

Relational Algebra Format

The syntax for relational algebra is described below:

1. Unary Operations

- **Selection:** either $S(\text{cond}, \text{expr})$ or $\sigma(\text{cond}, \text{expr})$
- **Projection:** either $P([\text{attr}], \text{expr})$ or $\pi(\text{attr}, \text{expr})$
- **Renaming:** either $R(s(\text{attr}), \text{expr})$ or $\rho(s(\text{attr}), \text{expr})$
 - `cond` is the *selection condition*.
 - `s` is the new relation name.
 - `attr` are the *attributes*.
 - `expr` is a relational algebra expression.

2. Binary Set Operations

- **Union:** either `expr | expr` or `expr \cup expr`
- **Intersection:** either `expr & expr` or `expr \cap expr`
- **Set Difference:** `expr - expr`
- **Cartesian Product:** either `expr * expr` or `expr \times expr`
 - `expr` is a relational algebra expression.

3. Selection Conditions

- **Conjunction:** either `cond \wedge cond` or `cond & cond`
- **Disjunction:** either `cond \vee cond` or `cond | cond`
- **Negation:** either `~ cond` or `\neg cond`
 - `cond` is the *selection condition*.

4. Relational Operations

- **Equal:** `val == val`
- **Non-equal:** either `val != val` or `val <> val`
- **Less than:** `val < val`
- **Less than equal:** either `val <= val` or `val \leq val`
- **Greater than:** `val > val`
- **Less than equal:** either `val >= val` or `val \geq val`
 - `val` is a *value* or *attribute*.

5. Attributes

- **Single attribute:** lowercase or numeric but cannot start with number
e.g., `attr` and `a1`
- **Multiple attributes:** comma-separated *single attribute*
e.g., `attr, a1`