

In-class Exercise Relational Algebra  
Consider the following schema:

Suppliers(sid: integer, *sname*: string, *address*: string)

Parts(pid: integer, *pname*: string, *color*: string)

Catalog(sid: integer, pid: integer, *cost*: real)

The key fields are underlined, and the domain of each field is listed after the field name. Therefore *sid* is the key for Suppliers, *pid* is the key for Parts, and *sid* and *pid* together form the key for Catalog. The Catalog relation lists the prices charged for parts by Suppliers. Write the following queries in relational algebra.

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 the *sids* of suppliers who supply every part.



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1. Find the *names* of suppliers who supply some red part.

$\pi_{sname}(\pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid}\sigma_{color='red'}Parts) \bowtie Catalog) \bowtie Suppliers)$

Catalog

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
1	2	\$20.00
1	3	\$30.00
1	4	\$40.00
1	5	\$50.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
2	5	\$48.00

Parts

PID	Pname	Color
1	Red1	Red
2	Red2	Red
3	Green1	Green
4	Blue1	Blue
5	Red3	Red

SID	Sname	Address
1	Yosemite Sham	Devil's canyon, AZ
2	Wiley E. Coyote	RR Asylum, NV
3	Elmer Fudd	Carrot Patch, MN

Ok, let's break this down.

$\sigma_{color='red'} Parts$  gives us

PID	Pname	Color
1	Red1	Red
2	Red2	Red
5	Red3	Red

$\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts$  gives us

PID
1
2
5

$((\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog)$  gives us:

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
1	2	\$20.00
1	5	\$50.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	5	\$48.00

$\pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog)$  gives us:

SID
1
2

$\pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid}\sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog) \bowtie Suppliers)$  gives us:

SID	Sname	Address
1	Yosemite Sham	Devil's canyon, AZ
2	Wiley E. Coyote	RR Asylum, NV

And finally  $\pi_{sname}(\pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid}\sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog) \bowtie Suppliers)$

Gives us:

Sname
Yosemite Sham
Wiley E. Coyote

2. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply some red or green part.

$$\pi_{sid}(\pi_{pid}(\sigma_{color='red' \vee color='green'} Parts) \bowtie catalog)$$

3. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply some red part or are at 221 Packer Street.

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(R1, \pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog)) \\ &\rho(R2, \pi_{sid} \sigma_{address='221PackerStreet'} Suppliers) \\ &R1 \cup R2 \end{aligned}$$

4. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply some red part and some green part.

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(R1, \pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog)) \\ &\rho(R2, \pi_{sid}((\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='green'} Parts) \bowtie Catalog)) \\ &R1 \cap R2 \end{aligned}$$

5. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply every part.

$(\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} Parts)$

Given:

Parts

PID	Pname	Color
1	Red1	Red
2	Red2	Red
3	Green1	Green
4	Blue1	Blue
5	Red3	Red

Catalog

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
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1	4	\$40.00
1	5	\$50.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
2	5	\$48.00
3	1	\$11.00



$\pi_{pid} Parts$  gives us:

PID
1
2
3
4
5

$\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog$  gives us:

SID	PID
1	1
1	2
1	3
1	4
1	5
2	1
2	3
2	5
3	1

$(\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} Parts)$

Asks the question – what sids in catalog contain all the part numbers in the divisor. There is only one sid that has all the part numbers, 1.

6. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply every red part.

$(\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts)$

7. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply every red or green part.

$$(\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red' \vee color='green'} Parts)$$

Let's look at this one:

Catalog

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
1	2	\$20.00
1	3	\$30.00
1	4	\$40.00
1	5	\$50.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
2	5	\$48.00
3	1	\$11.00

Parts

PID	Pname	Color
1	Red1	Red
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3	Green1	Green
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5	Red3	Red

$\sigma_{color='red' \vee color='green'} Parts$  gives us  
1,2,3,5

$(\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} \vee \sigma_{color='green'} Parts)$  then says :

What supplier supplies all 4 of those parts?

The answer is only supplier 1.

8. Find the *sids* of suppliers who supply every red part or supply every green part.

$\rho(R1, ((\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts)))$   
 $\rho(R2, ((\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog) / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='green'} Parts)))$   
 $R1 \cup R2$

OK – lets look at this one then:

Catalog

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
1	2	\$20.00
1	3	\$30.00
1	4	\$40.00
1	5	\$50.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
2	5	\$48.00
3	1	\$11.00

## Parts

PID	Pname	Color
1	Red1	Red
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4	Blue1	Blue
5	Red3	Red

$\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts$  gives us 1,2,5

$\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='red'} Parts)$  gives us 1

$\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='green'} Parts$  gives us 3

$\pi_{sid,pid} Catalog / (\pi_{pid} \sigma_{color='green'} Parts)$  gives us 1,2

The union of the 2 give us 1,2

9. Find pairs of *sids* such that the supplier with the first *sid* charges more for some part than the supplier with the second *sid*.

$\rho(R1, Catalog)$

$\rho(R2, Catalog)$

$\pi_{R1.sid, R2.sid}(\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid \wedge R1.sid \neq R2.sid \wedge R1.cost > R2.cost} (R1 \times R2))$

Let's look at an example of this one:

Catalog:

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00

R1 x R2 gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	1	1	\$10.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	3	\$34.00
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	3	\$34.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	3	\$34.00	3	1	\$11.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00	3	1	\$11.00

At this point, we are selecting for the 3 and clauses. The first ( $\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid}$ ) gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	1	1	\$10.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00
3	1	\$11.00	3	1	\$11.00

The second and clause ( $\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid \wedge R1.sid \neq R2.sid}$ ) gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00

Adding in the third clause ( $\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid \wedge R1.sid \neq R2.sid \wedge R1.cost > R2.cost}$ ) gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00

And finally, projecting the pairs gives us:

SID	SID
1	2
3	1
3	2



10. Find the *pids* of parts supplied by at least two different suppliers.

$\rho(R1, Catalog)$

$\rho(R2, Catalog)$

$\pi_{R1.pid} \sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid \wedge R1.sid \neq R2.sid} (R1 \times R2)$

Using the following:

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00

R1 x R2 gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	1	1	\$10.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	3	\$34.00
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	3	\$34.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	3	\$34.00	3	1	\$11.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00	3	1	\$11.00

$\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid}$  gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	1	1	\$10.00
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00
3	1	\$11.00	3	1	\$11.00

$\sigma_{R1.pid=R2.pid \wedge R1.sid \neq R2.sid}$  gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00	2	1	\$9.00
1	1	\$10.00	3	1	\$11.00
2	1	\$9.00	1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00	3	1	\$11.00
3	1	\$11.00	1	1	\$10.00
3	1	\$11.00	2	1	\$9.00

Projecting on PID gives us a single part number – 1  
(eliminating the duplicates)

11. Find the *pids* of the most expensive parts supplied by suppliers named Yosemite Sham.

$\rho(R1, \pi_{sid} \sigma_{sname='YosemiteSham'} Suppliers)$

$\rho(R2, R1 \bowtie Catalog)$

$\rho(R3, R2)$

$\rho(R4(1 \rightarrow sid, 2 \rightarrow pid, 3 \rightarrow cost), \sigma_{R3.cost < R2.cost} (R3 \times R2))$

$\pi_{pid}(R2 - \pi_{sid,pid,cost} R4)$

Given:

Suppliers

SID	Sname	Address
1	Wiley E. Coyote	Acme Testing Ground, NV
2	Yosemite Sham	Devil's Canyon, AZ
3	Elmer Fudd	Carrot Patch, MN

and Catalog:

SID	PID	Cost
1	1	\$10.00
2	1	\$9.00
2	2	\$21.00
2	3	\$34.00
3	1	\$11.00

$\rho(R1, \pi_{sid} \sigma_{sname='YosemiteSham'} Suppliers)$

Gives us the value 2.

$\rho(R2, R1 \bowtie Catalog)$

Gives us:

SID	PID	Cost
2	1	\$9.00
2	2	\$21.00
2	3	\$34.00

Let's look at:

$\rho(R4(1 \rightarrow sid, 2 \rightarrow pid, 3 \rightarrow cost), \sigma_{R3.cost < R2.cost} (R3 \times R2))$

R3 x R2

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
2	1	\$9.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	2	\$21.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	2	\$21.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	2	\$21.00	2	2	\$21.00
2	2	\$21.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	1	\$9.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	2	\$21.00
2	3	\$34.00	2	3	\$34.00

$\sigma_{R3.cost < R2.cost} (R3 \times R2)$  gives us:

SID	PID	Cost	SID	PID	Cost
2	1	\$9.00	2	2	\$21.00
2	1	\$9.00	2	3	\$34.00
2	2	\$21.00	2	3	\$34.00

$\rho(R4(1 \rightarrow sid, 2 \rightarrow pid, 3 \rightarrow cost), \sigma_{R3.cost < R2.cost} (R3 \times R2))$

Gives us:

SID	PID	Cost
2	1	\$9.00
2	2	\$21.00

$R2 - \pi_{sid,pid,cost} R4$  gives us:

SID	PID	Cost
2	3	\$34.00

And projecting the PID gives us 3 as Yosemite Sham's most expensive part.