

CSCI 403 - Database Management

Sample Quiz 1

Instructions: Circle **one** answer for each question.

Questions:

These questions concern the air travel database relational schema shown in figure 1.

1. Which constraint would be violated if we inserted the tuple ('Knuth, Donald', 111222333) into the **customer** relation?
 - (a) Primary key on the **customer** relation.
 - (b) Primary key on the **airline_customer** relation.
 - (c) Foreign key on the **airline_customer** relation referencing **customer(name)**.
 - (d) No constraints would be violated.
2. Which constraint would be violated if we updated the tuple (1337, 'Delta', 3333) in the **trip_flight** relation to be (1337, 'Delta', 2222)?
 - (a) Primary key on the **trip_flight** relation.
 - (b) Primary key on the **flight** relation.
 - (c) Foreign key on the **trip_flight** relation referencing **flight(airline, flight_no)**.
 - (d) No constraints would be violated.
3. Which constraints on the **airline_customer** relation would be violated if we inserted the tuple ('American', NULL, NULL) into it?
 - (a) Primary key.
 - (b) Primary and both foreign keys.
 - (c) Primary key and foreign key referencing **customer(name)**.
 - (d) No constraints would be violated.
4. In general, what kind of constraints can we violate by deleting a tuple?
 - (a) Primary keys only.
 - (b) Foreign keys only.
 - (c) Both primary and foreign keys.

5. Which query would best answer the question, “What flights can I take out of Chicago?”
 - (a) `SELECT * FROM flight;`
 - (b) `SELECT * FROM flight WHERE dep_airport = 'CHI';`
 - (c) `SELECT dep_airport FROM flight WHERE dep_airport = 'CHI';`
 - (d) `SELECT * FROM flight WHERE fare < 300;`
6. Which query would best answer the question, “What kind of airplane might you take from Chicago (CHI) to Los Angeles (LAX) if you flew Delta?”
 - (a) `SELECT airplane FROM flight
WHERE airline = 'Delta', dep_airport = 'CHI', arr_airport = 'LAX';`
 - (b) `SELECT airplane FROM flight
WHERE airline = 'Delta' OR dep_airport = 'CHI' OR arr_airport = 'LAX';`
 - (c) `SELECT airplane FROM flight
WHERE flight_no = 3333;`
 - (d) `SELECT airplane FROM flight
WHERE airline = 'Delta' AND dep_airport = 'CHI' AND arr_airport = 'LAX';`
7. How can I find out about the trips taken by the Delta customer whose frequent flier ID number is 272100-442?
 - (a) `SELECT * FROM trip, airline_customer
WHERE freq_flier_id = '272100-442';`
 - (b) `SELECT * FROM trip
WHERE trip.customer = airline_customer.customer
AND airline_customer.freq_flier_id = '272100-442';`
 - (c) `SELECT t.* FROM trip AS t, airline_customer AS ac
WHERE t.customer = ac.customer
AND ac.freq_flier_id = '272100-442';`
 - (d) `SELECT * FROM trip
WHERE customer IN (SELECT customer FROM airline_customer)
AND freq_flier_id = '272100-442';`
8. How might I best find the cheapest fares leaving Denver?
 - (a) `SELECT * FROM flight WHERE dep_airport = 'DEN' ORDER BY fare;`
 - (b) `SELECT * FROM flight GROUP BY fare HAVING dep_airport = 'DEN';`
 - (c) `SELECT * FROM flight WHERE fare = MIN(fare);`
 - (d) `SELECT * FROM flight ORDER BY fare WHERE dep_airport = 'DEN';`
9. What query would best discover the names and passport numbers of everyone with the last name “Turing”?
 - (a) `SELECT * FROM customer WHERE name = 'Turing';`
 - (b) `SELECT * FROM customer WHERE 'Turing' IN name;`
 - (c) `SELECT * FROM customer WHERE 'Turing' IS NOT NULL;`
 - (d) `SELECT * FROM customer WHERE name LIKE 'Turing,%';`

10. Edsger Dijkstra became very angry on a flight on Southwest when the pilot announced “This flight will GOTO New York.” As a result, Southwest is dropping him as a customer. What is the best way to update our database?
- (a) `DELETE FROM airline_customer WHERE customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger';`
 - (b) `DELETE FROM airline_customer
WHERE airline = 'Southwest' AND customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger';`
 - (c) `UPDATE airline_customer SET customer = NULL
WHERE airline = 'Southwest' AND customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger';`
 - (d) `DROP TABLE airline_customer;`
11. Alan Turing wants to take a trip from Los Angeles to Chicago. He plans to leave on October 12, but he doesn't yet know his return trip date. Assuming the trip_id column in the trip table is auto-generated (via a DEFAULT setting using a sequence), how might we get things started for Turing?
- (a) `INSERT INTO trip WHERE customer = 'Turing, Alan' AND from_city = 'Los Angeles'
AND to_city = 'Chicago' AND departure_date = '2018-10-12';`
 - (b) `INSERT INTO trip VALUES ('Turing, Alan', 'Los Angeles', 'Chicago', '2018-10-12');`
 - (c) `INSERT INTO trip (customer, from_city, to_city, departure_date)
VALUES ('Turing, Alan', 'Los Angeles', 'Chicago', '2018-10-12');`
 - (d) `INSERT INTO trip
VALUES (NULL, 'Turing, Alan', 'Los Angeles', 'Chicago', '2018-10-12', NULL);`
12. Delta is increasing all of its fares by \$25! How should we modify the database?
- (a) `UPDATE flight SET fare = fare + 25;`
 - (b) `UPDATE flight SET fare = fare + 25 WHERE airline = 'Delta';`
 - (c) `INSERT INTO flight (fare) SELECT fare + 25 FROM flight WHERE airline = 'Delta';`
 - (d) `UPDATE flight (fare) VALUES (fare + 25) WHERE airline = 'Delta';`
13. Which best describes the output of the SQL query below?
- ```
SELECT airline, airplane, COUNT(*) FROM flight GROUP BY airplane;
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- (a) Report on how many airplane types there are.
  - (b) Report on how many airline and airplane pairings there are.
  - (c) Report on how many flights on each airline use each type of airplane each day.
  - (d) None of the above, query is invalid.

14. Which SQL query would be used to answer the question, “When will Dijkstra land in Denver?”
- (a) `SELECT DISTINCT flight.arr_time  
FROM flight, trip, trip_flight  
WHERE trip.customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger'  
AND flight.arr_airport = 'DEN';`
  - (b) `SELECT flight.arr_time  
FROM flight, trip, trip_flight AS tf  
WHERE flight.flight_no = tf.flight_no  
AND flight.airline = tf.airline  
AND tf.trip_id = trip.trip_id  
AND trip.customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger'  
AND flight.arr_airport = 'DEN';`
  - (c) `SELECT flight.arr_time  
FROM flight, trip, trip_flight AS tf  
WHERE flight.flight_no = tf.flight_no  
AND flight.airline = tf.airline  
AND tf.trip_id = trip.trip_id  
AND trip.customer = 'Dijkstra, Edsger';`
  - (d) Any of the above.
15. Which of the following SQL queries is equivalent to the query below?  
`SELECT website FROM airline WHERE name IN (SELECT airline FROM flight WHERE fare < 300);`
- (a) `SELECT website FROM airline WHERE name NOT IN  
(SELECT airline FROM flight WHERE fare >= 300);`
  - (b) `SELECT website FROM airline, flight WHERE name = airline AND fare < 300;`
  - (c) `SELECT website FROM airline WHERE name =  
(SELECT airline FROM flight WHERE fare < 300);`
  - (d) None of the above.
16. It turns out that the passport information for Alan Turing is incorrect, and must be corrected. Why would it be a poor solution to delete Turing’s record from the `customer` table and then insert a corrected record?
- (a) The operations are in the incorrect order; the insertion should come before the deletion.
  - (b) The deletion would either cause a key constraint violation, or worse (if the key was set up this way), would silently delete Turing’s frequent flier information from `airline_customer`.
  - (c) Both (a) and (b).
  - (d) None of the above, it is a brilliant solution.

**flight:** Primary Key (airline, flight\_no), Foreign Key (airline) on airline(name)

| airline   | flight_no | dep_airport | arr_airport | dep_time | arr_time | fare | airplane |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
| Southwest | 473       | DEN         | RDU         | 10:10    | 14:35    | 270  | B737     |
| Southwest | 474       | RDU         | DEN         | 15:45    | 17:15    | 295  | B737     |
| Delta     | 1010      | LAX         | CHI         | 6:45     | 13:05    | 310  | A320     |
| Delta     | 3333      | CHI         | LAX         | 12:50    | 16:15    | 355  | B777     |
| Delta     | 702       | CHI         | JFK         | 16:00    | 20:20    | 260  | RJ145    |
| Delta     | 910       | JFK         | CHI         | 8:35     | 11:20    | 260  | RJ145    |

**airline:** Primary Key (name)

| name      | website       |
|-----------|---------------|
| Southwest | southwest.com |
| Delta     | delta.com     |
| American  | aa.com        |

**customer:** Primary Key (name)

| name             | passport_no |
|------------------|-------------|
| Turing, Alan     | 273001431   |
| Hopper, Grace    | 300420023   |
| Dijkstra, Edsger | 918340799   |

**trip:** Primary Key (trip\_id), Foreign Key (customer) on customer(name)

| trip_id | customer         | from_city      | to_city     | departure_date | return_date |
|---------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1337    | Hopper, Grace    | New York       | Los Angeles | 2018-10-26     | 2018-11-4   |
| 1338    | Dijkstra, Edsger | Raleigh/Durham | Denver      | 2018-10-26     | 2018-11-2   |

**airline\_customer:**

Primary Key (airline, customer),  
Foreign Key (airline) on airline(name),  
Foreign Key (customer) on customer(name)

| airline   | customer         | freq_flier_id |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Southwest | Hopper, Grace    | 10001         |
| Southwest | Dijkstra, Edsger | 71042         |
| American  | Turing, Alan     | 10393992      |
| Delta     | Hopper, Grace    | 272100-442    |

**trip\_flight:**

Primary Key (trip\_id, airline, flight\_no),  
Foreign Key (trip\_id) on trip(trip\_id),  
Foreign Key (airline, flight\_no) on flight(airline, flight\_no)

| trip_id | airline   | flight_no |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1337    | Delta     | 910       |
| 1337    | Delta     | 3333      |
| 1337    | Delta     | 1010      |
| 1337    | Delta     | 702       |
| 1338    | Southwest | 474       |
| 1338    | Southwest | 473       |

Figure 1: Relational schema and sample tuples for a (vastly simplified) air travel database