

CS143: Database Systems

Homework #1 SOLUTION

1. $(R - S) \cup (S - R)$ is:

A	B	C
1	2	6
2	5	4
4	5	6

2. $R \bowtie_{R.A < S.C \wedge R.B < S.D} S$ is:

A	R.B	S.B	C	D
1	2	2	4	6
3	4	2	4	6
1	2	8	6	8
3	4	8	6	8
5	6	8	6	8
1	2	7	5	9
3	4	7	5	9

3. (a)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(\sigma_{branch-name='Region12'}(Account))$$

(b)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(\sigma_{A.city < B.city \wedge A.branch-name = B.branch-name}(\rho_B(Branch) \times \rho_A(Customer \bowtie Account)))$$

(c)

$$\pi_{branch-name}(Branch) - \pi_{branch-name}(Account)$$

(d)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) - \pi_{customer-name}(\sigma_{branch-name='Region12'}(Account))$$

(e)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) - \pi_{customer-name}(\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) \times \pi_{branch-name}(\sigma_{city='LosAngeles'}(Branch)) - \pi_{customer-name,branch-name}(Account))$$

(f)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) - \pi_{A.customer-name}(\sigma_{A.branch-name < B.branch-name \vee A.account-number < B.account-number} \wedge A.customer-name = B.customer-name (\rho_A(Account) \times \rho_B(Account)))$$

4. $\pi_{sid}(Student) - \pi_{A.sid}(\sigma_{A.GPA > B.GPA \wedge A.sid < B.sid}(\rho_A(Student) \times \rho_B(Student)))$

5. Write the query of Exercises 3(e) without using division

$$\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) - \pi_{customer-name}(\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) \times \pi_{branch-name}(\sigma_{city='Los Angeles'}(Branch)) - \pi_{customer-name, branch-name}(Account))$$

6. How did relational division (div) get that name?

Answer: Let $R(A, B) \div S(B) = Q(A)$. Then $Q(A)$ is the largest (w.r.t. set ordering) relation that satisfies the following property: $Q(A) \times S(B)$ is a subset of $R(A, B)$.

This is similar to the integer division operator $Z = X \div Y$, where given two integers X and Y , their quotient Z is the largest integer where $Y \times Z \leq X$.

*[SQL] 4. The relation **Student(sid, GPA)** captures the student-GPA information, where **sid** is the id of a student and GPA is the student's GPA. Write a relational algebra that finds the ids of the students with the lowest GPA.*

(Hint: When a query is difficult to write, think of its complement.)

EXCEPT	NOT IN
SELECT sid FROM Student EXCEPT SELECT A.sid FROM Student A, Student B WHERE A.GPA > B.GPA AND A.sid <> B.sid	SELECT DISTINCT sid FROM Student WHERE sid NOT IN (SELECT A.sid FROM Student A, Student B WHERE A.GPA > B.GPA AND A.sid <> B.sid)

This is much easier with aggregates.

SELECT sid FROM Student WHERE GPA = (SELECT MIN(GPA) FROM Student)
