# Unit III - Database Design

**Dependencies and Normal forms - Functional Dependencies**, Armstrong's axioms for FD's, closure of a set of FD's, minimal covers-Non- loss decomposition-First, Second, Third Normal Forms, Dependency Preservation-Boyce/Codd Normal Form-Multivalued Dependencies and Fourth Normal Form- Join Dependencies and





#### **Dependencies**

Dependencies in DBMS is a relation between two or more attributes.

It has the following types in DBMS

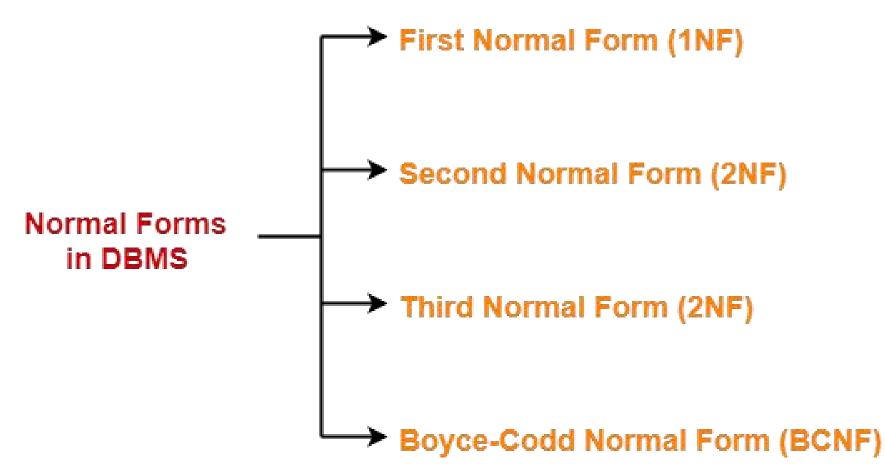
- Functional Dependency
- Fully-Functional Dependency
- Transitive Dependency
- Multivalued Dependency
- Partial Dependency



#### **Normal Forms**

- **Normalization** is the process of minimizing **redundancy** from a relation or set of relations.
- Redundancy in relation may cause insertion, deletion, and update anomalies.
- So, it helps to minimize the redundancy in relations.
- **Normal forms** are used to eliminate or reduce redundancy in database tables.

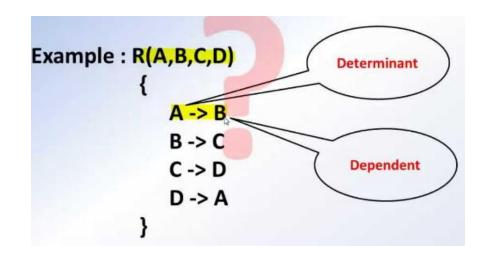






#### Functional Dependencies

- A functional dependency is a constraint that specifies the relationship between two sets of attributes
  - where one set can accurately determine the value of other sets.
- It is denoted as  $X \rightarrow Y$ ,
- where X is a set of attributes that is capable of determining the value of Y.
- The attribute set on the left side of the arrow, X is called Determinant, while on the right side, Y is called the Dependent.





## Example 1

Roll_no	name	Marks	Dept	Course
1	A	78	CS	C1
2	В	60	EE	C1
3	A	78	CS	C2
4	В	60	EE	С3
5	С	80	IT	С3
6	d	80	EC	C2



# Example 2

roll_no	name	dept_name	dept_building
42	abc	CO	<b>A4</b>
43	pqr	IT	A3
44	xyz	CO	<b>A4</b>
45	xyz	IT	<b>A3</b>
46	mno	EC	B2
47	jkl	ME	B2



## Valid Functional Dependencies

- roll\_no → { name, dept\_name, dept\_building },→ Here, roll\_no can determine values of fields name, dept\_name and dept\_building, hence a valid Functional dependency
- roll\_no → dept\_name, Since, roll\_no can determine whole set of {name, dept\_name,
  dept\_building}, it can determine its subset dept\_name also.
- dept\_name → dept\_building, Dept\_name can identify the dept\_building accurately,
  since departments with different dept\_name will also have a different dept\_building
- More valid functional dependencies: roll\_no → name, {roll\_no, name} ---> {dept\_name, dept\_building}, etc.



#### invalid functional dependencies

- name → dept\_name Students with the same name can have different dept\_name, hence this is not a valid functional dependency.
- dept\_building → dept\_name There can be multiple departments in the same building,
  For example, in the above table departments ME and EC are in the same building B2,
  hence dept\_building → dept\_name is an invalid functional dependency.
- More invalid functional dependencies: name → roll\_no, {name, dept\_name} → roll\_no, dept\_building → roll\_no, etc.

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