

Computer Science & IT

Database Management System



Relational Model & Normal Forms

Lecture No. 15



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Recap of Previous Lecture

Topic

Decomposition of relation



Topics to be Covered

- ✓ **Topic** Multivalued dependency {
 - FD: \rightarrow
 - MVD: \twoheadrightarrow
- ✓ **Topic** Properties of multivalued dependency
- ✓ **Topic** Fourth normal form (4NF)





Topic : NOTE



- ④ If all attributes of relation are prime attributes then relation is at least in 3NF
- ⑤ If all candidate keys are simple candidate keys, then relation is at least in 2NF.
↳ a key formed of single attribute
- ⑥ If all attributes are prime attributes, and all candidate keys are simple candidate keys, then relation is in BCNF



Topic : NOTE

A relation with exactly two attributes 

⑦ A binary relation is always in BCNF.

eg. Let $R(AB)$ is the binary relation
W.r.t. $R(A,B)$ following FD sets are possible

$$F_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B \\ \text{S.K.} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{(BCNF)}$$

C.K. = A

$$F_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} B \rightarrow A \\ \text{S.K.} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{(BCNF)}$$

C.K. = B

$$F_3 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B \\ B \rightarrow A \\ \text{S.K.} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{(BCNF)} \\ \text{(BCNF)} \end{array}$$

C.K. = A, B

$$F_4 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Empty} \end{array} \right\}$$

∴ BCNF

- ⑧ If relation is in BCNF, then there will be 0% redundancy in the relation because of functional dependencies.
- but such relation may suffer from redundancy because of multi-valued dependency (MVD)



Topic : Multivalued dependency

Consider the following relation

Sid	Cid	Proj-no.
S ₁	C ₁	P ₁
S ₁	C ₂	P ₁
S ₁	C ₁	P ₂
S ₁	C ₂	P ₂
S ₂	C ₂	P ₂

There is no non-trivial functional dependency
∴ Relation is in BCNF.

But redundancy is present in the relation

This redundancy is present in the relation because of Multi-valued dependency.



Topic : Multivalued dependency

X Multi-valued determines Y is denoted by " $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ "

- If there exist two or more independent set of attributes which are dependent on some other set of attributes, then multi-valued dependency exist in the relation.



Topic : Multivalued dependency

Formal definition: Let R be the relation and ' X ' & ' Y ' be some set of attributes over relation R , then we define $Z = R - (X \cup Y)$

If (there exists four tuples $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4 \in R$ such that

$$(i) \ t_1.X = t_2.X = t_3.X = t_4.X$$

$$\text{and } (ii) \ t_1.Y = t_3.Y \text{ and } t_2.Y = t_4.Y$$

$$\text{and } (iii) \ t_1.Z = t_2.Z \text{ and } t_3.Z = t_4.Z$$

then $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ exist in relation R .



Topic : Multivalued dependency

Consider the following relation

	X Sid	Y Cid	Z Proj-no.
t ₁	S ₁	C ₁	P ₁
t ₂	S ₁	C ₂	P ₁
t ₃	S ₁	C ₁	P ₂
t ₄	S ₁	C ₂	P ₂
	S ₂	C ₂	P ₂

let X = Sid
Y = Cid
Z = Proj-No.

We can observe

$$t_1.X = t_2.X = t_3.X = t_4.X$$

$$\text{and } t_1.Y = t_3.Y \text{ and } t_2.Y = t_4.Y$$

$$\text{and } t_1.Z = t_2.Z \text{ and } t_3.Z = t_4.Z$$

∴ Sid \twoheadrightarrow Cid exist in the relation



Topic : Multivalued dependency

Consider the following relation

	X Sid	Z Cid	Y Proj-no.
t_1 —	S_1	C_1	P_1
t_3 —	S_1	C_2	P_1
t_2 —	S_1	C_1	P_2
t_4 —	S_1	C_2	P_2
	S_2	C_2	P_2

We can observe

$$t_1.X = t_2.X = t_3.X = t_4.X$$

$$\text{and } t_1.Y = t_3.Y \text{ and } t_2.Y = t_4.Y$$

$$\text{and } t_1.Z = t_2.Z \text{ and } t_3.Z = t_4.Z$$

∴ $Sid \twoheadrightarrow Proj-No.$ exist in the relation



Topic : Multivalued dependency

Note:- If we swap the values of attribute set 'Y' in two tuples which agree on value of attribute set X, and
i.e., two tuple in which value of X is same
it does not create any new tuple in the relation
then $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ exist in Relation



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

① Complementation Rule: - Let R be the relation, and X & Y are some set of attributes over relation R ,
then $Z = R - (X \cup Y)$

If $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ exists in relation R

then $X \twoheadrightarrow Z$ will also exist in relation R



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

② Trivial MVD :-

If $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ exist in relation R , then it is called a trivial MVD if and only if

$$(i) \quad X \supseteq Y$$

$$(or) \quad (ii) \quad X \cup Y = R$$



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

③ Transitivity :-

if $x \twoheadrightarrow y$ & $y \twoheadrightarrow z$

then $x \twoheadrightarrow (z - y)$ exists in relation.



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

④ Augmentation :

If $x \twoheadrightarrow y$ and

$\alpha \supseteq \beta$ { when α, β are
some set of attributes
over given relation }

then $x\alpha \twoheadrightarrow y\beta$



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

⑤ Replication:-

Every functional dependency is a M.V.D.

i.e. if $X \rightarrow Y$ exists in Relation R
then $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ also exist in relation R

* Every MVD need not imply functional dependency
i.e. if $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ exists in R
then $X \rightarrow Y$ need not exist in R



Topic : Properties of Multivalued dependency

⑥ Splitting Rule : - MVDs are not allowed to split

i.e. if $X \twoheadrightarrow YZ$, then $\left. \begin{matrix} X \twoheadrightarrow Y \\ X \twoheadrightarrow Z \end{matrix} \right\}$ need not be true

But if $X \rightarrow YZ$ then $X \rightarrow Y$ & $X \rightarrow Z$



It is happening because of functional dependency $X \rightarrow YZ$



Topic : Fourth normal form (4NF)

A relation R is in 4NF only if

(i) R must be in BCNF

and (ii) Every non-trivial MVD $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ must be
with ' X ' as a Super Key

Super Keys & Candidate Keys
are always obtained w.r.t
function dependencies.

Because FDs are Key dependencies
Whereas, MVDs are data dependency.



Topic : Fourth normal form (4NF)

"R"

Sid	Cid	Proj-No.
S ₁	C ₁	P ₁
S ₁	C ₂	P ₁
S ₁	C ₁	P ₂
S ₁	C ₂	P ₂
S ₂	C ₂	P ₂

No non-trivial FD exist in R
∴ R is in BCNF

MVDs that exist
in relation R are,

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Cid$

Not a SK & it is
non-trivial MVD

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Proj-No.$

Not a SK & it is
non-trivial MVD

there exist non-trivial MVDs $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$
in which 'X' is not a Super Key
∴ Not in 4NF

For 4NF,

Decompose
w.r.t.
non-trivial
MVDs

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Cid$

Sid	Cid
S ₁	C ₁
S ₁	C ₂
S ₂	C ₂

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Cid$
exist, but it is
trivial MVD

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Proj-No.$

Sid	Proj-No.
S ₁	P ₁
S ₁	P ₂
S ₂	P ₂

$Sid \twoheadrightarrow Proj-No.$
exist,
but it is
trivial



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Multivalued dependency

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Properties of multivalued dependency

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Fourth normal form (4NF)

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