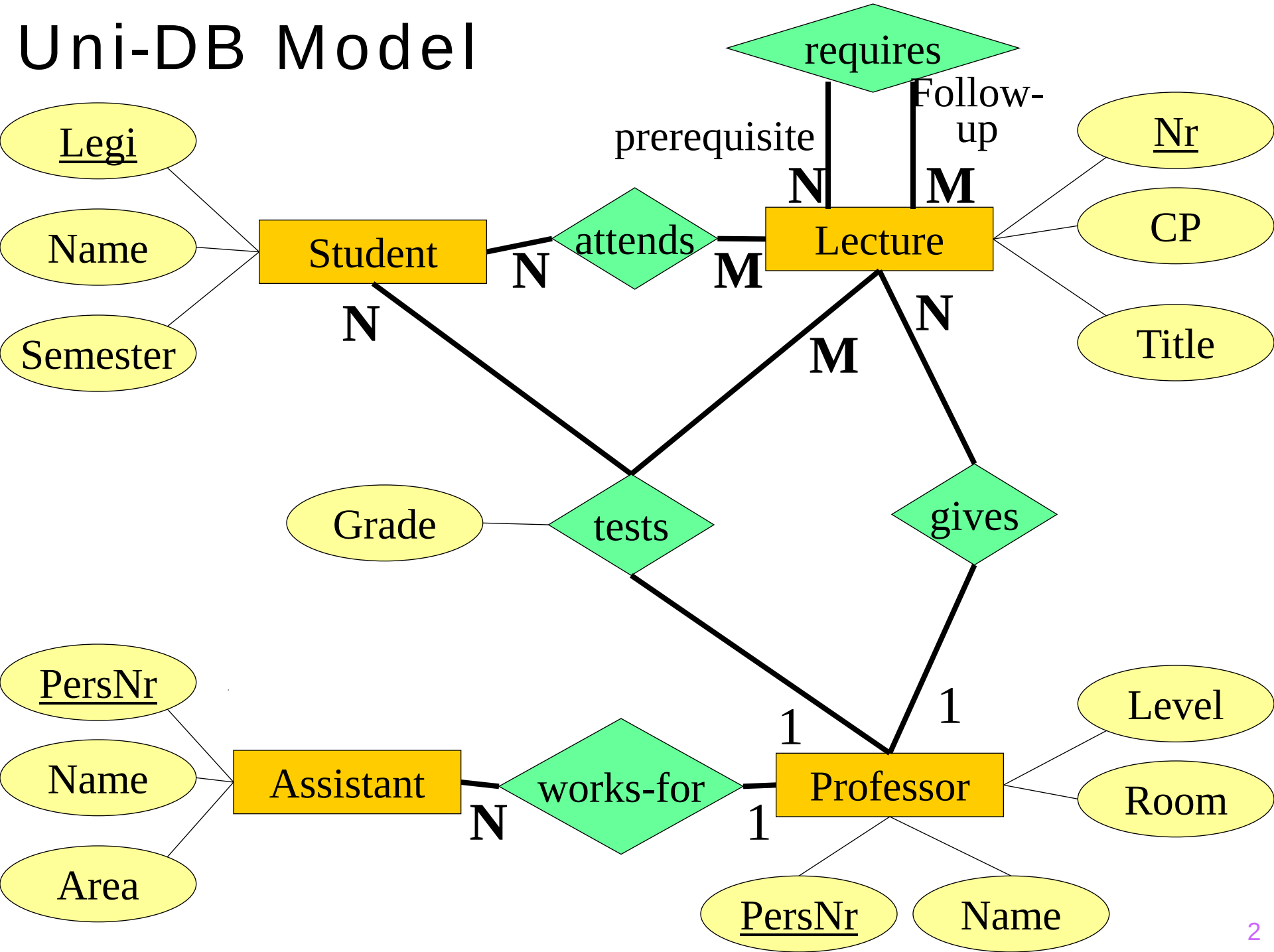
SQL (structured query language)

- A family of standards
  - Data definition language (DDL) - schemas
  - Data manipulation language (DML) - updates
  - Query language (Query) – reads

- History
  - 1974: first paper by Chamberlin&Boyce
  - SQL 92 (SQL 2): joins, outer-joins, ...
  - SQL 3: object-relational extensions
  - SQL/XML, etc.: domain-specific extensions

Uni-DB Model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Professor			
PersNr	Name	Level	Room
2125	Sokrates	FP	226
2126	Russel	FP	232
2127	Kopernikus	AP	310
2133	Popper	AP	52
2134	Augustinus	AP	309
2136	Curie	FP	36
2137	Kant	FP	7

Student		
Legi	Name	Semester
24002	Xenokrates	18
25403	Jonas	12
26120	Fichte	10
26830	Aristoxenos	8
27550	Schopenhauer	6
28106	Carnap	3
29120	Theophrastos	2
29555	Feuerbach	2

Lecture			
Nr	Title	CP	PersNr
5001	Grundzüge	4	2137
5041	Ethik	4	2125
5043	Erkenntnistheorie	3	2126
5049	Mäeutik	2	2125
4052	Logik	4	2125
5052	Wissenschaftstheorie	3	2126
5216	Bioethik	2	2126
5259	Der Wiener Kreis	2	2133
5022	Glaube und Wissen	2	2134
4630	Die 3 Kritiken	4	2137

requires	
Prereq.	Follow-up
5001	5041
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5041	5216
5043	5052
5041	5052
5052	5259

attends	
Legi	Nr
26120	5001
27550	5001
27550	4052
28106	5041
28106	5052
28106	5216
28106	5259
29120	5001
29120	5041
29120	5049
29555	5022
25403	5022

tests			
Legi	Nr	PersNr	Grade
28106	5001	2126	1
25403	5041	2125	2
27550	4630	2137	2

Assistant			
PerslNr	Name	Area	Boss
3002	Platon	Ideenlehre	2125
3003	Aristoteles	Syllogistik	2125
3004	Wittgenstein	Sprachtheorie	2126
3005	Rhetikus	Planetenbewegung	2127
3006	Newton	Keplersche Gesetze	2127
3007	Spinoza	Gott und Natur	2126

(Simple) Data Definition with SQL

Data types

- **character** *(n)*, ***char*** *(n)*
- **character varying** *(n)*, **varchar** *(n)*
- **numeric** *(p,s)*, **integer**
- **blob** or **raw** for large binaries
- **clob** for large string values
- **date**

Create Tables

- **create table** Professor

```
(PersNr      integer not null,
 Name        varchar (30) not null
 Level       character (2) default „AP“);
```

DDL (ctd.)

Delete a Table

- **drop table** Professor**;**

Modify the structure of a Table

- **alter table** Professor **add column(**age **integer);**

Management of Indexes (Performance tuning)

- **create index** myIndex **on** Professor(name, age)**;**
- **drop index** myIndex**;**

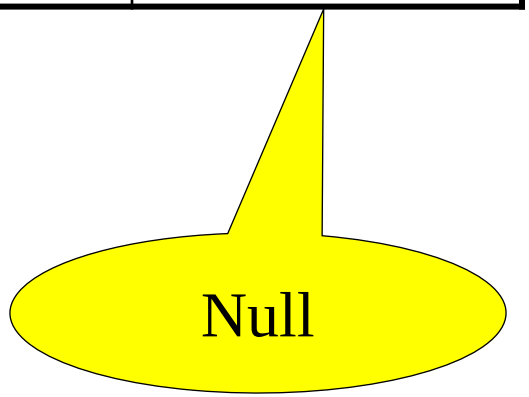
Updates (DML)

Insert Tuples

```
insert into attends
        select Legi, Nr
        from Student, Lecture
        where Title= `Logik‘ ;

insert into Student (Legi, Name)
        values (28121,  `Archimedes‘);
```

Student		
Legi	Name	Semester
⋮	⋮	⋮
29120	Theophrastos	2
29555	Feuerbach	2
28121	Archimedes	-



Sequence Types (Automatic Increment for Surrogates)

- **create sequence** PersNr_seq **increment by** 1 **start with** 1;
- **insert into** Professor(PersNr, Name)
  values(*PersNr_seq.nextval*, „Roscoe“);

- Syntax is vendor dependent
  - E.g., AUTO-INCREMENT Option in MySQL
  - Syntax above was standardized in SQL 2003

Updates (ctd.)

Delete tuples

delete Student

where Semester > 13;

Update tuples

update Student

set Semester= Semester + 1;

Queries

```
select    PersNr, Name
from      Professor
where     Level = ´FP´;
```

PersNr	Name
2125	Sokrates
2126	Russel
2136	Curie
2137	Kant

Queries: Sorting

select PersNr, Name, Level

from Professor

order by Level **desc**, Name **asc**;

PersNr	Name	Level
2136	Curie	FP
2137	Kant	FP
2126	Russel	FP
2125	Sokrates	FP
2134	Augustinus	AP
2127	Kopernikus	AP
2133	Popper	AP

Duplicate Elimination

select distinct Level

from Professor

Level
AP
FP

Professor

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attends

Legi	Nr
26120	5001
27550	5001
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3006	Newton	Keplersche Gesetze	2127
3007	Spinoza	Gott und Natur	2126

tests

Legi	Nr	PersNr	Grade
28106	5001	2126	1
25403	5041	2125	2
27550	4630	2137	2

Queries: Joins

Who teaches Mäeutik?

select Name
from Professor, Lecture
where PersNr = ProfNr **and** Title = `Mäeutik‘ ;

$$\prod_{\text{Name}} (\sigma_{\text{PersNr} = \text{ProfNr} \wedge \text{Title} = \text{'Mäeutik'}} (\text{Professor} \times \text{Lecture}))$$

N.B.: Renamed Lecture.PersNr to ProfNr. Will show later how this can be done as part of a query.

Joins

Professor			
PersNr	Name	Level	Room
2125	Sokrates	FP	226
2126	Russel	FP	232
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
2137	Kant	FP	7

Lecture			
Nr	Title	CP	ProfNr
5001	Grundzüge	4	2137
5041	Ethik	4	2125
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
5049	Mäeutik	2	2125
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
4630	Die 3 Kritiken	4	2137

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PersN	Name	Level	Room	Nr	Title	CP	ProfNr
2125	Sokrates	FP	226	5001	Grundzüge	4	2137
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⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
2125	Sokrates	FP	226	5049	Mäeutik	2	2125
⋮	⋮		⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
2126	Russel	FP	232	5001	Grundzüge	4	2137
2126	Russel	FP	232	5041	Ethik	4	2125
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
2137	Kant	FP	7	4630	Die 3 Kritiken	4	2137

↓ σ

PersNr	Name	Level	Room	VorlNr	Title	CP	ProfNr
2125	Sokrates	FP	226	5049	Mäeutik	2	2125

↓ π

Name
Sokrates

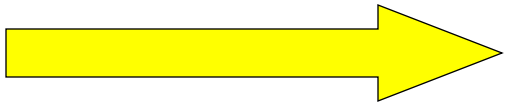
SQL -> Relational Algebra

SQL

select $A_1, \ldots, A_n$

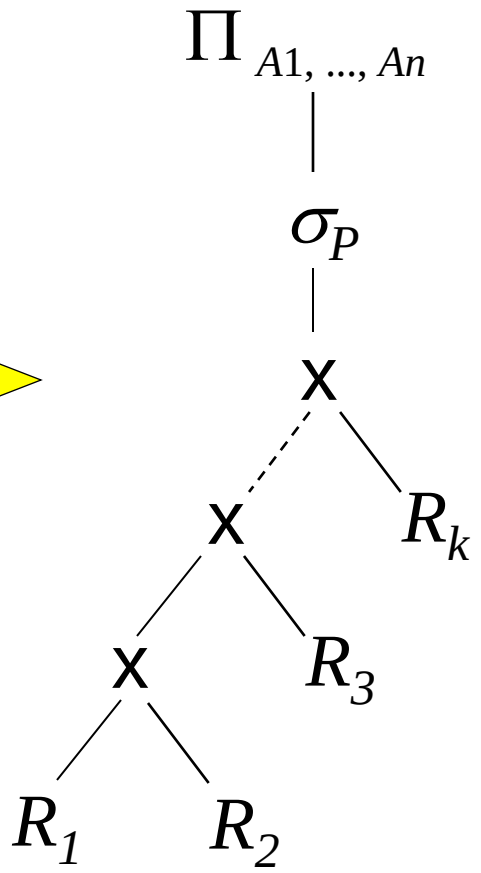
from $R_1, \ldots, R_k$

where P;



Relational Algebra

$$\Pi_{A1, \ldots, An}(\sigma_P (R_1 \times \ldots \times R_k))$$



Joins and Tuple Variables

Who attends which lecture?

```
select Name, Title
from Student, attends, Lecture
where Student.Legi = attends.Legi and
      attends.Nr = Lecture.Nr;
```

Alternative:

```
select s.Name, l.Title
from Student s, attends a, Lecture l
where s.Legi = a.Legi and
      a.Nr = l.Nr;
```

Rename of Attributes

Give title and professor of all lectures?

select Title, PersNr as ProfNr
from Lecture;

Set Operations

SQL supports: **union, intersect, minus**

```
( select Name
  from Assistant )
union
( select Name
  from Professor);
```

Grouping, Aggregation

Aggregate functions: **avg, max, min, count, sum**

select avg (Semester)
from Student;

Grouping, Aggregation

Aggregate functions: **avg, max, min, count, sum**

```
select avg (Semester)
from Student;

select PersNr, sum (CP)
from Lecture
group by PersNr;
```

Grouping, Aggregation

Aggregate functions: **avg, max, min, count, sum**

```
select avg (Semester)
from Student;

select PersNr, sum (CP)
from Lecture
group by PersNr;

select p.PersNr, Name, sum (CP)
from Lecture l, Professor p
where l.PersNr= p.PersNr and level = ´FP´
group by p.PersNr, Name
having avg (CP) >= 3;
```

Group By

Lecture x Professor							
Nr	Title	CP	PersNr	PersNr	Name	Level	Room
5001	Grundzüge	4	2137	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
5041	Ethik	4	2125	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4630	Die 3 Kritiken	4	2137	2137	Kant	FP	7

⇓ σ (**where**)

Nr	Title	CP	PersNr	PersNr	Name	Level	Room
5001	Grundzüge	4	2137	2137	Kant	FP	7
5041	Ethik	4	2125	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
5043	Erkenntnis-theorie	3	2126	2126	Russel	FP	232
5049	Mäeutik	2	2125	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
4052	Logik	4	2125	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
5052	Wissenschafts-theorie	3	2126	2126	Russel	FP	232
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⇓ **group by**

Nr	Title	CP	PersNr	PersNr	Name	Level	Room
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⇓ **having**

Nr	Title	CP	PersNr	PersNr	Name	Level	Room
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4052	Logik	4	2125	2125	Sokrates	FP	226
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4630	Die 3 Kritiken	4	2137	2137	Kant	FP	7

⇓ π & **sum (seclect)**

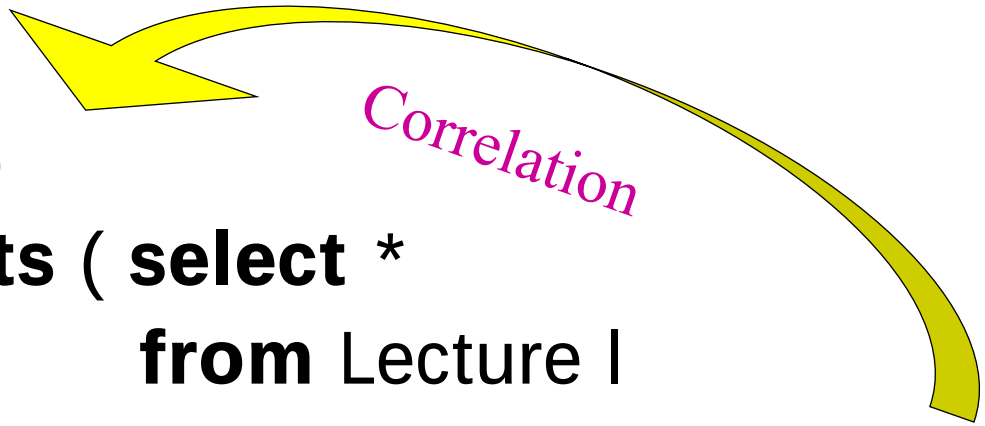
PersNr	Name	**sum** (CP)
2125	Sokrates	10
2137	Kant	8

Existential Quantification: exists sub-queries

```
select p.Name
from Professor p
where not exists ( select *
                   from Lecture l
                   where l.PersNr = p.PersNr );
```

Correlated Sub-queries

```
select p.Name
from Professor p
where not exists ( select *
                   from Lecture l
                   where l.PersNr = p.PersNr );
```



Uncorrelated Sub-query

```
select Name
from Professor
where PersNr not in ( select PersNr
                      from Lecture);
```

What is better? Correlated or uncorrelated?

Sub-queries with all

Not as powerful as relational division!

```
select Name
from Student
where Semester >= all ( select Semester
                        from Student);
```

Subqueries in SELECT, FROM

```
select PersNr, Name, ( select sum (CP) as load
                       from Lecture l
                       where p.PersNr=l.PersNr )
from Professor p;
```

```
select p.PersNr, Name, l.load
from Professor p, ( select PersNr, sum (CP) as load
                    from Lecture
                    group by PersNr ) l
where p.PersNr = l.PersNr;
```

Is this better than the simple Group By Query from before?

Query Rewrite

```
select *
from Assistant a
where exists
    ( select *
      from Professor p
      where a.Boss = p.PersNr and p.age < a.age);
```

- Equivalent Join Query: Why is this better?

```
select a.*
from Assistant a, Professor p
where a.Boss=p.PersNr and p.age < a.age;
```

Universal Quantifiaction

- SQL does not support relational division directly
- Need to play tricks

$$\{s \mid s \in \text{Student} \wedge \forall l \in \text{Lecture}\ (l.CP=4 \Rightarrow \exists a \in \text{attends}\ (a.Nr=l.Nr \wedge a.Legi=s.Legi))\}$$

- Approach: Eliminate of $\forall$ and $\Rightarrow$

$$\forall t \in R\,(P(t)) = \neg(\exists t \in R(\neg P(t)))$$

$$R \Rightarrow T = \neg R \vee T$$

...

- Applying these rules:

$$\{s \mid s \in \text{Student} \Lambda \neg (\exists l \in \text{Lecture} \neg(\neg(l.CP=4) \vee \exists a \in \text{attends}(a.Nr=l.Nr \Lambda a.Legi=s.Legi))\}$$

- Applying DeMorgan rules:

$$\{s \mid s \in \text{Student} \Lambda \neg (\exists l \in \text{Lecture}(l.CP=4 \Lambda \neg(\exists a \in \text{attends}(a.Nr=l.Nr \Lambda a.Legi=s.Legi)))))\}$$

- This can be implemented in SQL:

```
select *
from Student s
where not exists
   (select *
    from Lecture l
    where l.CP = 4 and not exists
        (select *
         from attends a
         where a.Nr = l.Nr and a.Legi=s.Legi) );
```

Or do it this way

```
select a.Legi
from attends a
group by a.Legi
having count (*) = (select count (*) from Lecture);
```

Considering only 4 CP lectures

```
select a.Legi
from attends a, Lecture l
where a.Nr = l.Nr and l.CP = 4
group by a.Legi
having count (*) = (select count (*) from Lecture
                    where CP = 4);
```

Null Values (NULL = UNKNOWN)

```
select count (*)
from Student
where Semester < 13 or Semester > =13;
```

vs.

```
select count (*)
from Student;
```

- Are those two queries equivalent?

Working with Null Values

1. Arithmetics: Propagate **null**: If an operand is null, the result is **null**.
   - **null** + 1 -> **null**
   - **null** * 0 -> **null**
2. Comparisons: New Boolean value **unknown**. All comparisons that involve a **null** value, evaluate to **unknown**.
   - **null** = **null** **-> unknown**
   - **null** < 13 **-> unknown**
   - **null** > **null** **-> unknown**
3. Logic: Boolean operators are evaluated using the following tables (next slide):

not	
true	false
unknown	unknown
false	true

and	*true*	*unknown*	*false*
true	true	unknown	false
unknown	unknown	unknown	false
false	false	false	false

or	*true*	*unknown*	*false*
true	true	true	true
unknown	true	unknown	unknown
false	true	unknown	false

4. **where**: Only tuples which evaluate to **true** are part of the query result. (**unknown** and **false** are equivalent here):

```
select count (*)
from Student
where Semester < 13 or Semester > =13;
```

5. **group by:** If exists, then there is a group for **null**.

```
select count (*)
from Student
group by Semester;
```

Predicates with null:

```
select count (*) from Student
where Semester is null;
```

Syntactic Sugar

```
select *
from Student
where Semester > = 1 and Semester < = 6;

select *
from Student
where Semester between 1 and 6;

select *
from Student
where Semester in (2,4,6);
```

case

```
select Legi, ( case when Grade >= 5.5 then ´sehr gut´
               when Grade >= 5.0 then ´gut´
               when Grade >= 4.5 then ´befriedigend´
               when Grade >= 4.0 then ´ausreichend´
               else ´nicht bestanden´ end)
from tests;
```

- Behaves like a switch: evaluate from top to bottom
- No „break“ needed because at most one clause executed. Why is that?

Comparisons with like

- "%„ represents any sequence of characters (0 to n)
- "_„ represents exactly one character
- N.B.: For comparisons with **=** , % and _ are normal chars.

```
select *
from Student
where Name like ´T%eophrastos´;
```

```
select distinct Name
from Lecture l, attends a, Student s
where s.Legi = a.Legi and a.Nr = l.Nr
        and  l.Title like ´%thik%´;
```

Joins in SQL-92

- **cross join:** Cartesian product
- **natural join:**
- **join** or **inner join**: Theta-Join
- **left, right** or **full outer join**: outer join variants
- (union join: not discussed here)

select *
from R_1, R_2
where $R_1.A = R_2.B$;

select *
from R_1 **join** R_2 **on** $R_1.A = R_2.B$;

Left Outer Joins

```
select p.PersNr, p.Name, t.PersNr, t.Grade, t.Legi, s.Legi, s.Name
from Professor p left outer join
        (tests t left outer join Student s
                on t.Legi= s.Legi)
        on p.PersNr=t.PersNr;
```

PersNr	p.Name	t.PersNr	t.Grade	t.Legi	s.Legi	s.Name
2126	Russel	2126	1	28106	28106	Carnap
2125	Sokrates	2125	2	25403	25403	Jonas
2137	Kant	2137	2	27550	27550	Schopen-hauer
2136	Curie	-	-	-	-	-
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

Right Outer Joins

```
select p.PersNr, p.Name, t.PersNr, t.Grade, t.Legi, s.Legi, s.Name
from Professor p right outer join
                    (tests t right outer join Student s on
                     t.Legi= s.Legi)
        on p.PersNr=t.PersNr;
```

PersNr	p.Name	t.PersNr	t.Grade	t.Legi	s.Legi	s.Name
2126	Russel	2126	1	28106	28106	Carnap
2125	Sokrates	2125	2	25403	25403	Jonas
2137	Kant	2137	2	27550	27550	Schopen-hauer
-	-	-	-	-	26120	Fichte
:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Full Outer Joins

```
select p.PersNr, p.Name, t.PersNr, t.Grade, t.Legi,  s.Legi, s.Name
from Professor p full outer join
                (tests t full outer join Student s on
                                                t.Legi= s.Legi)
                on p.PersNr=t.PersNr;
```

p.PersNr	p.Name	t.PersNr	t.Grade	t.Legi	s.Legi	s.Name
2126	Russel	2126	1	28106	28106	Carnap
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2136	Curie	-	-	-	-	-
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

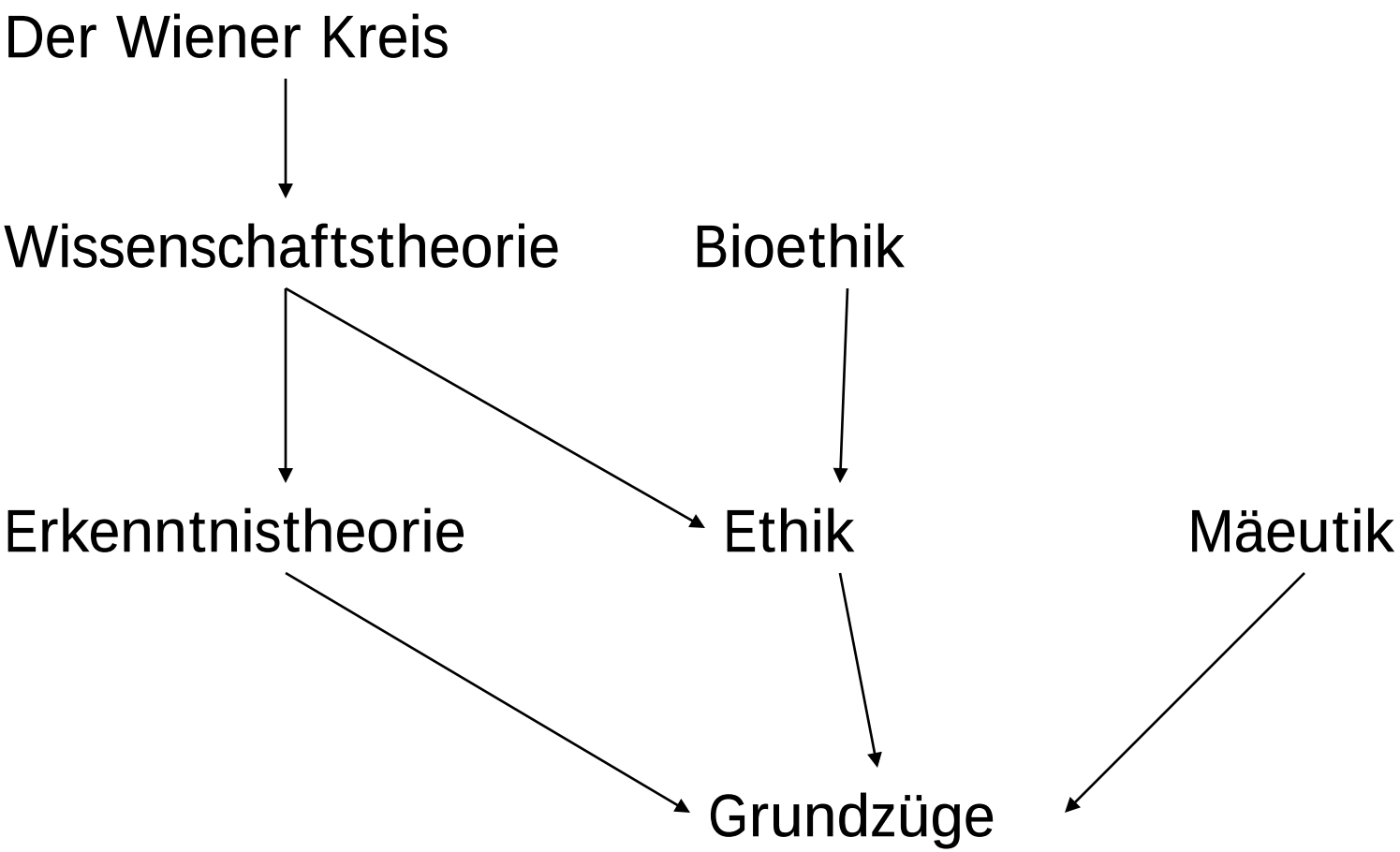
Recursion

select Prerequisite

from requires, Lecture

where Follow-up = Nr and

Title = `Der Wiener Kreis´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Mäeutik
Grundzüge

Recursion

```
select l1.prerequisite
from requires l1, requires l2, Lecture l
where l1.Follow-up = l2.prerequisite and
        l2.Follow-up = l.Nr and
        l.Title=`Der Wiener Kreis´;
```

Requirements of „Wiener Kreis“ up to *N* levels

select l1.prerequisit
from requires l1
⋮
requires ln_minus_1
requires ln,

Lecture l

where l1.follow-up = l2.prerequisite **and**
⋮

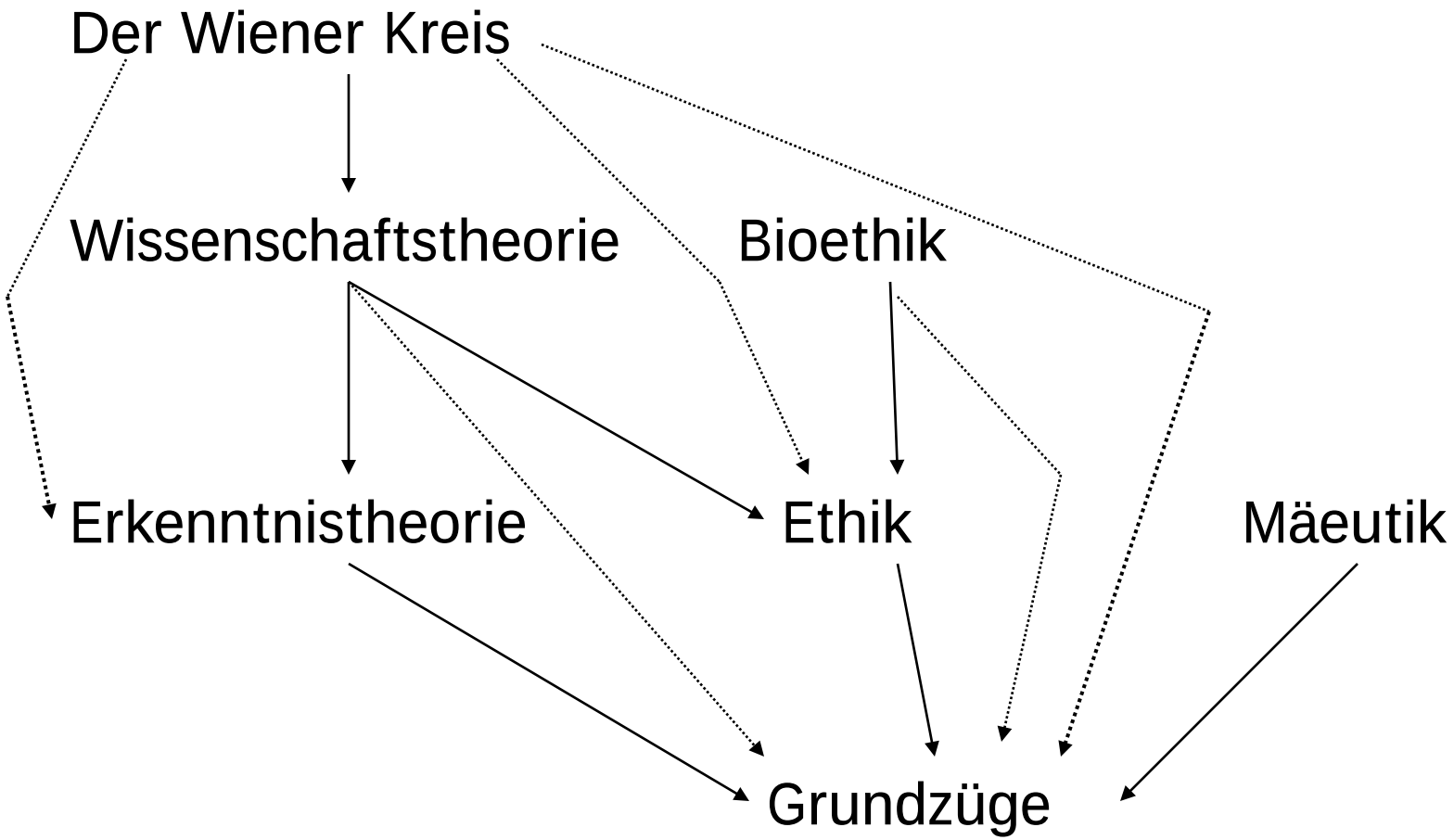
ln_minus_1.follow-up = ln.prerequisite **and**

ln.follow-up = l.Nr **and**

l.Title= `Der Wiener Kreis´

Transitive Closure

$$trans_{A,B}(R) = \{(a,b) \mid \exists k \in IN\ (\exists \Gamma 1, \ldots, \Gamma k \in \mathrm{R}\ (\Gamma 1.A = \Gamma 2.B \wedge \vdots \Gamma k\text{-}1.A = \Gamma k.B \wedge \Gamma 1.A = a \wedge \Gamma k.B = b))\}$$


Der Wiener Kreis
Wissenschaftstheorie
Bioethik
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Ethik
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Grundzüge

connect by Clause (Oracle)

```
select Title
from Lecture
where Nr in (select prerequisite
                    from requires
                    connect by follow-up = prior prerequisite
                    start with follow-up = (select Nr
                                                    from Lecture
                                                    where Title = ... ));
```

Grundzüge
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Recursion in DB2/SQL99

```
with TransLecture (First, Next)
as (select prerequisite, follow-up from requires
        union all
    select t.First, r.follow-up
    from TransLecture t, requires r
    where t.Next= r.prerequisite)

select Title from Lecture where Nr in
    (select First from TransLecture where Next in
        (select Nr from Lecture
         where Title = `Der Wiener Kreis´) )
```

Data Manipulation Language

Insert tuples

```
insert into attends
        select Legi, Nr
        from Student, Lecture
        where Title= `Logik´;

insert into Student (Legi, Name)
        values (28121,  `Archimedes´);
```

Student		
Legi	Name	Semester
⋮	⋮	⋮
29120	Theophrastos	2
29555	Feuerbach	2
28121	Archimedes	-

Deletion of tuples, Update

delete Student

where Semester > 13;

update Student

set Semester= Semester + 1;

Snapshot Semantics

1. Phase 1: mark tuples which are affected by the update
2. Phase 2: implement update on marked tuples

Otherwise, indeterministic execution of updates:

delete from requires
    where prerequisite **in** (**select** follow-up
                                from requires);

requires	
Prerequisite	Follow-up
5001	5041
5001	5043
5001	5049
5041	5216
5043	5052
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5052	5229

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```
delete from requries
    where Prerequisite in (select Follow-up
                           from requires);
```

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Prerequisite	Follow-up
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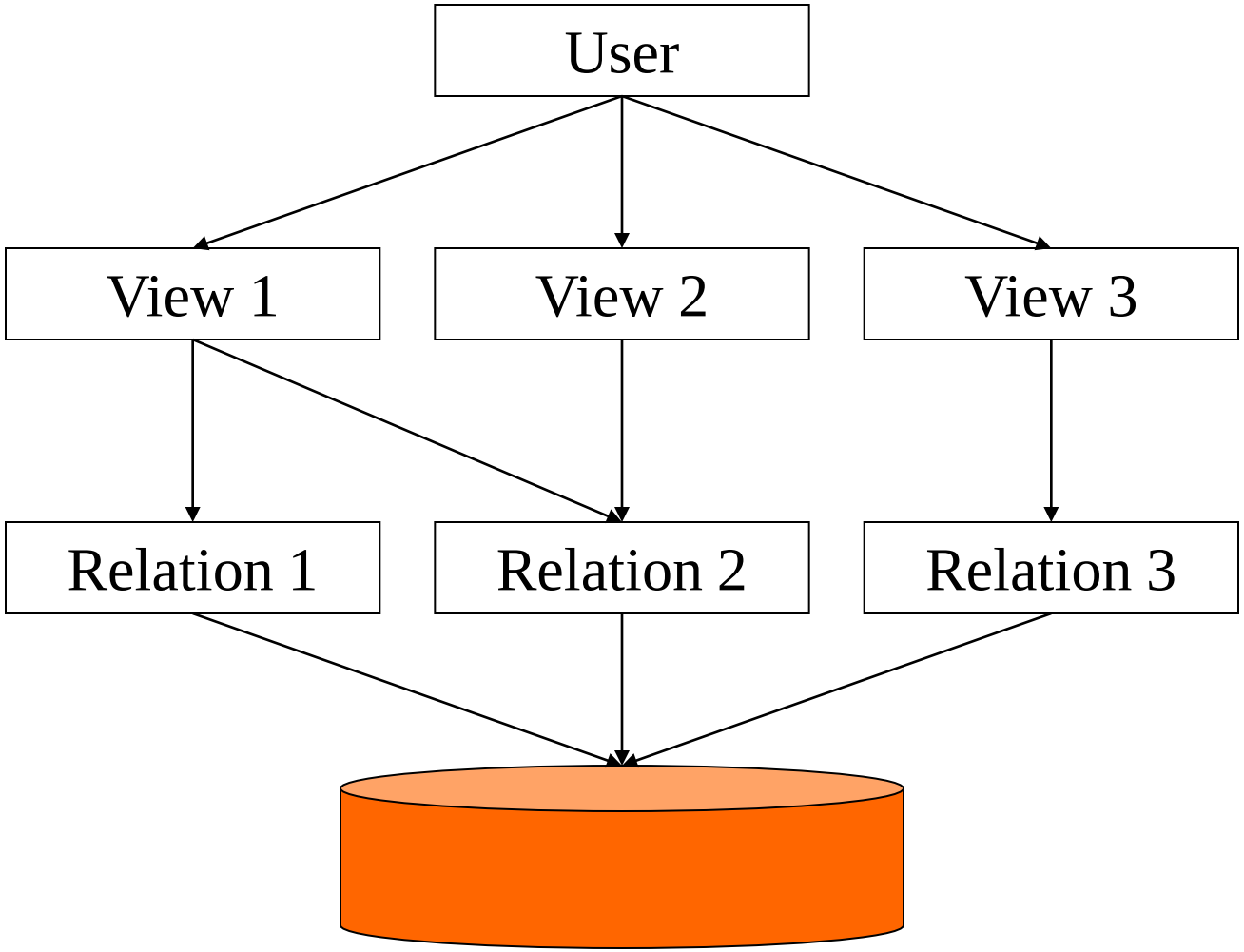
Views for Logical Data Independence

Logical

data independence

Physical

data independence



Views ...

for privacy

```
create view testView as
    select Legi, Nr, PersNr
    from tests;
```

Views ...

for simpler queries

```
create view StudProf (Sname, Semester, Title, Pname) as
    select s.Name, s.Semester, l.Title, p.Name
    from Student s, attends a, Lecture l, Professor p
    where s.Legi=a.Legi and a.Nr=l.Nr and
              l.PersNr= p.PersNr;
```

```
select distinct Semester
from StudProf
where PName=`Sokrates‘;
```

Views for is-a relationships

```
create table Employee
        (PersNr     integer not null,
        Name        varchar (30) not null);
create table ProfData
        (PersNr     integer not null,
        Level       character(2),
        Room        integer);
create table AssiData
        (PersNr             integer not null,
        area                varchar(30),
        Boss                integer);
```

```
create view Professor as
        select *
        from Employee e, ProfData d
        where e.PersNr=d.PersNr;
create view Assistant as
        select *
        from Employee e, AssiData d
        where e.PersNr=d.PersNr;
```

➔ Subtypes implemented as a view

```
create table Professor
        (PersNr      integer not null,
        Name         varchar (30) not null,
        Level        character (2),
        Room         integer);
create table Assistant
        (PersNr      integer not null,
        Name         varchar (30) not null,
        area         varchar (30),
        Boss         integer);
create table OtherEmps
        (PersNr      integer not null,
        Name         varchar (30) not null);
```

```
create view Employee as
        (select PersNr, Name
        from Professor)
          union
        (select PersNr, Name
        from Assistant)
         union
        (select*
        from OtherEmps);
```

➔ Supertypes implemented as a view

Updatable Views

Example view which is not updatable

```
create view ToughProf (PersNr, AvgGrade) as
    select PersNr, avg(Grade)
    from tests
    group by PersNr;

update ToughProf set AvgGrade= 6.0
     where PersNr = 4711;

insert into ToughProf
    values (4711, 6.0);
```

SQL tries to avoid indeterminisms.

What about this?

```
create view ToughProf (PersNr, AvgGrade) as
    select PersNr, avg(Grade)
    from tests
    group by PersNr;

delete ToughProf
    where PersNr = 4711;
```

Views and Updates

Example view which is not updatable

```
create view LectureView as
    select Title, CP, Name
    from Lecture l, Professor p
    where l.PersNr = p.PersNr;
insert into LectureView
    values (`Nihilismus‘, 2, `Nobody‘);
```

There are scenarios in which the „insert“ is meaningful.
There are scenarios in which SQL would have to guess.
SQL is conservative and does not allow any scenario.

Views and Updates in SQL

- A SQL view is updatable iff
  - The view involves only one base relation
  - The view involves the key of that base relation
  - The view does NOT involve aggregates, group by, or duplicate-elmination