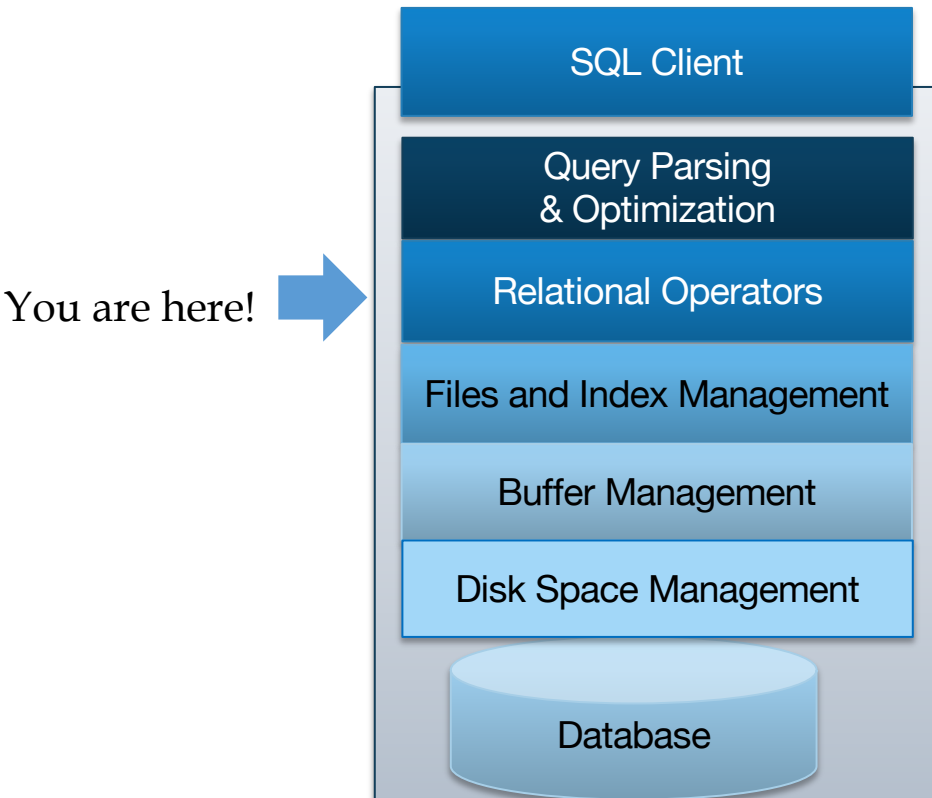


Introduction to Database Systems

2023-Fall

2. Data Model

Relational Algebra



SQL Query

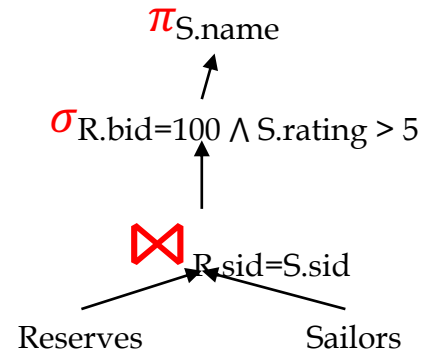
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SELECT S.name
FROM Reserves R, Sailors S
WHERE R.sid = S.sid
AND R.bid = 100
AND S.rating > 5
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Query Parser
& Optimizer

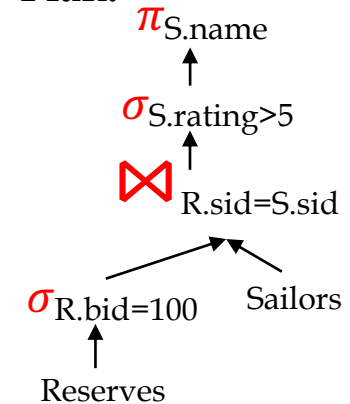
Relational Algebra

$$\pi_{S.name}(\sigma_{R.bid=100 \wedge S.rating > 5}(\text{Reserves} \bowtie_{R.sid=S.sid} \text{Sailors}))$$

(Logical) Query Plan:



Optimized (Physical) Query Plan:



But actually will
produce...

Operator Code

B+-Tree
Indexed
Scan
Iterator

On-the-fly
Project
Iterator

On-the-fly
Select
Iterator

Indexed
Nested Loop
Join Iterator

Heap
Scan
Iterator

Relational Algebra Preliminaries

- Algebra of operators on relation instances
- $\pi_{S.name}(\sigma_{R.bid=100 \wedge S.rating>5}(R \bowtie_{R.sid=S.sid} S))$
 - **Closed**: result is also a relation instance
 - Enables rich composition!
 - **Typed**: input schema determines output
 - Can statically check whether queries are legal.

Relational Algebra and Sets

- Pure relational algebra has set semantics
 - *No duplicate* tuples in a relation instance
 - vs. SQL, which has *multiset (bag) semantics*
 - We will switch to multiset in the system discussion

Relational Algebra

- **Basic operations:**

- Selection (σ) Selects a subset of rows from relation.
- Projection (π) Deletes unwanted columns from relation.
- Cross-product or Cartesian product (\times) Allows us to combine two relations.
- Set-difference ($-$) Tuples in reln. 1, but not in reln. 2.
- Union (\cup) Tuples in reln. 1 and in reln. 2.
- rename: ρ

- $\{\sigma, \pi, \cup, -, \times\}$ is a **complete operation set**. Any other relational algebra operations can be derived from them.

- **Additional operations:**

- Intersection, join, division, outer join, outer union: Not essential, but (very!) useful.

1.Selection

- Selecting rows that satisfy *selection condition*.
- **No duplicates** in result! (Why?)
- *Schema* of result identical to that of input relation.
- *Result* relation can be the *input* for another relational algebra operation! (*Operator composition.*)

Selection Example

- “Sailors”, “Reserves” and “Boats” relations for our examples.

S2

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
44	guppy	5	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

$$\sigma_{rating > 8}(S2)$$

sid	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

2.Projection

- **Deletes** attributes that are not in *projection list*.
- Schema of result contains exactly the fields in the projection list, with the same names that they had in the input relation.
- Projection operator has to eliminate **duplicates**!
 - **Note**: real systems typically don't do duplicate elimination unless the user explicitly asks for it. (Why not?)

Projection Example

- “Sailors”, “Reserves” and “Boats” relations for our examples.

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58	rusty	10	35.0

$\pi_{sname, rating}(S2)$ 

sname	rating
yuppy	9
lubber	8
guppy	5
rusty	10

$\pi_{age}(S2)$ 

age
35.0
55.5


Operator composition

- **Result** relation can be the **input** for another relational algebra operation! (*Operator composition.*)

S2

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
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58	rusty	10	35.0

$\pi_{sname, rating}(\sigma_{rating > 8}(S2))$



sname	rating
yuppy	9
rusty	10

3. Cross-Product

S1

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

R1

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

- Each row of S1 is paired with each row of R1.
- **Result schema** has one attribute per attribute of S1 and R1, with attribute names *inherited* if possible.
 - *Conflict*: Both S1 and R1 have an attribute called *sid*. **Renaming operator.**

$\rho (C(1 \rightarrow sid1, 5 \rightarrow sid2), S1 \times R1)$

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/96
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	22	101	10/10/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	22	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	58	103	11/12/96

6.Renaming (ρ = “rho”)

- *Renames relations and their attributes:*
- Note that relational algebra doesn't require names.
 - We could just use positional arguments.

sid1

sid2

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/96
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	22	101	10/10/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	22	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	58	103	11/12/96

Union, Set-Difference

- All of these operations take two input relations, which must be [union-compatible](#):
 - Same number of fields.
 - Corresponding attributes have the same type.

5. Union

S1

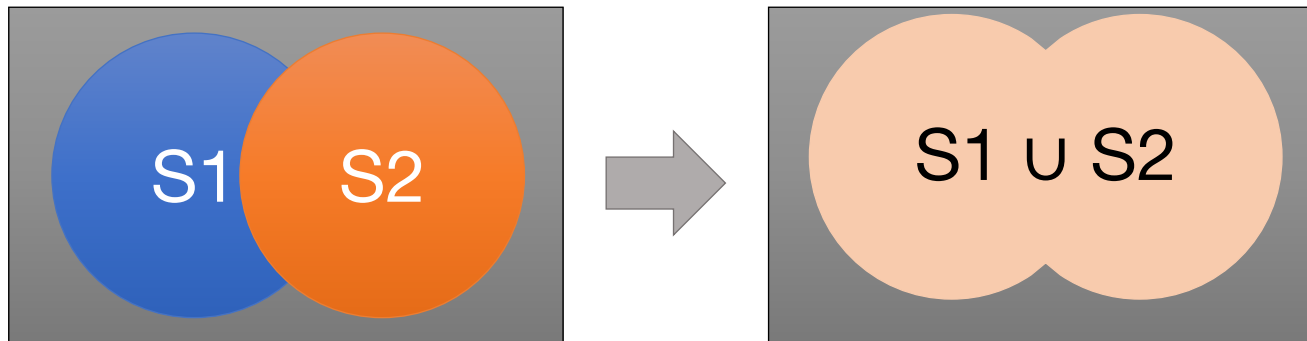
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S2

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28	yuppy	9	35.0
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44	guppy	5	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

- Two input relations, must be *compatible*:
 - Same number of fields
 - Fields in corresponding positions have same **type**
- SQL Expression: UNION vs. UNION ALL

$S1 \cup S2$



sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0
44	guppy	5	35.0
28	yuppy	9	35.0

$S1 \cup S2$

4. Set Difference (-)

S1

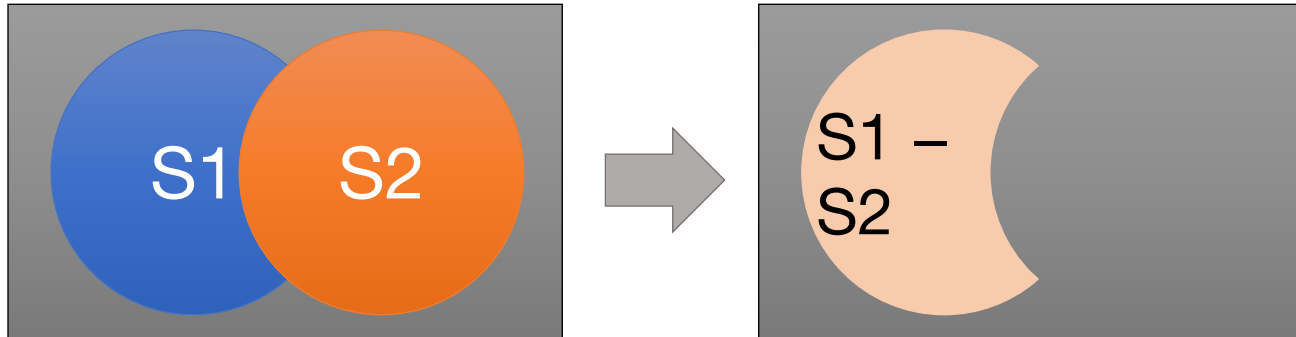
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58	rusty	10	35.0

- Same as with union, both input relations must be *compatible*.
- SQL Expression: EXCEPT

S1 - S2



sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0

S1 - S2

Operator composition: Intersection

S1

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

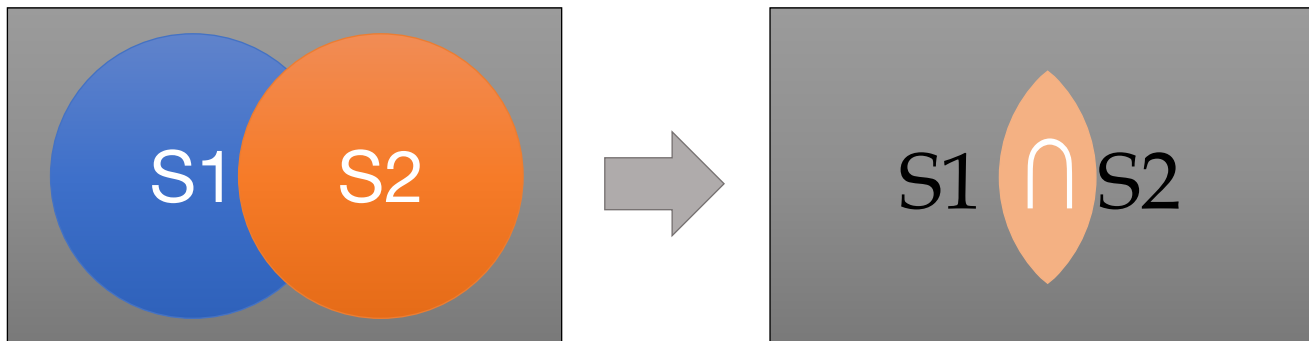
S2

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
44	guppy	5	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

- Same as with union, both input relations must be *compatible*.
- SQL Expression: INTERSECT

$S1 \cap S2$

Equivalent to: $S1 - (S1 - S2)$



sid	sname	rating	age
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

$S1 \cap S2$

Operator composition: *S1* Joins

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

- **Condition Join** : $R \bowtie_c S = \sigma_c (R \times S)$

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96

← $S1 \bowtie_{S1.sid < R1.sid} R1$

- **Result schema** same as that of cross-product.
- Fewer tuples than cross-product, might be able to compute more efficiently
- Sometimes called a **theta-join**. \bowtie_θ

Note: we will need to learn a good join algorithm.
Avoid cross-product if we can!!

Operator composition: $S1$ Joins

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

- **Equi-Join:** A special case of condition join where the condition c contains only ***equalities***.

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	103	11/12/96

← $S1 \bowtie_{sid} R1$

- **Result schema** similar to cross-product, but only one copy of attributes for which equality is specified.
- **Special special case**
 - **Natural Join:** Equi-join on *all* common attributes.

Natural Join (\bowtie)

- Special case of equi-join in which equalities are specified for all matching fields and duplicate fields are projected away

$$R \bowtie S = \pi_{\text{unique fld.}} \sigma_{\text{eq. matching fld.}} (R \times S)$$

- Compute $R \times S$
- Select rows where fields appearing in both relations have equal values
- Project onto the set of all unique fields.

Natural Join (\bowtie)

S1

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

R1

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

• $R \bowtie S = \pi_{\text{unique fld.}} \sigma_{\text{eq. matching fld.}} (R \times S)$

$R1 \bowtie S1$

sid	bid	day	sid	sname	rating	age
22	101	10/10/96	22	dustin	7	45.0
22	101	10/10/96	31	lubber	8	55.5
22	101	10/10/96	58	rusty	10	35.0
58	103	11/12/96	22	dustin	7	45.0
58	103	11/12/96	31	lubber	8	55.5
58	103	11/12/96	58	rusty	10	35.0

sid	bid	day	sname	rating	age
22	101	10/10/96	dustin	7	45.0
58	103	11/12/96	rusty	10	35.0

Outer Joins

- The extension of join operation. In join operation, only matching tuples fulfilling join conditions are left in results. Outer joins will keep *unmated tuples*, the vacant part is set *Null* :
 - *Left outer join* ($* \bowtie$)
Keep all tuples of left relation in the result.
 - *Right outer join* ($\bowtie *$)
Keep all tuples of right relation in the result.
 - *Full outer join* ($* \bowtie *$)
Keep all tuples of left and right relations in the result.

Examples of Outer Joins

S1

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

R1

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	103	11/12/96
31	Lubber	8	55.5	null	null

$S1 \bowtie R1$

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	103	11/12/96

$S1 \bowtie^* R1 =$
 $S1 \bowtie R1$ (Why?)

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	103	11/12/96
31	Lubber	8	55.5	null	null

$S1 \bowtie^* R1$

Outer Unions

S1

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

R1

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

- The extension of union operation. It can union two relations which are not union-compatible.
- The attribute set in result is the union of attribute sets of two operands.
- The values of attributes which don't exist in original tuples are filled as **NULL**

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	null	null
31	Lubber	8	55.5	null	null
58	rusty	10	35.0	null	null
22	null	null	null	101	10/10/96
58	null	null	null	103	11/12/96

$S1 \cup R1$

Division

- Not supported as a primitive operator, but useful for expressing queries like:
 - *Find sailors who have reserved all boats.*
- Let A have 2 fields, x and y ; B have only field y :
 - $A/B = \{ \langle x \rangle \mid \exists \langle x, y \rangle \in A \ \forall \langle y \rangle \in B \}$
 - i.e., A/B contains all x tuples (sailors) such that for every y tuple (boat) in B , there is an xy tuple in A .
 - Or: If the set of y values (boats) associated with an x value (sailor) in A contains all y values in B , the x value is in A/B .
- In general, x and y can be any lists of fields; y is the list of fields in B , and $x \cup y$ is the list of fields of A .

Examples of Division A/B

sno	pno
s1	p1
s1	p2
s1	p3
s1	p4
s2	p1
s2	p2
s3	p2
s4	p2
s4	p4

A

pno
p2

B1

sno
s1
s2
s3
s4

A/B1

pno
p2
p4

B2

sno
s1
s4

A/B2

pno
p1
p2
p4

B3

sno
s1

A/B3

Expressing A/B Using Basic Operators

- Division is not essential op; just a useful shorthand.
 - (Also true of joins, but joins are so common that systems implement joins specially.)
- **Idea:** For A/B , compute all x values that are not *disqualified* by some y value in B .
 - x value is *disqualified* if by attaching y value from B , we obtain an xy tuple that is not in A .

Disqualified x values: $\pi_x ((\pi_x(A) \times B) - A)$

A/B : $\pi_x(A) - \text{all disqualified tuples}$

Relational Algebra Operators: Unary

- Unary Operators: on single relation
- **Projection** (π): Retains only desired columns (vertical)
- **Selection** (σ): Selects a subset of rows (horizontal)
- **Renaming** (ρ): Rename attributes and relations.

Relational Algebra Operators: Binary

- Binary Operators: on pairs of relations
- **Union** (\cup): Tuples in r_1 or in r_2 .
- **Set-difference** ($-$): Tuples in r_1 , but not in r_2 .
- **Cross-product** (\times): Allows us to combine two relations.

Relational Algebra Operators: Compound

- **Compound Operators**: common “*macros*” for the above
- **Intersection** (\cap): Tuples in r1 and in r2.
- **Joins** (\bowtie_{θ} , \bowtie): Combine relations that satisfy predicates

Relational Calculus

- Relational Algebra needs to specify the order of operations; while relational calculus only needs to indicate the logic condition the result must be fulfilled.
- Comes in two flavors: [Tuple relational calculus \(TRC\)](#) and [Domain relational calculus \(DRC\)](#).
- Calculus has *variables, constants, comparison ops, logical connectives* and *quantifiers*.
 - [TRC](#): Variables range over (i.e., get bound to) *tuples*.
 - [DRC](#): Variables range over *domain elements* (attribute values).
 - Both TRC and DRC are simple subsets of first-order logic.
- Expressions in the calculus are called *[formulas](#)*. An answer tuple is essentially an assignment of constants to variables that make the formula evaluate to *[true](#)*.

Domain Relational Calculus

- *Query* has the form:

$$\{ \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle \mid P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}) \}$$

- $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}$ are called *domain variables*. x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n appear in result.
- ✓ *Answer* includes all tuples $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$ that make the *formula* $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m})$ be *true*.
- ✓ *Formula* is recursively defined, starting with simple *atomic formulas* (getting tuples from relations or making comparisons of values), and building bigger and better formulas using the *logical connectives*.

Find all sailors with a rating above 7

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
44	guppy	5	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

- $\{ \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \mid \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors} \wedge T > 7 \}$
- The condition $\langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors}$ ensures that the **domain variables** I , N , T and A are bound to fields of the same Sailors tuple.
- The term $\langle I, N, T, A \rangle$ to the left of ' \mid ' (which should be read as *such that*) says that every tuple $\langle I, N, T, A \rangle$ that satisfies $T > 7$ is in the answer.
- Modify this query to answer:
 - Find sailors who are older than 18 or have a rating under 9, and are called 'Joe'.

Relational Algebra vs. Relational Calculus

- Projection $\pi_{AB} = \{t[AB] | t \in r\}$
- Selection $\sigma_F(R) = \{t | t \in r \wedge F\}$ $R(ABC)$
- Union $r \cup s = \{t | t \in r \vee t \in s\}$ $S(CDE)$
- Set difference $r - s = \{t | t \in r \wedge \neg(t \in s)\}$
- Join $r \bowtie s = \{t(ABCDE) | t[ABC] \in r \wedge (t[CDE] \in s)\}$

DRC Formulas

- *Atomic formula:*
 - $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle \in Rname$, or $X \text{ op } Y$, or $X \text{ op } \text{constant}$
 - *op* is one of $<, >, =, \leq, \geq, \neq$
- *Formula:*
 - an atomic formula, or
 - $\neg p$, $p \wedge q$, $p \vee q$, where p and q are formulas, or
 - $\exists X(p(X))$, where variable X is *free* in $p(X)$, or
 - $\forall X(p(X))$, where variable X is *free* in $p(X)$
- The use of quantifiers $\exists X$ and $\forall X$ is said to *bind* X .
 - A variable that is not bound is free.

Free and Bound Variables

- The use of **quantifiers** $\exists X$ and $\forall X$ is said to **bind** X .
 - A variable that is **not bound** is **free**.

- Let us revisit the definition of a **query**:

$$\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle \mid P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m})$$

- There is an important restriction: the variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n that appear to the left of ' \mid ' must be the **only** free variables in the formula $p(\dots)$.

Find sailors rated > 7 who've reserved boat # 103

- $\{ \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \mid \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors} \wedge T > 7 \wedge \exists Ir, Br, D [\langle Ir, Br, D \rangle \in \text{Reserves} \wedge Ir = I \wedge Br = 103] \}$
- We have used $\exists Ir, Br, D (...)$ as a shorthand for $\exists Ir(\exists Br(\exists D(...)))$
- Note the use of \exists to find a tuple in Reserves that *joins* with the Sailors tuple under consideration.

S1

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22	dustin	7	45.0
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R1

<u>sid</u>	bid	day
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Find sailors rated > 7 who've reserved a red boat

- $\{ \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \mid \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors} \wedge T > 7 \wedge$
 $\exists Ir, Br, D [\langle Ir, Br, D \rangle \in \text{Reserves} \wedge Ir = I \wedge$
 $\exists B, BN, C [\langle B, BN, C \rangle \in \text{Boats} \wedge B = Br \wedge C = 'red']] \}$
- Observe how the parentheses control the scope of each quantifier's binding.
- This may look cumbersome, but with a good user interface, it is very intuitive. (MS Access, QBE)

Find sailors who've reserved all boats

- $\{ \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \mid \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors} \wedge \forall B, BN, C (\neg (\langle B, BN, C \rangle \in \text{Boats}) \vee (\exists Ir, Br, D (\langle Ir, Br, D \rangle \in \text{Reserves} \wedge I = Ir \wedge Br = B))) \}$
- Find all sailors I such that for each 3-tuple B, BN, C either it is not a tuple in Boats or there is a tuple in Reserves showing that sailor I has reserved it.

Find sailors who've reserved all boats (again!)

- $\{ \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \mid \langle I, N, T, A \rangle \in \text{Sailors} \wedge$

$\forall B, BN, C \in \text{Boats}$

$(\exists \langle I_r, Br, D \rangle \in \text{Reserves} (I = I_r \wedge Br = B)) \}$

- Simpler notation, same query. (Much clearer!)
- To find sailors who've reserved all red boats:
- $(C \neq \text{'red'} \vee \exists \langle I_r, Br, D \rangle \in \text{Reserves} (I = I_r \wedge Br = B)) \}$

$R = \pi_{r.ir, r.br}(\text{Reserves}) \quad B = \pi_{b.i}(\text{Boats})$

A/B?

$R1 = R/B = \pi_{r.ir}(R) - \pi_{r.ir}(\pi_{r.ir}(R) \times B) - R$

$\text{Result} = \pi_{r.ir, s.n, s.t, s.a}(R1 * \bowtie \text{Sailors})$

Unsafe Queries, Expressive Power

- It is possible to write syntactically correct calculus queries that have an infinite number of answers! Such queries are called *unsafe*.
 - e.g., $\{S \mid \neg(S \in \text{Sailors})\}$
- It is known that every query that can be expressed in relational algebra can be expressed as a safe query in DRC / TRC; the converse is also true.
- *Relational Completeness*: $\{\sigma, \pi, \cup, -, \times\}$ is a complete operation set. Relational calculus can express these five operations easily, so relational calculus is also *Relational Completeness*. SQL language is based on relational calculus, so it can express any query that is expressible in relational algebra /calculus.

Summary

- Relational calculus is non-operational, and users define queries in terms of what they want, not in terms of how to compute it. (Declarativeness.)
- Algebra and safe calculus have same expressive power, leading to the notion of relational completeness.

Remarks to Traditional Data Model

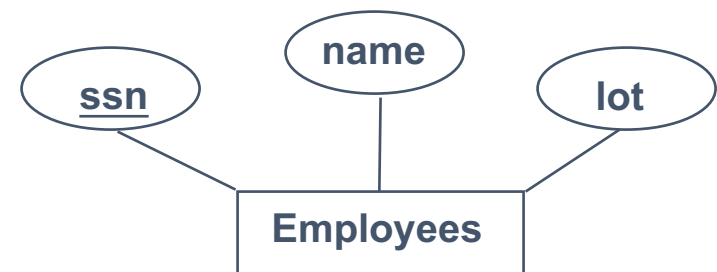
- Hierarchical, Network, and Relational Model
- Suitable for Online Transaction Processing (OLTP) applications
- Based on record, can't orient to users or applications better
- Can't express the relationships between entities in a natural mode.
- Lack of semantic information
- Few data type, hard to fulfill the requirements of applications

2.4 Entity-Relationship Model

- a graph-based model
 - can be viewed as a graph, or a veneer over relations
 - “feels” more flexible, less structured
 - corresponds well to “Object-Relational Mapping”
 - (ORM) SW packages
 - Ruby-on-Rails, Django, Hibernate, Sequelize, etc.

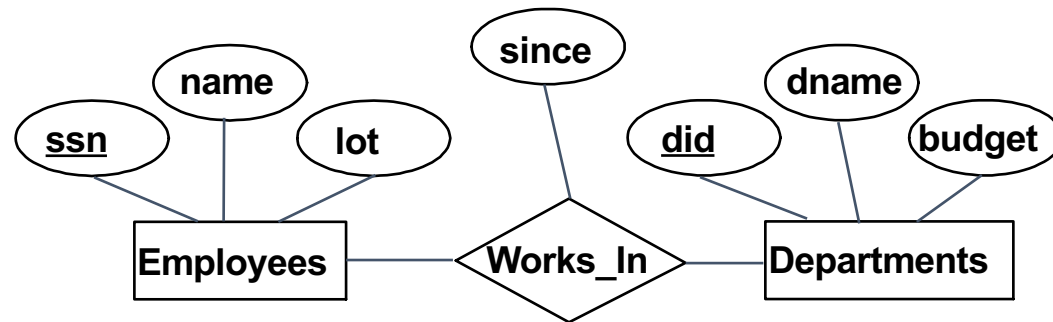
ER Data Model

- *Entity*: Real-world object distinguishable from other objects. An entity is described (in DB) using a set of *attributes*.
- *Entity Set*: A collection of similar entities. E.g., all employees.
 - All entities in an entity set have the same set of attributes. (Until we consider ISA hierarchies, anyway!)
 - Each entity set has a *key*.
 - Each attribute has a *domain*.
 - Permit combined or multi-valued attribute



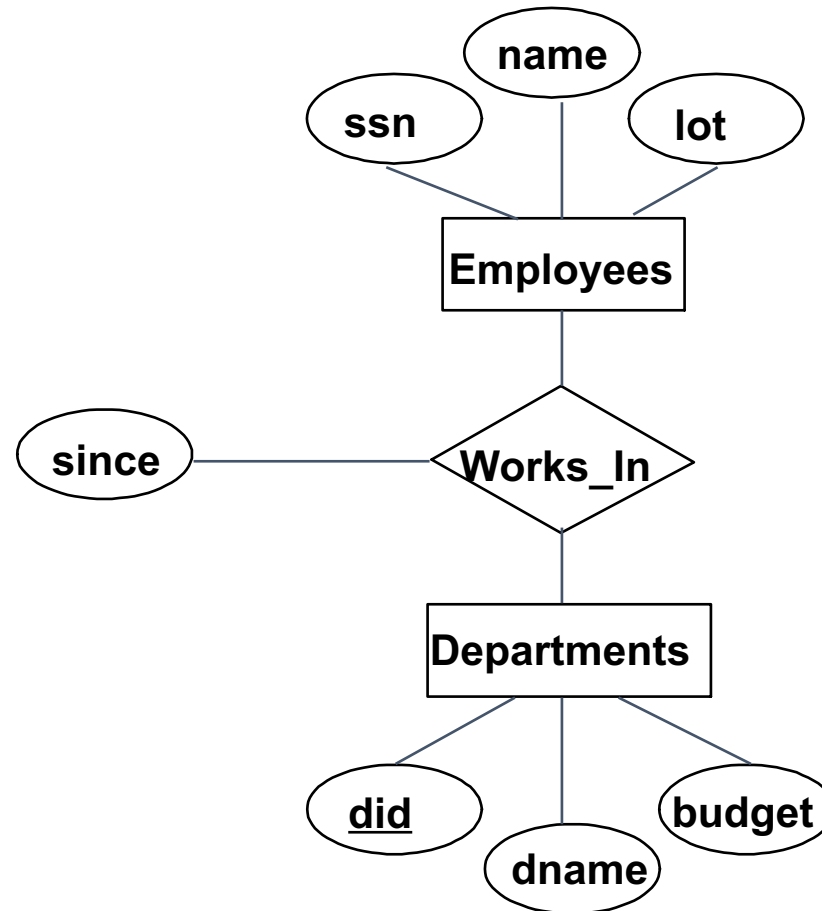
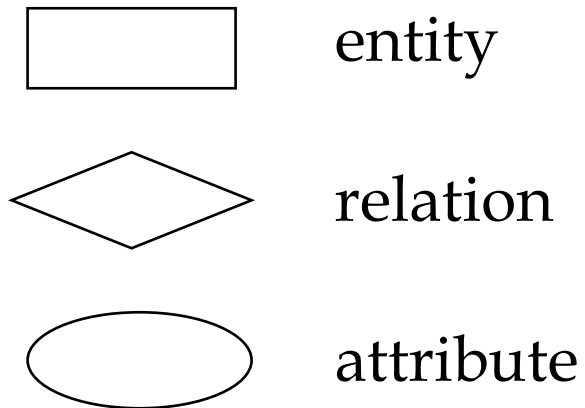
Relationship

- **Relationship:** Association among two or more entities. E.g., Attishoo *works in* Pharmacy department.
 - Relationship can have attributes
- **Relationship Set:** Collection of similar relationships.
 - An n-ary relationship set R relates n entity sets $E_1 \dots E_n$; each relationship in R involves entities e_1, \dots, e_n
 - Same entity set could participate in different relationship sets, or in different “roles” in same set.



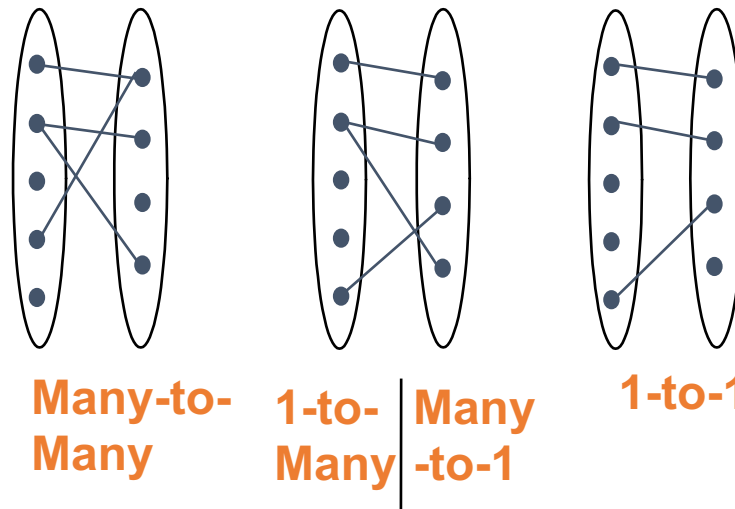
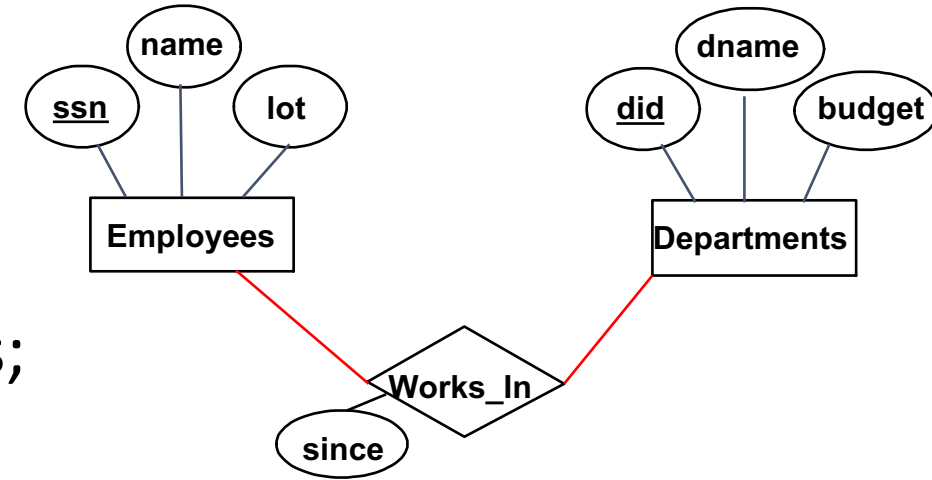
ER Diagram

- Concept model: entity—relationship, be independent of practical DBMS.
- Legend:



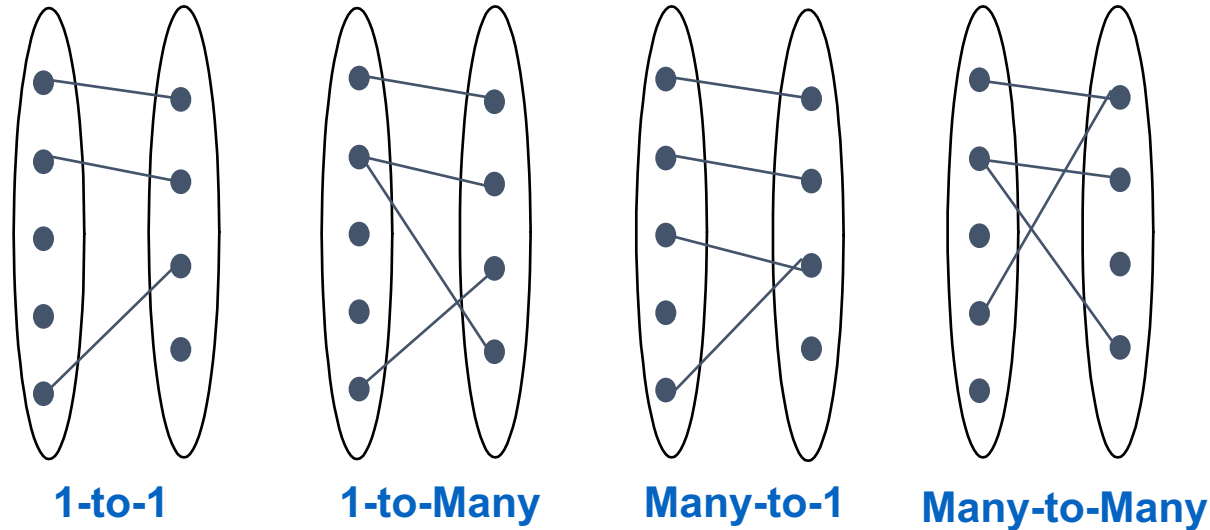
Key Constraints

- An employee can work in **many** departments; a dept can have **many** employees.
- In contrast, each dept has **at most one** manager, according to the key constraint on **Department** in the **Manages** relationship set.
- A key constraint gives a 1-to-many relationship.



Cardinality Ratio Constraints

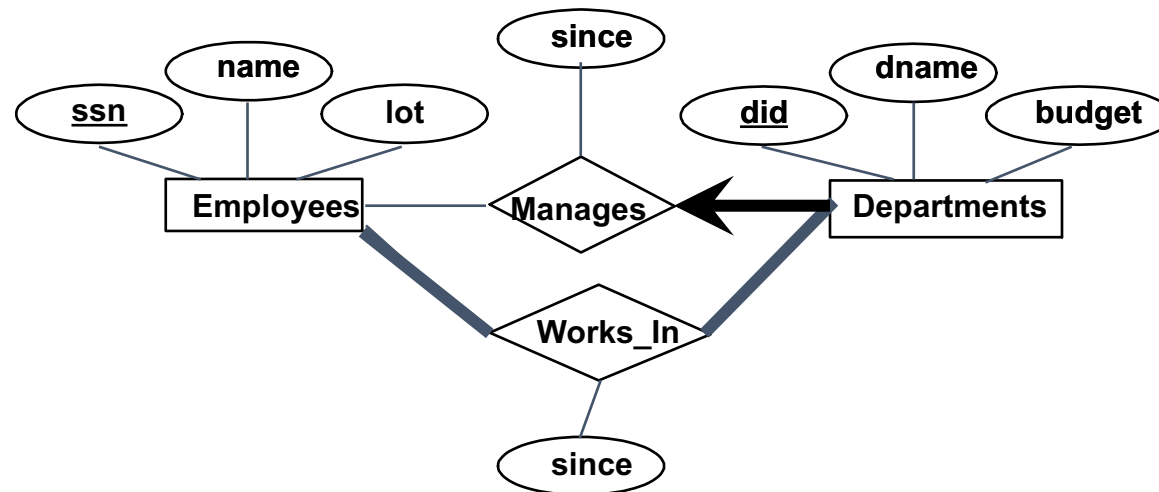
- Relationships can be distinguished as 1:1, 1:N, and M:N. This is called cardinality ratio constraints.



- For example: an employee can work in many departments; a dept can have many employees. This M:N. In contrast, each dept has at most one manager and one employee can only be manager of one dept, then this is 1:1.

Participation Constraints

- Does every employee work in a department?
- If so: a **participation constraint**
 - participation of Employees in Works_In is total (vs. partial)
 - What if every department has an employee working in it?
- Basically means **at least one**.



Participation Constraints

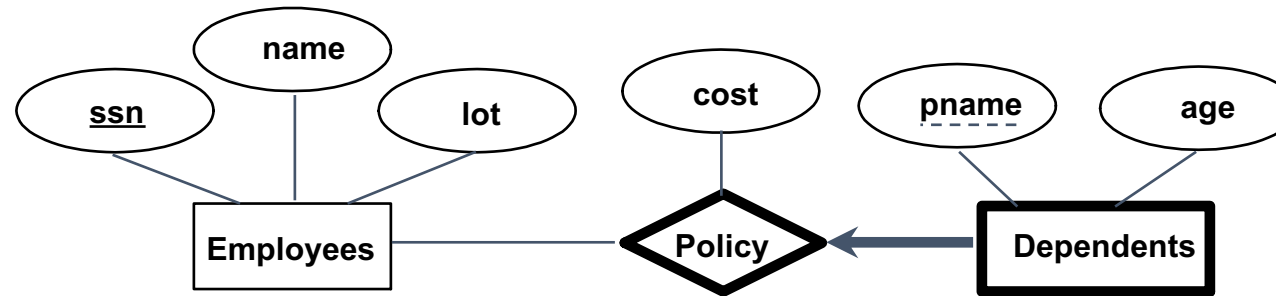
- We can further specify the minimal and max number an entity participates a relationship. This is called participation constraints.
- If a department must have a manager, then we say the Departments is *total participation* in Manages relationship (*vs. partial*). The minimal participating degree of Departments is 1.
- Another example: in the selected course relationship between Students and Courses, if we specify every student must select at least 3 courses and at most 6 courses, the participating degree of Students is said to be (3,6).

Advanced Topics of ER Model

- Weak entity
- Specialization and Generalization
 - Similar as inheriting in Object-Oriented data model
- Aggregation
 - Allows us to treat a relationship set as an entity set for purposes of participation in (other) relationships
- Category
 - Allow us to express an entity set consists of different types of entities. That is, a hybrid entity set.

Weak Entities

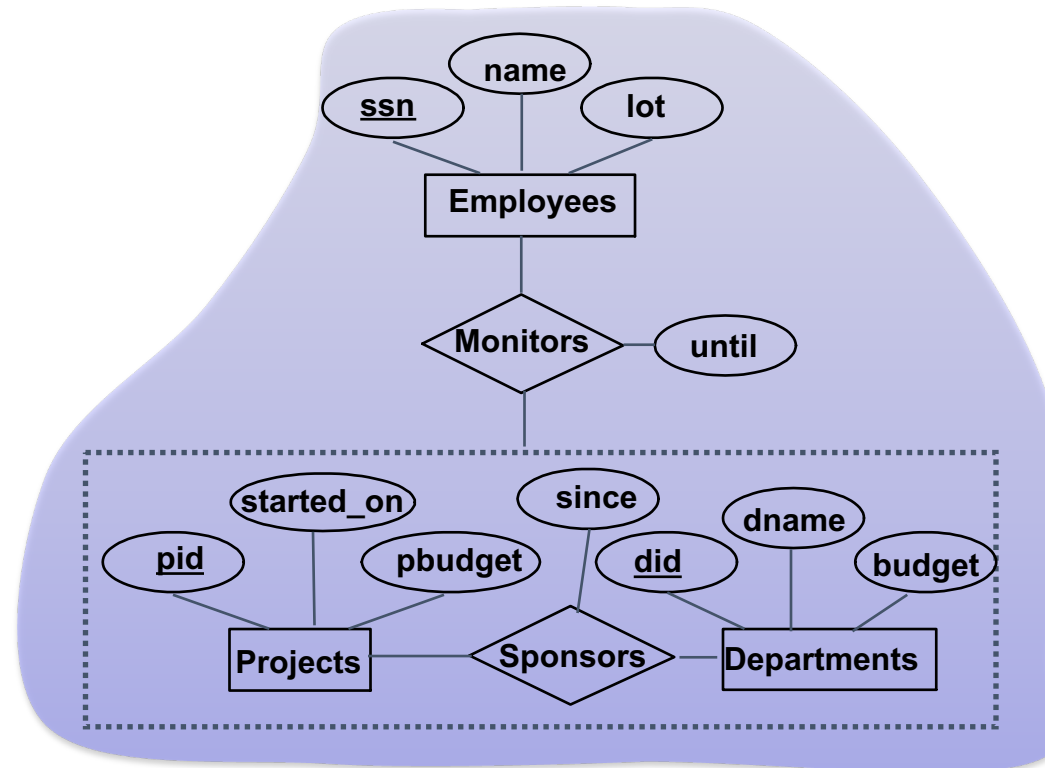
- A **weak entity** can be identified uniquely only by considering the primary key of another (owner) entity.
 - Owner entity set and weak entity set must participate in a one-to-many relationship set (one owner, many weak entities).
 - Weak entity set must have total participation in this identifying relationship set.



- Weak entities have only a “partial key” (dashed underline)

Aggregation

- Allows relationships to have relationships.



2.5 Object-Oriented Data Model

- The shortage of relational data model
- Break through 1NF
- Object-Oriented analysis and programming
- Requirement of objects' permanent store
- Object-Relation DBMS
- Native (pure) Object-Oriented DBMS

2.6 Other Data Models

- Logic-based data model (Deductive DBMS)
 - Extend the query function of DBMS (especially recursive query function)
 - Promote the deductive ability of DBMS
- Temporal data model
- Spatial data model
- XML data model
 - Store data on internet
 - Common data exchange standard
 - Information systems integration
 - Expression of semi-structured data
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- Others

2.7 Summary

- Data model is the core of a DBMS
 - A data model is a methodology to simulate real world in database
 - In fact, every kind of DBMS has implemented a data model
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- If there will be a data model which can substitute relational model and become popular data model, just as relational model substituted hierarchical and network model 50 years ago ???