

## Normalization:

To restructure logical data model to :-

- ① Eliminate Redundancy
- ② Organize Data efficiently
- ③ Reduce potential for data anomalies.

Key: guarantees uniqueness, no two rows can be identical.

## Data Anomalies:

Inconsistencies in data stored in a database as a result of an operation such as update, insertion and deletion.

### Update anomaly:

Data inconsistency that results from data redundancy and a partial update.

Eg: If fee increased for course, data must be updated for more than one row.

### Insert Anomaly:

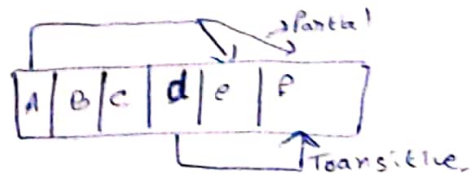
Occurs when certain attributes cannot be inserted into database without presence of other attributes.

### Delete Anomaly:

If we delete a record that may contain attributes that shouldn't be deleted.

## 1NF:

- ① Each table has a primary key.
- ② Values in each column of a table are atomic (non multi-valued).
- ③ There are no repeating groups



## 2NF

- ① It should be in 1NF
- ② There must be no partial dependency

Partial Dependency:

All non-prime attributes are <sup>not</sup> fully dependent on prime key attribute.

## Functional Dependency:

Relationship that exists when one attribute uniquely determines another attribute.

$X \rightarrow Y$  ( $Y$  is dependent on  $X$ )  
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Determinant ( $X$  determines  $Y$ )

## Axiomatic axioms:

① Reflexive Rule:  
 $X \rightarrow X$

② Augmentation:  
 $X \rightarrow Y$  then  $XZ \rightarrow Y$

③ Transitive:  
 $X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z$  then  $X \rightarrow Z$

④ Union:  
 $X \rightarrow Y, X \rightarrow Z$  then  $X \rightarrow YZ$

⑤ Decomposition:  
 $X \rightarrow Y$  then  $X \rightarrow Z$  (if  $Z$  is subset of  $Y$ )

⑥ Pseudotransitivity:  
 $X \rightarrow Y, YZ \rightarrow W$  then  $XZ \rightarrow W$ .

## 3NF:

① It should be in 2NF

② No non key attribute is transitively dependent on primary key.

## Transitive Dependency:

No non-prime attribute should determine another non-prime attribute.

## Trivial FD:

$A \rightarrow B$  is trivial if  $B$  is subset of  $A$ .

## FD closure:

Denoted by  $F^+$ ; Contains all FD's that are logically implied by  $F$ .

→ Using axioms, if we add more FD's. They are called as redundant.

## Attribute Closure:

Set of all attributes which can be functionally <sup>determined</sup> dependent from an attribute set.

Uses:

- ① Testing for Superkey
- ② Testing FD's.
- ③ Computing closure of F.

## BCNF (Boyce and Codd Normal Form)

① Every determinant is a <sup>super</sup> candidate Key.

② It should be in 3NF.

→ 3NF table which doesn't have multiple overlapping candidate keys is said to be in BCNF.

## Canonical Cover:

It is a set of FD's such that all following are satisfied:

- ① F logically implies all dependencies in  $F_c$ .
- ②  $F_c$  logically implies all dependencies in F.
- ③ No FD in  $F_c$  contains an extraneous attribute.
- ④ Each left side of FD in  $F_c$  is unique.

\* Split each right side into single one's, then combine.

## Lossless Decomposition:

- ① Union of decomposed tables' <sup>attributes</sup> should be original table's attributes.
- ② Intersection of tables' attributes shouldn't be null.
- ③ Intersection of tables must be equal to set of super keys.

→ This property ensures no spurious tuples are generated when a Natural join operation is applied to relations in decomposition.

## Spurious Tuples:

Extra tuples which might not be required.

It can be solved using ~~match~~ Chase method.

→ If it is not in lossless decomposition, then it is lossy.

### Dependency Preservation:

If union of projections of  $F$  on each  $R_i$  in  $D$  is equivalent to  $F$ :

→ If it is not dependency-preserving,  $\therefore$  dependency is lost in decomposition.

\* Each FD specified in  $F$  either appeared directly in one of relation schemas in decomposed  $D$  (or) could be inferred from dependencies.

→ Non-trivial FD's is allowed in 3NF but not in BCNF.

→ If no FD in  $F$  cause violation, then no violation in  $F$  (In BCNF).

→ 3NF: No need of losslessness (or) dependency preservation.

Disadvantage: we may have to use null values to represent some of possible meaningful relationships among data items, and there is prob. of repetition of info.