555	5
Alicia	J	Zelaya	999887777	1968-01-19	3321 Castle, Spring, TX	F	25000	987654321	4
Jennifer	S	Wallace	987654321	1941-06-20	291 Berry, Bellaire, TX	F	43000	888665555	4
Ramesh	K	Narayan	666884444	1962-09-15	975 Fire Oak, Humble, TX	М	38000	333445555	5
Joyce	Α	English	453453453	1972-07-31	5631 Rice, Houston, TX	F	25000	333445555	5
Ahmad	٧	Jabbar	987987987	1969-03-29	980 Dallas, Houston, TX	М	25000	987654321	4
James	Е	Borg	888665555	1937-11-10	450 Stone, Houston, TX	М	55000	NULL	1

#### DEPARTMENT

Dname	Dnumber	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date	
Research	5	333445555	1988-05-22	
Administration	4	987654321	1995-01-01	
Headquarters	1	888665555	1981-06-19	

#### DEPT\_LOCATIONS

Dnumber	Dlocation	
1	Houston	
4	Stafford	
5	Bellaire	
5	Sugarland	
5	Houston	

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333445555	3	10.0
333445555	10	10.0
333445555	20	10.0
999887777	30	30.0
999887777	10	10.0
987987987	10	35.0
987987987	30	5.0
987654321	30	20.0
987654321	20	15.0
888665555	20	NULL

#### **PROJECT**

Pname	Pnumber	Plocation	Dnum
ProductX	1	Bellaire	5
ProductY	2	Sugarland	5
ProductZ	3	Houston	5
Computerization	10	Stafford	4
Reorganization	20	Houston	1
Newbenefits	30	Stafford	4

#### **DEPENDENT**

Essn	Dependent_name	Sex	Bdate	Relationship
333445555	Alice	F	1986-04-05	Daughter
333445555	Theodore	М	1983-10-25	Son
333445555	Joy	F	1958-05-03	Spouse
987654321	Abner	М	1942-02-28	Spouse
123456789	Michael	М	1988-01-04	Son
123456789	Alice	F	1988-12-30	Daughter
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## Integrity, Referential Integrity, and Foreign Keys (cont'd.)

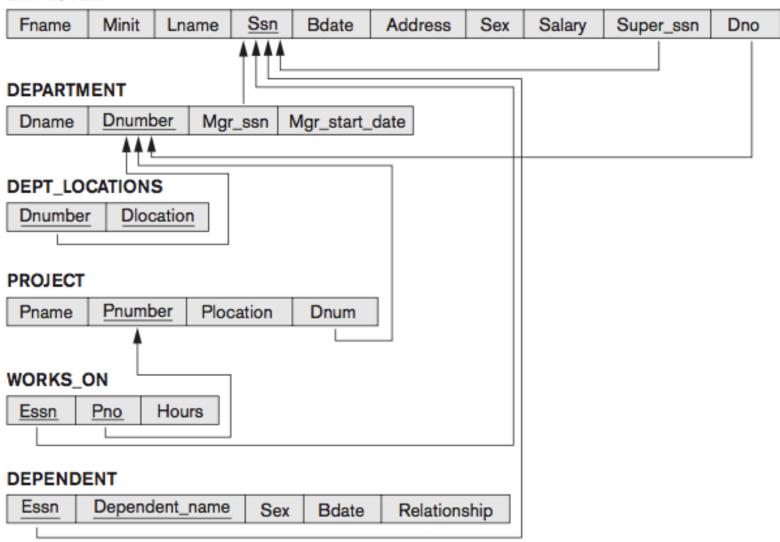
- Diagrammatically display referential integrity constraints
  - Directed arc from each foreign key to the relation it references
- All integrity constraints should be specified on relational database schema



#### Figure 5.7

Referential integrity constraints displayed on the COMPANY relational database schema.

#### **EMPLOYEE**



### Other Types of Constraints

- Semantic integrity constraints
  - May have to be specified and enforced on a relational database
  - Use triggers and assertions
  - More common to check for these types of constraints within the application programs

## Other Types of Constraints (cont' d.)

#### State constraints

Define the constraints that a valid state of the database must satisfy

#### Transition constraints

Define to deal with state changes in the database

# Update Operations, Transactions, and Dealing with Constraint Violations

- Operations of the relational model can be categorized into retrievals and updates
- Basic operations that change the states of relations in the database:
  - Insert
  - Delete
  - Update (or Modify)



### The Insert Operation

- Provides a list of attribute values for a new tuple t that is to be inserted into a relation R
- Can violate any of the four types of constraints
- If an insertion violates one or more constraints
  - Default option is to reject the insertion

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123456789	Michael	М	1988-01-04	Son
123456789	Alice	F	1988-12-30	Daughter
123456789	Elizabeth	F	1967-05-05	Spouse

### The Insert Operation

- Operation: Insert < 'Cecilia', 'F', 'Kolonsky', NULL, '1960-04-05', '6357 Windy Lane, Katy, TX', F, 28000, NULL, 4> into EMPLOYEE.
  - Result: This insertion violates the entity integrity constraint (NULL for the primary key Ssn), so it is rejected.
- Operation: Insert <'Alicia', 'J', 'Zelaya', '999887777', '1960-04-05', '6357 Windy Lane, Katy, TX', F, 28000, '987654321', 4> into EMPLOYEE.
  - Result: This insertion violates the key constraint because another tuple with the same Ssn value already exists in the EMPLOYEE relation, and so it is rejected.

### The Insert Operation

- Operation: Insert < 'Cecilia', 'F', 'Kolonsky', '677678989', '1960-04-05', '6357 Windswept, Katy, TX', F, 28000, '987654321', 7> into EMPLOYEE.
  - Result: This insertion violates the referential integrity constraint specified on Dno in EMPLOYEE because no corresponding referenced tuple exists in DEPARTMENT with Dnumber = 7.
- Operation:

   Insert <'Cecilia', 'F', 'Kolonsky', '677678989',</li>
   '1960-04-05', '6357 Windy Lane, Katy, TX', F, 28000,
   NULL, 4> into EMPLOYEE.
  - Result: This insertion satisfies all constraints, so it is acceptable.

### The Delete Operation

- Can violate only referential integrity
  - If tuple being deleted is referenced by foreign keys from other tuples
  - Restrict
    - Reject the deletion
  - Cascade
    - Propagate the deletion by deleting tuples that reference the tuple that is being deleted
  - Set null or set default
    - Modify the referencing attribute values that cause the violation



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### The Delete Operation

- Operation:
   Delete the WORKS\_ON tuple with Essn = '999887777' and Pno = 10. Result:
  - This deletion is acceptable and deletes exactly one tuple.
- Operation:
   Delete the EMPLOYEE tuple with Ssn = '999887777'.
  - Result: This deletion is not acceptable, because there are tuples in WORKS\_ON that refer to this tuple. Hence, if the tuple in EMPLOYEE is deleted, referential integrity violations will result.

### The Delete Operation

- Operation:
   Delete the EMPLOYEE tuple with Ssn = '333445555'.
  - Result: This deletion will result in even worse referential integrity violations, because the tuple involved is referenced by tuples from the EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, WORKS\_ON, and DEPENDENT relations.

### The Update Operation

- Necessary to specify a condition on attributes of relation
  - Select the tuple (or tuples) to be modified
- If attribute not part of a primary key nor of a foreign key
  - Usually causes no problems
- Updating a primary/foreign key
  - Similar issues as with Insert/Delete

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#### **DEPENDENT**

Essn	Dependent_name	Sex	Bdate	Relationship
333445555	Alice	F	1986-04-05	Daughter
333445555	Theodore	М	1983-10-25	Son
333445555	Joy	F	1958-05-03	Spouse
987654321	Abner	М	1942-02-28	Spouse
123456789	Michael	М	1988-01-04	Son
123456789	Alice	F	1988-12-30	Daughter
123456789	Elizabeth	F	1967-05-05	Spouse

### The Update Operation

- Operation:
   Update the salary of the EMPLOYEE tuple with Ssn = '999887777' to 28000.
  - Result: Acceptable.
- Operation:
   Update the Dno of the EMPLOYEE tuple with Ssn = '999887777' to 1.
  - Result: Acceptable.

### The Update Operation

- Operation: Update the Dno of the EMPLOYEE tuple with Ssn = '999887777' to 7.
  - Result: Unacceptable, because it violates referential integrity.
- Operation: UpdatetheSsnoftheEMPLOYEEtuplewithSsn='9998 87777'to'987654321'.
  - Result: Unacceptable, because it violates primary key constraint by repeating a value that already exists as a primary key in another tuple; it violates refer- ential integrity constraints because there are other relations that refer to the existing value of Ssn.

### The Transaction Concept

#### Transaction

- Executing program
- Includes some database operations
- Must leave the database in a valid or consistent state
- Online transaction processing (OLTP) systems
  - Execute transactions at rates that reach several hundred per second



### Summary

- Characteristics differentiate relations from ordinary tables or files
- Classify database constraints into:
  - Inherent model-based constraints, explicit schema-based constraints, and applicationbased constraints
- Modification operations on the relational model:
  - Insert, Delete, and Update