



# COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Database Management System

### FD's & Normalization

Lecture\_12



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**TOPICS  
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**01**

**Normal Forms**

**02**

**Normal Forms Decomposition**

# Normal Forms

## 15.3.5 Second Normal Form

Second normal form (2NF) is based on the concept of *full functional dependency*. A functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a **full functional dependency** if removal of any attribute  $A$  from  $X$  means that the dependency does not hold any more; that is, for any attribute  $A \in X$ ,  $(X - \{A\})$  does *not* functionally determine  $Y$ . A functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a **partial dependency** if some attribute  $A \in X$  can be removed from  $X$  and the dependency still holds; that is, for some  $A \in X$ ,  $(X - \{A\}) \rightarrow Y$ . In Figure 15.3(b),  $\{\text{Ssn}, \text{Pnumber}\} \rightarrow \text{Hours}$  is a full dependency (neither  $\text{Ssn} \rightarrow \text{Hours}$  nor  $\text{Pnumber} \rightarrow \text{Hours}$  holds). However, the dependency  $\{\text{Ssn}, \text{Pnumber}\} \rightarrow \text{Ename}$  is partial because  $\text{Ssn} \rightarrow \text{Ename}$  holds.

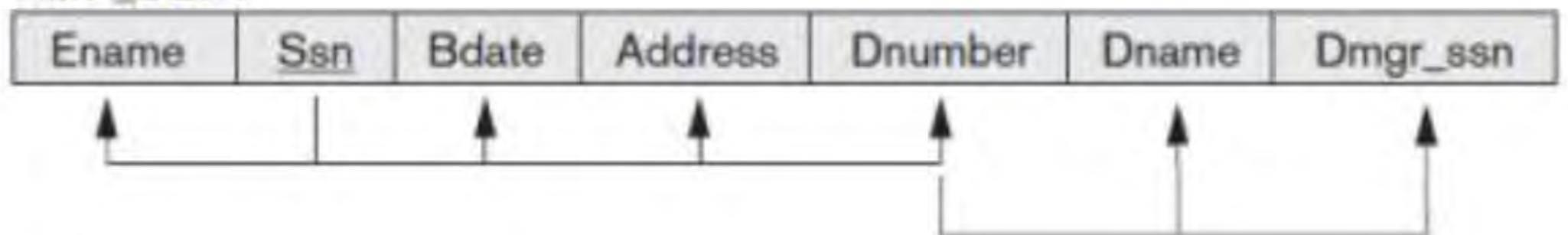
**Definition.** A relation schema  $R$  is in 2NF if every nonprime attribute  $A$  in  $R$  is fully functionally dependent on the primary key of  $R$ .

**Figure 15.3**

(a)

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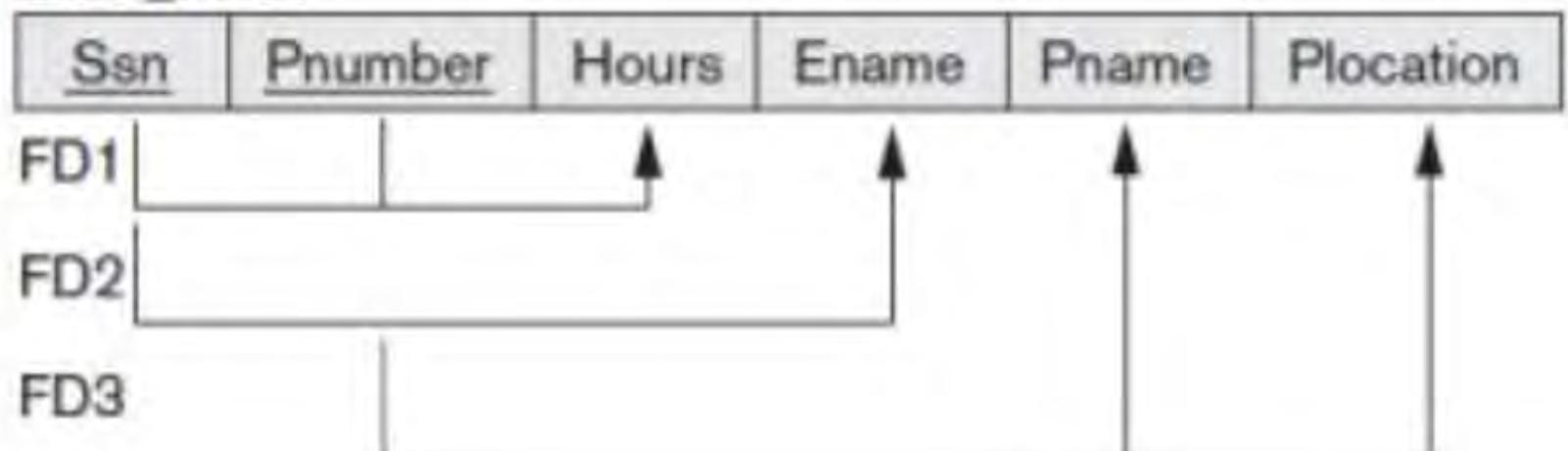
Ename	<u>Ssn</u>	Bdate	Address	Dnumber	Dname	Dmgr_ssn



(b)

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<u>Ssn</u>	Pnumber	Hours	Ename	Pname	Plocation
FD1					
FD2					
FD3					



## Normal Forms

8.17 A functional dependency  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  is called a **partial dependency** if there is a proper subset  $\gamma$  of  $\alpha$  such that  $\gamma \rightarrow \beta$ . We say that  $\beta$  is *partially dependent* on  $\alpha$ . A relation schema  $R$  is in **second normal form** (2NF) if each attribute  $A$  in  $R$  meets one of the following criteria:

- It appears in a candidate key.
- It is not partially dependent on a candidate key.

## Normal FORM

① LNF

Possible Non Trivial FD which Cause Redundancy

CASE I, CASE II, CASE III

Partial FD &  
FULL FD Concept

$R(ABCDEF) \{ABC \rightarrow DE, DE \rightarrow ABC, AB \rightarrow D, DE \rightarrow F, E \rightarrow C\}$

- (i)  $ABC \rightarrow D \rightarrow$  Partial
- (ii)  $AE \rightarrow C \rightarrow$  Partial
- (iii)  $AF \rightarrow D \rightarrow$  FULL FD
- .....
- (iv)  $AB \rightarrow D \rightarrow$  FULL FD
- (v)  $AC \rightarrow D \rightarrow$  FULL FD
- (vi)  $BC \rightarrow D \rightarrow$  FULL FD
- (vii)  $DE \rightarrow C$   $\rightarrow$  Partial FD ( $B \subset 2 \in \rightarrow C$ )
- (viii)  $AB \rightarrow F \rightarrow$  FULL FD.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & AF \rightarrow D \\
 & A \rightarrow D \times [A]^+ = [A] \\
 & F \rightarrow D \times [F]^+ = [F] \\
 \therefore & AF \rightarrow D \text{ is FULL FD.}
 \end{aligned}$$

## second Normal Form [2NF]

A Relation Schema R is in 2NF iff

(i) R is in 1NF

(ii) R does not contain this Case



if this case exist then Not in 2NF

Only  
Violation of  
2NF.

P.F.D  
P.F.D

$R(ABC)$   $[AB \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow C]$

Candidate key = AB

Non key Attribute = C



$$2+2=4$$

$$2*2=4$$

$$3+3=6$$

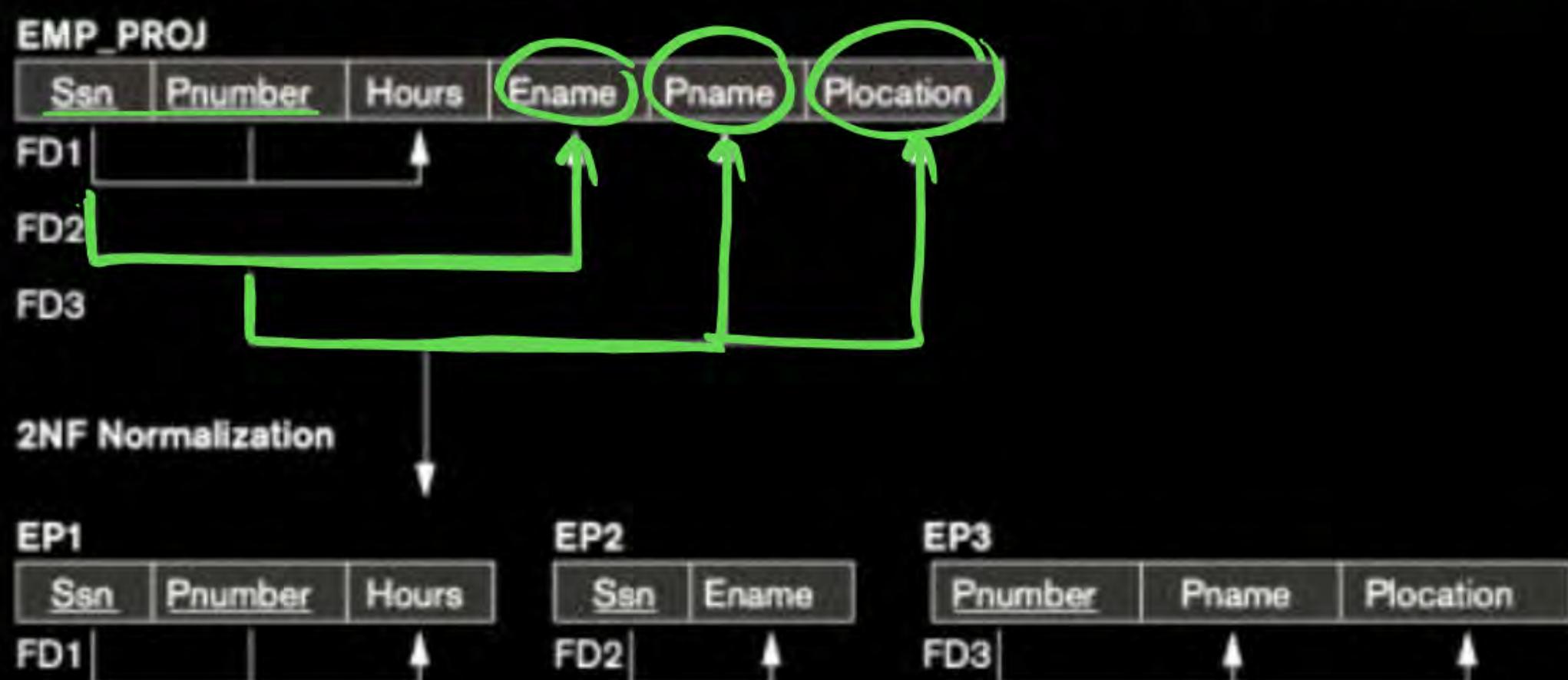
$$3*3=9$$

$R \in 2^{\circ}$   $AB \rightarrow C$  is PFD.

# Normal Forms

## Second Normal Form

**Definition:** A relation schema R is in 2NF if every nonprime attribute A in R is fully functionally dependent on the primary key of R.



$$(AB)^+ = ABC$$

CK: AB

AB determines all attributes of Relation R.

$AB \rightarrow C$  is P.F.D

R(ABC)

$A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow C$

Candidate key = AB  
Non key Attribute = C

Check 2NF?

$A \rightarrow C$

$B \rightarrow C$

Poorer Subset of C.R

Nonkey Attribute

Not in 2NF

Violation of 2NF

$A \rightarrow C$   
 $B \rightarrow C$  @

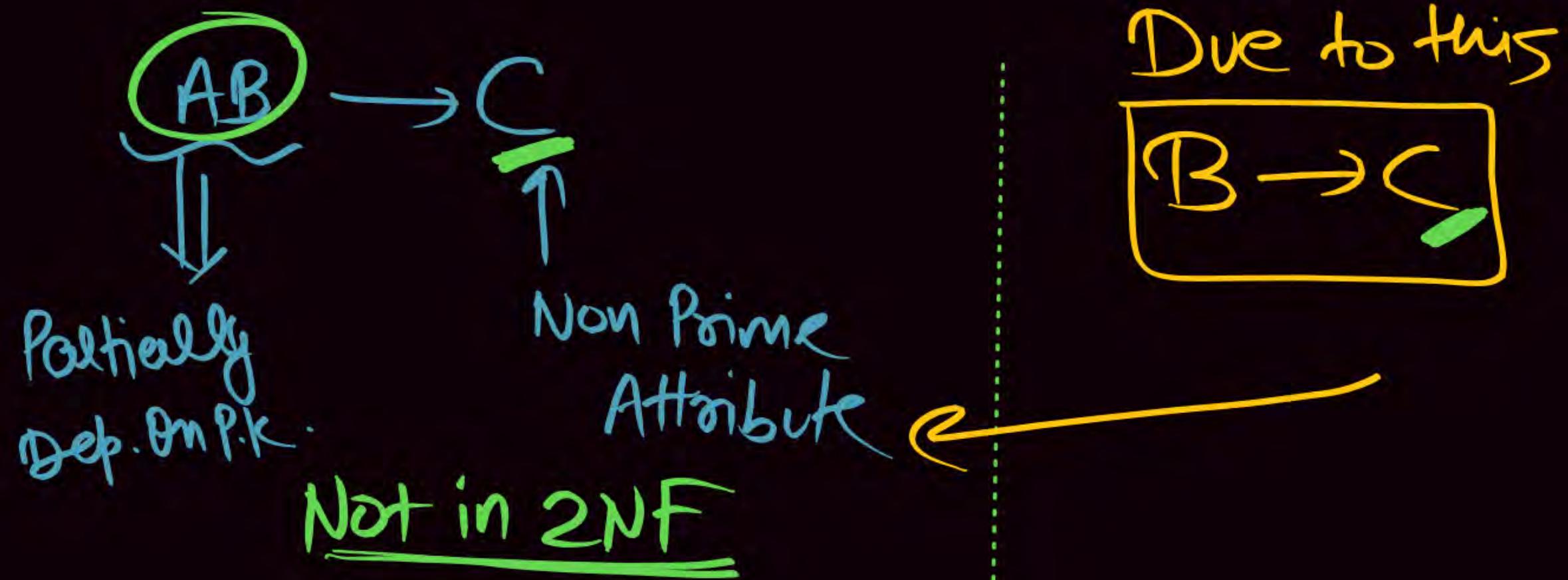
then  $AB \rightarrow C$  is Partial FD

Not fully Dep. on P.K.

Non key Attribute

P.F.D

$R(ABC)$  [ $AB \rightarrow C$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ]



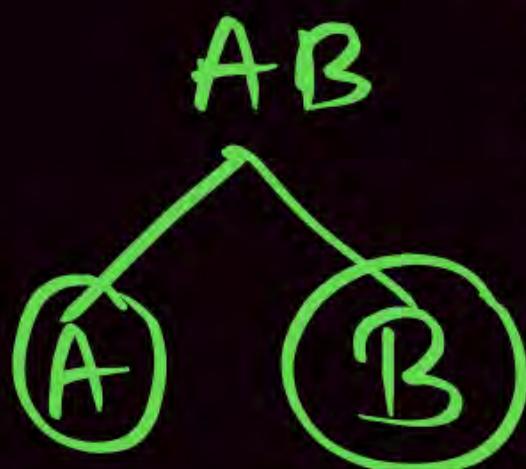
$R(\underline{ABCDEF}G)$

$\boxed{AB}$  is Candidate key.

P.F.D

$\begin{array}{l} AB \rightarrow C \\ AB \rightarrow D \\ AB \rightarrow E \\ AB \rightarrow F \\ AB \rightarrow G \end{array}$

$(AB)^+ = [ABCDEFG]$



Non key Attribute = (C, D, E, F, G)

if

$A \rightarrow C$   
 $A \rightarrow D$   
 $A \rightarrow E$   
 $A \rightarrow F$   
 $A \rightarrow G$

OR

$B \rightarrow C$   
 $B \rightarrow D$   
 $B \rightarrow E$   
 $B \rightarrow F$   
 $B \rightarrow G$

Q.

Let  $R(A, B, C, D, E, P, G)$  be a relational schema in which the following functional dependencies are known to hold:

$$AB \rightarrow CD, DE \rightarrow P, C \rightarrow E, P \rightarrow C \text{ and } B \rightarrow G.$$

The relational schema R is

- A In BCNF
- B In 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C In 2NF, but not in 3NF
- D Not in 2NF

*Candidate key = [AB]*

*Non key Attribute = [C, D, E, P, G]*

$B \rightarrow G$

↑  
Proper subset  
of C.K

↑  
Non key  
Attribute

Not in 2NF

## 2NF (Second Normal Form)

A Relation R is in 2N Fib

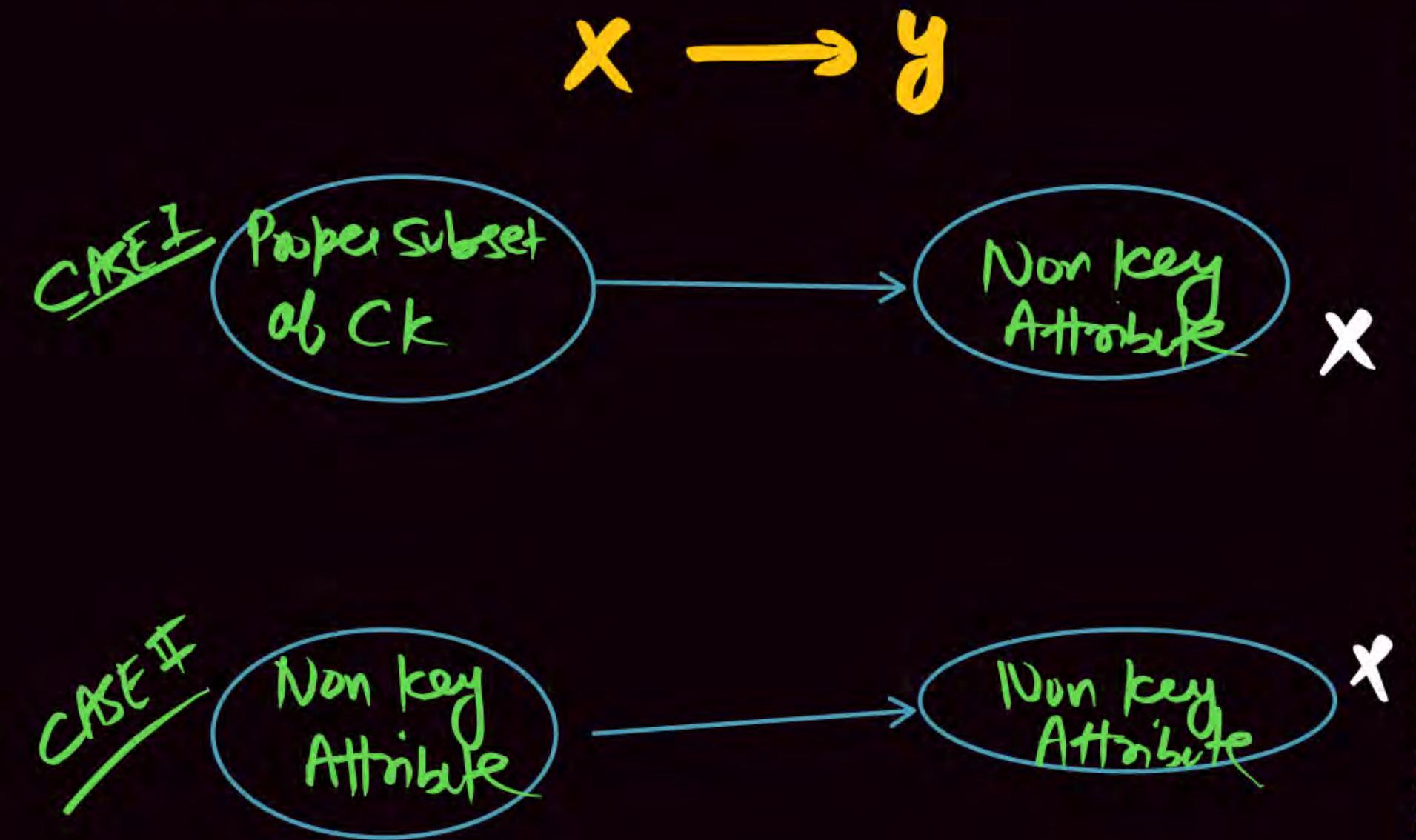
① R is in 1NF

② R does not contain



Not in 2NF.

# Third Normal Form [3NF]



A Relation Schema R is in 3NF iff every  $X \rightarrow Y$  Non Trivial FD Must Satisfy the following Condition

$$X \rightarrow Y$$

X: Super key  
OR

Y: key/Prime Attribute

## 3NF

A Relation R is in 3NF iff

- ① R is in 2NF.
- ② R does ~~not~~ contain Any Transitive Dependency.

$R(ABC)$   $[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

C.K: A

Non key attribute =  $[CB, C]$

Transitive Dep.

$B \rightarrow C$   
N.K  
N.K



$A \rightarrow B \quad \& \quad B \rightarrow C$

then  $A \rightarrow C$  is Transitive  
Dep.

$X \rightarrow Y$  is in  
3NF

either

X: Super key

(OR)

Y: Key / Prime  
Attribute

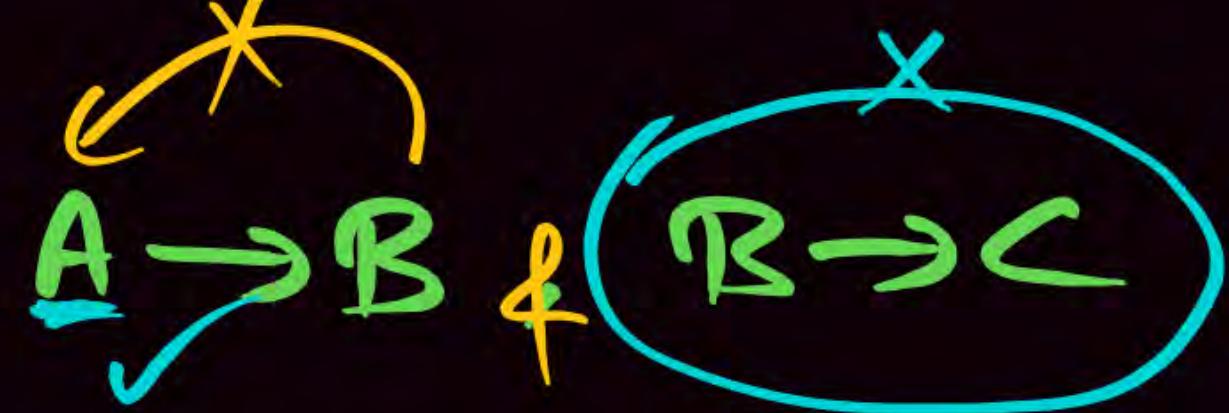
$R(ABC)$  [ $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ]

C.K: A

Non key Attribute = [B, C]

Transitive Dep.

$B \rightarrow C$   
N.K  
N.K



Check 3NF? then  $A \rightarrow C$  is Transitive  
Dep.

Not in 3NF

$A \rightarrow B$  ✓ 3NF

$B \rightarrow C$  X 3NF [B is Not Super Key or  
C is Non key Attribute]

✓  $X \rightarrow y$  is in 3NF

either

X: Super key

(OR)

y: Key / Prime  
Attribute

(eg)

R(ABC)

[ $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A \rightarrow C$ ]

Candidate key = [A]

Non key Attribute = (BC)

Check 3NF ?

$A \rightarrow B$  ✓ 3NF [A is subkey]

$A \rightarrow C$  ✓ 3NF [A is subkey]

✓

3NF

$X \rightarrow Y$

X: subkey

as

Y: key/Prime  
Attribute

$R(ABCD)$  [  $AB \rightarrow CD$ ,  $D \rightarrow A$  ]

Candidate key = [  $AB$ ,  $DB$  ]

Check 3NF ?

$x \rightarrow y$   
either

$x$ : Subkey  
**OR**

$y$ : Primekey Attribute

$AB \rightarrow CD$  ✓ 3NF [ $\because AB$  is Subkey]

$D \rightarrow A$

$x \rightarrow y$

✓ 3NF [ Here  $D$  is Not Subkey  
But  $A$  is key/Prime Attribute ]

# Normal Forms

## Third Normal Form

Definition: According to Codd's original definition, a relation schema R is in 3NF if it satisfies 2NF and no nonprime attribute of R is transitively dependent on the primary key.

Definition: A relation schema R is in third normal form (3NF) if, whenever a nontrivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow A$  holds in R either (a) X is a superkey of R, or (b) A is a prime attribute of R.

$X \rightarrow A$   
(a)  $\rightarrow X$ : superkey      OR      (b) A is key/Prime

$R(ABC)$

$[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

Candidate key =  $(A)$

Check 3NF ?

~~B is  
key~~

(i)

$B \rightarrow C$

N.K  
Attribute

Not in  
3NF

(ii)

$B \rightarrow C$

~~B is  
Not  
Super  
key~~

OR

~~C: Not key  
Attribute.~~

Non key Attribute =  $(B, C)$

(iii)

$A \rightarrow C$

Here Non key  
Attribute  
(C) Transitive  
Determine by Primary  
key  $(A)$ .

$A \rightarrow B \& B \rightarrow C$

then

$A \rightarrow C$  is  
transitive FD.

C (Non key) Attribute is

T.D on P.K A.

$R(ABC)$  [ $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ]

C.K: A

Non key Attribute =  $\{B, C\}$

Transitive Dep.

$B \rightarrow C$   
N.K



$A \rightarrow B \& B \rightarrow C$

then  $A \rightarrow C$  is Transitive  
Dep.

$A \rightarrow B$  ✓ 3NF Not in 3NF

$B \rightarrow C$  X 3NF  $\begin{cases} B \text{ is Not Super Key} \\ C \text{ is Non key Attribute} \end{cases}$

$X \rightarrow Y$  is in 3NF

either

X: Super key

(OR)

Y: Key / Prime  
Attribute

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Ename	<u>Ssn</u>	Bdate	Address	Dnumber	Dname	Dmgr_ssn
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3NF Normalization

**ED1**

Ename	<u>Ssn</u>	Bdate	Address	Dnumber
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**ED2**

Dnumber	Dname	Dmgr_ssn
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## Boyce – Codd Normal Form

**Definition:** A relation schema R is in BCNF if whenever a nontrivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow A$  holds in R, then X is a superkey of R.

Every  $X \rightarrow Y$  Non Trivial FD Must  
Satisfy the following  
Condition.

X: Super key.

## 2NF Checking



Violation of 2NF

## 3NF Checking

Every Non Trivial FD

$X \rightarrow Y$  Must satisfy  
following Condition

either

$X$  : Super key

OR

$Y$  : key / Prime Attribute

## BCNF Checking

Every  $X \rightarrow Y$  Non Trivial  
FD is in BCNF  
iff

~~$X \rightarrow Y$~~

$X$  : Super key.

# Important Points [1NF]

① If a Relation R has only One Candidate key

then R always is in 1NF But May or May Not in 2NF, 3NF & BCNF.

e.g. R(ABCDE) [AB → C, C → D, B → E]

Candidate key = [AB]

Non key Attribute = [C, D, E]

B → E

Violation of 2NF So Not in 2NF

# Important Points [2NF]

If In a Relation R, all Candidate keys are Simple keys (No Composite key) then Relation R

always is in **2NF** But may @ May Not in **3NF** & **BCNF**

③ R(ABCDE) [ $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ,  $C \rightarrow D$ ,  $D \rightarrow E$ ,  $C \rightarrow A$ ]

Candidate keys =  $\underline{A}$ ,  $\underline{C}$ ,  $\underline{B}$

Non prime Non key Attribute =  $(D, E)$

All keys are simple so R is in **2NF**

But May Not in **3NF**

$\underline{D \rightarrow E}$  Not in **3NF**

D: is Not Super key

E is Not key / Prime Attribute.

# Important Points [3NF]

3NF either X: super key  
or  
Y: key | Prime Attribute

If in a Relation all Attribute is a key | Prime Attribute

then Relation R always is in 3NF But May or May Not in BCNF

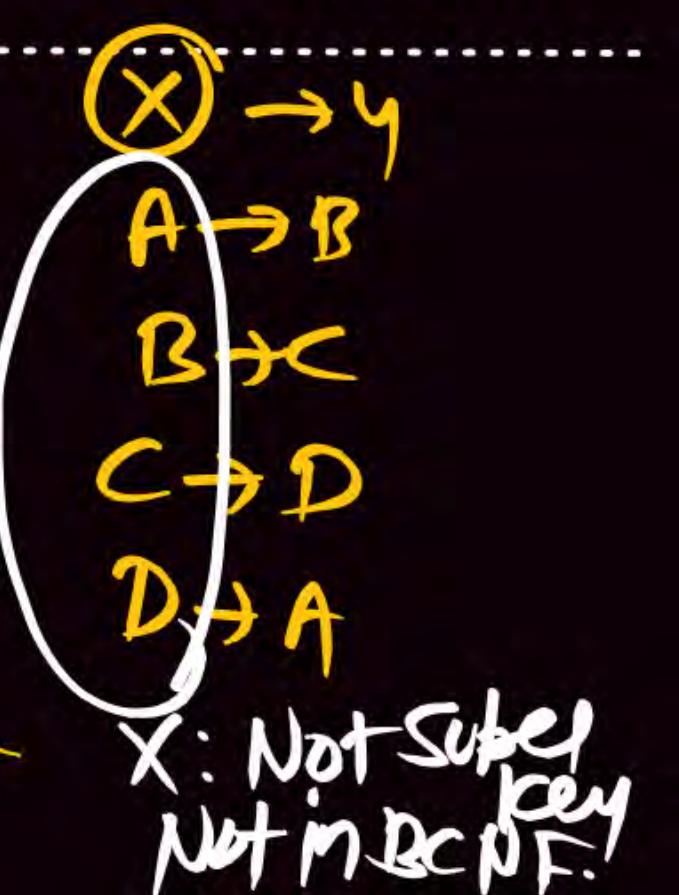
(Q)

R(ABCDE) [A → B, B → C, C → D, D → A]

Candidate Key = [AE, BE, CE, DE]

key | Prime Attribute = [A, B, C, D, E]

All Attribute are key | Prime then R is in 3NF But Not in BCNF



# Important Points [BCNF]

① If R is in 3NF & All Candidate keys are simple

Candidate key (No Composite key) then R always is in BCNF.

Ex) R(ABCD) [ $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$ ]

Candidate key = [A, B, C, D]

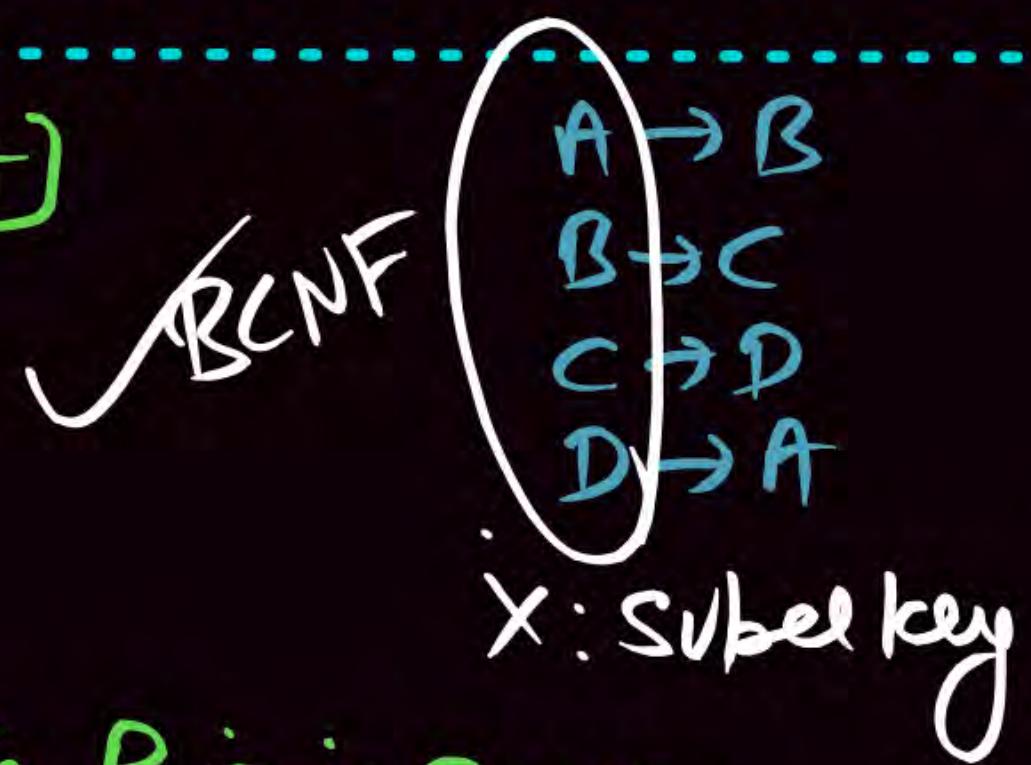
Prime Key Attribute = [A, B, C, D]

Here all attributes

are Prime/Key Attribute

So R is in 3NF

& If all keys are simple ck ...



So R is in BCNF.

## Transitive FD

$A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$

then  $A \rightarrow C$  is Transitive FD

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow B \& B \rightarrow C$

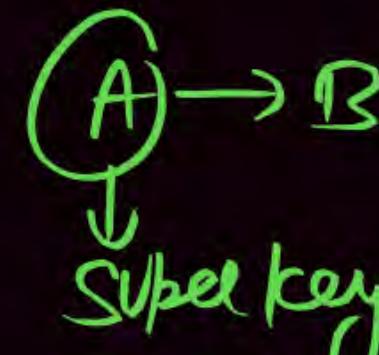
$(B)^+ = [BCDA]$

# Important Points [BCNF]

② Binary Relation (Relation with 2 Attributes)  
is always in BCNF

$R(AB)$  ( $A \rightarrow B$ )

Candidate key:  $[A]$



$\therefore R \text{ is in BCNF}$

$R(AB)$  ( $B \rightarrow A$ )

Candidate key =  $[B]$

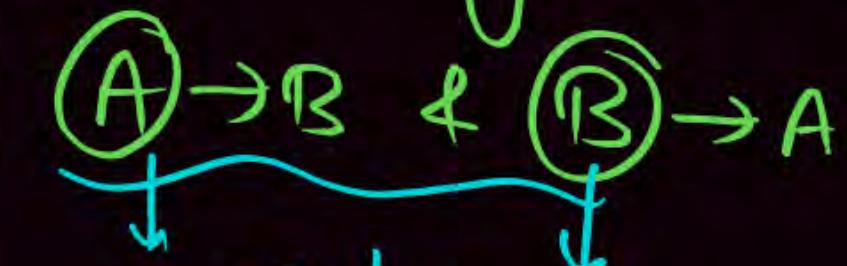


Subkey

$\therefore R \text{ is in BCNF}$

$R(AB)$  ( $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A$ )

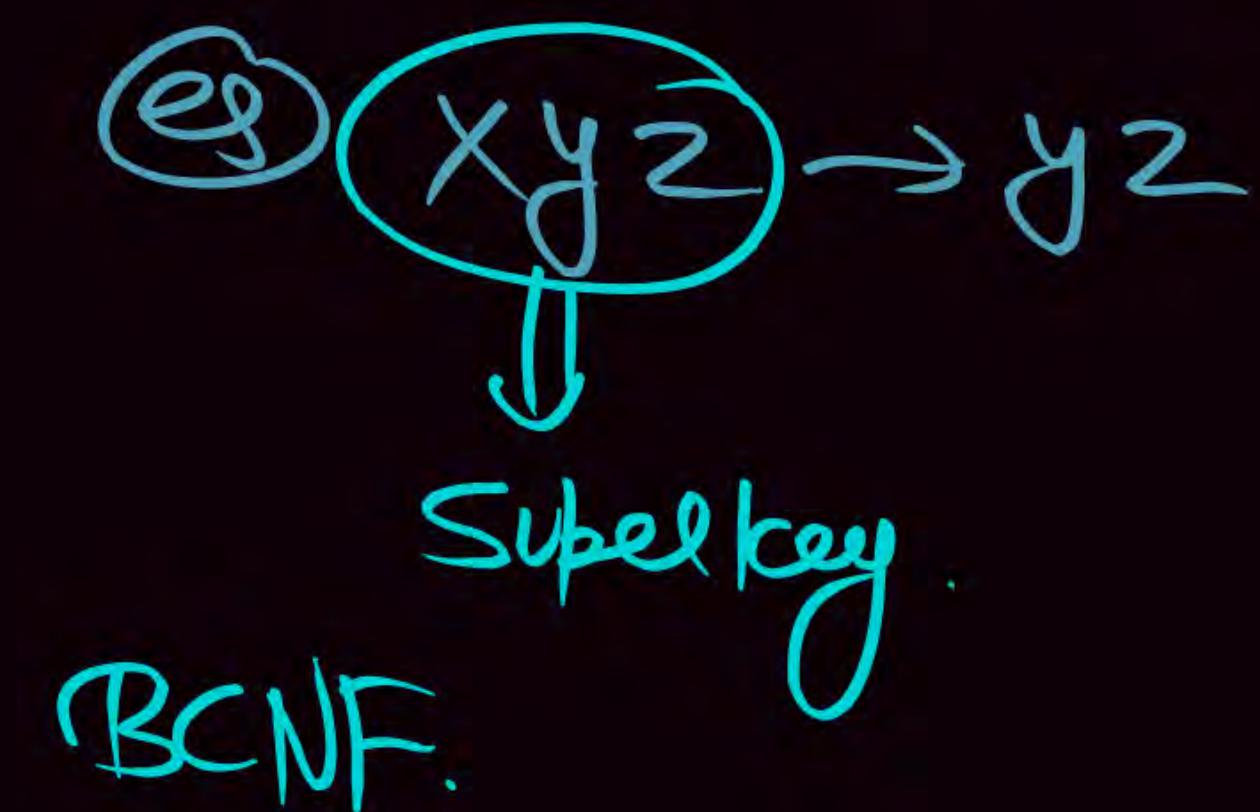
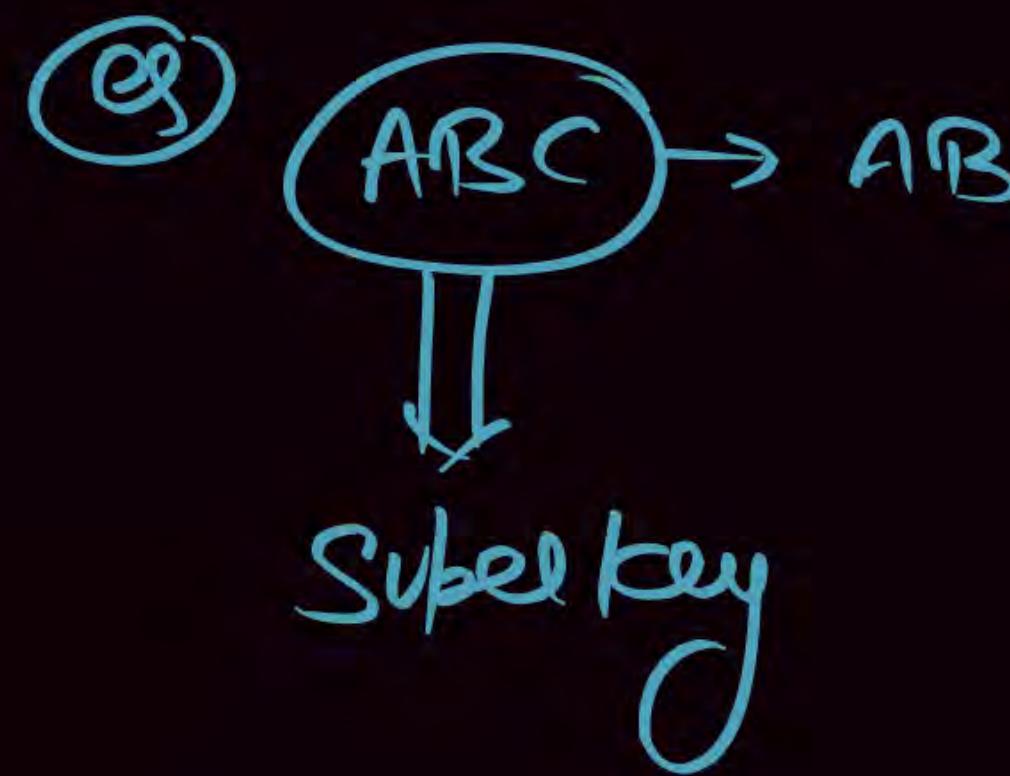
Candidate key =  $[A, B]$



Subkey  
 $\therefore R \text{ is in BCNF}$

# Important Points [BCNF]

③ A Relation R with No Non Trivial FD is in BCNF  
(Trivial FD in BCNF)



<u>Design Goal</u>	LNF	2NF	3NF	BCNF
O.I. Redundancy	✗	✗	✗	✓
Lossless Join	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dependency Preserving	✓	✓	✓	May / May Not

But Subsel  
M.V.F.D  
 $X \rightarrow Y$

**Q.**

In a relational data model, which one of the following statements is TRUE? 

- A** A relation with only two attributes is always in BCNF.
- B** If all attributes of a relation are prime attributes, then the relation is in BCNF.
- C** Every relation has at least one non-prime attribute.
- D** BCNF decompositions preserve functional dependencies.

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The relational schema  $R$  is

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- B** In 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C** In 2NF, but not in 3NF
- D** Not in 2NF

**Q**

Consider the following statements:

**[MSQ]** 

- S<sub>1</sub>: If every attribute is prime attribute in R, then Relation R will always be in BCNF.
- S<sub>2</sub>: Any Relation with two Attribute is in 3 NF and 2 NF.
- S<sub>3</sub>: If every key of relation R is a simple candidate key (No composite key) then the relation R not always in NF.
- S<sub>4</sub>: In BCNF there is always a lossless join and Dependency Preserving Decomposition.

Which of the above statement are incorrect

**A**S<sub>1</sub>**B**S<sub>2</sub>**C**S<sub>3</sub>**D**S<sub>4</sub>

**Q**

The relation scheme student Performance (name, courseNO,  
rollNo, grade) has the following functional dependencies:

P  
W

**[2004: 2 Marks]**

name, courseNo  $\rightarrow$  grade

RollNo, courseNo  $\rightarrow$  grade

name  $\rightarrow$  rollNo

rollNO  $\rightarrow$  name

The highest normal form of this relation scheme is

**A**

2 NF

**B**

3 NF

**C**

BCNF

**D**

4 NF

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Consider a relation R(A, B, C, D, E) with the following three functional dependencies.

$$AB \rightarrow C ; BC \rightarrow D ; C \rightarrow E;$$

The number of super keys in the relation R is \_\_\_\_\_.

[GATE-2022-CS: 1M]

Consider a relational table R that is in 3 NF, but not in BCNF. Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

[GATE-2020-CS: 2M]

- A R has a non-trivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow A$ , where X is not a superkey and A is a prime attribute.
- B R has a non-trivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow A$ , where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is not a proper subset of any key.
- C R has a non-trivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow A$ , where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is a proper subset of some key.
- D A cell in R holds a set instead of an atomic value.

**MCQ**

Let the set of functional dependencies  $F = \{QR \rightarrow S, R \rightarrow P, S \rightarrow Q\}$  hold on a relation schema  $X = (PQRS)$ .  $X$  is not in BCNF. Suppose  $X$  is decomposed into two schemas  $Y$  and  $Z$ , where  $Y = (P R)$  and  $Z = (Q R S)$ .

Consider the two statements given below.

- I. Both  $Y$  and  $Z$  are in BCNF
- II. Decomposition of  $X$  into  $Y$  and  $Z$  is dependency preserving and lossless

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

[GATE-2019-CS: 2M]

- A Both I and II
- B I only
- C II only
- D Neither I nor II

**Q.**

Consider the following four relational schemas. For each schema, all non-trivial functional dependencies are listed. The underlined attributes are the respective primary keys.

**Schema I: Registration (rollno, courses)**

Field 'courses' is a set-valued attribute containing the set of courses a student has registered for.

Non-trivial functional dependency:

$\text{rollno} \rightarrow \text{courses}$

**Schema II: Registration (rollno, courseid, email)**

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{email}$

$\text{email} \rightarrow \text{rollno}$

**A Schema I**

**B Schema II**

**C Schema III**

**D Schema IV**

**Schema III: Registration (rollno, courseid, marks, grade)**

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{marks, grade}$

$\text{marks} \rightarrow \text{grade}$

**Schema IV: Registration (rollno, courseid, marks, credit)**

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{credit}$

$\text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{credit}$

Which one of the relational schemas above is in 3NF but not in BCNF?

**[MCQ: 2018: 2M]**

**Q.**

A database of research articles in a journal uses the following schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, YEAR, PRICE)

The primary key is (VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) and the following functional dependencies exist in the schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE)  $\rightarrow$  TITLE

(VOLUME, NUMBER)  $\rightarrow$  YEAR

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE)  $\rightarrow$  PRICE.

The database is redesigned to use the following schemas.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, PRICE)

(VOLUME, NUMBER, YEAR)

Which of the weakest normal form that the new database satisfies, but the old one does not?

[MCQ: 2016: 1M]

**A** 1NF

**C** 2NF

**B** 3NF

**D** BCNF

Given an instance of the STUDENTS relation as shown below:

Student ID	Student Name	Student Email	Student Age	CPI
2345	Shankar	shankar@math	X	9.4
1287	Swati	swati@ee	19	9.5
7853	Shankar	shankar@cse	19	9.4
9876	Swati	swati@mech	18	9.3
8765	Ganesh	ganesh@civil	19	8.7

For (Student Name, Student Age) to be a key for this instance, the value X should NOT be equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[GATE-2014-CS: 1M]

The maximum number of superkeys for the relation schema R (E, F, G, H) with E as the key is \_\_\_\_\_.

[GATE-2014-CS: 1M]

Given the following two statements:

- S1: Every table with two single-valued attributes is in 1 NF, 2 NF, 3 NF and BCNF.
- S2:  $AB \rightarrow C$ ,  $D \rightarrow E$ ,  $E \rightarrow C$  is a minimal cover for the set of functional dependencies  $AB \rightarrow C$ ,  $D \rightarrow E$ ,  $AB \rightarrow E$ ,  $E \rightarrow C$ .

Which one of the following is CORRECT?

[GATE-2014-CS: 2M]

- A** S1 is TRUE and S2 is FALSE.
- B** Both S1 and S2 are TRUE.
- C** S1 is FALSE and S2 is TRUE
- D** Both S1 and S2 are FALSE.

**MCQ**

Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH.

Fields of R contain only atomic values.

$F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$  is a set of functional dependencies (FDs) so that  $F^+$  is exactly the set of FDs that hold for R.  
How many candidate keys does the relation R have?

[GATE-2013-CS: 2M]

A 3

B 4

C 5

D 6

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The relation R is

[GATE-2013-CS: 2M]

- A in 1 NF, but not in 2 NF.
- B in 2 NF, but not in 3 NF.
- C in 3NF, but not in BCNF.
- D in BCNF.

Which of the following is TRUE?

[GATE-2012-CS: 1M]

- A** Every relation in 3 NF is also in BCNF
- B** A relation R is in 3 NF if every non-prime attribute of R is fully functionally dependent on every key of R
- C** Every relation in BCNF is also in 3 NF
- D** No relation can be in both BCNF and 3 NF

# MCQ

Consider the following relational schemes for a library database:

Book (Title, Author, Catalog\_no, Publisher, Year, price)

Collection (Title, Author, Catalog\_no)

With the following functional dependencies:

- I. TitleAuthor → Catalog\_no
- II. Catalog\_no → Title Author Publisher Year
- III. Publisher Title Year → Price

Assume { Author, Title} is the key for both schemes.

Which of the following statements is true?

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- A Both Book and Collection are in BCNF
- B Both Book and Collection are in 3 NF only
- C Book is in 2 NF and Collection is in 3NF
- D Both Book and Collection are in 2 NF only

Let  $R(A, B, C, D, E, P, G)$  be a relational schema in which the following functional dependencies are known to hold:

$AB \rightarrow CD$ ,  $DE \rightarrow P$ ,  $C \rightarrow E$ ,  $P \rightarrow C$  and  $B \rightarrow G$ .

The relational schema  $R$  is

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- A in BCNF
- B in 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C in 2 NF, but not in 3 NF
- D not in 2 NF

**Q**

Relation R is decomposed using a set of functional dependencies, F, and relation S is decomposed using another set of functional dependencies, G. One decomposition is definitely BCNF, the other is definitely 3NF, but it is not known which is which. To make a guaranteed identification, which one of the following tests should be used on the decompositions? (Assume that the closures of F and G are available).

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- A** Dependency-preservation
- B** Lossless-join
- C** BCNF definition
- D** 3 NF definition

Q

Which of the following relational schema with given FD's follows is/are in BCNF?

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- A R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ,  $C \rightarrow D$ ,  $D \rightarrow E$ ,  $C \rightarrow A$ }
- B R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $C \rightarrow D$ ,  $D \rightarrow E$ }
- C R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ,  $C \rightarrow D$ ,  $D \rightarrow A$ }
- D R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ,  $C \rightarrow A$ }

**THANK  
YOU!**

