

Relational Database Design

- Relational model - ensures data accuracy, consistency & easy retrieval.
- It is a key concept in DBMS
- It organizes data in a structured and efficient way by representing data & their relationships using tables.
- Terminology -
  - Each table is called a Relation.
  - The column of the table are called attributes
  - The rows of the table are called Tuples.
- Management
  - It primarily uses SQL (Structured Query Language) to manage & query data stored in tables with predefined relationships.
- Relational Integrity -
  - Relational Integrity refers to a set of rules and constraints in a relational database that ensures accuracy, consistency & validity of the data.
  - They are essential for maintaining a high quality relational database.
  - They are mainly the following types of relational integrity constraints -
    - ① Domain
    - ② Entity
    - ③ Referential
    - ④ Enterprise

## ① Domain Constraints -

- It ensures that attributes (columns) in a relation (table) have valid values.
- Every column has a defined domain.
- DBMS enforces that values inserted/updated in a column must belong to its domain.
- The domain defines → data type, Range of values, format or pattern, specific set of values.

e.g.

- Age must be an integer & greater than 0
- Email must follow a valid email format
- Gender can only be male, female, other

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CREATE TABLE Employee (
    EmpID INT Primary Key,
    Name varchar(50) NOT NULL,
    Age INT CHECK (Age > 18),
    Gender varchar(10) CHECK (Gender IN ('Male',
    'Female', 'Other'))
);
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## ② Entity Integrity Constraint -

- This is the rule about the Primary key of table.
- Ensures each row in a table is unique.
- Primary key can never be null & must be unique.
- If primary key is NULL or repeated, the table cannot uniquely identify rows, causing confusion & data inconsistencies.

eg. Student table:

Roll-No (PK)	Name
101	Dee
102	Swarn
NULL	Yash

- NULL is not allowed because the row cannot be identified

### ③ Referential Integrity

- Referential integrity ensures that relationships between tables remain consistent.
- This is enforced using foreign keys.

Rules:-

- A foreign key value must match an existing Primary key value in the parent table.

- If a referenced record is deleted, the database must decide what to do -

- CASCADE (delete child records)
- SET NULL
- RESTRICT (stop deletion)

Reason -

This avoids 'orphan records' where a record points to a non-existing parent

eg. Create table Department(  
DeptID Int Primary key,  
DeptName varchar(50)  
);

Create table Employee(  
EmpID Int Primary key,  
Name varchar(50),  
DeptID Int,  
Foreign key (DeptID) References  
Department(DeptID)

This ensures an employee cannot be assigned to a non-existent department

business rules

### (9) Enterprise (Business) Constraints.

- Enterprise constraints go beyond primary key, foreign key, or domain rules.
- They enforce real-life conditions that the business requires.
- The rules come from the policies, procedures, & requirements of the enterprise (company).

eg -

A bank may say min balance must be £500  
 A company may say employee age must be atleast 18  
 A college may say attendance must be atleast 75%.

These rules are defined using -

- CHECK constraints
- Triggers
- stored procedures
- Application logic

- These constraints ensure that the database supports the actual working rules of the organization.

### CODD'S RULES TWELVE [12]

- E.F. Codd proposed 12 rules (also called Codd's 12 commandments) which should be satisfied by the relational model.
- Codd's Rules are basically used to check whether DBMS has the quality to become RDBMS.
- Importance / significance -
- Provide a standard to judge whether a DBMS is truly relational .



- Ensure data consistency, integrity, correctness
- support high-level non-procedural access (SQL)
- Promote data independence.
- Improve security, accuracy, & flexibility in data management
- Prevents DBMS from using only partial relational features
- In short, Codell's rules were designed to guarantee that a system follows proper relational principles & is not just "relational by name."

### Rule 0

#### foundation Rule :-

A system must be able to manage databases entirely through its relational capabilities to be called an RDBMS.

Eg - SQL server or MySQL uses tables, keys & relational operations (like JOIN) - so they qualify

### Rule 1

#### Information Rule :-

- All data should be represented as values in tables.

Eg - Student names, roll numbers, & marks are stored as values in rows & columns of table

Roll No	Name	Marks
101	Dee	85
102	Yash	92

Rule 2:-Guaranteed Access Rule :-

Every data item must be accessible by table name, primary key, & column name

eg- You can access Dea's marks using

`SELECT Marks FROM Students WHERE Roll no = 101;`

Rule 3Systematic Treatment of Nulls -

Null values must be treated consistently, representing

- missing value
- unknown value
- Not applicable value

- DBMS must support NULLS without breaking rules.

eg- If Yash's marks are not available, we store it as NULL

Rollno	Name	Marks
102	Yash	NULL

Rule 4Dynamic Online Catalog

The database should have a catalog that can be queried using SQL

eg- You can query table structure using;

`SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables;`

Rule 5Comprehensive Data Sub-language Rule

The system must support at least one language that supports data definition, manipulation, constraints, and access

eg- SQL can create tables, insert data, define constraints -

`CREATE TABLE Students (----);`

Rule 6View Updating Rule

All views that can be updated theoretically should be updatable by the system.

e.g. Updating a view should update the base table, if logically possible.

Rule 7 :-High-level Insert, Update, Delete

You should be able to manipulate sets of data (not just one row at a time).

e.g.

Update all students who score less than 50

`UPDATE Students SET marks = marks + 5 WHERE Marks < 50;`

Rule 8 :-Physical Data Independence

Changes in physical storage should not affect how data is accessed.

e.g.-

Moving a table's storage file shouldn't affect your SQL queries.

Rule 9Logical Data Independence

Changes in logical schema should not break existing applications.

e.g.-

Adding a new column like Email shouldn't break queries using only Name & Marks.

Rule 10Integrity Independence -

Integrity constraints should be stored in the catalog & not in application code.

eg-

Defining a constraint in SQL, not in appl' cod:  
`ALTER TABLE Students ADD CONSTRAINT pk  
 Primary key (Roll no);`

Rule 11Distribution Independence

A user should not know whether the database is: Centralized, Distributed, Replicated.

The system must handle distribution automatically.

Rule 12Non-subversion Rule

If a system provides low-level access, it must not bypass relational security & integrity rules

eg. You can't insert data that violates constraints using low-level tools like file editors or APIs

# Anomaly & Normalization

- An anomaly is an error or irregular behavior in inserting, updating or deleting data because the table is not properly structured.
- When database is poorly designed, it may contain redundant & repeating data, which causes three major anomalies -



## INSERT anomaly

- Consider the following table - Student\_Course

StudentID	StudentName	CourseID	CourseName	Instructor
101	Amita	CSE101	DBMS	Dr. Jadhav
102	Bob	CSE102	OS	Dr. Kadam
101	Amita	CSE101	OS	Dr. Kadam

- This above table violates normalization rules & can lead to anomalies

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## INSERT Anomaly:-

You cannot insert data into a table because some other data is missing.

e.g.

Suppose a new course is added (CSE103 - Networks taught by Dr. Sapkal) but no student has enrolled yet.

- We can't insert this course because - The table requires a StudentID & StudentName, but we

don't have any student yet for this course

- We are forced to insert NULL or fake student data, which violates data integrity.

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### UPDATE Anomaly

occurs when same data is repeated in multiple rows, & updating it in one place but not in others causes inconsistencies.

eg. Amrita is enrolled in two courses. Her name is stored in multiple rows-

studentID	studName	
101	Amrita	
102	Amrita	

suppose Amrita changes her name to 'Dee'.

- We need to update all rows where Amrita appears
- if we miss one, the database has inconsistent data.

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### DELETE Anomaly

occurs when deleting some data unintentionally causes loss of additional useful data.

eg. suppose Bob drops all his courses. we delete his record  
`DELETE FROM student.Course WHERE StudentID = 102;`

- Bob's record is deleted, but also the course CSE102 taught by Dr. Kadam may no longer exist in table if no other student was enrolled in it.
- We lose course data, even though course might still be valid.

## Solution - NORMALIZATION

### Overall Impact on Database Design:-

- These anomalies lead to -
- Redundancy
- Inconsistency
- Storage waste
- Complex update operations
- Poor reliability & bad database structure.
- Data loss due to delete anomalies  
thus, database become incorrect, unreliable & inefficient.

### SOLUTION - [NORMALIZATION]

- To avoid these anomalies, we use normalization, which involves dividing data into logical tables & establishing relationships.

Normalized form eg.

#### ① Student Table

student ID	student Name
101	Ananya
102	Bob

#### ② Course Table

CourseID	CourseName	Instructor
CSE101	DBMS	Dr. J.
CSE102	OS	Dr. K.

(3) Enrollment Table

StudentID	CourseID
101	CSE101
102	CSE102
101	CSE102

• How Normalization remove these anomalies:-

- Normalization is a step-by-step process of organizing data in a database to remove redundancy and improve integrity.
- It uses functional dependencies to decide how to break tables.
- Normalization uses a series of rules called - Normal forms: - 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF

- Rule ① 1NF [First Normal Form] -
- Each column should have atomic values
  - Each row must be unique.
  - Helps avoid insert anomalies because data is organized properly.

eg. Before 1NF

Student ID	Name	Subjects
1	Adeea	Maths, Science
2	Yash	English, Hindi

After Applying 1NF

Student ID	Name	Subject
1	Adeea	Maths
1	Adeea	Science
2	Yash	English
2	Yash	Hindi

- 2NF [Second Normal form]  
A table is in 2NF if -
  - It is already in 1NF &
  - There is no partial dependency (non-key col depends on only one part of a composite primary key)
  - Only applies to tables with composite primary keys

e.g. Table (Not in 2NF)

Student-ID	Course-ID	Student-Name	Course-Name
1	C1	Ashu	DBMS
2	C2	Ashish	OS

Primary key = {Student-ID, Course-ID}

Student Name depends only on Student-ID  
 Course Name depends only on Course-ID  
 Both are partial dependencies.

- Convert to 2NF

①	Student Table	Student-ID   Student-Name
②	Course Table	Course-ID   course.Name
③	Enrollment Table	Student-ID   Course-ID

- Now, -
- No partial dependencies
  - Proper separation of data
  - The tables are in 2NF.

## 3NF (Third Normal form)

- A table is in 3NF if -
- It is already in 2NF &
- There is no transitive dependency. A  $\rightarrow$  C TD.  
(Non key col should not depend on another non key col) only depend on PK.

eg. Not in 3NF -

RollNo(PK)	Student_Name	Class	ClassTeacher
1	Tanu	TE	Mrs. Patil
2	Swarn	TE	Mrs. Patil

transitive dependency - RollNo  $\rightarrow$  Class  $\rightarrow$  ClassTeacher

Convert to 3NF -

T. ① student	Rollno	student_Name	Class

  

T. ② class	Class	Class Teacher

## BCNF (Boyce Codd Normal form)

- A stricter version of 3NF
- In BCNF, the left side of every functional dependency must be a key.
- If the left side is not a key, the relation is not in BCNF.

eg. Teacher	subject	Room	Teacher $\rightarrow$ Room subject, room $\rightarrow$ Teacher PK = (Teacher, subject)
A	DBMS	101	
B	OS	102	
A	OS	103	

Teacher → Room

Teacher is not key  
Violates BCNF

Convert to BCNF

T1 -

|Teacher| Room|

T-2

|subject| Teacher|

Now every functional dependency has a key on the left, so these tables are in BCNF

Difference -

3NF

BCNF

①	3NF is less strict	① BCNF is more strict
②	Allows some anomalies to remain	② Removes almost all anomalies
③	There should be no transitive dependency	③ Left side of functional dependency must be a key
④	Every relation in BCNF is also in 3NF	④ Every 3NF relation is not always BCNF
⑤	Easier to achieve	⑤ Harder to achieve
⑥	Removes most redundancy	⑥ Removes all redundancy

## DECOMPOSITION -

- Decomposition is the process of breaking a relation (table) into two or more smaller relations  $\rightarrow$  in such a way that the data becomes easier to manage, redundancy reduces, & anomalies are removed.
- It's used primarily during normalization to ensure the database is well structured.

- Desirable Properties of Decomposition -  
A good decomposition must satisfy the following properties -

### ① Lossless-Join Property -

- No info should be lost during decomposition.
- After joining the decomposed tables, we should get back the exact original relation (table).

### ② Dependency Preservation -

- All functional dependencies of the original table should be preserved in the decomposed tables. This helps in easy enforcement of constraints without needing joins.

### ③ No Redundancy -

- The decomposition should minimize duplicate data & avoid anomalies.

### ④ Higher Normal forms

- The resulting relations should ideally be in 2NF, 3NF, or BCNF, ensuring fewer anomalies & better structure.

when you split one big table into smaller tables, lossless condition ensures that no data is lost

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### Types - ① Lossless Decomposition :-

A decomposition is lossless if joining the decomposed tables returns exactly the original data with no extra or missing tuples (rows).

#### • Lossless Condition -

for decomposition  $R \rightarrow R_1, R_2$ :  
 $(R_1 \cap R_2) \rightarrow R_1$  OR  $(R_1 \cap R_2) \rightarrow R_2$

- The common attributes must be a superkey for at least one of the decomposed relations.

### ② Lossy Decomposition :-

A decomposition is lossy when:  
OR  
You lose some original information  
You get extra noise (wrong) rows  
when you join the tables again.

- This happens when the common attributes are not superkey in either of the decomposed tables.

Q. Relation -  $f(FN, PN, C, D)$

Functional dependencies -

①  $FN, PN \rightarrow C$

②  $C \rightarrow D$

③  $D \rightarrow F$

Decompositions:  $F_1 (FN, PN, C)$   
 $F_2 (C, D)$

Step 1 - Find Common Attributes

$F_1 (FN, PN, C)$

$F_2 (C, D)$

Common attribute = C

Thus,  $R_1 \cap R_2 = C$

Step 2 - Check if C is a key

$F_2 (C, D)$

FD:  $C \rightarrow D$

so C determines D

Therefore, C is a key for  $F_2$

Condition satisfied:  $(R_1 \cap R_2) \rightarrow R_2$   
 i.e.  $C \rightarrow (C, D)$  is true

The decomposition is lossless

Reason - Because the common attribute C functionally determines all attributes of relation  $F_2 (C \rightarrow D)$ , meaning C is a key for  $F_2$

Thus, the decomposition  
 $F \rightarrow F_1 (FN, PN, C) + F_2 (C, D)$   
 is lossless decomposition.

# FUNCTIONAL DEPENDENCY (FD)

- Functional Dependency is a relationship between attributes (columns) in a relational database.
- When one column (attribute) in a table uniquely decides the value of another column, it is called a functional dependency.
- This relationship is denoted as:  

$$\boxed{X \rightarrow Y}$$

X is determinant (attribute on left side of FD)  
Y is dependent attribute (attribute on right side of FD)

e.g. Rollno  $\rightarrow$  Name

Rollno = X  $\rightarrow$  determinant

Name = Y  $\rightarrow$  dependent attribute

- Use of FD in database design -

FD are used to design a good database tables.

FD's are useful in the foll'n ways-

① Identifying keys -

FD's help to find - Candidate keys  
Primary keys

e.g. If RollNo  $\rightarrow$  Name, Address, Branch  
Then Roll no is candidate key

② Removing redundancy -

FDs show where unnecessary repeating data exists. Using FDs we can split table to

remove duplicate data.

### ③ Avoiding Anomalies -

FDS help remove - Update, Insert, Delete anomalies  
So the database becomes more consistent

### ④ Normalization -

FDS are the basis of normalization -

1NF - remove repeating groups

2NF - remove partial dependency

3NF - remove transitive dependency

BCNF - strengthen key dependencies

Every decomposition is done using FDS

D. Consider the instance of the relation market  
(MarketName, Product, stock):

MarketName	Product	Stock
s1	Toothpaste	14
s1	Biscuits	8
s1	Shampoo	8
s2	Toothpaste	30
m1	Chocolates	50
m2	Cakes	19

Identify the functional dependencies that can be found in the given instance

→ To identify the functional dependencies, we observe the repeating values in table

Given - market (MarketName, Product, Stock)

Observation - A market can have many products  
A product can appear in many markets

Stock value is different for each Market-Product Pair

e.g. Toothpaste in S1  $\rightarrow$  stock = 14

Toothpaste in S2  $\rightarrow$  stock = 30

Therefore, neither MarketName alone nor Product alone can determine stock

$\therefore$  Valid FD -  $(\text{MarketName}, \text{Product}) \rightarrow \text{stock}$

The combination of MarketName & Product uniquely determines the stock value

$\therefore FD = \{(\text{MarketName}, \text{Product}) \rightarrow \text{stock}\}$

Q. Student (RollNo, Branch-code, Marks-Obtained, Exam-name, Total-Marks)  
 Identify FD & check whether the given schema is in 3NF or no. If not putify & convert into 3NF

→ Step 1 - Identify FDs:-

① Rollno  $\rightarrow$  Branch-code

②  $(\text{Rollno}, \text{Exam-Name}) \rightarrow \text{Marks-Obtained}$

③ Exam-Name  $\rightarrow$  Total-Marks

Step 2 - Check for BNF

FD1: RollNo → Branch-code — BNF OK

FD2: (RollNo, Exam\_Name) → Marks\_Obtained → BNF OK

FD3: Exam\_Name → Total\_Marks —  
Not a key

Step 3 - Convert into BNF

① Student Table      Student(RollNo, Branch-code)

② Exam Table      Exam(Exam\_name, Total\_Marks)

③ Marks Table      Marks(RollNo, Exam\_name, Marks\_Obtained)

• FD Types -

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Full FD -

$X \rightarrow Y$  is full if  $Y$  depends on all attributes of  $X$ , and not on any part of  $X$

eg - Relation - Student(RollNo, Subject, Marks)

Candidate key - (RollNo, Subject)

FD: (RollNo, Subject) → Marks

Hence, it is a full functional dependency.

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Partial FD:-

$X \rightarrow Y$  is Partial if  $Y$  depends on only part of a composite key, not the whole key

eg - Relation - Student(RollNo, Subject, StudentName)

Composite key - (Roll No, subject)

FD: Roll No  $\rightarrow$  Student Name.

Student Name depends only on Roll No, not on subject

This is a partial dependency.

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Transitive Dependency -

- A dependency  $X \rightarrow\! Z$  is transitive if  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow Z$
- & Y is not a key attribute

Eg. Relation - Employee (empID, DeptID, DeptName)

FDC - EmpID  $\rightarrow$  DeptID

DeptID  $\rightarrow$  DeptName

So, EmpID  $\rightarrow$  DeptName through DeptID  
This is transitive dependency

LHS = {A, B}

RHS = {A} (1)

RollNo  $\rightarrow$  Name (2)

Trivial - If RHS is inside LHS

Non-Trivial - If RHS is outside LHS.

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features of good relational database design

minimal redundancy

No update anomalies

Proper use of functional dependencies

Proper normalization

Clear & simple schema

Data Integrity

Efficient Query Performance

Flexibility & Expandability

Strong Relationship Between tables