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Homework 5

1)

-An attribute-based constraint is a constraint applied on a certain attribute to check its validity when inserting or updating tables, example: CREAT TABLE Book(

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PhysicalBook_ID INT NOT NULL CHECK(PhysicalBook_ID > 0),
);
```

-A tuple-based constraint is constraint is similar to attribute-based except that it is applied on tuples, I.e., it checks the validity of multiple attributes, example:

```
CREATE TABLE Borrowed_Book(

Date_of_Borrowing DATE NOT NULL,

Expiring_Date DATE NOT NULL,

CHECK(Date_of_Borrowing = CURRENT_DATE OR Expiring_Date > Date_of_Borrowing)

);
```

2)

- -Attribute-based check constraint can solve the problem of inserting invalid data, for example if you have an attribute-based check such as (Age INT (CHECK Age > 0)) will assure that there is no invalid Age data such age negative age will be inserted in the relation or any wrong updates can be done either.
- -Tuple-based constraint can solve more complicated problems where the validation of data is based on tuples (multiple attributes), for example if I want a whole tuple to meet a certain criterion in order to get inserted in the table,

Example:

```
CREAT TABLE Employee(
      Employee_ID varchar(225) PRIMARY KEY,
      Age INT NOT NULL,
      JobType varchar(225) NOT NULL,
      CHECK (Age > 18 or JobType = 'Talent')
);
For that example, using a tuple-based check will assure that all the under 18
employees has a job title as Talent. Solved the problem by checking either of the
two attributes Age or JobType.
-Triggers can solve problems that attribute-based and tuple-based constraint
cannot, for example if I want to do a certain action only when updating existing
data. Flor example:
CREAT TRIGGER employeeSalaries(
      AFTER UPDATE OF Salary ON Employee
      REFRENCEING
      OLD ROW AS OldTuple
      NEW ROW AS NewTuple
      FOR EACH ROW
      WHEN (OldTuple.Salary > NewTuple.Salary)
      UPDATE
      SET Salary = OldTuple.Salary
      WHERE Employee_ID = NewTuple. HERE Employee_ID
);
```

Here the trigger will assure that the salaries of the employees cannot deacreas.