Database Technology

Functional Dependencies and Normalization

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Make sure you have a sheet of paper and a pen.

You will need them for the exercises today.



Quiz

Constraint between two sets of attributes from a relation

Let R be a relational schema with the attributes $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ and let X and Y be subsets of $\{A_1, A_2, ..., A_n\}$.

Then, the functional dependency $X \rightarrow Y$ specifies the following constraint on *any* valid relation state r of R.

For *any* two tuples t_1 and t_2 in state r we have that:

if
$$t_1[X] = t_2[X]$$
, then $t_1[Y] = t_2[Y]$.

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Is a state that contains the tuples (3,8,1,2,3,4) and (3,7,1,2,3,4) valid?
 1) Yes
 2) No



Reasoning About FDs

- Logical implications can be derived by using inference rules called **Armstrong's rules**:
 - Reflexivity: If Y is a subset of X, then $X \rightarrow Y$
 - Augmentation: If $X \to Y$, then $XZ \to YZ$ (we use XY as a short form for $X \cup Y$)
 - Transitivity: If $X \to Y$ and $Y \to Z$, then $X \to Z$
- Additional rules can be derived:
 - Decomposition: If X → YZ, then X → Y
 - Union: If $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$
 - Pseudo-transitivity: If $X \to Y$ and $WY \to Z$, then $WX \to Z$



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– FD6: A → C (Decomposition of FD1)

FD7: A → AD (Transitivity of FD6 and FD2)

– FD8: A → D (Decomposition of FD7)

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– FD9: AE → BCE (Augmentation of FD1 with E)

– FD10: AE → C (Decomposition of FD9)

- FD11: **AE** → **AD** (Transitivity of FD10 and FD2)

- FD12: **AE** → **ADE** (Augmentation of FD11 with E)

– FD13: AE → DE (Decomposition of FD12)

- FD14: $AE \rightarrow F$ (Transitivity of FD13 and FD3)

- FD15: **AE** → **ABCDEF** (Union of FD9, FD11, and FD14)



Computing (Super)Keys

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function ComputeAttrClosure(X, F)

begin

X^+ := X;

while F contains an FD Y \to Z such that

(i) Y is a subset of X^+, and

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Warmup (cont'd)

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Compute the **attribute closure** of $X = \{ A,E \}$ w.r.t. $F = \{FD1, FD2, FD3\}$ to show that we have: $AE \rightarrow ABCDEF$

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    Initially: X<sup>+</sup> = { A,E }
    By using FD1: X<sup>+</sup> = { A,E,B,C }
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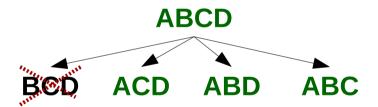
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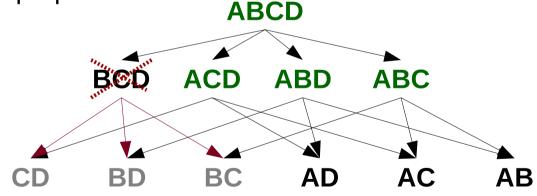
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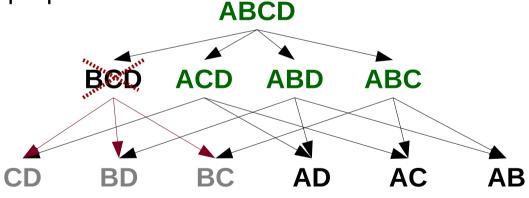
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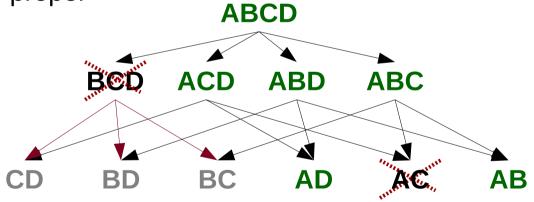
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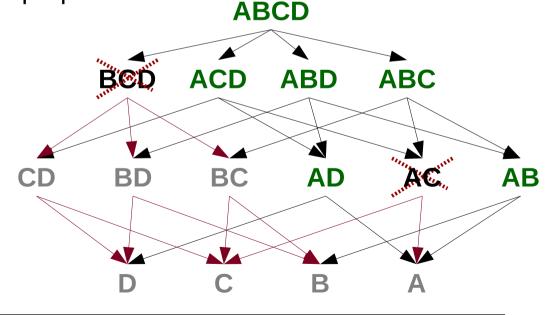
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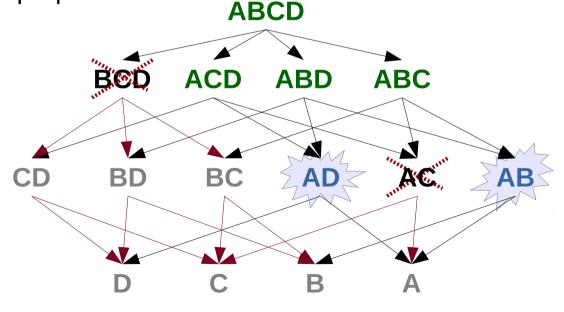
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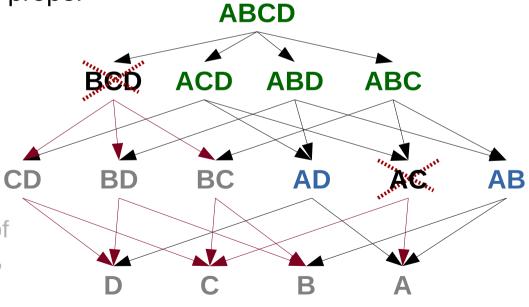
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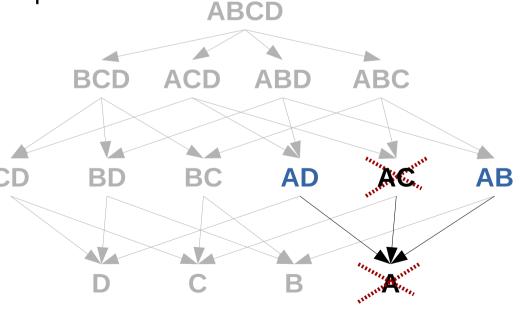
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- For instance, if we had only FD1 and FD2 (i.e., not FD3), we could immediately say that:
 - A and B must be in every CK
 - and, since {A,B}⁺ = {A,B,C,D},
 {A,B} is a superkey and thus
 the only CK



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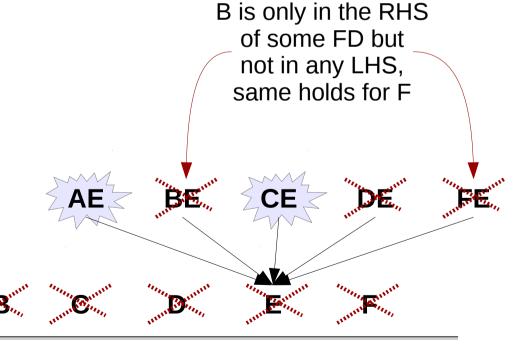
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Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)

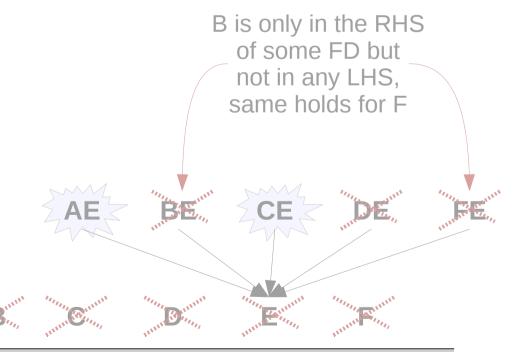
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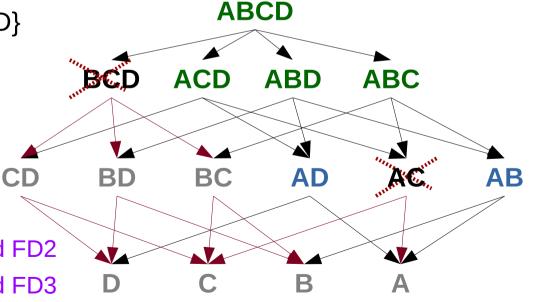
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- 1) Yes, BCNF
- 2) Not BCNF, because of FD1
- 3) Not BCNF, because of FD1 and FD2
- 4) Not BCNF, because of FD2 and FD3





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 - Your turn: decompose R1 based on FD3 (and don't forget ...)



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 - R2(A,B,C) with FDs: FD1, CK: {A,B}
 - R3(D,B) with FD3, CK $\{D\}$ R4(C,D) only trivial FDs, CK: $\{C,D\}$



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 - R1(B,D) with FD3, CK: {D}
 - R2(A,C,D) with FD4: AD → C, CK: {A,D}

R1 and R2 are in BCNF

can be derived from FD3 and FD1 by using the augmentation rule and the transitivity rule



Different Example

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 We decompose R based on FD2:
 - R1(E,F) with FD2; candidate key is {E}
 - R2(A,B,C,D,E) with a new FD: $AB \rightarrow CDE$; candidate key is $\{A,B\}$ R1 and R2 are in BCNF



can be derived from FD1 by using the decomposition rule

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- Solution: CK is {A,B}; R is not in BCNF because of FD2 and FD3. We decompose R based on FD2:
 - R1(E,F) with FD2; candidate key is {E}
 - R2(A,B,C,D,E) with FD3 and a new FD: AB → CDE; candidate key is {A,B}

R1 is in BCNF, but R2 is not because of FD3. So, we have to decompose R2 using FD3:

- R3(A,D) with FD3; candidate key is {A}
- R4(A,B,C,E) with new FD: $AB \rightarrow CE$; candidate key is $\{AB\}$

R3 and R4 are in BCNF. Hence, the result of normalizing R consists of R1, R3, and R4.



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- Consider the relation schema R(A,B,C,D,E,F) with the following FDs:

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- Recall: CKs are {A,E}, {C,E}; all three FDs violate the BCNF condition
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- Recall: CKs are {A,E}, {C,E}; all three FDs violate the BCNF condition
- A possible solution: We decompose R based on FD1:
 - R1(A,B,C) with FD1 and a new FD: $C \rightarrow A$; candidate keys are $\{A\}$ and $\{C\}$
 - R2(A,D,E,F) with FD3 and a new FD: $A \rightarrow D$; candidate key is $\{A,E\}$

R1 is in BCNF, but R2 is not because of FD3 and $A \rightarrow D$. Let's decompose R2 based on FD3:

- R3(D,E,F) with FD3; candidate key is {D,E}
- R4(A,D,E) with $A \rightarrow D$; candidate key is $\{A,E\}$

R3 is in BCNF, but R4 is not because of $A \rightarrow D$. Let's decompose R4 based on $A \rightarrow D$

- R5(A,D) with $A \rightarrow D$; candidate key is $\{A\}$
- R6(A,E) with only trivial FDs; candidate key is {A,E}

R5 and R6 are in BCNF. Hence, the result of the normalization consists of R1, R3, R5, R6.



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