Database Management System – cs422 DE

Assignment 2 – Week 2

This assignment is based on lecture 2 (chapters 4 & 5).

- Submit your *own work* on time. No credit will be given if the assignment is submitted after the due date.
- Note that the completed assignment should be submitted in .doc, .docx, .rtf or .pdf format only.
- If you think that your answer needs explanation to get credit then please write it down.
- You are encouraged to discuss these questions in the Sakai forum.

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(1) A relational database consists of a collection of

A. Tables
B. Fields
C. Records
D. Keys

ANS: A

(2) A _____ in a table represents a relationship among a set of values.

A. Column
B. Key
C. Row
D. Entry

ANS: C

(3) For each attribute of a relation, there is a set of permitted values, called the _____ of that attribute.

A. Domain
B. Relation
C. Set
D. Schema

ANS: A

(4) Course(course_id, sec_id, semester)
Here the course_id, sec_id and semester are _____ and course is a _____ .

A. Relations, Attribute
B. Attributes, Relation
C. Tuple, Relation
D. Tuple, Attributes

ANS: B

(5) Department (dept_name, building, budget) and
Employee (emp_id , name, dept_name, salary)
Here the dept_name attribute appears in both the relations.
Using the common attributes in relation schema is one way of relating _____ relations.

A. Attributes of common
B. Tuple of common

C. Tuple of distinct
D. Attributes of distinct
ANS: D

(6) Student (ID, name, dept_name, tot_pts)
In this query which attribute form the primary key?
A. name
B. dept_name
C. tot_pts
D. ID
ANS: D

(7) The____ operation allows the combining of two relations by merging pairs of tuples, one from each relation, into a single tuple.
A. Select
B. Join
C. Union
D. Intersection
ANS: B

(8) Discuss the differences between the five Join operations: Theta join, Equijoin, Natural join, Outer join (left), and Semijoin. Example of each is appreciated.
ANS:

- Theta join is combines tuples from 2 relations using a general condition.

SELECT * FROM Student S, Population P WHERE S.height > P.medium_height ;

- Equijoin is a special case of theta join where condition is "=".

SELECT * FROM Student S, Population P WHERE S.height = P.medium_height ;

- Natural join automatically joins 2 relations on all attributes with the same name and removes duplicate columns.

SELECT * FROM Student NATURAL JOIN Population;

- Outer join returns all tuples from left relation and match tuples from the right. If no match, fill with null.

SELECT * FROM Student LEFT OUTER JOIN Population ON Student.height = Population.medium_height;

- Semijoin returns tuples from one relation, that have matching tuples in the other, but no combining them.

SELECT * FROM Student WHERE address IN (SELECT address from Population);

(9) A relational database contains details about journeys from Chicago to a variety of destinations and contains the following relations:

Operator (**opCode**, opName)
Journey (**opCode, destCode**, price)
Destination (**destCode**, destName, distance)

Each operator is assigned a unique code (opCode) and the relation *Operator* records the association between this code and the Operator's name (opName).

Each destination has a unique code (destCode) and the relation *Destination* records the association between this code and the destination name (destName), and the distance of the destination from Chicago.

The relation *Journey* records the price of an adult fare from Chicago to the given destination by a specified operator; several operators may operate over the same route.

Formulate the following queries using relational algebra.

1) List the details of journeys less than $100.
2) List the names of all destinations.
3) Find the names of all destinations within 20 miles.
4) List the names of all operators with at least one journey priced at under $5.
5) List the names of all operators and prices of journeys to 'Boston'.

ANS: 1. σ price < 100 (Journey)
2. π destName (Destination)
3. π destName (σ distance <= 20)
4. π opName (Operator ⋈ σ price < 5 (Journey))
5. π opName, price (Operator ⋈ Journey ⋈ σ destName = 'Boston' (Destination))

(10) Solve Q 5.8 (a-d) on page no. 130 from the course text book (5th edition).

a) $\Pi_{hotelNo}(\sigma_{price > 50}(Room))$
ANS: Return the hotelNo value from Room table where price > 50

b) $\sigma_{Hotel.hotelNo = Room.hotelNo}(Hotel \times Room)$
ANS: Join Hotel and Room table on hotelNo attribute

c) $\Pi_{hotelName}(Hotel \bowtie_{Hotel.hotelNo = Room.hotelNo} (\sigma_{price > 50}(Room)))$
ANS: Return hotelName for hotels that have a room with price > 50

d) $Guest \bowtie (\sigma_{dateTo \geq '1\text{-}Jan\text{-}2007'}(Booking))$
ANS: Return Guest records for these guests who have bookings that end on after 1-jan-2007

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