Exercises

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1. Relational Queries

1. Queries in Calculus, Algebra and SQL

Suppose there is a database with the Signature $\Sigma = \{Movie, Schedule\}$, which contains the relations

Movie(title, director, actor) Schedule(theater, mtitle)

Both attributes, title and mtitle, refer to the title of a movie.

Consider the following queries:

- 1. Which theaters show some movies directed by Polanski?
- 2. Which theaters do not show any movies directed by Polanski?
- 3. Which theaters show only movies directed by Polanski?
- 4. Which theaters show all movies directed by Polanski?

Express each of the queries above in the three query languages of Relational Algebra, Relational Calculus, and SQL.

2. Positive Queries

A predicate logic formula is *positive* if it contains only the logical symbols " \wedge ", " \vee ", and " \exists ". A relational calculus query Q_{φ} is *positive* if the defining formula φ is positive.

- 1. Is satisfiability of positive queries decidable? If yes, what does an algorithm look like? If no, how can one prove it?
- 2. Are positive queries safe? Are they domain independent? Can one represent positive queries in relational algebra?