System Design Fundamentals Data Normalization



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Decomposition example

R (Book name, Author, Publisher, Reader)

FDs: Book name => Author & Publisher , Author => Publisher

R1(Book name, Author, Publisher)

R2(Book name, Reader)

Properties of Decomposition

Decompose a relation R into relations R1 and R2,

Lossless

 $R1 \bowtie R2 = R$

Dependency preserving

All dependencies of R either must be a part of R1 or R2 or must be derivable from combination of FD of R1 and R2.

Keys

Super Key: Set of one or more columns, which can uniquely identify a row.

Candidate key: minimal super key i.e. no redundant attribute present.

Normalization Forms

- 1NF
- 2NF
- 3NF
- Boyce–Codd normal form (BCNF)

1NF

All the entries are atomic

Book name	Author	Publisher	Reader
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Sherlock holmes	Conan Doyle	George Newnes	Ashwin
Nancy drew	Edward Stratemeyer	Stratemeyer Syndicate	Krishna

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2NF

Every non-key column must depend on the whole key, not just part of it.

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3NF

2NF + no transitive dependencies

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Boyce—Codd normal form (BCNF)

For every one of its dependencies $X \rightarrow Y$, $X \rightarrow Y => Y$ is a subset of X or X is a superkey

BCNF need not be a dependency preserving and lossless! Eg: R(X,Y,Z), FD $\{XY \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow Y\}$. only possible lossless decomposition is XZ and ZY which destroys the relation XY->Z

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