### Codd's Rules in DBMS

#### **Rule 1: The Information Rule**

All information, whether it is user information or metadata, that is stored in a database must be entered as a value in a cell of a table. It is said that everything within the database is organized in a table layout.

#### Rule 2: The Guaranteed Access Rule

Each data element is guaranteed to be accessible logically with a combination of the table name, primary key (row value), and attribute name (column value).

# Rule 3: Systematic Treatment of NULL Values

Every Null value in a database must be given a systematic and uniform treatment.

### Rule 4: Active Online Catalog Rule

The database catalog, which contains metadata about the database, must be stored and accessed using the same relational database management system.

## Rule 5: The Comprehensive Data Sublanguage Rule

A crucial component of any efficient database system is its ability to offer an easily understandable data manipulation language (<u>DML</u>) that facilitates defining, querying, and modifying information within the database.

### Rule 6: The View Updating Rule

All views that are theoretically updatable must also be updatable by the system.

# Rule 7: High-level Insert, Update, and Delete

A successful database system must possess the feature of facilitating high-level insertions, updates, and deletions that can grant users the ability to conduct these operations with ease through a single query.

### Rule 8: Physical Data Independence

Application programs and activities should remain unaffected when changes are made to the physical storage structures or methods.

### Rule 9: Logical Data Independence

Application programs and activities should remain unaffected when changes are made to the logical structure of the data, such as adding or modifying tables.

## Rule 10: Integrity Independence

Integrity constraints should be specified separately from application programs and stored in the catalog. They should be automatically enforced by the database system.

# Rule 11: Distribution Independence

The distribution of data across multiple locations should be invisible to users, and the database system should handle the distribution transparently.

## Rule 12: Non-Subversion Rule

If the interface of the system is providing access to low-level records, then the interface must not be able to damage the system and bypass security and integrity constraints.