

Relational Algebra - Division

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Division – Past Muddiest Points

- Division was a bit confusing and to understand

$$T_1 \div T_2$$

T_1	
pid	cid
p1	c1
p1	c2
p1	c3
p2	c2
p2	c3
p3	c1
p4	c1
p4	c2
p4	c3

T_2
cid
c1
c2
c3

Results:

p1

p4

$$\Pi_{S_1-S_2}(T_1) - \Pi_{S_1-S_2}(\Pi_{S_1-S_2}(T_1) \times T_2 - T_1) = T_1 \div T_2$$

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Which operations go first?

- Complex expressions can be composed recursively, just as in arithmetic.
- Parentheses and precedence rules define the order of evaluation.
- Precedence, from highest to lowest, is:
 σ, Π, ρ
 \times, \bowtie
 \cap, \div
 $\cup, -$
- Unless very sure, use brackets!

Division Example

- Get supplier which supply **all** the parts

supp_id	part_id
A	1
A	2
A	3
B	1
B	2
C	3
D	3

÷

part_id
1
2
3

=

Supp_id
A

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A	2		2		
A	3		3		
B	1				
B	2				
C	3				
D	3				

$$T_1 \div T_2 = \Pi_{S_1 - S_2}(T_1) - \Pi_{S_1 - S_2}(\Pi_{S_1 - S_2}(T_1) \times T_2 - T_1)$$

$$S_1 = \{\text{supp_id}, \text{part_id}\} \quad S_2 = \{\text{part_id}\} \quad S_1 - S_2 = \{\text{supp_id}\}$$

Note1: S_1 and S_2 are set of attributes that form the **schema**!
They are not the set of tuples.

Note2: $S_2 \subset S_1$

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All suppliers that supply

supp_id
A
B
C
D

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All possible combinations of Parts and Suppliers (which supply).

supp_id	part_id
A	1
A	2
A	3
B	1
B	2
B	3
C	1
C	2
C	3
D	1
D	2
D	3

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A	2		2		
A	3		3		
B	1				
B	2				
C	3				
D	3				

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supp_id	part_id		supp_id	part_id
A	1	-	A	1
A	2		A	2
A	3		A	3
B	1		B	1
B	2		B	2
B	3		C	3
C	1		D	3
C	2			
C	3			
D	1			
D	2			
D	3			

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Supplier and parts that
they **really** supply

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Suppliers, and the parts which the supplier **do not** supply

supp_id	part_id
B	3
C	1
C	2
D	1
D	2

<=

supp_id	part_id
A	1
A	2
A	3
B	1
B	2
B	3
C	1
C	2
C	3
D	1
D	2
D	3

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supp_id	part_id
A	1
A	2
A	3
B	1
B	2
C	3
D	3

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B	3
C	1
C	2
D	1
D	2

=>

supp_id
B
C
D

Suppliers which
has a/some parts
not supplied

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A	1
A	2
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B	2
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Supplier which supply
all the parts

Supp_id
A

=

supp_id
A
B
C
D

All suppliers
that supply

-

supp_id
B
C
D

Suppliers which
has a/some parts
not supplied