

ICS 321 Spring 2013

Algebraic and Logical Query Languages

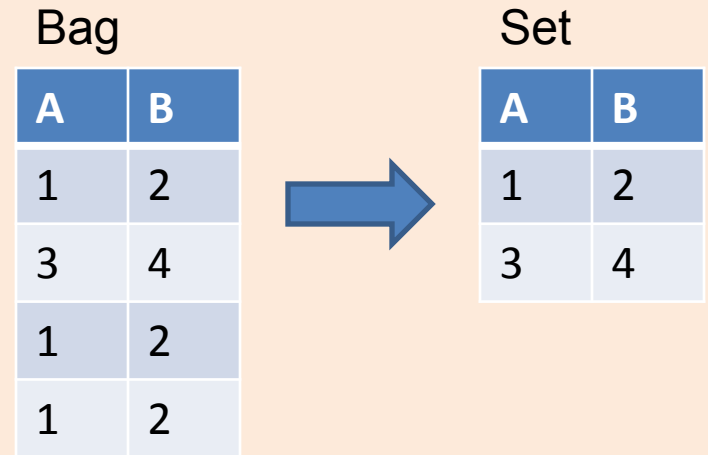
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Relational Algebra Review

- Relations are **sets** of tuples – no duplicates allowed
- Basic operations:
 - Selection (σ) Selects a subset of rows from relation.
 - Projection (π) Deletes unwanted columns from relation.
 - Cross-product (\times) Allows us to combine two relations.
 - Set-difference ($-$) Tuples in reln. 1, but not in reln. 2.
 - Union (\cup) Tuples in reln. 1 and in reln. 2.
- Additional operations:
 - Intersection, join, division, renaming: Not essential, but (very!) useful.
- Each operation returns a relation, **operations can be composed!** (Algebra is “closed”.)

Bag Semantics

- Commercial DBMS implements relations as bags
- Avoid duplicate elimination
- Support aggregations



Can relational algebra work with bags ?

Selection & Projection

- Expected behavior
- No duplicate elimination of results

$\Pi_{\text{age}} (\sigma_{\text{rating} > 6} (S2))$

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
23	Yuppy	9	35.0
31	Lubber	8	55.5
44	Guopy	5	35.0
53	Rusty	10	35.0

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Cross Product & Joins

R

A	B
1	2
1	2

S

B	C
2	3
4	5
4	5

Cross
Product

$R \times S$

A	R.B	R.B	C
1	2	2	3
1	2	2	3
1	2	4	5
1	2	4	5
1	2	4	5
1	2	4	5

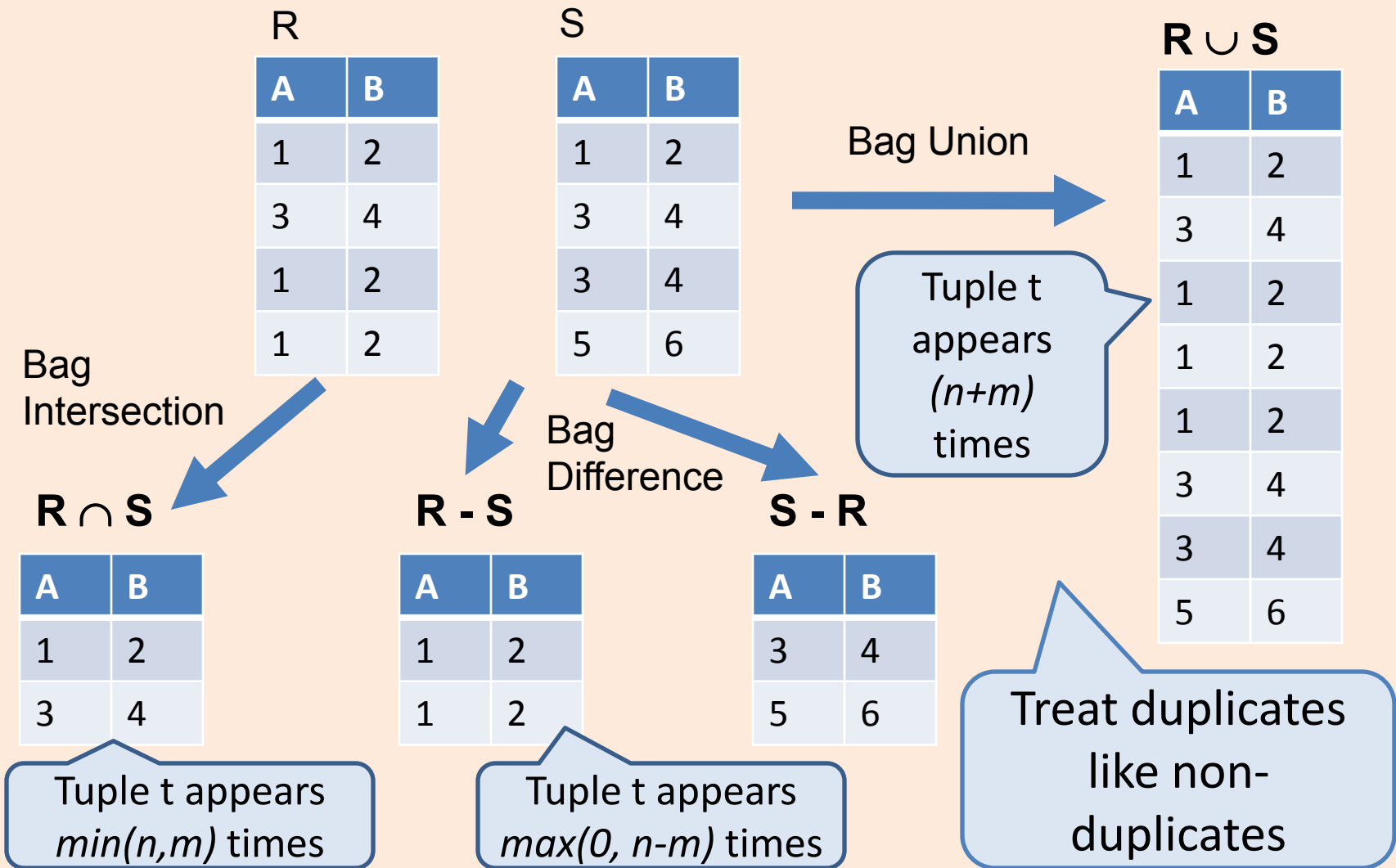
Join

$R \bowtie S$

A	B	C
1	2	3
1	2	3

Treat duplicates like non-duplicates

Bag Union, Intersection & Difference



Extended Operators

- Duplicate elimination δ
 - turns a bag into a set
- Aggregation
 - calculates an aggregate (sum, average etc) over the values in a column
- Grouping γ
 - partitions tuples in a relation into groups based on values in some columns
- Extended projection π
 - allow computation on column values to produce new values
- Sorting τ
 - sorts a relation according to the values in some column(s)
- Outer join
 - preserves dangling pointers in the results of joins

Aggregation

- Standard: SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX, COUNT
- DBMS supports more sophisticated functions like Variance, standard deviation etc.
- $SUM(B) = 2+4+2+2 = 10$
- $AVG(A) = (1+3+1+1)/4 = 1.5$
- $MIN(A) = 1$
- $MAX(B) = 4$
- $COUNT(A) = 4$

A	B
1	2
3	4
1	2
1	2

Grouping

Movies

Title	Year	Length	Genre	StudioName	producer
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- Grouping operator γ
 - Groups tuples by some columns
 - Apply aggregation function to each group
 - Generate a result tuple per group

For each studio, find the total lengths of movies produced

	<i>studioName</i>	
	Disney	
	Disney	
	Disney	
	MGM	
	MGM	
	○	
	○	
	○	

Grouping Operator Arguments

Movies

Title

Year

Length

Genre

StudioName

producer

$\gamma_{\text{studioName}, \text{SUM}(\text{length}) \rightarrow \text{sumOfLengths}}$

Grouping
attributes

Aggregation functions on
aggregated attributes
with optional renaming

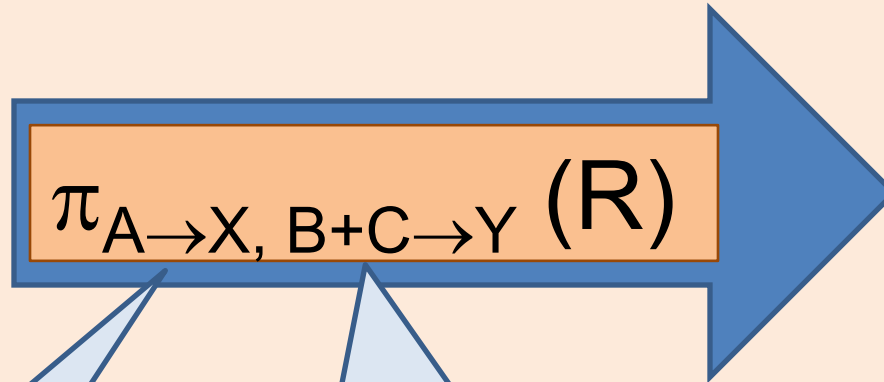
StudioName	SumOfLengths
Disney	12345
MGM	54321
...	...

<i>studioName</i>	
Disney	
Disney	
Disney	
MGM	
MGM	
○	
○	
○	

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Extended Projection

A	B	C
0	1	2
0	1	2
3	4	5



X	Y
0	3
0	3
3	9

Renaming of
attributes

Expressions that compute
new values from attributes
and naming the new values

Outer Join

R

A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

S

B	C	D
2	3	10
2	3	11
6	7	12

$R \bowtie S$

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	10
1	2	3	11

Discard
right & left
dangling
pointers

$R \bowtie_L S$

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	10
1	2	3	11
4	5	6	⊥
7	8	9	⊥

Keep left dangling pointers

$R \bowtie S$

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	10
1	2	3	11
4	5	6	⊥
7	8	9	⊥
⊥	6	7	12

$R \bowtie_R S$

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Keep right dangling pointers