Database Management System

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Relational Decomposition

Properties of Decomposition



- Decomposition is the process of breaking down in parts or elements.
- It replaces a relation with a collection of smaller relations.
- It breaks the table into multiple tables in a database.
- It should always be lossless, because it confirms that the information in the original relation can be accurately reconstructed based on the decomposed relations.
- If there is no proper decomposition of the relation, then it may lead to problems like loss of information.



- 1. Dependency Preservation
- 2. Lossless Join Decomposition
- 3. Lack of Data Redundancy

Dependency Preservation

- Dependency is an important constraint on the database.
- Every dependency must be satisfied by at least one decomposed table.
- O If {A → B} holds, then two sets are functional dependent. And, it becomes more useful for checking the dependency easily if both sets in a same relation.
- This decomposition property can only be done by maintaining the functional dependency.
- In this property, it allows to check the updates without computing the natural join of the database structure.
- Problem Solving on Dependency Preservation

Lossless Join Decomposition

- Decomposition must be lossless. It means that the information should not get lost from the relation that is decomposed.
- It gives a guarantee that the join will result in the same relation as it was decomposed.
- Problem Solving on Lossless Join Decomposition.



- Lack of Data Redundancy is also known as a Repetition of Information.
- The proper decomposition should not suffer from any data redundancy.
- The careless decomposition may cause a problem with the data.
- The lack of data redundancy property may be achieved by Normalization process.

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