

Database Design: Normalization

Agenda

1. Database Design
2. Normal forms & functional dependencies
3. Finding functional dependencies
4. Closures, superkeys & keys

Design Theory

- The biggest problem needed to be solved in database is *data redundancy*.
- Why data redundancy is the problem? Because it causes:
 - Insert Anomaly
 - Update Anomaly
 - Delete Anomaly
- Design theory is about how to represent your data to avoid *anomalies*.
- Achieved by **Data Normalization**, a process of analyzing a relation to ensure that it is well formed.
- Normalization involves **decomposing** relations with anomalies to produce smaller well structured relations.
- If a relation is normalized (or well formed), rows can be **inserted, deleted and modified** without creating anomalies.

Data Anomalies & Constraints

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes
anomalies:

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CSC261	101
Joe	CSC261	101
Sam	CSC261	101
..

If every course is in only one room,
contains **redundant** information!

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes
anomalies:

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CSC261	101
Joe	CSC261	703
Sam	CSC261	101
..

If we update the room number for one tuple, we get inconsistent data = an **update anomaly**

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes
anomalies:

Student	Course	Room
..

If everyone drops the class, we lose what
room the class is in! = a **delete anomaly**

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes
anomalies:

...	CSC461	703
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Student	Course	Room
Mary	CSC261	B01
Joe	CSC261	B01
Sam	CSC261	B01
..

Similarly, we
can't reserve a
room without
students = an
insert anomaly

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

Student	Course
Mary	CSC261
Joe	CSC261
Sam	CSC261
..	..

Course	Room
CSC261	101
CSC257	601

Is this form better?

- Redundancy?
- Update anomaly?
- Delete anomaly?
- Insert anomaly?

Today: develop theory to understand why this design may be better **and** how to find this *decomposition*...

Database Anomalies

Example 2

Anomalies are problems caused by **bad database design**.

Example:

ACTIVITY(StudentID, Activity, Fee)

ACTIVITY Relation

StudentID	Activity	Fee
100	Skiing	200
100	Golf	65
175	Squash	50
175	Swimming	50
200	Swimming	50
200	Golf	65

An **insertion anomaly** occurs when a row cannot be added to a relation, because not all data are available (or one has to invent “dummy” data)

- ❖ **Example:** we want to store that scuba diving costs \$175, but have no place to put this information until a student takes up scuba-diving (unless we create a fake student)

A **deletion anomaly** occurs when data is deleted from a relation, and other critical data are unintentionally lost

- ❖ **Example:** if we delete the record with StudentID = 100, we forget that skiing costs \$200

An **update anomaly** occurs when one must make many changes to reflect the modification of a single datum

- ❖ **Example:** if the cost of swimming changes, then all entries with swimming Activity must be changed too

Cause of Anomalies

Anomalies are primarily **caused** by:

1. **Data redundancy**: replication of the same field in multiple tables, other than foreign keys
2. **Functional dependencies** including:
 - Partial dependency
 - Transitive dependency
 - Multi-value dependency

Functional Dependencies

Functional Dependencies for Dummies

- A **relationship** between **attributes** where one attribute (or group of attributes) **determines** the value of another attribute (or group of attributes) in the **same** table.
- **Example:**
SSN uniquely identify any Person

(SSN) \rightarrow (First Name, Last Name)

Candidate Keys/Primary Keys and Functional Dependencies

By definition:

- A **candidate key** of a relation **functionally determines** all other **non-key** attributes in the row.

Implies:

- A **primary key** of a relation **functionally determines** all other non-key attributes in the row.

EmployeeID → (EmployeeName, EmpPhone)

Functional Dependency

Def: Let A, B be sets of attributes, we write $A \rightarrow B$ or say A **functionally determines** B if, for any tuples t_1 and t_2 :

$t_1[A] = t_2[A]$ implies $t_1[B] = t_2[B]$ and we

call $A \rightarrow B$ a **functional dependency**

$A \rightarrow B$ means that

“whenever two tuples agree on A then they agree on B .”

A	It is a determinant set.
B	It is a dependent attribute.
$\{A \rightarrow B\}$	A functionally determines B . B is a functionally dependent on A .

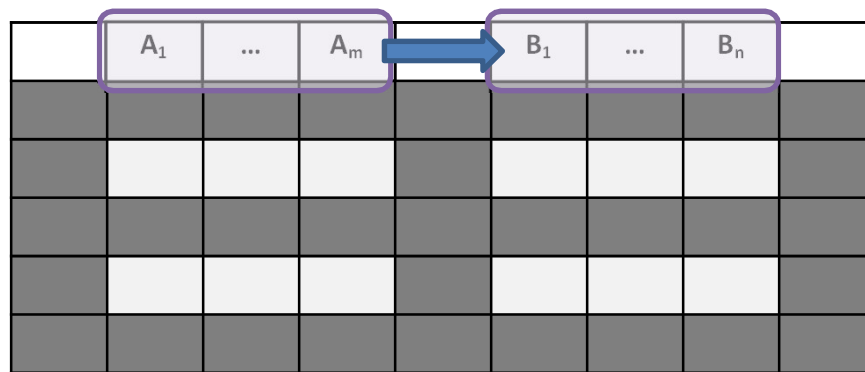
A Picture of FDs

	A ₁	...	A _m		B ₁	...	B _n	

Defn (again):

Given attribute sets $\mathbf{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$
and $\mathbf{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ in \mathbf{R} ,

A Picture of FDs



Defn (again):

Given attribute sets $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$
and $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ in R ,

The *functional dependency* $A \rightarrow B$
on R holds if for *any* t_i, t_j in R :

A Picture of FDs

	A ₁	...	A _m		B ₁	...	B _n	
t _i								
t _j								

If t₁, t₂ agree here..

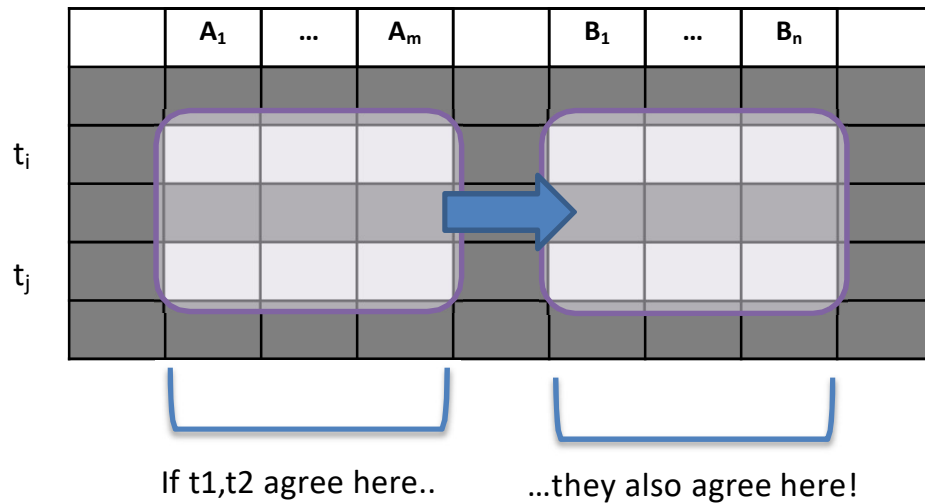
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and $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ in R ,

The **functional dependency** $A \rightarrow B$
on R holds if for **any** t_i, t_j in R :

$t_i[A_1] = t_j[A_1]$ AND $t_i[A_2] = t_j[A_2]$ AND ...
AND $t_i[A_m] = t_j[A_m]$

A Picture of FDs



Defn (again):

Given attribute sets $\mathbf{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$
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The **functional dependency** $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$
on R holds if for **any** t_i, t_j in R :

if $t_i[A_1] = t_j[A_1]$ AND $t_i[A_2] = t_j[A_2]$ AND
... AND $t_i[A_m] = t_j[A_m]$

then $t_i[B_1] = t_j[B_1]$ AND $t_i[B_2] = t_j[B_2]$
AND ... AND $t_i[B_n] = t_j[B_n]$

FDs for Relational Schema Design

High-level idea: **why do we care about FDs?**

1. Start with some relational **schema** (e.g., design by ER diagram)
2. Find out its **functional dependencies** (FDs)
3. Use these to **design a better schema**
 - One which minimizes the possibility of anomalies

Functional Dependencies as Constraints

A **functional dependency** is a form of **constraint**

- *Holds* on some instances not others.
- Part of the schema, helps define a valid *instance*.

Recall: an ***instance*** of a schema is a multiset of tuples conforming to that schema, **i.e. a table**

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS145	B01
Joe	CS145	B01
Sam	CS145	B01
..

Note: The FD
 $\{\text{Course}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Room}\}$ ***holds on this instance***

Functional Dependencies as Constraints

Note that:

- You can check if an FD is **violated** by examining a single instance;
- However, you **cannot prove** that an FD is part of the schema by examining a single instance.
 - *This would require checking every valid instance*

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS145	B01
Joe	CS145	B01
Sam	CS145	B01
..

However, cannot *prove* that the FD {Course} \rightarrow {Room} is ***part of the schema***

More Examples

An FD is a constraint which holds, or does not hold on an instance:

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

More Examples

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876 ←	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876 ←	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

{Position} → {Phone}

More Examples

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234 →	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234 →	Lawyer

but *not* {Phone} → {Position}

ACTIVITY

A	B	C	D	E
1	2	4	3	6
3	2	5	1	8
1	4	4	5	7
1	2	4	3	6
3	2	5	1	8

Find at least *three* FDs which hold on this instance:

{A	}	→	{C	}
{A, B	}	→	{C	}
{E	}	→	{D	}

Armstrong inference rules

- Armstrong's Axioms is a set of rules.
- It provides a simple technique for reasoning about functional dependencies.
- It was developed by William W. Armstrong in 1974.
- It is used to infer all the functional dependencies on a relational database.

Armstrong inference rules

A. Primary Rules:

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| Rule 1 | Reflexivity
If A is a set of attributes and B is a subset of A, then A holds B. $\{ A \rightarrow B \}$
(If $B \subseteq A$, then $A \rightarrow B$) |
| Rule 2 | Augmentation
If A hold B and C is a set of attributes, then AC holds BC. $\{ AC \rightarrow BC \}$
(If $A \rightarrow B$, then $AC \rightarrow BC$)
It means that attribute in dependencies does not change the basic dependencies. |
| Rule 3 | Transitivity
If A holds B and B holds C, then A holds C.
If $\{ A \rightarrow B \}$ and $\{ B \rightarrow C \}$, then $\{ A \rightarrow C \}$
A holds B $\{ A \rightarrow B \}$ means that A functionally determines B. |

Armstrong inference rules

B. Secondary Rules:

Union

Rule 1

If A holds B and A holds C, then A holds BC.
If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{A \rightarrow C\}$, then $\{A \rightarrow BC\}$

Decomposition

Rule 2

If A holds BC and A holds B, then A holds C.
If $\{A \rightarrow BC\}$ and $\{A \rightarrow B\}$, then $\{A \rightarrow C\}$

Pseudo Transitivity

Rule 3

If A holds B and BC holds D, then AC holds D.
If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{BC \rightarrow D\}$, then $\{AC \rightarrow D\}$

Armstrong inference rules

Axioms:

Reflexivity: if $Y \subseteq X$, then $X \rightarrow Y$

Augmentation: if $X \rightarrow Y$, then $WX \rightarrow WY$

Transitivity: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $Y \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow Z$

Derived Rules:

Union: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$

Decomposition: if $X \rightarrow YZ$, then $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$

Pseudo transitivity: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $WY \rightarrow Z$, then $XW \rightarrow Z$

Armstrong inference rules

Axioms are both

Sound:

when applied to a set of functional dependencies they only produce dependency tables that belong to the transitive closure of that set

Complete:

can produce all dependency tables that belong to the transitive closure of the set

Armstrong inference rules

Three last rules can be derived from the first three (the axioms)

Let us look at the ***union rule***:

if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$

Using the first three axioms, we have:

if $X \rightarrow Y$, then $XX \rightarrow XY$ same as $X \rightarrow XY$ (2nd)

if $X \rightarrow Z$, then $YX \rightarrow YZ$ same as $XY \rightarrow YZ$ (2nd)

if $X \rightarrow XY$ and $XY \rightarrow YZ$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$ (3rd)

Example:

Consider relation $E = (P, Q, R, S, T, U)$ having set of Functional Dependencies (FD).

$P \rightarrow Q$	$P \rightarrow R$
$QR \rightarrow S$	$Q \rightarrow T$
$QR \rightarrow U$	$PR \rightarrow U$

Calculate some members of axioms are as follows:

1. $P \rightarrow T$
2. $PR \rightarrow S$
3. $QR \rightarrow SU$
4. $PR \rightarrow SU$

Axioms:

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Pseudo transitivity: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $WY \rightarrow Z$, then $XW \rightarrow Z$

Solution:

1. $P \rightarrow T$

In the FD set, $P \rightarrow Q$ and $Q \rightarrow T$

So, Using Transitive Rule: If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{B \rightarrow C\}$, then $\{A \rightarrow C\}$

\therefore If $P \rightarrow Q$ and $Q \rightarrow T$, then $P \rightarrow T$.

2. $PR \rightarrow S$

In the above FD set, $P \rightarrow Q$

As, $QR \rightarrow S$

So, Using Pseudo Transitivity Rule: If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{BC \rightarrow D\}$, then $\{AC \rightarrow D\}$

\therefore If $P \rightarrow Q$ and $QR \rightarrow S$, then $PR \rightarrow S$.

3. $QR \rightarrow SU$

In above FD set, $QR \rightarrow S$ and $QR \rightarrow U$

So, Using Union Rule: If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{A \rightarrow C\}$, then $\{A \rightarrow BC\}$

\therefore If $QR \rightarrow S$ and $QR \rightarrow U$, then $QR \rightarrow SU$.

4. $PR \rightarrow SU$

So, Using Pseudo Transitivity Rule: If $\{A \rightarrow B\}$ and $\{BC \rightarrow D\}$, then $\{AC \rightarrow D\}$

\therefore If $PR \rightarrow S$ and $PR \rightarrow U$, then $PR \rightarrow SU$.

Axioms:

Reflexivity: if $Y \subseteq X$, then $X \rightarrow Y$

Augmentation: if $X \rightarrow Y$, then $WX \rightarrow WY$

Transitivity: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $Y \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow Z$

Derived Rules:

Union: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$

Decomposition: if $X \rightarrow YZ$, then $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$

Pseudo transitivity: if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $WY \rightarrow Z$, then $XW \rightarrow Z$

Trivial Functional Dependency

Trivial

If A holds B $\{A \rightarrow B\}$, where B is a subset of A, then it is called a **Trivial Functional Dependency**. Trivial always holds Functional Dependency.

Non-Trivial

If A holds B $\{A \rightarrow B\}$, where B is **not** a subset A, then it is called as a **Non-Trivial Functional Dependency**.

Normalization

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrYLYV7WSHM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5DCnCzDb8g>

Normalization

- **Normalization** is the process of removing **redundant** data from your tables to improve storage efficiency, data integrity, and scalability.
- Normalization generally involves **splitting** existing tables into multiple ones, which must be re-joined or linked each time a query is issued.
- Why normalization?
 - The relation derived from the user view or data store will most likely be **unnormalized**.
 - The problem usually happens when an existing system uses unstructured file, e.g. in MS Excel.



Unnormalized Form (table)

Example

ClientRental

clientNo	cName	propertyNo	pAddress	rentStart	rentFinish	rent	ownerNo	oName
CR76	John Kay	PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	1-Jul-03	31-Aug-04	350	CO40	Tina Murphy
		PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	1-Sep-04	1-Sep-05	450	CO93	Tony Shaw
CR56	Aline Stewart	PG4	6 Lawrence St, Glasgow	1-Sep-02	10-June-03	350	CO40	Tina Murphy
		PG36	2 Manor Rd, Glasgow	10-Oct-03	1-Dec-04	375	CO93	Tony Shaw
		PG16	5 Novar Dr, Glasgow	1-Nov-05	10-Aug-06	450	CO93	Tony Shaw

Normalization Example

- (Student ID) \rightarrow (Student Name, DormName, DormCost)
- However, if
 - (DormName) \rightarrow (DormCost)

Then, DormCost should be put into its own relation, resulting in:

(Student ID) \rightarrow (Student Name, DormName)

(DormName) \rightarrow (DormCost)

Normalization Example

- (AttorneyID, ClientID) \rightarrow (ClientName, MeetingDate, Duration)
- However, if
 - ClientID \rightarrow ClientName
- Then: ClientName should be in its own relation:
- (AttorneyID, ClientID) \rightarrow (MeetingDate, Duration)
- (ClientID) \rightarrow (ClientName)

Steps of Normalization

- ✓ First Normal Form (1NF)
- ✓ Second Normal Form (2NF)
- ✓ Third Normal Form (3NF)
- ✓ Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)
- ✓ Fourth Normal Form (4NF)
- ✓ Fifth Normal Form (5NF)
- ✓ Domain Key Normal Form (DKNF)

In practice, 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and BCNF are enough for database.



Normal Forms

- 1st Normal Form (1NF) = All tables are flat

- 2nd Normal Form (2NF)

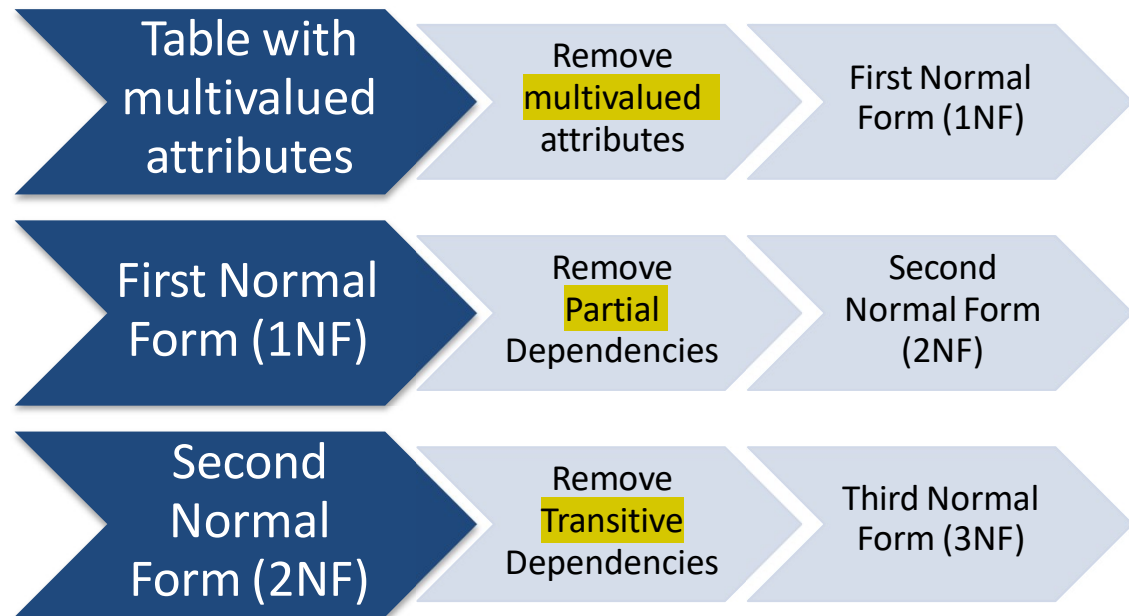
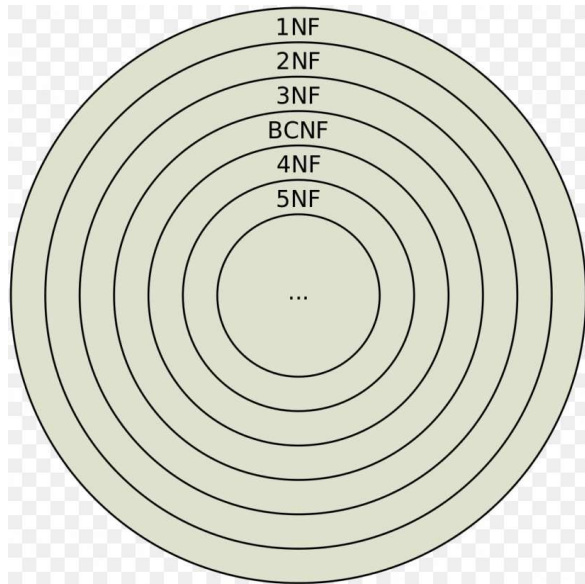
- 3rd Normal Form (3NF)

- Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

DB designs based on
functional dependencies,
intended to prevent data
anomalies

- 4th and 5th Normal Forms = see text books

Normalization Steps



First Normal Form (1NF)

The official qualifications for 1NF are:

1. Each **attribute name** must be unique.
2. Each **attribute value** must be single.
3. Each **row** must be unique.
4. There is **no repeating groups**.

Additional:

Choose a primary key.

Reminder:

A primary key is ***unique, not null, unchanged***. A primary key can be either an attribute or combined attributes.



1st Normal Form (1NF)

Student	Courses
Mary	{CS145, CS229}
Joe	{CS145, CS106}
...	...

Violates 1NF.

Student	Courses
Mary	CS145
Mary	CS229
Joe	CS145
Joe	CS106

In 1st NF

1NF Constraint: Types must be atomic!

First Normal Form (1NF) (Cont.)

Example of a table not in 1NF :

Group	Topic	Student	Score	
Group A	Intro MongoDB	Sok San	18	marks
		Sao Ry	17	marks
Group B	Intro MySQL	Chan Tina	19	marks
		Tith Sophea	16	marks

It violates the 1NF because:

- Attribute values are not single.
- Repeating groups exists.



First Normal Form (1NF) (Cont.)

➤ After eliminating:

Group	Topic	Family Name	Given Name	Score
A	Intro MongoDB	Sok	San	18
A	Intro MongoDB	Sao	Ry	17
B	Intro MySQL	Chan	Tina	19
B	Intro MySQL	Tith	Sophea	16

➤ Now it is in 1NF.
However, it might still violate 2NF and so on.




Functional Dependencies

We say an attribute, B, has a *functional dependency* on another attribute, A, if for any two records, which have the same value for A, then the values for B in these two records must be the same. We illustrate this as:

$A \rightarrow B$ (read as: *A determines B or B depends on A*)

Employee_name	Project	Email_address
Joe San	POS Mart Sys	soksan@yahoo.com
Sao Ry	Univ Mgt Sys	sao@yahoo.com
Joe San	Web Redesign	soksan@yahoo.com
Chan Sokna	POS Mart Sys	chan@gmail.com
Sao Ry	DB Design	sao@yahoo.com

Employee_name \rightarrow Email_address



Functional Dependencies (cont.)

<u>EmpNum</u>	EmpEmail	EmpFname	EmpLname
123	jdoe@abc.com	John	Doe
456	psmith@abc.com	Peter	Smith
555	alee1@abc.com	Alan	Lee
633	pdoe@abc.com	Peter	Doe
787	alee2@abc.com	Alan	Lee

If EmpNum is the PK then the FDs:

EmpNum \rightarrow EmpEmail, EmpFname, EmpLname

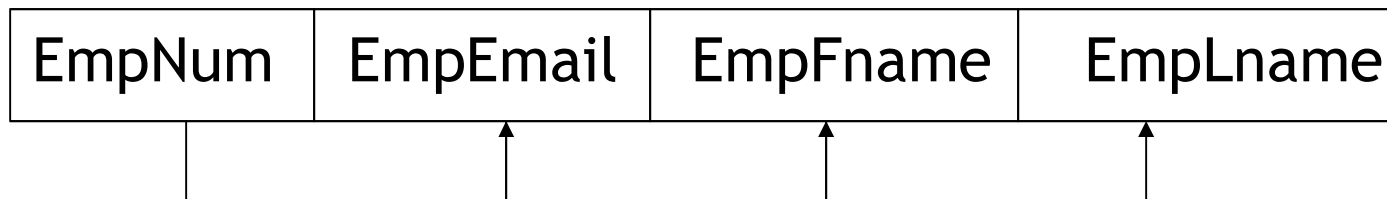
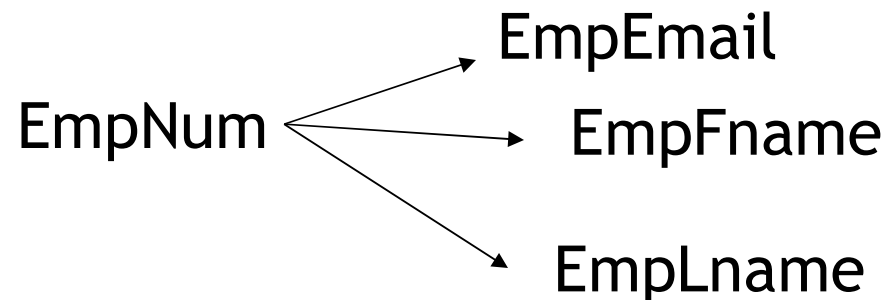
must exist.



Functional Dependencies (cont.)

EmpNum \rightarrow EmpEmail, EmpFname, EmpLname

*3 different ways
you might see
FDs depicted*



Determinant

Functional Dependency

$\text{EmpNum} \rightarrow \text{EmpEmail}$

Attribute on the left hand side is known as the ***determinant***

- EmpNum is a ***determinant*** of EmpEmail



Second Normal Form (2NF)

The official qualifications for 2NF are:

1. A table is already in 1NF.
2. All non-key attributes are fully dependent on the primary key.

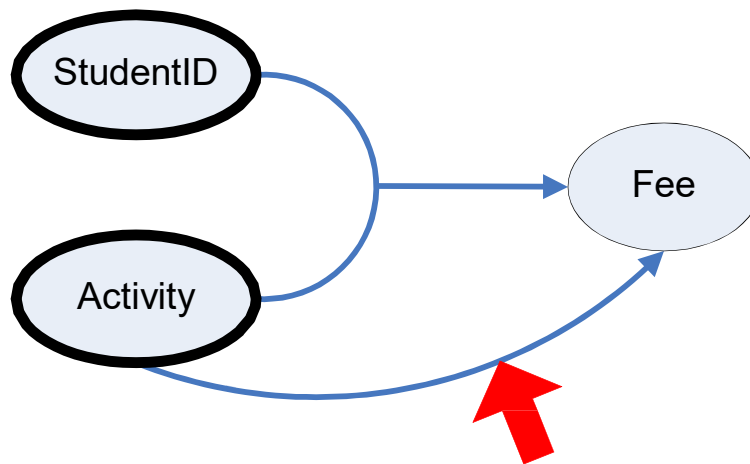
All **partial dependencies** are removed to place in another table.



Partial Dependencies

- Partial dependency is a functional dependency whose determinant is part of the primary key (but not all of it)
- Example:

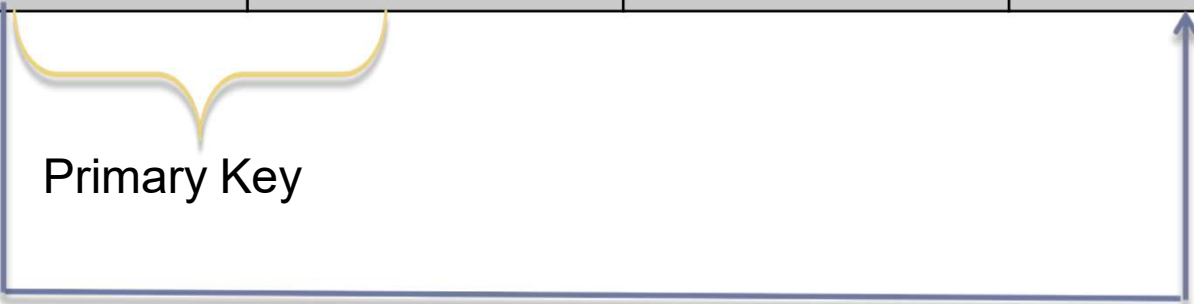
ACTIVITY(StudentID, Activity, Fee)



<u>StudentID</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Fee
100	Skiing	200
100	Golf	65
175	Squash	50
175	Swimming	50
200	Swimming	50
200	Golf	65

Example of a table not in 2NF:

CourseID	SemesterID	Num Student	Course Name
IT101	201301	25	Database
IT101	201302	25	Database
IT102	201301	30	Web Prog
IT102	201302	35	Web Prog
IT103	201401	20	Networking



The *Course Name* depends on only *CourseID*, a part of the primary key not the whole primary {*CourseID*, *SemesterID*}. It's called **partial dependency**.

Solution:

*Remove **CourseID** and **Course Name** together to create a new table.*



CourseID	Course Name
IT101	Database
IT101	Database
IT102	Web Prog
IT102	Web Prog
IT103	Networking

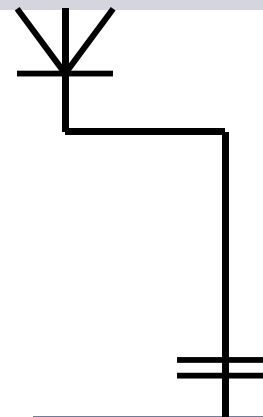
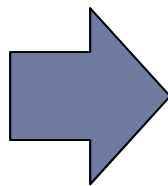
<u>CourseID</u>	<u>SemesterID</u>	Num Student
IT101	201301	25
IT101	201302	25
IT102	201301	30
IT102	201302	35
IT103	201401	20

Done?

Oh no, it is still not in 1NF yet.

Remove the repeating groups too.

Finally, connect the relationship.



<u>CourseID</u>	Course Name
IT101	D atabase
IT102	Web Prog
IT103	Networking

Third Normal Form (3NF)

The official qualifications for 3NF are:

1. A table is already in 2NF.
2. Nonprimary key attributes do not depend on other nonprimary key attributes
(i.e. no **transitive dependencies**)

All transitive dependencies are removed to place in another table.



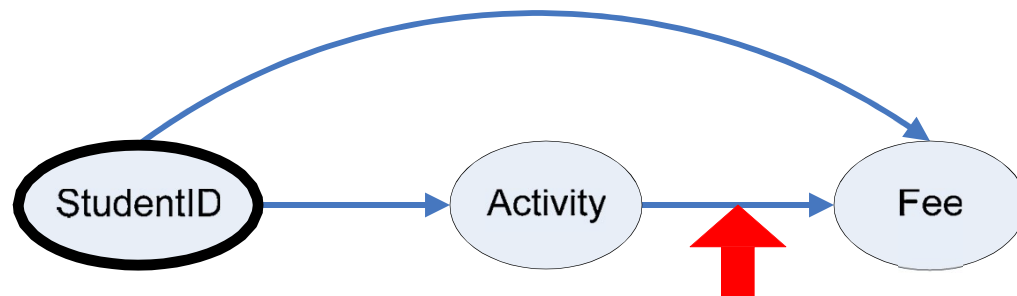
Transitive Dependencies

Transitive dependency is a functional dependency whose determinant is not the primary key, part of the primary key, or a candidate key.

Transitive functionality is a functional dependency in which a non-key attribute is determined by another non-key attribute.

Example:

ACTIVITY(StudentID, Activity, Fee)




<u>StudentID</u>	Activity	Fee
100	Skiing	200
100	Golf	65
175	Squash	50
175	Swimming	50
200	Swimming	50
200	Golf	65

Example of a Table not in 3NF:

<u>StudyID</u>	<u>CourseName</u>	TeacherName	TeacherTel
1	Database	Sok Piseth	012 123 456
2	Database	Sao Kanha	0977 322 111
3	Web Prog	Chan Veasna	012 412 333
4	Web Prog	Chan Veasna	012 412 333
5	Networking	Pou Sambath	077 545 221



Primary Key



The *TeacherTel* is a nonkey attribute, and the *TeacherName* is also a nonkey attribute. But *TeacherTel* depends on *TeacherName*. It is called **transitive dependency**.

Solution:

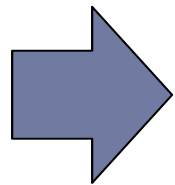
*Remove **Teacher Name** and **TeacherTel** together to create a new table.*



Teacher Name	Teacher Tel
Sok Piseth	012 123 456
Sao Kanha	0977 322 111
Chan Veasna	012 412 333
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Pou Sambath	077 545 221

Done?
Oh no, it is still not in 1NF yet.
Remove Repeating row.

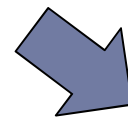
<u>StudyID</u>	Course Name	T.ID
1	Database	T1
2	Database	T2
3	Web Prog	T3
4	Web Prog	T3
5	Networking	T4



<u>Teacher Name</u>	Teacher Tel
Sok Piseth	012 123 456
Sao Kanha	0977 322 111
Chan Veasna	012 412 333
Pou Sambath	077 545 221

Note about primary key:

- In theory, you can choose *TeacherName* to be a primary key.
- But in practice, you should add *TeacherID* as the primary key.



<u>ID</u>	Teacher Name	Teacher Tel
T1	Sok Piseth	012 123 456
T2	Sao Kanha	0977 322 111
T3	Chan Veasna	012 412 333
T4	Pou Sambath	077 545 221



Boyce Codd Normal Form (BCNF) – 3.5NF

The official qualifications for BCNF are:

1. A table is already in 3NF.
2. All determinants must be superkeys.

All determinants that are not superkeys are removed to place in another table.

K is a *superkey* for relation R if K functionally determines all of R .

K is a *(candidate)key* for R if K is a superkey, but no proper subset of K is a superkey.



Boyce Codd Normal Form (BCNF) (Cont.)

- Example of a table not in BCNF:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Course</u>	Teacher
Sok	DB	John
Sao	DB	William
Chan	E-Commerce	Todd
Sok	E-Commerce	Todd
Chan	DB	William

- Key: {Student, Course}
- Functional Dependency:
 - {Student, Course} → Teacher
 - Teacher → Course
- Problem: **Teacher** is not a superkey but determines **Course**.

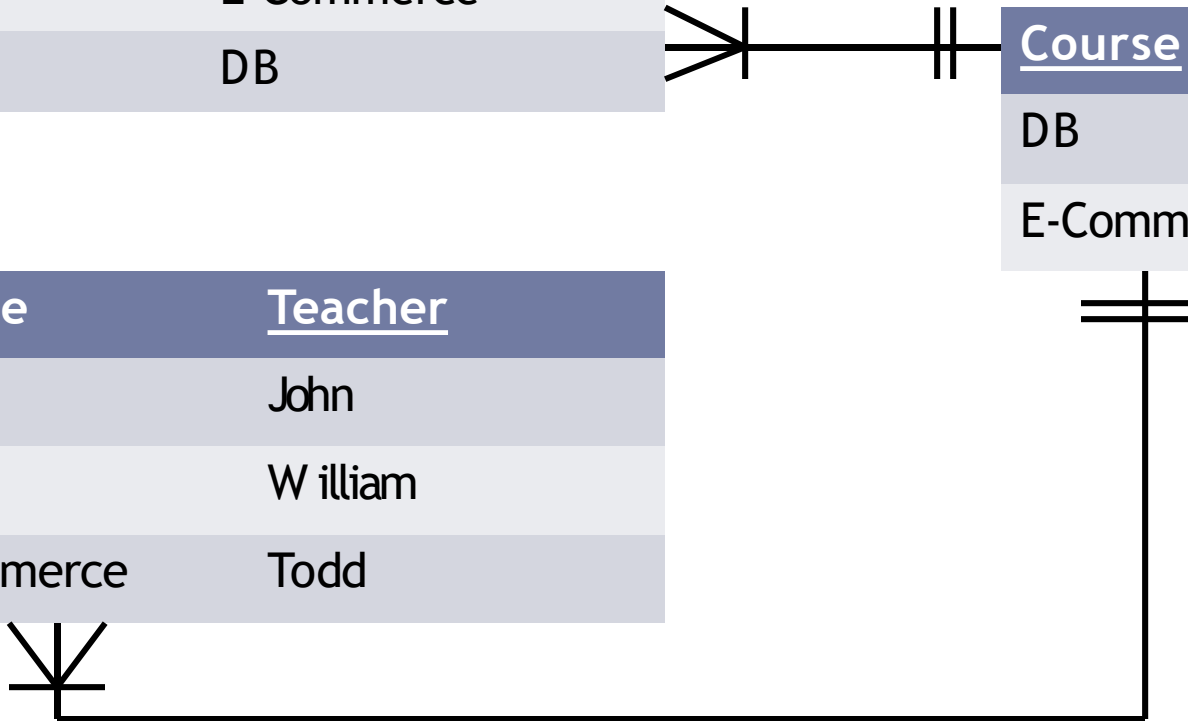


<u>Student</u>	<u>Course</u>
Sok	DB
Sao	DB
Chan	E-Commerce
Sok	E-Commerce
Chan	DB

Solution: Decouple a table contains **Teacher** and **Course** from original table (**Student**, **Course**). Finally, connect the new and old table to third table contains **Course**.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
DB	John
DB	William
E-Commerce	Todd

<u>Course</u>
DB
E-Commerce



Forth Normal Form (4NF)

The official qualifications for 4NF are:

1. A table is already in BCNF.
2. A table contains no multi-valued dependencies.
 - Multi-valued dependency: MVDs occur when two or more independent multi valued facts about the same attribute occur within the same table.
 $A \twoheadrightarrow B$ (B multi-valued depends on A)



Example: MVD

Customer(name, addr, phones, email_drinksLiked)

A drinker's phones are independent of the drinks they like.

name->->phones and name->->drinksLiked.

Thus, each of a drinker's phones appears with each of the drinks they like in all combinations.

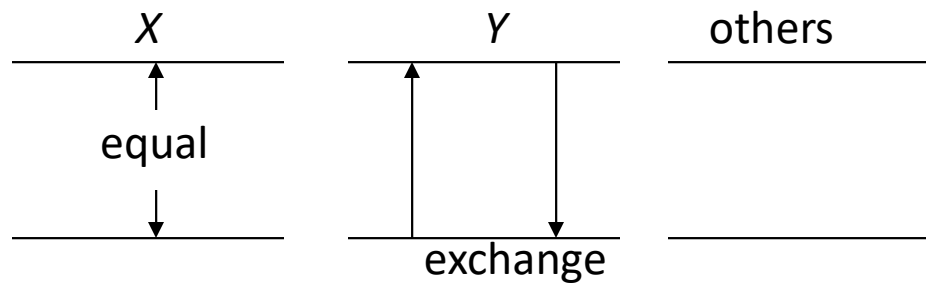
Tuples Implied by **name**->->**phones**

If we have tuples:

name	addr	phones	drinksLiked
sue	a	p1	d1
sue	a	p2	d2
sue	a	p2	d1
sue	a	p1	d2

Then these tuples must also be in the relation.

Picture of MVD $X \dashrightarrow Y$



Forth Normal Form (4NF) (Cont.)

- Example of a table not in 4NF:

Student	Major	Hobby
Sok	IT	Football
Sok	IT	Volleyball
Sao	IT	Football
Sao	Med	Football
Chan	IT	NULL
Puth	NULL	Football
Tith	NULL	NULL

- Key: {Student, Major, Hobby}
- MVD: Student -->> Major, Hobby

Solution: Decouple to each table contains MVD. Finally, connect each to a third table contains *Student*.

<u>Student</u>
Sok
Sao
Chan
Puth
Tith

<u>Student</u>	<u>Major</u>
Sok	IT
Sao	IT
Sao	Med
Chan	IT
Puth	NULL
Tith	NULL

<u>Student</u>	<u>Hobby</u>
Sok	Football
Sok	Volleyball
Sao	Football
Chan	NULL
Puth	Football
Tith	NULL



Fifth Normal Form (5NF)

The official qualifications for 5NF are:

1. A table is already in 4NF.
2. The attributes of multi-valued dependencies are related.

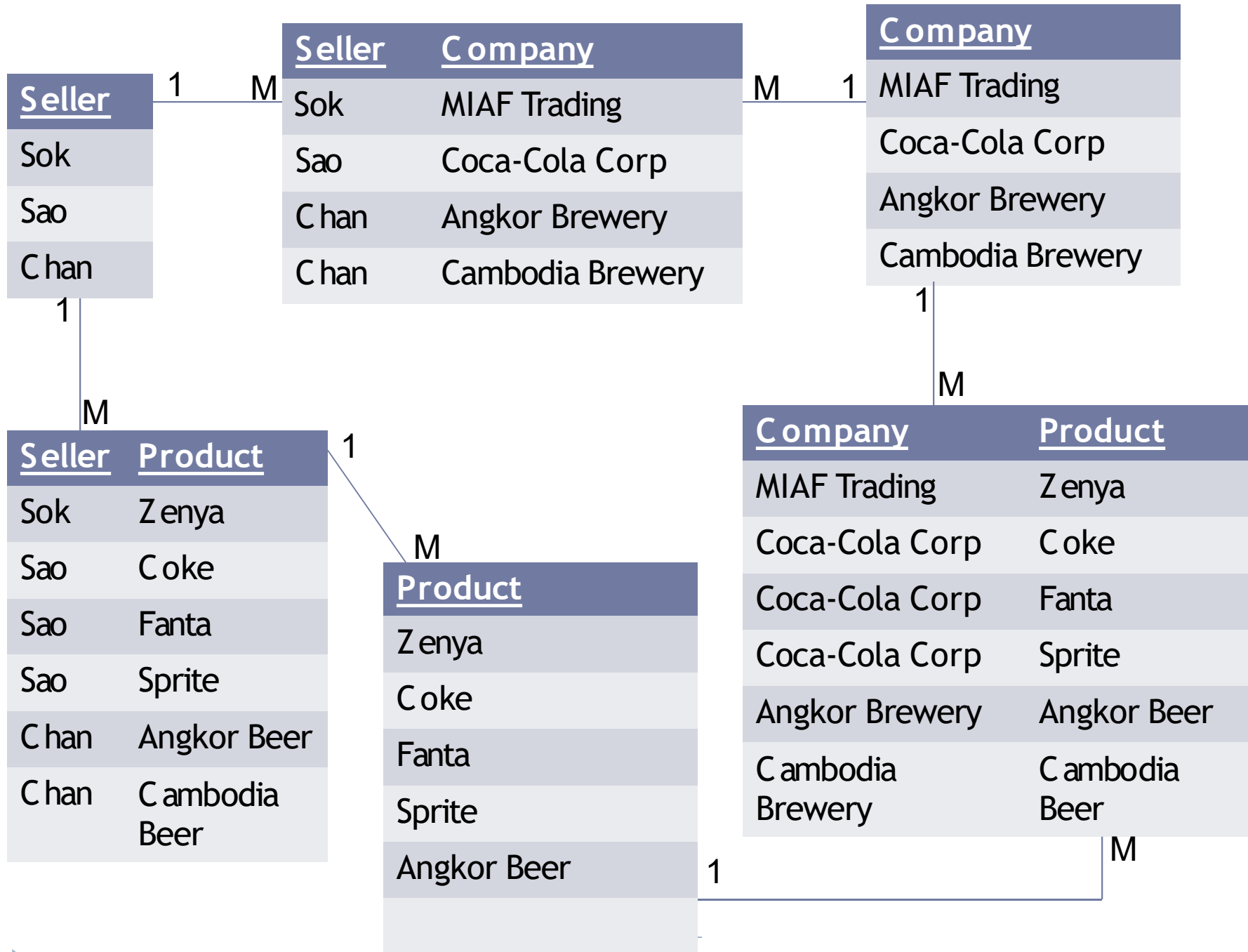


Fifth Normal Form (5NF) (Cont.)

- Example of a table not in 5NF:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Product</u>
Sok	MIAF Trading	Zenya
Sao	Coca-Cola Corp	Coke
Sao	Coca-Cola Corp	Fanta
Sao	Coca-Cola Corp	Sprite
Chan	Angkor Brewery	Angkor Beer
Chan	Cambodia Brewery	Cambodia Beer

- Key: {Seller, Company, Product}
- MVD: Seller -->> Company, Product
- *Product* is related to *Company*.



Normalization Practice

Please see the normalization example slides

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