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

3. (a)

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

(b)

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

(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)

$$\pi_{customer-name}(Customer) -$$

 $\pi_{A.customer-name}$

 $(\sigma_{A.branch-name} <> B.branch-name \lor A.account-number <> B.account-number) \land A.customer-name = B.customer-name = (\rho_A(Account) \times \rho_B(Account)))$

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

5. Write the queries of Exercises 3. and 4. in SQL.

[SQL] 3. Here's the tables again for reference

Customer(customer-name, street, city)

Branch(branch-name, city)

Account(customer-name, branch-name, account-number)

(a) Find the names of all customers who have an account in the 'Region12' branch.

SELECT DISTINCT customer-name

FROM Account

WHERE branch-name = 'Region12'

Distinct optional since question didn't specify unique.

(b) Find the names of all customers who have an account in a branch NOT located in the same city that they live in.

Two example solutions, one using implicit cross join and one using explicit JOIN.

Implicit cross join:

SELECT DISTINCT A.customer-name

FROM Account A,

Branch B.

Customer C

WHERE A.customer-name = C.customer-name

AND A.branch-name = B.branch-name

AND B.city <> C.city

Explicit JOIN:

SELECT DISTINCT A.customer-name

FROM Account A

JOIN Branch B ON A.branch-name = B.branch-name

JOIN Customer C ON A.customer-name = C.customer-name

WHERE B.city <> C.city

Distinct again optional.

(c) Find the branches that do not have any accounts.

Can be written using either EXCEPT or NOT IN:

NOT IN	EXCEPT
SELECT DISTINCT branch-name FROM Branch WHERE branch-name NOT IN (SELECT branch-name FROM Account)	SELECT branch-name FROM Branch EXCEPT SELECT branch-name FROM Account

Note: **DISTINCT** is required for NOT IN to return the same results as EXCEPT. The question didn't explicitly require it though.

(d) Find the customer names who do not have any account in the 'Region12' branch.

EXCEPT	NOT IN
SELECT customer-name FROM Branch EXCEPT SELECT customer-name FROM Account WHERE branch-name = 'Region12'	SELECT DISTINCT branch-name FROM Branch WHERE branch-name NOT IN (SELECT customer-name FROM Account WHERE branch-name = 'Region12')

Note that the underlined portions ('subquery') are identical and come from 3(a).

(e) Find the customer names who have accounts in all the branches located in 'Los Angeles'. You are not allowed to use the division operator directly for this question.

Idea: Cross product Branch + Customer and find combinations that don't exist (for LA), then take the set difference.

EXCEPT	NOT IN
SELECT customer-name	SELECT DISTINCT customer-name
FROM Customer	FROM Customer
EXCEPT	WHERE customer-name NOT IN
SELECT customer-name	(SELECT customer-name
FROM	FROM
FROM Branch B,	FROM Branch B,
Customer C	Customer C
WHERE B.city = 'Los Angeles'	WHERE B.city = 'Los Angeles'
AND (C.customer-name,	AND (C.customer-name,
B.branch-name) NOT IN	B.branch-name) NOT IN
(SELECT customer-name,	(SELECT customer-name,
branch-name	branch-name
FROM Account)	FROM Account))

Note: EXCEPT cannot be used in the inner query, as it only applies at the top level.

Aggregates weren't covered for hw1, but this query can be solved using count distinct:

SELECT customer-name
FROM Account AS A,
Branch AS B
WHERE A.branch-name=B.branch-name
AND B.city = 'Los Angeles'
GROUP BY customer-name
HAVING count(DISTINCT B.branch-name) =
(SELECT count(DISTINCT branch-name)
FROM Branch
WHERE city='Los Angeles')

(f) Find the customer names who have only one account.

Using EXCEPT:

Using NOT IN:

SELECT DISTINCT customer-name
FROM Customer
WHERE customer-name NOT IN
(SELECT A.customer-name
FROM Account A,
Account B
WHERE (A.branch-name <> B.branch-name
OR A.account-number <> B.account-number)
AND A.customer-name = B.customer-name)

Again, this can also be solved with aggregates:

SELECT customer-name
FROM Account
GROUP BY customer-name
HAVING count(DISTINCT account-number)=1

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

This is much easier with aggregates.

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