



# CS 143 Discussion Session

Week 1  
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# Today Topics

- Say hi~
- Introduction to Relational Algebra (Related to HW I)
- Introduction to PHP and examples (Related to Proj I)
- Other things related to Proj I like virtual machine

# During Discussion:

- Lecture review
- Some information about the homework and project
- Some practice (no need to submit)
- If you have questions:
  - Check Piazza firstly
  - Email is not recommended if not very urgent
  - Office hour: Each Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Bolter Hall 355 I Session K (If any change, will post on Piazza to let you know).

# Remind

- Homework I has been released on CCLE.
- Due: Next Wednesday.
- About the students not enrolled in Class.  
how to submit the homework?

# Introduction to Relational Algebra

- For this, you will need to use it to finish homework. And is necessary knowledge to know for midterm.
- What is an “Algebra”:
- Algebra is a Mathematical System consisting of:
  - Operands --- variables or values from which new values can be constructed.
  - Operators --- symbols denoting procedures that construct new values from given values.

# What is Relational Algebra?

- Relation Algebra is an algebra whose operands are relations or variables that represent relations.
- Operators are designed to do the most common things that we need to do with relations in a database.
  - The result is an algebra that can be used as a query language for relations.

# Core Relational Algebra Operators

- Union, intersection, and difference.
  - Usual set operations, but both operands must have the same relation schema.
- Selection: picking certain rows.
- Projection: picking certain columns.
- Products and joins: compositions of relations.
- Renaming of relations and attributes.

# Selection

- $R1 := \sigma_C(R2)$ 
  - $C$  is a condition (as in “if” statements) that refers to attributes of  $R2$ .
  - $R1$  are all those tuples of  $R2$  that satisfy  $C$ .

# Example: Selection

Relation Sells:

bar	beer	price
Joe's	Bud	2.50
Joe's	Miller	2.75
Sue's	Bud	2.50
Sue's	Miller	3.00

JoeMenu :=  $\sigma_{\text{bar}=\text{"Joe's"}}(\text{Sells})$ :

bar	beer	price
Joe's	Bud	2.50
Joe's	Miller	2.75

# Projection

- $R1 := \pi_L(R2)$ 
  - $L$  is a list of attributes from the schema of  $R2$ .
  - $R1$  is constructed by looking at each tuple of  $R2$ , extracting the attributes on list  $L$ , **in the order specified**, and creating a tuple for  $R1$  from those components.
  - Eliminate duplicate tuples, if any.

# Example: Projection

Relation Sells:

bar	beer	price
Joe's	Bud	2.50
Joe's	Miller	2.75
Sue's	Bud	2.50
Sue's	Miller	3.00

Prices :=  $\pi_{\text{beer}, \text{price}}(\text{Sells})$ :

beer	price
Bud	2.50
Miller	2.75
Miller	3.00

# Product (Cross product)

- $R_3 := R_1 \times R_2$ 
  - Pair each tuple  $t_1$  of  $R_1$  with each tuple  $t_2$  of  $R_2$ .
  - Concatenation  $t_1t_2$  is a tuple of  $R_3$ .
  - Schema of  $R_3$  is the attributes of  $R_1$  and then  $R_2$ , in order.
  - But beware attribute  $A$  of the same name in  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ : use  $R_1.A$  and  $R_2.A$ .

# Example: $R3 := R1 \times R2$

$R1( A, B )$

A,	B
1	2
3	4

$R2( B, C )$

B,	C
5	6
7	8
9	10

$R3( A, R1.B, R2.B, C )$

A,	R1.B,	R2.B,	C
1	2	5	6
1	2	7	8
1	2	9	10
3	4	5	6
3	4	7	8
3	4	9	10

# Theta-Join

- $R3 := R1 \bowtie_C R2$ 
  - Take the product  $R1 \times R2$ .
  - Then apply  $\sigma_C$  to the result.
- The  $\sigma_C$  can be any boolean-valued condition.
  - Historic versions of this operator allowed only  $A \theta B$ , where  $\theta$  is  $=, <$ , etc.; hence the name “theta-join.”

# Example: Theta Join

Sells( bar, beer, price )

Joe's	Bud	2.50
Joe's	Miller	2.75
Sue's	Bud	2.50
Sue's	Coors	3.00

Bars( name, addr )

Joe's	Maple St.
Sue's	River Rd.

BarInfo := Sells  $\bowtie_{Sells.bar = Bars.name}$  Bars

BarInfo( bar, beer, price, name, addr )

Joe's	Bud	2.50	Joe's	Maple St.
Joe's	Miller	2.75	Joe's	Maple St.
Sue's	Bud	2.50	Sue's	River Rd.
Sue's	Coors	3.00	Sue's	River Rd.

# Natural Join

- Natural join:
  - connects two relations by:
  - Equating attributes of the same name, and
  - Projecting out one copy of each pair of equated attributes.
  - Denoted  $R_3 := R_1 \bowtie R_2$ .

# Example for Natural Join

Sells(	bar,	beer,	price	)
Joe's	Bud	2.50		
Joe's	Miller	2.75		
Sue's	Bud	2.50		
Sue's	Coors	3.00		

Bars(	bar,	addr	)
Joe's		Maple St.	
Sue's		River Rd.	

BarInfo := Sells  $\bowtie$  Bars

Note: Bars.name has become Bars.bar to make the natural join "work."

BarInfo(	bar,	beer,	price,	addr	)
Joe's	Bud	2.50		Maple St.	
Joe's	Miller	2.75		Maple St.	
Sue's	Bud	2.50		River Rd.	
Sue's	Coors	3.00		River Rd.	

# Renaming

- The  $\rho$  operator gives a new schema to a relation.

•  $R1 := \rho_{R1(A1, \dots, An)}(R2)$  makes  $R1$  be a relation with attributes  $A1, \dots, An$  and the same tuples as  $R2$ .

# Summary

- Relational Algebra
  - Used to query databases to find out answers
  - Relational Algebra is a Formal approach
    - While the Practical approach is SQL.
  - Set semantics: duplicates removed
    - SQL: bag semantics

# PHP introduce

- PHP script starts with `<?php` and ends with `?>`.

- One example:

```
<html>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<?php
```

```
echo "Hello World";
```

```
/*
```

```
I'm comment
```

```
*/
```

```
?>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

# PHP Variables

- In PHP, a variable starts with the \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable:
  - ▶ \$txt="Hello World";
  - ▶ concatenation operator (.)
    - ▶ <?php  
\$txt1="Hello World";  
\$txt2="1234";  
echo \$txt1 . " " . \$txt2;  
?>

# Operators

## Arithmetic

- ▶ +, -, \*, /, %, ++, --

## Assignment

- ▶ =, +=, -=, \*=, /=, .=, %=

## Comparison

- ▶ ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=

## Logical

- ▶ &&, ||, !

# If...else

**if (*condition*)**

- ▶ *code to be executed if condition is true;*

**elseif (*condition*)**

- ▶ *code to be executed if condition is true;*

**else**

- ▶ *code to be executed if condition is false;*

# Example for if else

```
<html>
<body>

<?php
$d=date("D");
if ($d=="Fri")
    echo "Have a nice weekend!";
elseif ($d=="Sun")
    echo "Have a nice Sunday!";
else
    echo "Have a nice day!";
?>

</body>
</html>
```

# switch

- Use the switch statement to select one of many blocks of code to be executed.

```
<?php
switch ($x)
{
    case 1:
        echo "Number 1";
        break;
    case 2:
        echo "Number 2";
        break;
    case 3:
        echo "Number 3";
        break;
    default:
        echo "No number between 1 and 3";
}
?>
```

# Arrays

```
$names = array("Peter","Quagmire","Joe");  
$names[0] = "Peter";  
$names[1] = "Quagmire";  
$names[2] = "Joe";
```

# Associative Arrays

- Associative arrays are arrays that use named keys that you assign to them.
  - ▶ <?php
    - ▶ \$ages['Peter'] = "32";
    - ▶ \$ages['Quagmire'] = "30";
    - ▶ \$ages['Joe'] = "34";
  - ▶ echo "Peter is " . \$ages['Peter'] . " years old.";
  - ▶ ?>

# Loop: while

```
<?php  
    $i=1;  
    while($i<=5)  
    {  
        echo "The number is " . $i . "<br />";  
        $i++;  
    }  
?>
```

# Loop: for

- ▶ **for (*init; cond; incr*)  
{ code to be executed; }**
- ▶ **Example**

```
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<?php  
for ($i=1; $i<=5; $i++)  
{  
    echo "Hello World!<br />";  
}  
?>
```

```
</body>  
</html>
```

# functions

- **function functionName() {**
- **code to be executed;**
- **}**

```
<?php
    function writeMyName()
    {
        echo "Kai Jim Refsnes";
    }

    echo "Hello world!<br />";
    echo "My name is ";
    writeMyName();
    echo ".<br />That's right, ";
    writeMyName();
    echo " is my name.";

?>
```

# PHP Form Handling

- 1. HTML Form:
- The HTML <form> element defines a form that is used to collect user input:
- <form>
- form elements
- </form>
- 1) The <input> Element:
- E.g. <input type="text"> Defines a one-line text input field

- E.g.

```
<form>
```

First name:<br>

```
    <input type="text"  
    name="firstname"><br>
```

Last name:<br>

```
    <input type="text" name="lastname">  
</form>
```

# Submit Button

- `<input type="submit">` defines a button for submitting the form data to a form-handler.
- The form-handler is specified in the form's action attribute:

# E.g.

First name:

Last name:

```
<form action="/action_page.php">  
    First name:<br>  
        <input type="text" name="firstname"  
        value="Mickey"><br>  
    Last name:<br>  
        <input type="text" name="lastname"  
        value="Mouse"><br><br>  
        <input type="submit" value="Submit">  
</form>
```

# The Action Attribute

The action attribute defines the action to be performed when the form is submitted.

First name:

Last name:

```
<form action="/action_page.php">
```

In the example above, the form data is sent to a page on the server called "/action\_page.php". This page contains a server-side script that handles the form data:

## The Method Attribute:

The method attribute specifies the HTTP method (GET or POST) to be used when submitting the form data:

```
<form action="/action_page.php" method="get">
```

# PHP get the data

handle.php

```
<html>
<body>

<form action="handle.php" method="GET">
Name: <input type="text" name="name" />
Age: <input type="text" name="age" />
<input type="submit" />
</form>
<?php
if($_GET["name"]){
    echo "Welcome ".$_GET["name"]."<br />";
    echo "You are ".$_GET["age"]." years old.";
}
?>
</body>
</html>
```

When the user fills out the form above and clicks the submit button, the form data is sent for processing to a PHP file named "handle.php". The form data is sent with the HTTP GET method.( default is GET)

Then, in PHP, the data is collected:

`$_GET[ “” ]` and  
`$_POST[ “” ]`

Here the \_GET is used.

# Project I related

- I. Project I will be released soon.

# Team

- Form the team to do the projects.
  - (At most two, one person is also ok)
- 
- Attach “team.txt” in project submission
  - “Marry once, Divorce once” (we’ll check)
    - Form team starting from any time if you’d like.
    - But if a team is separated, both members can not team up (with other students) again!

# VM Installation

- Oracle Virtual box (Ver >= 4.0.2)
- CSI43.ova (virtual machine image)
- Make sure you follow instructions on the class website to avoid common issues.

# VM Issues

- Make sure to follow instructions **exactly**.
  - <http://yellowstone.cs.ucla.edu/cs143/project/virtualbox/index.html>
- Common pitfalls
  - Folder Path: select the shared folder that you created (on host machine).
  - Folder Name: **vm-shared**.
  - ~~“Read-only” “Auto-mount”~~