

# Relational Algebra:

\* Translate from SQL to Algebra:

$\sigma_{\text{condition}}$  ~ Where CONDITION

$\pi_{\text{column}}$  ~ SELECT column

$A \times B$  ~ FROM A, B

$A \cap B$  ~ Sel. From A intersect Sel. From B

$A \cup B$  ~ " " A UNION " " B

$A - B$  ~ " " A EXCEPT " " B

PS: Algebraic operations returns sets while SQL Returns Duplicates.

$A \times B$  : each row of A is paired with all rows of B

$\rho(C(\text{position} \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{new name}), \text{input})$

$R \bowtie_c S = \sigma_c(R \times S)$   
conditional join

A

| i | ii |
|---|----|
| 0 | a  |
| 1 | b  |
| 2 | c  |

B

| i1 | ii1 |
|----|-----|
| 0  | u   |
| 1  | v   |
| 2  | w   |

$A \times B$

| i | ii | i1 | ii1 |
|---|----|----|-----|
| 0 | a  | 0  | u   |
| 0 | a  | 1  | v   |
| 0 | a  | 2  | w   |
| 1 | b  | 0  | u   |
| 1 | b  | 1  | v   |
| 1 | b  | 2  | w   |
| 2 | c  | 0  | u   |
| 2 | c  | 1  | v   |
| 2 | c  | 2  | w   |

$\sigma_{i=i1} (A \times B) = A \bowtie_{i=i1} B$

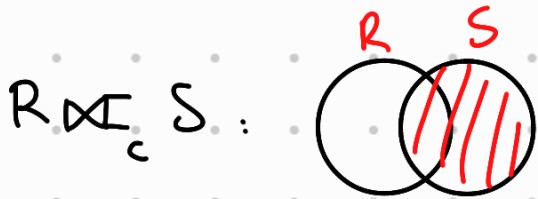
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$R \bowtie S$

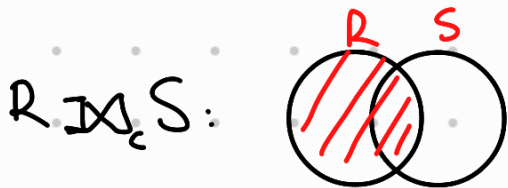
Natural join: equijoin on all matching column names

types of joins

- inner: discards different columns
- outer: include columns with same and diff. columns.



• replaces missing columns in "R" that satisfy "c" with NULL



• replaces missing columns in "S" that satisfy "c" with NULL



• combination of R and S that satisfy "c" fill difference with NULL.

→ what is  $A/B$ ??

$$A/B : \pi_x(A) - \pi_x(\pi_x(A) \times B - A)$$

used for queries that involve the "all" or "every".

$A/B = \text{tuples } \triangleright A \text{ that are associated with all tuples of } B$

## $\Rightarrow$ Extended Relational Algebra (not very useful).

$\gamma$ : Grouping operator  $\rightarrow$  used to group tuples according to one or more attributes using the "Aggregate function" (COUNT, SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX)

$\gamma_{G; A_1 \leftarrow f_1(E_1); A_2 \leftarrow f_2(E_2) \dots} (R)$

Annotations:

- $\gamma$ : Grouping operator
- $G$ : Grouping Attributes
- $A_i \leftarrow f_i(E_i)$ : name of result Aggregate Attr.
- $R$ : input relation.

## Example

Student (sid, ..., dept);  
Course (cid, ..., dept);  
Enroll (sid, cid, ...);

if I want to count all students enrolled in each dept i.e CC, FMS, GTI, ...

$\gamma_{dept} (\text{COUNT}(\text{sid}) \rightarrow n) (\text{Student})$

Output : (dept, n)

If I want to calculate the avg grade in each course

$\gamma_{cid} (\text{AVG}(\text{grade}) \rightarrow a) (\text{Enroll})$

output (cid, a)

If I want to calculate Average Grade per department.

$\gamma_{\text{dept}}(\text{AVG}(\text{grade}) \rightarrow a)(\text{Enroll} \bowtie \text{Course})$

Output (dept, a)

If I want to select all Departments with more than 20 students

$\sigma_{\text{count} > 20}(\gamma_{\text{dept}}(\text{COUNT}(\text{sid}) \rightarrow \text{count})(\text{Student}))$

Output (dept, count)