

- Founder of CS? Alan Turing
- Turing award (Nobel prize in CS equiv.)
- Charles Bachman: Invented DBMS
- 1980 Edgar Codd: Relational model invention
- Jim Gray: Transaction
- Mike Stonebraker: Postgres

Fundamental Functionality of DBMS

- ① Persistence of data (similar to a filesystem)
- ② Fast access to data (unlike filesystem)
(Indexing)
- ③ Support for a data model suitable for a class of apps. (more soon) *
- ④ QL and programming interface *
- ⑤ Transaction management (e.g. ACID) *
- ⑥ Security of data and authorization

What's a data model? (DM)

Informal definition:

- (i) an abstract (mathematical) highlevel notation for describing the structure of application data
- (ii) a set of logical operators apps can use to manipulate the data (e.g. derive new data)

Example data model: Relational model (Edgar Codd, 1980)

- ① Data consists of "relations" or tables with attributes (columns) and a set of unordered rows (tuples)
- ② Relational operators: selection (σ)
projection (Π)
join (\bowtie)
group by and aggregate

e.g. Fin. Transactions Table

| AcctFrom | Acct To | Type | Amount | Date |
|----------|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| Acct 1 | Acct 2 | Transfer | 500 | Jan 1 |
| Acct 2 | Acct 3 | Transfer | 300 | ~ |
| Acct 2 | ATM | Withdraw | 100 | ~ |
| ATM | Acct 4 | Deposit | 200 | — |

Accounts Table

| Acct Id | Owner Name | Balance |
|---------|------------|---------|
| Acct 1 | Alice | 500 |
| : | : | : |

Why is a data model useful? It gives users

(app. developers) a view of their data that is higher level than bits (\rightarrow data independence)

- Also allows them to understand the querying functionalities provided by the DBMS

3 Fundamental Components of DBMS

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| (1) DM | (2) SQL | (3) System |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Relational | SQL | Postgres, MySQL, Oracle DB, IBM DB2 |
| Property Graph | Cypher, PGQL | Neo4j, DGraph, Oracle Spatial |
| XML | XPath | MarkLogic |
| RDF | Sparql | Apache Vena |

* Relational model is suitable for a very large class of application

e.g. (suitable): Bank transactions

Suppose Alice withdraws \$50 from an ATM

2 very simple queries:

1. `INSERT INTO FinTransactions VALUES (Acct1, ATM1, Withdraw, 50, ...)`

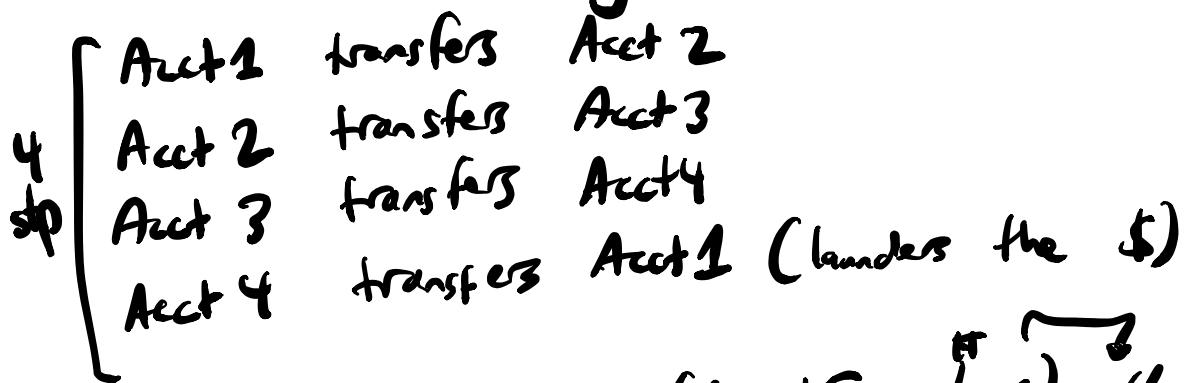
2. `UPDATE Accounts SET balance=(SELECT balance FROM Accounts WHERE AcctId=Acct1) - 50 WHERE AcctId = Acct1`

Trans 1
read bal = 1000
write = 950

Trans 2
read bal = 1000
write = 1050

t → 1050 (Wrong)

Transaction Concurrency Control
e.g. (unsuitable) Money Laundering / Fraud Detection
one classic pattern: cyclic transfers



Sometimes much longer (10-15 steps). Unknown to the bank. (often we don't know length.)

For 4-length cycle:

SELECT T1.AcctFrom
FROM FT as T1,
FT as T2,
FT as T3,
FT as T4

WHERE T1.AcctTo = T2.AcctFrom
AND T2.AcctTo = T3.AcctFrom
AND T3.AcctTo = T4.AcctFrom

AND $T4 \cdot \text{Acct TD} = T1 \cdot \text{Acct From}$

What if cycle length is unknown?
(Not an easy way.)

Alternative Data Model: Property Graph

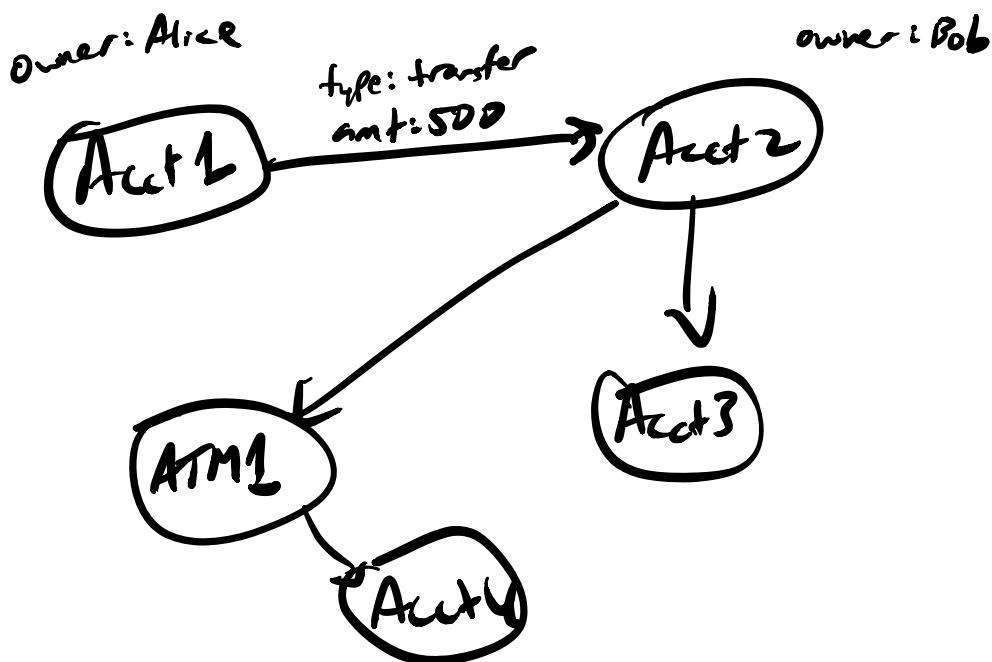
① Data is a graph with arbitrary attributes on nodes and edges. Specifically,

a) Nodes: V

b) Edges: E

c) Arbitrary attributes on V and E
(arb. key-value pairs)

② Ops: Basic traversal operations and path finding



Finding cycles in neo4j's Cypher language:

4-length cycle

MATCH (a) - [transfer] → (b) - [transfer] → (c) - [transfer]
→ (a)

RETURN a.id

Variable length

MATCH (a) - [:transfer 2..10] → (a)

RETURN a.ID

Charles Bachman (GE engineer, ca. 1961-62)
invented databases.

(1970 - Codd's Reln Model

(1973 - Bachman won Turing Award ↗ (IDS)
- not relational - network data model (close to prop
graph model)

(1980s - first Rsystems built