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Homework #5

Problem 1:

1. State if **A** (is a superkey), **B** (superkey that is also a candidate key), or **C** (is not a superkey)

{ city_name, state } : **B**
{ city_name, state, mayor } : **A**
{ city_name } : **C**
{ state, governor } : **C (MAYBE A)**

2. 500 rows

3. Identify a trivial functional dependency

If we have $\alpha = \{ \text{city_name, state, governor} \}$ and then $\beta = \{ \text{state, governor} \}$. β here would be a subset of α .

4. Identify a non-trivial functional dependency (left-side = superkey)

If we have $\alpha = \{ \text{city_name, state} \}$ and then $\beta = \{ \text{mayor} \}$. β here would not be a subset of α and α is a superkey.

5. Identify a non-trivial functional dependency (left-side = not superkey)

If we have $\alpha = \{ \text{state} \}$ and then $\beta = \{ \text{governor} \}$. β here would not be a subset of α and α is not a superkey.

6. Decompose Schema into two Schemas (BCNF)

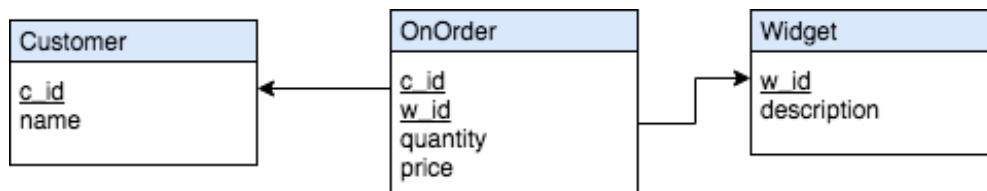
States(state, governor)

Cities(city_name, state, mayor)

7. 1 row

Problem 2:

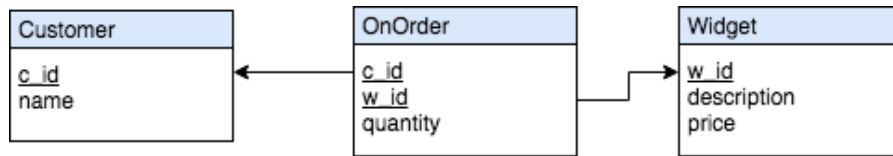
1. Create a relational schema for the ER diagram



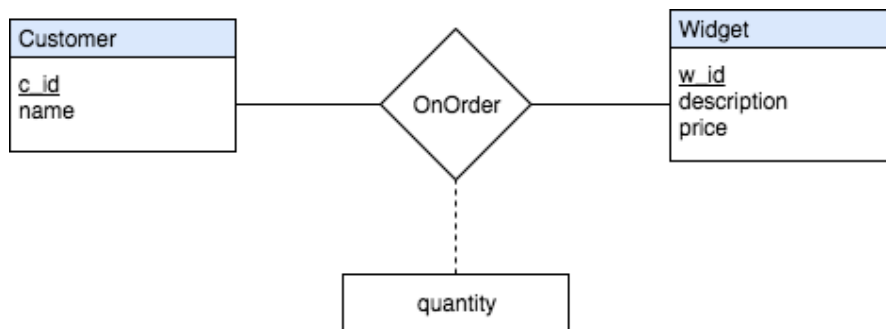
2. Identify a non-trivial functional dependency where the left side is not a superkey

$\{ w_id \} \rightarrow \{ price \}$ is a non-trivial functional dependency where w_id is not a superkey in the relation **OnOrder**

3. Decompose into BCNF Schemas



4. Fix the ER Diagram so that it is now BCNF



Previously, the ER diagram assigned the attribute “price” to the relationship set **OnOrder**. Given that the price was unique to each widget, the relation **OnOrder** would contain duplicate information: the tuple $\{ w_id, price \}$. To prevent this, price should be moved as an attribute of the **Widget** entity set.