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Unit III-E-R Diagram models and NORMAL FORMS

Topic :Normalizations: 1NF,2NF,3NF,BCNF,4NF,5NF



Normal Forms

- Normal forms are a **set of guidelines and rules** for designing and structuring a relational database to **minimize data redundancy and improve data integrity**.
- There are different normal forms, each with specific criteria that a database table should meet to be considered in that form.
 1. **First Normal Form (1NF)**
 2. **Second Normal Form (2NF)**
 3. **Third Normal Form (3NF)**
 4. **Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)**
 5. **Fourth Normal Form (4NF)**
 6. **Fifth Normal Form (5NF)**



1. First Normal Form (1NF)

First Normal Form (1NF) is a fundamental concept in database design that addresses the structure of tables in a relational database.

A table is said to be in 1NF if it meets the following criteria:

1. Each column in the table contains only atomic (indivisible) values.
2. Each cell in the table holds a single value, not a list or set of values.
3. Each row in the table is unique, meaning there are no duplicate rows.

Let's illustrate 1NF with a simple example. Consider a table for storing information about students and their courses. Here's an example of a table that is not in 1NF:



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| StudentID | StudentName | Courses |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 101 | Alice | Math, Physics, Chemistry |
| 102 | Bob | History, English |
| 103 | Carol | Physics, Chemistry, English |

In this example, the "Courses" column violates 1NF because it contains a list of courses for each student, which is not atomic. To bring this table into 1NF, you would need to restructure it to separate the courses into individual rows. Here's the same data



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Students Table:

| StudentID | StudentName |
|-----------|-------------|
| 101 | Alice |
| 102 | Bob |
| 103 | Carol |

Courses Table:

| StudentID | Course |
|-----------|-----------|
| 101 | Math |
| 101 | Physics |
| 101 | Chemistry |
| 102 | History |
| 102 | English |
| 103 | Physics |
| 103 | Chemistry |
| 103 | English |



2. Second Normal Form (2NF)



➤ The Second Normal Form (2NF) is a level of normalization in relational database design that builds upon the First Normal Form (1NF). A table is in 2NF if it meets the following conditions:

1. It is in 1NF, which means that all attributes contain only atomic (indivisible) values, and each row is unique.

2. It does not contain partial dependencies, which means that non-key attributes (attributes that are not part of the primary key) are fully functionally dependent on the entire primary key.

➤ To illustrate 2NF, let's consider a simple example of a table representing information about students, their courses, and the course instructors. We'll show the process of bringing the table to 2NF.



- Step 1: Create Separate Tables for Courses and Instructors

Courses Table:

Course

Math

History

Physics

Instructors Table:

Course

Instructor

➤ **Math**

Mr. A

➤ **History**

Mr. B

➤ **Physics**

Mr. C



Student Courses Table:

| StudentID | Course |
|-----------|---------|
| 101 | Math |
| 101 | History |
| 102 | Math |
| 103 | Physics |



Third Normal Form (3NF)

- The Third Normal Form (3NF) is another level of normalization in relational database design, building upon the First Normal Form (1NF) and Second Normal Form (2NF).
- A table is considered to be in 3NF if it meets the following conditions:
 1. It is in 2NF, which means it does not contain partial dependencies, where non-key attributes depend on a part of the primary key.
 2. It **does not contain transitive dependencies**, which means that non-key attributes depend only on the primary key, not on other non-key attributes.

To illustrate 3NF, let's consider a simple example of a table representing information about employees and their projects. We'll show the process of bringing the table to 3NF.



Original Table:



| EmployeeID | EmployeeName | Department | DepartmentLocation |
|------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 101 | Alice | HR | New York |
| 102 | Bob | IT | India |
| 103 | Carol | HR | New York |
| 104 | David | Sales | Londen |

In this table:

"EmployeeID" is the primary key.

"Department" and "DepartmentLocation" are non-key attributes.



Step 1: Create a "Departments" Table

Departments Table:

| Department | Department Location |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| HR | New York |
| IT | India |
| Sales | Londen |



Step 2: Create a Linking Table

Now, to establish the relationship between employees and departments, you can create a linking table that stores the associations between employees and departments.

EmployeeDepartments Table:

| EmployeeID | Department |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 101 | HR |
| 102 | IT |
| 103 | HR |
| 104 | Sales |



Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)



- Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF) is a higher level of database normalization that aims to eliminate certain types of anomalies in a relational database.
- BCNF is a stricter form of normalization than the Third Normal Form (3NF). To be in BCNF, a relation (table) must meet two main criteria:
 - **No partial dependencies**
 - **No transitive dependencies:**



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- simple example
- Suppose we have a relation (table) called Student_Course with the following attributes:

Student_ID (Primary Key)

Course_ID (Primary Key)

Student_Name

Course_Name

Instructor



| Student_ID | Course_ID | Student_Name | Course_Name | Instructor |
|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | 101 | John | Math 101 | Mr. Smith |
| 2 | 102 | Alice | Science 201 | Mrs. Johnson |
| 3 | 101 | Bob | Math 101 | Mr. Smith |



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- In this example, we have information about students, courses, and the instructors of those courses.
- Both Student_ID and Course_ID together serve as the primary key, ensuring each combination of student and course is unique.



Fourth Normal Form (4NF)

The Fourth Normal Form (4NF) is a level of database normalization that goes beyond the Third Normal Form (3NF).

4NF is concerned with eliminating multi-valued dependencies in a relational database.

To be in 4NF, a relation (table) must meet the following criteria:



Example STUDENT

STU_ID

21

21

34

74

59

COURSE

Computer

Math

Chemistry

Biology

Physics

HOBBY

Dancing

Singing

Dancing

Cricket

Hockey



- The given STUDENT table is in 3NF, but the COURSE and HOBBY are two independent entity. Hence, there is no relationship between COURSE and HOBBY.
- In the STUDENT relation, a student with STU_ID, **21** contains two courses, **Computer** and **Math** and two hobbies, **Dancing** and **Singing**. So there is a **Multi-valued dependency on STU_ID**, which leads to unnecessary repetition of data.
- So to make the above table into 4NF, we can decompose it into two tables:



STUDENT_COURSE

| STU_ID | COURSE |
|--------|-----------|
| 21 | Computer |
| 21 | Math |
| 34 | Chemistry |
| 74 | Biology |
| 59 | Physics |

STUDENT_HOBBY

| STU_ID | HOBBY |
|--------|---------|
| 21 | Dancing |
| 21 | Singing |
| 34 | Dancing |
| 74 | Cricket |
| 59 | Hockey |



- A relation is in 5NF if it is in 4NF and not contains any join dependency and joining should be lossless.
- 5NF is satisfied when all the tables are broken into as many tables as possible in order to avoid redundancy.
- 5NF is also known as Project-join normal form (PJ/NF).



Example

| SUBJECT | LECTURER | SEMESTER |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Computer | Anshika | Semester 1 |
| Computer | John | Semester 1 |
| Math | John | Semester 1 |
| Math | Akash | Semester 2 |
| Chemistry | Praveen | Semester 1 |

In the above table, John takes both Computer and Math class for Semester 1 but he doesn't take Math class for Semester 2. In this case, combination of all these fields required to identify a valid data.



- So to make the above table into 5NF, we can decompose it into three relations P1, P2 & P3:

P1

SEMESTER

Semester 1

Semester 1

Semester 1

Semester 2

SUBJECT

Computer

Math

Chemistry

Math



P2

SUBJECT

Computer

Computer

Math

Math

Chemistry

LECTURER

Anshika

John

John

Akash

Praveen



P3

SEMSTER

Semester 1

Semester 1

Semester 1

Semester 2

Semester 1

LECTURER

Anshika

John

John

Akash

Praveen



Thank You