

database

user query

A Quick Recap

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π_{airline} Flight

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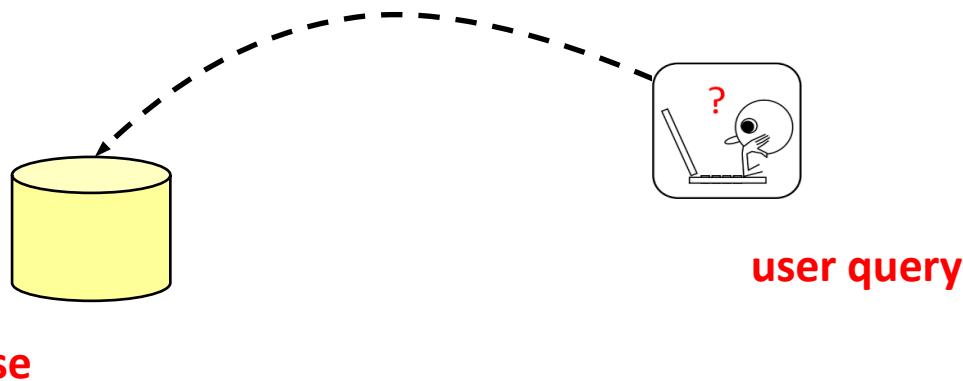
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<i>airline</i>
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**understand how a DBMS efficiently evaluates a query over a database
(the main focus of this course)**



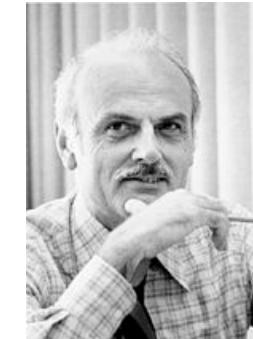
**a glimpse on the mathematical foundations of query evaluation
(next two weeks)**

Conjunctive Queries: Syntax and Semantics

(Chapters 12 and 13 of DBT)

Codd's Theorem

Relational Algebra = Relational Calculus



Edgar F. Codd
(1923 - 2003)
Turing Award 1981

- Queries are written using a **declarative language**
- DBMS converts declarative queries into **procedural queries** that are optimized and executed

Relational Calculus

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{LHR, LGW}

{x | Airport(x, London)}

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$$\{z \mid \exists x \exists y (\text{Airport}(x, \text{London}) \wedge \text{Airport}(y, \text{Glasgow}) \wedge \text{Flight}(x, y, z))\}$$

A Core Relational Query Language

Conjunctive Queries (CQ)

- = $\{\sigma, \pi, \bowtie\}$ -fragment of relational algebra
- = relational calculus without $\neg, \forall, \vee, =$
- = simple SELECT-FROM-WHERE SQL queries
 - (only AND and equality in the WHERE clause)

Syntax of Conjunctive Queries

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) := \exists \mathbf{y} (R_1(\mathbf{v}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge R_m(\mathbf{v}_m))$$

- R_1, \dots, R_m are relation names
- $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$ are tuples of variables
- each variable mentioned in \mathbf{v}_i appears either in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y}
- the variables in \mathbf{x} are free called **distinguished** or **output variables**

It is very convenient to see conjunctive queries as rule-based queries of the form

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) :- \underbrace{R_1(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, R_m(\mathbf{v}_m)}$$

this is called the **body** of Q that can be seen as a set of atoms

Conjunctive Queries: Example 1

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$\pi_{\text{airline}} \text{ Flight}$

$Q(z) :- \text{Flight}(x,y,z)$

$\{z \mid \exists x \exists y \text{ Flight}(x,y,z)\}$

Conjunctive Queries: Example 2

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$\{LHR, LGW\}$

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Conjunctive Queries: Example 3

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Pattern Matching Problem

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Flight(LCA,VIE,OS),	Airport(GLA,Glasgow),
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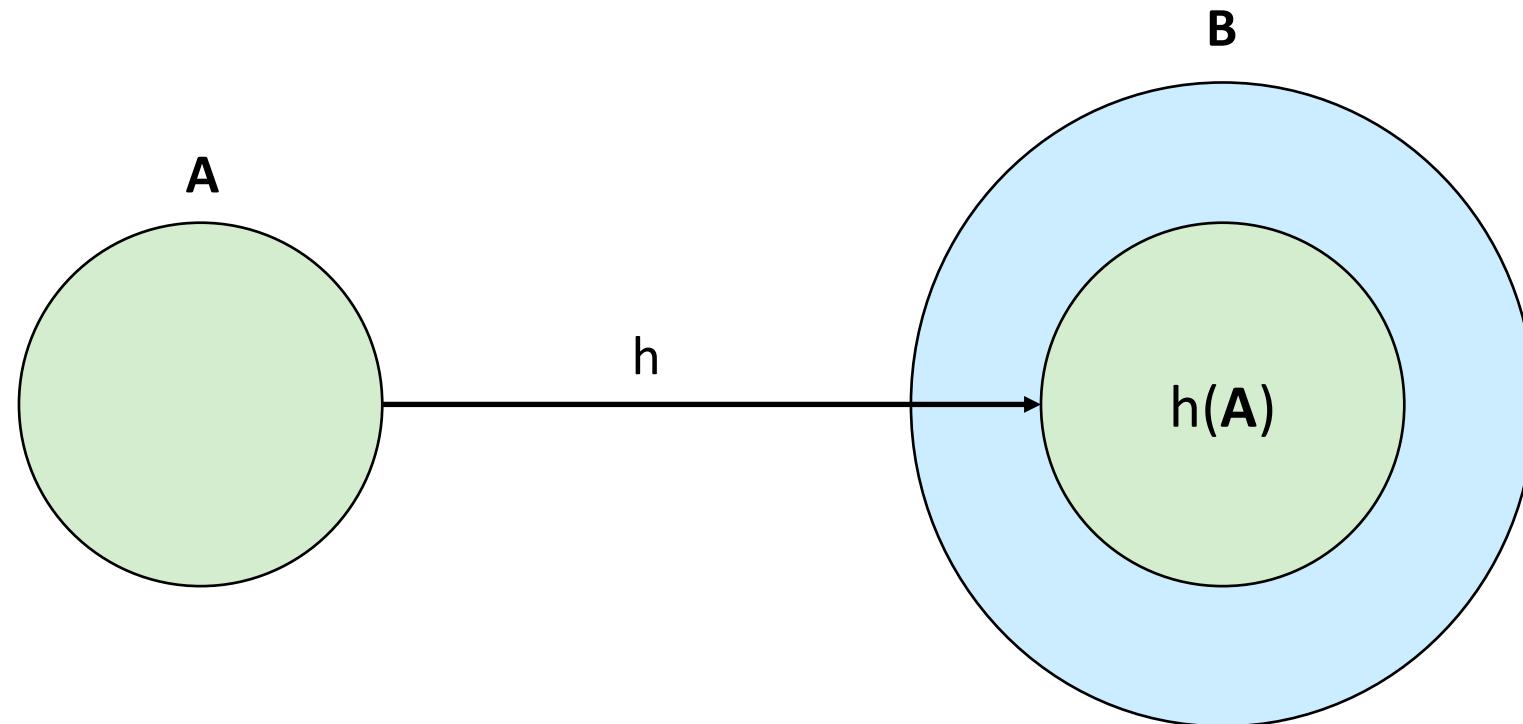
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Homomorphism

- Pattern matching - properly formalized via the key notion of **homomorphism**
- A **substitution** from a set of terms **S** to a set of terms **T** is a function $h : S \rightarrow T$, i.e., h is a set of **mappings** of the form $s \mapsto t$, where $s \in S$ and $t \in T$
- A **homomorphism** from a set of atoms **A** to a set of atoms **B** is a substitution $h : \text{terms}(A) \rightarrow \text{terms}(B)$ such that:
 1. t is a constant value $\Rightarrow h(t) = t$
 2. $R(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in A \Rightarrow h(R(t_1, \dots, t_k)) = R(h(t_1), \dots, h(t_k)) \in B$

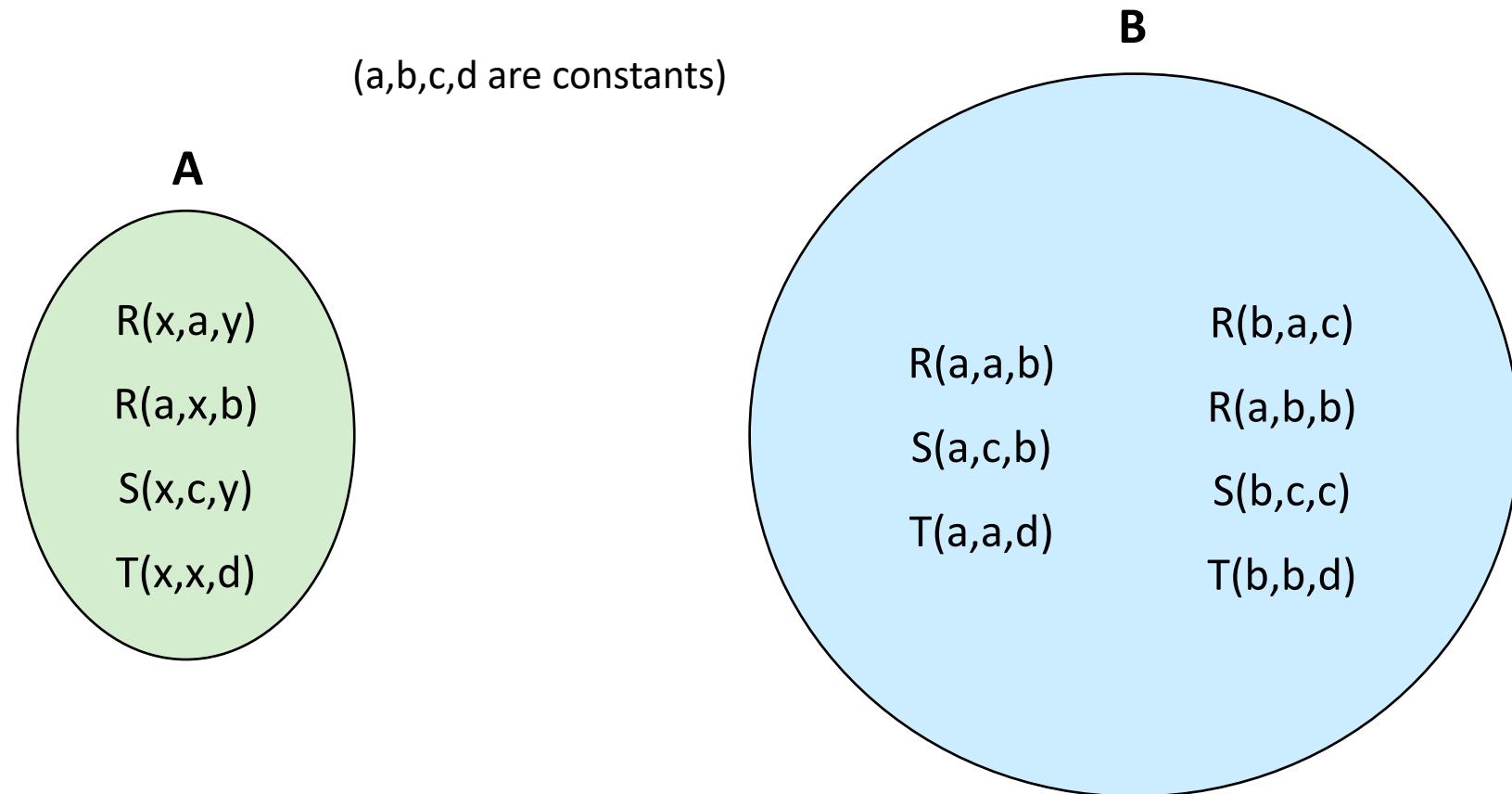
($\text{terms}(A) = \{t \mid t \text{ is a variable or a constant value that occurs in } A\}$)

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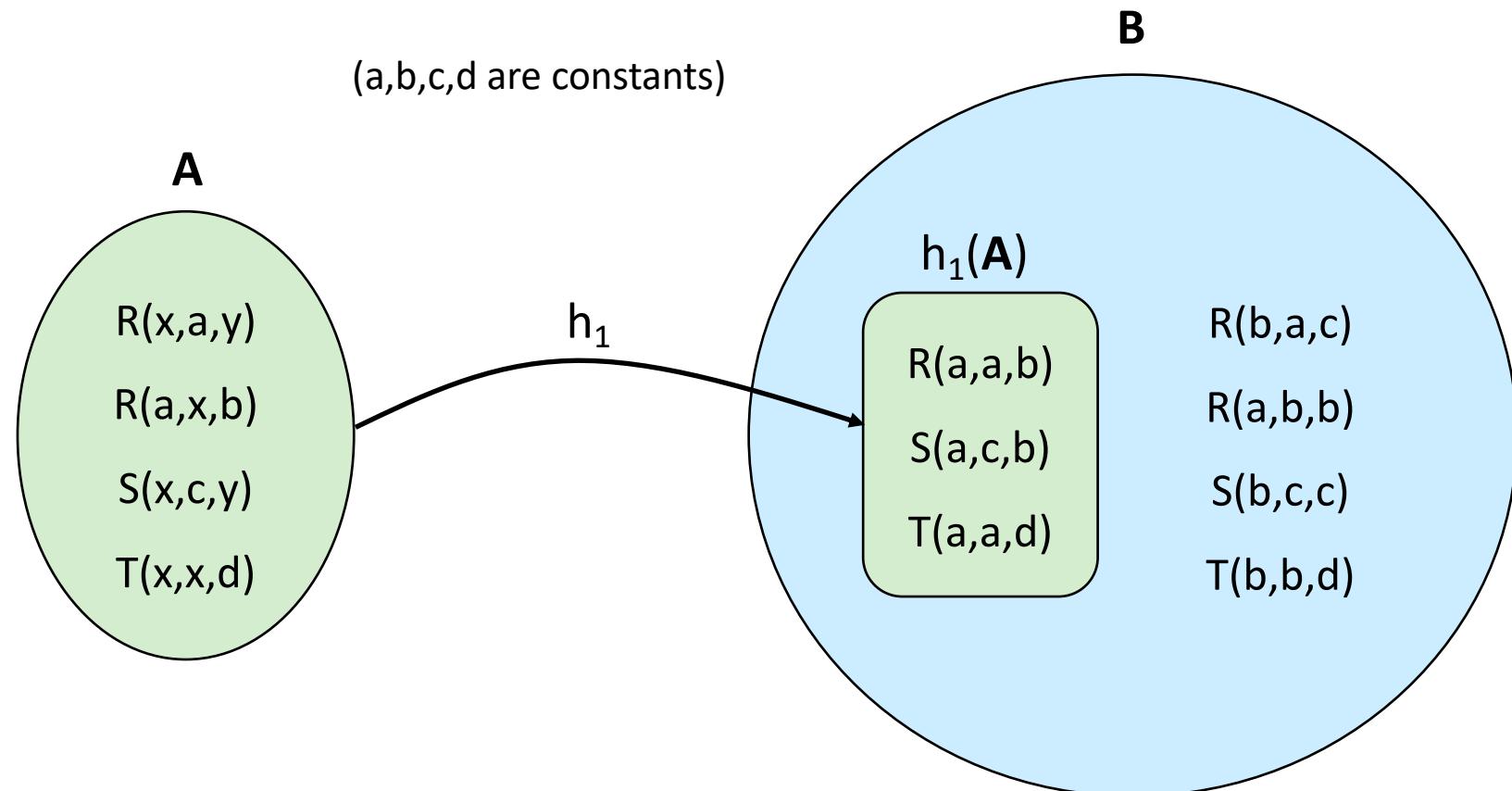


$h : \text{terms}(A) \rightarrow \text{terms}(B)$ that is the identity on constants

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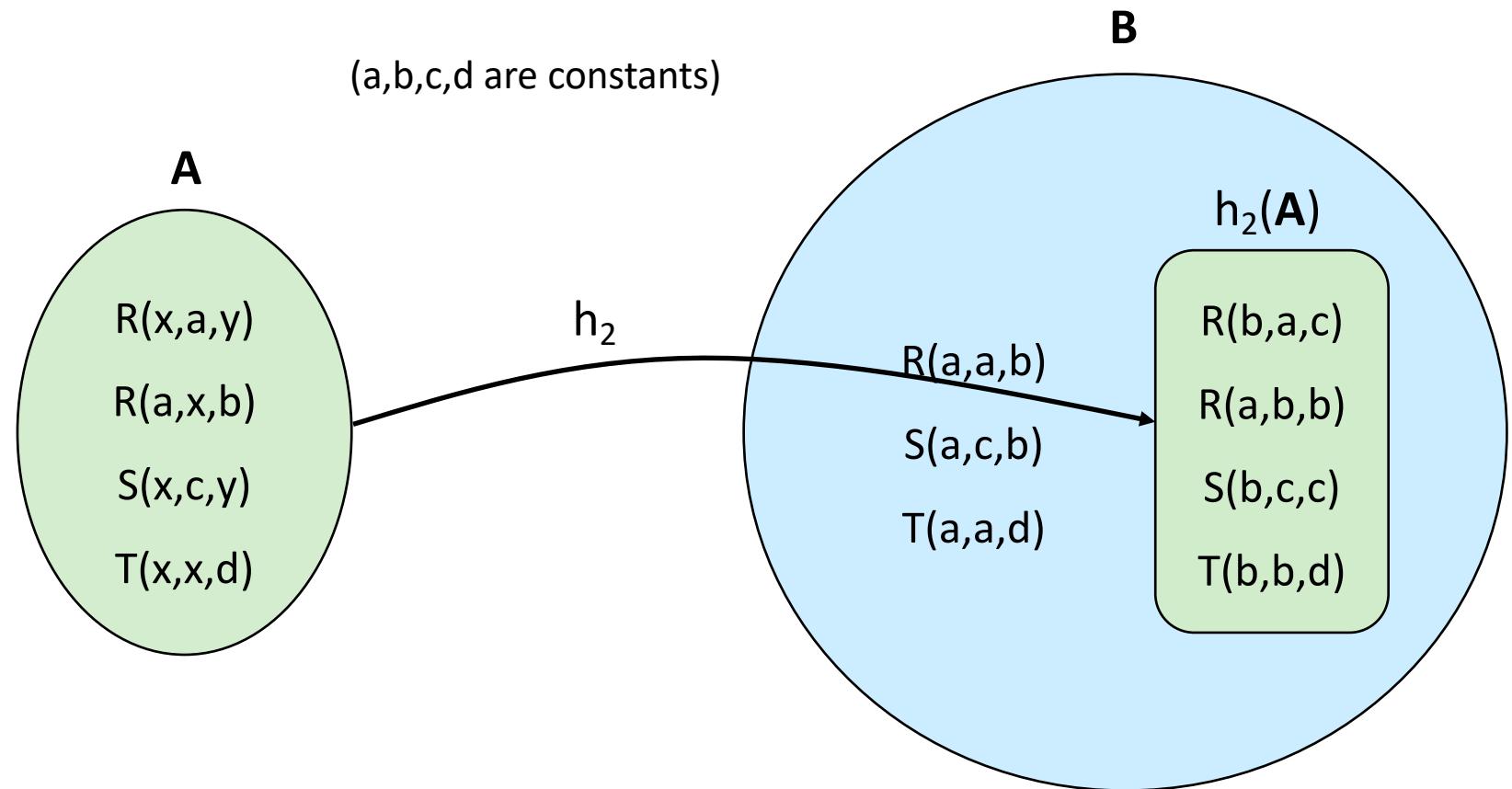


Homomorphism



$$h_1 = \{a \mapsto a, b \mapsto b, c \mapsto c, d \mapsto d, x \mapsto a, y \mapsto b\}$$

Homomorphism



$$h_2 = \{a \mapsto a, b \mapsto b, c \mapsto c, d \mapsto d, x \mapsto b, y \mapsto c\}$$

Find the Homomorphisms

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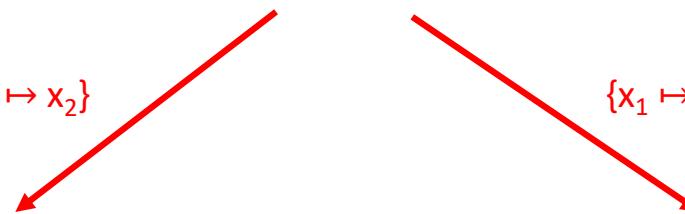
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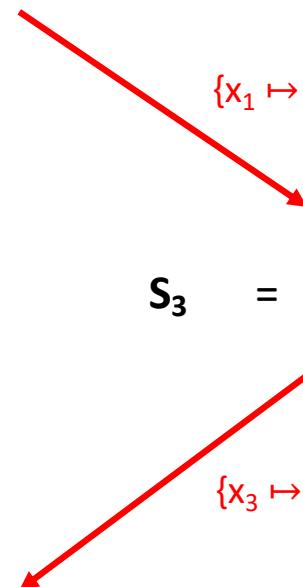
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Semantics of Conjunctive Queries

- A **match** of a conjunctive query $Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) :- \text{body}$ in a database D is a homomorphism h from the set of atoms body to the set of atoms D
- The **answer** to $Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) :- \text{body}$ over D is the set of k-tuples
$$Q(D) := \{(h(x_1), \dots, h(x_k)) \mid h \text{ is a match of } Q \text{ in } D\}$$
- The answer consists of the witnesses for the **distinguished variables** of Q

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