

- ✓ **Functional Dependency**
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- ✓ **Multivalued Dependency**
- ✓ **Denormalization**

Each with **definition**, **example**, and **detailed explanation**.

✓ **1. Functional Dependency (FD)**

◆ **Definition:**

A **functional dependency** occurs when the value of one attribute (or a group of attributes) **uniquely determines** the value of another attribute in a relation.

✦ If $A \rightarrow B$, then **B is functionally dependent on A**
(i.e., knowing A, you can uniquely determine B)

◆ **Example:**

StudentID Name Course

101	Alice	Java
102	Bob	Python

Here:

- $\text{StudentID} \rightarrow \text{Name}$
(If you know StudentID, you can get the Name)
- $\text{StudentID} \rightarrow \text{Course}$

So:

- StudentID functionally determines Name and Course

✓ **Summary:**

- $A \rightarrow B$: means B depends on A
 - A should be a **determinant**
 - FD is the **foundation** of normalization and keys
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✓ **2. Partial Dependency**

◆ Definition:

A **partial dependency** exists when a **non-prime attribute** is functionally dependent on **part of a composite primary key** and **not the whole key**.

◆ Appears **only** when:

- The table has a **composite primary key**
 - A column depends on only a **subset** of that key
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◆ Example:

StudentID Course StudentName

101 Java Alice

101 DBMS Alice

Assume:

Primary Key = (StudentID, Course)

Check:

- StudentName depends on StudentID only
- Not on full composite key → **Partial Dependency**

🔧 Problem:

- StudentName is repeated unnecessarily
- This breaks **2NF** rules

✅ Fix:

Split the table:

- Student(StudentID, StudentName)
 - Enrollment(StudentID, Course)
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✅ 3. Transitive Dependency

◆ Definition:

A **transitive dependency** occurs when a **non-key column** depends on another **non-key column**, which itself depends on the **primary key**.

✦ $A \rightarrow B \text{ and } B \rightarrow C \Rightarrow A \rightarrow C$
→ This is **indirect dependency**

◆ **Example:**

EmpID EmpName DeptID DeptName

E101 Alice D1 HR

E102 Bob D2 Sales

Assume:

- Primary Key = EmpID
- $\text{EmpID} \rightarrow \text{DeptID}$
- $\text{DeptID} \rightarrow \text{DeptName}$
→ So, **$\text{EmpID} \rightarrow \text{DeptName}$** = transitive dependency

✦ **Problem:**

- If you change DeptName for D1, it affects multiple rows
- Redundant storage of DeptName

✅ **Fix (in 3NF):**

- Employee(EmpID, EmpName, DeptID)
 - Department(DeptID, DeptName)
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✅ **4. Multivalued Dependency (4NF topic)**

◆ **Definition:**

A **multivalued dependency** occurs when one attribute in a table **determines multiple values** of another attribute **independently** of other columns.

✦ $A \twoheadrightarrow B$ (multivalued dependency notation)

◆ **Example:**

StudentID Language Hobby

S1 English Cricket

StudentID Language Hobby

S1	English	Music
S1	French	Cricket
S1	French	Music

Explanation:

- StudentID $\rightarrow\rightarrow$ Language
- StudentID $\rightarrow\rightarrow$ Hobby
- Language and Hobby are **independent of each other**
→ This is a **multivalued dependency**

✅ Fix (4NF):

Split into two tables:

- Student_Language(StudentID, Language)
- Student_Hobby(StudentID, Hobby)

✅ 5. Denormalization

◆ Definition:

Denormalization is the process of **intentionally adding redundancy** into a database **to improve read performance**, especially when joins become expensive.

◆ When to Denormalize?

- When the SELECT queries are too slow
- When joins across multiple tables cause overhead
- For reporting, analytics, dashboards

◆ Example:

Instead of:

Order Table:

OrderID CustomerID

O1 C101

Customer Table:

CustomerID Name

C101 Alice

We create a denormalized table:

OrderID CustomerID CustomerName

O1 C101 Alice

This avoids JOIN at runtime.

 **Trade-off:**

Pros

Cons

Faster read performance Data redundancy

Fewer joins Higher risk of inconsistency

Great for reporting Needs syncing if data updates