

DD1368 Database Technology Lecture notes

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1 Lecture 1: Intro

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Introduction

1.1 Content of databases

- Design of databases
- E/R model, relation model, semistructured model, XML
- Database programming
- SQL, XPath, XQuery
- Relational algebra, Tuple Calculus, FOL.
- ODBC JDBC or etc ...

1.2 Interesting Stuff About Database

- Websearch
- Data mining
- Scientific and medical databases
- integrationg information.
- NSA! wikileaks HeathCare.gov
- Still more. ...

1.3 And More

Database often have unique concurrency-control problems.

- Many activities (transactions) at the database at all times.
- Must not confuse actions, e.g. two withdrawal from the same account must each debit the account.
- ATC :

1.4 What is a Data Model

1. Mathematical representation of data.
 - Examples:relational model = tables;
 - Semistruced model = trees,graphs
2. Operations on data
3. Constraints

1.5 Schema

- Relation schema = relation name and attribute list.

1.6 Our Running Example

Beer(name, manf)

Bars(name, addr, license)

Drinkers(name, addr, phone)

Underline = *key* (tuples cannot have the same value in all key attributes).

- Excellent

1.7 Example: Multiattribute Key

```
CREATE TABLE Sells (  
    bar CHAR(20),  
    beer VARCHAR(20),  
    price REAL,  
    PRIMARY KEY (bar, beer)  
);
```

1.8 Semistrucured Data

- Another data model, based on trees graphs.
- **Motivation:** flexible representation of data
- **Motivation:** sharing of *documents* among systems and databases

2 Lecture 2: Relational Algebra and Tuple Calculus

2.1 Ideal Picture

- Tuple Calculus: Declarative(logical) expression of what the user wants
- Relational Algebra: Procedural Expression that can obtain answers
- Optimized Relational Algebra: Can be efficiently executed over database

2.2 Example

"Names of companies in Sweden that have a supplier from China"

```
{x.name | company(x) AND x.country = 'Sweden' AND  
(Ey)(Ex)( supplies(y) AND company(z) AND  
z.contry = 'China' AND x.id = y.to AND y.from = z.id)}
```

2.3 What is Relational Algebra

- An algebra whose operands are relations or variables that represent relations.
- Operators are designed to do the most common things that we need to do with relations in a database.
- The result is an algebra that can be used as a query language for relations.

2.4 Core Relational Algebra

- Union, intersection, and difference.
 - Usual set operations, but *both operands must have the same relation schema*.
- **Selection**: picking certain rows.
- **Projection**: picking certain columns.
- **Products** and **joins**: compositions of relations.
- **Renaming** of relations and attributes.

2.5 Selection

$$R1 := \sigma_c(R)$$

- C is a condition (as in if statements) that refers to attributes of $R2$.
- $R1$ is all those tuples of $R2$ that satisfy C .

2.6 Selection:Example

Relation Sells:

bar	beer	price
Joes	Bud	2.50
Joes	Miller	2.75
Sues	Bud	2.50
Sues	Miller	3.00

$JoeMenu := \sigma_{bar = "joe's"}(Sells) :$

bar	beer	price
Joes	Bud	2.50
Joes	Miller	2.75

2.7 Projection

$R2 := \pi_L(R) :$

- L is a list of attributes from the schema of $R2$.
- $R1$ is constructed by looking at each tuple of $R2$, extracting the attributes on list L , in the order specified, and creating from those components a tuple for $R1$.
- Eliminate duplicate tuples, if any.

2.8 Product

$R3 := R1 \times R2$

- Pair each tuple $t1$ of $R1$ with each tuple $t2$ of $R2$.
- Concatenation $t1 \ t2$ is a tuple of $R3$.
- Schema of $R3$ is the attributes of $R1$ and then $R2$, in order.
- But beware attribute A of the same name in $R1$ and $R2$: use $R1.A$ and $R2.A$.

2.9 Theta-Join

$R3 := R1 \bowtie_{\theta} R2$

2.10 example

Names of companies who supply another company:

$\{x.name \mid company(x) \wedge (\exists y)(Supplies(Y) \wedge y.from = x.name)\}$