## **Outline:** Normalization

- Redundant information and update anomalies
- Function dependencies
- Normal forms
  - 1NF, 2NF, 3NF
  - BCNF (Boyce Codd normal form)
- Lossless join property

## Reading:

- 14.1.2 Redundant ... update anomalies
- 14.2.1 Functional dependencies
- 14.2.2 Inference rules for FDs
- 14.2.3 Equivalence of sets of FDs
- 14.2.4 Minimal sets of FDs
- 14.3 Normal forms based on PKs

Motivation:

Certain relation schemas have redundancy and update anomalies

- they may be difficult to understand and maintain

Normalization theory recognizes this and gives us some principles to guide our designs

Normal Forms: 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF, ... are each an improvement on the previous ones in the list

Normalization is a process that generates higher normal forms. Denormalization moves from higher to lower forms and might be applied for performance reasons. Suppose we have the following relation

## **EmployeeProject**



This is similar to *Works\_on*, but we have included *ename* and *plocation* 

Suppose we have the following relation

#### **EmployeeDepartment**

ename <u>ssi</u>	bdate	address	dnumber	dname
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# This is similar to *Employee*, but we have included *dname*

In the two prior cases with <u>EmployeeDepartment</u> and <u>EmployeeProject</u>, we have **redundant** information in the database ...

•if two employees work in the same department, then that department name is replicated

•if more than one employee works on a project then the project location is replicated

•if an employee works on more than one project his/her name is replicated

Redundant data leads to

•additional space requirements

# •update **anomalies**

Suppose EmployeeDepartment is the only relation where department name is recorded

#### insert anomalies

•adding a new department is complicated unless there is also an employee for that department

#### deletion anomalies

•if we delete all employees for some department, what should happen to the department information?

## modification anomalies

•if we change the name of a department, then we must change it in all tuples referring to that department If we design a database with a relation such as EmployeeDepartment then we will have complex update rules to enforce.

- •difficult to code correctly
- •will not be as efficient as possible

Such designs mix concepts.

For example, EmployeeDepartment mixes the Employee and Department concept

# Section 14.2 Functional dependencies

Suppose we have a relation R comprising attributes X,Y, ...

We say a functional dependency exists between the attributes X and Y,

 $X \longrightarrow Y$ 

if, whenever a tuple exists with the value x for X, it will always have the same value y for Y.



#### Student





We always have functional dependencies between any candidate key and the other attributes.

## Student



name, only one student address, only one gender

Student\_no  $\rightarrow$  student\_name, Student\_no  $\rightarrow$  student\_address, Student\_no  $\rightarrow$  gender

#### Employee

ename	<u>ssn</u>	bdate	address	dnumber

ssn is unique ... given a specific ssn there is only one ename, only one bdate, etc

- $ssn \rightarrow ename$ ,
- $ssn \rightarrow bdate$ ,
- $ssn \rightarrow address$ ,
- $ssn \rightarrow dnumber.$

Suppose we have the following relation

# **EmployeeProject**



This is similar to *Works\_on*, but we have included *ename*, and we know that *ename* is functionally dependent on *ssn*.

We have included *plocation* ... functionally dependent on *pnumber*  $\{ssn, pnumber\} \rightarrow hours,$ 

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 $ssn \rightarrow ename$ ,

pnumber  $\rightarrow$  plocation.

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Suppose we have the following relation

# EmployeeDept



This is similar to *Employee*, but we have included *dname*, and we know that *dname* is functionally dependent on *dnumber*, as well as being functionally dependent on *ssn*.

 $ssn \rightarrow ename$ , $ssn \rightarrow bdate$ , $ssn \rightarrow address$ , $ssn \rightarrow dnumber$ , $dnumber \rightarrow dname$ . $ssn \rightarrow dname$ 

#### Minimal sets of FDs

•every dependency has a single attribute on the RHS
•the attributes on the LHS of a dependency are minimal
•we cannot remove a dependency without losing information.

## **Inference Rules for Function Dependencies**

- •From a set of FDs, we can derive some other FDs Example:
  - $F = \{ssn \rightarrow \{Ename, Bdate, Address, dnumber\},\$

dnumber  $\rightarrow$  {dname, dmgrssn}}



 $ssn \rightarrow dnumber,$   $dnumber \rightarrow dname.$  $ssn \rightarrow \{dname, dmgrssn\},$ 

•F<sup>+</sup> (closure of F): The set of all FDs that can be deduced from F (with F together) is called the closure of F.

## **Inference Rules for Function Dependencies**

- •Inference rules:
  - IR1 (reflexive rule): If  $X \supseteq Y$ , then  $X \to Y$ . ( $X \to X$ .)
  - IR2 (augmentation rule):  $\{X \rightarrow Y\} \models ZX \rightarrow ZY$ .
  - IR3 (transitive rule):  $\{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z\} \models X \rightarrow Z$ .
  - IR4 (decomposition, or projective, rule):

 $\{X \rightarrow ZY\} \models X \rightarrow Y, X \rightarrow Z.$ 

- IR5 (union, or additive, rule):  $\{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z\} \models X \rightarrow ZY$ .
- IR6 (pseudotransitive rule):  $\{X \rightarrow Y, WY \rightarrow Z\} \models WX \rightarrow Z$ .

# Equivalence of Sets of FDs E and F are equivalent if $E^+ = F^+$ .

## Minimal sets of FDs

- •Every dependency has a single attribute on the RHS
- •The attributes on the LHS of a dependency are minimal
- •We cannot remove any dependency from F and still have a set of dependencies that is equivalent to F.

<u>ssn</u>	pnumber	hours	ename	plocation
$\{ssn, pnumber\} \rightarrow hours,$				
	$ssn \rightarrow ename$ ,			
pnumber $\rightarrow$ plocation.				
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#### **Normal Forms**

•A series of normal forms are known that have, successively, better update characteristics.

•We'll consider 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and BCNF.

•A technique used to improve a relation is decomposition, where one relation is replaced by two or more relations. When we do so, we want to eliminate update anomalies without losing any information.

- The domain of an attribute must <u>only</u> contain atomic values.
- •This disallows repeating values, sets of values, relations within relations, nested relations, ...
- •In the example database we have a department located in possibly several locations: department 5 is located in Bellaire, Sugarland, and Houston.
- •If we had the relation

## Department

dnumber	dname	dmgrssn	dlocations
5	Research	333445555	Bellaire, Sugarland, Houston

then it would not be 1NF because there are multiple values to be kept in *dlocations*.

If we have a non-1NF relation we can *decompose* it, or modify it appropriately, to generate 1NF relations.

There are 3 options:

•option 1: split off the problem attribute into a new relation (create a DepartmentLocation relation).

#### Department

<u>dnumber</u>	dname	dmgrssn
5	Research	333445555

Generally considered the best solution

## **DepartmentLocation**

dnumber	dlocation
5	Bellaire
5	Sugarland
5	Houston

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•option 2: store just one value in the problem attribute, but create additional rows so that the other values can be stored too (department 5 would have 3 rows)



•option 3: if a maximum number of values is known, then create additional attributes so that the maximum number of values can be stored. (each location attribute would hold one location only)

#### Department

dnumber	dname	dmgrssn	dloc1	dloc2	dloc3
5	Research	333445555	Bellaire	Sugarland	Houston

•full 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.

**EmployeeProject** 



 $\{ssn, pnumber\} \rightarrow hours \text{ is a full dependency}$ (neither  $ssn \rightarrow hours$ , nor pnumber  $\rightarrow hours$ ).

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•partial functional dependency

 $X \rightarrow Y$  is a partial functional dependency if removal of some attribute A from X does not affect the dependency.

# **EmployeeProject**



 $\{ssn, pnumber\} \rightarrow ename$  is a partial dependency because  $ssn \rightarrow ename$  holds.)

A relation schema is in 2NF if

- (1) it is in 1NF and
- (2) every non-key attribute must be fully functionally dependent on the candidate key.

If we had the relation

# **EmployeeProject**



then this relation would not be 2NF because of two separate violations of the 2NF definition:

*ename* is functionally dependent on *ssn*, and *plocation* is functionally dependent on *pnumber*

*ename* is not fully functionally dependent on *ssn* and *pnumber* and *plocation* is not fully functionally dependent on *ssn* and *pnumber*.

{ssn, pnumber} is the primary key of EmployeeProject.

•We correct this by decomposing the relation into three relations - splitting off the offending attributes - splitting off partial dependencies on the key.

# **EmployeeProject**



# **3NF - Third Normal Form**

•Transitive dependency

A functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  in a relation schema R is a transitive dependency if there is a set of attributes Z that is not a subset of any candidate key of R, and both  $X \rightarrow Z$  and  $Z \rightarrow Y$  hold.

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ename	<u>ssn</u>	bdate	address	dnumber	dname
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 $ssn \rightarrow dnumber$  and  $dnumber \rightarrow dname$ 

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# **3NF - Third Normal Form**

A relation schema is in 3NF if

(1) it is in 2NF and

(2) each non-key attribute must <u>not</u> be fully functionally dependent on another non-key attribute (there must be no transitive dependency of a non-key attribute on any candidate key.)

If we had the relation



then this relation would not be 3NF because

*dname* is functionally dependent on *dnumber* and neither is
a key attribute

# **3NF - Third Normal Form**

•We correct this by decomposing - splitting off the transitive dependencies

## EmployeeDept



# **Consider:**

What normal form is it in?

What relations will decomposition result in?



 $\{ inv\_no, line\_no \} \rightarrow prod\_no, inv\_no \\ \{ inv\_no, line\_no \} \rightarrow prod\_desc, line\_no \\ \{ inv\_no, line\_no \} \rightarrow cust\_no, \\ \{ inv\_no, line\_no \} \rightarrow qty, \\ inv\_no \rightarrow cust\_no, prod\_no \rightarrow prod\_desc$ 

inv\_no: invoice number
line\_no: invoice line number

## **Change it into 2NF:**



## **Change it into 3NF:**



**Consider:** 





•Consider a different definition of 3NF, which is equivalent to the previous one.

A relation schema R is in 3NF if, whenever a function dependency  $X \rightarrow A$  holds in R, either

- (a) X is a superkey of R, or
- (b) A is a prime attribute of R.

A superkey of a relation schema  $R = \{A1, A2, ..., An\}$  is a set of attributes  $S \subseteq R$  with the propertity that no tuples t1 and t2 in any legal state r of R will have t1[S] = t2[S]. An attribute is called a prime attribute if it is a member of any key.

•Consider a different definition of 3NF, which is equivalent to the previous one.

A relation schema R is in 3NF if, whenever a function dependency  $X \rightarrow A$  holds in R, either

- (a) X is a superkey of R, or
- (b) A is a prime attribute of R.

There is no non-key attribute Y partially depends on a key X. There is no non-key attribute Y transitively depends on a key X.

(A functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  in a relation schema R is a transitive dependency if there is a set of attributes Z that is not a subset of any key of R, and both  $X \rightarrow Z$  and  $Z \rightarrow Y$  hold.)

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•If we remove (b) from the previous definition for 3NF, we have the definition for BCNF.

•A relation schema is in BCNF if every determinant is a superkey key. Stronger than 3NF:

- no partial dependencies

- no transitive dependencies where a non-key attribute is dependent on another non-key attribute

- no non-key attributes appear in the LHS of a functional dependency.

Consider:



Instructor teaches one course only.

## In 3NF!

Student takes a course and has one instructor.

{student\_no, course\_no}  $\rightarrow$  instr\_no instr\_no  $\rightarrow$  course\_no

Some sample data:



121	1803	99
121	1903	77
222	1803	66
222	1903	77

Instructor 99 teaches 1803
Instructor 77 teaches 1903
Instructor 66 teaches 1803





**Deletion anomaly:** If we delete all rows for course 1803 we'll lose the information that instructors 99 teaches student 121 and 66 teaches student 222.

**Insertion anomaly:** How do we add the fact that instructor 55 teaches course 2906?

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How do we decompose this to remove the redundancies? - without losing information?



Which decomposition preserves all the information?

S#	C#
121	1803
121	1903
222	1803
222	1903

C#	I#
1803	99
1903	77
1803	66

Joining these two tables leads to spurious tuples - result includes 121 1803 66 222 1803 99





Which decomposition preserves all the information?

S#	C#	S#	I#
121	1803	121	99
121	1903	121	77
222	1803	222	66
222	1903	222	77

Joining these two tables leads to *spurious* tuples - result includes 121 1803 77 121 1903 99 222 1803 77 222 1903 66



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Which decomposition preserves all the information?

S#	I#	C#	I#
121	99	1803	99
121	77	1903	77
222	66	1803	66
222	77		

Joining these two tables leads to **no** *spurious* tuples - result is: 121 1803 99 121 1903 77 222 1803 66 222 1903 77



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This decomposition preserves all the information.

S#	I#	C#	I#
121	99	1803	99
121	77	1903	77
222	66	1803	66
222	77		



Only FD is instr\_no  $\longrightarrow$  course\_no

but the join preserves

{student\_no, course\_no} \_\_\_\_\_ instr\_no

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A relation schema is in BCNF if every determinant is a candidate key.







But this could be where a database designer may decide to go

with:



Functional dependencies are preserved
There is some redundancy
Delete anomaly is avoided

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## Outline: Lossless-join

- •Basic definition of Lossless-join
- •Examples
- •Testing algorithm

•Basic definition of Lossless-join

A decomposition  $D = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$  of R has the *lossless* 

*join property* with respect to the set of dependencies F on R if, for every relation r of R that satisfies F, the following holds,

 $*(\pi_{R1}(r), ..., \pi_{Rm}(r)) = r,$ 

where \* is the natural join of all the relations in D.

The word loss in lossless refers to *loss of information*, not to loss of tuples.

• Example: decomposion-1

# Emp\_PROJ



• Example: decomposition-2

# Emp\_PROJ



• decomposion-1

		A1 SSN	A2 ENAME	A3 PNUM	A4 PNAME	A5 PLOCATION	A6 hours	
<b>R</b> 1	ſ	b11	b12	b13	b14	b15	b16	
R2		b21	b22	b23	b24	b25	b26	
R3		b31	b32	b33	b34	b35	b36	
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<b>R</b> 1	ſ	al	a2	b13	b14	b15	b16	
R2		b21	b22	a3	a4	a5	b26	$\Rightarrow$
R3		a1	b32	a3	b34	b35	аб	



• decomposition-2





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Why?

## Decomposition-1:

	a1	a2	b13	b16
R1 * R3 = R13 =	a1	a2	a3	аб
	b21	b22	a3	b26

R13 \* R2 =

a1	a2	b13	b14	b15	b16
b21	b22	a3	a4	a5	a6
a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6

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a1		a3		a4		a5			a6					
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Why? Decomposition-2:

R1 \* R2 =



#### Student-course-instructor:



Instructor's teach one course only

Student takes a course and has one instructor

{student\_no, course}  $\rightarrow$  instr\_no instr\_no  $\rightarrow$  course\_no







## **Testing algorithm**

input: A relation R, a decomposition  $D = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$  of R, and a set F of function dependencies.

- 1. Create an initial matrix S with one row *i* for each relation R*i* in D, and one column *j* for each attribute A*j* in R.
- 2. Set  $S(i, j) := b_{ij}$  for all matrix entries.
- 3. For each row *i* representing relation schema R*i* Do {for each column *j* representing A*j* do {if relation R*i* includes attribute A*j* then

set  $S(i, j) := a_j;$ }

4. Repeat the following loop until a complete loop execution results in no changes to S.

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  - {**for** each function dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  in F **do** 
    - **for** all rows in S which have the same symbols in the columns corresponding to attributes in X **do** 
      - {make the symbols in each column that correspond to
         an attribute in Y be the same in all these rows as follows:
         if any of the rows has an "a" symbol for the column,
         set the other rows to the same "a" symbol in the column.
         If no "a" symbol exists for the attribute in any of the
         rows, choose one of the "b" symbols that appear in one
         of the rows for the attribute and set the other rows to
         that same "b" symbol in the column;}}

5. If a row is made up entirely of "a" symbols, then the decomposition has the lossless join property; otherwise it does not.

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R1<SSN, ENAME>

a1	a2
b21	b22
a1	b32

R3	<ssn, p<="" th=""><th>NUM, h</th><th>ours&gt;</th></ssn,>	NUM, h	ours>
	a1	b13	b16
	b21	a3	b26
	a1	a3	аб 🗖

R2<PNUM, PNAME, Plocation>

	b13	b14	b15
	a3	a4	a5
Г	-a3	b34	b35

PNUM → {PNAME, PLOCATION} <a3, a4, a5, a1, a3, a6><a3, b34, b35, a1, a3, a6>