



WEEK 4

THE RELATIONAL ALGEBRA BINARY OPERATION OF OUTER JOINS (FULL, RIGHT AND LEFT)

STUDENT OBJECTIVES

- Upon completion of this video, you should be able to:
 - Identify the symbols for FULL, LEFT and RIGHT outer joins.
 - Write a relational algebra expression that uses OUTER JOINS given two tables based on a given query.
 - Given 2 tables and an OUTER JOIN relational algebra expression, show the new table that would be returned once the expression is performed.
 - Given an OUTER JOIN relational algebra expression and two tables, explain in simple English what query is answered by the expression.

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Table1

A	B	C	D
12	Red	Can	24
24	Red	USA	33
45	Blue	Mex	33

Table2

B	F	G
Yellow	Cat	22
Red	Cat	33
Green	Dog	44
Red	Dog	24
Orange	Bird	33

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A	Table1.B	C	D	Table2.B	F	G
12	Red	Can	24	Red	Dog	24
24	Red	USA	33	Red	Cat	33
24	Red	USA	33	Orange	Bird	33
45	Blue	Mex	33	Red	Cat	33
45	Blue	Mex	33	Orange	Bird	33
Null	Null	Null	Null	Yellow	Cat	22
Null	Null	Null	Null	Green	Dog	44

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- **Full Outer Join:** $R \bowtie S$: a join in which tuples from R that do not have matching (equal) values in the common columns of S still appear and tuples in S that do not have matching values in the common columns of R still appear in the resulting relation (padding the fields with nulls)
- **Left Outer Join:** $R \ltimes S$: a join in which tuples from R that do not have matching values in the common columns of S still appear in the resulting relation
- **Right Outer Join:** $R \rhd S$: tuples in S that do not have matching values in the common columns of R still appear in the resulting relation.

Example: Outer Join

Table1 : Table					Table2 : Table		
	A	B	C	D		B	E
	a1	b1	c1	d2		b1	e1
	a2	b1	c2	d2		b2	e2
	a3	b1	c1	d2		b5	e3
	a1	b4	c1	d2			
	a5	b4	c2	d2			
	a1	b2	c1	d2			

QUESTION: What will the following expression result in?

Table1  Table2

A	B	C	D	E
	b5			e3
a1	b1	c1	d2	e1
a2	b1	c2	d2	e1
a3	b1	c1	d2	e1
a1	b4	c1	d2	
a5	b4	c2	d2	
a1	b2	c2	d2	e2

Example: Left Outer Join

Table 1

Table 2

Table1 ⋈ Table2

	A	B	C	D
▶	a1	b1	c1	d2
	a2	b1	c2	d2
	a3	b1	c1	d2
	a1	b4	c1	d2
	a5	b4	c2	d2
	a1	b2	c1	d2
*				

	B	E
▶	b1	e1
	b2	e2
	b5	e3
*		

	a	b	c	d	e
▶	a1	b1	c1	d2	e1
	a2	b1	c2	d2	e1
	a3	b1	c1	d2	e1
	a1	b4	c1	d2	
	a5	b4	c2	d2	
	a1	b2	c1	d2	e2

Example: Right Outer Join

Table1  Table2

Table1 : Table				
	A	B	C	D
▶	a1	b1	c1	d2
	a2	b1	c2	d2
	a3	b1	c1	d2
	a1	b4	c1	d2
	a5	b4	c2	d2
	a1	b2	c1	d2
*				
Record: 1				

Table2...		
	B	E
▶	b1	e1
	b2	e2
	b5	e3
*		
Record: 1		

Query4 : Select Query					
	a	b	c	d	e
▶	a3	b1	c1	d2	e1
	a2	b1	c2	d2	e1
	a1	b1	c1	d2	e1
	a1	b2	c1	d2	e2
		b5			e3
Record: 1					

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Might use an outer join for example in a situation like:

Find the name of all employees and list the department name if they also manage a department.

QUESTION: Write the relational algebra for the above situation:

TEMP \leftarrow Department $\bowtie_{\text{ManagerEmpID=EmpID}}$ Employee
ANSWER $\leftarrow \pi_{\text{FirstName, LastName, DeptName}}(\text{TEMP})$

Project				
ProjectNu	ProjectName	ProjLocati	Managing	Cl
A1	Accounting Update	Toronto	S7G	
A3	Acc3	Springfield	G8H	
A6	Acct6	Toronto	S7G	
I1	Inventory	Toronto	G8H	
I2	Inventory2	London	S7G	
P1	Payroll	Springfield	G8H	
P2	Payroll2	London	G8H	
P3	Payroll3	London	G8H	

Department				
DeptNun	DeptName	ManagerEmpID	ManagerStartdate	Cl
G8H	Head Office	4	12/12/1999	
S7G	Safety Department	3	11/11/1998	
Y5J	Research Department	6	12/24/1998	

Employee				
EmpID	LastName	FirstName	DeptNumber	Sex
1	Simpson	Bart	G8H	M
2	Smithers	Waylan	S7G	M
3	Beauvieu	Patty	Y5J	F
4	Burns	Monty	S7G	M
6	Simpson	Lisa	S7G	F
12	Simpson	Homer	G8H	M

WorksOn		
EmpSSNu	ProjectNu	Hours
1 A3		45
2 A1		56
3 A3		3
3 A6		45
3 I1		43
3 P1		9
4 A1		6
4 A3		5
4 A6		6
4 I1		43
4 I2		8
4 P1		67
4 P2		77
4 P3		67
6 I2		6
12 A3		56