Table 1: Relational Algebra

Symbol (Name)	Example of Use
σ	$\sigma_{rank \geq 8}(movies)$
(Selection)	Return rows of the input relation that satisfy the predicate.
П	$\Pi_{name,year}$ (movies)
(Projection)	Output specified attributes from all rows of the input relation. Remove duplicate tuples from the output.
M	$movies \bowtie movie_genres$
(Natural join)	Output pairs of rows from the two input relations that have the same value on all attributes that have the same name.
$\bowtie_{condition}$	$movies_directors \bowtie_{(movies_directors.movie_id=movies.id)} movies$
(Theta join)	Output pairs of rows from the cross product of the two input relations that have the same value on all attributes that satisfy the condition.
×	$movies \times directors$
(Cartesian product)	Output all pairs of rows from the two input relations.
U	$\Pi_{last_name}(actors) \bigcup \Pi_{last_name}(directors)$
(Union)	Output the union of tuples from the two input relations.