

# Where we are

- Overview of Data Science
  - We found that an important aspect is Data “Munging” / Manipulation / Cleaning / Restructuring / ...
- Overview of Relational Databases
  - The original problem being addressed:
    - *physical data independence*
- Secret sauce: an *algebra* of *tables*
- This will come up over and over and over....

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# Relational Algebra Operators

- Union  $\cup$ , intersection  $\cap$ , difference -
- Selection  $\sigma$
- Projection  $\Pi$
- Join  $\bowtie$
- Duplicate elimination  $d$
- Grouping and aggregation  $g$
- Sorting  $t$

RA

Extended RA

# Sets v.s. Bags

- Sets: {a, b, c}, {a, d, e, f}, { }, . . .
- Bags: {a, a, b, c}, {b, b, b, b, b}, . . .
- Relational Algebra has two semantics:
- Set semantics = standard Relational Algebra
- Bag semantics = extended Relational Algebra
- Rule of thumb:
  - Every paper will assume set semantics
  - Every implementation will assume bag semantics

# Union

$R1 \cup R2$

SELECT \* FROM R1  
UNION ALL  
SELECT \* FROM R2

R1

A	B
a1	b1
a2	b1

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R2

A	B
a1	b1
a3	b4

=

$R1 \cup R2$

A	B
a1	b1
a2	b1
a3	b4
a1	b1

# Difference

$$R1 - R2$$

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SELECT * FROM R1  
EXCEPT  
SELECT * FROM R2
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R1			R2			R1 - R2	
A	B		A	B		A	B
a1	b1	-	a1	b1	=		
a2	b1		a3	b4		a2	b1

# What about Intersection ?

- Derived operator using minus

$$R1 \cap R2 = R1 - (R1 - R2)$$

- Derived using join (will explain later)

$$R1 \cap R2 = R1 \bowtie R2$$

# Selection

- Returns all tuples which satisfy a condition

$$\sigma_c(R)$$

- Examples

- sSalary > 40000 (Employee)

- sname = "Smith" (Employee)

NOT

AND

OR

- The condition c can be =, <, ≤, >, ≥, <>



Employee

SSN	Name	Salary
1234545	John	200000
5423341	Smith	600000
4352342	Fred	500000

$\sigma_{\text{Salary} > 40000}$  (Employee)

SSN	Name	Salary
5423341	Smith	600000
4352342	Fred	500000