

Data Management

04 Relational Algebra

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Announcements/Org

■ #1 Video Recording

- Link in [TeachCenter](#) & [TUBE](#) (lectures will be public)



■ #2 Info [Study Abroad](#)

- 5-10min in lecture **today** (start 6.10pm)



■ #3 Exercise Submission

- Submission through [TeachCenter](#) (max 5MB, draft possible)
- [Open since Oct 15](#) (deadline **Nov 05, 11.59pm**)
- ➔ **Nobody left behind** (if problems, contact us via newsgroup or email)

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Recap: Relations and Terminology

- Domain D (value domain): e.g., Set S, INT, Char[20]

- Relation R

- Relation schema RS:
Set of k attributes $\{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$
- Attribute A_j : value domain $D_j = \text{dom}(A_j)$
- Relation: subset of the Cartesian product over all value domains D_j

$$R \subseteq D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_k, k \geq 1$$

Attribute

	A1 INT	A2 INT	A3 BOOL
	3	7	T
	1	2	T
	3	4	F
Tuple	1	7	T

- Additional Terminology

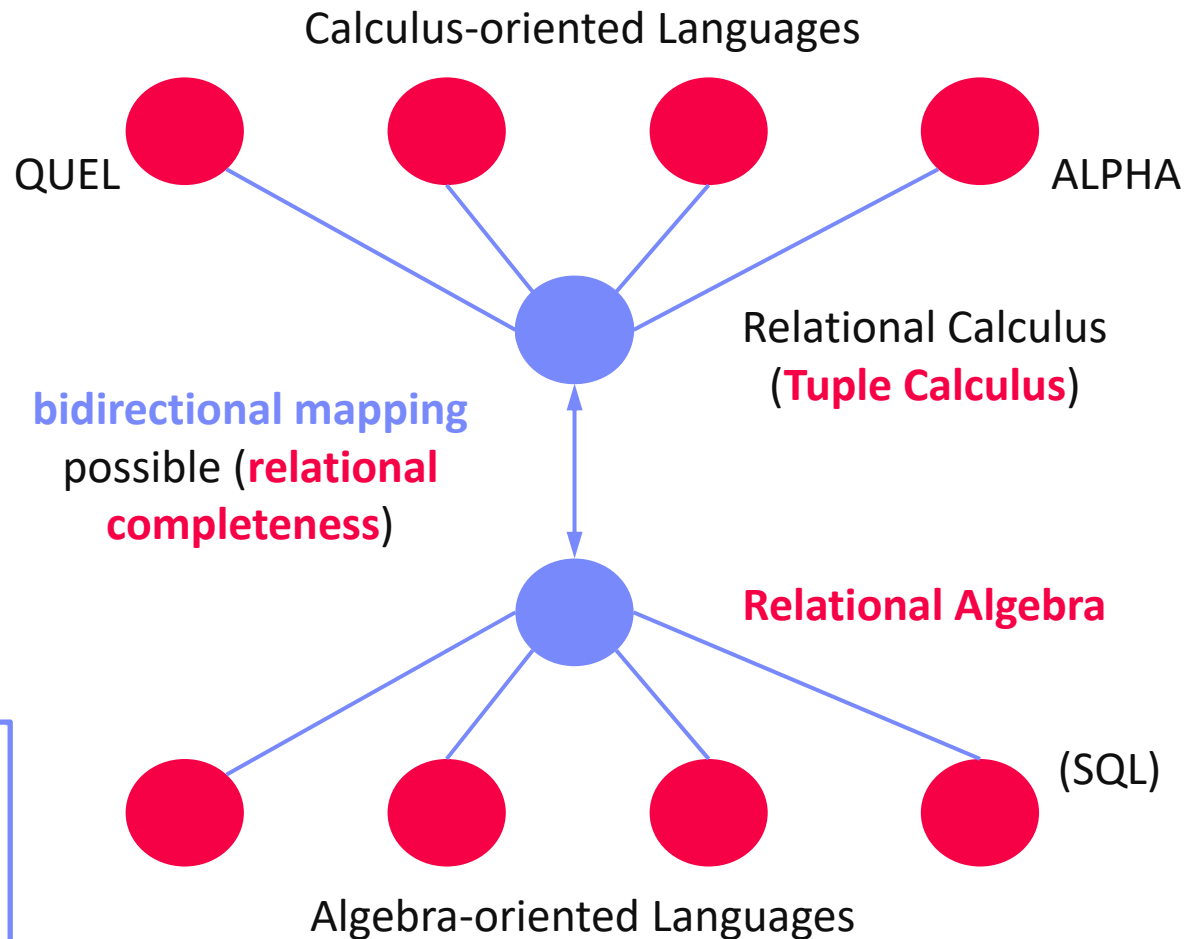
- Tuple: row of k elements of a relation
- Cardinality of a relation: number of tuples in the relation
- Rank of a relation: number of attributes

cardinality: 4
rank: 3

- Semantics: **Set** := no duplicate tuples (in practice: **Bag** := duplicates allowed)
- Order of tuples and attributes is irrelevant

Relational Algebra vs Tuple Calculus

■ Comparison Scheme for Data Sub Languages



[E. F. Codd: Relational Completeness of Data Base Sublanguages. IBM Research Report RJ987, 1972]



Agenda

- **Relational Algebra**
- **Tuple Calculus**
- **Physical Operators** (Preview Lecture 08)

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115	Joe	Hellerstein	UC Berkley	6
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108		MS Research	3		5	New York, USA
111		Amazon	3		6	Berkley, USA
113		NYU	5		7	Cambridge, USA
115		UC Berkley	6		8	Berlin, GER
116		Harvard	7		9	Tel Aviv, ISR
117		MS Research			10	San Jose, USA
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Relational Algebra

Core Relational Algebra

Relational Algebra

- **Operands:** **relations** (normalized, variables for computing new values)
- **Operators:** traditional **set operations** and specific **relational operations**

Basic Operations (minimal)

- Cartesian product $R \times S$
- Union $R \cup S$
- Difference $R - S$
- Projection $\pi_{i_1, \dots, i_m}(R)$
- Selection $\sigma_F(R)$

Derived Operations

- Intersection $R \cap S$
- Join $R \bowtie S$
- Division $R \div S$

Rename $\rho_S(R)$

	Traditional Set Operations	Specific Relational Operations
Basic Operations	$R \times S$ $R \cup S$ $R - S$	$\pi_{i_1, \dots, i_m}(R)$ $\sigma_F(R)$
Derived Operations	$R \cap S$	$R \bowtie S$ $R \div S$

Extended Relational Algebra

Extended Relational Algebra

- Relational algebra introduced with **set semantics** (no duplicate tuples)
- SQL with **bag semantics** (more flexibility and performance)
- Codd'72**: *In a practical environment it would need to be augmented by a counting and summing capability, together with [...] library functions [...].*

Additional Operations (Ext)

- Duplicate elimination $\delta(R)$
- Grouping $\gamma_{A,f(B)}R$
- Sorting $\tau_A(R)$



Basic	Ext
Derived	

Bag (aka Multiset) Terminology

- Multiplicity: # occurrences of an instance
- Cardinality: # tuples (i.e., # instances weighted by multiplicity)

A	B
a	b
b	c
a	b

Cartesian Product

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- **Definition:** $R \times S := \{(r,s) \mid r \in R, s \in S\}$
 - Set of all pairs of inputs (equivalent in **set/bag**)

- **Example**

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6	Berkley, USA
10	San Jose, USA

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Union

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- **Definition:** $R \cup S := \{x \mid x \in R \vee x \in S\}$
 - **Set:** set union with duplicate elimination (idempotent: $S \cup S = S$)
 - **Bag:** bag union (commutative but not idempotent)
- **Example w/ set semantics**



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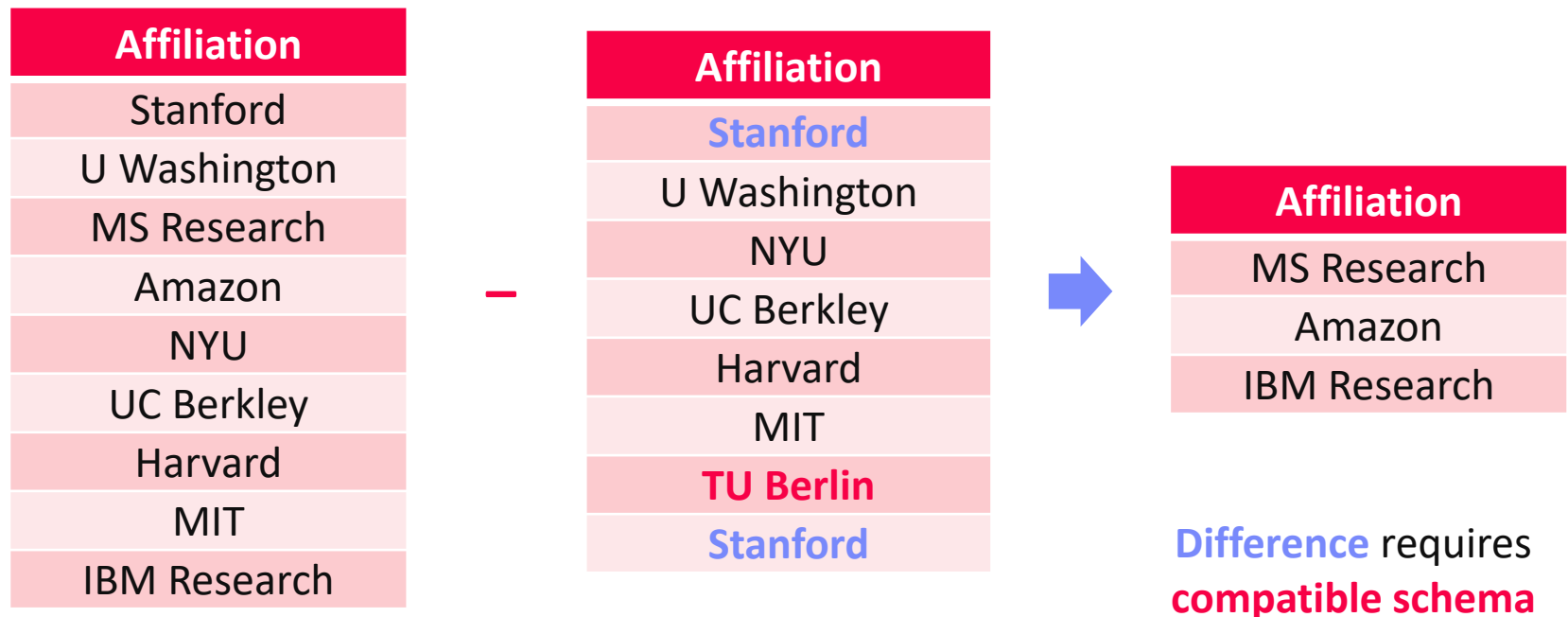
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Union requires
compatible schema

Difference

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- **Definition:** $R - S := \{x \mid x \in R \wedge x \notin S\}$ (sometimes \setminus)
 - **Set:** set difference
 - **Bag:** element multiplicity of R minus multiplicity min(R,S)
- **Example w/ bag semantics**



Projection and Selection

Basic	Ext
Derived	

Projection $\pi_{i_1, \dots, i_m}(R)$

- **Set:** selection of attributes with duplicate elimination
- **Bag:** selection of attributes

Extended Projection

- Arithmetic expressions: $\pi_{A, A*B}(R)$
- Duplicate occurrences: $\pi_{A, A, B}(R)$

Selection (restriction) $\sigma_F(R)$

- Selection of tuples satisfying the predicate F (equivalent in **set**/**bag**)
- Example: $\sigma_{\text{Affiliation}='IBM Research'}(R)$

Example:
 $\pi_{\text{Affiliation}}(R)$ w/
 set semantics

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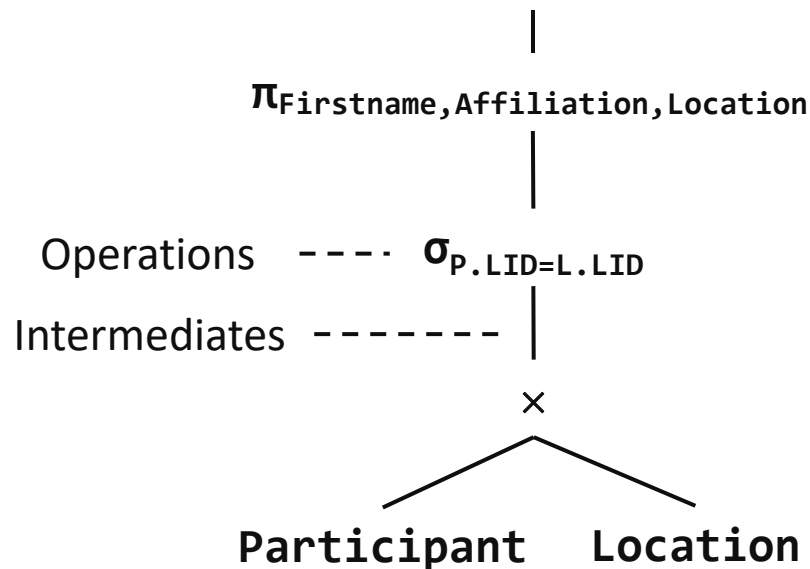
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Tel Aviv University
IBM Research
TU Munich

Query Trees

Composition of Complex Queries

- Relational algebra expressions \rightarrow data flow graph (tree)
- Leaf nodes represent base relations; root node represent result

- Example** $\pi_{\text{Firstname}, \text{Affiliation}, \text{Location}} (\sigma_{P.LID=L.LID}(\text{Participant} \times \text{Location}))$



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...

Intersection

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- **Definition** $R \cap S := R - (R - S)$ (derived from basic operations)
 - **Set:** set intersection derived from difference
 - **Bag:** bag intersection, with element multiplicity $\min(R, S)$

- **Example**

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Intersection requires
compatible schema

Division

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- Definition** $R \div S := \pi_{R-S}(R) - \pi_{R-S}((\pi_{R-S}(R) \times S) - R)$
 - Find instances in R that satisfy S (e.g., **which students took ALL DB course**)
 - $R \div S := \{(a_1, \dots, a_{r-s}) \mid \forall (b_1, \dots, b_s) \in S : (a_1, \dots, a_{r-s}, b_1, \dots, b_s) \in R\}$

Example

A	B	C	D
a	b	c	d
a	b	e	f
b	c	e	f
e	d	e	f
e	d	c	d
a	b	d	e

R

C	D
c	d
e	f

S

(many-to-one set containment test)

A	B
a	b
e	d

R ÷ S

Example Derivation

A	B	C	D
a	b	c	d
a	b	e	f
b	c	c	d
b	c	e	f
e	d	c	d
e	d	e	f

$\pi_{R-S}(R) \times S$

A	B	C	D
b	c	c	d

$(\pi_{R-S}(R) \times S) - R$

A	B
b	c

$\pi_{R-S}((\pi_{R-S}(R) \times S) - R)$

A	B
a	b
e	d

$\pi_{R-S}(R) - \pi_{R-S}((\pi_{R-S}(R) \times S) - R)$

Join

Basic	Ext
Derived	

- **Definition** $R \bowtie S := \pi_{\dots} (\sigma_F (R \times S))$
 - Selection of tuples (and attributes) from the cartesian product $R \times S$ (equivalent in **set/bag**); **beware of NULLs**: do never match
 - **Theta Join**: $R \bowtie_{\Theta} S := \sigma_{\Theta} (R \times S)$; arbitrary condition e.g., $\Theta \in \{=, \neq, <, \leq, >, \geq\}$
 - **Natural Join**: $R \bowtie S$; **equi join** (Θ is $=$) w/ shared attributes appearing once
- **Example Natural Join** **Participant** \bowtie **Location**

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Types of Joins

Outer Joins

- Left outer join \bowtie (tuples of lhs, NULLs for non-existing rhs)
- Right outer join \bowtie (tuples of rhs, NULLs for non-existing lhs)
- Full outer join \bowtie (tuples of lhs/rhs, NULLs for non-existing lhs/rhs)
- Example

Participant
 \bowtie Location

PID	Firstname	Lastname	Affiliation	LID	LID	Location
102	Anastasia	Ailamaki	EPFL	1	1	Lausanne, SUI
104	Peter	Bailis	Stanford	NULL	NULL	NULL
105	Magdalena	Balazinska	UW	3	3	Seattle, USA

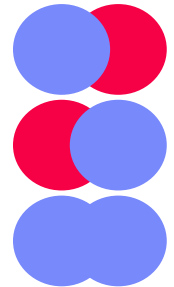
Semi Join

- Left semi join $\ltimes := \pi_R(R \bowtie S)$ (filter lhs)
- Right semi join \rtimes (filter rhs)
- Example Participant
 $\ltimes \sigma_{\text{GER}}(\text{Location})$

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Anti Join

- Left anti join $R \rhd S := R - R \ltimes S$ (complement of left semi join)
- Right anti join (complement of right semi join)



Deduplication, Sorting, and Renaming

Basic	Ext
Derived	

■ Duplication Elimination $\delta(R)$

- Convert a **bag** into a **set** by removing all duplicate instances
- SQL: use **ALL** or **DISTINCT** to indicate w/ or w/o duplicate elimination

■ Sorting $\tau_A(R)$

- Convert a **bag** into a **sorted list** of tuples; order lost if used in other ops
- SQL: sequence of attributes with ASC (ascending) or DESC (descending) order
- Example: $\tau_{\text{Firstname ASC, Lastname ASC}}(\text{Participant})$

■ Rename $\rho_S(R)$

- Define new schema (attribute names), but keep tuples unchanged
- **Example:** $\rho_{\text{ID, Given Name, Family Name, Affiliation, LID}}(\text{Participant})$

Grouping and Aggregation

Basic	Ext
Derived	

Definition $\gamma_{A,f(B)}R$

- **Grouping**: group input tuples R according to unique values in A
- **Aggregation**: compute aggregate $f(B)$ per group of tuples (aggregation w/o grouping possible)

Example $\gamma_{\text{Affiliation}, \text{COUNT}(*)} \text{Participant}$

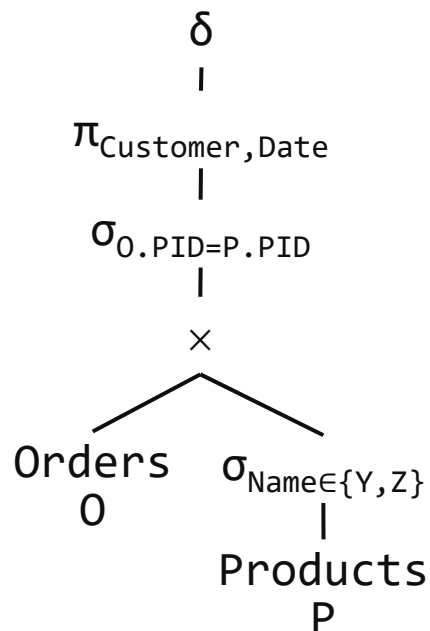
Affiliation	COUNT
EPFL	1
Stanford	2
U Washington	1
CWI	1
MS Research	2
Amazon	1
...	...
IBM Research	2
TU Munich	1

Classification of Aggregates $f(B)$

- **Additive** aggregation functions (**SUM**, **COUNT**)
- **Semi-additive** aggregation functions (**MIN**, **MAX**)
- **Additively computable** aggregation functions (**AVG**, **STDDEV**, **VAR**)
- Aggregation functions (**MEDIAN**, **QUANTILES**)

BREAK (and Test Yourself)

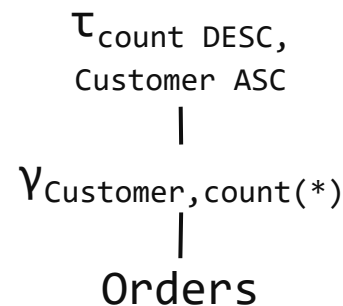
- Task: Compute the results for the following queries.



Customer	Date
A	'2019-06-22'
C	'2019-06-23'
D	'2019-06-23'

Orders

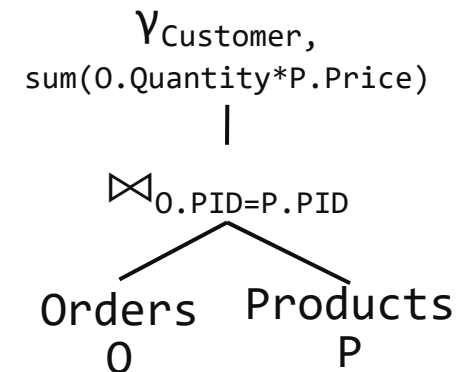
OID	Customer	Date	Quantity	PID
1	A	'2019-06-22'	3	2
2	B	'2019-06-22'	1	3
3	A	'2019-06-22'	1	4
4	C	'2019-06-23'	2	2
5	D	'2019-06-23'	1	4
6	C	'2019-06-23'	1	1



Customer	Count
A	2
C	2
B	1
D	1

Products

PID	Name	Price
1	X	100
2	Y	15
4	Z	75
3	W	120



Customer	Sum
A	120
B	120
C	130
D	1

Tuple Calculus

Overview Tuple Calculus

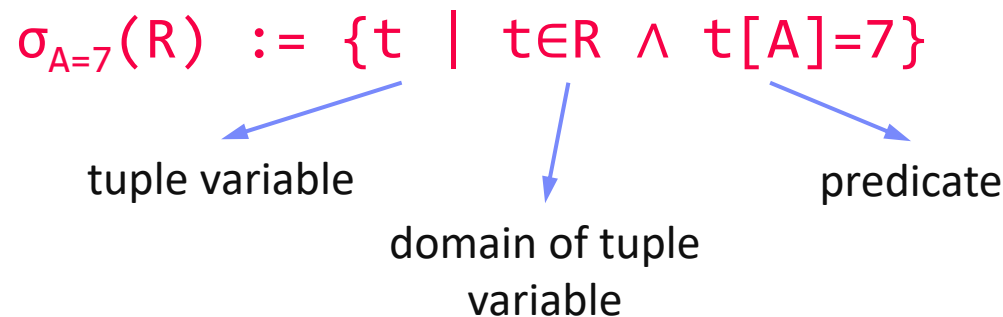
■ Relational Calculus

- **Tuple Calculus** – tuple relational calculus: $\{T \mid p(T)\}$ (tuple \rightarrow set)
 \rightarrow **examples:** see definition of relational algebra
- (**Domain Calculus** – domain relational calculus: attribute \rightarrow set)

■ Characteristics Tuple Calculus

- Calculus expression **does not specify order of operations**
- Calculus expressions consist of variables, constants, comparison operators, logical concatenations, and quantifiers
- Expressions are formulas, free formal variables \rightarrow result

■ Example Selection

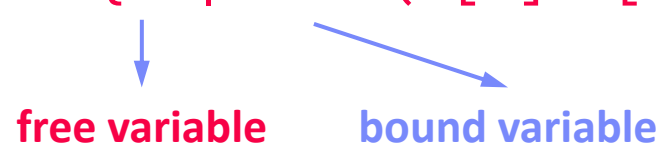


Quantifiers

Variables

- Free: unbound variables define the result
- Bound: existential quantifier $\exists x$ and universal quantifier $\forall x$ bind a variable x

Example Projection $\pi_{A,B}(R) := \{t \mid \exists r \in R (t[A]=r[A] \wedge t[B]=r[B])\}$



(relation T defined with two attributes A and B)

Safe Queries

- Guarantees finite number of tuples (otherwise, unsafe)
- Example unsafe query: $\{t \mid t \notin R\}$
- Relational completeness:** Every safe query expressible in RA and vice versa

Relational Algebra vs Tuple Calculus **Revisited**

■ E. F. Codd argued for Tuple Calculus

- **Criticism RA:** operator-centric
- Ease of Augmentation (w/ lib functions)
- Scope for Search Optimization
- Authorization Capabilities
- Closeness to Natural Language

[E. F. Codd: Relational Completeness of Data Base Sublanguages. IBM Research Report RJ987, **1972**]



→ **focus on query language**

■ System R Team used SEQUEL + RA

- **Criticism Tuple Calculus:** too complex
- Iterating over tuples (not set-oriented)
- Quantifiers and bound variables
- Join over all variable attributes and result mapping

[Donald D. Chamberlin, Raymond F. Boyce: SEQUEL: A Structured English Query Language. SIGMOD Workshop **1974**]



■ Equivalent expressiveness + simplicity of RA + use as IR

→ **Relational Algebra as basis for SQL und DBMS in practice**

Excursus: The History of System R and SQL

Gem: “The Birth of SQL – Prehistory / System R” (SQL Reunion 1995)

- https://www.mcjones.org/System_R/SQL_Reunion_95/sqlr95-Prehisto.html
- https://www.mcjones.org/System_R/SQL_Reunion_95/sqlr95-System.html
- **Don Chamberlin:** *We had this idea, that Codd had developed two languages, called the relational algebra and the relational calculus. [...] The relational calculus was a kind of a strange mathematical notation with a lot of quantifiers in it. We thought that what we needed was a language that was different from either one of those, [...].*
- **Don Chamberlin:** *Interestingly enough, Ted Codd didn't participate in that as much as you might expect. He got off into natural language processing [...]. He really didn't get involved in the nuts and bolts of System R very much. I think he may have wanted to maintain a certain distance from it in case we didn't get it right. Which I think he would probably say we didn't.*
- **Mike Blasgen:** *Oh, he has said that, many times.*

Physical Operators

(Preview of Lecture 08 Query Processing)

Iterator Model

Scalable (small memory)

High CPI measures

Volcano Iterator Model

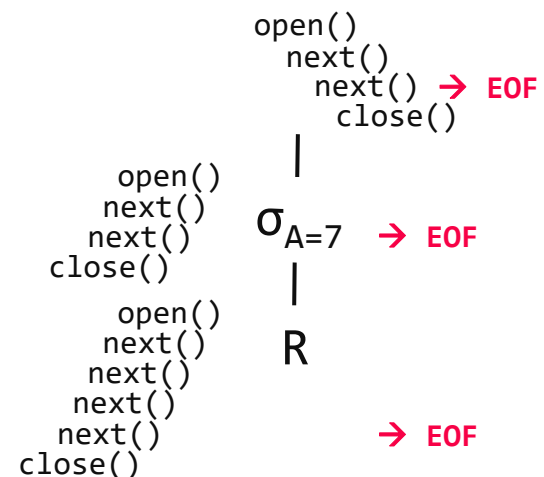
- Pipelined & no global knowledge
- Open-Next-Close (ONC) interface
- Query execution from root node (pull-based)

[Goetz Graefe: Volcano - An Extensible and Parallel Query Evaluation System. IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng. 1994]



Example $\sigma_{A=7}(R)$

```
void open() { R.open(); }
void close() { R.close(); }
Record next() {
    while( (r = R.next()) != EOF )
        if( p(r) ) //A==7
            return r;
    return EOF;
}
```



Blocking Operators

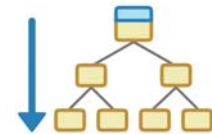
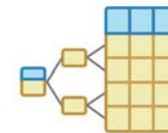
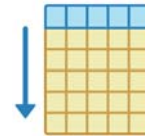
- Sorting, grouping/aggregation, build-phase of (simple) hash joins

PostgreSQL: `Init()`,
`GetNext()`, `ReScan()`, `MarkPos()`,
`RestorePos()`, `End()`

(Selected) Physical Operators in PostgreSQL

Physical Table Access Operators

- Seq Scan (table scan)
- Index Scan
- Index Only Scan

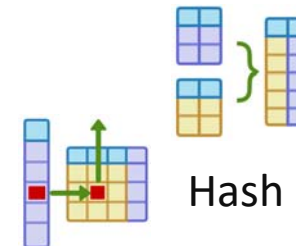


Physical Join Operators

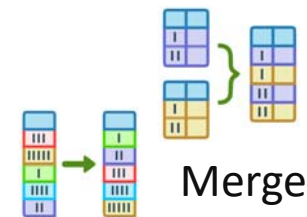
- Nested Loop Join
- Hash / Hash Join
- Sort / Merge Join



Nested



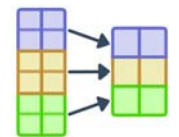
Hash



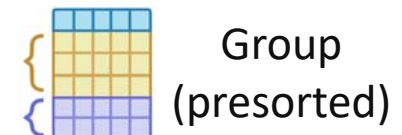
Merge

Physical Grouping Operators

- Hash Aggregate
- Group Aggregate



Hash

Group
(presorted)

[Images: PostgreSQL/11/pgAdmin 4/web/pgadmin/misc/static/explain/img]

ANALYZE and EXPLAIN

Note: SQL for table creation and insert in the pptx notes.

- **Step 1: EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM Participant AS R, Locale AS S WHERE R.LID=S.LID;**

Hash Join (.. rows=70 width=1592)

Hash Cond:(s.lid = r.lid)

-> Seq Scan on locale s (.. rows=140 width=520)

-> Hash (.. rows=70 width=1072)

-> Seq Scan on participant r (.. rows=70 width=1072) } build side

- **Step 2: ANALYZE Participant, Locale;**

- **Step 3: EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM Participant AS R, Locale AS S WHERE R.LID=S.LID;**

Hash Join (.. rows=17 width=47)

Hash Cond:(r.lid = s.lid)

-> Seq Scan on participant r (.. rows=17 width=30)

-> Hash (.. rows=11 width=17)

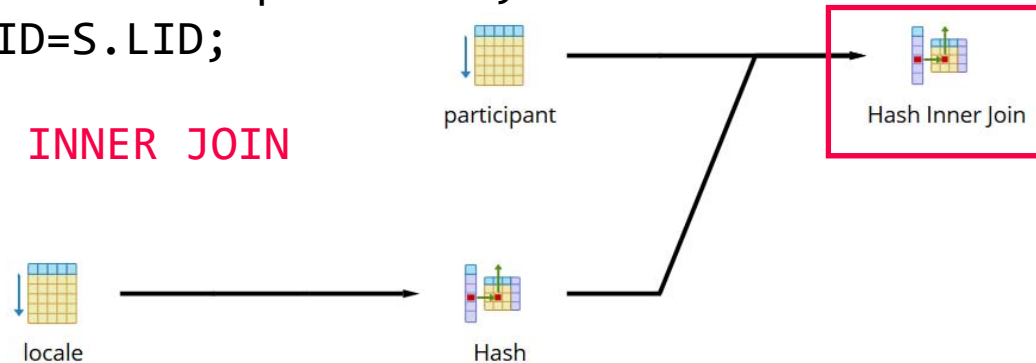
-> Seq Scan on locale s (.. rows=11 width=17)

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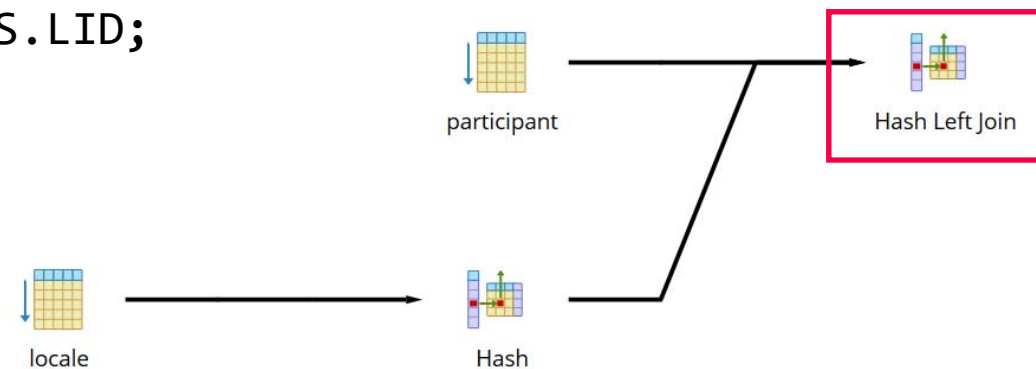
Visual EXPLAIN

- SELECT * FROM Participant AS R, Locale AS S
WHERE R.LID=S.LID;

$\sigma_F(R \times S) \rightarrow$ INNER JOIN



- SELECT * FROM Participant AS R LEFT JOIN Locale AS S
ON R.LID=S.LID;



Conclusions and Q&A

■ Summary

- **Fundamentals of relational algebra** and tuple calculus
- Preview of query trees and physical operators

■ Exercise 1 Reminder

- All background to solve tasks 1.1-1.3 since last lecture
- Submission: Deadline: **Nov 05 11.59pm**

■ Next Lectures

- Nov 04: **05 Query Languages (SQL), incl. Exercise 2**
- Nov 11: **06 APIs (ODBC, JDBC, OR frameworks)**