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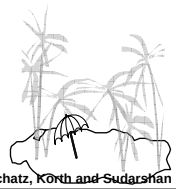

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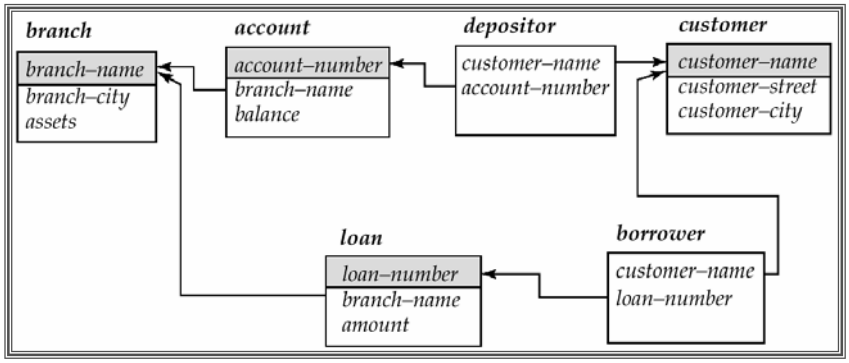
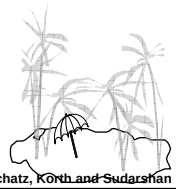




Basic Structure

- SQL is based on set and relational operations with certain modifications and enhancements
- A typical SQL query has the form:

  select $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$
  from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$
  where P

  - A_is represent attributes
  - r_is represent relations
  - P is a predicate.
- This query is equivalent to the relational algebra expression.

$$\Pi_{A1, A2, ..., An}(\sigma_P (r_1 \times r_2 \times ... \times r_m))$$

- The result of an SQL query is a relation.

The select Clause

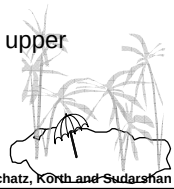
- The **select** clause corresponds to the projection operation of the relational algebra. It is used to list the attributes desired in the result of a query.
- Find the names of all branches in the *loan* relation

  select *branch-name*
  from *loan*
- In the "pure" relational algebra syntax, the query would be:

$$\Pi_{\text{branch-name}}(loan)$$

- An asterisk in the select clause denotes "all attributes"

  select *
  from *loan*
- NOTE: SQL does not permit the '-' character in names, so you would use, for example, *branch_name* instead of *branch-name* in a real implementation. We use '-' since it looks nicer!
- NOTE: SQL names are case insensitive, meaning you can use upper case or lower case.
  - You may wish to use upper case in places where we use bold font.



The select Clause (Cont.)

- SQL allows duplicates in relations as well as in query results.
- To force the elimination of duplicates, insert the keyword **distinct** after **select.**
  Find the names of all branches in the *loan* relations, and remove duplicates

  select distinct *branch-name*
  from *loan*

- The keyword **all** specifies that duplicates not be removed.

  select all *branch-name*
  from *loan*

- The **select** clause can contain arithmetic expressions involving the operation, +, –, ∗, and /, and operating on constants or attributes of tuples.
- The query:

  select *loan-number, branch-name, amount* ∗ 100
  from *loan*

  would return a relation which is the same as the *loan* relations, except that the attribute *amount* is multiplied by 100.

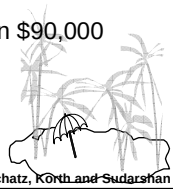
The where Clause

- The **where** clause corresponds to the selection predicate of the relational algebra. If consists of a predicate involving attributes of the relations that appear in the **from** clause.
- The find all loan number for loans made a the Perryridge branch with loan amounts greater than $1200.

  select *loan-number*
  from *loan*
  where *branch-name* = 'Perryridge' **and** *amount* > 1200

- Comparison results can be combined using the logical connectives **and, or,** and **not.**
- Comparisons can be applied to results of arithmetic expressions.
- SQL Includes a **between** comparison operator in order to simplify **where** clauses that specify that a value be less than or equal to some value and greater than or equal to some other value.
- Find the loan number of those loans with loan amounts between $90,000 and $100,000 (that is, ≥$90,000 and ≤$100,000)

  select *loan-number*
  from *loan*
  where *amount* **between** 90000 **and** 100000



The from Clause & Rename Operation

- The **from** clause corresponds to the Cartesian product operation of the relational algebra. It lists the relations to be scanned in the evaluation of the expression.
- Find the Cartesian product *borrower x loan*

  select ∗
  from *borrower, loan*
- Find the name, loan number and loan amount of all customers having a loan at the Perryridge branch.

  select *customer-name, borrower.loan-number, amount*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number* **and**
  branch-name = ‘Perryridge’
- The SQL allows renaming relations and attributes using the **as** clause:

  old-name **as** *new-name*
- Find the name, loan number and loan amount of all customers; rename the column name *loan-number* as *loan-id.*

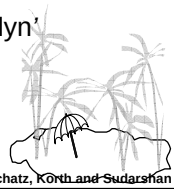
  select *customer-name, borrower.loan-number* **as** *loan-id, amount*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number*

Tuple Variables

- Tuple variables are defined in the **from** clause via the use of the **as** clause.
- Find the customer names and their loan numbers for all customers having a loan at some branch.

  select *customer-name, T.loan-number, S.amount*
  from *borrower* **as** *T, loan* **as** *S*
  where *T.loan-number = S.loan-number*
- Find the names of all branches that have greater assets than some branch located in Brooklyn.

  select distinct *T.branch-name*
  from *branch* **as** *T, branch* **as** *S*
  where *T.assets > S.assets* **and** *S.branch-city* = ‘Brooklyn’



String Operations

- SQL includes a string-matching operator for comparisons on character strings. Patterns are described using two special characters:
  - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
  - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character.
- Find the names of all customers whose street includes the substring "Main".

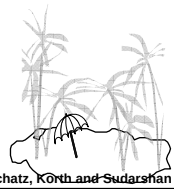
  select *customer-name*
  from *customer*
  where *customer-street* **like** '%Main%'
- Match the name "Main%"

  like 'Main\%' **escape** '\'
- SQL supports a variety of string operations such as
  - concatenation (using "||")
  - converting from upper to lower case (and vice versa)
  - finding string length, extracting substrings, etc.

Ordering the Display of Tuples

- List in alphabetic order the names of all customers having a loan in Perryridge branch

  select distinct *customer-name*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower loan-number - loan.loan-number* **and**
  branch-name = 'Perryridge'
  order by *customer-name*
- We may specify **desc** for descending order or **asc** for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.
  - E.g. **order by** *customer-name* **desc**



Duplicates

- In relations with duplicates, SQL can define how many copies of tuples appear in the result.
- *Multiset* versions of some of the relational algebra operators – given multiset relations r_1 and r_2:
  1. If there are c_1 copies of tuple t_1 in r_1, and t_1 satisfies selections σ_{θ}, then there are c_1 copies of t_1 in $\sigma_{\theta}(r_1)$.
  2. For each copy of tuple t_1 in r_1, there is a copy of tuple $\Pi_A(t_1)$ in $\Pi_A(r_1)$ where $\Pi_A(t_1)$ denotes the projection of the single tuple t_1.
  3. If there are c_1 copies of tuple t_1 in r_1 and c_2 copies of tuple t_2 in r_2, there are $c_1 \times c_2$ copies of the tuple $t_1 . t_2$ in $r_1 \times r_2$

Duplicates (Cont.)

- Example: Suppose multiset relations r_1 (*A, B*) and r_2 (*C*) are as follows:

  $r_1 = \{(1, a) (2, a)\}$ $r_2 = \{(2), (3), (3)\}$

- Then $\Pi_B(r_1)$ would be {(a), (a)}, while $\Pi_B(r_1) \times r_2$ would be

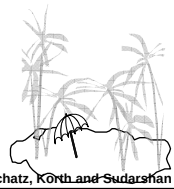
  {(*a*,2), (*a*,2), (*a*,3), (*a*,3), (*a*,3), (*a*,3)}

- SQL duplicate semantics:

  select $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$
  from $r_1, r_2, ..., r_m$
  where P

  is equivalent to the *multiset* version of the expression:

  $\Pi_{A1, A2, ..., An}(\sigma_P (r_1 \times r_2 \times ... \times r_m))$



Set Operations

- The set operations **union, intersect,** and **except** operate on relations and correspond to the relational algebra operations $\cup$, $\cap$, $-$.
- Each of the above operations automatically eliminates duplicates; to retain all duplicates use the corresponding multiset versions **union all, intersect all** and **except all.**

  Suppose a tuple occurs *m* times in *r* and *n* times in *s,* then, it occurs:
  - *m + n* times in *r* **union all** *s*
  - min(*m,n)* times in *r* **intersect all** *s*
  - max(0, *m – n)* times in *r* **except all** *s*

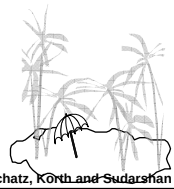
Set Operations

- Find all customers who have a loan, an account, or both:

  (select *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  union
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*
- Find all customers who have both a loan and an account.

  (**select** *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  intersect
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*
- Find all customers who have an account but no loan.

  (**select** *customer-name* **from** *depositor*)
  except
  (select *customer-name* **from** *borrower)*



Aggregate Functions

- These functions operate on the multiset of values of a column of a relation, and return a value

  avg: average value
  min: minimum value
  max: maximum value
  sum: sum of values
  count: number of values

- Find the average account balance at the Perryridge branch.

  select avg *(balance)*
  from *account*
  where *branch-name* = 'Perryridge'

- Find the number of tuples in the *customer* relation.

  select count (*)
  from *customer*

- Find the number of depositors in the bank.

  select count (distinct *customer-name)*
  from *depositor*

Aggregate Functions – Group By

- Find the number of depositors for each branch.

  select *branch-name,* **count (distinct** *customer-name)*
  from *depositor, account*
  where *depositor.account-number = account.account-number*
  group by *branch-name*

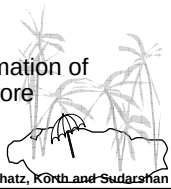
  Note: Attributes in **select** clause outside of aggregate functions must appear in **group by** list

Aggregate Functions – Having Clause

- Find the names of all branches where the average account balance is more than $1,200.

  select *branch-name,* **avg** *(balance)*
  from *account*
  group by *branch-name*
  having avg *(balance)* > 1200

  Note: predicates in the **having** clause are applied after the formation of groups whereas predicates in the **where** clause are applied before forming groups



Null Values

- It is possible for tuples to have a null value, denoted by *null*, for some of their attributes
- *null* signifies an unknown value or that a value does not exist.
- The predicate **is null** can be used to check for null values.
  - E.g. Find all loan number which appear in the *loan* relation with null values for *amount.*

    select *loan-number*
    from *loan*
    where *amount* **is null**
- The result of any arithmetic expression involving *null* is *null*
  - E.g. 5 + null returns null
- However, aggregate functions simply ignore nulls
  - more on this shortly

Null Values and Three Valued Logic

- Any comparison with *null* returns *unknown*
  - *E.g. 5 < null or null <> null or null = null*
- Three-valued logic using the truth value *unknown*:
  - OR: (*unknown* **or** *true*) = *true*, (*unknown* **or** *false*) = *unknown*
    (*unknown* **or** *unknown) = unknown*
  - AND: *(true* **and** *unknown) = unknown, (false* **and** *unknown) = false,*
    (unknown **and** *unknown) = unknown*
  - NOT*: (***not** *unknown) = unknown*
  - "*P* **is unknown"** evaluates to true if predicate *P* evaluates to *unknown*
- Result of **where** clause predicate is treated as *false* if it evaluates to *unknown*

Null Values and Aggregates

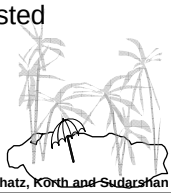
- Total all loan amounts

  select sum (*amount)*
  from *loan*

  - Above statement ignores null amounts
  - result is null if there is no non-null amount, that is the
- All aggregate operations except **count(*)** ignore tuples with null values on the aggregated attributes.

Nested Subqueries

- SQL provides a mechanism for the nesting of subqueries.
- A subquery is a **select-from-where** expression that is nested within another query.
- A common use of subqueries is to perform tests for set membership, set comparisons, and set cardinality.



Example Query

- Find all customers who have both an account and a loan at the bank.

  select distinct *customer-name*
  from *borrower*
  where *customer-name* **in (select** *customer-name* **from** depositor)

  - Find all customers who have a loan at the bank but do not have an account at the bank

    select distinct *customer-name*
    from *borrower*
    where *customer-name* **not in (select** *customer-name* **from** *depositor)*
- Find all customers who have both an account and a loan at the Perryridge branch

  select distinct *customer-name*
  from *borrower, loan*
  where *borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number* **and**
  branch-name = "Perryridge" **and**
  (branch-name, customer-name) **in**
  (select *branch-name, customer-name*
  from *depositor, account*
  where *depositor.account-number = account.account-number)*

Note: Above query can be written in a much simpler manner. The formulation above is simply to illustrate SQL features.

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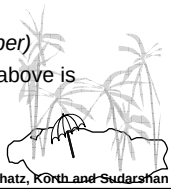


Set Comparison

- Find all branches that have greater assets than some branch located in Brooklyn.

```
select distinct  T.branch-name
from branch as T, branch as S
where  T.assets > S.assets and
       S.branch-city = 'Brooklyn'
```

- Same query using > **some** clause

```
select branch-name
from branch
where assets > some
      (select assets
       from branch
       where branch-city = 'Brooklyn')
```

Definition of Some Clause

- F <comp> **some** $r \Leftrightarrow \exists\, t \in r$ *s.t. (*F <comp> *t*)
  Where <comp> can be: $<, \leq, >, =, \neq$

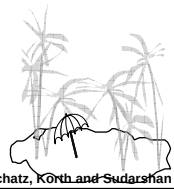
(5< **some** $\begin{array}{|c|}\hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$) = true
(read: 5 < some tuple in the relation)

(5< **some** $\begin{array}{|c|}\hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$) = false

(5 = **some** $\begin{array}{|c|}\hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$) = true

(5 ≠ **some** $\begin{array}{|c|}\hline 0 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$) = true (since 0 ≠ 5)

(= **some**) ≡ **in**
However, (≠ **some**) ≢ **not in**



Definition of all Clause

- F <comp> **all** $r \Leftrightarrow \forall\ t \in r$ (F <comp> *t)*

(5< **all** {0, 5, 6}) = false

(5< **all** {6, 10}) = true

(5 = **all** {4, 5}) = false

(5 ≠ **all** {4, 6}) = true (since 5 ≠ 4 and 5 ≠ 6)

Query : Find the names of all branches that have greater assets than all branches located in Brooklyn ?

(≠ all) ≡ not in

However, **(= all) ≠ in**

Test for Empty Relations

- The **exists** construct returns the value **true** if the argument subquery is nonempty.
- **exists** $r \Leftrightarrow r \neq \emptyset$
- **not exists** $r \Leftrightarrow r = \emptyset$
- Find all customers who have an account at all branches located in Brooklyn.

```
select distinct S.customer-name
from depositor as S
where not exists (
        (select branch-name
        from branch
        where branch-city = 'Brooklyn')
      except
        (select R.branch-name
        from depositor as T, account as R
        where T.account-number = R.account-number and
              S.customer-name = T.customer-name))
```

- (Schema used in this example)
- Note that $X - Y = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq Y$
- *Note:* Cannot write this query using = **all** and its variants

Test for Absence of Duplicate Tuples

- The **unique** construct tests whether a subquery has any duplicate tuples in its result.
- Find all customers who have at most one account at the Perryridge branch.

```
select T.customer-name
from depositor as T
where unique (
        select R.customer-name
        from account, depositor as R
        where T.customer-name = R.customer-name and
                R.account-number = account.account-number and
                account.branch-name = 'Perryridge')
```

- Find all customers who have at least two accounts at the Perryridge branch.

```
select distinct T.customer-name
from depositor T
where not unique (
        select R.customer-name
        from account, depositor as R
        where T.customer-name = R.customer-name and
                R.account-number = account.account-number and
                account.branch-name = 'Perryridge')
```

- (Schema used in this example)

Views

- Provide a mechanism to hide certain data from the view of certain users. To create a view we use the command:

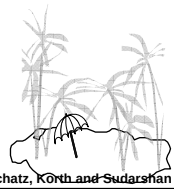
  create view *v* **as** <query expression>

  where:
  - <query expression> is any legal expression
  - The view name is represented by *v*
- A view consisting of branches and their customers

```
create view all-customer as
    (select branch-name, customer-name
     from depositor, account
     where depositor.account-number = account.account-number)
  union
    (select branch-name, customer-name
     from borrower, loan
     where borrower.loan-number = loan.loan-number)
```

- Find all customers of the Perryridge branch

```
select customer-name
from all-customer
where branch-name = 'Perryridge'
```



Derived Relations

- Find the average account balance of those branches where the average account balance is greater than $1200.

```
select branch-name, avg-balance
from (select branch-name, avg (balance)
        from account
        group by branch-name)
       as result (branch-name, avg-balance)
where avg-balance > 1200
```

Note that we do not need to use the **having** clause, since we compute the temporary (view) relation *result* in the **from** clause, and the attributes of *result* can be used directly in the **where** clause.

With Clause

- With clause allows views to be defined locally to a query, rather than globally. Analogous to procedures in a programming language.
- Find all accounts with the maximum balance

```
with max-balance(value) as
    select max (balance)
    from account
select account-number
from account, max-balance
where account.balance = max-balance.value
```

Query :Find all branches where the total account deposit is greater than the average of the total account deposits at all branches ?

```
with branch-total (branch-name, value) as
  select branch-name, sum (balance)
  from account
  group by branch-name
with branch-total-avg(value) as
  select avg (value)
  from branch-total
select branch-name
from branch-total, branch-total-avg
where branch-total.value >= branch-total-
avg.value
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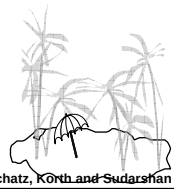


Modification of the Database – Deletion

- Delete all account records at the Perryridge branch

  delete from *account*
  where *branch-name* = 'Perryridge'

- Delete all accounts at every branch located in Needham city.

  delete from *account*
  where *branch-name* **in** (**select** *branch-name* **from** *branch*
  where *branch-city* = 'Needham')
  delete from *depositor*
  where *account-number* **in**
  (**select** *account-number*
  from *branch, account*
  where *branch-city* = 'Needham'
  and *branch.branch-name = account.branch-name)*

- (Schema used in this example)

- Delete the record of all accounts with balances below the average at the bank.

  delete from *account* **where** *balance* < (**select avg** *(balance)* **from** *account)* *?*

Problem: as we delete tuples from *deposit,* the average balance changes

- Solution used in SQL:

1. First, compute **avg** balance and find all tuples to delete
2. Next, delete all tuples found above (without recomputing **avg** or retesting the tuples)

Modification of the Database – Insertion

- Add a new tuple to *account*

  insert into *account*
  values ('A-9732', 'Perryridge',1200)

  insert into *account (branch-name, balance, account-number)*
  values ('Perryridge', 1200, 'A-9732')

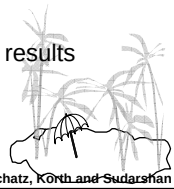
- Add a new tuple to *account* with *balance* set to null

  insert into *account*
  values ('A-777','Perryridge', *null*)

- Provide as a gift for all loan customers of the Perryridge branch, a $200 savings account. Let the loan number serve as the account number for the new savings account

  Query ?

The select from where statement is fully evaluated before any of its results are inserted into the relation (otherwise queries like
insert into *table*1 **select** * **from** *table*1
would cause problems



Modification of the Database – Updates

- Increase all accounts with balances over $10,000 by 6%, all other accounts receive 5%.
  - Write two **update** statements:

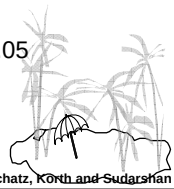
```
update account
set balance = balance ∗ 1.06
where balance > 10000

update account
set balance = balance ∗ 1.05
where balance ≤ 10000
```

  - The order is important
  - Can be done better using the **case** statement (next slide)

- Same query as before: Increase all accounts with balances over $10,000 by 6%, all other accounts receive 5%.

```
update account
set balance =  case
                 when balance <= 10000 then balance *1.05
                 else   balance * 1.06
               end
```



Update of a View

- Create a view of all loan data in *loan* relation, hiding the *amount* attribute

```
create view branch-loan as
        select branch-name, loan-number
        from loan
```

- Add a new tuple to *branch-loan*

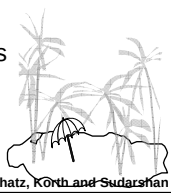
```
insert into branch-loan
        values ('Perryridge', 'L-307')
```

  This insertion must be represented by the insertion of the tuple

  ('L-307', 'Perryridge', *null*)

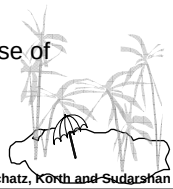
  into the *loan* relation

- Updates on more complex views are difficult or impossible to translate, and hence are disallowed.
- Most SQL implementations allow updates only on simple views (without aggregates) defined on a single relation



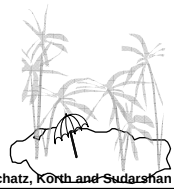
Transactions

- A transaction is a sequence of queries and update statements executed as a single unit
  - Transactions are started implicitly and terminated by one of
    - **commit work:** makes all updates of the transaction permanent in the database
    - **rollback work:** undoes all updates performed by the transaction.
- Motivating example
  - Transfer of money from one account to another involves two steps:
    - deduct from one account and credit to another
  - If one steps succeeds and the other fails, database is in an inconsistent state
  - Therefore, either both steps should succeed or neither should
- If any step of a transaction fails, all work done by the transaction can be undone by **rollback work.**
- Rollback of incomplete transactions is done automatically, in case of system failures



Transactions (Cont.)

- In most database systems, each SQL statement that executes successfully is automatically committed.
  - Each transaction would then consist of only a single statement
  - Automatic commit can usually be turned off, allowing multi-statement transactions, but how to do so depends on the database system
  - Another option in SQL:1999: enclose statements within
    begin atomic
    …
    end



Joined Relations

- Join operations take two relations and return as a result another relation.
- These additional operations are typically used as subquery expressions in the **from** clause
- Join condition – defines which tuples in the two relations match, and what attributes are present in the result of the join.
- Join type – defines how tuples in each relation that do not match any tuple in the other relation (based on the join condition) are treated.

Join Types
inner join
left outer join
right outer join
full outer join

Join Conditions
natural
on <predicate>
using (A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)

Joined Relations – Datasets for Examples

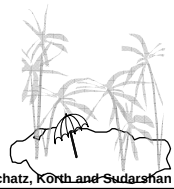
- Relation *loan*

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*
L-170	Downtown	3000
L-230	Redwood	4000
L-260	Perryridge	1700

- Relation *borrower*

customer-name	*loan-number*
Jones	L-170
Smith	L-230
Hayes	L-155

- Note: borrower information missing for L-260 and loan information missing for L-155



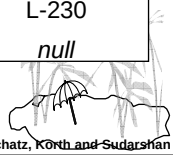
Joined Relations – Examples

- *loan* **inner join** *borrower* **on**
  loan.loan-number = borrower.loan-number

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*	*customer-name*	*loan-number*
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones	L-170
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith	L-230

loan **left inner join** *borrower* **on**
loan.loan-number = borrower.loan-number

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*	*customer-name*	*loan-number*
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones	L-170
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith	L-230
L-260	Perryridge	1700	*null*	*null*



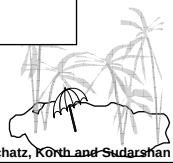
Joined Relations – Examples

- *loan* **natural inner join** *borrower*

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*	*customer-name*
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith

loan **natural right outer join** *borrower*

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*	*customer-name*
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith
L-155	null	null	Hayes



Joined Relations – Examples

- *loan* **full outer join** *borrower* **using** *(loan-number)*

loan-number	*branch-name*	*amount*	*customer-name*
L-170	Downtown	3000	Jones
L-230	Redwood	4000	Smith
L-260	Perryridge	1700	*null*
L-155	null	null	Hayes

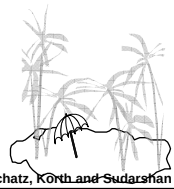
Find all customers who have either an account or a loan (but not both) at the bank.

select *customer-name*
from (*depositor* **natural full outer join** *borrower*)
where *account-number* **is** *null* **or** *loan-number* **is** *null*

Data Definition Language (DDL)

Allows the specification of not only a set of relations but also information about each relation, including:

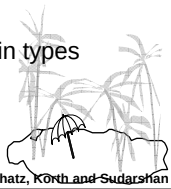
- The schema for each relation.
- The domain of values associated with each attribute.
- Integrity constraints
- The set of indices to be maintained for each relations.
- Security and authorization information for each relation.
- The physical storage structure of each relation on disk.



Domain Types in SQL

- **char(n).** Fixed length character string, with user-specified length *n.*
- **varchar(n).** Variable length character strings, with user-specified maximum length *n.*
- **int.** Integer (a finite subset of the integers that is machine-dependent).
- **smallint.** Small integer (a machine-dependent subset of the integer domain type).
- **numeric(p,d).** Fixed point number, with user-specified precision of *p* digits, with *n* digits to the right of decimal point.
- **real, double precision.** Floating point and double-precision floating point numbers, with machine-dependent precision.
- **float(n).** Floating point number, with user-specified precision of at least *n* digits.
- Null values are allowed in all the domain types. Declaring an attribute to be **not null** prohibits null values for that attribute.
- **create domain** construct in SQL-92 creates user-defined domain types

  create domain *person-name* **char**(20) **not null**



Date/Time Types in SQL (Cont.)

- **date.** Dates, containing a (4 digit) year, month and date
  - E.g. **date** '2001-7-27'
- **time.** Time of day, in hours, minutes and seconds.
  - E.g. **time** '09:00:30' **time** '09:00:30.75'
- **timestamp**: date plus time of day
  - E.g. **timestamp** '2001-7-27 09:00:30.75'
- **Interval**: period of time
  - E.g. Interval '1' day
  - Subtracting a date/time/timestamp value from another gives an interval value
  - Interval values can be added to date/time/timestamp values
- Can extract values of individual fields from date/time/timestamp
  - E.g. **extract** (**year from** r.starttime)
- Can cast string types to date/time/timestamp
  - E.g. **cast** <string-valued-expression> **as date**

Create Table Construct

- An SQL relation is defined using the **create table** command:

  create table *r* (A_1 D_1, A_2 D_2, ..., A_n D_n,
  (integrity-constraint$_1$),
  ...,
  (integrity-constraint$_k$))

  - *r* is the name of the relation
  - each A_i is an attribute name in the schema of relation *r*
  - D_i is the data type of values in the domain of attribute A_i
- Example:

  create table *branch*
  (*branch-name* char(15) **not null,**
  branch-city char(30),
  assets integer)

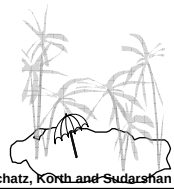
Integrity Constraints in Create Table

- **not null**
- **primary key** (A_1, ..., A_n)
- **check** *(P),* where *P* is a predicate

Example: Declare *branch-name* as the primary key for *branch* and ensure that the values of *assets* are non-negative.

create table *branch*
(branch-name char(15)**,**
branch-city char(30)
assets integer,
primary key *(branch-name),*
check *(assets* >= 0))

primary key declaration on an attribute automatically ensures **not null** in SQL-92 onwards, needs to be explicitly stated in SQL-89



Drop and Alter Table Constructs

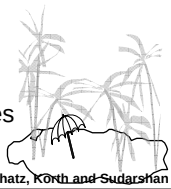
- The **drop table** command deletes all information about the dropped relation from the database.
- The **after table** command is used to add attributes to an existing relation. All tuples in the relation are assigned *null* as the value for the new attribute. The form of the **alter table** command is

  alter table *r* **add** *A D*

  where *A* is the name of the attribute to be added to relation *r* and *D* is the domain of *A.*
- The **alter table** command can also be used to drop attributes of a relation

  alter table *r* **drop** *A*

  where *A* is the name of an attribute of relation *r*
  - Dropping of attributes not supported by many databases

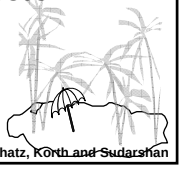


Embedded SQL

- The SQL standard defines embeddings of SQL in a variety of programming languages such as Pascal, PL/I, Fortran, C, and Cobol.
- A language to which SQL queries are embedded is referred to as a *host* language, and the SQL structures permitted in the host language comprise *embedded* SQL.
- The basic form of these languages follows that of the System R embedding of SQL into PL/I.
- EXEC SQL statement is used to identify embedded SQL request to the preprocessor

  EXEC SQL <embedded SQL statement > END-EXEC

  Note: this varies by language. E.g. the Java embedding uses
  # SQL { …. } ;



Example Query

From within a host language, find the names and cities of customers with more than the variable *amount* dollars in some account.

- Specify the query in SQL and declare a *cursor* for it

EXEC SQL

declare *c* **cursor for**
select *customer-name, customer-city*
from *depositor, customer, account*
where *depositor.customer-name = customer.customer-name*
and *depositor account-number = account.account-number*
and *account.balance > :amount*

END-EXEC

Embedded SQL (Cont.)

- The **open** statement causes the query to be evaluated

  EXEC SQL **open** *c* END-EXEC

- The **fetch** statement causes the values of one tuple in the query result to be placed on host language variables.

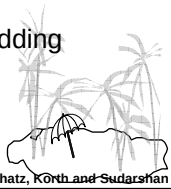
  EXEC SQL **fetch** *c* **into** *:cn, :cc* END-EXEC

  Repeated calls to **fetch** get successive tuples in the query result

- A variable called SQLSTATE in the SQL communication area (SQLCA) gets set to '02000' to indicate no more data is available
- The **close** statement causes the database system to delete the temporary relation that holds the result of the query.

  EXEC SQL **close** *c* END-EXEC

Note: above details vary with language. E.g. the Java embedding defines Java iterators to step through result tuples.



Updates Through Cursors

- Can update tuples fetched by cursor by declaring that the cursor is for update

  declare *c* **cursor for**
  select *
  from *account*
  where *branch-name* = 'Perryridge'
  for update

- To update tuple at the current location of cursor

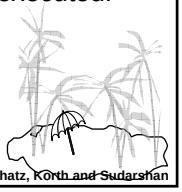
  update *account*
  set *balance* = *balance* + 100
  where current of *c*

Dynamic SQL

- Allows programs to construct and submit SQL queries at run time.
- Example of the use of dynamic SQL from within a C program.

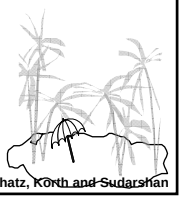
  char * *sqlprog* = "**update** *account*
  set *balance* = *balance* * 1.05
  where *account-number* = *?"*
  EXEC SQL **prepare** *dynprog* **from** *:sqlprog;*
  char *account* [10] = "A-101";
  EXEC SQL **execute** *dynprog* **using** *:account;*

- The dynamic SQL program contains a ?, which is a place holder for a value that is provided when the SQL program is executed.



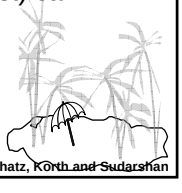
Other SQL Features

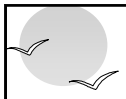
- SQL sessions
  - client *connects* to an SQL server, establishing a session
  - executes a series of statements
  - *disconnects* the session
  - can *commit* or *rollback* the work carried out in the session
- An SQL environment contains several components, including a user identifier, and a *schema,* which identifies which of several schemas a session is using.



Schemas, Catalogs, and Environments

- Three-level hierarchy for naming relations.
  - Database contains multiple **catalogs**
  - each catalog can contain multiple **schemas**
  - SQL objects such as relations and views are contained within a schema
- e.g. catalog5.bank-schema.account
- Each user has a default catalog and schema, and the combination is unique to the user.
- Default catalog and schema are set up for a connection
- Catalog and schema can be omitted, defaults are assumed
- Multiple versions of an application (e.g. production and test) can run under separate schemas





Procedural Extensions and Stored Procedures

- SQL provides a **module** language
  - permits definition of procedures in SQL, with if-then-else statements, for and while loops, etc.
  - more in Chapter 9
- Stored Procedures
  - Can store procedures in the database
  - then execute them using the **call** statement
  - permit external applications to operate on the database without knowing about internal details
- These features are covered in Chapter 9 (Object Relational Databases)