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How to normalise table

In normalisation we generally break/decompose the table into 2 or more tables.

Steps to normalize a table

1. Write down all the attributes of table, CK, Prime and non-prime attributes and start analyzing with the FD.
2. For table to be in 1NF : Table should have atomic (indivisible) values and a primary key
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R(A,B,C,D) and assume we have the following functional dependencies:

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D$

Step 1: ABCD, CK \rightarrow A, Prime Attribute = {A}, Non-Prime Attribute = {B,C,D}

Step 2: ABCDE, Since we are assuming our relation R is in a standard relational model, it is already in 1NF

Step 3: Check for 2NF

$A \rightarrow B$ = (no pd as A is not a proper subset of CK and B is non prime (False and True = false))

$B \rightarrow C$ = (no pd as B is not a proper subset of CK and C is non prime (False and True = false))

$C \rightarrow D$ = (no pd as C is not a proper subset of CK and D is non prime (False and True = false))

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Step 4 : Check for 3NF

$A \rightarrow B$ = (no td as LHS is a CK)

$B \rightarrow C$ = (td is there as LHS is not CK and RHS non-prime)

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So let's decompose the table

R1(A,B), R2(B,C), R3(C,D)

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Step 4 : Check for BCNF

R1(AB) $A \rightarrow B$ = (A is a candidate key OR a super key, so R1 is in BCNF)

R2(BC) $B \rightarrow C$ = (B is a candidate key OR a super key, so R2 is in BCNF)

R3(CD) $C \rightarrow D$ = (C is a candidate key OR a super key, so R3 is in BCNF)

Now, all decomposed relations R1, R2, and R3 are in BCNF