

# Lecture 5



## Introduction to Relational Algebra - 2



## Some more about Traditional Set Operators

### ■ Commutative

- **Union, Intersect and Times** are Commutative:
  - **A UNION B** is equal to **B UNION A**
  - **A INTERSECT B** is equal to **B INTERSECT A**
  - **A TIMES B** is equal to **B TIMES A**
- **MINUS** is not Commutative i.e.,
  - **A MINUS B** is not equal to **B MINUS A**

### ■ Associative

- **Union, Intersect and Times** are Associative:
  - **(A UNION B) UNION C** is equal to **A UNION (B UNION C)**
  - **(A INTERSECT B) INTERSECT C** is equal to **A INTERSECT (B INTERSECT C)**
  - **(A TIMES B) TIMES C** is equal to **A TIMES (B TIMES C)**
- **MINUS** is not Associative i.e.,
  - **(A MINUS B) MINUS C** is not equal to **A MINUS (B MINUS C)**



- is actually abbreviation for  **$\theta$ -restriction**, where “ **$\theta$** ” stands for any simple scalar comparison operator(=,<,>=)
- **$\theta$ -restriction** of relation **A** on attributes **X** and **Y**( in that order)

# A where $X \theta Y$

is a relation with the same heading as **A** and with a body consisting of the set of all tuples of **A** such that the condition “**X** **θ** **Y**” evaluates true for those tuples.

- **X** and **Y** must be defined on the same domain
- operator must make sense for that domain



# Special Relational Operators

## ■ RESTRICTION

- Returns a relation consisting of all tuples from a specified relation that satisfy a specified condition.

**A**

ID	Name	Age	Department	NIC
S1	Ahmad	23	Sales	245-77-245367
S2	Salman	34	Marketing	234-66-245368
S3	Karim	21	Sales	255-79-256369
S4	Tariq	29	Admin	245-71-325370
S5	Sadiq	32	Sales	245-68-345371

**A WHERE Department="Sales"**

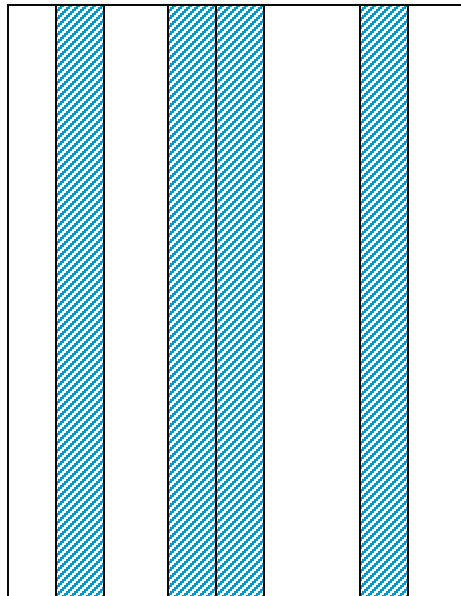
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# Special Relational Operators

## ■ PROJECTION

- the projection of relation  $A$  on  $X, Y, \dots, Z$  (where each of  $X, Y, \dots, Z$  is an attribute of  $A$ ) is a relation with heading  $\{X, Y, \dots, Z\}$  and body consisting of the set of all tuples  $\{X:x, Y:y, \dots, Z:z\}$  such that a tuple appears in  $A$  with  $X$ -value  $x$ ,  $Y$ -value  $y, \dots, Z$ -value  $z$ .
- projection yields a vertical subset of relation

$A$



# Special Relational Operators

## ■ PROJECTION

- Returns a relation consisting of all tuples that remain as (sub) tuples in a specified relation after specified attributes have been eliminated

A

ID	Name	Age	Department	NIC
S1	Ahmad	23	Sales	245-77-245367
S2	Salman	34	Marketing	234-66-245368
S3	Karim	21	Sales	255-79-256369
S4	Tariq	29	Admin	245-71-325370
S5	Sadiq	32	Sales	245-68-345371

A [Name]

Name
Ahmad
Salman
Karim
Tariq
Sadiq

A where Department="Sales"

[Name, Department]		
Name	Age	Department
Ahmad	23	Sales
Karim	21	Sales
Sadiq	32	Sales

# Special Relational Operators

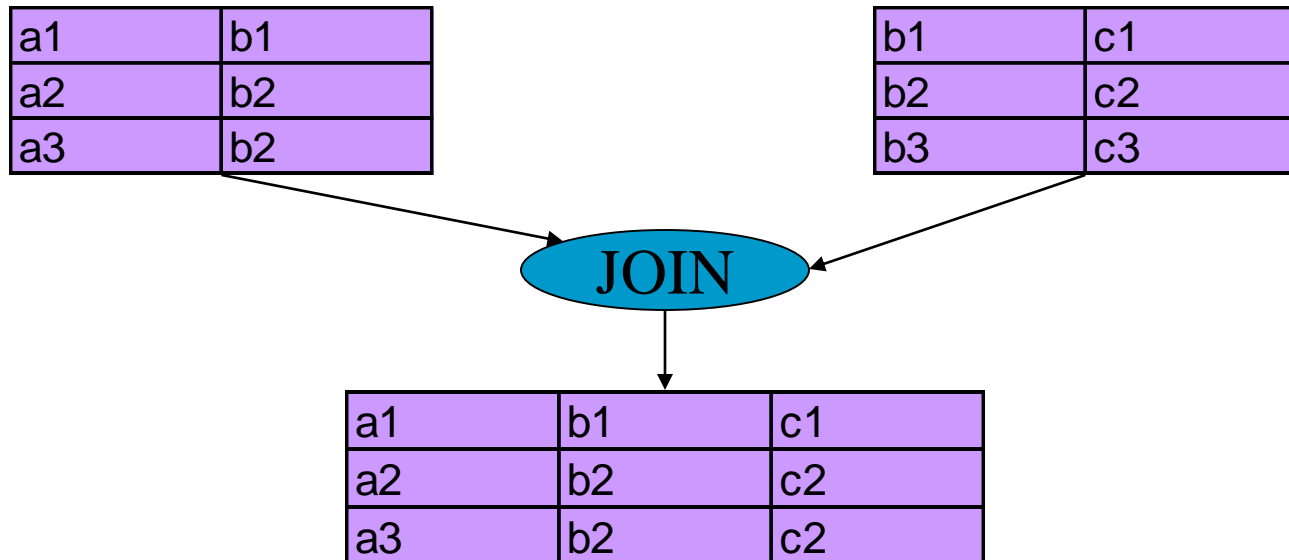
## ■ JOIN(NATURAL JOIN)

- Let relations A and B have headings  $[X, \dots, Y]$  and  $[X, \dots, Z]$  respectively, then

### A JOIN B

is a relation with heading  $[X, \dots, Y, \dots, Z]$  and with a body consisting of the set of all tuples  $[X:x, Y:y, Z:z]$  such that a tuple appears in A with X-value x and Y-value y and in B with X-value x and Z-value z.

- there should be some common attribute(s)



# Special Relational Operators

## ■ JOIN(NATURAL JOIN)

- Returns a relation consisting of all possible tuples that are combination of two tuples, one from each of the two specified relations, such that two tuples contributing to any given combination have a common value for the common attributes (and that value appears just once)

A

ID	Name
S1	Ahmad
S2	Salman
S3	Karim

B

ID	Subject
S1	Math
S2	Urdu
S1	English

A JOIN B

ID	Name	Subject
S1	Ahmad	Math
S1	Ahmad	English
S2	Salman	Urdu



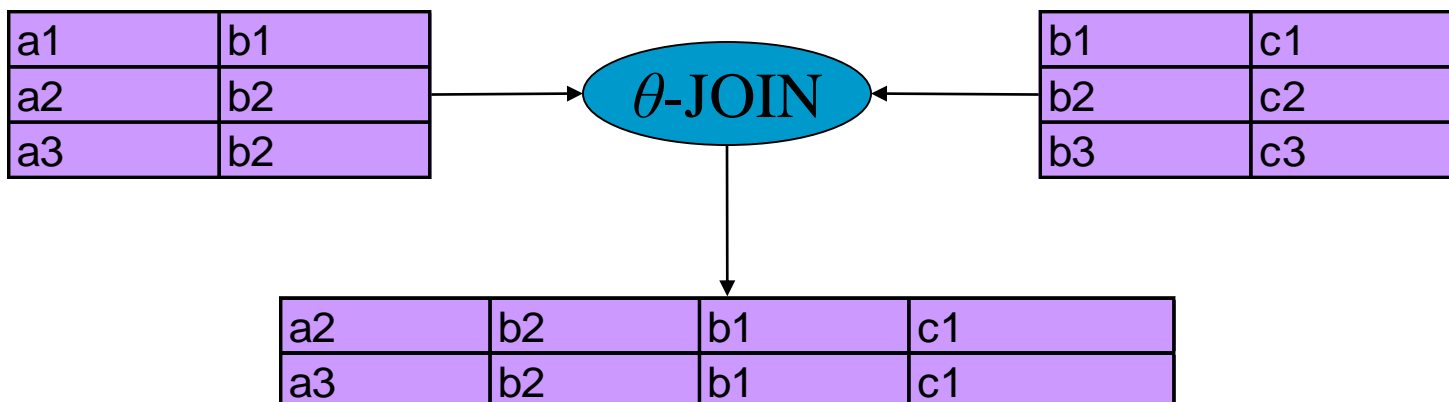
# Special Relational Operators

## ■ $\theta$ -JOIN

- Let relations A and B have no attribute names in common (as in Cartesian Product), and let  $\theta$  be as defined in restriction. Then the  $\theta$ - JOIN of relation A on attribute X with relation B on attribute Y is defined by the result of the expression

**(A TIMES B) where  $X \theta Y$**

- it is a relation with same heading as Cartesian Product of A and B and with a body consisting of the set of all those tuples belonging to that Cartesian Product of that evaluate true for  $X \theta Y$ .
- if  $\theta$  is “equals”, the  $\theta$ -JOIN is called an EQUIJOIN.



# Special Relational Operators

## ■ $\theta$ - JOIN

A

ID	Name
S1	Ahmad
S2	Salman
S3	Karim

B

ID	Subject
S1	Math
S2	Urdu
S1	English

(A TIMES B) where  $ID_A > ID_B$

$ID_A$	Name	$ID_B$	Subject
S2	Salman	S1	Math
S2	Salman	S1	English
S3	Karim	S1	Math
S3	Karim	S1	English
S3	Karim	S2	Urdu

(A TIMES B) where  $ID_A = ID_B$

$ID_A$	Name	$ID_B$	Subject
S1	Ahmad	S1	Math
S1	Ahmad	S1	English
S2	Salman	S2	Urdu

# Special Relational Operators

## ■ DIVISION

- Let relations A and B have headings

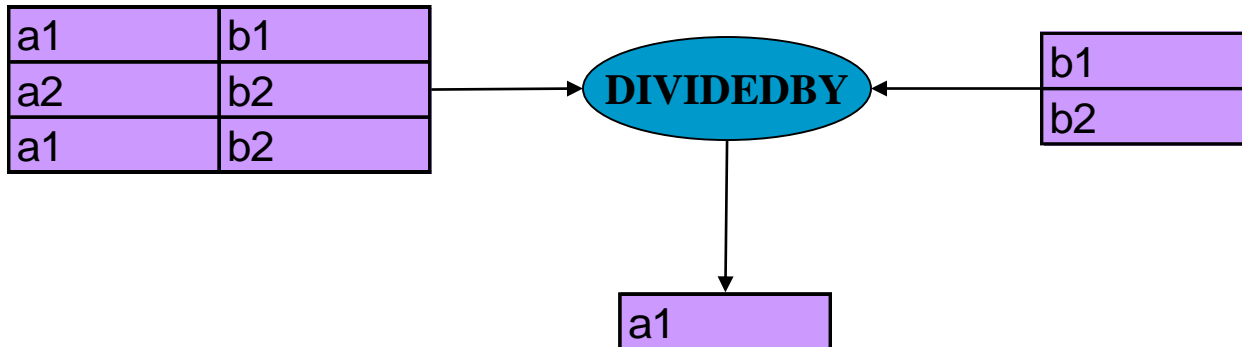
$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$       and  
 $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$

respectively; i.e., attributes  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are common, A additionally has attributes  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ , B has no other attributes. Then division of A by B

**A DIVIDEDBY B**

is a relation with heading  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  and body consisting of the set of all tuples  $\{X_1:x_1, X_2:x_2, \dots, X_m:x_m\}$  such that a tuple  $\{X_1:x_1, X_2:x_2, \dots, X_m:x_m, Y_1:y_1, Y_2:y_2, \dots, Y_n:y_n\}$  appears in A for all tuples  $\{Y_1:y_1, Y_2:y_2, \dots, Y_n:y_n\}$  appearing in B.

- A is called dividend(DEND) and B is called divisor(DOR)



# Special Relational Operators

## ■ DIVISION

- Take two relations, one binary and one unary, and returns a relation consisting of all values of one attribute of binary relation that match(in the other attribute) all the values in the unary relation.

A

ID	Subject
S1	Math
S2	Urdu
S1	English
S1	Urdu

B

ID
S1
S2

A DIVIDE BY B

Subject
Urdu

# Special Relational Operators

## ■ Some Facts

- If A and B have no common attribute names in common,  $A \text{ JOIN } B$  is equal to  $A \text{ TIMES } B$
- In EQUIJOIN, if one of the two attributes having common values is eliminated (may be through projection), then the result is equal to the natural join.
- JOIN is both commutative and associative i.e.,  
$$A \text{ JOIN } B = B \text{ JOIN } A$$
$$A \text{ JOIN } (B \text{ JOIN } C) = (A \text{ JOIN } B) \text{ JOIN } C$$

## Quiz # 2

- Consider relations A and B such that
  - Cardinality of A = 12, Degree of A = 4
  - Cardinality of B = 10, Degree of B = 4
  - Cardinality of A UNION B = 20

what would be the value of following:

- Cardinality and Degree of A INTERSECT B
- Cardinality and Degree of A TIMES B
- Degree of A UNION B
- Cardinality and Degree of A MINUS B
- Cardinality and Degree of B MINUS A