# Original relational table

```
CREATE TABLE loan_books

(
    school VARCHAR(50),
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    course VARCHAR(40),
    room VARCHAR(10),
    grade VARCHAR(15),
    book VARCHAR(60),
    publisher VARCHAR(30),
    loandate DATE,

PRIMARY KEY (???)
);
```

## **Assumptions**

For this task, let's assume that following statements are true:

- each teacher can work only in one school;
- each teacher only work with one grade;
- each book has a unique name (otherwise we should use tuple of book and publisher as a key);
- further assumptions are expressed in form of functional dependencies.

#### 1NF

For a table to be in the First Normal Form, it have to obey four following rules:

- Using row order to convey information is not permitted
- Mixing data types within the same column is not permitted
- Repeating groups are not permitted
- Having a table without a primary key is not permitted

Right now, the table does not have any primary keys. Let us fix it. Assuming that each teacher works only in one school, let teacher and course be primary keys.

```
CREATE TABLE loan_books
(
    school    VARCHAR(50),
    teacher    VARCHAR(30),
    course    VARCHAR(40),
    room     VARCHAR(10),
    grade    VARCHAR(15),
    book     VARCHAR(60),
    publisher    VARCHAR(30),
    loandate    DATE,

PRIMARY KEY (teacher, course)
);
```

#### 2NF

For a table to be in the Second Normal Form,

• each non-key attribute must functionally depend on the entire primary key.

Given table has the following functional dependencies:

```
{ teacher } → { school, grade, room };
{ book } → { publisher };
{ course, grade } → { book };
{ teacher, course } → { loandate }.
```

school, grade, and room does not depend on the primary key course, thus violating the condition. We can fix this issue, by splitting given table into two:

```
CREATE TABLE teachers
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    school VARCHAR(50),
    room VARCHAR(10),
    grade VARCHAR(15),
    PRIMARY KEY (teacher)
 );
CREATE TABLE loan_books
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    course VARCHAR(40),
    book
              VARCHAR(60),
    publisher VARCHAR(30),
    loandate DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY (teacher, course)
 );
```

## 3NF

For a table to be in the Third Normal Form,

• every attribute in a table should depend on the key, the whole key, and nothing but the key.

In the table loan\_books we have a dependency  $\{ book \} \rightarrow \{ publisher \}$  that violates the condition, as publisher is not in the primary key.

Again, we can fix this issue, by splitting loan\_books into two tables:

```
CREATE TABLE teachers
(
   teacher VARCHAR(30),
   school VARCHAR(50),
   room VARCHAR(10),
```

```
grade VARCHAR(15),
    PRIMARY KEY (teacher)
 );
CREATE TABLE books
 (
    book VARCHAR(60),
    publisher VARCHAR(30),
    PRIMARY KEY (book)
 );
CREATE TABLE loan_books
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    course VARCHAR(40),
    book VARCHAR(60),
    loandate DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY (teacher, course)
 );
```

### **BCNF**

For a table to be in the Boyce Codd Normal Form,

• for any dependency A  $\rightarrow$  B, A should be a super key.

```
CREATE TABLE teachers
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    school VARCHAR(50),
    room VARCHAR(10),
    grade VARCHAR(15),
    PRIMARY KEY (teacher)
 );
CREATE TABLE books
 (
    book_id INT,
    book_name VARCHAR(60),
    publisher VARCHAR(30),
    PRIMARY KEY (book_id)
 );
CREATE TABLE loaners
    loaner_id INT,
    teacher VARCHAR(30),
    course VARCHAR(40),
    PRIMARY KEY (loaner_id)
 );
```

```
CREATE TABLE loan_books
(
    loaner_id INT,
    book_id INT,
    loandate DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY (loaner_id)
);
```