

Databases - 2

1.
$$(\pi_{X,Y}(R1) \div \pi_{X,Y}(R2)) + (R1 - R2)$$

I found a very old version of a book on databases in our library. In this book, I saw a relational algebra expression that might have been tampered by someone. This distorted expression is based on a pair of arbitrary relations $R1(X, Y, Z)$ and $R2(W, X, Y)$. Which of the following are errors (due to tampering) in the said relational algebra expression as shown in the figure?

- (A) Division operation is valid if and only if the attributes in the divisor relation (here $\{X, Y\}$) is a proper subset of the attributes in the dividend relation (here $\{X, Y\}$)
- (B) '+' is not a valid operator in relational algebra
- (C) Difference operation is valid if and only if the attributes in both the relations (here $\{X, Y, Z\}$ for $R1$ and $\{W, X, Y\}$ for $R2$) are the same
- (D) All of the above

2. Let there be two different relations $R1(X, Y)$ and $R2(X, Y)$ having $t1 > 0$ and $t2 > 0$ tuples, respectively. Without making any assumptions, the minimum and maximum possible number of tuples that may appear in the resulting relation provided by the operation $R1 \div \pi_Y(R2)$ is:

- (A) Minimum = 0, Maximum = 0
- (B) Minimum = 0, Maximum = $t1$
- (C) Minimum = 0, Maximum = $t2$
- (D) Minimum = $t1$, Maximum = $t2$

3.

$$(i) R1 \div (R1 - R2)$$

$$(ii) R1 \bowtie_{\theta} R1$$

Which the following relational algebra expressions shown in the figure are always invalid for any arbitrary pair of relations $R1$ and $R2$. Justify your answers.

(A) Both (i) and (ii)

(B) Only (i)

(C) Only (ii)

(D) Neither (i) nor (ii)

4. A union operation is valid on a pair of relations having the same set of attributes but in arbitrary order.

(T) True

(F) False

5. The set of relational algebra operations $\{\sigma, \pi, \cup, \cap, \times\}$ is complete.

(T) True

(F) False

6. $(R1 \bowtie R2) \cup (R2 \bowtie R1)$

Let there be two different relations $R1(X, Y)$ and $R2(X, Y)$ having $t1 > 0$ and $t2 > 0$ tuples, respectively. Without making any assumptions, the minimum and maximum possible number of tuples that may appear in the resulting relation provided by the operation in the figure is:

(A) Minimum = 0, Maximum = 0

(B) Minimum = 0, Maximum = $\min(t1, t2)$

(C) Minimum = 0, Maximum = $t1 \times t2$

(D) Minimum = $t1 \times t2$, Maximum = $t1 \times t2$