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Relational Database Design – Normalization

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Learning Objectives

- 1) Normal Forms
- 2) Decomposition using Functional Dependencies
- 3) Decomposition Using Multivalued Dependencies

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Lets have recap ...

- **Relational Data Model**: This conceptual model uses *tables* (or *relations*) to represent both *data* and the *relationships* among those data
- **Data Redundancy**: It is the *repetition of same data* in multiple places within a relation or database
- **Functional Dependency**: FD is a *constraint between two sets of attributes* from the database relation
- **Closure of a Set of FDs**: The set of *all FDs logically implied* by the given set of FDs F is the closure of F (denoted by F^+)
- **Closure of Attribute Sets**: The closure of attribute set α under F (denoted by α^+) is the *set of attributes that are functionally determined by α under F*
- **Lossless Decomposition**: A decomposition is *lossless* if there is *no loss of information* by replacing relation R with the two relation schemas R_1 and R_2
- **Dependency Preserving**: A decomposition that *makes it computationally hard to enforce FDs* is said to be *NOT dependency preserving*

Normalization Theory



- ❖ The method for designing good relational database is to use a process called **Normalization**.
- ❖ The **purpose** of Normalization:
 - Minimizing **redundancy**
 - Minimizing **inconsistency**
- ❖ The **approach** of Normalization:
 - Certify whether a particular relation R is in “good form”
 - There exist many “good forms” called **normal forms (NF)**.
 - In the case that a relation R is not in “good form”, **decompose** it into set of relations $\{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$ such that
 - Each relation is in “good form”
 - The decomposition is a **lossless decomposition**
 - Preferably, all the **functional dependencies are preserved**.

Normal Forms



- Different Normal Forms:
 - Based on FDs
 - First normal form (1NF)
 - Second normal form (2NF)
 - Third normal form (3NF)
 - Boyce-Codd normal form (BCNF)
 - Based on Multivalued FDs
 - Fourth normal form (4NF)
 - Based on Join FDs
 - Fifth normal form (5NF)

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The normal form (NF) of a relation indicates the **highest degree** to which it has been normalized.

Note: Normal forms only do not guarantee a good database design. It only indicates the present status of the design.

Lossless Decomposition

We can use FDs to show when certain decomposition are lossless.

- For the case of $R = (R_1, R_2)$, we require that for all possible relations r on schema R

$$r = \Pi_{R_1}(r) \bowtie \Pi_{R_2}(r)$$

A decomposition of R into R_1 & R_2 is lossless if at least one of the following dependencies is in F^+ :

- $R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_1$
- $R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_2$

- Example:*

$$R = (A, B, C)$$
$$F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$$

Decomposition:

$$R_1 = (A, B), \quad R_2 = (A, C)$$

It is lossless as,

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = \{A\} \text{ and } A \rightarrow AB$$

Decomposition:

$$R_1 = (A, C), \quad R_2 = (B, C)$$

It is lossy as,

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = \{C\} \text{ and } C \rightarrow ??$$

Dependency Preservation

- Let F_i be the set of dependencies in F^+ that include only attributes in relation R_i .
 - A decomposition is **dependency preserving**, if and only if

$$(F_1 \cup F_2 \cup \dots \cup F_n)^+ = F^+$$

- Example:**

$R = (A, B, C)$
 $F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$
Candidate Key = $\{A\}$



Decomposition

$R_1 = (A, B), R_2 = (B, C)$

Corresponding FDs:

$F_1 = \{A \rightarrow B\}, F_2 = \{B \rightarrow C\}$

So, FDs are **preserved**.

- Example:**

$R = (A, B, C)$
 $F = \{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow B\}$
Candidate Keys = $\{AB\}, \{AC\}$



Decomposition

$R_1 = (A, B), R_2 = (B, C)$

Corresponding FDs:

$F_1 = \{ \}, F_2 = \{C \rightarrow B\}$

So, FDs are **NOT preserved**.

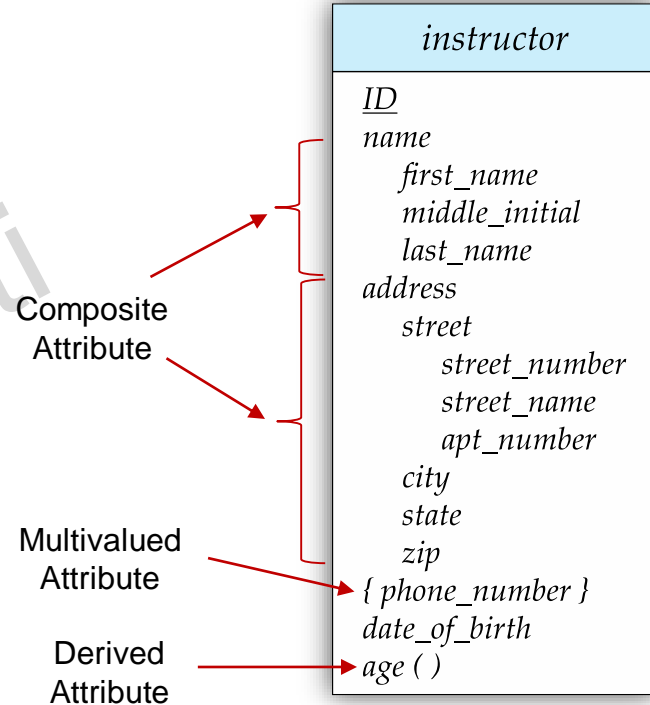


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First Normal Form (1NF)

- A relational schema R is in **1NF**
 - ✓ if the **domains** of all attributes of R are **atomic**.
- A domain is atomic
 - ✓ if its elements are considered to be indivisible units.
 - i.e., it **disallow composite** and **multivalued attributes**

instructor (ID, name{ }, address{ }, {phone_number}, date_of_birth, age())



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Few techniques for decomposing a relation into 1NF:

- 1) Remove the attribute that violates 1NF and place it in a **separate relation**
- 2) If the maximum number of values for an attribute is k , then **replace the attribute by k atomic attributes**
- 3) Few more ...

Example of 1NF Decomposition

instructor (*ID*, *name*{ }, *address*{ }, {*phone_number*}, *date_of_birth*, *age*())

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Example of 1NF Decomposition

instructor (*ID*, *name*{ }, *address*{ }, {*phone_number*}, *date_of_birth*, *age*())

first_name,
middle_name,
last_name

We should
drop it.

address (*adrs_id*, *street*, *city*, *state*, *zip*)

inst_phone (*ID*, *phone_number*)

- Decomposed Relations

instructor (*ID*, *first_name*, *middle_name*, *last_name*, *adrs_id*, *date_of_birth*)

address (*adrs_id*, *street*, *city*, *state*, *zip*)

inst_phone (*ID*, *phone_number*)



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Second Normal Form (2NF)

- A relation schema R is in **2NF**, if
 - R is in **1NF**, and
 - every **nonprime attribute** A in R is **fully functionally dependent** on the **candidate key** of R .

Example:

emp_proj(emp_id, proj_no, emp_name, salary, proj_name, building, hours)

FDs:

$emp_id \rightarrow emp_name, salary$
 $proj_no \rightarrow proj_name, building$
 $emp_id, proj_no \rightarrow hours$

} Partial functional
dependency on
candidate key

Full functional
dependency on
candidate key

So, the *emp_proj* relation is in 1NF but not in 2NF.

Example of 2NF Decomposition

Example:

emp_proj(*emp_id*, *proj_no*, *emp_name*, *salary*, *proj_name*, *building*, *hours*)

FDs:

emp_id → *emp_name*, *salary*

proj_no → *proj_name*, *building*

emp_id, *proj_no* → *hours*

- Decomposition Rule:
 - Decomposed to the relations in which **nonprime attributes** are associated only with the part of the primary key on which they are fully functionally dependent

Example of 2NF Decomposition

Example:

emp_proj (emp_id, proj_no, emp_name, salary, proj_name, building, hours)

FDs:

$emp_id \rightarrow emp_name, salary$

$proj_no \rightarrow proj_name, building$

$emp_id, proj_no \rightarrow hours$

Decomposed Relations:

employee (emp_id, emp_name, salary) FDs: $emp_id \rightarrow emp_name, salary$

project (proj_no, proj_name, building) FDs: $proj_no \rightarrow proj_name, building$

emp_proj_hrs (emp_id, proj_no, hours) FDs: $emp_id, proj_no \rightarrow hours$

- Does it lossless decomposition? => YES
- Are the FDs preserved? => YES



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Third Normal Form (3NF)

A relation schema R is in **3NF**, if

- R is in **2NF**, and
- Any **nonprime attribute** of R is **not transitively dependent** on the **candidate key** of R .

OR

A relation schema R is in **3NF**, if

for all $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ in F^+ ,

at least **one of the following** holds:

- $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is trivial (i.e., $\beta \in \alpha$)
- α is a superkey for R
- Each attribute A in $\beta - \alpha$ is contained in a candidate key for R .

Third Normal Form (3NF)

Example:

in_dept (ID, name, salary, dept_name, building, budget)

FDs:

$ID \rightarrow name, salary, dept_name$

$dept_name \rightarrow building, budget$

Does this relation in 3NF?

ID	name	salary	dept_name	building	budget
22222	Einstein	95000	Physics	Watson	70000
12121	Wu	90000	Finance	Painter	120000
32343	El Said	60000	History	Painter	50000
45565	Katz	75000	Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000
98345	Kim	80000	Elec. Eng.	Taylor	85000
76766	Crick	72000	Biology	Watson	90000
10101	Srinivasan	65000	Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000
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15151	Mozart	40000	Music	Packard	80000
33456	Gold	87000	Physics	Watson	70000
76543	Singh	80000	Finance	Painter	120000

Third Normal Form (3NF)



Example:

in_dept (ID, name, salary, dept_name, building, budget)

FDs:

ID → name, salary, dept_name

dept_name → building, budget

Does this relation in 3NF?



NO.

- In *in_dept* relation, transitive dependency exist, but no partial dependency on primary key.
- So it is in **2NF**, but **not in 3NF**.

Decomposition rule:

- Set up a relation including the **nonkey attribute(s)** that functionally determine(s) other nonkey attribute(s).

ID	name	salary	dept_name	building	budget
22222	Einstein	95000	Physics	Watson	70000
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Third Normal Form (3NF)



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in_dept (ID, name, salary, dept_name, building, budget)

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$ID \rightarrow name, salary, dept_name$

$dept_name \rightarrow building, budget$

Decomposition:

Third Normal Form (3NF)

Example:

in_dept (ID, name, salary, dept_name, building, budget)

FDs:

$ID \rightarrow name, salary, dept_name$

$dept_name \rightarrow building, budget$

Decomposition:



- **Relation 1:** *departmet* (dept_name, building, budget)
- **FDs:** dept_name \rightarrow building, budget
- **Relation 2:** *instructor* (ID, name, salary, dept_name)
- **FDs:** ID \rightarrow name, salary, dept_name

Third Normal Form (3NF)

Example 2:

dept_advisor(s_ID, i_ID, dept_name)

FDs:

$i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$

$s_ID, dept_name \rightarrow i_ID$

Candidate keys = {s_ID, dept_name}, {s_ID, i_ID}

Does this relation in 3NF?

YES

Explanation:

- {s_ID, dept_name} is a superkey
- $i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$ and i_ID is NOT a superkey, but:
 $\{dept_name\} - \{i_ID\} = \{dept_name\}$ and
 $dept_name$ is contained in a candidate key



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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- A relation schema R is in **BCNF** if
 - the relation R is in **3NF**, and
 - whenever a **nontrivial FD** $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ holds in R , then α is a **superkey** of R .

OR

- A relation schema R is in **BCNF** with respect to a set F of FDs if **for all FDs** in F^+ of the form

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

where $\alpha \subseteq R$ and $\beta \subseteq R$, at least **one of the following** holds:

- $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is trivial (i.e., $\beta \subseteq \alpha$)
- α is a superkey for R

Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)



Example:

dept_advisor(s_ID, i_ID, dept_name)

FDs:

$i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$

$s_ID, dept_name \rightarrow i_ID$

Candidate keys = {s_ID, dept_name}, {s_ID, i_ID}

Does this relation in BCNF?

NO.

Assume:

- Instructor can be associated with only a single department.
- A student may have more than one advisor, but at most one corresponding to a given department.

Explanation:

- {s_ID, dept_name} is a **superkey**
- But, only {i_ID} is **NOT** a superkey.

Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)



Example:

dept_advisor(s_ID, i_ID, dept_name)

FDs:

$i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$

$s_ID, dept_name \rightarrow i_ID$

Candidate keys = {s_ID, dept_name}, {s_ID, i_ID}

Decomposition:

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Example:

dept_advisor(s_ID, i_ID, dept_name)

FDs:

$i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$

$s_ID, dept_name \rightarrow i_ID$

Candidate keys = {s_ID, dept_name}, {s_ID, i_ID}

Decomposition:

- Relation 1: *stud_dept*(s_ID, i_ID)
- FDs: x
- Relation 2: *in_dept*(i_ID, dept_name)
- FDs: $i_ID \rightarrow dept_name$

Note: All FDs are not preserved !

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Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF

class (*course_id*, *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*, *building*, *room_no*, *capacity*, {*day*, *time*})

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *day*, *time*

FD2: *course_id* → *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

Candidate Key = {*course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*}

Decompose to 1NF:



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FD2: *course_id* → *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

Candidate Key = {*course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*}

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

Decompose to 1NF:

class_1 (*course_id*, *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*,
building, *room_no*, *capacity*, *slot_id*)

class_slot (*slot_id*, *day*, *time*)

FD1 to FD4: holds in relation *class_1*

Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF



class_1 (course_id, title, dept_name, credits, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, capacity, slot_id)

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *slot_id*

FD2: *course_id* → *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

class_slot (slot_id, *day*, *time*)

Decompose to 2NF:

Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF

class_1 (course_id, title, dept_name, credits, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, capacity, slot_id)

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *slot_id*

FD2: *course_id* → *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

class_slot (slot_id, *day*, *time*)

Decompose to 2NF:

class_1A (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, capacity, slot_id); holds FD1, FD3, FD4

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits); holds FD2

class_slot (slot_id, *day*, *time*);

Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF



class_1A (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, capacity, slot_id)

class_slot (slot_id, day, time)

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *slot_id*

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits)

FD2: *course_id* → title, dept_name, credits

Decompose to 3NF:



Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF

class_1A (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, capacity, slot_id)

class_slot (slot_id, day, time)

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *slot_id*

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FD4: *capacity* → *building*

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits)

FD2: *course_id* → title, dept_name, credits

Decompose to 3NF:

class_1A2 (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, slot_id); holds FD1

room_capacity (building, room_no, capacity); holds FD3, FD4

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits); holds FD2

class_slot (slot_id, day, time)

Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF

class_1A2 (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, slot_id)

class_slot (slot_id, day, time)

FD1: $course_id, sec_id, semester, year \rightarrow building, room_no, slot_id$

room_capacity (building, room_no, capacity)

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits)

FD3: $building, room_no \rightarrow capacity$

FD2: $course_id \rightarrow title, dept_name, credits$

FD4: $capacity \rightarrow building$

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Decomposition Example: 1NF – BCNF

class_1A2 (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, slot_id)

class_slot (slot_id, day, time)

FD1: *course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year* → *building*, *room_no*, *slot_id*

room_capacity (building, room_no, capacity)

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits)

FD3: *building*, *room_no* → *capacity*

FD2: *course_id* → *title*, *dept_name*, *credits*

FD4: *capacity* → *building*

Decompose to BCNF:

class_1A2 (course_id, sec_id, semester, year, building, room_no, slot_id); holds FD1

course (course_id, title, dept_name, credits); holds FD2

class_slot (slot_id, day, time);

cap_building (capacity, building); holds FD4

room_capacity (room_no, capacity); [FD3 is not preserved.]



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Multivalued Dependencies Definition

- Let R be a relation schema and let $\alpha \subseteq R$ and $\beta \subseteq R$.
- The **multivalued dependency**

$$\alpha \twoheadrightarrow \beta$$

holds on R if in any legal relation $r(R)$, for all pairs for tuples t_1 and t_2 in r such that $t_1[\alpha] = t_2[\alpha]$, there exist tuples t_3 and t_4 in r such that:

$$t_1[\alpha] = t_2[\alpha] = t_3[\alpha] = t_4[\alpha]$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3[\beta] &= t_1[\beta] \\ t_3[R - \alpha - \beta] &= t_2[R - \alpha - \beta] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_4[\beta] &= t_2[\beta] \\ t_4[R - \alpha - \beta] &= t_1[R - \alpha - \beta] \end{aligned}$$

Tabular
representation

	α	β	$R - \alpha - \beta$
t_1	$a_1 \dots a_i$	$a_{i+1} \dots a_j$	$a_{j+1} \dots a_n$
t_2	$a_1 \dots a_i$	$b_{i+1} \dots b_j$	$b_{j+1} \dots b_n$
t_3	$a_1 \dots a_i$	$a_{i+1} \dots a_j$	$b_{j+1} \dots b_n$
t_4	$a_1 \dots a_i$	$b_{i+1} \dots b_j$	$a_{j+1} \dots a_n$

Theory of Multivalued Dependency

- From the definition of multivalued dependency, we can derive the following rule:
 - If $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$, then $\alpha \twoheadrightarrow \beta$

That is, every FD is also a multivalued dependency, but the vice-versa is not true always.

- The **closure** D^+ of D is the set of all functional and multivalued dependencies logically implied by D .
 - We can compute D^+ from D , using the formal definitions of functional dependencies and multivalued dependencies.

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

- A relation schema R is in **4NF** with respect to a set D of **functional** and **multivalued dependencies**,

if for all multivalued dependencies in D^+ of the form $\alpha \twoheadrightarrow \beta$, where $\alpha \subseteq R$ and $\beta \subseteq R$, **at least one of the following hold**:
 - $\alpha \twoheadrightarrow \beta$ is trivial (i.e., $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ or $\alpha \cup \beta = R$)
 - α is a superkey for schema R
- If a relation is in **4NF**, then it is in **BCNF**

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

○ $R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$

$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B$

$B \twoheadrightarrow HI$

$CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$

Does this relation in 4NF?

↓ NO.

Explanation:

- since $A \twoheadrightarrow B$, but A is not a **superkey** for R

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ *Example:*

$$\circ R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI; CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$$

Decompose to 4NF:

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Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

- $R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$
 $F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI; CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$

Decompose to 4NF:

- Since $A \twoheadrightarrow B$, but A is not a **superkey** for R
- So, relation R is decomposed to,

❖ $R1 = (\underline{A}, B)$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B \}$$



It is **in 4NF**

❖ $R2 = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$

$$F = \{ CG \twoheadrightarrow H; A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI \}$$



It is **not in 4NF** as $CG \twoheadrightarrow H$
but CG is not a superkey of $R2$

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

○ $R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$

$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI; CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$

Decompose to 4NF:

❖ $R1 = (\underline{A}, B)$

$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B \}$

❖ $R2 = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$

$F = \{ CG \twoheadrightarrow H; A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI \}$

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

$$R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI; CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$$

Decompose to 4NF:

$$❖ R1 = (\underline{A}, B)$$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B \}$$

$$❖ R2 = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$$

$$F = \{ CG \twoheadrightarrow H; A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI \}$$

$$❖ R21 = (\underline{C}, \underline{G}, H)$$

$$F = \{ CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$$

$$❖ R22 = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, I)$$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow I \}$$

It is in 4NF

It is not in 4NF as $A \twoheadrightarrow I$
but A is not superkey of $R22$.

$B \twoheadrightarrow H$ is not preserved.

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

$$\circ R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow HI; CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$$

Decompose to 4NF:

❖ $R_1 = (\underline{A}, B)$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B \}$$

❖ $R_{21} = (\underline{C}, \underline{G}, H)$

$$F = \{ CG \twoheadrightarrow H \}$$

❖ $R_{22} = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, I)$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow I \}$$

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

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❖ $R221 = (\underline{A}, I)$

$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow I \}$$

It is in 4NF

❖ $R222 = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G})$

$$F = \{ \}$$

It is in 4NF

Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

❖ Example:

$$R = (\underline{A}, B, \underline{C}, \underline{G}, H, I)$$

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Decompose to 4NF:

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$$F = \{ A \twoheadrightarrow B; B \twoheadrightarrow I \}$$

❖ $R_{222} = (\underline{A}, \underline{C}, \underline{G})$

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Summary of Learning



1) Normal Forms

- 1NF
- 2NF
- 3NF
- BCNF
- 4NF

2) Decomposition Using Functional Dependencies

- 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF

4) Decomposition Using Multivalued Dependency

- 4 NF

Thank You

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See You
Next Time

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