



# Lecture: Design Theory

# Example Enrollment table - “v0”

~375  
cs145  
students

SID	Class	Room	Time	Lat	Lng
4749732	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
2720942	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
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2364573	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
3476382	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2347623	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
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3476343	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
2322232	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W

~300  
cs245  
students



Problems  
Repeats?  
Room/time change?  
Deletes?

Properties  
Class -> Room/time  
Room -> Lat, Lng

(more compact)

# Example Enrollment table - “v1”

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4749732	cs 145
2720942	cs 145
4823984	cs 145
4287594	cs 145
2984994	cs 145
8472374	cs 145
4723663	cs 145
2478239	cs 145
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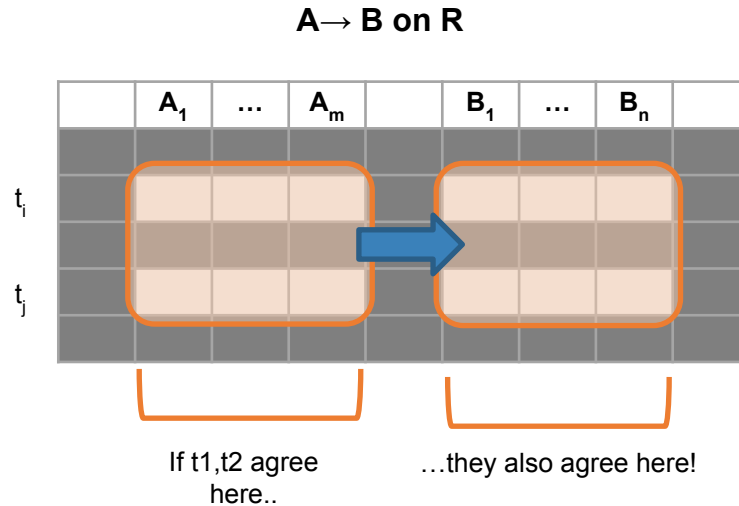
300  
cs245  
students

Class	Room	Time
cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6
cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30
cs 246	Nvidia Aud	M/W 3-4:30

Room	Lat	Lng
Nvidia Aud	37.4277° N	122.1742° W



# A Picture Of FDs [recall]



Defn (again):

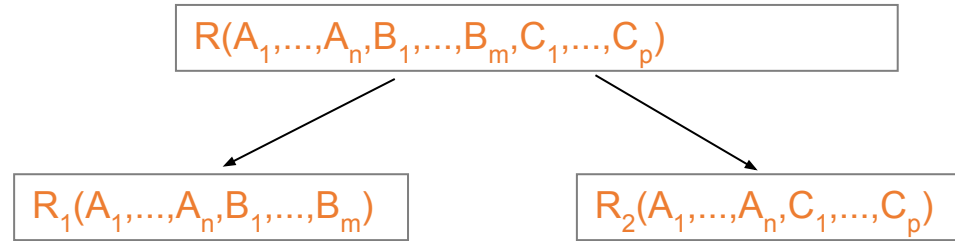
Given attribute sets  $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  and  $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$  in  $R$ ,

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

**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  $t_i[B_n] = t_j[B_n]$

# Table Decomposition



$R_1$  = the *projection* of  $R$  on  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m$

$R_2$  = the *projection* of  $R$  on  $A_1, \dots, A_n, C_1, \dots, C_p$

# Conceptual Design



For a “mega” table

- Search for “bad” dependencies
- If any, *keep decomposing the table into sub-tables* until no more bad dependencies
- When done, the database schema is normalized

Note: there are several “good” (normal) forms...

In this section

## 1. Finding FDs

- Closures: How to compute FDs?
- SuperKeys: One 'good' kind of FDs

## 2. Decomposing mega tables into 'good' tables

- Boyce-Codd Normal Form, 3NF

# Finding Functional Dependencies

## Example:

### Products

Name	Color	Category	Dep	Price
Gizmo	Green	Gadget	Toys	49
Widget	Black	Gadget	Toys	59
Gizmo	Green	Whatsit	Garden	99

### Provided FDs:

1.  $\{\text{Name}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Color}\}$
2.  $\{\text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Department}\}$
3.  $\{\text{Color}, \text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Price}\}$

Given the provided FDs, we can see that  $\{\text{Name}, \text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Price}\}$  must also hold on **any instance**...

Which / how many other FDs do?!?



# Finding Functional Dependencies

Given a set of FDs,  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ , does an FD  $g$  hold?

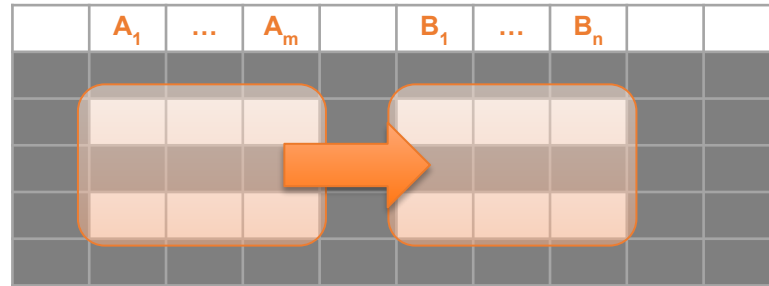
**Inference problem:** How do we decide?

Answer: Three simple rules called  
**Armstrong's Rules.**

1. **Split/Combine**
2. **Reduction**
3. **Transitivity**

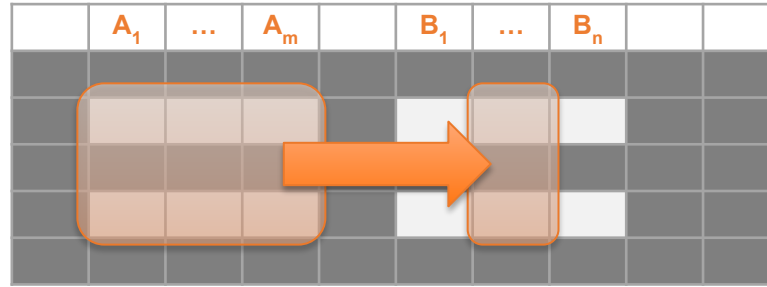


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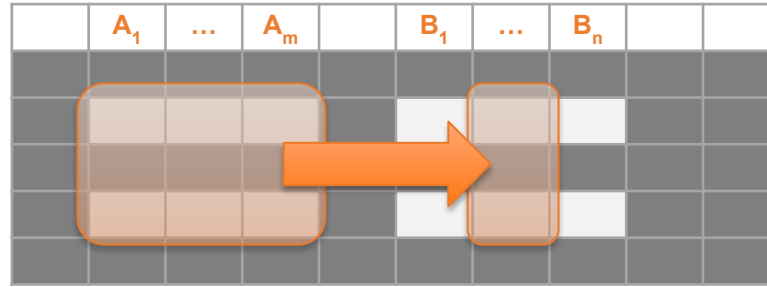


$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$$

... is equivalent to the following  $n$  FDs...

$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n$$

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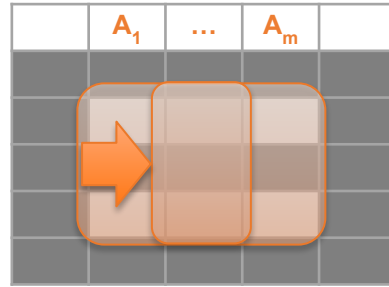


***And vice-versa,  $A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_i$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$***

... is equivalent to ...

$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$$

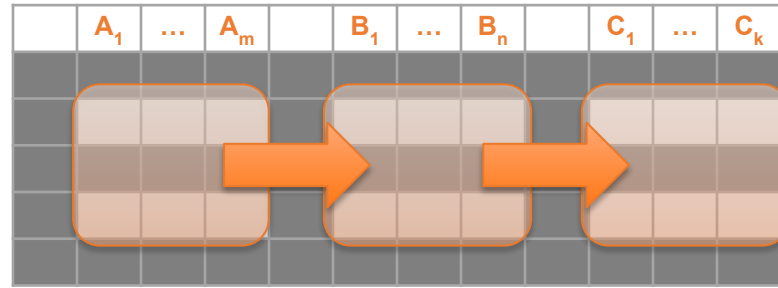
## 2. Reduction/Trivial



If  $A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow A_j$  for any  $j=1, \dots, m$

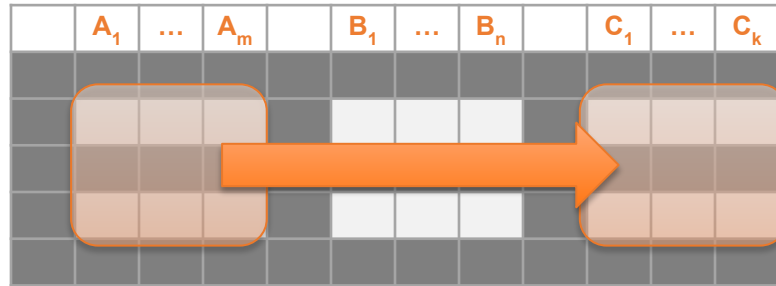
$A_i \rightarrow A_j$  for  $i=1 \dots m$

### 3. Transitive Closure



$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$  and  
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$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n \text{ and} \\ B_1, \dots, B_n \rightarrow C_1, \dots, C_k$$

implies

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3. {Color, Category}  $\rightarrow$  {Price}

Which / how many other FDs hold?



# Finding Functional Dependencies

## Example:

Inferred FD	Rule used
4. {Name, Category} -> {Name}	Trivial
5. {Name, Category} -> {Color}	Transitive (4 -> 1)
6. {Name, Category} -> {Category}	Trivial
7. {Name, Category} -> {Color, Category}	Split/Combine (5 + 6)
8. {Name, Category} -> {Price}	Transitive (7 -> 3)

## Provided FDs:

1. {Name} → {Color}
2. {Category} → {Dept.}
3. {Color, Category} → {Price}

What's an algorithmic way to do this?

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# Design

## Closures & Superkeys

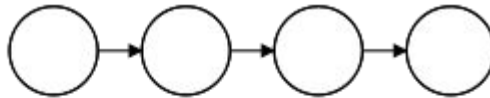
# Algebra (reminder)

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

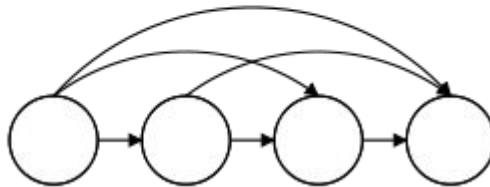
$$B \Rightarrow C, C \Rightarrow D, \dots X \Rightarrow Y, \dots \text{ (transitive closures)}$$

(Think of Closures as “reachability” in graph)

Input



Output



# Closure of a set of Attributes

Given a set of attributes  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  and a set of FDs  $F$ :

Closure  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}^+$  is the set of attributes  $B$  s.t.  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B$

## Closure Algorithm

Start with  $X = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ , FDs  $F$ .

**Repeat until**  $X$  doesn't change; **do**:

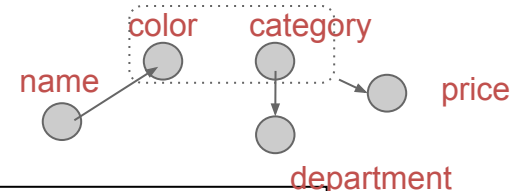
if  $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \rightarrow C$  is in  $F$  and  $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \subseteq X$ :  
then add  $C$  to  $X$ .

**Return**  $X$  as  $X^+$

Example:

$F =$

- $\{\text{name}\} \rightarrow \{\text{color}\}$
- $\{\text{category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{department}\}$
- $\{\text{color}, \text{category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{price}\}$



**Example  
Closures:**

- $\{\text{name}\}^+ = \{\text{name}, \text{color}\}$
- $\{\text{name}, \text{category}\}^+ = \{\text{name}, \text{category}, \text{color}, \text{dept}, \text{price}\}$
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 $\{\text{name, category, color}\}$

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## Example 2

$R(A,B,C,D,E,F)$

$\{A,B\} \rightarrow \{C\}$   
 $\{A,D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$   
 $\{B\} \rightarrow \{D\}$   
 $\{A,F\} \rightarrow \{B\}$

Compute  $\{A,B\}^+ = \{A, B, \}$

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# Using Closure to Infer ALL FDs

Compute  $X^+$ , for every set of attributes  $X$ :

Example:

Given  $F =$

$\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$

$\{A, D\} \rightarrow B$

$\{B\} \rightarrow D$

$\{A\}^+ = \{A\}$

$\{B\}^+ = \{B, D\}$

$\{C\}^+ = \{C\}$

$\{D\}^+ = \{D\}$

$\{A, B\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$

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$\{A, B, C, D\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$

No need to  
compute all of  
these- why?



# Keys and Superkeys

A **superkey** is a set of attributes  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  s.t. for *any other* attribute  $B$  in  $R$ , we have  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B$

I.e. all attributes are *functionally determined* by a superkey

A **key** is a *minimal* superkey

Meaning that no subset of a key is also a superkey

## Superkey Algorithm:

For each set of attributes  $X$

1. Compute  $X^+$
2. If  $X^+ = \text{set of all attributes}$  then  $X$  is a **superkey**
3. If  $X$  is minimal, then it is a **key**

# Example of Finding Keys

Product(name, price, category, color)

{name, category} → price  
{category} → color

What is a key?

# Example of Keys

Product(name, price, category, color)

$\{\text{name, category}\} \rightarrow \text{price}$   
 $\{\text{category}\} \rightarrow \text{color}$

$\{\text{name, category}\}^+ = \{\text{name, price, category, color}\}$

= the set of all attributes

⇒ this is a **superkey**

⇒ this is a **key**, since neither **name** nor **category** alone is a superkey

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- ▷ SuperKeys: One 'good' kind of FDs

## 2. Decomposing mega tables into 'good' tables

- ▷ Boyce-Codd Normal Form, 3NF

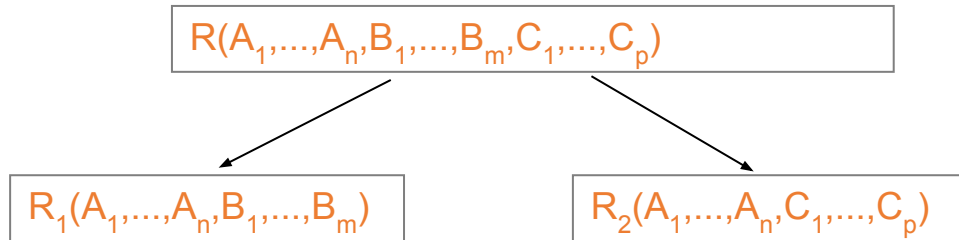




# Decompositions

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# Example 1

We need a decomposition to be “correct”

Name	Price	Category
Gizmo	19.99	Gadget
OneClick	24.99	Camera
Gizmo	19.99	Camera



Name	Price
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OneClick	24.99
Gizmo	19.99




Name	Category
Gizmo	Gadget
OneClick	Camera
Gizmo	Camera

# Example2: Lossy Decomposition

Name	Price	Category
Gizmo	19.99	Gadget
OneClick	24.99	Camera
Gizmo	19.99	Camera

*Need to avoid “bad” decompositions*

What’s wrong here?



Name	Category
Gizmo	Gadget
OneClick	Camera
Gizmo	Camera

Price	Category
19.99	Gadget
24.99	Camera
19.99	Camera

I.e. it is a **Lossy decomposition**

*(Lossy  $\Rightarrow$  making up data, “losing” shape of data)*

# Lossy Decomposition

Name	Price	Category
Gizmo	19.99	Gadget
OneClick	24.99	Camera
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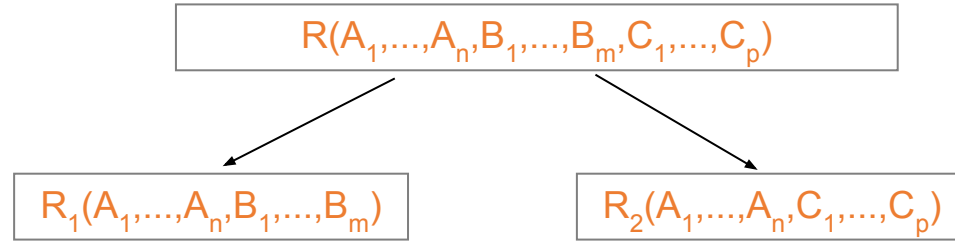
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# Lossless Decompositions



A decomposition  $R$  to  $(R_1, R_2)$  is **lossless** if  $R = R_1 \bowtie R_2$



# Boyce-Codd Normal Form



# Boyce-Codd Normal Form

BCNF is a simple condition for removing anomalies from relations:

A relation  $R$  is **in BCNF** if:

if  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B$  is a FD (*non-trivial*) in  $R$   
then  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  is a **superkey** for  $R$

In other words: there are no “bad” FDs



# Example

Name	SSN	PhoneNumber	City
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-1234	Seattle
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-6543	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-2121	Westfield
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-1234	Westfield

$\{SSN\} \rightarrow \{Name, City\}$

This FD is *bad*  
because it is **not** a  
superkey

$\Rightarrow$  **Not** in BCNF

What is the key?  
 $\{SSN, PhoneNumber\}$

# Example decomposition

Name	<u>SSN</u>	City
Fred	123-45-6789	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	Madison

<u>SSN</u>	<u>PhoneNumber</u>
123-45-6789	206-555-1234
123-45-6789	206-555-6543
987-65-4321	908-555-2121
987-65-4321	908-555-1234

$\{\text{SSN}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Name}, \text{City}\}$

This FD is now  
*good* because it is  
the key

Let's check anomalies:

- Redundancy ?
- Update ?
- Delete ?

Now in BCNF!

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a blue pen, poised to write on a piece of paper. The hand is wearing a grey, textured sweater. The background is blurred, showing a desk and some papers.

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Find *a set of attributes*  $X$  s.t.:  $X^+ \neq X$  and  $X^+ \neq$   
[all attributes]

Find a set of attributes  $X$  which has non-trivial “bad” FDs, i.e. is not a superkey, using closures



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If no “bad” FDs found, in  
BCNF!



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R2: Rest of attributes not in  $X^+$



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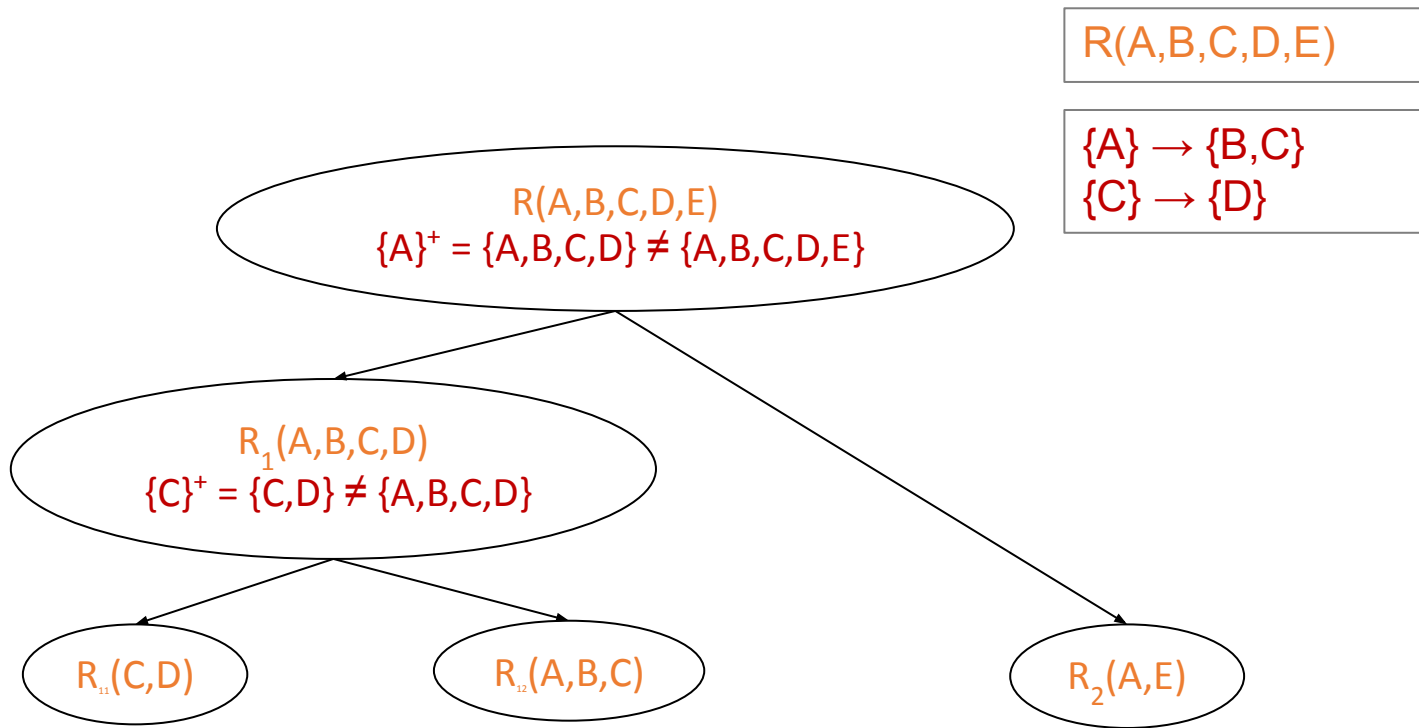
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**decompose** R into  $R_1(X^+)$  and  $R_2(X \cup \text{Rest})$

**Return** BCNFDecomp( $R_1$ ), BCNFDecomp( $R_2$ )

Proceed recursively until no  
more “bad” FDs!

# Example





# Conceptual Design (recap)

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2364532	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2364573	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
3476382	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2347623	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
2364579	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
3476343	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
2322232	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W

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## FDs

Class -> Room, Time  
Room -> Lat, Lng

(more compact)

## Example Enrollment table - “v0”

## BCNF decomposition

SID	Class	Room	Time	Lat	Lng
4749732	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
2720942	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
4823984	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
4287594	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2984994	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
8472374	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
4723663	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2478239	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
4763268	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2364532	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2364573	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
3476382	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
2347623	cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
2364579	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
3476343	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W
2322232	cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30	37.4277° N	122.1742° W

Schema: SID, Class, Room, Time, Lat, Lng

### FDs

Class → Room, Time

Room → Lat, Lng

### BCNF decomposition

1. Find bad FD #1:  $\text{Class}^+ \rightarrow \text{Class}, \text{Room}, \text{Time}, \text{Lat}, \text{Lng}$   
Decomposed: R1(Class, Room, Time, Lat, Lng) and R2(SID, Class)
2. Find bad FD #2:  $\text{Room}^+ \rightarrow \text{Room}, \text{Lat}, \text{Lng}$   
Decompose R1 into R11(Room, Lat, Lng) and R12(Class, Room, Time)

⇒ BCNF schema: R2(SID, Class), R12(Class, Room, Time), R11(Room, Lat, Lng)



# Example Enrollment table - “v1”

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SID	Class
4749732	cs 145
2720942	cs 145
4823984	cs 145
4287594	cs 145
2984994	cs 145
8472374	cs 145
4723663	cs 145
2478239	cs 145
4763268	cs 145
2364532	cs 145
2364573	cs 145
3476382	cs 145
2347623	cs 145
...	...
2364579	cs 245
3476343	cs 245
2322232	cs 245

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cs245  
students

Class	Room	Time
cs 145	Nvidia Aud	T/R 4:30-6
cs 245	Nvidia Aud	T/R 3-4:30
cs 246	Nvidia Aud	M/W 3-4:30

Room	Lat	Lng
Nvidia Aud	37.4277° N	122.1742° W



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Goals

# Course Summary

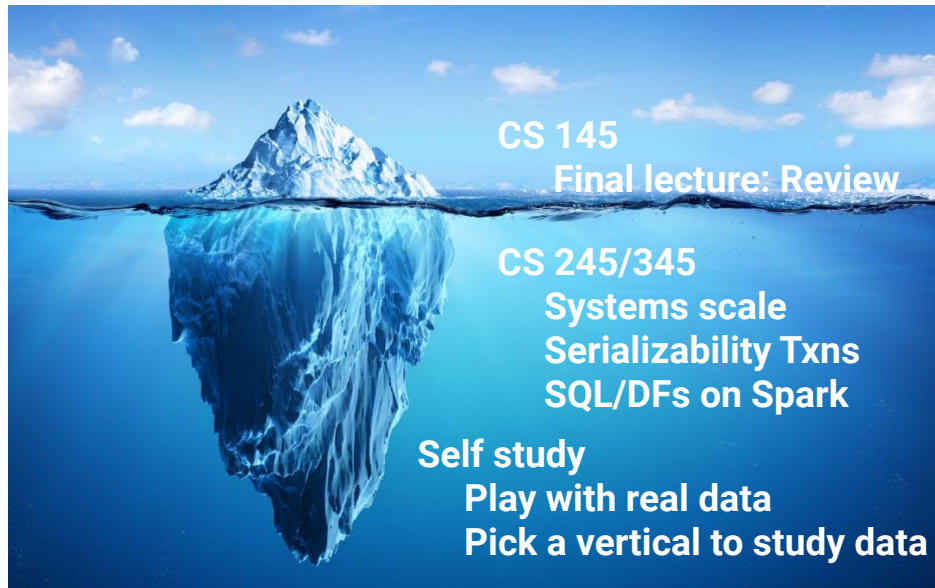
We'll learn How To...

- **Query** over small-med-large data sets with **SQL**? [Weeks 1 and 2]
  - On relational engines, and “big data” engines
- **Scale** for “big queries”? On Clusters? [Weeks 3, 4, 5]
  - OLAP/Analytics, 1st principles of scale
- **Scale** for “big writes”? [Weeks 6, 7, 8]
  - Writes, Transactions, Logging, ACID properties
- **Design** “good” databases? [Weeks 9, 10]
  - Big Schemas, design, functional dependencies, query optimizers

**Project:** Query-Visualize-Learn on GB/TB scale data sets on a Cloud [sql + python]

## Next Steps

# Course Summary



# A Problem with BCNF

Unit	Company	Product
...	...	...

$\{\text{Unit}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Company}\}$   
 $\{\text{Company}, \text{Product}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Unit}\}$

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<u>Unit</u>	Company
...	...

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Unit	Product
...	...

$\{\text{Unit}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Company}\}$

We do a BCNF decomposition  
on a “bad” FD:

$\{\text{Unit}\}^+ = \{\text{Unit}, \text{Company}\}$

We lose the FD  $\{\text{Company}, \text{Product}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Unit}\}!!$

# So Why is that a Problem?

<u>Unit</u>	Company
Galaga99	UW
Bingo	UW

Unit	Product
Galaga99	Databases
Bingo	Databases

No problem so far.  
All *local* FD's are  
satisfied.

$\{\text{Unit}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Company}\}$

Unit	Company	Product
Galaga99	UW	Databases
Bingo	UW	Databases

Let's put all the  
data back into a  
single table again:

Violates the FD  $\{\text{Company}, \text{Product}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Unit}\}!!$





# The Problem

- We started with a table  $R$  and FDs  $F$
- We decomposed  $R$  into BCNF tables  $R_1, R_2, \dots$  with their own FDs  $F_1, F_2, \dots$
- We insert some tuples into each of the relations—which satisfy their local FDs but when reconstruct it violates some FD **across** tables!

Practical Problem: To enforce FD, must reconstruct  $R$ —*on each insert!*

# Possible Solutions

- Various ways to handle so that decompositions are all lossless / no FDs lost
- Usually a tradeoff between redundancy / data anomalies and FD preservation...



# Summary

- Constraints allow one to reason about **redundancy** in the data
- Normal forms describe how to **remove** this redundancy by **decomposing** relations
  - Elegant—by representing data appropriately certain errors are essentially impossible
  - For FDs, BCNF is the normal form.
- A tradeoff for insert performance: 3NF