

CSE544 Data Modeling, Conceptual Design

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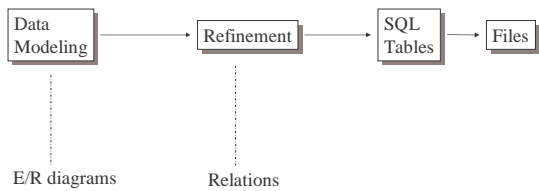
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- ER diagrams (Chapter 2)
- Conceptual Design (Chapter 19)

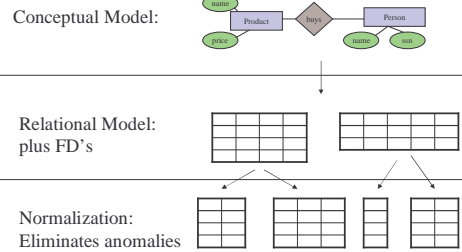
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Database Design



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Relational Schema Design



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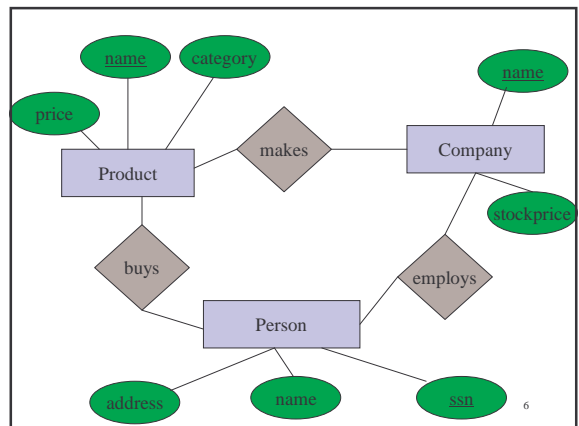
Entity / Relationship Diagrams

Attributes 

Entity sets 

Relationships 

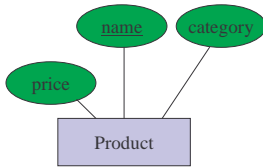
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Keys in E/R Diagrams

- Every entity set must have a key



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Multiplicity of E/R Relations

- one-one:



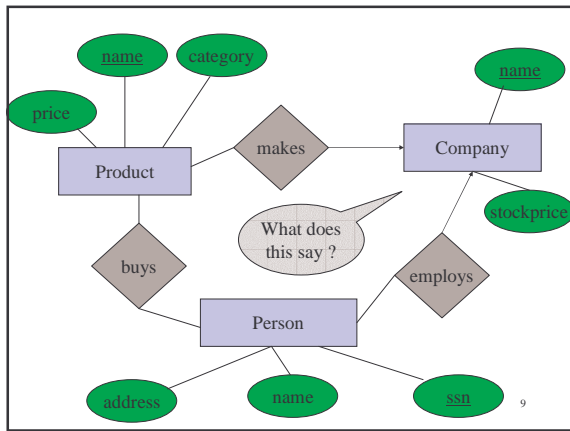
- many-one



- many-many

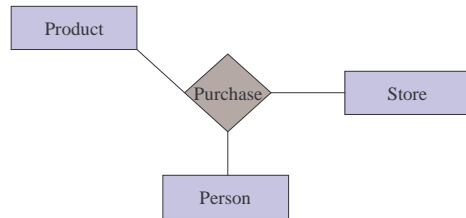


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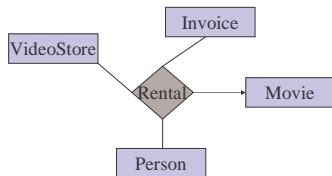
Multi-way Relationships



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Arrows in Multiway Relationships

Q: what does the arrow mean ?

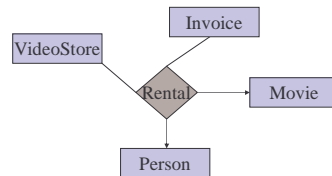


A: if I know the store, person, invoice, I know the movie too

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Arrows in Multiway Relationships

Q: what do these arrow mean ?



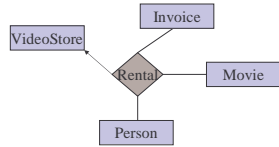
A: store, person, invoice determines movie and store, invoice, movie determines person

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Arrows in Multiway Relationships

Q: how do I say: "invoice determines store" ?

A: no good way; best approximation:

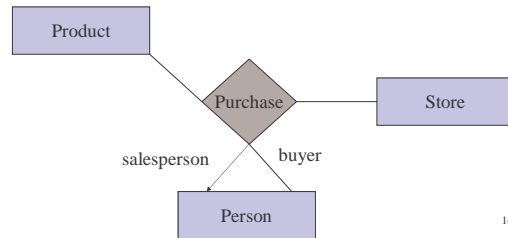


Incomplete (why ?)

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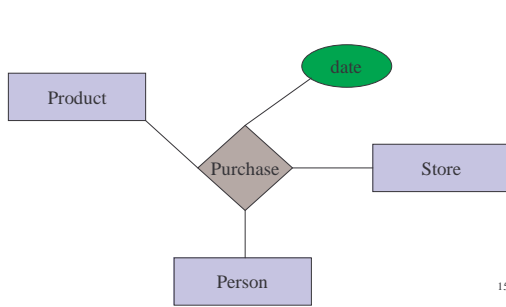
Roles in Relationships

What if we need an entity set twice in one relationship?



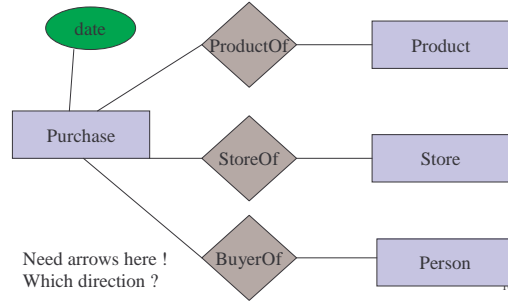
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Attributes on Relationships



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Converting Multi-way Relationships to Binary



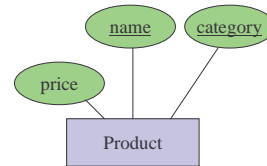
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From E/R Diagrams to Relational Schema

- Entity set à relation
- Relationship à relation

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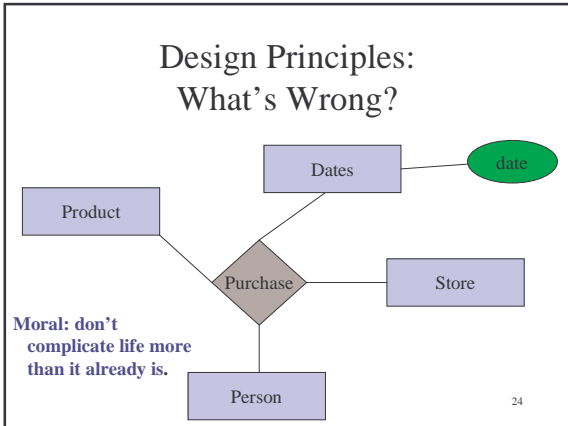
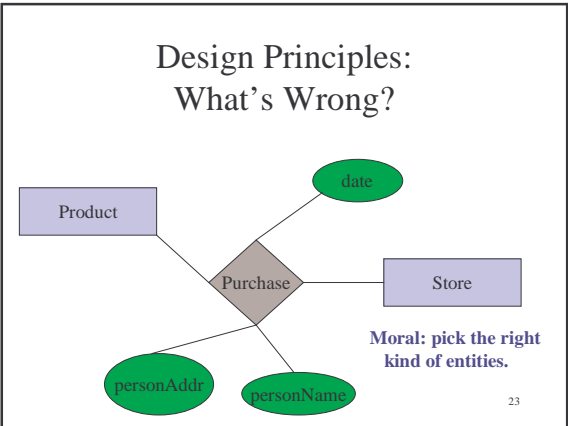
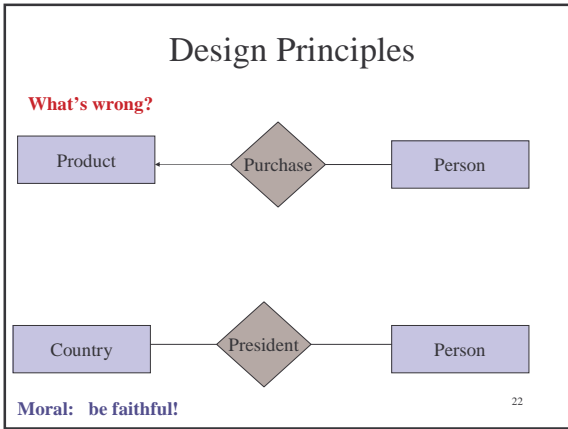
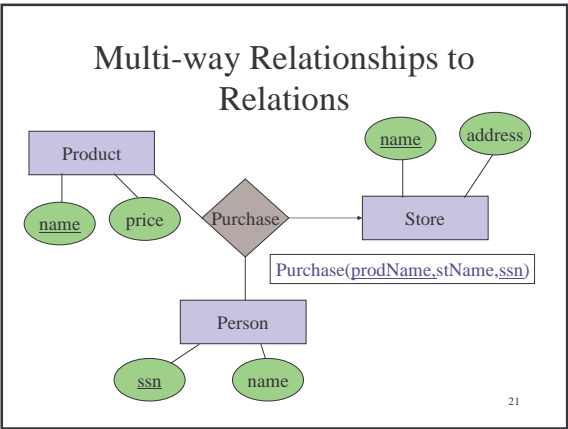
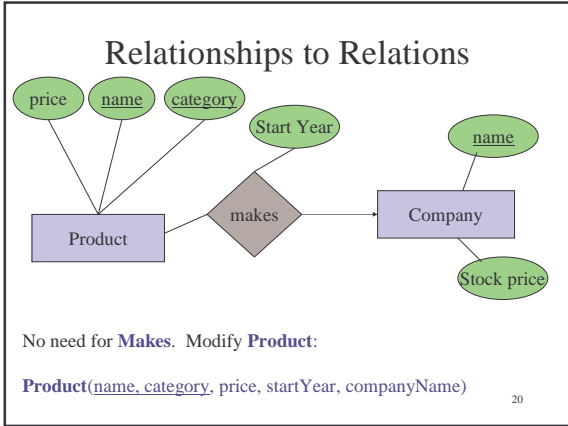
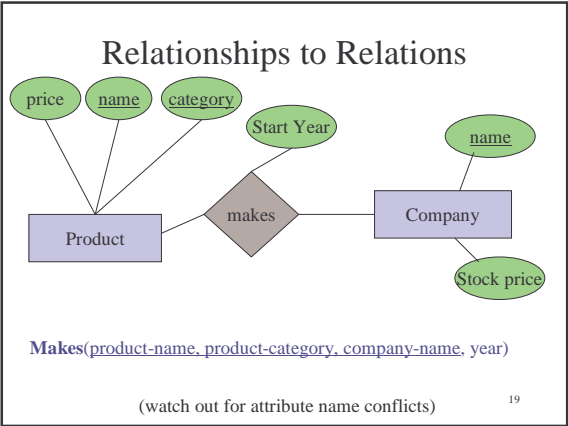
Entity Set to Relation

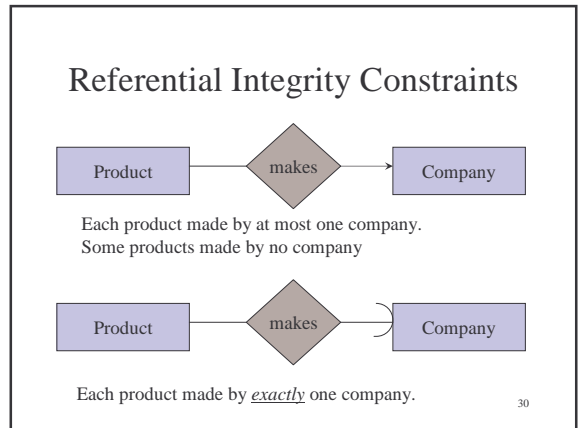
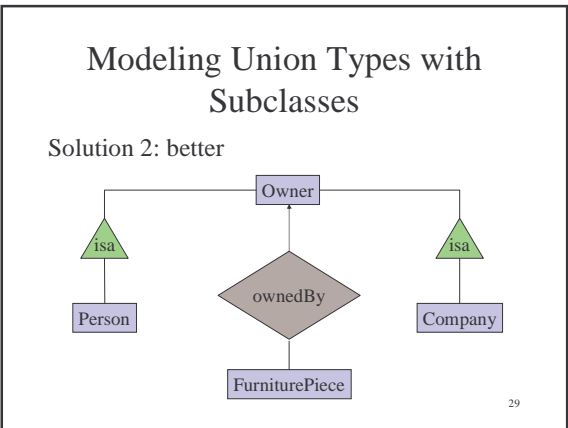
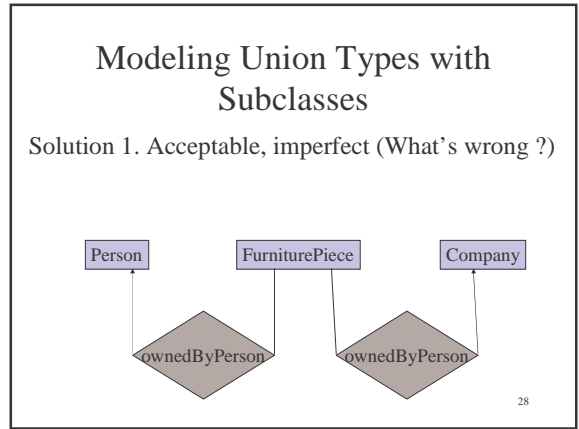
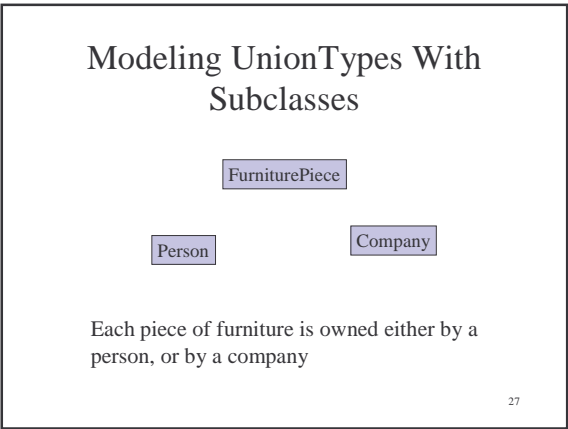
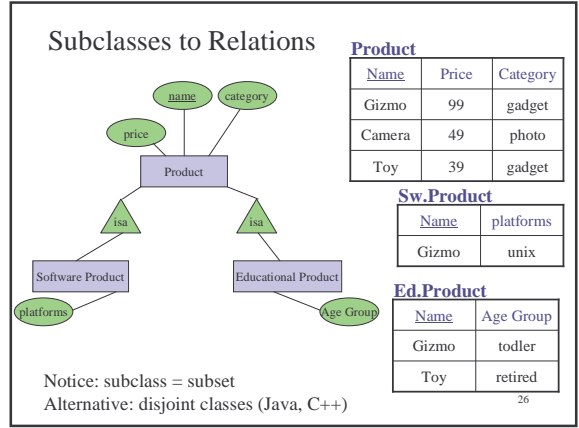
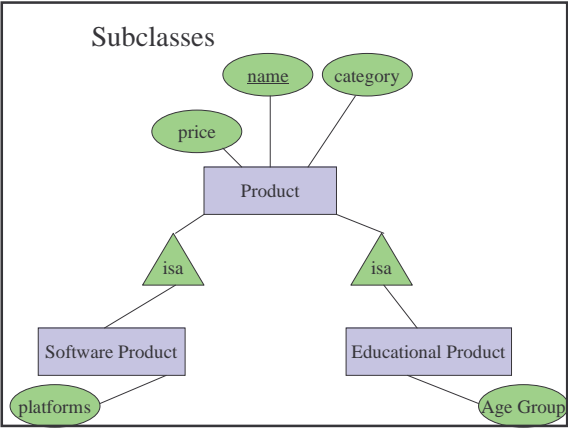


Product(name, category, price)

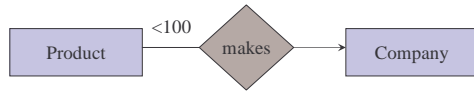
<u>name</u>	<u>category</u>	price
gizmo	gadgets	\$19.99

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Other Constraints

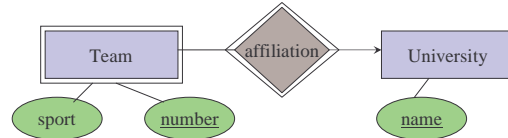


What does this mean ?

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Weak Entity Sets

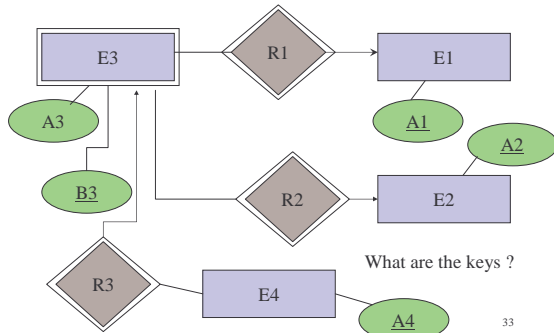
Entity sets are weak when their key comes from other classes to which they are related.



University(name)
Team(universityName, number, sport)

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Weak Entity Sets



What are the keys ?

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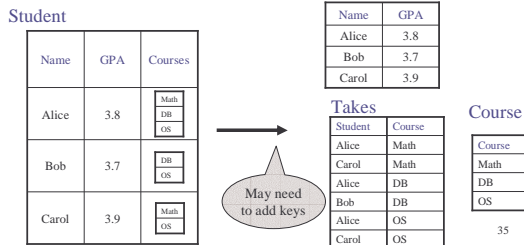
Schema Refinement

- For the relational model
- Relation: $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$
 - Schema: relation name, attribute names
 - Instance: a mathematical m-ary relation
- Database: R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n
 - Schema
 - Instance
- Schema refinement = *normalization*

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First Normal Form (1NF)

- A database schema is in First Normal Form if all tables are flat



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More Normal Forms

- Based on Functional Dependencies
 - 2nd Normal Form (obsolete)
 - 3rd Normal Form
 - Boyce Codd Normal Form (BCNF)
- Based on Multivalued Dependencies
 - 4th Normal Form
- Based on Join Dependencies
 - 5th Normal Form

Discuss next

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Functional Dependencies

- A form of constraint
 - hence, part of the schema
- Finding them is part of the database design

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Functional Dependencies

Functional Dependency:

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$$

Meaning:

If two tuples agree on the attributes

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$$

then they must also agree on the attributes

$$B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$$

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Functional Dependencies

Definition: $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_m$ holds in R if:

$$\forall t, t' \in R, (t.A_1=t'.A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge t.A_n=t'.A_n \Rightarrow t.B_1=t'.B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge t.B_m=t'.B_m)$$

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	A_1	...	A_n	B_1	...	B_m
t						
t'						

if t, t' agree here then t, t' agree here

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Examples

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E1847	John	9876	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

- EmpID \rightarrow Name, Phone, Position
- Position \rightarrow Phone
- but Phone $\not\rightarrow$ Position

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Example

Product(name, category, color, department, price)

Consider these FDs:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{name} \rightarrow \text{color} \\ \text{category} \rightarrow \text{department} \\ \text{color, category} \rightarrow \text{price} \end{array}$$

What do they say ?

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Example

FD's are constraints:

- On some instances they hold
- On others they don't

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{name} \rightarrow \text{color} \\ \text{category} \rightarrow \text{department} \\ \text{color, category} \rightarrow \text{price} \end{array}$$

name	category	color	department	price
Gizmo	Gadget	Green	Toys	49
Tweaker	Gadget	Green	Toys	99

Does this instance satisfy all the FDs ?

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Example

name → color
 category → department
 color, category → price

name	category	color	department	price
Gizmo	Gadget	Green	Toys	49
Tweaker	Gadget	Black	Toys	99
Gizmo	Stationary	Green	Office-suppl.	59

What about this one ?

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Inference

If some FDs are satisfied, then others are satisfied too

If all these FDs are true:

name → color
 category → department
 color, category → price

Then this FD also holds:

name, category → price

Why ??

We say that the new FD is *implied* ⁴⁴

Armstrong's Axioms

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$

Is equivalent to

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1$
 $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_2$

 $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_m$

**Splitting rule
 and
 Combing rule**

A_1	...	A_n	B_1	...	B_m

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Armstrong's Axioms

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow A_i$

Trivial Rule

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Why ?

A_1	...	A_n

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Armstrong's Axioms

Transitive Closure Rule

If $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$

and $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m \rightarrow C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p$

Why ?

then $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p$

A_1	...	A_n	B_1	...	B_m	C_1	...	C_p

Example (continued)

From:

1. name → color
 2. category → department
 3. color, category → price

To:

name, category → price

Inferred FD	Which Rule did we apply ?
4. name, category → name	
5. name, category → color	
6. name, category → category	
7. name, category → color, category	
8. name, category → price	

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Example (continued)

1. name \rightarrow color
2. category \rightarrow department
3. color, category \rightarrow price

Answers:

Inferred FD	Which Rule did we apply ?
4. name, category \rightarrow name	Trivial rule
5. name, category \rightarrow color	Transitivity on 4, 1
6. name, category \rightarrow category	Trivial rule
7. name, category \rightarrow color, category	Split/combine on 5, 6
8. name, category \rightarrow price	Transitivity on 3, 7

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Closure of a Set of FDs

Definition. Given a set F of functional dependencies, the *closure*, F^+ , denotes all FDs *implied* by F

Theorem. Armstrong axioms are *sound* and *complete* for computing F^+

What do *sound* and *complete* mean ?

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Variation

Augmentation

If $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$

then $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p \rightarrow B$

Augmentation follows from trivial rules and transitivity

How ?

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Problem: Compute F^+

Given F compute its closure F^+ .

How to proceed ?

- Apply Armstrong's Axioms repeatedly
- Better: use the *Closure Algorithm* for a set of attributes (next)

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Closure of a set of Attributes

Given a set of attributes A_1, \dots, A_n

The **closure**, $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}^+$, is the set of attributes B s.t. $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$

Example: $\text{name} \rightarrow \text{color}$
 $\text{category} \rightarrow \text{department}$
 $\text{color, category} \rightarrow \text{price}$

Closures:

$\text{name}^+ = \{\text{name, color}\}$

$\{\text{name, category}\}^+ = \{\text{name, category, color, department, price}\}$

$\text{color}^+ = \{\text{color}\}$

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Closure Algorithm (for Attributes)

Start with $X = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$.

Repeat until X doesn't change **do**:

if $B_1, \dots, B_n \rightarrow C$ is a FD and B_1, \dots, B_n are all in X
then add C to X .

Example:

$\text{name} \rightarrow \text{color}$
 $\text{category} \rightarrow \text{department}$
 $\text{color, category} \rightarrow \text{price}$

$\{\text{name, category}\}^+ =$
 $\{\text{name, category, color, department, price}\}$

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Example

In class:

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

$A, B \rightarrow C$
$A, D \rightarrow E$
$B \rightarrow D$
$A, F \rightarrow B$

Compute $\{A,B\}^+ \quad X = \{A, B, \quad \quad \quad \}$

Compute $\{A, F\}^+ \quad X = \{A, F, \quad \quad \quad \}$

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Closure Algorithm (for FDs)

Example:

$A, B \rightarrow C$
$A, D \rightarrow B$
$B \rightarrow D$

Step 1: Compute X^+ , for every X :

$A^+ = A, \quad B^+ = BD, \quad C^+ = C, \quad D^+ = D$
$AB^+ = ABCD, \quad AC^+ = AC, \quad AD^+ = ABCD$
$ABC^+ = ABD^+ = ACD^+ = ABCD$ (no need to compute- why ?)
$BCD^+ = BCD, \quad ABCD^+ = ABCD$

Step 2: Enumerate all FD's $X \rightarrow Y$, s.t. $Y \subseteq X^+$ and $X \cap Y = \emptyset$:

$AB \rightarrow CD, AD \rightarrow BC, ABC \rightarrow D, ABD \rightarrow C, ACD \rightarrow B$

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Keys

- A **superkey** is a set of attributes A_1, \dots, A_n s.t. $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$ for all attributes B
- A **key** is a minimal superkey

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Computing Keys

- Compute X^+ for all sets X
- If $X^+ =$ all attributes, then X is a superkey
- Consider only the minimal superkeys

Note: there can be exponentially many keys !

- Example: $R(A,B,C)$, $AB \rightarrow C$, $BC \rightarrow A$
Keys: AB and BC

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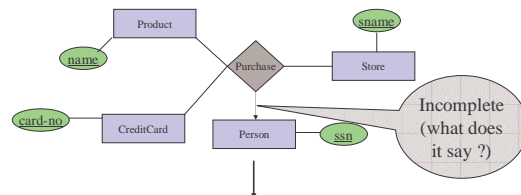
Examples of Keys

- $Product(name, price, category, color)$
 $name, category \rightarrow price$
 $category \rightarrow color$
Key: $\{name, category\}$ Superkeys: supersets
- $Enrollment(student, address, course, room, time)$
 $student \rightarrow address$
 $room, time \rightarrow course$
 $student, course \rightarrow room, time$
Keys are: [in class]

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FD's for E/R Diagrams

Say: "the CreditCard determines the Person"



Purchase(name, sname, ssn, card-no)
card-no \rightarrow ssn

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Data Anomalies

When a database is poorly designed we get anomalies:

Redundancy: data is repeated

Updated anomalies: need to change in several places

Delete anomalies: may lose data when we don't want

Schema refinement means removing the data anomalies.

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Data Anomalies

Recall set attributes (persons with several phones):

Name	SSN	PhoneNumber	City
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-1234	Seattle
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-6543	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-2121	Westfield

$SSN \twoheadrightarrow Name, City$ but not $SSN \twoheadrightarrow PhoneNumber$

Anomalies:

- Redundancy = repeat data
- Update anomalies = Fred moves to "Bellevue"
- Deletion anomalies = Joe deletes his phone number: what is his city ?

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Relation Decomposition

Break the relation into two:

Name	SSN	PhoneNumber	City
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-1234	Seattle
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-6543	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-2121	Westfield

Name	SSN	City
Fred	123-45-6789	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	Westfield

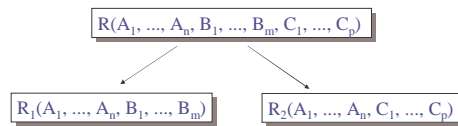
SSN	PhoneNumber
123-45-6789	206-555-1234
123-45-6789	206-555-6543
987-65-4321	908-555-2121

Anomalies have gone:

- No more repeated data
- Easy to move Fred to "Bellevue" (how ?)
- Easy to delete all Joe's phone number (how ?)

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Decompositions in General



R_1 = projection of R on $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m$
 R_2 = projection of R on $A_1, \dots, A_n, C_1, \dots, C_p$

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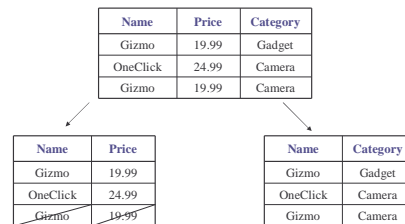
Problems With Decomposition

- Can we get the data back correctly ?
 - Lossless decomposition
 - Discuss next
- Can we recover the FD's on the 'big' table from the FD's on the small tables ?
 - Dependency-preserving decomposition
 - Figure out yourself, or read 19.5.2

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Lossless Decomposition

- Sometimes it is correct:



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Lossy Decomposition

- Sometimes it is not:

Name	Price	Category
Gizmo	19.99	Gadget
OneClick	24.99	Camera
Gizmo	19.99	Camera

What's wrong ??

Name	Category
Gizmo	Gadget
OneClick	Camera
Gizmo	Camera

Price	Category
19.99	Gadget
24.99	Camera
19.99	Camera

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Decompositions in General

$$R(A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m, C_1, \dots, C_p)$$

$$R_1(A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m)$$

$$R_2(A_1, \dots, A_n, C_1, \dots, C_p)$$

Theorem If $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_m$
 Then the decomposition is lossless

Note: don't need necessarily $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow C_1, \dots, C_p$

Example: name \rightarrow price, hence the first decomposition is lossless

Normal Forms

- Decomposition into Boyce Codd Normal Form (BCNF)
 - Lossless
- Decomposition into 3rd Normal Form
 - Lossless
 - Dependency preserving

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Boyce-Codd Normal Form

A simple condition for removing anomalies from relations:

A relation R is in BCNF if:
 If $A_1, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$ is a non-trivial dependency
 in R, then $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ is a superkey for R

Equivalently: for any set of attributes X,
 either $X^+ = X$
 or $X^+ = \text{all attributes}$

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BCNF Decomposition Algorithm

Repeat
 choose $A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$ that violates the BCNF condition
 split R into $R_1(A_1, \dots, A_m, B_1, \dots, B_n)$ and $R_2(A_1, \dots, A_m, [\text{rest}])$
 continue with both R_1 and R_2

Until no more violations

Heuristics:
 choose B_1, \dots, B_n
 "as large as possible"

Note: need to
 compute the FDs
 on R_1, R_2 (how?)

Is there a
 2-attribute
 relation that is
 not in BCNF?

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BCNF Example

Name	SSN	PhoneNumber	City
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-1234	Seattle
Fred	123-45-6789	206-555-6543	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-2121	Westfield
Joe	987-65-4321	908-555-1234	Westfield

FD: $SSN \rightarrow \text{Name, City}$
 Key: $\{SSN, \text{PhoneNumber}\}$
 Is it in BCNF?

Another way: $SSN^+ = \{SSN, \text{Name, City}\}$ but no PhoneNumber 72

BCNF Example

Name	SSN	City
Fred	123-45-6789	Seattle
Joe	987-65-4321	Westfield

SSN \rightarrow Name, City

SSN	PhoneNumber
123-45-6789	206-555-1234
123-45-6789	206-555-6543
987-65-4321	908-555-2121
987-65-4321	908-555-1234

Let's check anomalies:

- Redundancy ?
- Update ?
- Delete ?

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Example

- $R(A,B,C,D)$ $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$
- Key: AD
- Violations of BCNF:
 - $A \rightarrow B$, $A \rightarrow C$, $A \rightarrow BC$, $B \rightarrow C$
- Pick $A \rightarrow BC$ first: split into $R_1(A,B,C)$ $R_2(A,D)$
- In R_1 : $B \rightarrow C$; split into $R_{11}(A,B)$, $R_{12}(B,C)$
- Final answer: $R_{11}(A,B)$, $R_{12}(B,C)$, $R_2(A,D)$

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Example (cont'd)

- $R(A,B,C,D)$ $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$
- Order matters !
- Pick $A \rightarrow C$ first: $R_1(A,C)$, $R_2(A,B,D)$
- In R_2 : $A \rightarrow B$; decompose into $R_{21}(A,B)$, $R_{22}(A,D)$
- Final answer: $R_1(A,C)$, $R_{21}(A,B)$, $R_{22}(A,D)$
- Which one is better ?

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BCNF and Dependencies

Unit	Company	Product

FD's: $Unit \rightarrow Company$; $Company, Product \rightarrow Unit$
So, there is a BCNF violation, and we decompose.

Unit	Company

$Unit \rightarrow Company$

Unit	Product

No FDs

In BCNF we loose the FD: $Company, Product \rightarrow Unit$

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Solution: 3rd Normal Form (3NF)

A simple condition for removing anomalies from relations:

A relation R is in 3rd normal form if :

Whenever there is a nontrivial dependency $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rightarrow B$ for R, then $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ a super-key for R, or B is part of a key.

Please read in the book !!!

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3NF Discussion

- 3NF decomposition v.s. BCNF decomposition:
 - Use same decomposition steps, for a while
 - 3NF may stop decomposing, while BCNF continues
- Tradeoffs
 - BCNF = no anomalies, but may lose some FDs
 - 3NF = keeps all FDs, but may have some anomalies

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