# CS143: Database Systems

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# **CS143: Database Systems**

- database management system (DBMS) is a way to manage and store data:
  - how does a database differ from a spreadsheet software like Excel?
    - \* expected to *efficiently* scale to a *massive* amount of data, without suffering
    - \* expected to persist the data
    - \* expected to provide secured and safe access to data
    - \* expected to be conveniently used by a large number of clients at a time
  - program data is not assumed to entirely reside in main memory RAM, but instead in disk
    - \* this leads to utilization of different data structures
- database architecture:
  - 1. disk for data (sometimes stored in main memory, if data can fit)
  - 2. OS
  - 3. DBMS engine
    - database system may access disk through OS, or directly through raw IO
  - 4. API
    - eg. standard APIs like JDBC (Java), ODBC (Microsoft)
  - 5. app, or CLI
  - downloading a DBMS software like MySQL installs parts 3, 4, and CLI
- popular DBMS software:
  - relational:
    - \* open source: MySQL, PostgreSQL
    - \* closed source: Oracle, Microsoft SQL, IBM DB2
  - non-relational (NoSQL):
    - \* MongoDB, Spark
- five steps in database construction:
  - 1. domain analysis
    - captured in an entity-relationship (ER) model, or with unified modeling language (UML)
  - 2. database design
    - normalization theory
  - 3. table creation
    - uses a data definition language (DDL)
  - 4. load
    - using SQL, or bulk load
  - 5. query and update
    - using data manipulation language (DML)

#### **Data Models**

what is a data model? why do we need it?

- eg. the human brain acts as a data model
  - \* remembers information, easily accessible and understandable data
- how do we translate the memory of a human brain in computers?
  - \* computers speak in binary, only stores data in a very specific, concrete format
- a data model is a very specific way to model or represent data in comptuers:
- types of data models include graph, tree, relational models:
  - a graph model (or network model) has nodes, edges, and labels, eg. airline flights:
    - \* initially most popular data model
    - \* more flexible and semistructured, often used for JSON data eg. MongoDB
  - a tree model (or hierarchical model) is a graph arranged as a tree, eg. company hierarchies
  - in a **relational model**, all data is represented as a set of tables:
    - \* introduced in 1970 by Codd, and completely revolutionized the database field
    - \* in graph and tree models, not as efficient to access and modify data:
      - · intead, represent all data through relationships and store them in tables, like a spreadsheet
      - · a downside to the relational model is the rigidity of its schemas
    - \* in mathematics, tables are expressed as **relations** eg. tuples, triplets, etc.
    - \* now, the most popular data model used in DBs

#### **Relational Models**

• relational model terminology:

- relations ie. tables contain many tuples ie. rows, each with various attributes ie. columns
- each attribute has a domain ie. type
- a **schema** is the structure of relations in a database:
  - \* includes properties like the relation name, attribute names, domains
  - \* eg. Student(sid: int, name: str, addr: Addr, age: int, GPA: int)

Relational Models DATA MODELS

 the instance is the actual data populating a relation that conforms to some schema

- \* ie. schema is the variable type, and the instance is the variable value
- **keys** are a set of attributes that *uniquely* identify a tuple in a relation:
  - \* multiple keys are possible
  - \* eg. in Course(dept, cnum, sec, unit, instructor, title), the keys may be the department, course number, and section number
    - · or alternatively department, section, and title if course numbers are repeated
  - \* generally, assuming the set of attributes for keys is the minimum set
    - · in the worst case, with no duplicates, a relation's keys are all its attributes
- more specifically, different types of keys:
  - 1. a **super key** is any key
  - 2. a candidate key is a key with the minimum number of attributes
  - 3. a **primary key** is a candidate key chosen to be used as the main key for a relation
    - \* shouldn't have null values
- null values are used to indicate not applicable, uninitialized values, etc.:
  - $\star\,\,$  are compatible with every type, unless otherwise explicitly defined
  - $\star\,$  leads to complications, eg. comparisons in conditional queries
    - · thus DBMS may return unexpected answers
  - \* requires **3-valued logic** where every condition can be true, false, or unknown:
    - · need concrete rules to deal with null and unknown values
    - · adds increased implementation and execution complexity
- name scopes of relational models:
  - the name of a relation is unique across relations
  - the names of attributes are uniue in a table
    - \* thought there cane be the same attribute names in different tables
- set semantics in relational models:
  - in a set, there are no duplicate elements, and order is unimportant
  - thus in the relational model:
    - 1. no duplicate tuples are allowed
      - \* but SQL allows duplicate tuples for practical reasons
    - 2. attribute order does not matter

# Relational Algebra

- relational query languages include:
  - formal languages eg. relational algebra, relational calculus, datalog
  - practical languages eg. SQL, Quel, QBE
- in relational algebra:
  - inputs and outputs are both relations, so **piping** is possible
  - set semantics are followed, so duplicates are automatically eliminated

Table 1: Students

sid	name	addr	age	GPA
301	John	183 Westwood	19	2.1
303	Elaine	301 Wilshire	17	3.9
401	James	183 Westwood	17	3.5
208	Esther	421 Wilshire	20	3.1
208	Esther	421 Wilshire	20	3.1

Table 2: Classes

cnum	sec	unit	title	instructor
112	01	03	Modeling	Dick Muntz
143	01	04	DB Systems	John Cho
143	01	03	Signals	Dick Muntz
183	02	05	Mechanics	Susan Tracey
	112 143 143	112 01 143 01 143 01	112 01 03 143 01 04 143 01 03	143 01 04 DB Systems 143 01 03 Signals

Table 3: Enrollments

sid	dept	cnum	sec
301	CS	112	01
301	CS	143	01
303	EE	143	01
303	CS	112	01
401	CS	112	01

- queries can be done using the formal relational algebra language
  - consider the following example queries using Table 1, Table 2, and Table
     3
- 1. Get all the students:

Student

• to get all the tuples from a relation, just write the name of the relation 2. Get all students with age > 18:

$$\sigma_{age < 18}(Student)$$

- the select operator  $\sigma_C(R)$  filters based on boolean expression C– R can be either a relation or a result from another operator
- 3. Get all students with GPA > 3.7 and age < 18:

$$\sigma_{gpa>3.7 \land age<18}(Student)$$

4. Get student ID and GPA of all students:

$$\pi_{sid,\textit{GPA}}(Student)$$

- need a different operator
- the project operator  $\pi_A(R)$  filters column-wide based on attributes A
  - returns a new set of *columns*
- 5. Get all departments offering a class:

$$\pi_{dept}(Class)$$

- due to set semantics, does not return two elements for "CS"
- 6. Get student ID and GPA of students with age < 18:

$$\pi_{sid,\textit{GPA}}(\sigma_{age < 18}(Student))$$

- composing operators next to each other
- however, for projection, it is not useful to compose projections
- the **cross product** ie. Cartesian product operator in relational algebra:
  - $R \times S = \{t | t = (r, s) \ \forall \ r \in R, s \in S\}$  concatenates every tuple of each relation together:
    - \* if |R| = r and |S| = s,  $|R \times S| = rs$
    - \* eg.  $R\times S$  contains  $a_1b_2,a_1b_2,\dots,a_nb_m$
  - ie. creates one output per every pair of input tuples
  - useful when combining tuples from multiple relations
- 7. Get the names of students who take CS classes:

$$\pi_{name}(\sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'}}(\sigma_{Student.sid=Enroll.sid}(Student \times Enroll)))$$
 
$$\pi_{name}(\sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'} \wedge Student.sid=Enroll.sid}(Student \times Enroll))$$

• but this cross product is quite expensive, so we can change the ordering to improve efficiency

$$\pi_{name}(\sigma_{Student.sid=Enroll.sid}(Student \times \sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'}}(Enroll)))$$

• equivalently, using the natural join operator:

$$\pi_{name}(\sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'}}(Student\bowtie Enroll))$$

- the **natural join** operator  $\bowtie$  is used to join two tables *naturally*:
  - filters the Cartesian product by the tuples based on the equality conditions of *all* shared attributes
  - equivalent to:

$$R \bowtie S = \sigma_{\langle equal \ shared \ attributes \rangle}(R \times S)$$

Table 4:  $Class \bowtie Enroll$ 

dept	cnum	sec	unit	title	ins	sid	dept	cnum	sec
CS	112	01	03	Modeling	Dick Muntz	301	CS	112	01
CS	112	01	03	Modeling	Dick Muntz	303	CS	112	01
CS	112	01	03	Modeling	Dick Muntz	401	CS	112	01
CS	143	01	03	DB Systems	John Cho	301	CS	143	01
EE	143	01	03	Signals	Dick Muntz	303	EE	143	01

8. Get the names of students who take classes offered by 'Dick Muntz':

$$\pi_{name}(Student \bowtie (Enroll \bowtie \sigma_{inst=\text{'Dick Muntz'}}(Class)))$$

9. Get the names of student pairs who live at the same address:

$$\pi_{Student.name,S.name}(\sigma_{C_1 \land C_2}(Student \times \rho_S(Student)))$$

- • where  $C_1 = (Student.addr = S.addr)$  and  $C_2 = Student.sid > S.sid$
- crossing a relation with itself is also known as **self-join**:
  - need to use the rename operator  $\rho_{S(A)}$
  - renames table to S and optionally, specific attribute to A
- the comparison check on sid prevents duplicates such as
  - ('John', 'John'), ('John', 'James'), ('James', 'John')
- 10. Get all students and instructor names:

$$\pi_{name}(Student) \cup \rho_{Person(name)}(\pi_{inst}(Class))$$

- when using union, the schema must be equal between the relations
- ie. the attribute names have to match up
- no duplicate tuples in the result
- 11. Get all the courses (department, number, section) that no one takes:

$$\pi_{dept,cnum,sec}(Class) - \pi_{dept,cnum,sec(Enroll)}$$

- easier to express this query using its complement
- using the set difference operator R-S
- 12. Get instructor names who teach both CS and EE courses:

$$\pi_{inst}(\sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'}}(Class)) \cap \pi_{isnt}(\sigma_{dept=\text{'EE'}}(Class))$$

- when using intersection, the schema should again be the same
- $R \cap S = R (R S)$
- 13. Get IDs of students who did not take any CS class:

$$\pi_{sid}(Student) - \pi_{sid}\sigma_{dept=\text{'CS'}}(Enroll)$$

- the core relational operators are:
  - $-\sigma, \pi, \times, \cup, \rho, -$ 
    - \* set difference is the only non-monotonic operator, so it is core
  - while the other operators  $\bowtie$ ,  $\cap$  can be expressed with other operators

## **SQL**

- **structured query language (SQL)** is the standard language for interacting with relational DBMS (RDBMS):
  - many versions of the SQL standard exists, SQL92 or SQL2 is the main standard
  - has multiple components:
    - \* the data definition language (DDL) includes schema definitions, constraints, etc.
      - · eg. CREATE, ALTER, DROP
    - \* the data manipulation language (DML) includes queries, modifications, etc.
      - · eg. SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE
    - \* other components for transactions and authorization

## Data Definition Language (DDL)

- the DDL component of SQL allows for expressing schema definitions
- basic common SQL data types:
  - string:
    - $\star$  Char(n) with padded fixed length n
      - · will pad shorter values
    - \* Varchar(n) with variable length and max length n
  - number:
    - \* Integer 32-bit
    - \* Decimal(d, f) with d total digits and f precision
      - eg. the max value of Decimal(5, 2) is 999.99, useful for financial values
    - \* Real 32-bit, Double 64-bit
  - datetime:
    - \* Date eg. 2010-01-15
      - · no timezone in SQL standard!
    - \* Time eg. 13:50:00
    - \* Timestamp eg. 2010-01-15 13:50:00
      - · on MySQL, Datetime is preferred instead
- SQL table creation:
  - CREATE TABLE statement

Loading Data SQL

- one PRIMARY KEY per table (but can be composed of multiple attributes):
  - \* UNIQUE is used for other keys (attributes may be null by SQL92)
  - \* by SQL standard, primary keys cannot be null
    - · system will automatically mark those keys as not null, though the standard requires it to be explicitly written
- DEFAULT sets the default value for an attribute
- DROP TABLE statement for deleting a table

SQL table creation example:

```
CREATE TABLE Course(
    dept CHAR(2) NOT NULL DEFAULT 'CS',
    cnum INTEGER NOT NULL,
    sec INTEGER NOT NULL,
    unit INT,
    instructor VARCHAR(50),
    title VARCHAR(100),
    PRIMARY KEY(dept, cnum, sec),
    UNIQUE(dept, sec, title)
);
```

#### **Loading Data**

- there is no SQL standard for bulk data loading:
  - in Oracle and MySQL, LOAD DATA INFILE <file> INTO TABLE
- options:
  - comma vs. tab separation for columns
    - \* FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
  - columns enclosed with quotes
    - \* OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'

### **Database Manipulation Language (DML)**

- SQL gives a high-level description of what a user wants:
  - given a SQL query, DBMS figures out how best to execute it automatically
  - the core query operators are selection, projection, and join (SPJ)

The following is the full general format for SQL SELECT:

```
FROM relations
WHERE conditions
GROUP BY attributes
HAVING aggregate condition
ORDER BY attributes
FETCH FIRST n ROWS ONLY
```

- note that SELECT appears first, but is the last clause to be interpreted
  - all other clauses can be semantically interpreted as executed in order

#### **Relational Algebra Analogs**

- consider the following example queries using Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3
- 1. Get the titles and instructors of all CS classes:

```
SELECT title, instructor -- project in SELECT clause

FROM Class -- specify relations in FROM clause

WHERE dept='CS'; -- filter through condition in WHERE clause
```

- thus, the SQL statement SELECT A1...An FROM R1...Rm WHERE C is roughly equivalent to:
  - $\pi_{A_1 \dots A_n}(\sigma_C(R_1 \times \dots \times R_m))$
  - differences:
    - \* SELECT is projection rather than selection
    - \* SQL *does not* remove duplicates, uses *multiset* ie. bag semantics instead
      - · sets can have duplicate elements and  $\{a, b, a\} \neq \{a, b\}$
- multiset semantics and equivalence relation differences:
  - $R \cup S = S \cup R$  and  $R \cap S = S \cap R$ - but  $R \cap (S \cap T) \neq (R \cap S) \cup (R \cap T)$
- 2. Get the names and GPAs of all students who take CS classes:

```
SELECT name, GPA AS grade -- renaming attributes, AS optional

FROM Student S, Enroll E -- renaming operator for tuples, ie. tuple variables

WHERE dept='CS' AND S.sid=E.sid;

-- this returns duplicates if a student takes multiple classes!

SELECT DISTINCT name, GPA -- DISTINCT removes duplicates on final projected output
...
```

3. Get all student names and GPAs who live on Wilshire:

Subqueries SQL

```
SELECT name, gpa
FROM Student
WHERE address = '%Wilshire%';
```

- string variables:
  - % for any length string,
     for a single character
  - eg. Wilshire matches any string containing Wilshire
  - eg. \_\_\_% matches any string with length  $\geq 3$
- other string functions include UPPER(), LOWER(), CONCAT()
- 4. Get all student and instructor names:

```
(SELECT name
FROM Student)
UNION -- set operator automatically takes care of duplicate instructors
(SELECT instructor -- can optionally rename to match input schemas
FROM Class);
```

- set operators:
  - eg. UNION, INTERSECT, EXCEPT
  - these operators *do* follow set semantics and remove duplicates
  - schemas of input relations should be the same
    - \* in practice, compatible types are fine
- to keep duplicates use UNION ALL etc. to enable bag semantics:

```
- \{a, a, b\} \cup \{a, b, c\} = \{a, a, a, b, b, c\}- \{a, a, a, b, c\} \cap \{a, a, c\} = \{a, a, b\}- \{a, a, b, b\} - \{a, b, b, c\} = \{a\}
```

5. Get all SIDs of students who do not take any cs class

```
(SELECT sid FROM Student)
EXCEPT
(SELECT sid FROM Enroll WHERE dept='CS');
```

## **Subqueries**

- SQL has extensions that allow certain queries that can not be expressed using purely relational algebra eg. subqueries and aggregate queries
- a SQL **subquery** is a nested SELECT statement within another:
  - the result from the inner SELECT is treated like a regular relation
  - if the result is a single-attribute, single-tuple relation, the result can also be used as a constant value ie. a scalar-valued subquery

Subqueries SQL

• consider the following example queries using Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3

1. Get SIDs of students who live sith student 301:

```
SELECT sid
FROM Student
WHERE addr=(SELECT addr FROM Student WHERE sid=301)
        AND sid<>301;

-- without using subqueries:
SELECT S2.sid
FROM Student S1, Student S2
WHERE S1.addr=S2.addr AND S1.sid<>S2.sid AND S1.sid=301;
```

- using a scalar-valuled subquery
  - can not always guarantee that the subquery is a scalar, but filtering on the primary key does guarantees the result is a single tuple
- if we can always rewrite subqueries in a non-subquery systems, the two would be expressively equivalent:
  - generally, we can rewrite subqueries to non-subqueries as long as there is no negation
    - \* with negation, need to use EXCEPT
  - thus does not lend extra expressive power to SQL
    - \* ie. is a syntactic sugar for SQL
- 2. Get student names who take CS classes:

```
FROM Student
WHERE sid IN (SELECT sid FROM Enroll WHERE dept='CS');

-- without using subqueries:
SELECT DISTINCT name -- without DISTINCT, would return duplicates
FROM Student S, Enroll E
WHERE S.sid=E.sid AND dept='CS';
```

- the IN keyword is the set membership operator ie.  $a \in S$ :
  - note that in the example, the set may be a multiset operator, but IN would still does not return duplicates
- 3. Get student names who take no CS classes:

```
FROM Student
WHERE sid NOT IN (SELECT sid FROM Enroll WHERE dept='CS');
```

*Subqueries SQL* 

```
-- without using subqueries:

(SELECT name FROM Student)

EXCEPT

(SELECT name

FROM Student S, Enroll E

WHERE S.sid=E.sid AND dept='CS');
```

4. Get student IDs who have higher GPA than any student of age 18 or less:

```
SELECT sid
FROM Student
WHERE GPA>ALL( SELECT GPA FROM Student WHERE age≤18);
```

- ALL, SOME are set comparison operators that compares a value against an entire set of values:
  - eg. a>ALL R , a≤SOME R
  - note that = SOME is equivalent to IN and <> ALL is equivalent to
    NOT IN
- 5. Get student names who take any class:

```
FROM Student
WHERE sid IN (SELECT sid FROM Enroll);

-- using a correlated subquery to reference an outer relation
SELECT name
FROM Student S
WHERE EXISTS(SELECT * FROM Enroll E WHERE E.sid=S.sid);
```

- conceptually, for **correlated subqueries** to reference outer relations:
  - outer query looks at one tuple at a time and bids the tuple to \$
  - for each S we execute the inner query and check the condition
  - real DBMS executes it more efficiently
- EXISTS R is true if R is a single query
- subqueries can also appear inside a FROM statement, but they *must* be renamed
  - eg. ... FROM (SELECT name, age FROM Student) S ...
- a common table expression can be used to alias a subquery
  - convenient for using the result of the same subquery multiple times

Using aliases:

Aggregates SQL

```
WITH S AS (SELECT name, age FROM Student)
SELECT name FROM S WHERE AGE > 17;
```

#### **Aggregates**

• an **aggregate function** is a *new* mechanism to combine information from multiple input tuples into a single output tuple:

- rather than getting information from one input tuple per output
- eg. AVG, SUM, COUNT, MIN, MAX
- thus aggregates *do* increase the expressiveness of SQL compared to relational algebra
- consider the following example queries using Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3
- 1. Get average GPA of all students:

```
SELECT AVG(gpa)
FROM Student;
```

2. Get number of students taken CS classes:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT sid) -- need to avoid duplicates
-- SELECT DISTINCT COUNT(sid) is incorrect!

FROM Enroll
WHERE dept='CS';
```

3. Get average GPA of students who take CS classes:

```
-- incorrect, averages duplicate GPAs
SELECT AVG(GPA)
FROM Enroll E, Student S
WHERE E.sid=S.sid AND dept='cs';

-- subqueries are useful for handling duplicates
SELECT AVG(GPA)
FROM Student
WHERE sid IN (SELECT sid FROM Enroll WHERE dept='cs');
```

4. Get average GPA for each age group:

```
SELECT age, AVG(GPA)

-- SELECT sid, age, AVG(GPA) fails because an age group does not have the same sid

FROM Student

GROUP BY age;
```

- the GROUP BY operator partitions the groups that the aggregate function performs on
  - with GROUP BY, SELECT can have only aggregate functions or attributes that have a *single* value in each group
- 5. Get number of classes each student takes:

```
FROM Enroll

GROUP BY sid;

-- this skips students who take no classes!

-- need to perform a union with those students, or use another technique
```

6. Get students who take two or more classes:

```
FROM Enroll
-- WHERE COUNT(*)≥2 fails, aggregate cannot appear as part of WHERE
GROUP BY sid
HAVING COUNT(*)≥2;
```

the HAVING clause is used to check on the condition of an aggregate
 appears after GROUP BY

#### **More SQL Extensions**

- consider the following example queries using Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3
- 1. For each student, return their name, GPA, and the overall GPA average:

```
SELECT name, GPA, AVG(GPA) FROM Student;

-- is an error, using attribute names in an aggregate

-- that are not unique over the *entire* group

SELECT name, GPA, AVG(GPA) FROM Student GROUP BY sid;

-- does not give an error, but AVG(GPA) is the incorrect value

SELECT name, GPA, AVG(GPA) OVER() FROM Student;
```

- the OVER() function is the SQL window function, used after some aggregate FUNCTION(attr)
  - generates one output tuple per input tuple, but the function is computed over *all* input tupless

2. For each student, return their name, GPA, and the average GPA in their age group:

SELECT name, GPA, AVG(GPA) OVER(PARTITION BY AGE) FROM Student;

- the PARTITION clause applies the window function over a specific grouping:
  - analagous to GROUP BY for the aggregate function
  - ie. changing the window over which the parent aggregate function is computed
- 3. Order students by GPA:

ORDER BY GPA DESC, sid ASC; -- primary ordering GPA, secondary ordering SID

- since SQL is based on multiset semantics, tuple order is ignored:
  - but for presentation purposes, the ORDER BY clause orders the result tuples by certain attributes
  - the default ordering direction is ASC if omitted
  - note that this not change SQL semantics and is purely for presentation
- 4. Get top 3 students order by GPA:

```
SELECT * FROM Students

ORDER BY GPA DESC

FETCH FIRST 3 ROWS ONLY;
```

- can limit the number of returned tuples with the FETCH clause:
  - [OFFSET <num> ROWS] FETCH FIRST <count> ROWS ONLY
  - skip the first num tuples and return the subsequent count rows
  - this was standardized too late, MySQL variation is LIMIT <count> OFFSET <num>
- note that with all of its expressiveness, SQL is *not* a Turing-complete language:
  - relatively simple extension to make it TC, just have to allow for userdefined aggregate functions
  - many requests to add more expressiveness to SQL

Table 5: Example Database with Ancestry Relationship

Child	Parent
Susan	John
John	James
James	Elaine
•••	•••

5. Find all ancestors of Susan from Table 5.

Handling NULL SQL

- in order to find *all* ancestors, we need an additional **recursion** mechanism in SQL:
  - want to join multiple times until there are no more tuples to return
    - \* ie. running until a *fixed* point has been reached
  - can be structured as a graph problem eg. find all reachable cities given connections
  - support for recursion was added with SQL99, allows for computing closures of a set
    - \* when writing recursive queries, typically a UNION is used to connect a base ie. seed case with the recursive case
  - note that this recursive extension is not enough to make SQL TC

## Handling NULL

What will be returned from the following query if GPA is NULL?

SELECT name FROM Student WHERE GPA \* 100/4 > 90

- SQL is based on three-valued logic:
  - all conditions are evaluated to be True, False, Unknown
  - if input to an arithmetic operator is NULL , its output is NULL
  - arithmetic comparison with NULL then returns Unknown\* eg. NULL > 90
  - SQL returns a tuple only if the result from condition is True
  - note that NOT Unknown is still Unknown

Handling NULL SQL

- assume GPA is NULL and age is 17:
  - GPA > 3.7 AND age > 18 gives Unknown AND False which evaluates to
    - \* AND short-circuits
  - GPA > 3.7 OR age > 18 gives Unknown OR False which evaluates to Unknown

Table 6: Truth Table for Three-Valued Logic

AND, OR	True	False	Unknown
True False	,	,	Unknown, True False, Unknown

Table 7: Example Database for Aggregates

sid	GPA
1	3.0
2	3.6
3	2.4
4	NULL

- handling null values in aggregates from Table 7:
  - SQL aggregates ignore null values and apply the aggregate on the remaining tuples
  - SELECT SUM(GPA) FROM Student gives 9.0
    - \* in theory Unknown would be more valid
  - SELECT AVG(GPA) FROM Student gives 3.0
  - SELECT COUNT(GPA) FROM Student gives 3
  - SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Student gives 4
    - \* COUNT(\*) is the exception that also counts tuples that might have null values everywhere
  - when an input to an aggregate function is *empty*:
    - \* COUNT() returns 0
    - \* all other aggregates return NULL
- handling null values in set operators:
  - eg.  $\{2.4, 3.0, null\} \cup \{3.6, null\} = \{2.4, 3.0, 3.6, null\}$
  - NULL is treated like regular values for set operators
  - to checking  $\mbox{NULL}$  , can use  $\mbox{IS NULL}$  or  $\mbox{IS NOT NULL}$  :
    - \* note that = NULL and <> NULL do not work to check NULL
    - \* = NULL evaluates to Unknown

Data Modification SQL

Ex. Get the number of classes each student takes, including 0-class students:

```
SELECT sid, COUNT(*)
FROM Enroll
GROUP BY sid;
-- this does not return 0-class students!

SELECT sid, COUNT(*)
FROM Student S, Enroll E
WHERE S.sid=E.sid
GROUP BY sid;
-- still does not return 0-class students!

SELECT sid, COUNT(cnum) -- CANNOT use COUNT(*) since it counts the null cnum as 1
FROM Student S LEFT OUTER JOIN Enroll E ON S.sid=E.sid
GROUP BY sid;
```

- in this example, students taking no classes become dangling tuple
  - these tuples do not get preserved in the join condition
- need to use the **outer join** function to preserve dangling tuples:
  - <relation1> <dir> OUTER JOIN <relation2> ON <condition>
    - \* can perform a LEFT OUTER JOIN, RIGHT OUTER JOIN, FULL OUTER JOIN
  - remaining attributes that are supposed to come from the other side are set as NULL

#### **Data Modification**

- the INSERT statement inserts a new tuple:
  - INSERT INTO <relation> <tuples>
  - VALUES keyword is used to literally specify tuples
- the DELETE statement removes tuples:
  - DELETE FROM <relation> WHERE <condition>
- the UPDATE statement updates tuples attributes:
  - UPDATE <relation> SET <a1> = <v1>, ... WHERE <condition>
- 1. Insert new tuples into the Enroll table:

```
INSERT INTO Enroll VALUES (301, 'CS', 201, 1), (420, 'EE', 401, 2);
```

2. Populate Honors table with students of GPA > 3.7:

```
INSERT INTO Honors (SELECT * FROM Student WHERE gpa>3.7);
```

3. Delete all students who are not taking classes:

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```
DELETE FROM Student
WHERE sid NOT IN (SELECT sid FROM ENROLL);
```

4. Increase all CS course numbers by 100:

```
UPDATE Class
SET cnum=cnum+100
WHERE dept='CS';
```

## **Database Design**

- how should we design tables in our database?
  - tables are not given
  - "good" tables may not be easy to come up with
- different database models:
  - entity-relationship (ER) model
    - \* developed onlongside relational databases
  - universal modeling language (UML) is more generalized
    - \* has less specialized tools compared to ER

## **Entity-Relationship Model**

- the ER model is a graphical and *infoprmal* representation of infromation on the database:
  - used to capture what we learn from domain experts as well as database users
  - not directly implemented by DBMS
    - \* instead, tools exist to automatically convert E/R model into tables
  - has two main components, entity sets and relationship sets
- the **entity set** is a set of entities:
  - an **entity** is any thing or object in the real world
  - an attribute is a property ie. field of entities:
    - \* denoted by ellipses in ER and connected to the entity
    - \* entities with attributes are almost like tuples
  - a key is a set of attributes that uniquely identifies an entity in an entity set:
    - \* all entity sets in ER need a key
    - \* denoted by an underline in ER
  - entity set is analagous a class in OOP
    - \* denoted by a rectangle in the ER model
- the **relation set** is a set of relationships:
  - a **relationship** is a connection between entities
    - \* ie. edges between entities
  - relationships can also *have* attributes
  - relationship set is a set of relations of the same kind
    - \* denoted by diamonds in ER
- the **cardinality** of a relationship is how many times entities participate in a relationship:



Figure 1: General Cardinality Notation

- in a **one-to-one** relationship:
  - \* entities on either side can participate in at *most* 1 relationship
  - \* eg. dorm room bed assignments
  - \* denoted by arrows on either end of the relationship diamond
- in a **one-to-many** relationship:
  - \* entites on one side can participate in more than one relationship
  - \* eg. faculty and classes, person and pets
  - \* denoted by an arrow on the "one" side
- in a many-to-many relationship:
  - \* entites on both sides can participate in more than one relationship
  - \* eg. students and classes
  - denoted by no arrows on either side
- in total participation, every entity participates in the relationship at least once
  - \* denoted by a double-line on the side of the relationship diamond
- for general cardinality notation, label an edge with a..b:
  - \* \* indicates unlimited cardinality
  - $\star$  indicates the entity participates in the relationship between a through b times, inclusive
  - \* eg. in Figure 1, the two ER models are equivalent

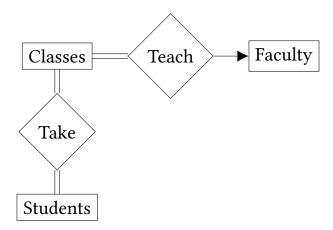


Figure 2: Relationship Notation Example

- ex. What do the relationships in Figure 2 mean?
  - a faculty member can teach multiple classes
  - every class must be taught by a faculty member
  - every student must take a class and every class must be taken by students

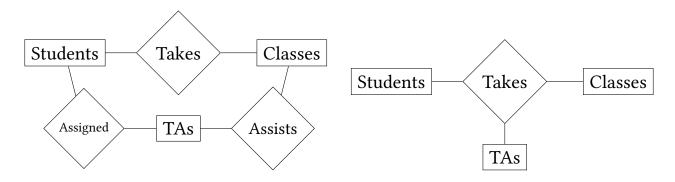


Figure 3: Tertiary Relationship Example

- sometimes, it is necessary to have more than just a binary relationship:
  - need an N-ary relationship where relationships connect N entites instead of just 2
  - eg. as seen in Figure 3:
    - \* if every TA is only assigned to assist a class, we can use purely binary relationships
    - \* however, if each student is *also* assigned to a particular TA, we may first try to add another binary relationship between student and TAs
      - but this leads to *redundancy* since the TAs are related to students through *both* their assignment to the class and student
    - \* instead, use a triple ie. tertiary relationship that encapsulates all of the information
      - · eg. the Takes relationship would hold (sid, TA, class)

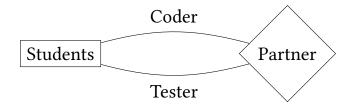


Figure 4: Role Example

- we can designate a **role** to each entity set that participates in a relationship set:
  - useful if an entity set participates more than once in the same relationship
  - denoted by labels on edges of a relationship in ER eg. in Figure 4
- may have superclasses and subclasses in ER:
  - ie. specializations and generalizations
  - subclass inherits all attributes of its superclass
  - subclass participates in the relationships of its superclass
  - subclass may participate in its own relationship

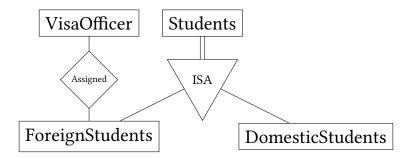


Figure 5: Subclass Example

- use an "IS-A" relationship in ER that connects superclass and subclass as seen in Figure 5:
  - \* denoted by a triangle that spreads into subclasses
  - \* by convention, top class is the superclass
- in **total specialization**, entity is *always* one of its subclasses:
  - \* denoted with double lines in ER
  - \* eg. every student is either a foreign or domestic student
- note that a superclass may belong to multiple subclasses
- to make subclasses distinct, we can demote add a "disjoint" keyword notation under the triangle

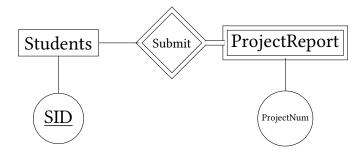


Figure 6: Weak Entity Set Example

- a **weak entity set** is one without a unique key:
  - denoted by a double rectangle and double diamond
  - *part* of its key will come from one or more entity sets it is linked to:
    - \* the **owner entity set** is the entity set providing part of the key
    - the identifying relationship is the relationship between a weak and owner entity set
    - \* needs a double edge between weak entity set and identify relationship because total participation is required to get the key
    - \* the **discriminators** are the attributes in a weak entity set that will also become part of the key
      - · are denoted by dotted underlines
  - compared to the typical strong entity set
  - eg. as seen in Figure 6, a project report is submitted by a student but only has a project number attribute

\* owner entity set is the student, identifying relationship is the project submission, and the discriminator is the project number

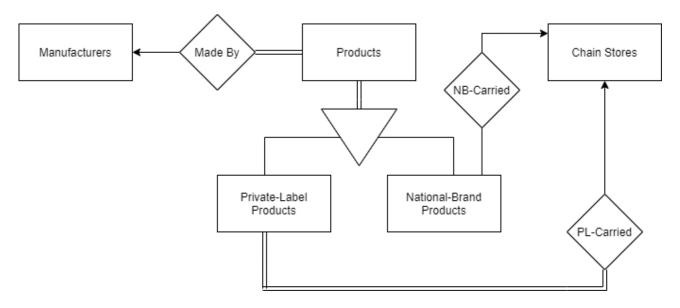


Figure 7: Barebones ER Example without Attributes

- ex. Encapsulating the following database design for stores and products in the ER in Figure 7:
  - All products are either private-label or national-brand.
  - Every product is manufactured by exactly one manufacturer.
  - Every private-label product is carried by exactly one chain store.
  - Some national-brand products may not be carried by any chain store.
- ex. Creating a new entity vs. simply encapsulating it as attributes:
  - if Faculty(name, addr) are instructors of Class(dept, cnum, title), do we need a separate entity for faculty?
  - if it is a one-to-one relationship, it is usually better to encapsulate the entity as an attribute
  - for many-to-many or many-to-one relationships, it is better to separate out the entity to prevent redundancy in attributes

#### **ER Model Conversion**

- converting an ER model to tables is mostly straightforward:
  - automatic conversion tools exist
  - 1. for every strong entity set, convert it into a table with all the attributes
  - 2. for each relationship set, create one table with keys from the linked entity sets and its own attributes:
    - name conflicts should be prefixed with the entity name
    - if there are roles, those roles are preferred over the conneted entity's key

- 3. for every weak entity set, create one table with its own attributes and keys from the owner entity set
  - there is *no* table for identifying relationship set, but its attributes are also added to the table
- 4. for every subclass relationship, there are two approaches:
  - create one table for each subclass with its own attributes and the key of its superclass
    - requires a join to connect the information in the subclass with its superclass
  - alternatively, create one gigantic table for the super class that includes all attributes
    - \* requires using null values for missing attributes
- note that this initial conversion loses the cardinality information from the ER model
- ex. Converting Figure 8 to relations:

- to find the keys in a relationship, consider the edges in the relationship graph:
  - each edge represents a relationship
  - eg. in many-to-one graph between classes and faculty, the class key will uniquely identify the relationship
  - eg. in one-to-one graph between students, either students key can uniquely identify the relationship

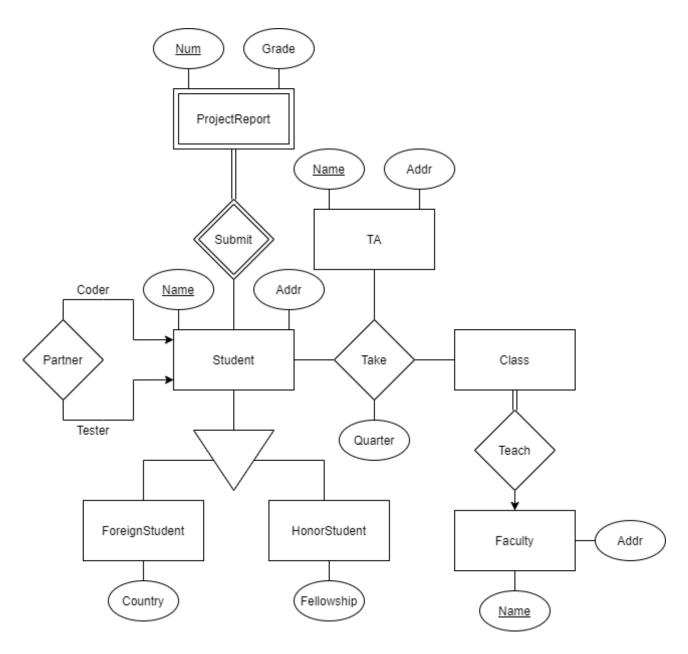


Figure 8: ER Conversion Example

### **Relational Design Theory**

- how do we design "good" tables for a relational database?
  - typically, we start with ER and convert it into tables
  - however, there are many choices to make in ER that lead to different tables
  - relational design theory aka normalization theory is a theory on what are "good" table designs:
    - \* hinges on trying to minimize redundancy in table design
    - \* provides an algorithm that converts "bad" designs into "good" designs automatically
  - note that reasonable performance may be another metric that conflicts with minimizing redundancy
- redundancy leads to potential anomalies:
  - 1. when updating, information may be updated partially and inconsistently
    - eg. a student changes their address
  - 2. when inserting, we may not include some information at all
    - eg. a student does not take any class
  - 3. when deleting, we may delete other information
    - eg. the *only* class a student takes gets cancelled
- ex. Consider the following table design:
  - StudentClass(sid, name, addr, dept, cnum, title, unit)
  - should this be split into multiple entities?
    - \* yes, we can see that information correspondign to students and classes will both be redundantly represented in the design
    - \* but could lead to faster information lookup if we want to associate classes to students
  - tradeoff between redundant storage vs. access efficiency
  - split into the following tables
    - \* Student(sid, name, addr) , Class(dept, cnum, title, unit) , and Enroll(sid, dept, cnum)
- is there an algorithm to arrive at the better design more systematically?
  - need to determine where the redundancy stems from ie. which attributes in which tuples can be "hidden" without losing information
  - uses the concept of functional dependency (FD) from normalization theory:
    - $\star$  some attributes are uniquely *determined* by other attributes
    - \* eg.  $sid \rightarrow (name, addr)$  and  $(dept, cnum) \rightarrow (title, unit)$ 
      - · note that the way we split the tables corresponds to these determinations, while adding a new table that connects the two

- when there is a functional dependency due to this determination, we may have redundancy
  - \* can decompose these tables into smaller ones to reduce redundancy