

SQL: Recursion (and review for midterm)

Introduction to Databases
CompSci 316 Spring 2017



Announcements (Mon., Feb. 20)

- **Midterm next Wednesday 02/22 in class**
 - Up to lecture 9 included
 - We will start at 4:40 pm, come early!
 - Open book, open notes, open written material
 - No electronic devices are allowed
 - No collaboration allowed
- **Homework #2** Problem 6 (Gradiance) and Problem X1 (non-Gradiance) : due on Thursday 02/23
- **Project milestone 1 due** next Monday 02/27

Today

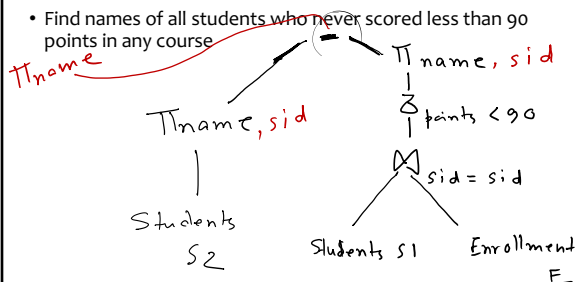
- Finish recursion from Lecture 10
 - Negation and recursion
 - **All lecture slides on recursion can be found from Lecture 10**
- Practice a few problems for midterm

Practice Problems

- **Student(sid, name)**
- **Enrollment(sid, cid, points)**
- Find “names” of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course
- Write query in RA
- Write query in SQL
 - EXCEPT
 - NOT EXISTS
 - ALL
 - NOT IN

RA (in class)

- Student(sid, name)
- Enrollment(sid, cid, points)
- Find names of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course



SQL (in class) : EXCEPT

- Student(sid, name)
- Enrollment(sid, cid, points)
- Find names of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course

```
SELECT name
FROM Student
EXCEPT
SELECT name
FROM Enrollment E, Student S
WHERE S.sid = E.sid
AND points < 90
```

direct translation from RA

SQL (in class) : NOT EXISTS

- Student(sid, name)
- Enrollment(sid, cid, points)
- Find names of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course

```
SELECT name
FROM Student S
WHERE NOT EXISTS
  (SELECT *
   FROM Enrollment E
   WHERE S.sid = E.sid
    AND points < 90)
```

SQL (in class) : NOT IN

- Student(sid, name)
- Enrollment(sid, cid, points)
- Find names of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course

```
SELECT name
FROM Student S
WHERE sid NOT IN
  (SELECT sid
   FROM Enrollment
   WHERE points < 90)
```

SQL (in class) : ALL

- Student(sid, name)
- Enrollment(sid, cid, points)
- Find names of all students who never scored less than 90 points in any course

```
SELECT name
FROM Student S
WHERE 90 <= ALL
  (SELECT points
   FROM Enrollment E
   WHERE S.sid = E.sid)
```

BCNF

- Are the following relations in BCNF given the dependencies? If not, decompose into BCNF.
 - $R_1(A,C,B,D,E)$, $A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D$
- Step 1: Non-trivial $A \rightarrow B$ violates the condition as A is not a key. Decompose into AB and $ACDE$.
- Step 2: Non-trivial $C \rightarrow D$ violates the condition as C is not a key of $ACDE$. Decompose into CD and ACE . No more violation.

Chase

- Let $R(ABCD)$ be a relation with functional dependencies $A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D, AD \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow A$
- Is the following a lossless-join decomposition of R into Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)?
- $\{AB, AC, CD\}$?
- Consider a tuple (a,b,c,d) after joining these three relations – need to show belonged to R
- Could only come from some tuples in R of the form (a,b,c_1,d_1) , (a,b_2,c,d_2) , and (a_3,b_3,c,d) , which project as (a,b) in AB , (a,c) in AC , and (c,d) in CD .
- $A \rightarrow B$ tells us $b_2=b$, and $C \rightarrow D$ tells us $d_2=d$
- Thus, the tuple (a,b_2,c,d_2) is really (a,b,c,d) . Since we know the former is in R , the latter is in R .
- Hence **lossless** – also check in BCNF – two-attribute relations are always in BCNF.

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- $\{AB, AD, BC, CD\}$?
- Consider a tuple (a,b,c,d) after joining these three relations – need to show belonged to R
- (a,b,c,d) must have come from tuples (a,b,c_1,d_1) , (a,b_2,c_2,d) , (a_3,b,c,d_3) , and (a_4,b_4,c,d) in R .
- To prove (a,b,c,d) is in R , need to prove that it must be one of these tuples.
- However, the given FD's only allow us to infer $b=b_2$ and $d=d_3$.
- **Not lossless.**
- We can come up with a counterexample by substituting constants for the variables (or just keep a_1, b_2, \dots), e.g., a relation R consisting of tuples $(1,2,5,6)$, $(1,2,7,4)$, $(8,2,3,4)$, and $(9,10,3,4)$. These, projected and joined, yield $(1,2,3,4)$, which is not in R .

Remember: NULL and 3-valued logic

- A = NULL: wrong
- A IS NULL: correct
- NULL = ½, OR = max, AND = min, TRUE = 1, False = 0
- Given A = UNKNOWN, B = TRUE, C = FALSE
- (A AND B) OR C = (unknown AND True) OR False =
Unknown OR False = Unknown
- Where clause selects only “True” evaluations