

Exercise on Normalization

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01

Consider the following relation for published books:

BOOK (Book_title, Author_name, Book_type, List_price, Author_affil, Publisher)

The primary key of the relation is underlined. Assume that a book may be written by multiple authors and so {Book_title, Author_name} is the primary key. Author_affil refers to the affiliation of the author.

Suppose the following additional dependencies exist:

FD1: Book_title → Book_type, List_price, Publisher

FD2: Book_type → List_price

FD3: Author_name → Author_affil

(i) Explain whether this relation is in 1NF. If not, decompose it to 1NF.

Answer : Yes, already in 1NF due to not having any multivalued, composite attributes and nested relations.

(ii) Explain whether the relation of no (i) is in 2NF. If not, decompose it to 2NF.

Answer : No, due to having partial functional dependency.

2NF decomposition :

BOOK0(Book_title, Author_name)

BOOK1(Book_title, Book_type, List_price, Publisher)

BOOK2(Author_name, Author_affil)

(iii) Explain whether the relation of no (ii) is in 3NF. If not, decompose it to 3NF.

Answer : No, due to having transitive functional dependency.

3NF decomposition :

BOOK0(Book_title, Author_name)

BOOK1_1(Book_title, Publisher, Book_type)

BOOK1_2(Book_type, List_price)

BOOK2(Author_name, Author_affil)

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02

Consider the following relation:

KaggleCompetition (Username, Team_ID, Team_Name, User_OfficialName, Competition_ID, Competition_Title, Competition_Dataset, Base_Amount, Final_Amount, Team_Lead, Competition_Year, Competition_Title_Sponsor, Competition_Banner)

The primary key of the relation is underlined.

Suppose the following additional dependencies exist:

FD1: Username \rightarrow User_OfficialName, Competition_ID, Competition_Title, Competition_Dataset, Base_Amount

FD2: Team_ID \rightarrow Team_Name, Team_Lead

FD3: Competition_ID \rightarrow Competition_Title, Competition_Dataset

(i) Explain whether this relation is in 1NF. If not, decompose it to 1NF.

Answer : Yes, already in 1NF due to not having any multivalued, composite attributes and nested relations.

(ii) Explain whether the relation of no (i) is in 2NF. If not, decompose it to 2NF.

Answer : No, due to having partial functional dependency.

2NF decomposition :

KaggleCompetition1 (Username, Team_ID, Final_Amount, Competition_Year, Competition_Title_Sponsor, Competition_Banner)

KaggleCompetition2 (Username, User_OfficialName, Competition_ID, Competition_Title, Competition_Dataset, Base_Amount)

KaggleCompetition3 (Team_ID, Team_Name, Team_Lead)

(iii) Explain whether the relation of no (ii) is in 3NF. If not, decompose it to 3NF.

Answer : No, due to having transitive functional dependency.

3NF decomposition :

KaggleCompetition1 (Username, Team_ID, Final_Amount, Competition_Year, Competition_Title_Sponsor, Competition_Banner)

KaggleCompetition2_1 (Username, User_OfficialName, Competition_ID, Base_Amount)

KaggleCompetition2_2 (Competition_ID, Competition_Title, Competition_Dataset)

KaggleCompetition3 (Team_ID, Team_Name, Team_Lead)