

Chapter 4: Intermediate SQL

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Joined Relations

- Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- A join operation
 - is a Cartesian product
 - requires that tuples in the two relations match (under some condition)
 - specifies the attributes that are present in the result of the join
- Typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause



Join operations – Example

Relation course

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 |
| CS-315 | Robotics | Comp. Sci. | 3 |

Relation prereq

| course_id | prereg_id |
|-----------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | BIO-101 |
| CS-190 | CS-101 |
| CS-347 | CS-101 |

Observe that

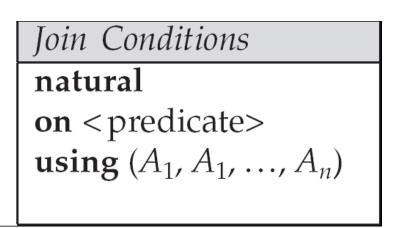
prereq information is missing for CS-315 and course information is missing for CS-347



Joined Relations

- Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- Typically used as subquery expressions in the from clause
- Join condition defines which tuples in the two relations match, and what attributes are present in the result of the join.
- Join type defines how tuples in each relation that do not match any tuple in the other relation (based on the join condition) are treated.

inner join left outer join right outer join full outer join





Outer Join

- An extension of the join operation that avoids loss of information.
- Computes the join and then adds tuples from one relation that does not match tuples in the other relation to the result of the join.
- □ Uses *null* values.



Left Outer Join

course natural left outer join prereq

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prereg_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 | BIO-101 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 | CS-101 |
| CS-315 | Robotics | Comp. Sci. | 3 | null |



Right Outer Join

course natural right outer join prereq

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prereq_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 | BIO-101 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 | CS-101 |
| CS-347 | null | null | null | CS-101 |



Full Outer Join

course natural full outer join prereq

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prereg_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 | BIO-101 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 | CS-101 |
| CS-315 | Robotics | Comp. Sci. | 3 | null |
| CS-347 | null | null | null | CS-101 |



Joined Relations – Examples

course inner join prereq on course.course_id = prereq.course_id

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prereq_id | course_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 | BIO-101 | BIO-301 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 | CS-101 | CS-190 |

□ What is the difference between the above, and a natural join?



Difference between on and where

select *
from course left outer join prereq on
course.course_id = prereq.course_id

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prere_id | course_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| BIO-301 | Genetics | Biology | 4 | BIO-101 | BIO-301 |
| CS-190 | Game Design | Comp. Sci. | 4 | CS-101 | CS-190 |
| CS-315 | Robotics | Comp. Sci. | 3 | null | null |

select *
from course left outer join prereq on true
where course.course_id = prereq.course_id

| course_id | title | dept_name | credits | prere_id | course_id |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
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Difference between on and where contd.

- ☐ Every tuple satisfies "on true"
- Therefore there are no dangling tuples
- on condition is a part of **join** clause, but **where** is not
- where clause is evaluated after from clause