Database Management Systems Session 5



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Term Paper

- ◆ Due Saturday, Oct 8
- Should be about 3-4 pages (9 or 10 font)
- Some people still have not submitted topics

Homework

- Read Chapter Three
- No exercises for next class; MidTerm instead
- Any Questions?

*MidTerm Exam*Due today, September 17
No late submissions

Homework

- Install PHP On Your System
- ♦ Install MySQL
- Create, Delete, Modify Tables
- Insert, Modify, Delete Data Into Tables
- ♦ Play with MySQL
- Any Trouble?

Oracle Buys Siebel

September 12, 2005 – Oracle will acquire customer-service software specialist Siebel Systems in a deal worth \$5.85 billion. "In a single step, Oracle becomes the No. 1 CRM applications company in the world," said Oracle CEO Larry Ellison.

 Oracle was founded in 1977 by Larry Ellison who has a net worth of over \$18 Billion, making him the 9th richest man in the world!

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Chapter 4, Part A

Relational Query Languages

- Query languages (QL) specialized languages to manipulate and retrieve data from a database
- Relational model supports simple, powerful QLs:
 - Strong formal foundation based on set theory and logic
 - Allows for much optimization
- Query Languages **are** programming languages!
 - QLs not intended to be used for complex calculations.
 - QLs support easy, efficient access to large data sets.

 In the summer of 1979, Relational Software, Inc. (now Oracle Corporation) introduced the first commercially available implementation of SQL (beat IBM to market by two years) by releasing their first commercial RDBMS

Formal Relational Query Languages

- Two mathematical Query Languages form the basis for "real" languages (e.g. SQL), and for implementation:
 - Relational Algebra More operational, very useful for representing execution plans (procedural)
 - Relational Calculus Lets users describe what they want, rather than how to compute it. (Nonoperational, declarative)

Preliminaries

- ♦ A query is applied to *relation instances*, and the result of a query is also a relation instance.
 - Schemas of input relations for a query are fixed (but query will run regardless of instance!)
 - The schema for the *result* of a given query is also fixed! Determined by definition of query language constructs.
- Positional vs. named-field notation:
 - Positional notation easier for formal definitions, named-field notation more readable.
 - Both used in SQL

Example Instances

- Sailors (S1, S2) and Reserves (R1) relations for our examples
- We'll use positional or named field notation, assume that names of fields in query results are `inherited' from names of fields in query input relations

R1	sid	bid	<u>day</u>
	22	101	10/10/96
	58	103	11/12/96

S1	sid	sname	rating	age
	22	dustin	7	45.0
	31	lubber	8	55.5
	58	rusty	10	35.0

<i>S</i> 2	sid	sname	rating	age
	28	yuppy	9	35.0
	31	lubber	8	55.5
	44	guppy	5	35.0
	58	rusty	10	35.0

Relational Algebra

σ Sigma π Pi

♦ Basic operations:

- Selection (σ) Selects a subset of rows from relation
- **Projection** (π) Deletes unwanted columns from relation
- **Cross-product** (X) Allows us to combine two relations
- **Set-difference** (__) Tuples in reln. 1, but not in reln. 2
- **Union** (\cup) Tuples in reln. 1 and in reln. 2
- Additional operations:
 - Intersection, join, division, renaming: Not essential, but (very!) useful
- Since each operation returns a relation, operations can be composed! (Algebra is "closed")

Selection

- Selects rows that satisfy selection condition
- No duplicates in result! (Why?)
- Schema of result identical to schema of (only) input relation
- Result relation can be the input for another relational algebra operation! (Operator composition)

sid	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

 $\sigma_{rating>8}^{(S2)}$

sname	rating
yuppy	9
rusty	10

 $\pi_{sname,rating}(\sigma_{rating>8}(S2))$

Projection

- Deletes attributes that are not in projection list
- Schema of result contains exactly the fields in the projection list, with the same names that they had in the (only) input relation
- Projection operator has to eliminate duplicates (Why?)
 - Note: real systems typically don't do duplicate elimination unless the user explicitly asks for it. (Why not?)

sname	rating
yuppy	9
lubber	8
guppy	5
rusty	10

 $\pi_{sname,rating}(S2)$





Union, Intersection, Set-Difference

- All of these operations take two input relations, which must be union-compatible:
 - Same number of fields.
 - **Corresponding** fields have the same type.
- The schema of result is identical to schema of input

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0

S1 - S2

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0
44	guppy	5	35.0
28	yuppy	9	35.0

 $S1 \cup S2$

sid	sname	rating	age	
31	lubber	8	55.5	
58	rusty	10	35.0	
$S1 \cap S2$				

Cross-Product

- Each row of S1 is **paired** with each row of R1.
- Result schema has one field per field of S1 and R1, with field names `inherited' if possible.
 - *Conflict*: Both S1 and R1 have a field called *sid*.

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/96
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	22	101	10/10/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	22	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	58	103	11/12/96

• **Renaming operator**: ρ (*C*(1 \rightarrow *sid*1, 5 \rightarrow *sid*2), *S*1 \times *R*1)

Joins

• Condition Join:
$$R \bowtie_{c} S = \sigma_{c} (R \times S)$$

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96

 $S1 \bowtie_{S1.sid < R1.sid} R1$

Result schema same as that of cross-product.
 Fewer tuples than cross-product, might be able to compute more efficiently

Joins

Equi-Join: A special case of condition join where the condition *c* contains only *equalities*.

sid	sname	rating	age	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	103	11/12/96

 $S1 \bowtie_{sid} R1$

Result schema similar to cross-product, but only one copy of fields for which equality is specified.
 Natural Join: Equijoin on *all* common fields.

Division

 Not supported as a primitive operator, but useful for expressing queries like: *Find sailors who have reserved all boats.*

• Let *A* have 2 fields, *x* and *y*; *B* have only field *y*:

- $A/B = \{ \langle x \rangle \mid \exists \langle x, y \rangle \in A \ \forall \langle y \rangle \in B \}$
- i.e., *A/B* contains all *x* tuples (sailors) such that for *every y* tuple (boat) in *B*, there is an *xy* tuple in *A*.
- *Or*: If the set of *y* values (boats) associated with an *x* value (sailor) in *A* contains all *y* values in *B*, the *x* value is in *A*/*B*.
- In general, *x* and *y* can be any lists of fields; *y* is the list of fields in *B*, and $x \cup y$ is the list of fields of *A*.

Examples of Division A/B



Find names of sailors who've reserved boat #103

• Solution 1: $\pi_{sname}((\sigma_{bid=103} \text{Reserves}) \bowtie \text{ Sailors})$

• Solution 2: ρ (*Templ*, $\sigma_{bid=103}$ Reserves)

 ρ (*Temp2*, *Temp1* \bowtie *Sailors*)

 π_{sname} (Temp2)

• Solution 3: $\pi_{sname}(\sigma_{bid=103}(\text{Reserves} \bowtie Sailors))$

Find names of sailors who've reserved a red boat

 Information about boat color only available in Boats; so need an extra join:

 $\pi_{sname}((\sigma_{color='red'}^{Boats}) \bowtie \text{Reserves} \bowtie \text{Sailors})$

◆ A more efficient solution:

 $\pi_{sname}(\pi_{sid}((\pi_{bid}\sigma_{color='red'}Boats) \bowtie \operatorname{Res}) \bowtie \operatorname{Sailors})$

A query optimizer can find this, given the first solution!

Find sailors who've reserved a red or a green boat

Can identify all red or green boats, then find sailors who've reserved one of these boats:

 ρ (Tempboats, ($\sigma_{color ='red' \lor color ='green'}$, Boats))

 π_{sname} (Tempboats \bowtie Reserves \bowtie Sailors)

• What happens if \vee is replaced by \wedge in this query?

Find sailors who've reserved a red <u>and</u> a green boat

Previous approach won't work! Must identify sailors who've reserved red boats, sailors who've reserved green boats, then find the intersection (note that sid is a key for Sailors):

$$\rho$$
 (Tempred, $\pi_{sid}((\sigma_{color='red'}, Boats) \bowtie \text{Reserves}))$

 ρ (Tempgreen, $\pi_{sid}((\sigma_{color = green'} Boats) \bowtie \text{Reserves}))$

$$\pi_{sname}((Tempred \cap Tempgreen) \bowtie Sailors)$$

Find the names of sailors who've reserved **all** boats

 Uses division; schemas of the input relations to / must be carefully chosen:

> $\rho (Tempsids, (\pi_{sid, bid} \text{Reserves}) / (\pi_{bid} Boats))$ $\pi_{sname} (Tempsids \bowtie Sailors)$

Summary

- The relational model has rigorously defined query languages that are simple and powerful
- Relational algebra is more operational; useful as internal representation for query evaluation plans
- Several ways of expressing a given query; a query optimizer should choose the most efficient version.

Relational Calculus

- Comes in two flavors: <u>Tuple relational calculus</u> (TRC) and <u>Domain relational calculus</u> (DRC).
- Calculus has variables, constants, comparison ops, logical connectives and quantifiers.
 - **TRC** Variables range over (i.e., get bound to) *tuples*.
 - **DRC** Variables range over *domain elements* (= field values).
 - Both **TRC** and **DRC** are **simple subsets** of **first-order logic**.
- Expressions in the calculus are called formulas. An answer row is essentially an assignment of constants to variables that make the formula evaluate to true

Domain Relational Calculus

• Query has the form: $\left|\left\langle x1, x2, ..., xn\right\rangle\right| p\left(\left\langle x1, x2, ..., xn\right\rangle\right)\right|$

- **Answer** includes all tuples $\langle x1, x2, ..., xn \rangle$ that make the *formula* $p[\langle x1, x2, ..., xn \rangle]$ be *true*.
- Formula is recursively defined, starting with simple atomic formulas (getting rows from relations or making comparisons of values), and building bigger and better formulas using the logical connectives.

Summary

- Relational calculus is non-operational, and users define queries in terms of what they want, not in terms of how to compute it. (Declarative)
- Algebra and safe calculus have same expressive power, leading to the notion of relational completeness.

SQL: Queries, Constraints, Triggers

Chapter 5

Example Instances

R1

sid	bid	<u>day</u>
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

*S*2

S1

 We will use these instances of the Sailors and Reserves relations in our examples

sid	sname	rating	age
28	yuppy	9	35.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
44	guppy	5	35.0
58	rusty	10	35.0

Basic SQL Query

SELECT	[DISTINCT]	select-list
FROM	from-list	
WHERE	qualificatio	on

- select-list A list of attributes of relations in *select-list*
- from-list A list of relation names (possibly with a rangevariable after each name).
- qualification Comparisons (Attr op const or Attr1 op Attr2, where op is one of <, >, =, ≤, ≥, ≠) combined using AND, OR and NOT.
- DISTINCT is an optional keyword indicating that the answer should not contain duplicates. Default is that duplicates are <u>not</u> eliminated!

Conceptual Evaluation Strategy

- Semantics of an SQL query defined in terms of the following conceptual evaluation strategy:
 - Compute the cross-product of from-list
 - **Discard** resulting tuples if they fail **qualifications**
 - Delete attributes that are not in select-list
 - If **DISTINCT** is specified, **eliminate duplicate rows**

 This strategy is probably the least efficient way to compute a query! An **optimizer** will find **more efficient strategies** to compute *the same answers*.

Example of Conceptual Evaluation

SELECT	S.sname	Text p.137
FROM	Sailors S, Reserves R	
WHERE	S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=103	

(sid)	sname	rating	age	(sid)	bid	day
22	dustin	7	45.0	22	101	10/10/96
22	dustin	7	45.0	58	103	11/12/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	22	101	10/10/96
31	lubber	8	55.5	58	103	11/12/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	22	101	10/10/96
58	rusty	10	35.0	58	103	11/12/96

A Note on Range Variables

 Really needed only if the same relation appears twice in the FROM clause. The previous query can also be written as:

SELECT	sname
FROM	Sailors S, Reserves R
WHERE	S.sid=R.sid AND bid=103

OR

It is good style, however, to use range variables always!

SELECT	sname
FROM	Sailors, Reserves
WHERE	Sailors.sid=Reserves.sid AND bid=103

 $\pi_{sname}((\sigma_{hid=103} \text{Reserves}) \bowtie \text{Sailors})$

Find sailors who've reserved at least one boat

SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid=R.sid

- Would adding DISTINCT to this query make a difference?
- What is the effect of replacing *S.sid* by *S.sname* in the SELECT clause? Would adding DISTINCT to this variant of the query make a difference?

 $\pi_{sname}(Sailors \Join Reserves)$

Expressions and Strings

```
SELECT S.age, age1=S.age-5, 2*S.age AS age2
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.sname LIKE 'B_%B'
```

- Illustrates use of arithmetic expressions and string pattern matching: Find triples (of ages of sailors and two fields defined by expressions) for sailors whose names begin and end with B and contain at least three characters
- ◆ **AS** and **=** are two ways to name fields in result
- LIKE is used for pattern matching. '_' stands for any one character and `%' stands for 0 or more arbitrary characters
- ◆ `**Bob**' is the only pattern match

Find sid's of sailors who've reserved a red <u>or</u> a green boat

```
SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid
AND (B.color='red' OR B.color='green')
```

If we replace OR by AND in the first version, what do we get?

SELECT S.sid
FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R
WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid
AND (B.color='red' AND B.color='green')

 Same boat cannot have two colors. Always returns an empty answer set! Find sid's of sailors who've reserved a red <u>or</u> a green boat

 UNION - Can be used to compute the union of any two union-compatible sets of tuples (which are themselves the result of SQL queries).

This query says that we want the union of the set of sailors who have reserved red boats and the set of sailors who have reserved green boats

Find sid's of sailors who've reserved a red <u>and</u> a green boat

 INTERSECT - Can be used to compute the union of any two union-compatible sets of tuples

This query has a subtle bug if we select *sname* instead of *sid*. *Sname* is **not a key** and we have two Horatio's, each with a different color boat!

Find sid's of sailors who've reserved red boats but not green boats

 EXCEPT - Can be used to compute set-difference of any two union-compatible sets of tuples

SELECT	S.sid	
FROM	Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R	
WHERE	S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid	
	AND B.color='red'	
EXCEPT		
SELECT	S.sid	
FROM	Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R	
WHERE	S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid	
	AND B.color='green'	

Nested Queries Find names of sailors who've reserved boat #103

SELECT	S.sname		
FROM	Sailors S		
WHERE	S.sid IN	(SELECT	R.sid
		FROM	Reserves R
		WHERE	R.bid=103)

- A very powerful feature of SQL: a WHERE clause can itself contain an SQL query! (Actually, so can FROM and HAVING clauses.)
- ◆ To find sailors who've *not* reserved #103, use **NOT IN**.
- To understand semantics of nested queries, think of a nested loops evaluation: For each Sailors tuple, check the qualification by computing the subquery.

Multiply Nested Queries

Find names of sailors who have reserved a red boat

SELECT	S.sname						
FROM	Sailors S						
WHERE	S.sid IN	(SELECT	R.sid				
		FROM	Reserves	R			
		WHERE	R.bid IN	(SELECT	B.bid	
					FROM	Boats B	
					WHERE	B.color =	<pre>'red')</pre>

Nested Queries with Correlation Find names of sailors who've reserved boat #103



• **EXISTS** is another set comparison operator, like **IN**.

- If UNIQUE is used, and * is replaced by *R.bid*, it finds sailors with at most one reservation for boat #103. (UNIQUE checks for duplicate tuples; * denotes all attributes)
- In general, subquery must be re-computed for each Sailors tuple.

More on Set-Comparison Operators

- We've already seen IN, EXISTS and UNIQUE. Can also use NOT IN, NOT EXISTS and NOT UNIQUE
- Also available: *op* ANY, *op* ALL, *op* IN where *op* is one of {>,<,=,≥,≤,≠}
- Find sailors whose rating is greater than that of some sailor called *Horatio*

SELECT	*		
FROM	Sailors S		
WHERE	S.rating > ANY	(SELECT	S2.rating
		FROM	Sailors S2
		WHERE	S2.sname='Horatio')

Rewriting INTERSECT Queries Using IN Find sid's of sailors who've reserved both a red and a green boat SELECT S.sid FROM Sailors S, Boats B, Reserves R WHERE S.sid=R.sid AND R.bid=B.bid AND B.color='red' AND S.sid IN (SELECT S2.sid FROM Sailors S2, Boats B2, Reserves R2 WHERE S2.sid=R2.sid AND R2.bid=B2.bid AND B2.color='green')

• Similarly, **EXCEPT** queries re-written using **NOT IN**

To find *names* (not *sid*'s) of Sailors who've reserved both red and green boats, just replace *S.sid* by *S.sname* in **SELECT** clause.

Division in SQL

Find sailors who've reserved all boats



Division in SQL

Find sailors who've reserved all boats

◆ Let's do it the hard way, without EXCEPT:

(2)						
SELECT	S.sname					
FROM	Sailors S					
WHERE	NOT EXISTS	(SELECT	B.bi	Ld		
		FROM	Boat	cs B		
		WHERE	NOT	EXISTS	(SELECT	R.bid
					FROM	Reserves R
					WHERE	R.bid=B.bid
						AND R.sid=S.sid))

Sailors S such that ...

there is no boat B without ...

a Reserves row showing S reserved B

Aggregate Operators

 Significant extension of relational algebra

Find the average age of sailors with a rating of 10 SELECT AVG (S.age) FROM Sailors S WHERE S.rating=10

Count the number of sailors SELECT COUNT (*) FROM Sailors S COUNT (*) COUNT ([DISTINCT] A) SUM ([DISTINCT] A) AVG ([DISTINCT] A) MAX (A) MIN (A) single column

Find the name and age of the oldest sailor
SELECT S.sname, S.age
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.age = (SELECT MAX(S2.age)
FROM Sailors S2)

Count the number of different sailor names SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT S.sname) FROM Sailors S

Find name and age of the oldest sailor(s)

 The first query is illegal! (We'll look into the reason a bit later, when we discuss
 GROUP BY)

```
SELECT S.sname, MAX (S.age)
FROM Sailors S
```

```
SELECT S.sname, S.age
FROM Sailors S
WHERE S.age = (SELECT MAX(S2.age)
FROM Sailors S2)
```

 The third query is equivalent to the second query, and is allowed in the SQL/92 standard, but is not supported in some systems

Motivation for Grouping

- So far, we've applied aggregate operators to all (qualifying) rows. Sometimes, we want to apply them to each of several groups of rows
- Consider: Find the age of the youngest sailor for each rating level
 - In general, we don't know how many rating levels exist, and what the rating values for these levels are!
 - Suppose we know that rating values go from 1 to 10; we can write 10 queries that look like this:

	SELECT	MIN (S.age)	
For <i>i</i> = 1, 2,, 10:	FROM	Sailors S	
	WHERE	S.rating = i	

Queries With GROUP BY and HAVING

SELECT	[DISTINCT]	select-list		
FROM	from-list			
WHERE	qualification			
GROUP BY	grouping-list			
HAVING	group-quali	fication		

- The select-list contains (i) attribute names (ii) terms with aggregate operations (e.g., MIN (*S.age*)).
 - The <u>attribute list (i)</u> must be a subset of **grouping-list**. Intuitively, each answer row corresponds to a *group*, and these attributes must have a single value per group. (A *group* is a set of tuples that have the same value for all attributes in *grouping-list*.)

Conceptual Evaluation

- The cross-product of from-list is computed, rows that fail qualification are discarded, `unnecessary' fields are deleted, and the remaining rows are partitioned into groups by the value of attributes in grouping-list
- The group-qualification is then applied to eliminate some groups. Expressions in group-qualification must have a single value per group
 - In effect, an attribute in *group-qualification* that is not an argument of an aggregate op also appears in *grouping-list*.
- One answer row is generated per qualifying group

Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18 , for each rating with at least 2 <u>such</u> sailors

SELECT S.rating, N	IIN (S. AS mir	age) nage	2 Г			
<pre>FROM Sailors S WHERE S.age >= 18 GROUP BY S.rating HAVING COUNT (*) ></pre>	1		-			
We apply the WHERE clause						
	rating	minage				
Answer relation:	3	25.5	1 [
	7	35.0				
	8	25.5				

Sailors instance:

	sid	sname	rating	age
	22 dustin		7	45.0
	29	brutus	1	33.0
	31	lubber	8	55.5
	32	andy	8	25.5
	58	rusty	10	35.0
	64	horatio	7	35.0
×	71	zorba	10	16.0
	74	horatio	9	35.0
	85	art	3	25.5
	95	bob	3	63.5
	96	frodo	3	25.5

Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18 , for each rating with at least 2 <u>such</u> sailors.



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Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18 , for each rating with at least 2 <u>such</u> sailors and with every sailor under 60.

introduced in SQL:1999

HAVING COUNT (*) > 1 **AND EVERY** (S.age <=60)



Find age of the youngest sailor with age ≥ 18 , for each rating with at least 2 sailors between 18 and 60.

SELECT	S.rating,	MIN AS	(S. mir	age) nage		
FROM S WHERE GROUP B HAVING	ailors S S.age >= 18 Y S.rating COUNT (*)	AND > 1	S.a	age <= 6	50	
this group still has two						
qualification / rating minage						
Answer relation: 3 25.5						
			7	35.0		
			8	25.5		

Sailors instance:

sid	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
29	brutus	1	33.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
32	andy	8	25.5
58	rusty	10	35.0
64	horatio	7	35.0
71	zorba	10	16.0
74	horatio	9	35.0
85	art	3	25.5
95	bob	3	63.5
96	frodo	3	25.5

Null Values

- Field values in a row are sometimes unknown (e.g., a rating has not been assigned) or inapplicable (e.g., no spouse's name).
 - SQL provides a special value null for such situations.

◆ The presence of **null complicates** many issues. e.g.:

- Special operators needed to check if value is/is not *null*.
- Is *rating>8* true or false when *rating* is equal to *null*? What about AND, OR and NOT connectives?
- We need a **3-valued logic** (true, false and **unknown**).
- Meaning of constructs must be defined carefully. (e.g., WHERE clause eliminates rows that don't evaluate to true.)

• New operators (in particular, *outer joins*) possible/needed. CSC056-Z1 - Database Management Systems - Vinnie Costa - Hofstra University

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- Trigger procedure that starts automatically if specified changes occur to the DBMS
- ♦ Three parts:
 - **Event** (activates the trigger)
 - **Condition** (tests whether the triggers should run)
 - Action (what happens if the trigger runs)

Triggers: Example (SQL:1999)

CREATE TRIGGER youngSailorUpdate AFTER INSERT ON Sailors REFERENCING NEW TABLE NewSailors FOR EACH STATEMENT INSERT INTO YoungSailors(sid, name, age, rating) SELECT sid, name, age, rating

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FROM NewSailors N

WHERE N.age <= 18

Summary

- SQL was an important factor in the early acceptance of the relational model; more natural than earlier, procedural query languages
- Relationally complete; in fact, significantly more expressive power than relational algebra
- Even queries that can be expressed in RA can often be expressed more naturally in SQL
- Many alternative ways to write a query; optimizer should look for most efficient evaluation plan.
 - In practice, users need to be aware of how queries are optimized and evaluated for best results.

Summary (Contd.)

NULL for unknown field values brings many complications

• **Triggers** respond to changes in the database

Homework

Read Chapters Four and Five Only study topics covered in class