

CS & IT ENGINEERING

Database Management System

Query Language

DPP – 03 *Discussion Notes*



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01 Question

02 Discussion

Q.1



Consider the following relational algebra query on relations

A (p, q, r) and B (q, r):

$$\pi_p(A) - \pi_p((\pi_p(A) \times \pi_{q,r}(B) - \pi_{p,q,r}(A)))$$

The above query is equivalent to?

[MCQ]

A.

$A \cap B$

B.

$A \cup B$

C.

$A - B$

☒ D.

$A \div B$

$$\frac{\pi_{AB}(R)}{\pi_B(S)} \Rightarrow \pi_A(R) - \pi_A[\pi_A(R) \times \pi_B(S) - \pi_{AB}(R)]$$

$$\pi_p(A) - \pi_p[\pi_p(A) \times \pi_{q,r}(B) - \pi_{p,q,r}(A)]$$

Ans (D)

Q.2



Consider the following SQL query.

SELECT DISTINCT $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$ \equiv Projection $[\pi]$

FROM $R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots, R_m$ \equiv Cross Product $[\times]$

WHERE Q \equiv Selection $[\sigma]$

Which of the following relational algebra query is equivalent to above SQL query? [MCQ]

☒ A. $\pi_{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n}(\sigma_Q(R_1 \bowtie R_2 \bowtie R_3 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_m)) \rightarrow$ Natural Join

☒ B. $\pi_{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n}((R_1 \times R_2 \times R_3 \times \dots \times R_m) \rightarrow \sigma_Q \text{ is missing}$

☒ C. $\sigma_{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n}(\pi_Q(R_1 \bowtie R_2 \bowtie R_3 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_m)) \Rightarrow$ Condition Applied on Selection σ_Q

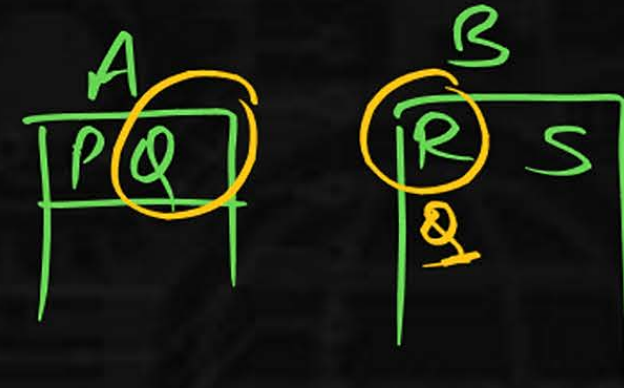
☒ D. $\pi_{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n}(\sigma_Q(R_1 \times R_2 \times R_3 \times \dots \times R_m))$

Ans (D).

Q.3

Consider the following equivalencies between expressions of relational algebra, each involving relations $A(P, Q)$ and $B(R, S)$. Assume that there is no foreign key, A attribute to table can be NULL, all attributes are of integer types which of the following equivalencies is/are TRUE?

[MCQ]



~~A.~~

$$\pi_{P,Q} (A \times B) = A$$

~~B.~~

$$A - \rho_{T(P,Q)} (B) = \rho_{T(P,Q)} (B - (\rho_{T(R,S)} (A)))$$

$A - B$ is Different Answer

C.

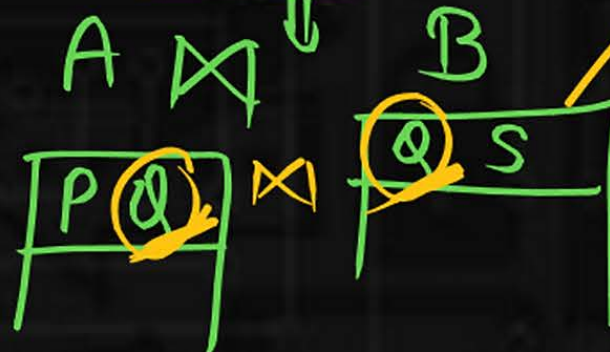
$$\pi_{P,Q,S} (A \bowtie_{Q=R} B) = A \bowtie (\rho_{T(Q,S)} (B))$$

$B - A$ is Different Answer.

D.

None of the above

Ans (C).



Same as $Q=R$

Now Q become common attribute
Natural Join select the tuple which
Satisfy equality condition on common attribute

$$A(PQ) \quad B(RS)$$

Here B is non empty, its Not Mentioned)

Here B is empty.

$$A \times B = \phi$$

$$A \times B = \underline{\text{Empty}}$$

$$\pi_{PQ}(A \times B) \neq A$$

$$c) \pi_{PQS}(A \times \underline{Q=R} B)$$

$$\pi_{PQS} \left[\sigma_{Q=R} (A \times B) \right]$$

Q.4



Consider the table which contains the data shown below.

Sailors (SailID, SailName, Rating, Age)

Reserves (SailID, BoatID, Date)

Boats(BoatID, BoatName, Color)

Sailors

SailID	SailName	Rating	Age
1	Ram	5	35
2	Shaym	9	22
3	Ramesh	10	19
4	Suresh	3	NULL
5	Akhil	NULL	35

Reserves

Avg(1)

[NAT]

SailID	BoatID	Date
1	4	2017-03-15
1	5	2017-04-15
3	2	2014-04-15
4	4	2018-01-01
5	1	2017-12-25

Boats

BoatID	BoatName	Color
1	Lake	Red
2	Fish	Yellow
3	Clipper	Green
4	Yatch	Green
5	Fish	Yellow
6	Clipper	red

and the following relational algebra query.

$\pi_{\text{BoatID}} (\sigma_{\text{Age} = 35 \text{ and rating} \geq 5} (\text{sailors}) \bowtie \text{Reserves}) \cap \pi_{\text{BoatID}} (\sigma_{\text{Rating} < 5} (\text{Sailors}) \bowtie \text{Reserves})$

The number of rows returned by the above query is 1 Avg

Sailors & Reserve

Sid sname s.rating s.age
1 Ram 5 35

$\Pi_{\text{Boatid}}(\text{Sailors} \bowtie \text{Reserve})$

Sid	sname	s.rating	s.age	Boatid	Date
1	Ram	5	35	4	2017-03-15
1	Ram	5	35	5	2017-04-15

Query 1 output

Boatid
4
5

$\Pi_{\text{Boatid}}(- - -)$

Sid	sname	s.rating	s.age	Boatid	Date
4	Surekh	3	NULL	4	2018-01-01

II Query: Rating < 5
Sid sname Rating Age
4 Surekh 3 Null

o/p of Query 2

Boatid
4

Boatid
4
5

Boatid
4

$\Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow 1 \text{ Table}$

Q.5



Consider the relation schemas $w(P, Q, R)$, $x(S, P, T)$, $y(P, Q, R, S, T)$ and $z(R, S, T)$. A query that uses additional operators of relational algebra. $((w \times x) \cap y) \div z$.

What will be the result set if we write this query using only the basic operators of relational algebra?

[MCQ]

A.

Result set of the basic operator's query will be greater than the result set of given query.

B.

Result set will only consist of attributes P and Q.

C.

Some of the operations in query cannot be performed due to incompatible relation schemas

Ans(C).

D.

Query cannot be written by only using basic operations.

$w(PQR) \quad x(SPT) \quad y(PQRST) \quad z(RST)$

$$\left((\underline{w * x}) \cap y \right) \div z$$

$w(PQR) \quad x(SPT)$

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$n_1 \text{ Tuple}$

$n_2 \text{ Tuple}$

3 Attribute

3 Attribute

$w * x = n_1 \times n_2 \text{ Tuple}$
 $C_1 + C_2 \text{ Attribute}$

6 Attribute

5 Attribute

$wx(PQRSPT) \cap y(PQRST)$

Not Possible

Because Arity (# of Attribute) Not Same.
 Not Computable.

Q.6**[MSQ]**

Consider the following relational table A

A				
P	Q	R	S	T
p ₁	q ₁	r ₁	s ₁	t ₁
p ₂	q ₂	r ₂	s ₂	t ₂

Also, consider the decomposition of the relation A into relations A₁ = (P, Q, R) and A₂ = (R, S, T) which of the following is/are correct based on the above relations?

☒ A.

$$\pi_{A_1}(A) \bowtie \pi_{A_2}(A) = A$$

☒ B.

$$\pi_{A_1}(A) \bowtie \pi_{A_2}(A) \neq A$$

☒ C.

PQ \rightarrow T is true in the table $\pi_{A_1}(A) \bowtie \pi_{A_2}(A)$

☐ D.

None of the above

Ans (A) & (C)

$A_1(P, Q, R)$

P	Q	R
p ₁	q ₁	r ₁
p ₂	q ₂	r ₂

$A_2(R, S, T)$

R	S	T
r ₁	s ₁	t ₁
r ₂	s ₂	t ₂



$$\pi_{A_1}(A) \bowtie \pi_{A_2}(A) = A \quad \text{Correct}$$

$$\pi_{P, Q, S, T} \left[\sigma_{A_1.R = A_2.R} (A_1 \times A_2) \right]$$

P	Q	R	S	T
p ₁	q ₁	r ₁	s ₁	t ₁
p ₂	q ₂	r ₂	s ₂	t ₂

$\equiv A$

$P, Q \rightarrow T$

True in

$\pi_{A_1}(A) \bowtie \pi_{A_2}(A)$

Q.7

Which of the following relational algebra expression is/are always holds correct? **[MSQ]**



☒ A.

$$(X \bowtie Y) \bowtie Z = (Z \bowtie X) \bowtie Y$$

☒ B.

$$\sigma_A(\sigma_B(X)) = \sigma_B(\sigma_A(X))$$

☐ C.

$$\pi_A(\pi_B(X)) = \pi_B(\pi_A(X))$$

☐ D.

None of the above

A: $C < PA > 8$

B: Branch = 'CS'

$\sigma_{\text{Branch} = 'CS'}(\sigma_{C < PA > 8}(\text{student}))$

B: Sid Sname

A: Sid

$\pi_A(A) \subseteq (B)$

Q.8



Consider the following Database

Tool (ToolID, Brand, Price)

Jobsite (Location, compensation, Task)

ToolBox (ToolBoxID, location) → location is a foreign key to jobsite.

Holds (ToolBoxID, ToolID) → ToolBoxID is a foreign key to ToolBox.

ToolID is a foreign key to Tool.

And consider the following SQL query.

SELECT DISTINCT T. ToolID

FROM Tool T, Holds H, ToolBox B, Jobsite J

WHERE T. ToolID = H.ToolID AND H.ToolBoxID = B. ToolBoxID AND B.

location = J. location AND J. Task = 'welding'

Which of the following would be an equivalent relational algebra query?

(Foreign key is NOT NULL attributes).

[MSQ]

- ☒ A. $\pi_{\text{ToolID}} (\text{Tool} \bowtie \text{Holds} \bowtie \text{ToolBox} \bowtie \sigma_{\text{task} = \text{'welding'}}(\text{jobsite}))$
- ☒ B. $\pi_{\text{ToolID}} (\sigma_{\text{task} = \text{'welding'}} (\text{Tool} \bowtie (\text{Holds} \bowtie \text{Tool Box}) \bowtie \text{Jobsite}))$
- ☐ C. $\sigma_{\text{task} = \text{'welding'}} (\pi_{\text{ToolID}} (\text{Tool}) \bowtie \text{Holds} \bowtie \text{Tool Box} \bowtie \text{Jobsite})$
- ☐ D. None of the above

Ans(A) \& (B)

Tool id then Not Possible to Apply the Condition $\sigma_{\text{task} = \text{'welding'}}$

Q.9

Consider the following two relations $A(P, Q)$ and $B(R, S)$. Which of the following statement is/are TRUE?

[MSQ]

$A(P, Q) \quad B(R, S)$

$\underline{P=R} \Rightarrow A.P = B.R$

☒ A.

The cardinality of $(A \bowtie_{\underline{P=R}} B)$ is always larger than or equal to the size of $(A \bowtie_{P=R \text{ and } Q=S} B)$.

☒ B.

The cardinality of $(A \bowtie_{P=R \text{ and } Q \neq S} B)$ is always larger than or equal to the size of $(A \bowtie_{P=R \text{ and } Q=S} B)$.

☒ C.

These two-expression $(\sigma_{P=5}(A \bowtie_{Q=R} B))$ and $(\sigma_{P=5}(A) \bowtie_{Q=R} B)$ are always equivalent.

☒ D.

These two expressions $(A \times B) - (A \bowtie_{\underline{Q=R}} B)$ and $(A \bowtie_{Q \neq R} B)$ are always equivalent.

$A, C \& (D)$



②

$$\underbrace{A \bowtie_{P=R} B}$$

We are getting the tuples
in which only $P=R$.

(Less Restrictions)

\Downarrow
gives more tuples

$$\underbrace{A \bowtie_{P=R \text{ AND } Q=S} B}$$

\Downarrow
We are getting the tuples

in which $P=R$ and $Q=S$

Both conditions satisfy.
(More Restrictions)

⑥
eg

A	
P	Q
1	2
3	5

B	
R	S
1	2
3	5

$\sigma_{(P=R \text{ and } Q \neq S)}$

$\sigma_{P=R \text{ and } Q=S}$

↓
give more Tuples

© A(PQ) B(RS)

$$\underline{\sigma_{P=5}}(\underline{A} \bowtie_{Q=R} B)$$

$$\sigma_{P=5}(A) \bowtie_{Q=R} B$$

