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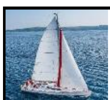
Relational Algebra



Relational Algebra

- A procedural language consisting of a set of operations that take one or two relations as input and produce a new relation as their result.
- Six basic operators
  - select: σ
  - project: $\prod$
  - union: $\cup$
  - set difference: –
  - Cartesian product: x
  - rename: ρ

Select Operation

- The **select** operation selects tuples that satisfy a given predicate.
- Notation: $\sigma_p(r)$
- *p* is called the **selection predicate**
- Example: select those tuples of the *instructor* relation where the instructor is in the "Physics" department.
  - Query

    $$\sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"}}(instructor)$$

  - Result

ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000

Select Operation (Cont.)

- We allow comparisons using

  $=, \neq, >, \geq. <. \leq$

  in the selection predicate.
- We can combine several predicates into a larger predicate by using the connectives:

  $\wedge$ (**and**), $\vee$ (**or**), $\neg$ (**not**)
- Example: Find the instructors in Physics with a salary greater $90,000, we write:

  $$\sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"} \wedge salary > 90,000}(instructor)$$

- The select predicate may include comparisons between two attributes.
  - Example, find all departments whose name is the same as their building name:
  - $\sigma_{dept\_name=building}(department)$

Project Operation

- A unary operation that returns its argument relation, with certain attributes left out.
- Notation:

  $$\Pi_{A_1, A_2, A_3 \ldots, A_k}(r)$$

  where A_1, A_2, …, A_k are attribute names and r is a relation name.
- The result is defined as the relation of k columns obtained by erasing the columns that are not listed
- Duplicate rows removed from result, since relations are sets

Project Operation Example

- Example: eliminate the *dept_name* attribute of *instructor*
- Query:

  $$\Pi_{ID,\ name,\ salary}(instructor)$$

- Result:

ID	*name*	*salary*
10101	Srinivasan	65000
12121	Wu	90000
15151	Mozart	40000
22222	Einstein	95000
32343	El Said	60000
33456	Gold	87000
45565	Katz	75000
58583	Califieri	62000
76543	Singh	80000
76766	Crick	72000

Composition of Relational Operations

- The result of a relational-algebra operation is relation and therefore of relational-algebra operations can be composed together into a **relational-algebra expression**.
- Consider the query -- Find the names of all instructors in the Physics department.

  $\Pi_{name}(\sigma_{dept\_name\ =\text{“Physics”}}\ (instructor))$

- Instead of giving the name of a relation as the argument of the projection operation, we give an expression that evaluates to a relation.

- Select name
  from instructor
  where dept_name = ‘Physics’ ;

Cartesian-Product Operation

- The Cartesian-product operation (denoted by X) allows us to combine information from any two relations.
- Example: the Cartesian product of the relations *instructor* and *teaches* is written as:

  instructor X *teaches*
- We construct a tuple of the result out of each possible pair of tuples: one from the *instructor* relation and one from the *teaches* relation (see next slide)
- Since the instructor *ID* appears in both relations we distinguish between these attribute by attaching to the attribute the name of the relation from which the attribute originally came.
  - *instructor.ID*
  - *teaches.ID*

The *instructor* x *teaches* table

instructor.ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*	*teaches.ID*	*course_id*	*sec_id*	*semester*	*year*
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Join Operation

- The Cartesian-Product

  instructor X *teaches*

  associates every tuple of instructor with every tuple of teaches.
  - Most of the resulting rows have information about instructors who did NOT teach a particular course.
- To get only those tuples of "*instructor* X *teaches* " that pertain to instructors and the courses that they taught, we write:

  $\sigma_{instructor.id = teaches.id}$ (*instructor* x *teaches*))

  - We get only those tuples of "*instructor* X *teaches*" that pertain to instructors and the courses that they taught.
- The result of this expression, shown in the next slide

Join Operation (Cont.)

- The table corresponding to:

  $\sigma_{\textit{instructor.id} = \textit{teaches.id}}$ (*instructor* x *teaches*))

Select *
from instructor,teaches
where instructor.id=teaches.id

instructor.ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*	*teaches.ID*	*course_id*	*sec_id*	*semester*	*year*
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-101	1	Fall	2017
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-315	1	Spring	2018
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000	10101	CS-347	1	Fall	2017
12121	Wu	Finance	90000	12121	FIN-201	1	Spring	2018
15151	Mozart	Music	40000	15151	MU-199	1	Spring	2018
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000	22222	PHY-101	1	Fall	2017
32343	El Said	History	60000	32343	HIS-351	1	Spring	2018
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	45565	CS-101	1	Spring	2018
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000	45565	CS-319	1	Spring	2018
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	76766	BIO-101	1	Summer	2017
76766	Crick	Biology	72000	76766	BIO-301	1	Summer	2018
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000	83821	CS-190	1	Spring	2017
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000	83821	CS-190	2	Spring	2017

Join Operation (Cont.)

- The **join** operation allows us to combine a select operation and a Cartesian-Product operation into a single operation.
- Consider relations *r* (*R*) and *s* (*S*)
- Let "theta" be a predicate on attributes in the schema R "union" S. The join operation $r \bowtie_\theta s$ is defined as follows:

  $$r \bowtie_\theta s = \sigma_\theta (r \times s)$$

- Thus

  $\sigma_{\textit{instructor.id} = \textit{teaches.id}}$ (*instructor* x *teaches*))

- Can equivalently be written as

  instructor $\bowtie_{\textit{Instructor.id = teaches.id}}$ *teaches*.

Union Operation

- The union operation allows us to combine two relations
- Notation: $r \cup s$
- For $r \cup s$ to be valid.
  1. *r, s* must have the *same* **arity** (same number of attributes)
  2. The attribute domains must be **compatible** (example: 2nd column of *r* deals with the same type of values as does the 2nd column of *s*)
- Example: to find all courses taught in the Fall 2017 semester, or in the Spring 2018 semester, or in both

$$\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{“Fall”} \wedge year=2017} (section)) \cup$$
$$\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{“Spring”} \wedge year=2018} (section))$$

Union Operation (Cont.)

- Result of:

$$\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{“Fall”} \wedge year=2017} (section)) \cup$$
$$\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{“Spring”} \wedge year=2018} (section))$$

course_id
CS-101
CS-315
CS-319
CS-347
FIN-201
HIS-351
MU-199
PHY-101

Set-Intersection Operation

- The set-intersection operation allows us to find tuples that are in both the input relations.
- Notation: $r \cap s$
- Assume:
  - r, s have the *same arity*
  - attributes of r and s are compatible
- Example: Find the set of all courses taught in both the Fall 2017 and the Spring 2018 semesters.

  $\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{"Fall"} \wedge year=2017} (section)) \cap$
  $\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{"Spring"} \wedge year=2018} (section))$

  - Result

course_id
CS-101

Set Difference Operation

- The set-difference operation allows us to find tuples that are in one relation but are not in another.
- Notation $r - s$
- Set differences must be taken between **compatible** relations.
  - r and s must have the same arity
  - attribute domains of r and s must be compatible
- Example: to find all courses taught in the Fall 2017 semester, but not in the Spring 2018 semester

  $\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{"Fall"} \wedge year=2017} (section)) -$
  $\Pi_{course\_id} (\sigma_{semester=\text{"Spring"} \wedge year=2018} (section))$

course_id
CS-347
PHY-101

The Assignment Operation

- It is convenient at times to write a relational-algebra expression by assigning parts of it to temporary relation variables.
- The assignment operation is denoted by $\leftarrow$ and works like assignment in a programming language.
- Example: Find all instructor in the "Physics" and Music department.

$$Physics \leftarrow \sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"}}(instructor)$$
$$Music \leftarrow \sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Music"}}(instructor)$$
$$Physics \cup Music$$

- With the assignment operation, a query can be written as a sequential program consisting of a series of assignments followed by an expression whose value is displayed as the result of the query.

The Rename Operation

- The results of relational-algebra expressions do not have a name that we can use to refer to them. The rename operator, ρ , is provided for that purpose
- The expression:

  $\rho_x(E)$

  returns the result of expression E under the name x
- Another form of the rename operation:

  $\rho_{x(A1,A2, .. An)}(E)$

Equivalent Queries

- There is more than one way to write a query in relational algebra.
- Example: Find information about courses taught by instructors in the Physics department
- Query 1

  $\sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"}}(instructor \bowtie_{instructor.ID = teaches.ID} teaches)$

- Query 2

  $(\sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"}}(instructor)) \bowtie_{instructor.ID = teaches.ID} teaches$

- The two queries are not identical; they are, however, equivalent -- they give the same result on any database.

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- Query 2

  $\sigma_{dept\_name=\text{"Physics"}}(\sigma_{salary > 90.000}(instructor))$

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Extended Projection

- Allow the columns in the projection to be functions of one or more columns in the argument relation.
- Example
- R =

A	B
1	2
3	4

$\pi_{A+B,A,A}(R)$ =

A+B	A1	A2
3	1	1
7	3	3

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Aggregation Operators

- Summarize a column in some way.
  - Operate over multiple tuples
- Five standard operators: Sum, Average, Count, Min, and Max.
  - Use with grouping (see next slide) or shorthand as "special" projection:
- R =

A	B
1	2
3	4

- $\pi_{Max(A),\ Min(B)}$ (R) = Max(A) Min(B)
- 3 2
- Remember: Aggregations return a single row – can't combine with non-aggregates in projection

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Aggregation

Aggregate Functions Examples

- Find the average salary of instructors in the Computer Science department :
  $\Pi_{avg(salary)}(\sigma_{dept\_name = \text{'Comp. Sci.'}}(instructor))$,
  - **select avg** (*salary*)
    from *instructor*
    where *dept_name*= 'Comp. Sci.';
- Find the total number of instructors who teach a course in the Spring 2018 semester
  - **select count** (**distinct** *ID*)
    from *teaches*
    where *semester* = 'Spring' **and** *year* = 2018;
- Find the number of tuples in the *course* relation
  - **select count** (*)
    from *course*;

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Grouping Operator

$\gamma_L(R)$, where L is a list of elements that are either

a) Individual (*grouping*) attributes or

b) Of the form $\theta(A)$, where θ is an aggregation operator and A the attribute to which it is applied,

is computed by:

1. Group R according to all the grouping attributes on list L.
2. Within each group, compute $\theta(A)$, for each element $\theta(A)$ on list L.
3. Result is the relation whose columns consist of one tuple for each group. The components of that tuple are the values associated with each element of L for that group.

Aggregate Functions – Group By

- Find the average salary of instructors in each department: $\gamma_{dept\_name,\ avg(salary)}(instructor)$
  - **select** *dept_name*, **avg** (*salary*) **as** *avg_salary*
    from *instructor*
    group by *dept_name*;

ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000
32343	El Said	History	60000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
15151	Mozart	Music	40000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000

dept_name	*avg_salary*
Biology	72000
Comp. Sci.	77333
Elec. Eng.	80000
Finance	85000
History	61000
Music	40000
Physics	91000

Aggregation (Cont.)

- Attributes in **select** clause outside of aggregate functions must appear in **group by** list
  - /* erroneous query */
    select *dept_name*, *ID*, **avg** (*salary*)
    from *instructor*
    group by *dept_name*;

Aggregate Functions – Having Clause

- Find the names and average salaries of all departments whose average salary is greater than 42000

  select *dept_name*, **avg** (*salary*) **as** *avg_salary*
  from *instructor*
  group by *dept_name*
  having avg (*salary*) > 42000;

- 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 result of any arithmetic expression involving **null** is **null**
  - Example: 5 + **null** returns **null**
- The predicate **is null** can be used to check for null values.
  - Example: Find all instructors whose salary is null.

    select *name*
    from *instructor*
    where *salary* **is null**
- The predicate **is not null** succeeds if the value on which it is applied is not null.

Null Values (Cont.)

- SQL treats as **unknown** the result of any comparison involving a null value (other than predicates **is null** and **is not null**).
  - Example: *5* < **null** or **null** <> **null** or **null** = **null**
- The predicate in a **where** clause can involve Boolean operations (**and**, **or**, **not**); thus the definitions of the Boolean operations need to be extended to deal with the value **unknown**.
  - **and** : *(true* **and** *unknown) = unknown,*
    (false **and** *unknown) = false,*
    (unknown **and** *unknown) = unknown*
  - **or:** (*unknown* **or** *true*) = *true*,
    (*unknown* **or** *false*) = *unknown*
    (*unknown* **or** *unknown) = unknown*
- Result of **where** clause predicate is treated as *false* if it evaluates to *unknown*

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.
- The nesting can be done in the following SQL query

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

  as follows:
  - **From clause:** r_i can be replaced by any valid subquery
  - **Where clause:** P can be replaced with an expression of the form:

    B <operation> (subquery)

    B is an attribute and <operation> to be defined later.
  - **Select clause:**

    A_i can be replaced be a subquery that generates a single value.

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"Breaking" the Model

- Some SQL constructs break the traditional relational model

```
select bar
from sells
where beer in
  (select favorite_beer from drinkers);
```

- What is the equivalent relational algebra?
  - Why does it break the model?

Relational Algebra

Operation	Arity	Class
σ SELECT	UNARY	FUNDAMENTAL
π PROJECT	UNARY	FUNDAMENTAL
X CARTESIAN PRODUCT	BINARY	FUNDAMENTAL
U UNION	BINARY	FUNDAMENTAL
– SET-DIFFERENCE	BINARY	FUNDAMENTAL
∩ SET-INTERSECTION		CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF FUNDAMENTAL OPS
$\bowtie_\theta$ THETA-JOIN		CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF FUNDAMENTAL OPS
⋈ NATURAL JOIN		CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF FUNDAMENTAL OPS
÷ DIVISION or QUOTIENT		CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF FUNDAMENTAL OPS

SQL

SQL History

- IBM Sequel language developed as part of System R project at the IBM San Jose Research Laboratory
- Renamed Structured Query Language (SQL)
- ANSI and ISO standard SQL:
  - SQL-86
  - SQL-89
  - SQL-92
  - SQL:1999 (language name became Y2K compliant!)
  - SQL:2003
- Commercial systems offer most, if not all, SQL-92 features, plus varying feature sets from later standards and special proprietary features.
  - Not all examples here may work on your particular system.

SQL Parts

- DML -- provides the ability to query information from the database and to insert tuples into, delete tuples from, and modify tuples in the database.
- integrity – the DDL includes commands for specifying integrity constraints.
- View definition -- The DDL includes commands for defining views.
- Transaction control –includes commands for specifying the beginning and ending of transactions.
- Embedded SQL and dynamic SQL -- define how SQL statements can be embedded within general-purpose programming languages.
- Authorization – includes commands for specifying access rights to relations and views.

The Rename Operation (SQL)

- The SQL allows renaming relations and attributes using the **as** clause:

  old-name **as** *new-name*

- Find the names of all instructors who have a higher salary than some instructor in 'Comp. Sci'.
  - **select distinct** *T.name*
    from *instructor* **as** *T, instructor* **as** *S*
    where *T.salary > S.salary* **and** *S.dept_name* = *'Comp. Sci.'*

- Keyword **as** is optional and may be omitted

  instructor **as** *T* ≡ *instructor T*

Self Join Example

- Relation *emp-super*

person	*supervisor*
Bob	Alice
Mary	Susan
Alice	David
David	Mary

- Find the supervisor of “Bob”
- Find the supervisor of the supervisor of “Bob”
- Can you find ALL the supervisors (direct and indirect) of “Bob”?

String Operations

- SQL includes a string-matching operator for comparisons on character strings. The operator **like** uses patterns that are described using two special characters:
  - percent (%). The % character matches any substring.
  - underscore (_). The _ character matches any character.
- Find the names of all instructors whose name includes the substring "dar".

  select *name*
  from *instructor*
  where *name* **like** '%dar%'
- Match the string "100%"

  like '100 \%' **escape** '\'

  in that above we use backslash (\) as the escape character.

Ordering the Display of Tuples

- List in alphabetic order the names of all instructors

  select distinct *name*
  from *instructor*
  order by *name*
- We may specify **desc** for descending order or **asc** for ascending order, for each attribute; ascending order is the default.
  - Example: **order by** *name* **desc**
- Can sort on multiple attributes
  - Example: **order by** *dept_name, name*

Subqueries in the From Clause

- SQL allows a subquery expression to be used in the **from** clause
- Find the average instructors' salaries of those departments where the average salary is greater than $42,000."

```
select dept_name, avg_salary
from ( select dept_name, avg (salary) as avg_salary
         from instructor
         group by dept_name)
where avg_salary > 42000;
```

- Note that we do not need to use the **having** clause
- Another way to write above query

```
select dept_name, avg_salary
from ( select dept_name, avg (salary)
         from instructor
         group by dept_name)
         as dept_avg (dept_name, avg_salary)
where avg_salary > 42000;
```


Data Definition Language

The SQL data-definition language (DDL) allows the specification of information about relations, including:

- The schema for each relation.
- The type of values associated with each attribute.
- The Integrity constraints
- The set of indices to be maintained for each relation.
- 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 *d* digits to the right of decimal point. (ex., **numeric**(3,1), allows 44.5 to be stores exactly, but not 444.5 or 0.32)
- **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.
- More are covered in Chapter 4.

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 *instructor* (
  ID **char**(5),
  name **varchar**(20),
  dept_name **varchar**(20),
  salary **numeric**(8,2))

Integrity Constraints in Create Table

- Types of integrity constraints
  - **primary key** (A_1, ..., A_n)
  - **foreign key** (A_m, ..., A_n) **references** *r*
  - **not null**
- SQL prevents any update to the database that violates an integrity constraint.
- Example:

```
create table instructor (
        ID          char(5),
        name        varchar(20) not null,
        dept_name   varchar(20),
        salary      numeric(8,2),
        primary key (ID),
        foreign key (dept_name) references department);
```


And a Few More Relation Definitions

- **create table** *student* (

```
    ID            varchar(5),
    name          varchar(20) not null,
    dept_name     varchar(20),
    tot_cred      numeric(3,0),
    primary key (ID),
    foreign key (dept_name) references department);
```

- **create table** *takes* (

```
    ID            varchar(5),
    course_id     varchar(8),
    sec_id        varchar(8),
    semester      varchar(6),
    year          numeric(4,0),
    grade         varchar(2),
    primary key (ID, course_id, sec_id, semester, year) ,
    foreign key (ID) references  student,
    foreign key (course_id, sec_id, semester, year) references section);
```

And more still

- **create table** *course* (
  course_id **varchar**(8),
  title **varchar(**50),
  dept_name **varchar**(20),
  credits **numeric**(2,0),
  primary key *(course_id),*
  foreign key *(dept_name*) **references** *department*);

Updates to tables

- **Insert**
  - **insert into** *instructor* **values** ('10211', 'Smith', 'Biology', 66000);
- **Delete**
  - Remove all tuples from the *student* relation
    - **delete from** *student*
- **Drop Table**
  - **drop table** *r*
- **Alter**
  - **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.*
    - All exiting tuples in the relation are assigned *null* as the value for the new attribute.
  - **alter table** *r* **drop** *A*
    - where *A* is the name of an attribute of relation *r*
    - Dropping of attributes not supported by many databases.

Modification of the Database

- Deletion of tuples from a given relation.
- Insertion of new tuples into a given relation
- Updating of values in some tuples in a given relation

Deletion

- Delete all instructors

  delete from *instructor*

- Delete all instructors from the Finance department

  delete from *instructor*
  where *dept_name*= 'Finance';

- *Delete all tuples in the instructor relation for those instructors associated with a department located in the Watson building.*

  delete from *instructor*
  where *dept name* **in** (**select** *dept name*
  from *department*
  where *building* = 'Watson');

Deletion (Cont.)

- Delete all instructors whose salary is less than the average salary of instructors

```
delete from instructor
where salary < (select avg (salary)
                    from instructor);
```

  - Problem: as we delete tuples from *instructor*, the average salary changes
  - Solution used in SQL:
    1. First, compute **avg** (salary) and find all tuples to delete
    2. Next, delete all tuples found above (without recomputing **avg** or retesting the tuples)

Insertion

- Add a new tuple to *course*

```
insert into course
    values ('CS-437', 'Database Systems', 'Comp. Sci.', 4);
```

- or equivalently

```
insert into course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits)
    values ('CS-437', 'Database Systems', 'Comp. Sci.', 4);
```

- Add a new tuple to *student* with *tot_creds* set to null

```
insert into student
    values ('3003', 'Green', 'Finance', null);
```


Insertion (Cont.)

- Make each student in the Music department who has earned more than 144 credit hours an instructor in the Music department with a salary of $18,000.

```
insert into instructor
    select ID, name, dept_name, 18000
    from   student
    where   dept_name = 'Music' and total_cred > 144;
```

- The **select from where** statement is evaluated fully before any of its results are inserted into the relation.

  Otherwise queries like

  insert into *table*1 **select** * **from** *table*1

  would cause problem

Updates

- Give a 5% salary raise to all instructors

```
update instructor
  set salary = salary * 1.05
```

- Give a 5% salary raise to those instructors who earn less than 70000

```
update instructor
   set salary = salary * 1.05
  where salary < 70000;
```

- Give a 5% salary raise to instructors whose salary is less than average

```
update instructor
set salary = salary * 1.05
where salary <  (select avg (salary)
                 from instructor);
```

Updates (Cont.)

- Increase salaries of instructors whose salary is over $100,000 by 3%, and all others by a 5%
  - Write two **update** statements:

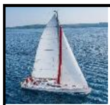
```
update instructor
    set salary = salary * 1.03
    where salary > 100000;
update instructor
     set salary = salary * 1.05
     where salary <= 100000;
```

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

Case Statement for Conditional Updates

- Same query as before but with case statement

```
update instructor
    set salary = case
                    when salary <= 100000 then salary * 1.05
                    else salary * 1.03
                   end
```



Updates with Scalar Subqueries

- Recompute and update tot_creds value for all students

```
update student S
set tot_cred = (select sum(credits)
                from takes, course
                where takes.course_id = course.course_id  and
                      S.ID= takes.ID.and
takes.grade <> 'F' and
                       takes.grade is not null);
```

- Sets *tot_creds* to null for students who have not taken any course
- Instead of **sum**(*credits*), use:

```
case
   when sum(credits) is not null then sum(credits)
   else 0
end
```