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Dependency Theory – Part 2

Relational Databases Basics



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Just a quick reminder...

See the previous part for dependencies NF1-NFBC rely on.

Multivalued dependency ($\{X\} \twoheadrightarrow \{Y\}$ or $\{X\} \twoheadrightarrow \{Y\} | \{Z\}$) – a dependency that forces a relation (with 3+ attributes at least), that has two tuples with the same value of one attribute, to have two more tuples with “cross-combination” of two other attribute values.

I know, it's hard 😞. But this is an extremely simplified representation.

Dependencies for the 4NF: multivalued dependency

A little bit simpler...

R

	X	Y	Z
t ₁	X ₁	Y ₁	Z ₁
t ₂	X ₁	Y ₂	Z ₂
t ₃	X ₁	Y ₁	Z ₂
t ₄	X ₁	Y ₂	Z ₁

These two tuples “existed initially”

Existence of these tuples is defined by multi-valued dependency

“Cross-combinations”

Y ₁	Z ₂
Y ₂	Z ₁

This is how the relation would look like (if not 1NF requirements)

X	Y	Z
X ₁	Y ₁ , Y ₂	Z ₁ , Z ₂

Dependencies for the 4NF: multivalued dependency in real life

One applicant may apply to several faculties, i.e.:

$\{ua_applicant\} \twoheadrightarrow \{ua_faculty\}$

One faculty has several entrance exams, i.e.:

$\{ua_faculty\} \twoheadrightarrow \{ua_exam\}$

university_application

<u>ua_applicant</u>	<u>ua_faculty</u>	<u>ua_exam</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Math. faculty	Computer science
Ivanov I.I.	Math. faculty	Mathematics
Ivanov I.I.	Phys. faculty	Computer science
Petrov P.P.	Phys. faculty	Physics
Petrov P.P.	Math. faculty	Computer science
Petrov P.P.	Math. faculty	Mathematics
Sidorov S.S.	Phys. faculty	Computer science
Sidorov S.S.	Phys. faculty	Physics

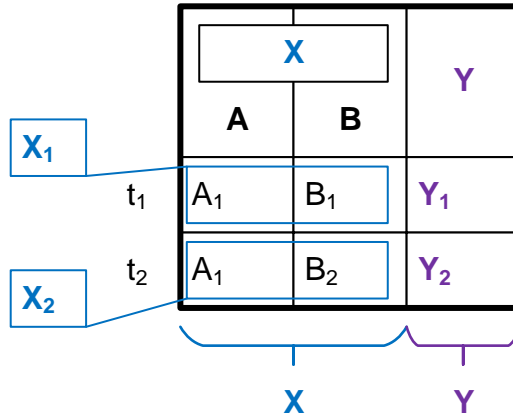
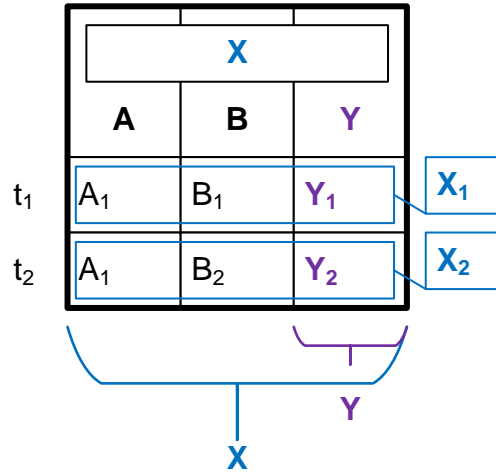
For each applicant we have to add as many rows, as many exams there are on a faculty, this applicant applies to.

Trivial multivalued dependency — multivalued dependency $\{X\} \twoheadrightarrow \{Y\}$, where Y is a subset of X , or the whole relation consists of X and Y only (i.e. $R = X \cup Y$).

Nontrivial multivalued dependency — multivalued dependency $\{X\} \twoheadrightarrow \{Y\}$, where Y is NOT a subset of X , and the whole relation does NOT consist of X and Y only (i.e. $R \neq X \cup Y$).

Dependencies for the 4NF: trivial multivalued dependency

For nontrivial – skip two slides back.



The whole relation consists of X and Y only

	X	Y	Z
t ₁	X ₁	Y ₁	Z ₁
t ₂	X ₁	Y ₂	Z ₂
t ₃	X ₁	Y ₁	Z ₂
t ₄	X ₁	Y ₂	Z ₁

If $X \rightarrow Z$ or $Y \rightarrow Z$ dependency exists, t_3 and t_4 tuples can not exist (otherwise “one argument value – one function value” rule would be violated).

Join dependency – a dependency $JD(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n)$ that forces a relation to comply with the rule: with any data inside the relation there should be possibility of lossless decomposition of R into R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n projections.

Trivial join dependency – a dependency $JD(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n)$, in which at least one R_i component contains all relation attributes.

Nontrivial join dependency – a dependency $JD(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n)$, in which none of R_i components contain all relation attributes.

Dependencies for the 5NF: join dependency, example 1

elective

<u>e_id</u>	e_group	e_tutor	e_topic
157	1	33	Stop using ORMs!
248	8	24	MySQL vs ...
411	1	78	Oracle 999 overview
489	7	33	Arduino in free space

Functional dependencies:

$\{e_id\} \rightarrow \{e_group\}$

$\{e_id\} \rightarrow \{e_tutor\}$

$\{e_id\} \rightarrow \{e_topic\}$

Join dependency:

$JD(\{e_id, e_group\},$
 $\{e_id, e_tutor\},$
 $\{e_id, e_topic\})$

P₁(e_id, e_group)

<u>e_id</u>	e_group
157	1
248	8
411	1
489	7

P₂(e_id, e_tutor)

<u>e_id</u>	e_tutor
157	33
248	24
411	78
489	33

P₃(e_id, e_topic)

<u>e_id</u>	e_topic
157	Stop using ORMs!
248	MySQL vs ...
411	Oracle 999 overview
489	Arduino in free space

Dependencies for the 5NF: join dependency, example 2

workload

	<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
(1)	Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
(2)	Ivanov I.I.	Informatics	Natural science
(3)	Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Natural science
(4)	Sidorov S.S.	Informatics	Cybernetics
(5)	Petrov P.P.	Physics	Exact sciences
(6)	Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
(7)	Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Natural science

Functional dependencies: none.

Join dependency:

$JD(\{w_tutor, w_subject\},$
 $\{w_subject, w_faculty\},$
 $\{w_tutor, w_faculty\})$

There is a rule: “If a tutor deliver some subject S, and some faculty F has that subject S, and this tutor works on this faculty, he has to deliver the subject S on this faculty F”.

a) There is “Mathematics” on “Exact sciences” faculty (1).

b) Petrov P.P. works on “Exact sciences” faculty (5).

c) Petrov P.P. delivers “Mathematics” (3).

FOLLOWS: Petrov P.P. has to deliver “Mathematics” on “Exact sciences” faculty (6).

Dependencies for the 5NF: join dependency, example 2

workload

	<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
(1)	Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
(2)	Ivanov I.I.	Informatics	Natural science
(3)	Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Natural science
(4)	Sidorov S.S.	Informatics	Cybernetics
(5)	Petrov P.P.	Physics	Exact sciences
(6)	Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
(7)	Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Natural science

Functional dependencies: none.

Join dependency:

$JD(\{w_tutor, w_subject\},$
 $\{w_subject, w_faculty\},$
 $\{w_tutor, w_faculty\})$

There is a rule: “If a tutor deliver some subject S, and some faculty F has that subject S, and this tutor works on this faculty, he has to deliver the subject S on this faculty F”.

a) There is “Mathematics” on “Natural science” faculty (3).

b) Ivanov I.I. works on “Natural science” faculty (2).

c) Ivanov I.I. delivers “Mathematics” (1).

FOLLOWS: Ivanov I.I. has to deliver “Mathematics” on “Natural science” faculty (7).

Dependencies for the 5NF: join dependency, example 2

workload

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
Ivanov I.I.	Informatics	Natural science
Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Natural science
Sidorov S.S.	Informatics	Cybernetics
Petrov P.P.	Physics	Exact sciences
Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Natural science

P₁(w_tutor, w_subject)

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics
Ivanov I.I.	Informatics
Petrov P.P.	Mathematics
Sidorov S.S.	Informatics
Petrov P.P.	Physics

P₂(w_subject, w_faculty)

<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Mathematics	Exact sciences
Informatics	Natural science
Mathematics	Natural science
Informatics	Cybernetics
Physics	Exact sciences

P₃(w_tutor, w_faculty)

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Exact sciences
Ivanov I.I.	Natural science
Petrov P.P.	Natural science
Sidorov S.S.	Cybernetics
Petrov P.P.	Exact sciences

While non two of these projections are enough to restore the initial relation ("new" records appear, all three projections are enough).

Dependencies for the 5NF: join dependency, example 3

workload

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics	Exact sciences
Ivanov I.I.	Informatics	Natural science
Petrov P.P.	Mathematics	Natural science
Sidorov S.S.	Informatics	Cybernetics
Petrov P.P.	Physics	Exact sciences

Functional dependencies: none.

Join dependencies: none.

P₁(w_tutor, w_subject)

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_subject</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Mathematics
Ivanov I.I.	Informatics
Petrov P.P.	Mathematics
Sidorov S.S.	Informatics
Petrov P.P.	Physics

P₂(w_subject, w_faculty)

<u>w_subject</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Mathematics	Exact sciences
Informatics	Natural science
Mathematics	Natural science
Informatics	Cybernetics
Physics	Exact sciences

P₃(w_tutor, w_faculty)

<u>w_tutor</u>	<u>w_faculty</u>
Ivanov I.I.	Exact sciences
Ivanov I.I.	Natural science
Petrov P.P.	Natural science
Sidorov S.S.	Cybernetics
Petrov P.P.	Exact sciences

Non of these projections
are enough to restore
the initial relation.

Domain dependency – a dependency $IN(A, S)$ that forces each and every value of A to be a member of S set.

Key dependency – a dependency $KEY(K)$ that forces each and every K value to be unique.

Dependencies for the DKNF: domain dependency

event

e_date	e_dayofweek
2018-05-01	Tuesday
2018-05-01	Tuesday
2018-05-02	Wednesday
2018-05-02	Wednesday

Domain dependency holds

event

e_date	e_dayofweek
2018-05-01	Grapefruit
2018-05-01	Tuesday
2018-05-02	Wednesday
2018-05-02	Wednesday

Domain dependency is violated

Dependencies for the DKNF: key dependency

employee

<u>e_passport</u>	e_salary
AA123456	10 000
BB654321	12 000
CC112233	11 000
DD332211	10 500

Key dependency holds

employee

<u>e_passport</u>	e_salary
AA123456	10 000
AA123456	12 000
CC112233	11 000
DD332211	10 500

Key dependency is violated

Generalized join dependency – a dependency USING(ACL): $\bowtie \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ that forces relation R to comply with the rule: join operation on X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n projections should produce a relation with the same header H as initial projection R had.

Horizontal decomposition – a decomposition of chronological relation into projections with explicit intervals (“from ... to...”) a with implicit intervals (“from ... to NOW”, “from NOW to ...”).

Vertical decomposition – a decomposition of chronological relation into such relations that each new relation is in 6NF.

Dependencies for the 6NF: generalized join dependency

education_path

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	<u>ep_faculty</u>	<u>ep_group</u>
13452	01.01.2018-31.05.2018	Chemistry	1
13452	01.03.2018-28.02.2018	Chemistry	5
13452	01.06.2018-01.12.2018	Physics	5

$P_1(\text{ep_student}, \text{ep_period}, \text{ep_faculty})$

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	<u>ep_faculty</u>
13452	01.01.2018-31.05.2018	Chemistry
13452	01.06.2018-01.12.2018	Physics

$P_2(\text{ep_student}, \text{ep_period}, \text{ep_group})$

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	<u>ep_group</u>
13452	01.01.2018-28.02.2018	1
13452	01.03.2018-01.12.2018	5

There is no possibility to decompose vertically P_1 and P_2 any further (at least one of the new projections will be exactly the same as the initial one), thus P_1 and P_2 has trivial generalized join dependencies (or, in other words: they have no non-trivial generalized join dependencies).

Dependencies for the 6NF: generalized join dependency

P₁

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	<u>ep_faculty</u>
13452	01.01.2018-31.05.2018	Chemistry
13452	01.06.2018-01.12.2018	Physics
13452	02.12.2018-NOW	Biology

But we can still decompose these projections horizontally. Here is the example for P₁.

P_{1_DURING}

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	<u>ep_faculty</u>
13452	01.01.2018-31.05.2018	Chemistry
13452	01.06.2018-01.12.2018	Physics

P_{1_NOW}

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_start</u>	<u>ep_faculty</u>
13452	02.12.2018	Biology

This is the ultimate possible decomposition ever.

Dependencies for the 6NF: generalized join dependency

P₂

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	ep_group
13452	01.01.2018-28.02.2018	1
13452	01.03.2018-01.12.2018	5
13452	02.12.2018-NOW	10

But we can still decompose these projections horizontally. Here is the example for P₂.

P_{2_DURING}

<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_period</u>	ep_group
13452	01.01.2018-28.02.2018	1
13452	01.03.2018-01.12.2018	5

P_{2_NOW}

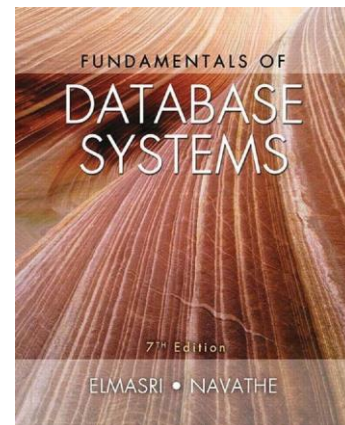
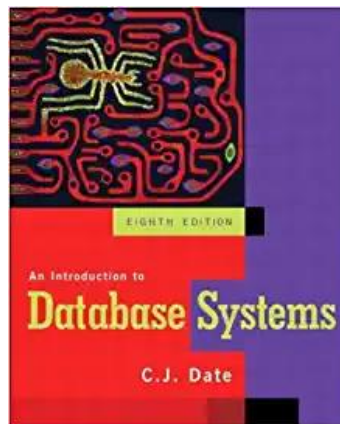
<u>ep_student</u>	<u>ep_start</u>	ep_group
13452	02.12.2018	10

This is the ultimate possible decomposition ever.

That's all! 😊 But please remember...

Dependency theory is much wider, deeper and complex, than any quick video may ever cover.

Refer to these (or any other) books for more information.



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