

- ① Theory
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plus(x, y, 5)

plus  
0 0 0  
...  
2 3 5  
...  
...

## Components

Universe: Set of values  $D$  with equality ( $=$ )

Relation: Predicate name  $R_i$  and arity  $k$  of  $R_i$  (# of columns)

instance:  $R \subseteq D^k$

Database: signature: finite set  $P$  of predicate names

instance: a relation  $R_i$  for each  $R_i$

## Notation:

Signature:  $P = (R_1, \dots, R_n)$

Instance: DB

$= (D, =, R_1, \dots, R_n)$

e.g.  $P = (\text{PLUS, TIMES})$   $DB = (\mathbb{Z}, =, \text{PLUS, TIMES})$

integers w/ + and \*

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relationships between tuples are true  $\Leftrightarrow$  present in an instance

$$\varphi ::= R_i(x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ik}) \mid x_i = x_j \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \exists x_i. \varphi \\ \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \neg \varphi$$

Conjunctive queries are the most efficient

$$\theta[x \mapsto v]$$

$$DB, \theta \models R(x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ik}) \text{ if } R \in P,$$

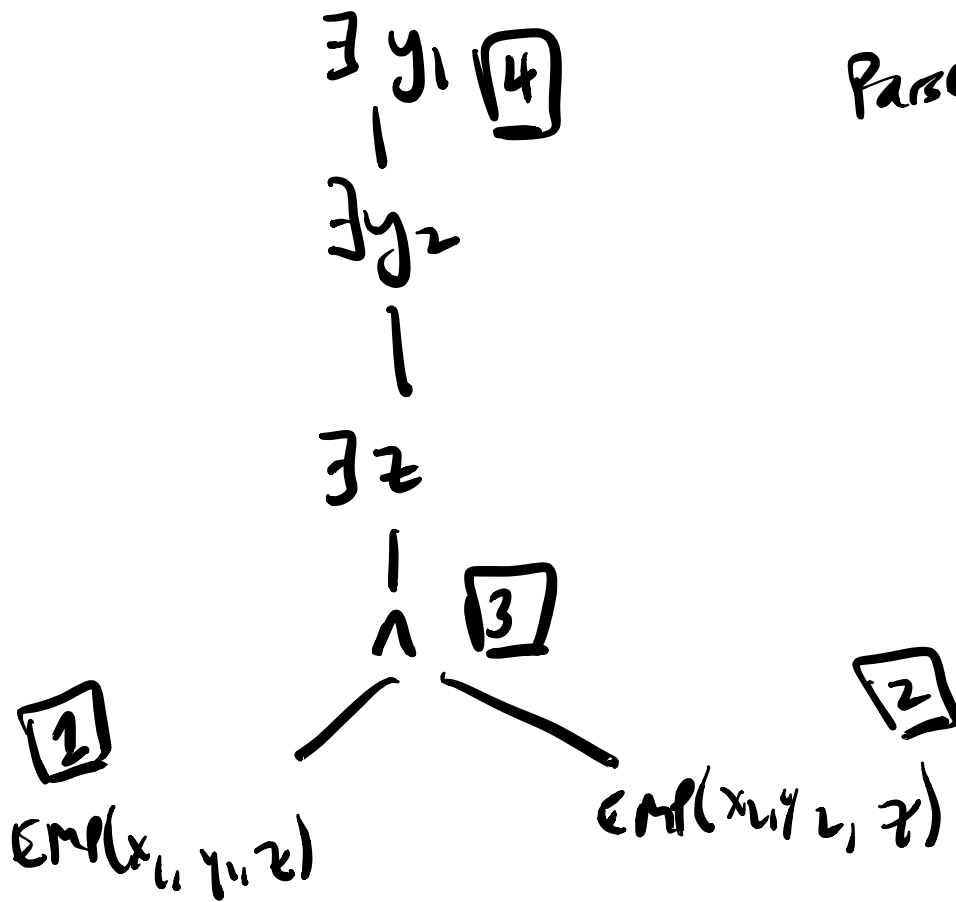
$$(\theta(x_{i1}), \dots, \theta(x_{ik})) \in R$$

$$\{(x_1, \dots, x_k) \mid \varphi\} \text{ over } DB$$

$$\{(\theta(x_1), \dots, \theta(x_k)) \mid DB, \theta \models \varphi\}$$

No FV  $\rightarrow$  boolean query / sentence

Parse tree



List titles of all publications

$\{t \mid \exists p. \text{PUBLICATION}(p, t)\}$

$\{(a_1, a_2) \mid \exists a_1, a_2.$

$\text{AUTHOR}(a_1, a_1) \wedge$

$\text{AUTHOR}(a_2, a_2) \wedge$

$\text{PUBLICATION}(a_1, p) \wedge$

$a_2 \wedge$

$\neg a_1 = a_2\}$