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Week 5 Tutorial Suggested Solution
NORMALISATION
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5.1 Normalisation -- Class Discussion

5.1.1 Data Anomalies

Insert anomaly: When adding data to a relation you are required to add other (related) data. For example: cannot add a new dentist until they have an appointment scheduled.

Update anomaly: Changing a value for an attribute requires multiple tuples to be changed. For example: changing a patient name requires changes to multiple rows

Delete anomaly: When a tuple in a relation is deleted, all tuple data is removed. For example: deleting the last appointment (i.e. John Walker's appointment on 15-Sep-19 at 18:00) will lose surgery room details (S13)

5.1.3 The Normalisation Process

UNF

APPOINTMENT(dentist_no, dentist_name, patient_no, patient_name, app_datetime, surgeryroom_no)

1NF

APPOINTMENT(dentist_no, dentist_name, patient_no, patient_name, app_datetime, surgeryroom_no)

**note that there are 3 candidate keys:*

- (dentist_no, app_datetime),
- (patient_no, app_datetime)
- (surgeryroom_no, app_datetime)

and (dentist_no, app_datetime) is picked as PK

Partial dependencies:

dentist_no → dentist_name

patient_no → patient_name

**note that we use general definition, partial dependency is based on PK and all candidate keys*

2NF

APPOINTMENT(dentist_no, patient_no, app_datetime, surgeryroom_no)

DENTIST(dentist_no, dentist_name)

PATIENT(patient_no, patient_name)

Transitive dependencies:

No transitive dependency

3NF

There is no transitive dependency, the 3NF is the same as the 2NF. Note that you are **required** to show all forms, even if they are the same as a previous form.

APPOINTMENT(dentist_no, patient_no, app_datetime, surgeryroom_no)

DENTIST(dentist_no, dentist_name)

PATIENT(patient_no, patient_name)

Full Dependencies:

dentist_no, app_datetime → pat_no, surgeryroom_no

dentist_no → dentist_name

patient_no → patient_name

5.2 Multiple Forms Normalisation -- Part 1

APPROVED UNIT REPORT

UNF

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)

1NF

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)

Partial Dependencies:

No Partial Dependency

2NF

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)

Transitive Dependencies:

No Transitive Dependency

3NF

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)

Full Dependencies:

unit_no → unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value

LECTURER REPORT

UNF

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone, (unit_no, unit_name))

1NF

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone)

**Note: lect_phone is one of the candidate keys*

ADVICE(lect_no, unit_no, unit_name)

Partial Dependencies:

unit_no → unit_name

2NF

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone)

ADVICE(lect_no, unit_no)

UNIT(unit_no, unit_name)

Transitive Dependencies:

No Transitive Dependency

**Note: There is no transitive dependency here related to lect_phone as lect_phone is a candidate key - transitive dependency is about the removal of non-key dependencies ie. dependencies between non-key attributes (lect_phone is not a non-key attribute)*

3NF

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone)

ADVICE(lect_no, unit_no)

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name)

Full Dependencies:

lect_no → lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone

unit_no → unit_name

STUDENT REPORT

UNF

STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no, lect_name, (unit_no, unit_name, year, semester, grade))

Note: replacement of mentor details with lecturer details - a mentor is a lecturer - this prevents the introduction of synonyms (attributes with different names but representing the same thing)

1NF

STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no, lect_name)

AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, year, semester, unit_name, grade)

Partial Dependencies:

unit_no -> unit_name

2NF

STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no, lect_name)

AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, year, semester, grade)

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name)

Transitive Dependencies:

lect_no → lect_name

3NF

STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no)

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name)

AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, year, semester, grade)

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name)

Full Dependencies:

stu_no → stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no

lect_no → lect_name

stu_no, unit_no, year, semester → grade

unit_no → unit_name

COLLECTED 3NF RELATIONS:

1. UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)
2. LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone)
3. ADVICE(lect_no, unit_no)
4. UNIT (unit_no, unit_name)
5. STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no)
6. LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name)
7. AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, year, semester, grade)
8. UNIT (unit_no, unit_name)

ATTRIBUTE SYNTHESIS

Join together relations, which have an **identical** PK – ie. represent the same entity:

1. 4. & 8.

UNIT (unit_no, unit_name, unit_desc, unit_value)

2. & 6.

LECTURER (lect_no, lect_name, lect_office, lect_phone)

3.

ADVICE (lect_no, unit_no)

5.

STUDENT (stu_no, stu_name, stu_address, stu_crse, stu_mode, lect_no)

7.

AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, year, semester, grade)

Prior to building the logical model, so as to maintain relation name prefixes to attributes AC_REC attributes year, semester and grade will be renamed to:

AC_REC (stu_no, unit_no, ar_year, ar_sem, ar_grade)

Please note that the above steps show the standard of the normalisation process and the format that we expect all students to produce in their assignment submissions.

5.3 Normalise Multiple Forms -- Part 2

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT

**Note: in normalisation you have to decompose attribute when it is necessary (i.e. stated either in case study or in the form/report)*

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PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address, (maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost))

1NF

PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address)

MAINTENANCE(prop_no, maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost)

Partial Dependencies:
No Partial Dependency

2NF

PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address)

MAINTENANCE(prop_no, maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost)

Transitive dependencies:
owner_no → owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address

3NF

OWNER(owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address)
PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no)

MAINTENANCE(prop_no, maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost)

Full Dependencies:
owner_no → owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address
prop_no → prop_address, owner_no
prop_no, maint_datetime → maint_desc, maint_cost

PROPERTY TENANT LEDGER REPORT

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PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, prop_address, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname, (pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby))

1NF

PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, prop_address, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname)

**note: prop_no and rent_lease_startdate is the only candidate key, hence the PK. The combination of tenant_no and prop_no is not unique since a tenant can rent the same property more than once. The combination of tenant_no and rent_lease_startdate is also not unique since a tenant may rent more than two properties at the same time.*

PAYMENT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby)

**note: pay_no is unique for each payment, thus this new relation brings along prop_no and rent_lease_startdate (PROPERTY_TENANT PK) as part of repeating group removal, but these attributes are not part of PAYMENT PK*

Partial dependencies:

prop_no → prop_address

2NF

PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address)

PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname)

PAYMENT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby)

Transitive dependencies:

tenant_no → tenant_givname, tenant_famname

3NF

PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address)

TENANT(tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname)

PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no)

PAYMENT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby)

Full dependencies:

prop_no → prop_address

tenant_no → tenant_givname, tenant_famname

prop_no, rent_lease_startdate → rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no

pay_no → prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby

COLLECTED 3NF RELATIONS:

1. OWNER(owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address)
2. PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no)
3. MAINTENANCE(prop_no, maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost)
4. PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address)
5. TENANT(tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname)
6. PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no)
7. PAYMENT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby)

ATTRIBUTE SYNTHESIS

Join together relations, which have an **identical** PK – ie. represent the same entity:

1.
OWNER(owner_no, owner_givname, owner_famname, owner_address)
2. & 4.
PROPERTY(prop_no, prop_address, owner_no)
3.
MAINTENANCE(prop_no, maint_datetime, maint_desc, maint_cost)
5.
TENANT(tenant_no, tenant_givname, tenant_famname)
6.
PROPERTY_TENANT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, rent_weekly_rate, rent_bond, tenant_no)
7.
PAYMENT(prop_no, rent_lease_startdate, pay_no, pay_date, pay_type, pay_amount, pay_paidby)

REMINDER: Again, the above steps show the standard of the normalisation process and the format that we expect all students to produce in their assignment submissions.

5.4 Additional Normalisation Exercise

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BOOKING (booking_no, client_no, client_name, (flight_no, dep_date, dep_time, dep_air_code, dep_air_name, arr_date, arr_time, arr_air_code, arr_air_name, flight_duration))

1NF

BOOKING (booking_no, client_no, client_name)

BOOKING_LEG (booking_no, flight_no, dep_date, dep_time, dep_air_code, dep_air_name, arr_date, arr_time, arr_air_code, arr_air_name, flight_duration)

CKs:

booking_no, flight_no, dep_date

booking_no, flight_no, arr_date

Partial Dependencies:

flight_no → dep_time, dep_air_code, dep_air_name, arr_time, arr_air_code, arr_air_name, flight_duration

flight_no, dep_date → arr_date*

flight_no, arr_date → dep_date*

**Note: these two partial dependency removals create two relations which have the same structure which is (flight_no, dep_date, arr_date) in 2NF, the difference is only the PK choice, so we need to pick one of them.*

2NF

BOOKING (booking_no, client_no, client_name)

BOOKING_LEG (booking_no, flight_no, dep_date)

FLIGHT_INSTANCE (flight_no, dep_date, arr_date)*

FLIGHT (flight_no, dep_time, dep_air_code, dep_air_name, arr_time, arr_air_code, arr_air_name, flight_duration)

Transitive Dependencies:

client_no → client_name

dep_air_code → dep_air_name

arr_air_code → arr_air_name

3NF

CLIENT (client_no, client_name)

BOOKING (booking_no, client_no)

BOOKING_LEG (booking_no, flight_no, dep_date)

FLIGHT_INSTANCE (flight_no, dep_date, arr_date)

FLIGHT (flight_no, dep_time, dep_air_code, arr_time, arr_air_code, flight_duration)

DEP_AIRPORT (dep_air_code, dep_air_name)

ARR_AIRPORT (arr_air_code, arr_air_name)

Combined DEP_AIRPORT and ARR_AIRPORT into AIRPORT(airport_code, airport_name) - attribute synthesis:

FINAL 3NF

CLIENT (client_no, client_name)

BOOKING (booking_no, client_no)

BOOKING_LEG (booking_no, flight_no, dep_date)

FLIGHT_INSTANCE (flight_no, dep_date, arr_date)

FLIGHT (flight_no, dep_time, dep_air_code, arr_time, arr_air_code, flight_duration)

AIRPORT (airport_code, airport_name)

Full dependencies:

client_no → client_name

booking_no → client_no

flight_no, dep_date → arr_date

flight_no → dep_time, dep_air_code, arr_time, arr_air_code, flight_duration

airport_code → airport_name

Prior to building the logical model, so as to maintain relation name prefixes for the attributes the 3NF above will be renamed for the attributes in flight and flight_instance as follows:

CLIENT (client_no, client_name)

BOOKING (booking_no, client_no)

BOOKING_LEG (booking_no, flight_no, fi_dep_date)

FLIGHT_INSTANCE (flight_no, fi_dep_date, fi_arr_date)

FLIGHT (flight_no, flight_dep_time, flight_dep_air_code, flight_arr_time, flight_arr_air_code, flight_duration)

AIRPORT (airport_code, airport_name)