Lecture 2

Introduction to RDBMS and Relational Model - 1

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Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

Recall: Database Management System (DBMS)

- •DBMS is an application, which holds user data permanently and then provide different operations on this data e.g., retrieval of data, insertion of data, updation of data etc.
- •It is a computerized system whose overall purpose is to maintain information and to make that information available on demand.
- RDBMS is an enhancement to DBMS. It is a system in which:
 - The data is perceived by the user as tables; and
 - The operators (or operations) at the user's disposal include atleast RESTRICT (SELECT), PROJECT and JOIN.
- Relational Database:

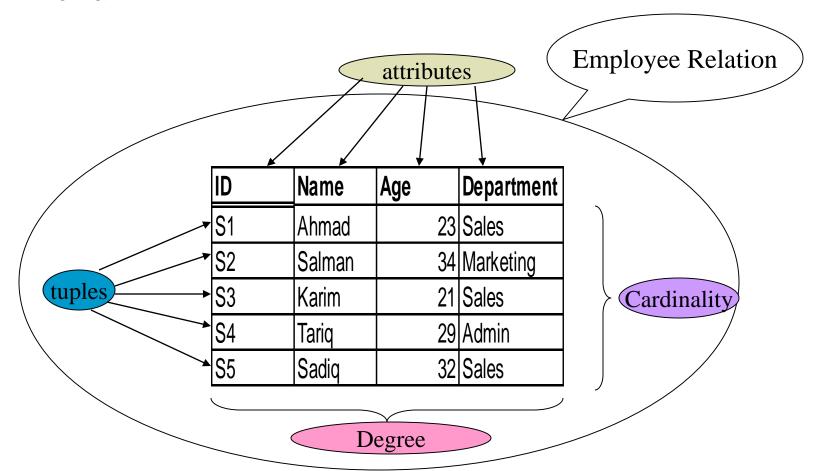
A database in which data is perceived as tables

The Relational Model

- It is a prescription for a way of representing data by means of tables and a prescription for a way of manipulating such a representation using some operators.
- It is an abstract theory of data that is based on certain aspects of mathematics like set theory and predicate logic.
- The principles of relational model were originally laid down in 1969-70 by Dr. E.F.Codd.

Terms in Relational Model

- Relation
- Tuple, Attribute
- Cardianlity, Degree
- Domain



Important terms and definitions

- Scalar values (Atomic)
 - at every row and column position in every table there is always exactly one data value
- Repeating Group

A repeating group is a column, or combination of columns that contain several data values in each row



- RDBMS does not allow repeating groups
- Optimazation

 a system component that determine how to implement user requests
- Catalog set of system tables

Part and Types of Relation

- Parts of Relation
 - headingfixed set of attributes
 - bodyset of tuples
- Named Relation defined in dbms
- Base Relation
 an autonomous named relation
- Derived Relation
 a relation consists of part of named relations or base relations
- View
 a named derived relation with no physical existence
- Snapshot
 a named derived relation with physical existence

Properties of Relations

- There are no duplicate Tuples
- Tuples are unordered
- Attributes are unordered
- All attributes have atomic values

Assignment # 1

Explain the following terms:

Concurrent Access, data administration, database, database system, DBA, integration, integrity, persistent data, redundancy, security, sharing, data dictionary, distributed database, DDL, DML