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Database System Concept (CSE 3103)

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Boyce and Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- **Boyce and Codd Normal Form** is a higher version of the Third Normal form. This form deals with certain type of anomaly that is not handled by 3NF. A 3NF table which does not have multiple overlapping candidate keys is said to be in BCNF. For a table to be in BCNF, following conditions must be satisfied:
 - R must be in 3rd Normal Form
 - and, for each functional dependency ($X \rightarrow Y$), X should be a super Key.

Boyce and Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

Consider the following relationship : **R (A,B,C,D)**

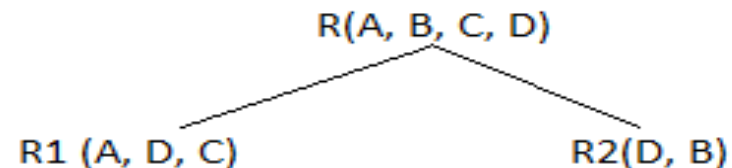
and following dependencies :

A -> BCD
BC -> AD
D -> B

Above relationship is already in 3rd NF. Keys are **A** and **BC**.

Hence, in the functional dependency, **A -> BCD**, A is the super key.
in second relation, **BC -> AD**, BC is also a key.
but in, **D -> B**, D is not a key.

Hence we can break our relationship R into two relationships **R1** and **R2**.



Breaking, table into two tables, one with A, D and C while the other with D and B.