

# Unit 3

## The Relational Model

<e.g.> Supplier-and-Parts Database

S

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
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P

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P4	Screw	Red	14	London
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SP

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S1	P4	200
S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P2	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

# Outline

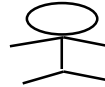
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# 3.1 Introduction

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# Relational Model [Codd, 1970]



## Relational DBMS

<e.g.> DB2, INGRES, SYBASE, Oracle, MySQL

## Relational Data Model

- **A way of looking at data**
- **A prescription for**
  - **representing data:**  
by means of tables
  - **manipulating that representation:**  
by select, join, ...

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	S2	P2	400
	S3	P2	200
	S4	P2	200
	S4	P4	300
	S4	P5	400


# Relational Model (cont.)

- Concerned with three aspects of data:
  1. Data structure: tables
  2. Data integrity: primary key rule, foreign key rule
  3. Data manipulation: (Relational Operators):
    - Relational Algebra (See Section 3.4)
    - Relational Calculus (See Section 3.5)
- Basic idea: relationship expressed in data values, not in link structure.

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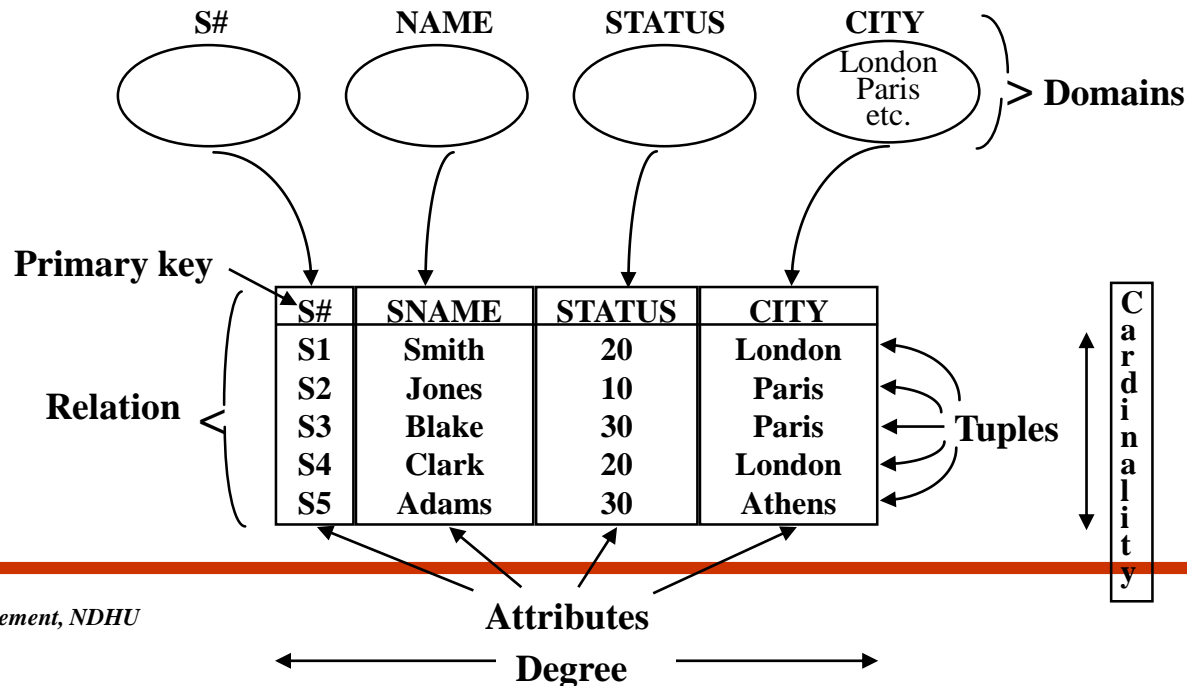
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# Terminologies

- Relation : so far corresponds to a *table*.
- Tuple : a *row* of such a table.
- Attribute : a *column* of such a table.
- Cardinality : number of tuples.
- Degree : number of attributes.
- Primary key : an attribute or attribute combination that uniquely identify a tuple.
- Domain : a pool of legal values.



## 3.2 Relational Data Structure

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Three aspects of Relational Model:

1. Data structure: Tables
2. Data integrity: Primary key rule, Foreign key rule
3. Data manipulation: Relational Operators

# Relations

- Definition : A relation on domains  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$  (not necessarily all distinct) consists of a *heading* and a *body*.

heading

body

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S4	Clark	20	London

- **Heading** : a fixed set of attributes  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  such that  $A_j$  underlying domain  $D_j$  ( $j=1 \dots n$ ).
- **Body**: a time-varying set of tuples.
- **Tuple**: a set of attribute-value pairs.

$\{A_1:Vi_1, A_2:Vi_2, \dots, A_n:Vi_n\}$ , where  $I = 1 \dots m$

or

$\{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots t_m\}$



# Domain

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- **Domain:** a set of scalar values with the same type.
- **Scalar:** the smallest semantic unit of data, atomic, nondecomposable.
- **Domain-Constrained Comparisons:** two attributes defined on the same domain, then comparisons and hence joins, union, etc. will make sense.

<e.g.>

```
SELECT P.*, SP.*  
FROM   P, SP  
WHERE  P.P#=SP.P#
```



same domain

```
SELECT P.*, SP.*  
FROM   P, SP  
WHERE  P.Weight=SP.Qty
```



different domain

- A system that supports domain will prevent users from making silly mistakes.

# Domain (cont.)

- Domain should be specified as part of the database definition.

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S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P2	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

## <e.g.>

```

CREATE DOMAIN S# CHAR(5)
CREATE DOMAIN NAME CHAR(20)
CREATE DOMAIN STATUS SMALLINT;
CREATE DOMAIN CITY CHAR(15)
CREATE DOMAIN P# CHAR(6)

CREATE TABLE S
(S# DOMAIN (S#) Not Null
SNAME DOMAIN (NAME),
.
.

CREATE TABLE P
(P# DOMAIN (P#) Not Null,
PNAME DOMAIN (NAME).
.
.

CREATE TABLE SP
(S# DOMAIN (S#) Not Null,
P# DOMAIN (P#) Not Null,
.
.

```

# Properties of Relations

- There are no duplicate tuples: since **relation** is a **mathematical set**.

- Corollary** : the primary key always exists.

(at least the combination of all attributes of the relation has the uniqueness property.)

S

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- Tuples are unordered.
- Attributes are unordered.
- All attribute values are atomic.
  - i.e. There is only one value, not a list of values at every row-and-column position within the table.
  - i.e. Relations do not contain repeating groups.
  - i.e. Relations are **normalized**.

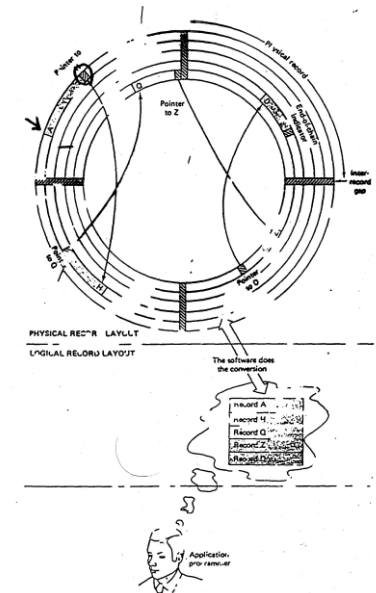


Figure 2.2 An example of the difference between physical and logical data organization.

# Properties of Relations (cont.)

## ■ Normalization

S#	PQ
S1	{ (P1,300), (P2, 200), (P3, 400), (P4, 200), (P5, 100), (P6, 100) }
S2	{ (P1, 300), (P2, 400) }
S3	{ (P2, 200) }
S4	{ (P2, 200), (P4, 300), (P5, 400) }

“fact” 1NF  
Normalized

S#	P#	QTY
S1	P1	300
S1	P2	200
S1	P3	400
S1	P4	200
S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P2	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

- degree : 2

- domains:

$S\# = \{S1, S2, S3, S4\}$

$PQ = \{ \langle p, q \rangle \mid p \in \{P1, P2, \dots, P6\}$

$q \in \{x \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1000\} \}$

- a mathematical relation

- degree: 3

- domains:

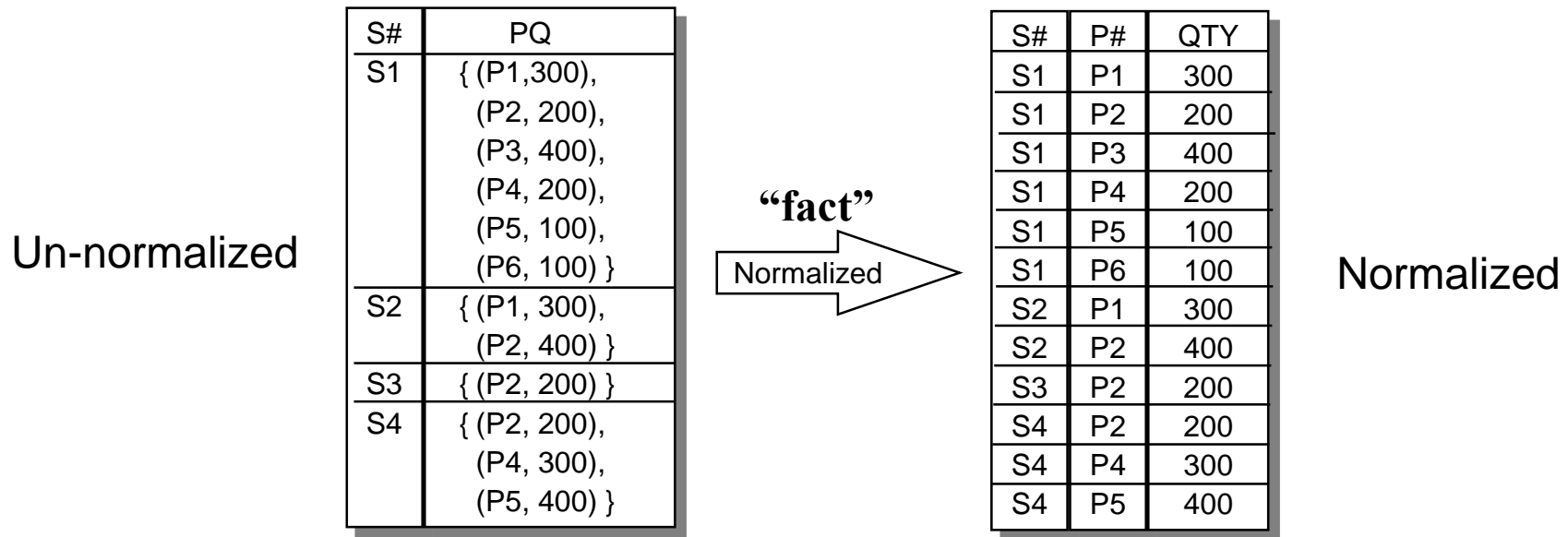
$S\# = \{S1, S2, S3, S4\}$

$P\# = \{P1, P2, \dots, P6\}$

$QTY = \{x \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1000\}$

- a mathematical relation

# Reason for normalizing a relation: Simplicity!!



- <e.g.> Consider two transactions T1, T2:  
Transaction T1 : insert ('S5', 'P6' , 500)  
Transaction T2 : insert ('S4', 'P6', 500)

There are difference:

- Un-normalized: two operations (one insert, one append)
- Normalized: one operation (insert)

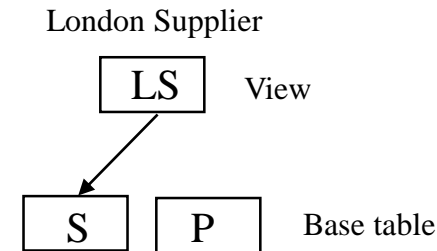
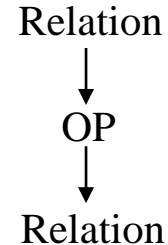
# Kinds of Relations

- **Base Relations (Real Relations):** a named, atomic relation; a direct part of the database.  
e.g. S, P
- **Views (Virtual Relations):** a named, derived relation; purely represented by its definition in terms of other named relations.
- **Snapshots:** a named, derived relation with its *own stored data*.

<e.g.>

```
CREATE SNAPSHOT SC
AS SELECT S#, CITY
FROM S
REFRESH EVERY DAY;
```

- A read-only relation.
- Periodically refreshed

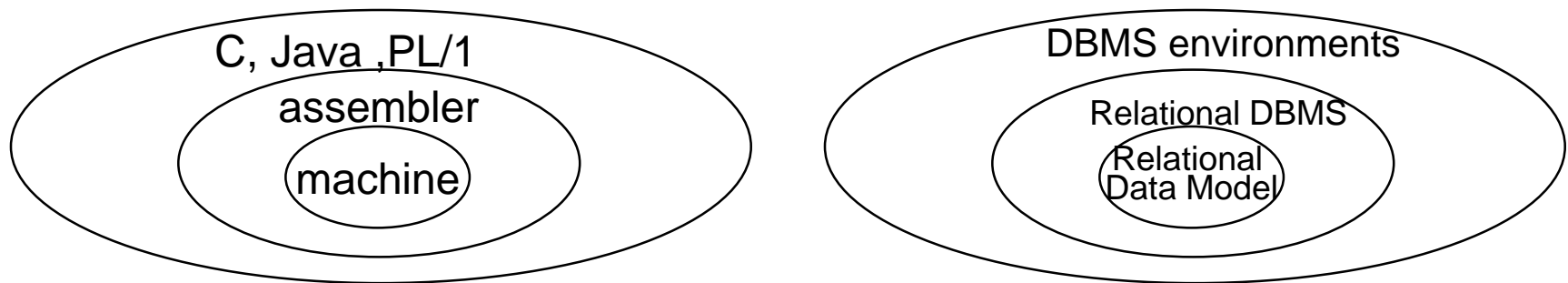


- **Query Results:** may or may not be named, no persistent existence within the database.
- **Intermediate Results:** result of subquery, typically unnamed.
- **Temporary Relations:** a named relation, automatically destroyed at some appropriate time.

# Relational Databases

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- Definition: A **Relational Database** is a database that is perceived by the users as a collection of *time-varying*, *normalized* **relations**.
  - **Perceived by the users**: the relational model apply at the **external** and **conceptual** levels.
  - **Time-varying**: the set of tuples changes with time.
  - **Normalized**: contains no repeating group (only contains atomic value).
- The **relational model** represents a database system at a level of abstraction that removed from the details of the underlying machine, like **high-level language**.



## 3.3 Relational Integrity Rules

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### **Purpose:**

*to inform the DBMS of certain constraints  
in the real world.*



# Keys

- Candidate keys: Let R be a relation with attributes  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ .  
The set of attributes K ( $A_i, A_j, \dots, A_m$ )  
of R is said to be a candidate key iff it satisfies:
  - **Uniqueness:** At any time, no two tuples of R have the same value for K.
  - **Minimum:** none of  $A_i, A_j, \dots, A_k$  can be discarded from K without destroying the uniqueness property.

<e.g.> S# in S is a candidate key.

(S#, P#) in SP is a candidate key.

(S#, CITY) in S is not a candidate key.

S

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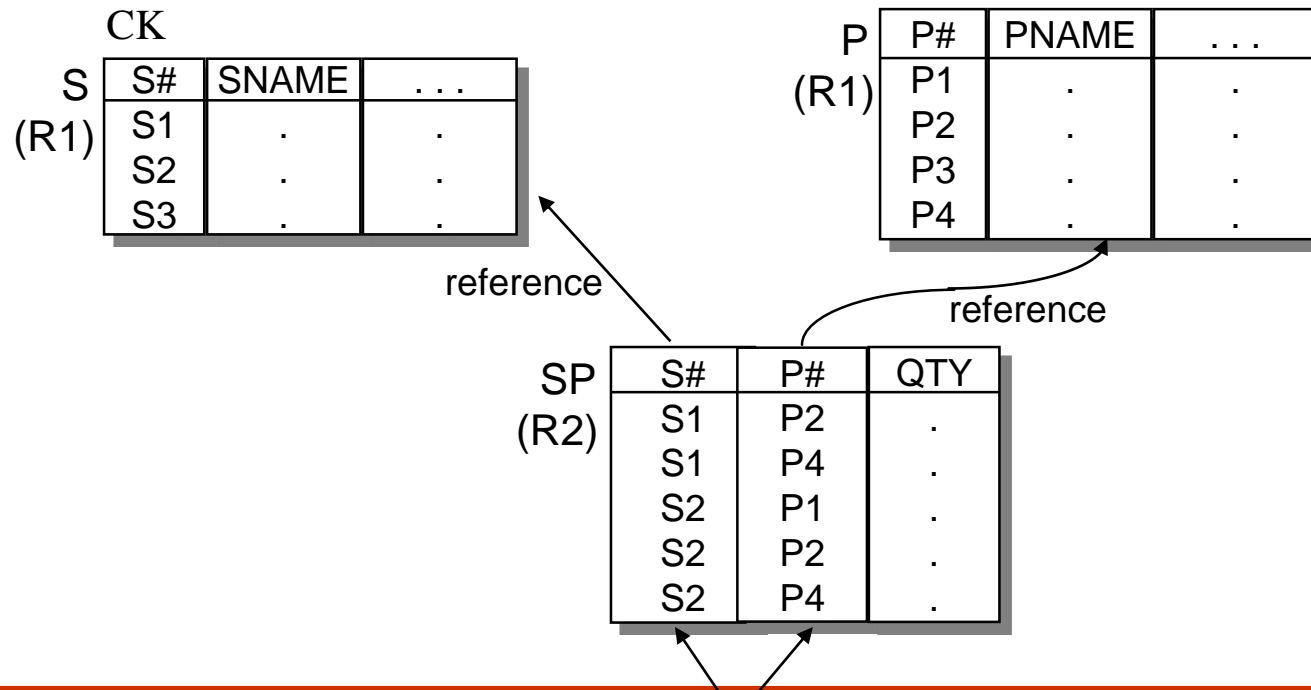
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S1	P1	300
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S1	P5	100
S1	P6	100
S2	P1	300
S2	P2	400
S3	P2	200
S4	P2	200
S4	P4	300
S4	P5	400

- **Primary key:** one of the candidate keys.
- **Alternate keys:** candidate keys which are not the primary key.  
 <e.g.> S#, SNAME: both are candidate keys  
           S#: primary key  
           SNAME: alternate key.
- **Note:** Every relation has at least one candidate key.

# Foreign keys (p.261 of C. J. Date)

- **Foreign keys:** Attribute FK (possibly composite) of base relation R2 is a foreign key iff it satisfies:
  - 1. There exists a base relation R1 with a candidate key CK, and
  - 2. For all time, each value of FK is identical to the value of CK in some tuple in the current value of R1.



Foreign keys, FK

# Two Integrity Rules of Relational Model

## ■ Rule 1: Entity Integrity Rule

No component of the primary key of a base relation is allowed to accept nulls.

## ■ Rule 2: Referential Integrity Rule

The database must not contain any unmatched foreign key values.

**Note:** *Additional rules which is specific to the database can be given.*

<e.g.>  $QTY = \{ 0 \sim 1000 \}$

However, they are outside the scope of the relational model.

S

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# Foreign Key Statement

- Descriptive statements:

**FOREIGN KEY** (foreign key) **REFERENCES** target

NULLS [NOT] ALLOWED

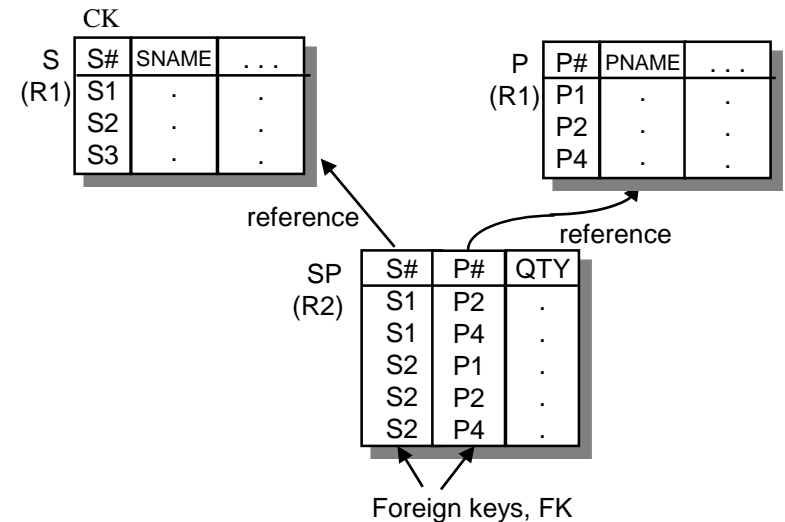
DELETE OF target effect

UPDATE OF target-primary-key effect;

**effect:** one of {RESTRICTED, CASCADES, NULLIFIES}

<e.g.1> (p.269)

```
CREATE TABLE SP
(S# S# NOT NULL, P# P# NOT NULL,
QTY QTY NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (S#, P#),
FOREIGN KEY (S#) REFERENCE S
ON DELETE CASCADE
ON UPDATE CASCADE,
FOREIGN KEY (P#) REFERENCE P
ON DELETE CASCADE
ON UPDATE CASCADE,
CHECK (QTY>0 AND QTY<5001));
```



# How to avoid against the referential Integrity Rule?

- Delete rule: what should happen on an attempt to delete/update target of a foreign key reference

- *RESTRICTED*
- *CASCADES*
- *NULLIFIES*

FOREIGN KEY (S#) REFERENCE S  
ON DELETE CASCADE  
ON UPDATE CASCADE,

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<e.g.> **User issues:**

**DELETE FROM S WHERE S#='S1'**

**System performs:**

*Restricted:*

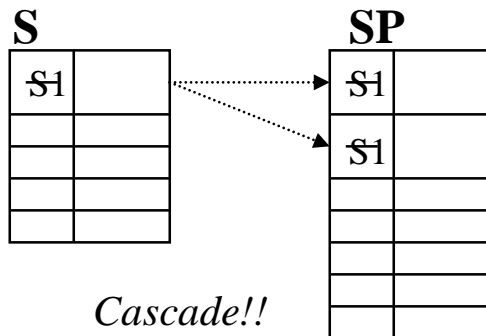
Reject!

*Cascades:*

**DELETE FROM SP WHERE S#='S1'**

*Nullifies:*

**UPDATE SP SET S#=Null WHERE S#='S1'**



## 3.4 Relational Algebra

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Three aspects of Relational Model:

1. Data structure: Tables
2. Data integrity: Primary key rule, Foreign key rule
3. Data manipulation: Relational Operators
  - Relational Algebra
  - Relational Calculus

## 3.4.1 Introduction to Relational Algebra

- The **relational algebra** consists of a collection of eight high-level operators that **operate on relations** [defined by Codd, 1970]

- **Traditional set operations:**

- Union ( $\cup$ )
- Intersection ( $\cap$ )
- Difference ( $-$ )
- Cartesian Product / Times ( $\times$ )

- **Special relational operations:**

- Restrict ( $\sigma$ ) or Selection
- Project ( $\Pi$ )
- Join ( $\bowtie$ )
- Divide ( $\div$ )

<e.g.> **Supplier-and-Parts Database**

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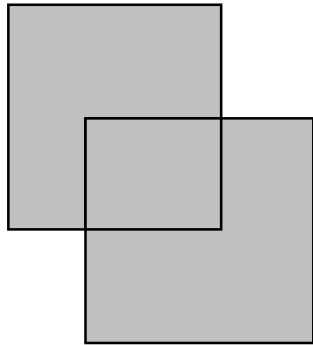
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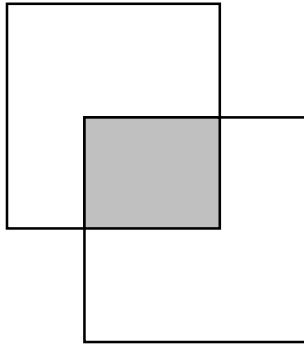
# Relational Operators

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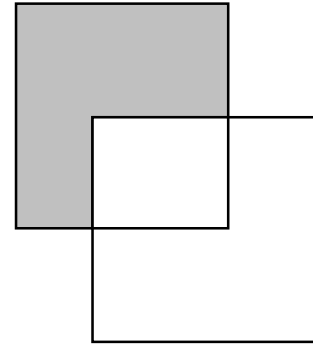
Union ( $\cup$ )



Intersection ( $\cap$ )



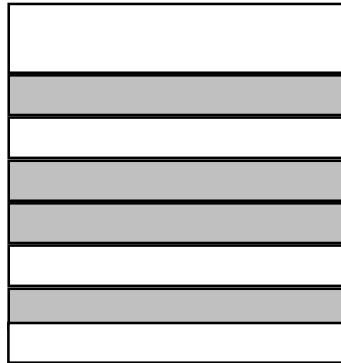
Difference ( $-$ )



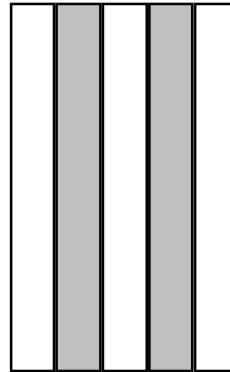


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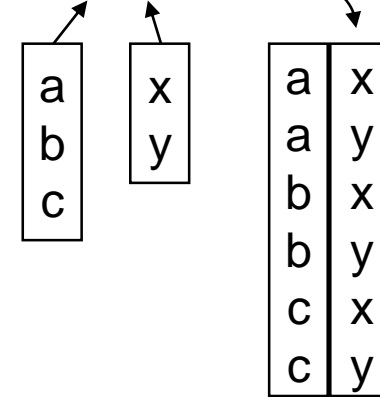
Restrict ( $\sigma$ )



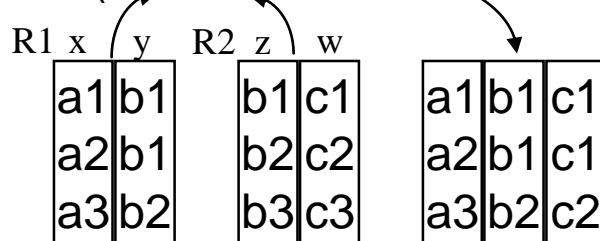
Project ( $\Pi$ )



Product ( $\times$ )



(Natural) Join



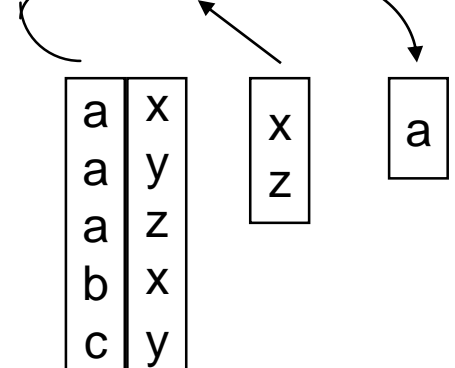
$$R1 \bowtie_{y=z} R2$$

Cartesian Product / Times ( $\times$ )

$\frac{x}{y}$	$\frac{y}{b}$	$\frac{z}{b}$	$\frac{w}{c}$
a1	b1	b1	c1
a1	b1	b2	c2
a1	b1	b3	c3
a2	b1	b1	c1
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

$$R1 \times R2$$

Divide ( $\div$ )



# Relational Algebra: property of closure

- The relational algebra consists of a collection of eight high-level operators that **operate on relations**.
- Each operator takes relations (one or two) as operands and produce a relation as result.
  - the important property of **closure**.
  - nested relational expression is possible.

<e.g.>  $R_3 = \sigma(R_1 \bowtie R_2)$

$T_1 \leftarrow R_1 \text{ join } R_2$

$R_3 \leftarrow T_1 \text{ selection}$

$(OP_2(OP_1(A)) OP_3 B)$

{relations; OP1, OP2, ..., OP8}

Integer

{I; +, -, \*}

↑

objects

$\{\{0,1,2,3\},+\}$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	3	4	5
3	3	4	5	6

**NOT Closure!**

$\oplus$

$\oplus$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	1	0	2

**Closure!**

$1+2 = 3 \in \mathbb{N}$

$5+8 = 13 \in \mathbb{N}$  **closure!**

# SQL vs. Relational Operators

- A SQL SELECT contains several relational operators.

<e.g.>

SQL:   SELECT    S#, SNAME  
         FROM     S, SP  
         WHERE    S.S# = SP.S#  
         AND     CITY = 'London '  
         AND     QTY > 200

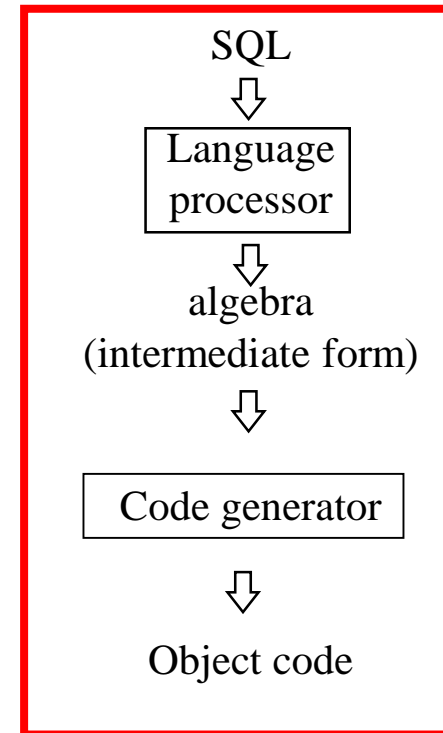


1>  $S \bowtie_{S\#} SP$

2>  $\sigma_{CITY='London', QTY>200}$

3>  $\Pi_{S\#, SNAME}$

=  $\Pi_{S\#, SNAME} (\sigma_{CITY='London', QTY>200} (S \bowtie_{S\#} SP))$



## 3.4.2 Traditional Set Operations

- **Union Compatibility:** two relations are union compatible iff they have identical headings.
  - i.e.: 1. they have same set of attribute name.
  - 2. corresponding attributes are defined on the same domain.
  - objective: ensure the result is still a relation.

A

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S4	Clark	20	London

B

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris

- Union ( $\cup$ ), Intersection ( $\cap$ ) and Difference ( $-$ ) require *Union Compatibility*, while Cartesian Product ( $\times$ ) don't.

$A \cup B$

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London

# Traditional Set Operations: UNION

- **A, B:** two union-compatible relations.

$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

$B : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

- **A UNION B:**

- **Heading:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$
- **Body:** the set of all tuples  $t$  belonging to either  $A$  or  $B$  (or both).

- **Association:**

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

- **Commutative:**

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

A

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S4	Clark	20	London

B

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris

$A \cup B$

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# Traditional Set Operations: INTERSECTION

- **A, B:** two union-compatible relations.

$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

$B : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

- **A INTERSECT B:**

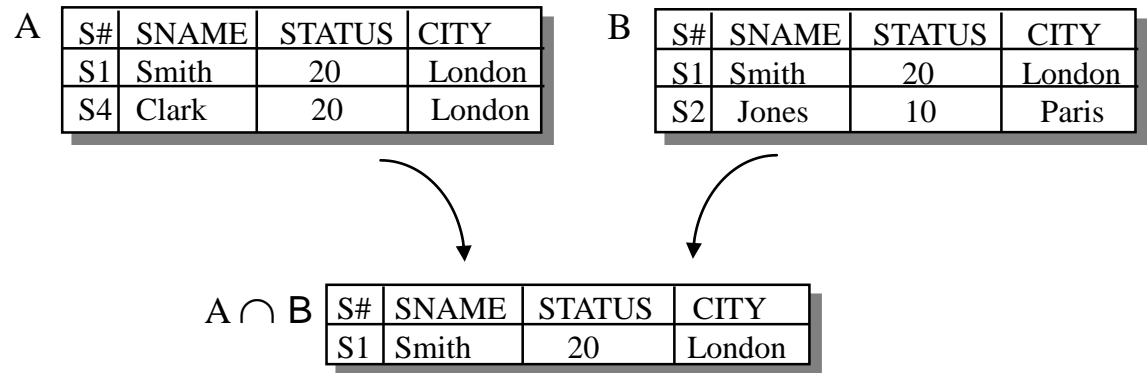
- **Heading:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$
- **Body:** the set of all tuples  $t$  belonging to **both** A and B.

- **Association:**

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

- **Commutative:**

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$



# Traditional Set Operations: DIFFERENCE

- **A, B:** two union-compatible relations.

$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

$B : (X_1, \dots, X_m)$

- **A MINUS B:**

- **Heading:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$

- **Body:** the set of all tuples  $t$  belonging to  $A$  and not to  $B$ .

- **Association:** No!

$$(A - B) - C \neq A - (B - C)$$

- **Commutative:** No!

$$A - B \neq B - A$$

A

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S4	Clark	20	London

B

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris

A - B

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S4	Clark	20	London

B - A

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S2	Jones	20	London

# Traditional Set Operations: TIMES

## ■ Extended Cartesian Product (**x**):

Given:

$$A = \{ a \mid a = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \}$$

$$B = \{ b \mid b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \}$$

- Mathematical Cartesian product:

$$A \times B = \{ t \mid t = ((a_1, \dots, a_m), (b_1, \dots, b_n)) \}$$

- Extended Cartesian Product:

$$A \times B = \{ t \mid t = (a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n) \}$$

  
 Coalescing

- **Product Compatibility:** two relations are product-compatible iff their headings are disjoint.

<e.g.1> A (S#, SNAME)

B (P#, PNAME, COLOR)



A x B (S#, SNAME, P#, PNAME, COLOR)

A and B are product compatible!

math.

$$A = \{ x, y \}$$

$$B = \{ y, z \}$$

$$A \times B = \{ (x,y), (x,z), (y,y), (y,z) \}$$



# Traditional Set Operations: TIMES (cont.)

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<e.g.2> S (S#, SNAME, STATUS, CITY)

P (P#, PNAME, COLOR, WEIGHT, CITY)



S x P (S#, ..., CITY, ..., CITY)

S and P are *not* product compatible!



P RENAME CITY AS PCITY;

S x P (S#, ..., CITY, ..., PCITY)

# Traditional Set Operations: TIMES (cont.)

- A, B: two product-compatible relations.

$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m), A = \{ a \mid a = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \}$

$B : (Y_1, \dots, Y_n), B = \{ b \mid b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \}$

- **A TIMES B: (A x B)**

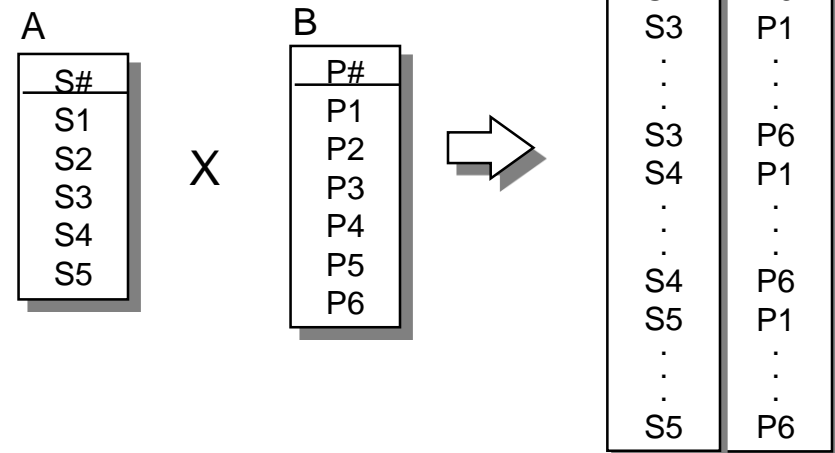
- **Heading:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$
- **Body:**  $\{ c \mid c = (a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n) \}$

- **Association:**

$$(A \times B) \times C = A \times (B \times C)$$

- **Commutative:**

$$A \times B = B \times A$$



# 3.4.3 Special Relational Operations

## ■ **Restriction:** a unary operator or monadic

- Consider: A: a relation, X,Y: attributes or literal
- theta-restriction** (or abbreviate to just 'restriction'):

$$A \text{ WHERE } X \text{ theta } Y \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{X \text{ theta } Y}(A)$$

(By Date)      ( $\theta$ )      (By Ullman)

theta : =, <>, >, >=, <, <=, etc.

A

	X	Y	
....	....	....	.....

- The restriction condition (X theta Y) can be extended to be any Boolean combination by including the following equivalences:

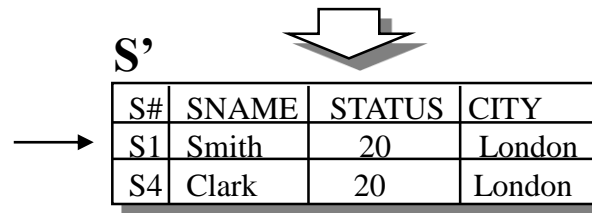
$$(1) \sigma_{C1 \text{ and } C2}(A) = \sigma_{C1}(A) \cap \sigma_{C2}(A); \quad (2) \sigma_{C1 \text{ or } C2}(A) = \sigma_{C1}(A) \cup \sigma_{C2}(A); \quad (3) \sigma_{\text{not } C}(A) = A - \sigma_C(A)$$

- <e.g.> S WHERE CITY='London'? or  $\sigma_{\text{CITY}='London'}(S)$

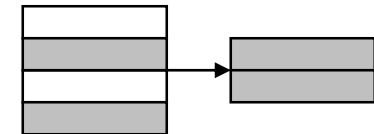
S

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

S'



S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S4	Clark	20	London



# Special Relational Operations: Projection

- **Projection:** a unary operator.

- Consider:

$A$  : a relation

$X, Y, Z$  : attributes

- $A[X, Y, Z]$  or  $\Pi_{X, Y, Z}(A)$

- **Identity projection:**

$A = A$  or  $\Pi(A) = A$

- **Nullity projection:**

$A[\ ] = \emptyset$  or  $\Pi_{\emptyset}(A) = \emptyset$

<e.g.>  $P[\text{COLOR}, \text{CITY}]$



COLOR	CITY
Red	London
Green	Paris
Blue	Rome
Blue	Paris

**P**


# Special Relational Operations: Natural Join

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- **Natural Join:** a binary operator.

- Consider:

$$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$$

$$B : (Y_1, \dots, Y_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_p)$$

- $A \bowtie B$  (or  $A \bowtie B$ ): common attributes appear only once. e.g. CITY

$$(X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_p);$$

- **Association:**

$$(A \bowtie B) \bowtie C = A \bowtie (B \bowtie C)$$

- **Commutative:**

$$A \bowtie B = B \bowtie A$$

- if A and B have no attribute in common, then

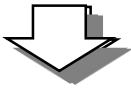
$$A \bowtie B = A \times B$$

# Special Relational Operations: Natural Join (cont.)

<e.g.>

**S JOIN P** or **S ⋈ P**  
 S.city = P.city      S.city = P.city

S



P

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY	P#	PNAME	COLOR	WEIGHT	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London	P1	Nut	Red	12	London
S1	Smith	20	London	P4	Screw	Red	14	
S1	Smith	20	London	P6	Cog	Red	19	
S2	Jones	10	Paris	P2	Bolt	Green	17	
S2	Jones	10	Paris	P5	Cam	Blue	12	
S3	Blake	30	Paris	P2	Bolt	Green	17	
S3	Blake	30	Paris	P5	Cam	Blue	12	
S4	Clark	20	London	P1	Nut	Red	12	
S4	Clark	20	London	P4	Screw	Red	14	
S4	Clark	20	London	P6	Cog	Red	19	

# Special Relational Operations: Theta Join

- **A, B:** product-compatible relations, A:  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ , B:  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$
- $\theta$  :  $=, <, >, \dots$
- $A \bowtie_{\theta} B = \sigma_{X \theta Y}(A \times B)$   
X theta Y
- If  $\theta$  is '=', the join is called *equijoin*.

<e.g.> a greater-than join

```
SELECT S.*, P.*
FROM   S, P
WHERE  S.CITY > P.CITY
```



$\sigma_{\text{CITY} > \text{PCITY}}(S \times (P \text{ RENAME CITY AS PCITY}))$



S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY	P#	PNAME	COLOR	WEIGHT	PCITY
S2	Jones	10	Paris	P1	Nut	Red	12	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris	P4	Screw	Red	14	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris	P6	Cog	Red	19	London
S3	Blake	30	Paris	P1	Nut	Red	12	London
S3	Blake	30	Paris	P4	Screw	Red	14	London
S3	Blake	30	Paris	P6	Cog	Red	19	London

# Special Relational Operations: Division

## ■ Division:

- **A, B:** two relations.

$A : (X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$

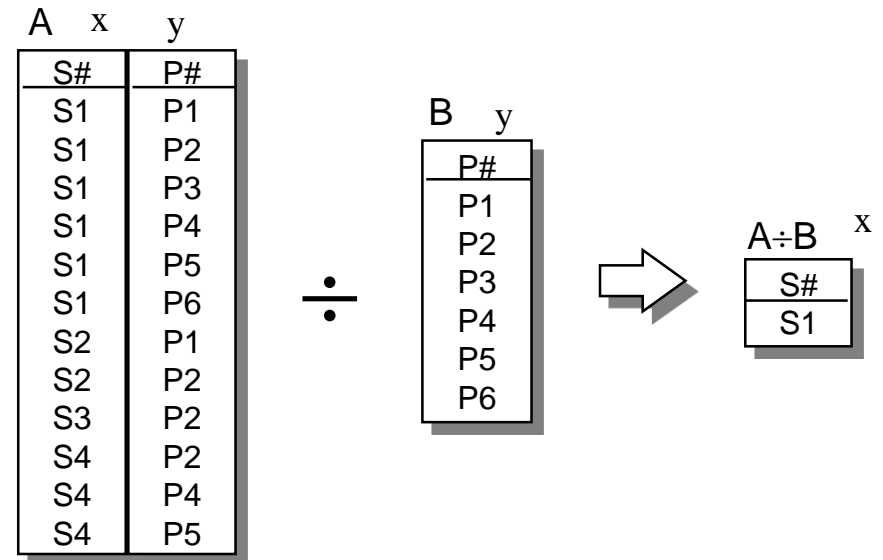
$B : (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$

- **A DIVIDE BY B (or  $A \div B$ ):**

- **Heading:**  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$

- **Body:** all  $(X:x)$  s.t.  $(X:x, Y:y)$  in A for all  $(Y:y)$  in B

<e.g.> "Get supplier numbers for suppliers who supply all parts."





# Special Relational Operations: primitive

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- Which of the eight relational operators are primitive?

1. UNION
2. DIFFERENCE
3. CARTESIAN PRODUCT
4. RESTRICT
5. PROJECT

- How to define the non-primitive operators by those primitive operators?

1. Natural Join:  $S \bowtie_{s.city = p.city} P$

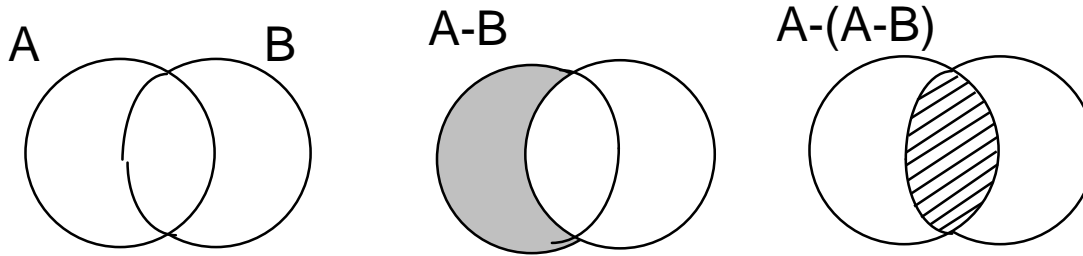


$\Pi_{S\#,SNAME,STATUS,CITY,P\#,PNAME,COLOR,WEIGHT} (\sigma_{CITY=PCITY}(S \times (P \text{ RENAME CITY AS PCITY})))$

# Special Relational Operations: primitive (cont.)

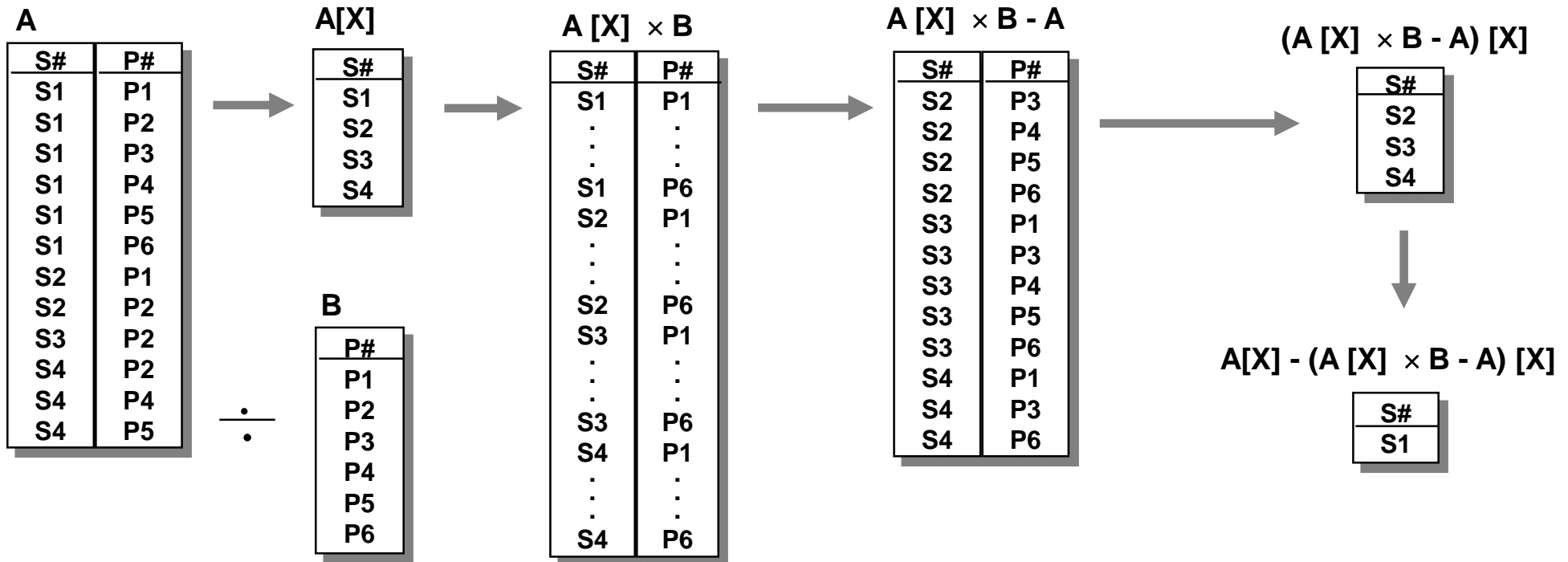
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2. INTERSECT:  $A \cap B = A - (A - B)$



# Special Relational Operations: primitive (cont.)

3. DIVIDE:  $A \div B = A[X] - (A[X] \times B - A)[X]$



## 3.4.4 BNF Grammars for Relational Operator

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1. expression ::= monadic-expression | dyadic-expression
2. monadic-expression ::= renaming | restriction | projection
3. renaming ::= term RENAME attribute AS attribute
4. term ::= relation | (expression )
5. restriction ::= term WHERE condition
6. Projection ::= attribute | term [attribute-commalist]
7. dyadic-expression ::= projection dyadic-operation expression
8. dyadic-operation ::= UNION | INTERSECT | MINUS | TIMES | JOIN | DIVIDE BY

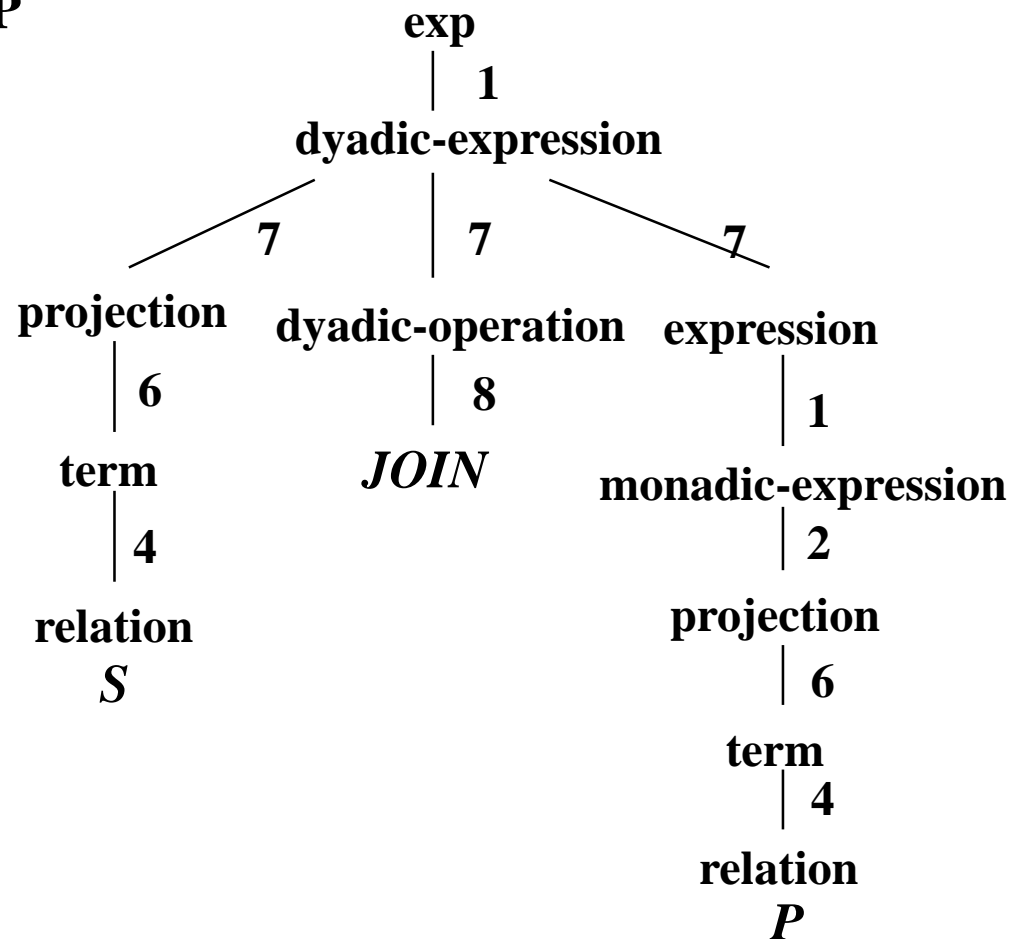
e.g. 1. S [S#, SNAME]  
          ↑        ↘        /        ↗  
         term attri-commalist

e.g.2   S Join P  
         |     |  
         term term  
          \   /   |  
          dyadic  
          |  
         exp

# BNF Grammars for Relational Operator (cont.)

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e.g. **S JOIN P**



# Relational Algebra v.s. Database Language:

- Example : Get supplier name for suppliers who supply part P2.

- **SQL:**

```
SELECT S.SNAME
FROM   S, SP
WHERE  S.S# = SP.S#
AND    SP.P# = 'P2'
```

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY	S#	P#	QTY
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P1	300
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P2	200
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P3	400
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P4	200
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P5	100
S1	Smith	20	London	S1	P6	100
S2	Jones	10	Paris	S2	P1	300
S2	Jones	10	Paris	S2	P2	400
S3	Blake	30	Paris	S3	P2	200
S4	Clark	20	London	S4	P2	200
S4	Clark	20	London	S4	P4	300
S4	Clark	20	London	S4	P5	400

- **Relational algebra:**

$((S \text{ JOIN } SP) \text{ WHERE } P\# = 'P2') [SNAME]$

or

$\Pi_{SNAME} (\sigma_{P\#='P2'} (S \bowtie SP))$

# What is the Algebra for?

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- (1) Allow writing of expressions which serve as a high-level (SQL) and symbolic representation of the users intend.
- (2) Symbolic transformation rules are possible.

*A convenient basis for ~~optimization~~!*

e.g.  $((S \text{ JOIN } SP) \text{ WHERE } P\#='P2')[SNAME]$   
 $= (S \text{ JOIN } (SP \text{ WHERE } P\#='P2')) [SNAME]$

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# 3.5 Relational Calculus

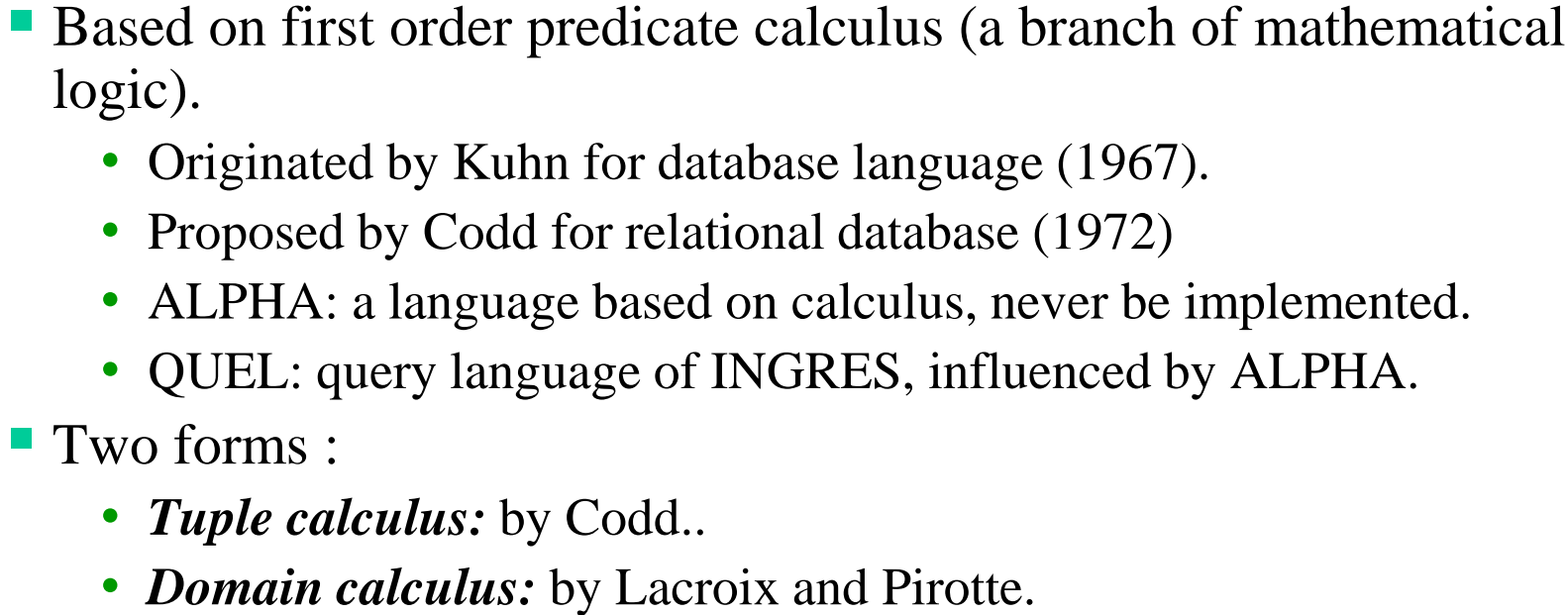
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Three aspects of Relational Model:

1. Data structure: Tables
2. Data integrity: Primary key rule, Foreign key rule
3. Data manipulation: Relational Operators
  - Relational Algebra
  - Relational Calculus



- <e.g.> SP.P#, S.CITY WHERE SP.S# = S.S#  
definition predicate
- Based on first order predicate calculus (a branch of mathematical logic).
    - Originated by Kuhn for database language (1967).
    - Proposed by Codd for relational database (1972)
    - ALPHA: a language based on calculus, never implemented.
    - QUEL: query language of INGRES, influenced by ALPHA.
  - Two forms :
    - *Tuple calculus*: by Codd..
    - *Domain calculus*: by Lacroix and Pirotte.



# Tuple Calculus

- BNF Grammar:

<e.g.> "Get supplier number for suppliers in Paris  
with status > 20"

S

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

## **Tuple calculus expression:**

SX.S# WHERE SX.CITY='Paris' and SX.STATUS>20

tuple  
variable

attribute

WFF (Well-Formed Formula)

# Tuple Calculus (cont.)

Var Y: array[1..10]      Var I: Integer  
 Y 

			...	
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 Y[1], Y[2]      I 

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    integer

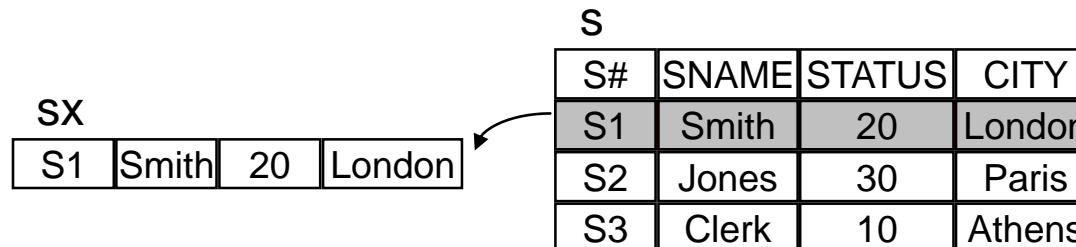
## ■ Tuple variable (or Range variable):

- A variable that "range over" some named relation.

<e.g.>:

In QUEL: (Ingres)

- RANGE OF SX IS S;
- RETRIEVE (SX.S#) WHERE SX.CITY = "London"



# Tuple Calculus (cont.)

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- Implicit tuple variable:

<e.g.>

In SQL:

SELECT S.S# FROM S WHERE S.CITY = 'London'

In QUEL:

RETRIEVE (SX.S#) WHERE SX.CITY='London'

# Tuple Calculus: BNF

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## 1. range-definition

::= RANGE OF variable IS range-item-commalist

## 2. range-item

::= relation | expression

## 3. expression

::= (target-item-commalist) [WHERE wff]

## 4. target-item

::= variable | variable . attribute [ AS attribute ]

## 5. wff

::= condition  
| NOT wff  
| condition AND wff  
| condition OR wff  
| IF condition THEN wff  
| EXISTS variable (wff)  
| FORALL variable (wff)  
| (wff)

# Tuple Calculus: BNF - Well-Formed Formula (WFF)

(a) Simple comparisons:

- $SX.S\# = 'S1'$
- $SX.S\# = SPX.S\#$
- $SPX.P\# <> PX.P\#$

(b) Boolean WFFs:

- $NOT\ SX.CITY = 'London'$
- $SX.S\# = SPX.S\# \text{ AND } SPX.P\# <> PX.P\#$

(c) Quantified WFFs:

- **EXISTS:** existential quantifier

<e.g.>

EXISTS  $SPX (SPX.S\# = SX.S\# \text{ and } SPX.P\# = 'P2')$

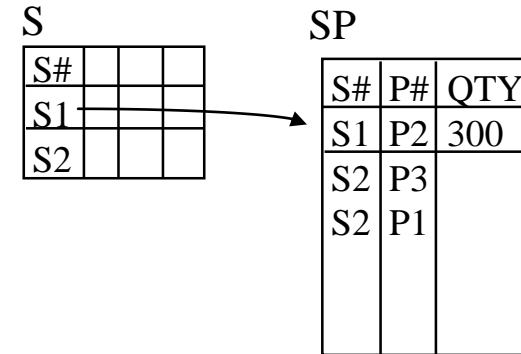
i.e. There exists an SP tuple with S# value equals to the value of SX.S# and P# value equals to 'P2'

- **FORALL:** universal quantifier

<e.g.>

FORALL  $PX (PX.COLOR = 'Red')$

i.e. For all P tuples, the color is red.



S#			
S1			
S2			

S#	P#	QTY
S1	P2	300
S2	P3	
S2	P1	

**<Note>:**  $FORALL\ x(f) = NOT\ EXISTS\ X\ (NOT\ f)$

# Tuple Calculus: EXAMPLE 1

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[Example 1]: Get Supplier numbers for suppliers in Paris with status > 20

- **SQL:**

```
SELECT S#  
FROM S  
WHERE CITY = 'Paris' AND STATUS > 20
```

S

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

- **Tuple calculus:**

SX.S# WHERE SX.CITY= 'Paris' AND SX.STATUS > 20

- **Algebra:**

$$\Pi_{S\#} (\sigma_{CITY='Paris', \text{ and } STATUS>20}(s))$$

# Tuple Calculus: EXAMPLE 2

[Example 2]: Get all pairs of supplier numbers such that the two suppliers are located in the same city.

Rename S FIRST, SECOND

S

S#	SNAME	STATUS	CITY
S1	Smith	20	London
S2	Jones	10	Paris
S3	Blake	30	Paris
S4	Clark	20	London
S5	Adams	30	Athens

- **SQL:** ( S.S# ) ( S.S# )

SELECT FIRST.S#, SECOND.S#

FROM S FIRST, S SECOND

WHERE FIRST.CITY = SECOND.CITY AND FIRST.S# < SECOND.S#;

- **Tuple calculus:**

FIRSTS#=SX.S#, SECONDS# =SY.S#

WHERE SX.CITY=SY.CITY AND SX.S# < SY.S#

- **Algebra:**

$\Pi_{\text{FIRSTS\#,SECONDS\#}} (\sigma_{\text{FIRSTS\#<SECONDS\#}}$

$((\Pi_{\text{FIRSTS\#,CITY}} (S \text{ RENAME } S\# \text{ AS FIRSTS\#})) \bowtie_{\text{city=city}}$

$(\Pi_{\text{SECONDS\#,CITY}} (S \text{ RENAME } S\# \text{ AS SECONDS\#}))))$

{S1, S1}
{S1, S4}
{S4, S1}
{S4, S4}

Output:

{S1,S4} {S2,S3}



# Tuple Calculus: EXAMPLE 3

[Example 3]: Get supplier names for suppliers who supply all parts.

- SQL:

```
SELECT SNAME
FROM S
WHERE NOT EXISTS
  ( SELECT * FROM P
    WHERE NOT EXISTS
      ( SELECT * FROM SP
        WHERE S# = S.S# AND P# = P.P# ));
```

SX		
S1	Smith	.....

S			
S#			
S1			

- Tuple calculus:

```
SX.SNAME
WHERE FORALL PX          P1, P2, ..., P6 ∈ PX
  (EXISTS SPX            S1
    ( SPX.S# = SX.S# AND SPX.P# = PX.P#))
```

P			
P#			
P1			

- Algebra:

$$\Pi_{\text{SNAME}} \left( \underbrace{\left( \left( \Pi_{\text{S\#,P\#}} \text{SP} \right) \div \left( \Pi_{\text{P\#}} \text{P} \right) \right) \bowtie \text{S}}_{\text{S1}} \right) \quad (\text{P3-43})$$

SP		
S#	P#	QTY
S1	P1	

# Tuple Calculus: EXAMPLE 4

[参考用]

[Example 4]: Get part numbers for parts that either weigh more than 16 pounds or are supplied by supplier S2, or both.

- **SQL:**

```
SELECT P# FROM P
WHERE WEIGHT > 16
UNION
SELECT P# FROM SP
WHERE S# = 'S2'
```

- **Tuple calculus:**

```
RANGE OF PU IS
(PX.P# WHERE PX.WEIGHT>16),
(SPX.P# WHERE SPX.S#='S2');
PU.P#;
```

- **Algebra:**

$$(\Pi_{P\#} (\sigma_{WEIGHT>16} P)) \cup (\Pi_{P\#} (\sigma_{S\#='S2'} SP))$$

## 3.5.2 Relational Calculus v.s. Relational Algebra.

Algebra	Calculus
Provides explicit operations [e.g. JOIN, UNION, PROJECT,...] to <b><u>build</u></b> desired relation from the given relations.	Only provide a notation for <b><u>formulate</u></b> the definition of that desired relation in terms of those given relation.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <b>&lt;e.g.&gt; Get supplier numbers and cities for suppliers who supply part P2.</b> </div>	
1> JOIN S with SP on S# 2> RESTRICT the result with P# = 'P2' 3> PROJECT the result on S# and CITY	SX.S#, SX.CITY WHERE EXISTS SPX ( SPX.S#=SX.S# AND SPX.P#= 'P2')
Prescriptive (how?)	descriptive (what ?)
Procedural	non-procedural

("expressive power")

# Relational Calculus $\equiv$ Relational Algebra

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■ Codd's reduction algorithm:

1. Show that any calculus expression can be reduced to an algebraic equivalent.



Algebra  $\supseteq$  Calculus

2. show that any algebraic expression can be reduced to a calculus equivalent



Calculus  $\supseteq$  Algebra



Algebra  $\equiv$  Calculus


# Concluding Remarks

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- Relational algebra provide a convenient target language as a vehicle for a possible implementation of the calculus.

Query in a calculus-based language.

e.g. SQL, QUEL, QBE, ...

 *Codd reduction algorithm*

Equivalent algebraic expression

 *Optimization*

More efficient algebraic expression

 *Evaluated by the already  
implemented algebraic  
operations*

Result

} [\(p. 3-47\)](#)  
more in Unit 13

} Unit 13  
e.g. Join