

Exercise sheet on Relational Algebra Prerequisites

Uncertain data management

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Exercise 1

Consider a database schema that consists of the following tables:

- Supplier(**sid**, **sname**, **address**), indicating supplier details,
- Parts(**pid**, **pname**, **color**), indicating the details of each part, and
- Catalog(**sid**, **pid**, **cost**), listing the prices charged for parts by suppliers.

Write the following queries in relational algebra and in SQL:

1. Find the names of suppliers who supply some red part.
2. Find the sids of suppliers who supply some red or green part.
3. Find the sids of suppliers who supply some red part or are at 221 Packer Street.
4. Find the sids of suppliers who supply some red part and some green part.
5. Find pairs of sids such that the supplier with the first sid charges more for some part than the supplier with the second sid.
6. Find the pids of parts supplied by at least two different suppliers.

Exercise 2

Given two relations R_1 and R_2 , where R_1 contains N_1 tuples, R_2 contains N_2 tuples, and $N_2 > N_1 > 0$, give the minimum and maximum possible sizes (in tuples) for the resulting relation produced by each of the following relational algebra expressions:

1. $R_1 \cup R_2$,
2. $R_1 \cap R_2$,
3. $R_1 - R_2$,
4. $R_1 \times R_2$,
5. $\sigma_{a=5}(R_1)$,
6. $\pi_a(R_1)$.

Sources

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