

CSE301 – DATABASE

Normalization (Conts)

Mobile programming

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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- ❑ A given relation is called in Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF) if and only if
 - ✓ Relation already exists in 3NF..
 - ✓ For each non-trivial functional dependency $A \rightarrow B$, A is a super key of the relation.

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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- ❑ Example: The following relation is in BCNF:
- ❑ $R(A, B, C)$ FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$
- ❑ Find candidate key =?
 - So, Candidate keys are A, B, C.
- ❑ Now, we can observe that LHS of each given functional dependency is a candidate key.
- ❑ Thus, we conclude that the given relation is in BCNF.

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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- ❑ Example: The following relation is not in BCNF:
- ❑ $R(ABC)$, FD: $\{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow B\}$
- ❑ Find candidate key =?
 - So, Candidate key is = AB, AC
- ❑ Now, we can observe that LHS of each given functional dependency.
- ❑ In $AB \rightarrow C$, AB is a candidate key but $C \rightarrow B$, C is not a candidate key.
- ❑ So this relation is not in BCNF.

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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- ❑ Example: How to decompose this **relation** into **BCNF**?
- ❑ If a given functional dependency LHS is not a candidate key,
- ❑ we **remove the given functional dependency** from the relation **by placing them in a new relation** (Create a new table for each **functional dependency** which is not in BCNF).
- ❑ $R(ABC)$, $FD: \{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow B\}$ will be,
 - $R_1(\underline{ABC})$, $FD: \{AB \rightarrow C\}$ here AB is candidate key
 - $R_2(\underline{CB})$, $FD: \{C \rightarrow B\}$ here C is candidate key

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C	2	Z
C	3	W
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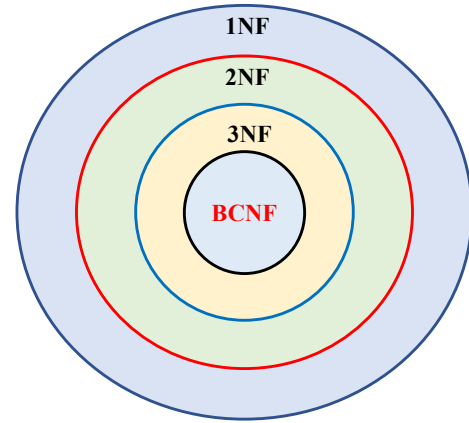
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1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF

Steps to find a relation in which normal form:

- First Check a relation is in **BCNF** or not?
- If it is not in BCNF then, Check it is in **3NF** or not?
- If it is not in 3NF then, Check it is in **2NF** or not?
- If it is not in 2NF then, it is **definitely in 1NF**.



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Find the Normal Forms

- ❑ Example: $R(ABCDEFGH)$, FD's: $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, F \rightarrow GH\}$
- ❑ Candidate key: AB, Prime attributes: A, B and Non- prime attributes: C, D, E, F, G, H
- ❑ First step, check **given relation is in BCNF or not?**
 - Check LSH of all FD's: Is it a super key or not?
 - In $AB \rightarrow C$, LSH is a super key.
 - But, in $\{A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, F \rightarrow GH\}$ LSH is not a super key.
 - So, the relation is not in BCNF. (If an FD fails, the whole relationship fails.)

If the relation is not in BCNF, then check **given relation is in 3NF or not?**

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Find the Normal Forms

- ❑ Example: $R(ABCDEFGH)$, FD's: $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, F \rightarrow GH\}$
- ❑ Candidate key: AB, Prime attributes: A, B and Non- prime attributes: C, D, E, F, G, H
- ❑ Second step, If the relation is not in BCNF, then check given relation is in 3NF or not?
 - Check all FD's: either LHS is a super key or RHS is a prime attributes?
 - In $AB \rightarrow C$, LSH is a super key.
 - In $\{A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, F \rightarrow GH\}$ LSH of every FD's are not a super key or RHS are not a prime attribute.
 - So, the relation is not in 3NF.
 - If the relation is not in 3NF, then check given relation is in 2NF or not?

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Find the Normal Forms

- ❑ Example: $R(ABCDEFGH)$, FD's: $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, F \rightarrow GH\}$
- ❑ Candidate key: AB, Prime attributes: A, B and Non- prime attributes: C, D, E, F, G, H
- ❑ Third step, If the relation is not in 3NF, then check given relation is in 2NF or not?
 - Check all FD's: Is there any Prime \rightarrow Non-prime exist or not? If exist then, it is not in 2NF
 - In $A \rightarrow DE$, Prime \rightarrow Non-prime exist. A is prime attribute and D and E are non-prime attributes. So, the relation is not in 2NF.
 - If the relation is not in 2NF, then check given relation is in 1NF.

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Find the Normal Forms: Exercises

- ❑ $R(ABCDE)$, FD: $\{CE \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow A\}$
- ❑ $R(ABCDEF)$, FD: $\{AB \rightarrow C, DC \rightarrow AE, E \rightarrow F\}$
- ❑ $R(ABCDE)$, FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, D \rightarrow A, BC \rightarrow DE\}$
- ❑ $R(ABCDE)$, FD: $\{BC \rightarrow ADE, D \rightarrow B\}$
- ❑ $R(ABCDEFGHI)$, FD: $\{AB \rightarrow D, BD \rightarrow B, AD \rightarrow GH, A \rightarrow I\}$
- ❑ $R(VWXYZ)$, FD: $\{X \rightarrow YV, Y \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow Y, VW \rightarrow X\}$
- ❑ $R(ABCDEF)$, FD: $\{ABC \rightarrow D, ABD \rightarrow E, CD \rightarrow F, CDF \rightarrow B, BF \rightarrow D\}$
- ❑ $R(ABC)$, FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

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