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Lecture 22 Canonical Cover

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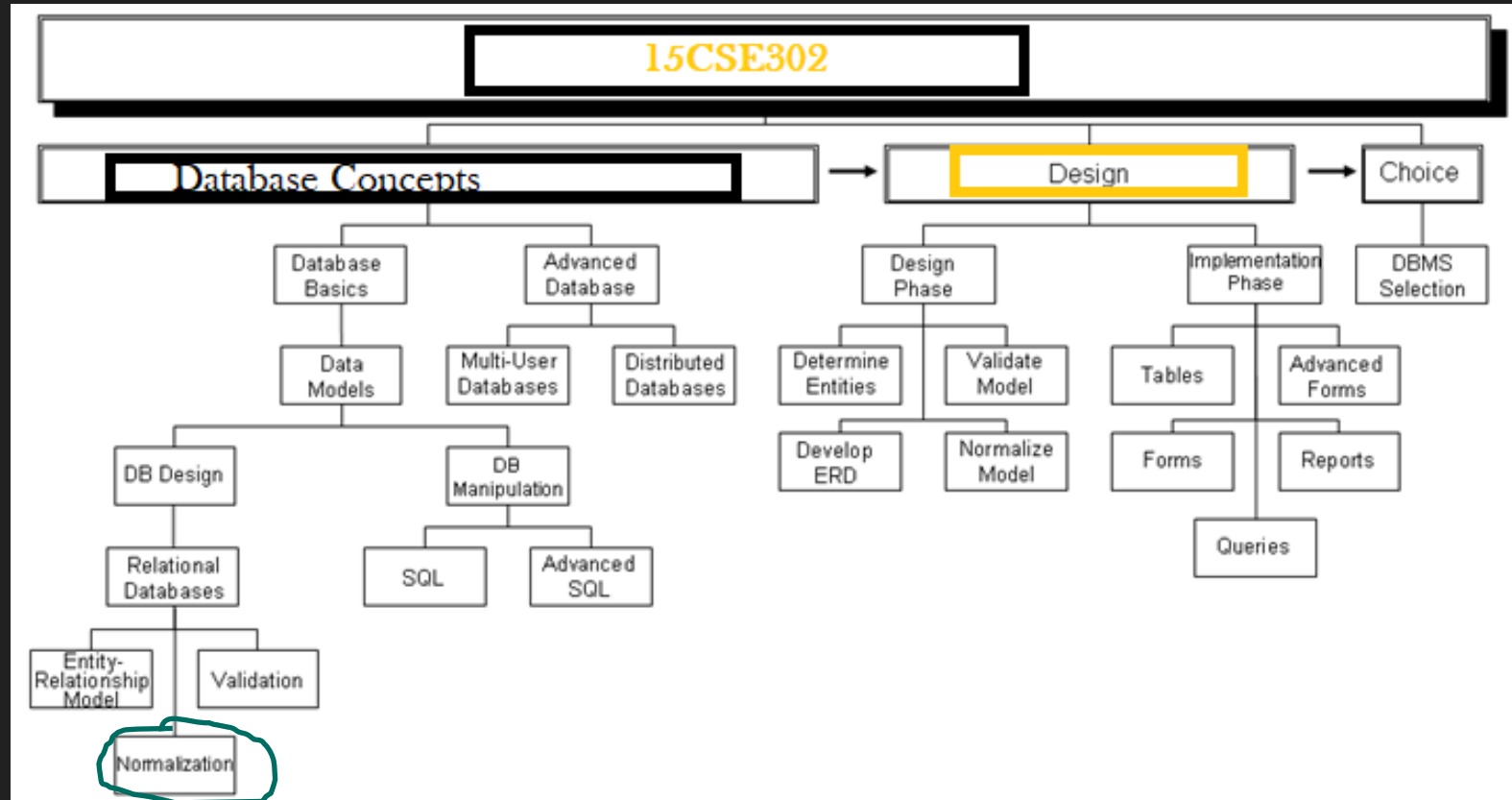
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Syllabus



Brief Recap of Previous Lecture

- Closure of FD
- Closure of Attributes



Today we'll discuss

Canonical Cover

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- Suppose that we have a set of functional dependencies F on a relation schema.
- Whenever a user performs an update on the relation, the database system must ensure that the update does not violate any functional dependencies; that is, all the functional dependencies in F are satisfied in the new database state.
- If an update violates any functional dependencies in the set F , the system must roll back the update.
- We can reduce the effort spent in checking for violations by testing a simplified set of functional dependencies that has the same closure as the given set.
- This simplified set is termed the **canonical cover**

Extraneous Attribute

❏ To define canonical cover we must first define **extraneous attributes**.

An attribute of a functional dependency in F is **extraneous** if we can remove it without changing F^+

Extraneous Attribute

Removing an attribute from the left side of a functional dependency could make it a stronger constraint.

For example

- if we have $AB \rightarrow C$ and remove B, we get the possibly stronger result $A \rightarrow C$.
- It may be stronger because $A \rightarrow C$ logically implies $AB \rightarrow C$, but $AB \rightarrow C$ does not, on its own, logically imply $A \rightarrow C$

Extraneous Attribute

But, depending on what our set F of functional dependencies happens to be, we may be able to remove B from $AB \rightarrow C$ safely.

For example, suppose that

- $F = \{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow C\}$
- Then we can show that F logically implies $A \rightarrow C$, making extraneous in $AB \rightarrow C$.

Extraneous Attribute

- An attribute of a functional dependency in F is **extraneous** if we can remove it without changing F^+

Extraneous Attribute

Consider a set F of functional dependencies and the functional dependency $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ in F .

■ Remove from the left side:

Attribute A is **extraneous** in α if

- $A \in \alpha$ and
- F logically implies $(F - \{\alpha \rightarrow \beta\}) \cup \{(\alpha - A) \rightarrow \beta\}$.

Extraneous Attribute

Consider a set F of functional dependencies and the functional dependency $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ in F .

Remove from the right side:

■ Attribute A is extraneous in β if

- $A \in \beta$ and
- The set of functional dependencies

$(F - \{\alpha \rightarrow \beta\}) \cup \{\alpha \rightarrow (\beta - A)\}$ logically implies F .

■ Note: implication in the opposite direction is trivial in each of the cases above, since a “stronger” functional dependency always implies a weaker one

Testing an Extraneous Attribute

Let R be a relation schema and let F be a set of functional dependencies that hold on R .

Consider an attribute in the functional dependency $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$.

- To test if attribute $A \in \beta$ is extraneous in β
 - Consider the set:
$$F' = (F - \{\alpha \rightarrow \beta\}) \cup \{\alpha \rightarrow (\beta - A)\},$$
 - check that α^+ contains A ;
 - if it does, **A is extraneous in β**

Testing an Extraneous Attribute

- To test if attribute $A \in \alpha$ is extraneous in α
 - Let $\gamma = \alpha - \{A\}$.
 - Check if $\gamma \rightarrow \beta$ can be inferred from F .
 - Compute γ^+ using the dependencies in F
 - If γ^+ includes all attributes in β then , A is extraneous in α

Testing an Extraneous Attribute

- Let $F = \{AB \rightarrow CD, A \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C\}$
- To check if C is extraneous in $AB \rightarrow CD$, we:
 - Compute the attribute closure of AB under $F' = \{AB \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C\}$
 - The closure is $ABCDE$, which includes CD
 - This implies that C is extraneous

Canonical Cover

A **canonical cover** for F is a set of dependencies F_c such that

- F logically implies all dependencies in F_c , and
- F_c logically implies all dependencies in F , and
- No functional dependency in F_c contains an **extraneous attribute**, and
- Each **left side of functional dependency in F_c is unique**.
That is, there are no two dependencies in F_c
 - $\alpha_1 \rightarrow \beta_1$ and $\alpha_2 \rightarrow \beta_2$ such that
 - $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$

Canonical Cover

- To compute a canonical cover for F :

repeat

Use the union rule to replace any dependencies in F of the form

$$\alpha_1 \rightarrow \beta_1 \text{ and } \alpha_1 \rightarrow \beta_2 \text{ with } \alpha_1 \rightarrow \beta_1 \beta_2$$

Find a functional dependency $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ in F_c with an extraneous attribute either in α or in β

/ Note: test for extraneous attributes done using F_c , not F */*

If an extraneous attribute is found, delete it from $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

until (F_c not change)

- Note: Union rule may become applicable after some extraneous attributes have been deleted, so it has to be re-applied

Compute Canonical Cover

■ $R = (A, B, C)$

$F = \{A \rightarrow BC \quad B \rightarrow C \quad A \rightarrow B \quad AB \rightarrow C\}$

■ Combine $A \rightarrow BC$ and $A \rightarrow B$ into $A \rightarrow BC$

- Set is now $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow C, AB \rightarrow C\}$

Compute Canonical Cover

■ $R = (A, B, C)$

$F = \{A \rightarrow BC \quad B \rightarrow C \quad A \rightarrow B \quad AB \rightarrow C\}$

■ **A is extraneous in $AB \rightarrow C$**

- Check if the result of deleting A from $AB \rightarrow C$ is implied by the other dependencies
 - Yes: in fact, $B \rightarrow C$ is already present!
- Set is now $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow C\}$

Compute Canonical Cover

■ $R = (A, B, C)$

$F = \{A \rightarrow BC \quad B \rightarrow C \quad A \rightarrow B \quad AB \rightarrow C\}$

■ C is extraneous in $A \rightarrow BC$

- Check if $A \rightarrow C$ is logically implied by $A \rightarrow B$ and the other dependencies
 - Yes: using transitivity on $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$.
 - Can use attribute closure of A in more complex cases

■ The canonical cover is: $A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow C$

Example 2 : Compute Canonical Cover

Consider another set F of functional dependencies:

$$F = \{A \rightarrow BC, \quad CD \rightarrow E, \quad B \rightarrow D, \quad E \rightarrow A\}$$

Example 2 : Compute Canonical Cover

Consider another set F of functional dependencies:

$$F = \{A \rightarrow BC, \quad CD \rightarrow E, \quad B \rightarrow D, \quad E \rightarrow A\}$$

- The left side of each functional dependency in F is unique.
- None of the attributes in the left or right side of any functional dependency is extraneous (Checked by applying definition of extraneous attributes on every functional dependency).
- **Hence, the canonical cover F_c is equal to F .**

Example 3 : Compute Canonical Cover

Compute the minimal cover

$R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)$

$FD = \{ ABC \rightarrow DE \quad BD \rightarrow DE \quad E \rightarrow CF \quad EG \rightarrow F \}$

Example 3 : Compute Canonical Cover

■ $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)$

$FD = \{ABC \rightarrow DE \quad BD \rightarrow DE \quad E \rightarrow CF \quad EG \rightarrow F \}$

$ABC \rightarrow D$

$ABC \rightarrow E$

$BD \rightarrow D$ //reflexive

$BD \rightarrow E$

$E \rightarrow C$

$E \rightarrow F$

$EG \rightarrow F$ //Augmentation

The minimal cover is

$= \{ABC \rightarrow D, \quad BD \rightarrow E, \quad E \rightarrow C, \quad E \rightarrow F\}$

Example 3 : Compute Canonical Cover

■ $R = (A, B, C, E)$

$F = \{A \rightarrow BC \quad B \rightarrow CE \quad A \rightarrow E\}$

Iteration 1

■ $F = \{A \rightarrow BCE \quad B \rightarrow CE\}$

Check for extraneous attributes

■ B extraneous $A \rightarrow BCE$ No

■ C extraneous $A \rightarrow BCE$ Yes

■ E extraneous $A \rightarrow BCE$ No

$A \rightarrow B \quad A \rightarrow C \quad A \rightarrow E$

■ E extraneous $B \rightarrow CE$ No

■ C extraneous $B \rightarrow CE$ No

Iteration 2

■ $F = \{A \rightarrow B \quad B \rightarrow CE\}$

Check for Extraneous Attributes

■ C extraneous $B \rightarrow CE$ No

■ E extraneous $B \rightarrow CE$ No

Boyce and Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

For a table to satisfy the **Boyce-Codd Normal Form**, it should satisfy the following **two conditions**:

- It should be in the **Third Normal Form**.
- for any dependency $A \rightarrow B$, A should be a **super key**.

In simple words, it means, that for a dependency $A \rightarrow B$
 A cannot be a **non-prime attribute**, if B is a **prime attribute**.

Boyce and Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

- **Boyce and Codd Normal Form** is a higher version of the Third Normal form.
- This form deals with certain type of anomaly that is not handled by 3NF.
- A 3NF table which **does not have multiple overlapping candidate keys** is said to be in BCNF.

Goals of Normalisation

- Let R be a relation scheme with a set F of functional dependencies.
- Decide whether a relation scheme R is in “good” form.
- In the case that a relation scheme R is not in “good” form, need to decompose it into a set of relation scheme $\{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$ such that:
 - Each relation scheme is in good form
 - The decomposition is a lossless decomposition
 - Preferably, the decomposition should be dependency preserving.

Consider the following relationship : **R (A,B,C,D)**

and following dependencies :

A -> BCD

BC -> AD

D -> B

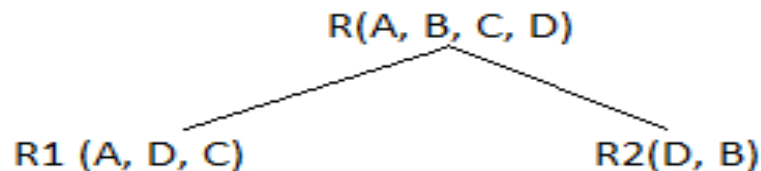
Above relationship is already in 3rd NF. Keys are **A** and **BC**.

Hence, in the functional dependency, **A -> BCD**, A is the super key.

in second relation, **BC -> AD**, BC is also a key.

but in, **D -> B**, D is not a key.

Hence we can break our relationship R into two relationships **R1** and **R2**.



Breaking, table into two tables, one with A, D and C while the other with D and B.

■ R1(A,B,C,D,E) R2(B,F)

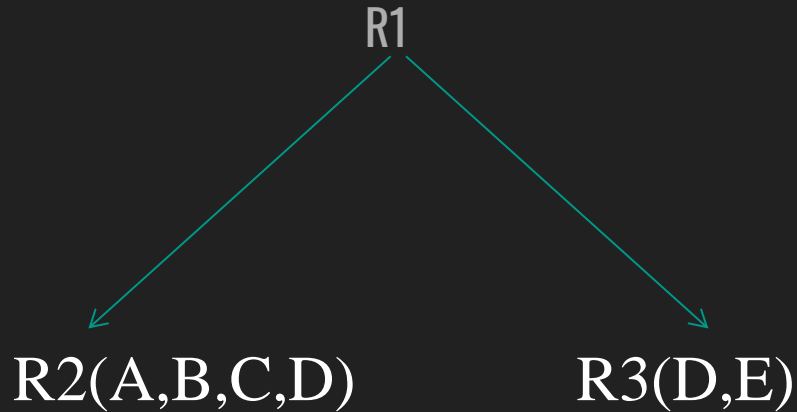
■ CANDIDATE KEY IS B

■ $A \rightarrow BCDE$

■ $BC \rightarrow ADE$

■ $D \rightarrow E$

■ 2NF



Normalisation

- ❏ – Steps
 - 1NF
- ❏ – Removing repeating groups
 - 2NF
- ❏ – Remove partial dependencies
 - • 3NF
- ❏ – Remove transitive dependencies
 - BCNF
- ❏ – Remove non-candidate key dependencies

<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Employee No.</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Department No.</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	22.00
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S10030	L Jones	L023	Pensions	18.50
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	21.00
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S10010	B Jones	L004	IT	21.75
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	18.00
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	25.50
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400	S13210	W Richards	L008	Salary	17.00
PC064	HR System	K Lewis	12250	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	23.25
PC064	HR System	K Lewis	12250	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	17.50
PC064	HR System	K Lewis	12250	S10034	B James	L009	HR	16.50

1NF Tables: Repeating Attributes Removed

<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Employee No.</u>	Employee Name	Department No.	Department Name	Hourly Rate
PC010	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	22.00
PC010	S10030	L Jones	L023	Pensions	18.50
PC010	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	21.00
PC045	S10010	B Jones	L004	IT	21.75
PC045	S10001	A Smith	L004	IT	18.00
PC045	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	25.50
PC045	S13210	W Richards	L008	Salary	17.00
PC064	S31002	T Gilbert	L028	Database	23.25
PC064	S21010	P Lewis	L004	IT	17.50
PC064	S10034	B James	L009	HR	16.50

<u>Project Code</u>	Project Title	Project Manager	Project Budget
PC010	Pensions System	M Phillips	24500
PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400
PC064	HR System	K Lewis	12250

2NF Tables: Partial Key Dependencies Removed

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PC045	Salaries System	H Martin	17400
PC064	HR System	K Lewis	12250

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Summary

- **Normalization basics**
- **Anomalies**

Next Lecture

Functional dependency

Thank You

Happy to answer any questions ! ! !