

CHAPTER 6

DISCUSSIONS 2

Discussion 6-8

- Discuss why the following property holds for any two relations $r(R)$ and $s(S)$.

$$r \bowtie s = s \bowtie r$$

Discussion 6-9

- Discuss why the following property holds for any two relations $r(R)$ and $s(S)$.

If $R=S$ then $r \bowtie s = r \cap s$.

Discussion 6-10

- *Use parenthesis to indicate the proper orders of operations in the following relational algebra expression.*

$$\sigma_p E_1 \cup E_2 \times E_3 \bowtie \rho_N E_3 \cap E_4 - E_5$$

Discussion 6-11

- Fill the following *precedence table* for relational algebra operators: σ , \cup , \times , \bowtie , ρ , \cap , $-$, Π

Prec.	Operators	Notes
0	()	highest
1		
2		
3		
4		

Discussions 6-12

person (person_name, street, city)

company (company_name, city)

works (person_name, company_name, salary)

- Using the above database schema, represent the following queries in *relational algebra*.

6-12. *Find the name of person who works in every company.*

Division Operation – Example

Relations r , s :

A	B
α	1
α	2
α	3
β	1
γ	1
δ	1
δ	3
δ	4
\in	6
\in	1
β	2

r

B
1
2

s

$r \div s$:

A
α
β

Division Operation – Example

Relations r , s :

A	B	C	D	E
α	a	α	a	1
α	a	γ	a	1
α	a	γ	b	1
β	a	γ	a	1
β	a	γ	b	3
γ	a	γ	a	1
γ	a	γ	b	1
γ	a	β	b	1

r

D	E
a	1
b	1

s

$r \div s$:

A	B	C
α	a	γ
γ	a	γ

Division Operation

- Let $r(R)$ and $s(S)$ be relations, and let $S \subseteq R$

$$r \div s = \Pi_{R-S}(r) - \Pi_{R-S}((\Pi_{R-S}(r) \times s) - \Pi_{R-S,S}(r))$$

- $\Pi_{R-S,S}(r)$ simply reorders attributes of r
- $\Pi_{R-S}(\Pi_{R-S}(r) \times s) - \Pi_{R-S,S}(r)$ gives those tuples t in $\Pi_{R-S}(r)$ such that for some tuple $u \in s$, $tu \notin r$.