

A. (Partial) “University” Database Definition

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student( student_id, firstname, lastname, date_of_birth, userid )
course( course_code, name, calendar_desc, credits)
section( course_code, section_number, term, instructor_id )
enrolment( student_id, course_code, section_number, term, grade )
instructor( id, firstname, lastname, peng, department_id, salary )
department( id, name, faculty_id, budget )
faculty( id, name )
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Table Name	Foreign Key(s)
section	course_code → course.course_code instructor_id → instructor.id
enrolment	student_id → student.student_id course_code, section_number, term → section.course_code, section_number, term
instructor	department_id → department.id
department	faculty_id → faculty.id

B. Relational Algebra

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
$\sigma$	Selection	$\Pi$	Projection	$\cup$	Union
$\times$	Cartesian Product	$-$	Minus (Difference)	$\rho$	Rename
$\cap$	Intersection	$\leftarrow$	Assignment	$\bowtie$	Join
$\Join$	Left Outer Join	$\Join$	Right Outer Join	$\Join$	Full Outer Join

C. Armstrong’s Axioms & Derived Rules

- **Reflexivity:** If  $\alpha$  is a set of attributes and  $\beta$  is contained within  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds.
- **Augmentation:** If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds and  $\gamma$  is a set of attributes, then  $\gamma\alpha \rightarrow \gamma\beta$  holds.
- **Transitivity:** If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds and  $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$  holds, then  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  holds.
- **Union:** If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds and  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  holds, then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta\gamma$  holds.
- **Decomposition:** If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta\gamma$  holds, then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds and  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  holds (reverse of previous rule).
- **Pseudotransitivity:** If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  holds and  $\gamma\beta \rightarrow \delta$  holds, then  $\alpha\gamma \rightarrow \delta$  holds.

D. Query Transformation Rules

1. Conjunctive Selection:  $\sigma_{\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2}(E) = \sigma_{\theta_1}(\sigma_{\theta_2}(E))$
2. Selection Commutes:  $\sigma_{\theta_1}(\sigma_{\theta_2}(E)) = \sigma_{\theta_2}(\sigma_{\theta_1}(E))$
3. Projection Redundancy Elimination:  $\Pi_{L_1}(\Pi_{L_2}(\Pi_{L_3}(E))) = \Pi_{L_1}(E)$
4. Commuting Selection and Projection:  $\Pi_L(\sigma_\theta(E)) = \sigma_\theta(\Pi_L(E))$
5. Selection Combination
  - (a)  $\sigma_\theta(E_1 \times E_2) = E_1 \Join_\theta E_2$
  - (b)  $\sigma_{\theta_1}(E_1 \Join_{\theta_2} E_2) = E_1 \Join_{\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2} E_2$
6. Theta Joins Commute:  $E_1 \Join_\theta E_2 = E_2 \Join_\theta E_1$
7. Natural Join Associates:
  - (a)  $(E_1 \Join E_2) \Join E_3 = E_1 \Join (E_2 \Join E_3).$
  - (b)  $(E_1 \Join_{\theta_1} E_2) \Join_{\theta_2 \wedge \theta_3} E_3 = E_1 \Join_{\theta_1 \wedge \theta_3} (E_2 \Join_{\theta_2} E_3).$
  - (c)  $(E_1 \times E_2) \times E_3 = E_1 \times (E_2 \times E_3).$
8. Selection Distribution:
  - (a)  $\sigma_{\theta_0}(E_1 \Join_\theta E_2) = (\sigma_{\theta_0}(E_1)) \Join_\theta E_2$
  - (b)  $\sigma_{\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2}(E_1 \Join_\theta E_2) = (\sigma_{\theta_1}(E_1)) \Join_\theta (\sigma_{\theta_2}(E_2))$
9. Projection Distribution:
  - (a)  $\Pi_{L_1 \cup L_2}(E_1 \Join_\theta E_2) = (\Pi_{L_1}(E_1)) \Join_\theta (\Pi_{L_2}(E_2))$
  - (b)  $\Pi_{L_1 \cup L_2}(E_1 \Join_\theta E_2) = \Pi_{L_1 \cup L_2}((\Pi_{L_1 \cup L_3}(E_1)) \Join_\theta (\Pi_{L_2 \cup L_4}(E_2)))$
10. Set Operations Commute:
  - (a)  $E_1 \cup E_2 = E_2 \cup E_1$
  - (b)  $E_1 \cap E_2 = E_2 \cap E_1$
11. Set Operations Associate:
  - (a)  $(E_1 \cup E_2) \cup E_3 = E_1 \cup (E_2 \cup E_3)$
  - (b)  $(E_1 \cap E_2) \cap E_3 = E_1 \cap (E_2 \cap E_3)$
12. Selection Distribution 2:
  - (a)  $\sigma_\theta(E_1 \cup E_2) = \sigma_\theta(E_1) \cup \sigma_\theta(E_2)$
  - (b)  $\sigma_\theta(E_1 \cap E_2) = \sigma_\theta(E_1) \cap \sigma_\theta(E_2)$
  - (c)  $\sigma_\theta(E_1 - E_2) = \sigma_\theta(E_1) - \sigma_\theta(E_2)$
13. Projection Distribution 2:  $\Pi_L(E_1 \cup E_2) = (\Pi_L(E_1)) \cup (\Pi_L(E_2))$