

# IF3111 - Operasi Aljabar Relasional

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## Relational Algebra

- Procedural language
- Six basic operators
  - select
  - project
  - union
  - set difference
  - cartesian product
  - rename
- The operators take one or more relations as inputs and give a new relation as a result.

# Select Operation

- Notation:  $\sigma_p(r)$
- $p$  is called the selection predicate
- Defined as:

$$\sigma_p(r) = \{t \mid t \in r \text{ and } p(t)\}$$

Where  $p$  is a formula in propositional calculus consisting of terms connected by :  $\wedge$  (**and**),  $\vee$  (**or**),  $\neg$  (**not**)

Each term is one of:

<attribute>  $op$  <attribute> or <constant>

- Example of selection:  $\sigma_{\text{branch-name} = \text{"Perryridge"}}(\text{account})$

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$op$  is one of:  $=, \neq, >, \geq, <, \leq$

# Project Operation

- Notation:

$$\Pi_{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k}(r)$$

where  $A_1, A_2$  are attribute names and  $r$  is a relation name.

- The result is defined as the relation of  $k$  columns obtained by erasing the columns that are not listed
- Duplicate rows removed from result, since relations are sets
- E.g. To eliminate the *branch-name* attribute of *account*

$$\Pi_{\text{account-number, balance}}(\text{account})$$

Relation  $r$

A	B	C
<b>a</b>	10	1
<b>a</b>	20	1
<b>b</b>	30	1
<b>b</b>	40	2

$\Pi_{A,C}(r)$

A	C
<b>a</b>	1
<b>a</b>	1
<b>b</b>	1
<b>b</b>	2

=

A	C
<b>a</b>	1
<b>b</b>	1
<b>b</b>	2



## Union Operation

- Notation:  $r \cup s$
- Defined as:  

$$r \cup s = \{t \mid t \in r \text{ or } t \in s\}$$
- For  $r \cup s$  to be valid.
  1.  $r, s$  must have the *same arity* (same number of attributes)
  2. The attribute domains must be *compatible* (e.g., 2nd column of  $r$  deals with the same type of values as does the 2nd column of  $s$ )
- E.g. to find all customers with either an account or a loan  
 $\Pi_{customer-name} (depositor) \cup \Pi_{customer-name} (borrower)$

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## Set Difference Operation

- Notation  $r - s$
- Defined as:

$$r - s = \{t \mid t \in r \text{ and } t \notin s\}$$

- Set differences must be taken between *compatible* relations.
  - $r$  and  $s$  must have the *same arity*
  - attribute domains of  $r$  and  $s$  must be compatible

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## Cartesian-Product Operation

- Notation  $r \times s$
- Defined as:  

$$r \times s = \{t \mid t \in r \text{ and } t \in s\}$$
- Assume that attributes of  $r(R)$  and  $s(S)$  are disjoint. (That is,  $R \cap S = \emptyset$ ).
- If attributes of  $r(R)$  and  $s(S)$  are not disjoint, then renaming must be used.

r	A	B
	<b>a</b>	1
	<b>b</b>	2

s	C	D	E
	<b>a</b>	10	a
	<b>b</b>	10	a
	<b>b</b>	20	b
	<b>g</b>	10	b

r x s	A	B	C	D	E
	<b>a</b>	1	<b>a</b>	10	a
	<b>a</b>	1	<b>b</b>	10	a
	<b>a</b>	1	<b>b</b>	20	b
	<b>a</b>	1	<b>g</b>	10	b
	<b>b</b>	2	<b>a</b>	10	a
	<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	10	a
	<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	20	b
	<b>b</b>	2	<b>g</b>	10	b



## Rename Operation

- Allows us to name, and therefore to refer to, the results of relational-algebra expressions.
- Allows us to refer to a relation by more than one name.

Example:

$$\mathbf{r}_X(E)$$

returns the expression  $E$  under the name  $X$

If a relational-algebra expression  $E$  has arity  $n$ , then

$$\mathbf{r}_X(A1, A2, \dots, An)(E)$$

returns the result of expression  $E$  under the name  $X$ , and with the attributes renamed to  $A1, A2, \dots, An$ .





## Composition of Operations

- Can build expressions using multiple operations
- Example:  $\sigma_{A=C}(r \times s)$

$r \times s$

A	B	C	D	E
<b>a</b>	1	<b>a</b>	10	a
<b>a</b>	1	<b>b</b>	10	a
<b>a</b>	1	<b>b</b>	20	b
<b>a</b>	1	<b>g</b>	10	b
<b>b</b>	2	<b>a</b>	10	a
<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	10	a
<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	20	b
<b>b</b>	2	<b>g</b>	10	b

$\sigma_{A=C}(r \times s)$

A	B	C	D	E
<b>a</b>	1	<b>a</b>	10	a
<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	20	a
<b>b</b>	2	<b>b</b>	20	b



## Banking Example

- *branch* (*branch-name*, *branch-city*, *assets*)
- *customer* (*customer-name*, *customer-street*, *customer-only*)
- *account* (*account-number*, *branch-name*, *balance*)
- *loan* (*loan-number*, *branch-name*, *amount*)
- *depositor* (*customer-name*, *account-number*)
- *borrower* (*customer-name*, *loan-number*)



## Example Queries

- Find all loans of over \$1200:

$$\sigma_{amount > 1200} (loan)$$

- Find the loan number for each loan of an amount greater than \$1200

$$\Pi_{loan-number} (\sigma_{amount > 1200} (loan))$$

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan, an account, or both, from the bank

$$\Pi_{customer-name} (borrower) \cup \Pi_{customer-name} (depositor)$$

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan and an account at bank.

$$\Pi_{customer-name} (borrower) \cap \Pi_{customer-name} (depositor)$$

## Example Queries (Cont.)

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan at the Perryridge branch.

$$\Pi_{customer-name} (\sigma_{branch-name="Perryridge"} (s_{borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number} (borrower \times loan)))$$

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan at the Perryridge branch but do not have an account at any branch of the bank.

$$\Pi_{customer-name} (\sigma_{branch-name="Perryridge"} (\sigma_{borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number} (borrower \times loan))) - \Pi_{customer-name} (depositor)$$


## Example Queries (Cont.)

- Find the names of all customers who have a loan at the Perryridge branch.

– Query 1

$$\Pi_{\text{customer-name}}(\sigma_{\text{branch-name} = \text{"Perryridge"}} (\sigma_{\text{borrower.loan-number} = \text{loan.loan-number}}(\text{borrower} \times \text{loan})))$$

– Query 2

$$\Pi_{\text{customer-name}}(\sigma_{\text{loan.loan-number} = \text{borrower.loan-number}} (\sigma_{\text{branch-name} = \text{"Perryridge"}}(\text{loan})) \times \text{borrower}))$$

- Find the largest account balance
  - Rename *account* relation as *d*

$$\Pi_{\text{balance}}(\text{account}) - \Pi_{\text{account.balance}} (\sigma_{\text{account.balance} < d.\text{balance}} (\text{account} \times \mathbf{r}_d(\text{account})))$$


## Formal Definition

- A basic expression in the relational algebra consists of either one of the following:
  - A relation in the database
  - A constant relation
- Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be relational-algebra expressions; the following are all relational-algebra expressions:
  - $E_1 \cup E_2$
  - $E_1 - E_2$
  - $E_1 \times E_2$
  - $\sigma_P(E_1)$ ,  $P$  is a predicate on attributes in  $E_1$
  - $\Pi_S(E_1)$ ,  $S$  is a list consisting of some of the attributes in  $E_1$
  - $\rho_x(E_1)$ ,  $x$  is the new name for the result of  $E_1$



## Additional Operations

Some additional operations are defined that do not add any power to the relational algebra, but that simplify common queries.

- Set intersection
- Natural join
- Division
- Assignment

## Set-Intersection Operation

- Notation:  $r \cap s$
- Defined as:
- $r \cap s = \{ t \mid t \in r \text{ and } t \in s \}$
- Assume:
  - $r, s$  have the *same arity*
  - attributes of  $r$  and  $s$  are compatible
- Note:  $r \cap s = r - (r - s)$

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## Natural-Join Operation

- Notation:  $r \bowtie s$
- Let  $r$  and  $s$  be relations on schemas  $R$  and  $S$  respectively. Then,  $r \bowtie s$  is a relation on schema  $R \cup S$  obtained as follows:
  - Consider each pair of tuples  $t_r$  from  $r$  and  $t_s$  from  $s$ .
  - If  $t_r$  and  $t_s$  have the same value on each of the attributes in  $R \cap S$ , add a tuple  $t$  to the result, where
    - $t$  has the same value as  $t_r$  on  $r$
    - $t$  has the same value as  $t_s$  on  $s$

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Example:

$R = (A, B, C, D)$

$S = (E, B, D)$

Result schema =  $(A, B, C, D, E)$

$r \bowtie s$  is defined as:

$$\Pi_{r.A, r.B, r.C, r.D, s.E} (\sigma_{r.B = s.B \wedge r.D = s.D} (r \times s))$$

## Division Operation

- Notasi:  $r \div s$
- Suited to queries that include the phrase "for all".
- Let  $r$  and  $s$  be relations on schemas  $R$  and  $S$  respectively where
  - $R = (A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_n)$
  - $S = (B_1, \dots, B_n)$
 The result of  $r \div s$  is a relation on schema  $R - S = (A_1, \dots, A_m)$

A	B		B	A
<b>a</b>	1		1	<b>a</b>
<b>a</b>	2		2	<b>b</b>
<b>a</b>	3			
<b>b</b>	1		s	$r \div s$
<b>g</b>	1			
<b>d</b>	1			
<b>d</b>	3			
<b>d</b>	4			
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<b>I</b>	1			
<b>b</b>	2			

$$r \div s = \{ t \mid t \in \Pi_{R-S}(r) \wedge \forall u \in s (tu \in r) \}$$



### Property

- Let  $q = r \div s$
- Then  $q$  is the largest relation satisfying  $q \times s \subseteq r$

Definition in terms of the basic algebra operation

Let  $r(R)$  and  $s(S)$  be relations, and let  $S \subseteq R$

$$r \div s = \Pi_{R-S}(r) - \Pi_{R-S}((\Pi_{R-S}(r) \times s) - \Pi_{R-S,S}(r))$$

To see why

- $\Pi_{R-S,S}(r)$  simply reorders attributes of  $r$
- $\Pi_{R-S}((\Pi_{R-S}(r) \times s) - \Pi_{R-S,S}(r))$  gives those tuples  $t$  in  $\Pi_{R-S}(r)$  such that for some tuple  $u \in s$ ,  $tu \notin r$ .

## Assignment Operation

- The assignment operation ( $\leftarrow$ ) provides a convenient way to express complex queries.
  - Write query as a sequential program consisting of
    - a series of assignments
    - followed by an expression whose value is displayed as a result of the query.
  - Assignment must always be made to a temporary relation variable.
- Example: Write  $r \div s$  as

$$temp1 \leftarrow \Pi_{R-S}(r)$$
$$temp2 \leftarrow \Pi_{R-S}((temp1 \times s) - \Pi_{R-S,S}(r))$$
$$result = temp1 - temp2$$

- The result to the right of the  $\leftarrow$  is assigned to the relation variable on the left of the  $\leftarrow$ .
- May use variable in subsequent expressions.



## Example Queries

- Find all customers who have an account from at least the "Downtown" and the Uptown" branches.

Query 1

$$\Pi_{CN}(\sigma_{BN="Downtown"}(depositor \bowtie account)) \cap \\ \Pi_{CN}(\sigma_{BN="Uptown"}(depositor \bowtie account))$$

where *CN* denotes customer-name and *BN* denotes branch-name .

Query 2

$$\Pi_{customer-name, branch-name}(depositor \bowtie account) \\ \div \mathbf{r}_{temp(branch-name)}(\{("Downtown"), ("Uptown")\})$$



## Extended Relational-Algebra-Operations

- Generalized Projection
- Outer Join
- Aggregate Functions



## Generalized Projection

- Extends the projection operation by allowing arithmetic functions to be used in the projection list.

$$\Pi_{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n}(E)$$

- $E$  is any relational-algebra expression
- Each of  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  are arithmetic expressions involving constants and attributes in the schema of  $E$ .
- Given relation *credit-info*(*customer-name*, *limit*, *credit-balance*), find how much more each person can spend:

$$\Pi_{\text{customer-name}, \text{limit} - \text{credit-balance}}(\text{credit-info})$$



# Aggregate Functions and Operations

- **Aggregation function** takes a collection of values and returns a single value as a result.

**avg**: average value  
**min**: minimum value  
**max**: maximum value  
**sum**: sum of values  
**count**: number of values

- **Aggregate operation** in relational algebra

$G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n \quad g_{F_1(A_1), F_2(A_2), \dots, F_n(A_n)}(E)$

- $E$  is any relational-algebra expression
- $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  is a list of attributes on which to group (can be empty)
- Each  $F_i$  is an aggregate function
- Each  $A_i$  is an attribute name

$r$

A	B	C
<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	7
<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	7
<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	3
<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	10

$g_{\text{sum}(C)}(r)$

sum-C
27



Result of aggregation does not have a name

Can use rename operation to give it a name

*branch-name*  $g_{\text{sum}(\text{balance})}$  *as* *sum-balance*  
*(account)*

## Outer Join

- An extension of the join operation that avoids loss of information.
- Computes the join and then adds tuples from one relation that does not match tuples in the other relation to the result of the join.
- Uses *null* values



Uses *null* values:

- *null* signifies that the value is unknown or does not exist
- All comparisons involving *null* are (roughly speaking) **false** by definition.

Will study precise meaning of comparisons with nulls later



## Outer Join (Cont.)

loan

<i>loan-number</i>	<i>branch-name</i>	<i>amount</i>
L-170	Downtown	3000
L-230	Redwood	4000
L-260	Perryridge	1700

borrower

<i>customer-name</i>	<i>loan-number</i>
Jones	L-170
Smith	L-230
Hayes	L-155

loan  $\bowtie$  borrower

<i>loan-number</i>	<i>branch-name</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>customer-name</i>
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith
L-260	Perryridge	1700	null

loan  $\bowtie$  borrower

<i>loan-number</i>	<i>branch-name</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>customer-name</i>
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith
L-260	Perryridge	1700	null
L-155	null	null	Hayes



Contoh untuk left outer join dan full outer join

## Null Values

- It is possible for tuples to have a null value, denoted by *null*, for some of their attributes
- *null* signifies an unknown value or that a value does not exist.
- The result of any arithmetic expression involving *null* is *null*.
- Aggregate functions simply ignore null values
  - Is an arbitrary decision. Could have returned null as result instead.
  - We follow the semantics of SQL in its handling of null values
- For duplicate elimination and grouping, null is treated like any other value, and two nulls are assumed to be the same
  - Alternative: assume each null is different from each other
  - Both are arbitrary decisions, so we simply follow SQL



## Null Values

- Comparisons with null values return the special truth value *unknown*
  - If *false* was used instead of *unknown*, then  $\text{not } (A < 5)$  would not be equivalent to  $A \geq 5$
- Three-valued logic using the truth value *unknown*:
  - OR:  $(\text{unknown or true}) = \text{true}$ ,  
 $(\text{unknown or false}) = \text{unknown}$   
 $(\text{unknown or unknown}) = \text{unknown}$
  - AND:  $(\text{true and unknown}) = \text{unknown}$ ,  
 $(\text{false and unknown}) = \text{false}$ ,  
 $(\text{unknown and unknown}) = \text{unknown}$
  - NOT:  $(\text{not unknown}) = \text{unknown}$
  - In SQL "*P is unknown*" evaluates to true if predicate *P* evaluates to *unknown*
- Result of select predicate is treated as *false* if it evaluates to *unknown*



## Modification of the Database

- The content of the database may be modified using the following operations:
  - Deletion
  - Insertion
  - Updating
- All these operations are expressed using the assignment operator.

## Deletion

- A delete request is expressed similarly to a query, except instead of displaying tuples to the user, the selected tuples are removed from the database.
- Can delete only whole tuples; cannot delete values on only particular attributes
- A deletion is expressed in relational algebra by:

$$r \leftarrow r - E$$

where  $r$  is a relation and  $E$  is a relational algebra query.

Delete all accounts at branches located in Needham.

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 $r_1 \leftarrow \sigma_{branch-city = "Needham"} (account \bowtie branch)$ 
 $r_2 \leftarrow \Pi_{branch-name, account-number, balance} (r_1)$ 
 $r_3 \leftarrow \Pi_{customer-name, account-number} (r_2 \bowtie depositor)$ 
 $account \leftarrow account - r_2$ 
 $depositor \leftarrow depositor - r_3$ 

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## Insertion

- To insert data into a relation, we either:
  - specify a tuple to be inserted
  - write a query whose result is a set of tuples to be inserted
- in relational algebra, an insertion is expressed by:

$$r \leftarrow r \cup E$$

where  $r$  is a relation and  $E$  is a relational algebra expression.

- The insertion of a single tuple is expressed by letting  $E$  be a constant relation containing one tuple.

Provide as a gift for all loan customers in the Perryridge branch, a \$200 savings account. Let the loan number serve as the account number for the new savings account.

$$r_1 \leftarrow (\sigma_{\text{branch-name} = \text{"Perryridge"}}(\text{borrower} \bowtie \text{loan}))$$

$$\text{account} \leftarrow \text{account} \cup \Pi_{\text{branch-name}, \text{account-number}, 200}(r_1)$$

$$\text{depositor} \leftarrow \text{depositor} \cup \Pi_{\text{customer-name}, \text{loan-number}}(r_1)$$


## Updating

- A mechanism to change a value in a tuple without changing *all* values in the tuple
- Use the generalized projection operator to do this task

$$r \leftarrow \Pi_{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_i} (r)$$

- Each  $F_i$  is either
  - the  $i$ th attribute of  $r$ , if the  $i$ th attribute is not updated, or,
  - if the attribute is to be updated  $F_i$  is an expression, involving only constants and the attributes of  $r$ , which gives the new value for the attribute

Pay all accounts with balances over \$10,000 6 percent interest  
and pay all others 5 percent

$$\begin{aligned} \text{account} \leftarrow & \Pi_{AN, BN, BAL * 1.06} (\sigma_{BAL > 10000} (\text{account})) \\ & \cup \Pi_{AN, BN, BAL * 1.05} (\sigma_{BAL \leq 10000} (\text{account})) \end{aligned}$$



## Views

- In some cases, it is not desirable for all users to see the entire logical model (i.e., all the actual relations stored in the database.)
- Consider a person who needs to know a customer's loan number but has no need to see the loan amount. This person should see a relation described, in the relational algebra, by  $\Pi_{customer-name, loan-number} (borrower \bowtie loan)$
- Any relation that is not of the conceptual model but is made visible to a user as a "virtual relation" is called a **view**.



## View Definition

- A view is defined using the **create view** statement which has the form

**create view** *v* **as** <query expression>

where <query expression> is any legal relational algebra query expression. The view name is represented by *v*.

- Once a view is defined, the view name can be used to refer to the virtual relation that the view generates.
- View definition is not the same as creating a new relation by evaluating the query expression
  - Rather, a view definition causes the saving of an expression; the expression is substituted into queries using the view.

## View Examples

- Consider the view (named *all-customer*) consisting of branches and their customers.

**create view** *all-customer* **as**

$\Pi_{branch-name, customer-name} (depositor \setminus account)$   
 $\cup \Pi_{branch-name, customer-name} (borrower \setminus loan)$

- We can find all customers of the Perryridge branch by writing:

$\Pi_{branch-name}$   
 $(\sigma_{branch-name = "Perryridge"} (all-customer))$



## Updates Through View

- Database modifications expressed as views must be translated to modifications of the actual relations in the database.
- Consider the person who needs to see all loan data in the *loan* relation except *amount*. The view given to the person, *branch-loan*, is defined as:

**create view** *branch-loan* **as**  $\Pi_{branch-name, loan-number}(loan)$

- Since we allow a view name to appear wherever a relation name is allowed, the person may write:

$branch-loan \leftarrow branch-loan \cup \{("Perryridge", L-37)\}$

- The previous insertion must be represented by an insertion into the actual relation *loan* from which the view *branch-loan* is constructed.



## Updates Through Views (Cont.)

- An insertion into *loan* requires a value for *amount*. The insertion can be dealt with by either.
  - rejecting the insertion and returning an error message to the user.
  - inserting a tuple ("L-37", "Perryridge", *null*) into the *loan* relation
- Some updates through views are impossible to translate into database relation updates
  - create view *v* as  $\sigma_{branch-name = "Perryridge"}(account)$   
 $v \leftarrow v \cup (L-99, Downtown, 23)$
- Others cannot be translated uniquely
  - $all-customer \leftarrow all-customer \cup \{("Perryridge", "John")\}$ 
    - Have to choose loan or account, and create a new loan/account number!



One view may be used in the expression defining another view