Data Management Systems
Introduction to Design Theory

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Agenda

- Functional Dependencies
- Data Anomalies
- Normal Forms:
    i. 1NF
    ii. BCNF
    iii. 3NF

Functional Dependencies

"If two tuples of R agree on all of the attributes $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$ then they must also agree on all of another list of attributes $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m$. We write this FD formally as $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m$ and say that:

- $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$ functionally determine $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m$"

Garcia-Molina, Ullman, Widom 2008

Example

Courses

Table: Courses

Name	Year	Weeks	Degree
DMS	2019/2020	6	Business Analytics
DMS	2019/2020	6	Actuarial Science
DMS	2019/2020	6	Actuarial Management
D-Viz	2019/2020	10	Business Analytics
DMS	2018/2019	2	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	4	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	4	Actuarial Management

What is the **FD**?

Example

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What about:

$$name\ year \rightarrow degree$$

Keys & Superkeys

- "A *superkey* of a relation schema R = $\{ A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n \}$ is a set of attributes $S \subseteq R$ with the property that no two tuples t_1 *and* t_2 in any legal relation state r of R will have $t_1[S] = t_2[S]$"
- "A **key** K is a superkey with the additional property that removal of any attribute from K will cause K not to be a superkey anymore" (a key has to be minimal)

Elmasri, Ramez, and Shamkant B. Navathe 2016

Example

Keys & Superkeys

Table: Courses

Name	Year	Weeks	Degree	Count
DMS	2019/2020	6	Business Analytics	75
DMS	2019/2020	6	Actuarial Science	6
DMS	2019/2020	6	Actuarial Management	16
D-Viz	2019/2020	10	Business Analytics	75
DMS	2018/2019	2	Business Analytics	37
D-Viz	2018/2019	4	Business Analytics	75
D-Viz	2018/2019	4	Actuarial Management	10

a possible superkey: {name, year, weeks, degree}

the key: {name, year, degree}

Functional Dependencies

So what?

i Look for FDs;

ii Use FDs to design better relation schemas.

Data Anomalies

- *Redundancy*: unnecessary repetition of information;
- *Update Anomalies*: we may replace information of a tuple, but forget about others;
- *Deletion Anomalies*: after deleting, we may accidentally lose some other information.

Example

Redundancy

Table: Courses

Name	Year	Term	Weeks	Degree
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Business Analytics
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Science
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Management
D-Viz	2019/2020	T1	10	Business Analytics
DMS	2018/2019	T3	2	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	T2	4	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	T2	4	Actuarial Management

Example

Update Anomalies

Table: Courses

Name	Year	Term	Weeks	Degree
DMS	2019/2020	T3	5	Business Analytics
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Science
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Management
D-Viz	2019/2020	T1	10	Business Analytics
DMS	2018/2019	T3	2	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	T2	4	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	T2	4	Actuarial Management

Example

Deletion Anomalies

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Name	Year	Term	Weeks	Degree
~~DMS~~	~~2019/2020~~	~~T3~~	~~6~~	~~Business Analytics~~
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Science
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6	Actuarial Management
~~D-Viz~~	~~2019/2020~~	~~T1~~	~~10~~	~~Business Analytics~~
~~DMS~~	~~2018/2019~~	~~T3~~	~~2~~	~~Business Analytics~~
~~D-Viz~~	~~2018/2019~~	~~T2~~	~~4~~	~~Business Analytics~~
D-Viz	2018/2019	T2	4	Actuarial Management

Decomposition

A possible decomposition:

Name	Year	Term	Weeks
DMS	2019/2020	T3	6
D-Viz	2019/2020	T1	10
DMS	2018/2019	T3	2
D-viz	2018/2019	T2	4

Name	Year	Degree
DMS	2019/2020	Business Analytics
DMS	2019/2020	Actuarial Science
DMS	2019/2020	Actuarial Management
D-Viz	2019/2020	Business Analytics
DMS	2018/2019	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	Business Analytics
D-Viz	2018/2019	Actuarial Management

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