Assignment Week 11

Problem 1:

You should identify insertion, update, and deletion anomalies in the sample rows of the big patient table shown in Table 1.

VisitNo	VisitDate	PatNo	PatAge	PatCity	PatZip	ProvNo	ProvSpecialty	Diagnosis
V10021	2/13/2015	P1	36	DENVER	80217	D1	INTERNIST	EAR INFECTION
V10021	2/13/2015	P1	36	DENVER	80217	D2	NURSE PRACTITIONER	INFLUENZA
V93030	2/20/2015	P3	17	ENGLEWOO D	80113	D2	NURSE PRACTITIONER	PREGNANCY
V82110	2/18/2015	P2	60	BOULDER	85932	D3	CARDIOLOGIST	MURMUR

Table 1.

Solution 1:

• Insertion anomaly:

It is necessary to know a visit and an provider because the combination of $\underline{\text{VisitNo}}$ and $\underline{\text{ProvNo}}$ is the primary key.

Update anomaly:

If we change ProvSpecialty of ProvNo D2, two rows must be changed.

• Deletion anomaly:

If we delete the provider of D2 in V10021, we lost the information about patient P1 and visit V10021