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Complex queries are decomposed into *query blocks* with a single SELECT-FROM-WHERE (plus GROUP BY, HAVING if present).

nested queries involve multiple blocks

SELECT Lname, Fname FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE Salary > (SELECT MAX(Salary) FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE Dno=5)

Relational	Algebra	Operators

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1	category	operator	notation	semantics	notes
set	set	union	R∪S	all tuples in R or S	R, S must have the same schema (same attributes, same domain for each attribute)
	operations	intersection	$R \cap S$	all tuples in both R and S	
	difference	R-S	all tuples in R but not in S	,	
	extracting some of the data in	project	$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{_{a1,a2,\dots,an}}(R)$	all tuples in R, with just the specified attributes	duplicates are removed corresponds to SQL SELECT DISTINCT
a r	a relation	select	σ _c (R)	only the tuples in R satisfying condition C	corresponds to SQL WHERE
	combining relations	Cartesian product	R×S	all possible pairings of a tuple in R with a tuple in S	duplicate columns identified by originating relation e.g. R.A corresponds to SQL ,
		natural join	R ★ S or R ⋈ S	theta-join where the join condition is equality on all attributes with the same name in R and S	duplicate columns are eliminated corresponds to SQL NATURAL JOIN
		theta-join	R ⋈ _c S	equivalent to $\sigma_c(R \times S)$	equijoin when c contains only equality comparisons duplicate columns identified by originating relation e.g. R.A corresponds to SQL JOIN ON
	renaming relations and attributes	rename	$\begin{array}{l} \rho_{s}(R) \\ \rho_{s_{(a1,a2,\dots,an)}}(R) \end{array}$	(essentially) change name of R to S also change R's attributes to a1.a2an	actually creates a new relation with the new names

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