# **Relational Model**

- **Domain**: Set of atomic values
- Relation: Set of tuples
- **Superkey**: Subset of attributes that uniquely identifies one tuple
- **Key**: Minimal superkey
- Candidate Keys: Set of all keys
- Primary Key: Chosen candidate key; cannot be NULL
- Foreign Key: Refers to a primary key in another relation; must apear as a primary key of another relation or have NULL for an attribute

# **Relational Algebra**

 $\sigma_{[\sigma]}(R)$ : Select

- Select rows that satisfy condition c
- Principle of Acceptance

 $\pi_{[1]}(R)$ : Project

- Select columns listed in I

 $\rho_{[B_1 \leftarrow A_1, B_2 \leftarrow A_2]}(R)$ : Rename

- Order does not matter
- No two attributes can be renamed to the same name
- No attributes can be renamed more than once in a single operation

## **Set Operations**

- Relations must be union compatible:
  - 1. Have same number of attributes
  - 2. Attributes have same or compatible domains

### **Cross Product**

- Set of attributes must be <u>disjoint</u>
- $|R \times S| = |R| \times |S|$
- If either R or S is empty, result is an empty relation

### Join

- Inner Joins
  - $\bowtie_{\theta}$ : choose if tuples satisfy the condition
  - ⋈<sub>=</sub>: choose if tuples satisfy the condition; condition only uses =
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  - Common attributes (i.e. columns) can can appear twice in output relation, unless natural join is used (then only appear once)

### Outer Joins

- ▶: R ⋈ S, plus dangling tuples in R. Dangling tuples have values
   NULL for attributes from S
- ⋈: R ⋈ S, plus dangling tuples in S. Dangling tuples have values
   NULL for attributes from R
- $\bowtie$ :  $R \bowtie S$ , plus dangling tuples in R and S

### Equivalence

- Strong equivalence: Both queries produce error or both queries always produce the same results
- Weak equivalence: Both queries always produce the same results if neither queries produce an error

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Select and Project
R \times S \not\equiv S \times R
                                                                                               \sigma_{c_1}(\sigma_{c_2}(R)) \equiv \sigma_{c_2}(\sigma_{c_1}(R))
R \bowtie S \not\equiv S \bowtie R
                                                                                              \sigma_{c_1}(\sigma_{c_1}(R)) \equiv \sigma_{c_1 \wedge c_2}(R)
(R \times S) \times T \equiv R \times (S \times T)
(R \bowtie S) \bowtie T \equiv R \bowtie (S \bowtie T)
                                                                                               \pi_{\ell_1}(\pi_{\ell_2}(R)) \not\equiv \pi_{\ell_1} (weak, unless \ell_1 \subseteq \ell_2)
                                                                                              \pi_{\ell}(\sigma_{\theta}(R)) \not\equiv \sigma_{\theta}(\pi_{\ell}(R)) (weak)
(R \bowtie_{\theta} S) \bowtie_{\theta} T \not\equiv R \bowtie_{\theta} (S \bowtie_{\theta} T) \text{ (weak)}
                                                                                              \sigma_{\theta}(R \times S) \not\equiv \sigma_{\theta}(R) \times S (weak)
Set operations
R \cup S \equiv S \cup R
R \cap S \equiv S \cap R
(R \cup S) \cup T \equiv R \cup (S \cup T)
(R \cap S) \cap T \equiv R \cap (S \cap T)
R - S \not\equiv S - R
\sigma_c(R - S) \equiv \sigma_c(R) - S \not\equiv \sigma_c(R) - \sigma_c(S)
(unless R and S have some common attribute
\pi_{\ell}(R \cup S) \equiv \pi_{\ell}(R) \cup \pi_{\ell}(S)
```

# **SQL DDL**

### **CREATE**

VALUES (val1, val2,...), ...;
- Either all are inserted, or none inserted

### DELETE

```
DELETE FROM <table_name>
[WHERE <conditions>];
```

- Delete all tuples that match given condition; if no condition, all tuples are deleted
- Principle of ACCEPTANCE

## **Integrity Contraints**

- Principle of REJECTION

Common constraints				
	Column	Table		
Primary Key	PRIMARY KEY	PRIMARY KEY (attr1, attr2)		
Unique	UNIQUE	UNIQUE (attr1, attr2)		
Foreign Key	REFERENCES R(attr1, attr2)	FOREIGN KEY (attr1, attr2) REFERENCES R(attr3, attr4)		
CHECK	CHECK(attr <op>)</op>	CHECK(attr <op>)</op>		

- Foreign Keys ON UPDATE/ON DELETE specifies behaviour of referencing table when data in referenced table is deleted/updated
  - NO ACTION: reject update/delete if violates constraint
  - RESTRICT : NO ACTION, but not deferrable
  - CASCADE: propagate delete/update to referencing tuples
  - SET DEFAULT: Set FK in referencing tuples to default values; default values must be PK in the referenced table
  - SET NULL: Set FK in referencing tuples to NULL; affected columns must no have NOT NULL constraint
- UNIQUE constraints check individual attributes using <>; 2 tuples are unique if either one contains NULL

### **ALTER**

Useful for circular references (FK<sub>R</sub> → PK<sub>S</sub>, FK<sub>S</sub> → PK<sub>R</sub>)

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name>
[ALTER/ADD/DROP] [COLUMN/CONSTRAINT] <name>
<changes>
```

# DROP TABLE

```
DROP TABLE [IF EXISTS]
<table_name> [, <table_name2>, ...]
[CASCADE]
```

### **DEFFERABLE CONSTRAINTS**

- NOT DEFERRABLE: (default). Constraints checked at end of SQL statement and aborts if violated
- DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED: Constraints checked on COMMIT, can be temporarily violated in transaction
- DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED: Constraints initially not deferrable, but can be set to deferrable later with SET CONTRAINTS <name> DEFERRED
- Transaction: **BEGIN** ... **COMMIT**;

# **SQL DQL**

```
SELECT [DISTINCT] <attrs>
FROM <relations>
WHERE <conditions>
```

- Aliasing: column AS alias
- Operations
  - Maths: +-\*/, |/, ^ %, etc.
  - String: | | (concatenate), LOWER(s), UPPER(s), etc.
  - Date Time: +, NOW(), etc.
- Principle of ACCEPTANCE
- = and <> can be safely used if you do not want NULL values, else use IS
   NULL
- Regex LIKE < regex>
- \_: Any <u>single</u> character
- %: Any sequence of 0 or more characters

### UNION/INTERSECT/EXCEPT

- Must be union compatible
- UNION ALL: # dups = #dup in R + #dup in S
- INTERSECT ALL: # dups = min{#dup in R, #dup in S}
- EXCEPT ALL: # dups = #dup in R #dup in S

### JOIN

- Cross product FROM R1 [AS][Alias], R2, R3,...
  - Set of attributes need not be disjoint
- JOIN R JOIN S ON <cond>
- NATURAL JOIN R NATURAL JOIN S
  - Becomes cross product if no common attributes
- OUTER JOIN R LEFT/RIGHT/FULL [OUTER] JOIN S ON <cond>

# ORDER

- Default: ASC
- ORDER BY <attr1> DESC/ASC [, <attr2> DESC/ASC]
- Stable sort from rightmost to left

### LIMIT & OFFSET

```
OFFSET <n> LIMIT <j>
CASE

SELECT (
    CASE
    WHEN <cond> THEN <result>
    ...
    ELSE <result>
    END
    ) FROM ...

OCASE

SELECT (
    CASE <expr>
    WHEN <value> THEN <result>
    ...
    ELSE <result>
    END
    ) FROM ...
```

ELSE is optional; returns NULL if no conditions matched

```
COASLESCE
```

```
SELECT (
   COALESCE(<value1>, <value2>, ...)
) FROM ...
```

Returns first non-NULL value, or NULL if all values are NULL

### NULLIF

```
SELECT (
   NULLIF(<value1>, <value2>)
) FROM ...
```

Returns NULL if <value1> = <value2>, otherwise returns <value1>

# **SQL Subqueries**

# **Scalar Subqueries**

```
SELECT (
   SELECT <attr> FROM <table_name> WHERE <cond>
) FROM ...
```

 Query returning at most one row and one column (i.e. single value) or NIIII

Operation	Syntax	Subquery Behaviour
IN	WHERE <expr> IN <subquery tuple=""  =""></subquery></expr>	Returns 1 column;
		Empty → vacuously false
NOT IN	WHERE <expr> IN <subquery tuple=""  =""></subquery></expr>	Returns 1 column;
		Empty → vacuously <b>true</b>
ANY	WHERE <expr> <op> ANY <subquery></subquery></op></expr>	Returns 1 column;
		Empty → vacuously false
ALL	WHERE <expr> <op> ALL <subquery></subquery></op></expr>	Returns 1 column;
		Empty → vacuously <b>true</b>
EXISTS	WHERE EXISTS <subquery></subquery>	
NOT EXISTS	WHERE NOT EXISTS <subquery></subquery>	

# **SQL** Aggregates

- Queries with aggregate return a single row

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Operation	Behaviour	Empty/All NULL table			
MIN(attr)	min. non-NULL value in attr	NULL			
MAX(attr)	max. non-NULL value in attr	NULL			
AVG(attr)	avg of all. non-NULL values	NULL			
	in attr				
SUM(attr)	sum of all. non-NULL values	NULL			
	in attr				
COUNT(attr)	# of non-NULL values in attr	0			
COUNT(*)	# of rows in table	# of rows in table			

- Use DISTINCT (e.g. SUM(DISTINCT attr)) to ignore duplicates

### **GROUP BY & HAVING**

```
GROUP BY attr1, attr2
HAVING <condition>
```

- Treat tuples with same values for the listed attributes "as one group"
- Aggregate functions now apply to each group (vs entire table)
- HAVING is a WHERE clause that applies to an entire group (vs individual rows)
- Column X can appear in SELECT / HAVING if:
  - X appears in GROUP BY clause, or
  - X appears as an input to an aggregate function, or
  - PK of table X belongs to appears in GROUP BY clause (UNIQUE constraint is insufficient)

# SQL MISC.

# **Common Table Expressions**

- CTEs can reference any CTEs declared before it

## **Recursive Queries**

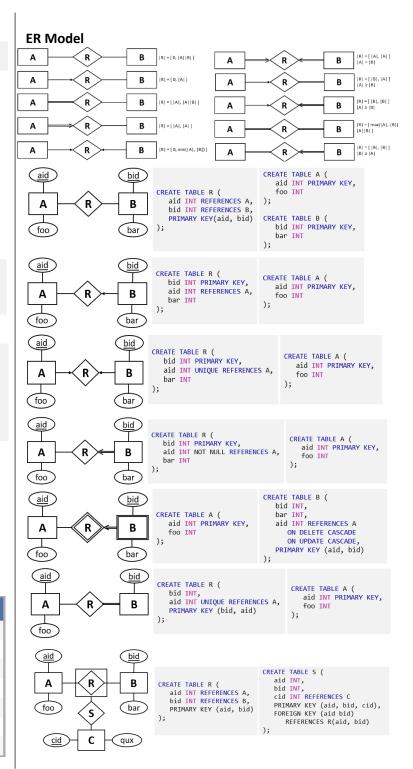
- Q\_1 is non-recursive; Only Q\_2 and Q\_0 can reference the CTE

### **Universal Quantification**

- 1. Split query into two sets: R and S
- 2. Figure out cardinality:
  - If R⊇S, then |R U S| = |R|
  - If  $R\subseteq S$ , then  $|R \cap S| = |R|$
- 3. Craft 2 scalar subqueries queries
  - Query 1: Count # entries in R U S or R ∩ S
  - Query 2: Count # entries in R
  - Check count is the same in both queries

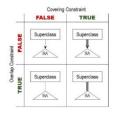
### SQL Order of Execution

ORDER		CLAUSE	FUNCTION
	1	from	Choose and join tables to get base data.
	2	where	Filters the base data.
	3	group by	Aggregates the base data.
	4	having	Filters the aggregated data.
	5	select	Returns the final data.
	6	order by	Sorts the final data.
	7	limit	Limits the returned data to a row count.



### ISA Hierarchies

- Inherited primary key of child references the primary key of the direct parent
- Specify ON DELETE/ON UPDATE on child foreign keys



# PL/pgSQL

### **Functions**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE
FUNCTION <fn_name> ([IN/OUT/INOUT] <param> <type> ...)
RETURNS <return_type> AS $$
DECLARE --plpgsql
    ...
BEGIN --plpgsql
    ...
END;
$$ LANGUAGE <sql/plpgsql>;
```

- IN/OUT/INOUT:
  - IN: (default) Parameter is an input. A constant; cannot be reassigned
  - OUT: Parameter is return value. An uninitialised variable; must be assigned a value later
  - INOUT: Parameter is both an input and return value. An initialised variable; should be but not value later
- Return types
  - <table\_name>: Returns one existing tuple from the table
  - SETOF <table\_name>: Returns one or more existing tuples from the table
  - RECORD: Returns one <u>new</u> tuple from the table containing the OUT/INOUT attributes specified in the parameters list
  - SETOF RECORD: Returns one or more <u>new</u> tuples containing the OUT/INOUT attributes specified in the parameters list
  - TABLE(<attr> <type>, ...): Returns a new table with the specified schema. Parameters list should not contain OUT/INOUT
    - plpgsql: Function should call one or more RETURN NEXT to populate the table

EXIT WHEN <cond>

END LOOP

#### **Procedures**

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END IF;

ELSE

```
CREATE OR REPLACE
PROCEDURE 
PROCEDURE <p
```

### Cursor

```
DECLARE

curs CURSOR FOR <table_name>;

r RECORD

...

BEGIN

OPEN curs;

LOOP

FETCH curs INTO r; --get current tuple

EXIT WHEN NOT FOUND; --exit when end of table

...

RETURN NEXT; --insert tuple into table

END LOOP;

CLOSE curs;

...
```

# Triggers

```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
AFTER/BEFORE INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE OR [...] ON 
[DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED/IMMEDIATE]
FOR EACH ROW/STATEMENT
[WHEN <cond>]
EXECUTE FUNCTION <fn_name>();

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION <fn_name>
RETURNS TRIGGER ...
```

- Special variables
  - NEW: INSERT/UPDATE: the new tuple; DELETE: NULL
  - OLD: DELETE/UPDATE: the old tuple; INSERT: NULL
  - TG\_OP: INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE
  - TG\_TABLE\_NAME: Table associated with the trigger
- Only AFTER and FOR EACH ROW triggers can be deferred

### **Return Types**

- BEFORE
  - INSERT: Null  $\rightarrow$  nothing inserted; Non-null  $t \rightarrow$  insert t
  - UPDATE: Null  $\rightarrow$  not updated; Non-null  $t \rightarrow$  updated to t
  - DELETE: Null  $\rightarrow$  not deleted; Non-null  $t \rightarrow$  delete (not nec. t)
- AFTER
  - Does not matter; just return NULL for convenience
- INSTEAD OF
  - NULL → ugnore rest of the operation on current row; Non-null → proceed as normal
  - INSTEAD OF is only defined on VIEWS and ROW-LEVEL

## RAISE

- RAISE NOTICE '...': Prints warning message, but does not prevent the operation
- RAISE EXCEPTION "...": Prints warning message and prevents the operation

### WHEN

- No SELECT in WHEN()
- No OLD in WHEN() for INSERT
- No NEW in WHEN() for DELETE
- No WHEN for INSTEAD OF

### Order of Execution

- BEFORE statement > BEFORE row > INSTEAD OF > AFTER row > AFTER statement
- Within each category triggers are activated in alphabetical order of their names (A → Z)
- If a BEFORE row-level trigger returns NULL, then subsequent triggers on the same row are omitted