

CSCB20 – Week 4

Introduction to Database and Web Application Programming

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Last Week

Intro to SQL and MySQL

Mapping Relational Algebra to SQL queries

Focused on queries to start – assumed tables and database exist.

Creating tables, setting constraints...

This Week

- Creating tables, setting constraints...
- Inserting and updating tables
- More query commands
 - HAVING clause
 - LIKE clause
 - IN clause
 - UNION, INTERSECT
 - CASE

This Week – Time Permitting

- Creating views
- Outer Joins
 - Left
 - Right
 - Full
- More on NULL values

Null Value

Every type can have the special value **null**.

A value of **null** indicates the value is unknown or that it may not exist at all.

Sometimes we do not want a **null** value at all – we can add such a constraint.

Creating a Table

SQL Notation:

```
CREATE TABLE table_name  
    (col_name1 type1,  
    col_name2 type2,  
    ... ,  
    col_namen typen,  
    <integrity-constraint1>,  
    ... ,  
    <integrity-constraintk>);
```

Integrity Constraints

Primary key(list of attributes) :

These attributes form the primary keys for the relation. Primary keys must be *non-null* and *unique*.

Foreign key(list of attributes) references s :

The values of these attributes for any tuple in the relation must correspond to values of the *primary key attributes* of some tuple in *relation s*.

not null:

Specifies that this attribute may not have the *null value*. We list this constraint when defining the type of the attribute.

Examples

```
CREATE TABLE department
  (dept_name    VARCHAR(20),
   building     VARCHAR(15),
   budget       NUMERIC(12,2),
   PRIMARY KEY (dept_name));
```

<i>dept_name</i>	<i>building</i>	<i>budget</i>
Biology	Watson	90000
Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000
Elec. Eng.	Taylor	85000
Finance	Painter	120000
History	Painter	50000
Music	Packard	80000
Physics	Watson	70000

```
CREATE TABLE course
  (course_id    VARCHAR(7),
   title        VARCHAR(50),
   dept_name    VARCHAR(20),
   credit       NUMERIC(2,0),
   PRIMARY KEY (course_id),
   FOREIGN KEY (dept_name) REFERENCES department );
```


Editing Tables

DROP TABLE table_name;

remove the table

DELETE FROM table_name
WHERE predicate;

delete tuples satisfying
the predicate

ALTER TABLE table_name
ADD column type;

add a column

ALTER TABLE table_name
DROP column;

remove a column

Inserting

In MySQL we can insert into a table with the command:

```
INSERT INTO table_name  
VALUES (value1, value2, ..., valuen);
```

OR

```
INSERT INTO table_name (col1, col2, ..., coln)  
VALUES (value1, value2, ..., valuen);
```

OR

```
INSERT INTO table_name  
SELECT QUERY
```

For example:

```
INSERT INTO instructor  
SELECT ID, name, dept_name, 18000  
FROM student  
WHERE dept_name = 'Music' AND tot_cred > 144;
```

Updating

In MySQL we can update a table with the command:

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET attribute = new_value
```

OR

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET attribute = new_value  
WHERE predicate or select statement;
```

OR

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET attribute = CASE  
    WHEN predicate1 THEN result1  
    WHEN predicate2 THEN result2  
    ...  
    WHEN predicaten THEN resultn  
    ELSE result0  
END
```

Views

- A *view* is a *virtual relation*.
- A view is defined in terms of *stored tables* (called base tables) and other views.
- Access a view like any base table.
- *Materialized views* exist, but are actually constructed and stored. Expensive to maintain!
- We'll use only virtual views.

Creating Views

```
CREATE VIEW view_name AS SELECT STATEMENT;
```

```
CREATE VIEW view_name(col_name1, col_name2, ..., col_namek)  
AS SELECT STATEMENT;
```

```
CREATE VIEW faculty AS SELECT ID, name, dept_name  
FROM instructor;
```

We can now use **view faculty** as we would a **table**.

Every time the view is used, it is **reconstructed**.

Why Use Views

Allow us to break down a large query.

Make available specific category of data a particular user.

Gives another way to think about the data.

Q. Why is it good that views are **virtual**?

A. If a table is changed the corresponding view is changed appropriately.

Outer Joins

What does the following query return?

```
SELECT * FROM student INNER JOIN takes  
ON student.id = takes.id;
```

We would like it to return every student and the courses they are taking.

Q. What about students who have not yet taken any courses?

A. They are left out.

Dangling Tuples

When **JOINS** require some attributes to match, tuples lacking a match are left out.

These tuples are said to be “*dangling*”.

OUTER JOINS preserve dangling tuples by padding them with **NULL** in the other relation.

INNER JOINS do not pad with **NULL**.

Outer Joins

Use **OUTER JOINS** to prevent this loss of information.

The **LEFT OUTER JOIN** preserves tuples only in the relation to the left of the JOIN.

The **RIGHT OUTER JOIN** preserves tuples only in the relation to the right of the JOIN.

The **FULL OUTER JOIN** preserves tuples in both relations.*

* MySQL does not support FULL OUTER JOIN, but we can emulate by doing the UNION of a LEFT and a RIGHT.

JOIN Examples

A	B
1	2
4	5

R

B	C
2	3
6	7

S

R NATURAL JOIN S

A	B	C
1	2	3

JOIN Examples

A	B
1	2
4	5

R

B	C
2	3
6	7

S

R NATURAL LEFT JOIN S

A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NULL

JOIN Examples

A	B
1	2
4	5

R

B	C
2	3
6	7

S

R NATURAL RIGHT JOIN S

A	B	C
1	2	3
NULL	6	7

JOIN Examples

A	B
1	2
4	5

R

B	C
2	3
6	7

S

R NATURAL FULL JOIN S

OR

(R NATURAL LEFT JOIN S) UNION (R NATURAL RIGHT JOIN S)

A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NULL
NULL	6	7

JOIN Recap

A JOIN B ON C

inner join

A {LEFT | RIGHT | FULL} JOIN B ON C

outer join

A NATURAL JOIN B

natural inner join

A NATURAL {LEFT | RIGHT | FULL} JOIN B

natural outer
join

NULL

We can check for NULL values using:

IS NULL

IS NOT NULL

Because we have NULL, we need three truth values for comparisons:

TRUE, FALSE and UNKNOWN

If one or both operands is NULL, the comparison always evaluates to UNKNOWN.

Otherwise, comparisons evaluate to TRUE and FALSE.

Booleans and UNKNOWN

What is NOT UNKNOWN?
UNKNOWN.

What is TRUE AND UNKNOWN?
UNKNOWN.

What is TRUE OR UNKNOWN?
TRUE.

WHAT IS FALSE AND UNKNOWN?
FALSE.

WHAT IS FALSE OR UNKNOWN?
UNKNOWN.

NULL and Aggregation

	Some NULLS in A	All NULLS in A
MIN(A)	Ignore the NULLS	NULL
MAX(A)		
SUM(A)		
AVG(A)		
COUNT(A)		0
COUNT(*)	All tuples count	