Part V

Relational Database Design Theory
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1. Target Model of the Logical Design
2. Relational DB Design
3. Normal Forms
4. Transformation Properties
5. Design Methods
Educational Objective for Today . . .

- Know how to refine the relational design
- Understanding of normal forms
- Methodology and techniques for normalization
## Relation Model

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# Terms of the Relational Model

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<td>Relation schema</td>
<td>Set of attributes</td>
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## Terms of the Relational Model /2

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<td>Primary key</td>
<td>A key designated during database design</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foreign key</td>
<td>Set of attributes that are key in another relation</td>
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<td>Foreign key constraint</td>
<td>All attribute values of the foreign key show up as keys in the other relation</td>
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Integrity Constraints

- Identifying set of attributes $K := \{B_1, \ldots, B_k\} \subseteq R$:

  $$\forall t_1, t_2 \in r [t_1 \neq t_2 \implies \exists B \in K : t_1(B) \neq t_2(B)]$$

- **Key**: is minimal identifying set of attributes
  - \{Name, Vintage, Vineyard\} and
  - \{WineID\} for WINES

- **Prime attribute**: element of a key

- **Primary key**: designated key

- **Superkey**: every superset of a key (= identifying set of attributes)

- **Foreign key**: $X(R_1) \rightarrow Y(R_2)$

  $$\{t(X) | t \in r_1\} \subseteq \{t(Y) | t \in r_2\}$$
## Relation with Redundancies

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Update Anomalies

- Insertion into the redundancy-containing relation WINES:

```sql
insert into WINES (WineID, Name, Color, Vintage, Vineyard, District, Region)
values (4711, 'Chardonnay', 'Weiś', 2004, 'Helena', 'Rheingau', 'California')
```

- WineID 4711 already assigned to another wine: violates FD WineID → Name
- Up to now, vineyard Helena was located in Napa Valley: violates FD Vineyard → District
- Rheingau is not located in California: violates FD District → Region

- Also: update- and delete anomalies
Functional Dependencies

- **Functional dependency** between two sets of attribute $X$ and $Y$ of a relation holds iff

  for each tuple of the relation, the attribute values of the $X$ components determine the attribute values of the $Y$ components.

- If two tuples have the same values for the $X$ attributes, they also have the same values for all $Y$ attributes.

- Notation for functional dependency (FD): $X \rightarrow Y$

- Example:
  - WineID $\rightarrow$ Name, Vineyard
  - District $\rightarrow$ Region

- But not: Vineyard $\rightarrow$ Name
Keys as a Special Case

- For example on Slide 5-7
  
  WineID → Name, Color, Vintage, Vineyard, District, Region

- Always: WineID → WineID, then whole schema on the right side

- If left side minimal: Key

- Formally: $X$ is key if FD $X \rightarrow R$ holds for relation schema $R$ and $X$ is minimal

Goal of database design: Transform all existing functional dependencies into “key dependencies”, without losing semantic information
## Deriving FDs

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- Satisfies $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$
- Then $A \rightarrow C$ also holds
- Not derivable: $C \rightarrow A$ or $C \rightarrow B$
Deriving FDs /2

- If for $f$ over $R$, it holds that $\text{SAT}_R(F) \subseteq \text{SAT}_R(f)$, then $F$ implies the FD $f$ (short: $F \models f$)
- Previous example:

$$F = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \} \models A \rightarrow C$$

- Computing the closure: Determine all functional dependencies that can be derived from a given set of FDs
- Closure $F_R^+ := \{ f \mid (f \text{ FD over } R) \land F \models f \}$
- Example:

$$\{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \}^+ = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow C, AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow BC, \ldots, AB \rightarrow AB, \ldots \}$$
Derivation Rules

F1  Reflexivity  \[ X \supseteq Y \implies X \rightarrow Y \]
F2  Augmentation  \[ \{X \rightarrow Y\} \implies XZ \rightarrow YZ \text{ and } XZ \rightarrow Y \]
F3  Transitivity  \[ \{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z\} \implies X \rightarrow Z \]
F4  Decomposition  \[ \{X \rightarrow YZ\} \implies X \rightarrow Y \]
F5  Union  \[ \{X \rightarrow Y, X \rightarrow Z\} \implies X \rightarrow YZ \]
F6  Pseudo-transitivity  \[ \{X \rightarrow Y, WY \rightarrow Z\} \implies WX \rightarrow Z \]

F1-F3 known as Armstrong axioms (sound, complete)
- **Sound**: Rules do not derive FDs that are not logically implied
- **Complete**: All implied FDs are derived
- **Independent** (i.e., minimal w.r.t. \( \subseteq \)): No rule can be omitted

\(^1\text{w.r.t.} = \text{with respect to}\)
Alternative Set of Rules

- B-Axioms or RAP-rules
  - Reflexivity
    \[
    \{\} \implies X \rightarrow X
    \]
  - Accumulation
    \[
    \{X \rightarrow YZ, Z \rightarrow AW\} \implies X \rightarrow YZA
    \]
  - Projectivity
    \[
    \{X \rightarrow YZ\} \implies X \rightarrow Y
    \]

- Rule set is complete because it allows to derive the Armstrong axioms
Membership Problem

Can a certain FD $X \rightarrow Y$ be derived from a given set $F$, i.e., is it implied by $F$?

**Membership problem:** “$X \rightarrow Y \in F^+$ ?”

- Closure over a set of attributes $X$ w.r.t. $F$ is $X_F^+ := \{A \mid X \rightarrow A \in F^+\}$
- Membership problem can be solved in linear time by solving the modified problem

**Membership problem (2):** “$Y \subseteq X_F^+$ ?”
Algorithm **Closure**

- Compute $X_F^+$, the closure of $X$ w.r.t. $F$

**Closure($F, X$):**

\[
X^+ := X \\
\text{repeat} \\
\bar{X}^+ := X^+ \quad /* \text{R-rule} */ \\
\text{forall } \text{FDs } Y \rightarrow Z \in F \\
\text{if } Y \subseteq X^+ \text{ then } X^+ := X^+ \cup Z \quad /* \text{A-rule} */ \\
\text{until } X^+ = \bar{X}^+ \\
\text{return } X^+
\]

**Member($F, X \rightarrow Y$):** /* Test if $X \rightarrow Y \in F^+$ */

**return** $Y \subseteq \text{Closure}($$F, X$$) /* \text{P-rule} */

- Example: $A \rightarrow C \in \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}^+$?
**Minimal Cover**

... to minimize a set of FDs

```plaintext
forall FD \( X \rightarrow Y \in F \) /* Left reduction */
forall \( A \in X \) /* A superflous? */
  if \( Y \subseteq \text{CLOSURE}(F, X - \{A\}) \)
  then replace \( X \rightarrow Y \) with \((X - A) \rightarrow Y\) in \( F \)

forall remaining FD \( X \rightarrow Y \in F \) /* Right reduction */
forall \( B \in Y \) /* B superflous? */
  if \( B \subseteq \text{CLOSURE}(F - \{X \rightarrow Y\} \cup \{X \rightarrow (Y - B)\}, X) \)
  then replace \( X \rightarrow Y \) with \( X \rightarrow (Y - B) \)

Eliminate FDs of the form \( X \rightarrow \emptyset \)
Combine FDs of the form \( X \rightarrow Y_1, X \rightarrow Y_2, \ldots \) into \( X \rightarrow Y_1Y_2 \ldots \)
Normal Forms . . .

- . . . determine properties of relation schemata
- . . . forbid certain combinations of functional dependencies in relations
- . . . should prevent redundancies and anomalies
First Normal Form

- Allows only *atomic* attributes in relation schemas, i.e., only elements of standard datatypes, such as `integer` or `string`, are allowed as attribute values, but not `array` or `set`
- Not in 1NF:

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First Normal Form /2

In first normal form:

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Second Normal Form

**Partial dependency**: An attribute functionally depends on only part of the key

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\[ f_1: \text{Name, Vineyard} \rightarrow \text{Price} \]
\[ f_2: \text{Name} \rightarrow \text{Color} \]
\[ f_3: \text{Vineyard} \rightarrow \text{District, Region} \]
\[ f_4: \text{District} \rightarrow \text{Region} \]

Second normal form eliminates such partial dependencies for non-key attributes.
Elimination of Partial Dependencies

- Key K
- Part of Key X
- dependent Attribute A

Diagram showing the elimination process.
Second Normal Form /2

Example relation in 2NF

R1(Name, Vineyard, Price)
R2(Name, Color)
R3(Vineyard, District, Region)
Second Normal Form /3

- Note: Partially dependent attribute is only problematic if it is not a prime attribute
- 2NF formally: Extended relation schema $\mathcal{R} = (R, \mathcal{K})$, FD set $F$ over $R$

  - $Y$ **partially depends** on $X$ w.r.t. $F$ if the FD $X \rightarrow Y$ is not left-reduced
  - $Y$ **fully depends** on $X$ if the FD $X \rightarrow Y$ is left-reduced
  - $\mathcal{R}$ is in **2NF** if $\mathcal{R}$ is in 1NF and every non-prime attribute of $R$ fully depends on every key of $\mathcal{R}$
Third Normal Form

- Eliminates transitive dependencies (in addition to the other kinds of dependencies)
- For instance, Vineyard → District and District → Region in relation on Slide 5-21
- Note: 3NF only considers non-key attributes as endpoints of transitive dependencies
Elimination of Transitive Dependencies

Key K

Set of Attributes X

dependent Attribute A
Third Normal Form /2

- Transitive dependency in R3, i.e., R3 violates 3NF
- Example relation in 3NF
  \[ R3_1(\text{Vineyard}, \text{District}) \]
  \[ R3_2(\text{District}, \text{Region}) \]
Third Normal Form: Formally

- Relation schema $R$, $X \subseteq R$ and $F$ is an FD set over $R$

- $A \in R$ is called **transitively dependent** on $X$ w.r.t. $F$ if and only if there is a $Y \subseteq R$ for which it holds that $X \rightarrow Y$, $Y \not\rightarrow X$, $Y \rightarrow A$, $A \notin XY$

- Extended relation schema $\mathcal{R} = (R, \mathcal{K})$ is in 3NF w.r.t. $F$ if and only if

$$\forall A \in R : A \text{ is non-prime attribute in } R$$
$$\land A \text{ transitively dependent on a } K \in \mathcal{K} \text{ w.r.t. } F.$$
Boyce-Codd Normal Form

- Stronger version of 3NF: Elimination of transitive dependencies also between prime attributes

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- FDs:
  - Name, Vineyard → Price
  - Vineyard → Dealer
  - Dealer → Vineyard

- Candidate keys: \{ Name, Vineyard \} and \{ Name, Dealer \}

- Example relation meets 3NF but not BCNF
**Boyce-Codd-Normalform /2**

- Extended relation schema $\mathcal{R} = (R, \mathcal{K})$, FD set $F$
- BCNF formally:

  $\forall A \in R : A$ transitively depends on a $K \in \mathcal{K}$ w.r.t. $F$.

- Schema in BCNF:
  
  WINES(Name, Vineyard, Price)
  
  WINE_TRADE(Vineyard, Dealer)

- However, BCNF may violate dependency preservation, therefore often stop at 3NF
Minimality

- Avoid global redundancies
- Meet other criteria (such as normal forms) with as few schemas as possible
- Example: Set of attributes $ABC$, set of FDs $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$
- Database schema in third normal form:

$$S = \{(AB, \{A\}), (BC, \{B\})\}$$

$$S' = \{(AB, \{A\}), (BC, \{B\}), (AC, \{A\})\}$$

Redundancies in $S'$
# Schema Properties

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<th>Schema Property</th>
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<td>Only atomic attributes</td>
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<td>2NF</td>
<td>No non-prime attribute that partially depends on a key</td>
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<td>No attribute that transitively depends on a key</td>
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<td>Minimality</td>
<td>Minimal number of relation schemas that satisfies the other properties</td>
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Transformation Properties

When decomposing a relation in multiple relations, care must be taken that . . .

1. . . only semantically sensible and consistent application data is presented (dependency preservation), and
2. . . all application data can be derived from the base relations (lossless-join decomposition)
Dependency Preservation

- **Dependency preservation**: A set of dependencies can be transformed into an equivalent second set of dependencies.

- More specifically: into the set of key dependencies because these can be validated efficiently by the database system.
  - The set of dependencies shall be equivalent to the set of key constraints in the resulting database schema.
  - Equivalence ensures that, on a semantic level, the key dependencies express the exact same integrity constraints as the functional and other dependencies did before.
Dependency Preservation: Example

- Decomposition of the relation schema WINES (Slide 5-21) into 3NF:
  
  R1(Name, Vineyard, Price)
  R2(Name, Color)
  R3_1(Vineyard, District)
  R3_2(District, Region)

  with key dependencies
  
  Name, Vineyard → Price
  Name → Color
  Vineyard → District
  District → Region

- Equivalent to FDs $f_1 \ldots f_4$ (Slide 5-21) ~ dependency-preserving
Dependency Preservation: Example /2

- Zip code (a.k.a. postal code) structure of the Deutsche Post
  ADDRESS(ZIP (Z), City (C), Street (S), Street Number (N))
  and functional dependencies $F$
    
    \[ CSN \rightarrow Z, \ Z \rightarrow C \]

- Candidate keys: CSN and ZSN $\bowtie$ 3NF

- Does not meet BCNF (because $ZSN \rightarrow Z \rightarrow C$): therefore decomposition of ADDRESS

- But: every decomposition would destroy $CSN \rightarrow Z$

- Set of resulting FDs is not equivalent to $F$, the decomposition is therefore not dependency-preserving
Dependency Preservation: Formally

Locally extended database schema $S = \{(R_1, K_1), \ldots, (R_p, K_p)\}$; a set $F$ of local dependencies

$S$ fully characterizes $F$ (or: is dependency-preserving w.r.t. $F$) if and only if

$$F \equiv \{K \rightarrow R \mid (R, K) \in S, K \in K\}$$
Lossless-Join Decomposition

- In order to satisfy the criteria of the normal forms, relation schemas sometimes have to be decomposed into smaller relation schemas.

- In order to restrict to “sensible” decomposition, require that the original relation can be recreated from the decomposed relations using a natural join.

\[ \rightsquigarrow \text{lossless-join decomposition} \]
Lossless-Join Decomposition: Examples

- Decompose the relation schema $R = ABC$ into

  $$R_1 = AB \text{ and } R_2 = BC$$

- Decomposition is not join-lossless given the dependencies

  $$F = \{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow B\}$$

- In contrast, the decomposition is join-lossless given the dependencies

  $$F' = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$$
Lossless-Join Decomposition

- Original relation:

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Non-Join-Lossless Decomposition

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Join (not join-lossless):

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Lossless-Join Decomposition: Formally

The decomposition of a set of attributes $X$ in $X_1, \ldots, X_p$ with $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{p} X_i$ is called a **lossless-join decomposition** under a set of dependencies $F$ over $X$ if and only if

$$\forall r \in \text{SAT}_X(F) : \pi_{X_1}(r) \Join \cdots \Join \pi_{X_p}(r) = r$$

holds.

- Simple criterion for a join-lossless decomposition into two relation schemas: Decomposition of $X$ into $X_1$ and $X_2$ is join-lossless under $F$, if $X_1 \cap X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \in F^+$ or $X_1 \cap X_2 \rightarrow X_2 \in F^+$
## Transformation Properties

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Design Methods: Goals

- Given: Universe $\mathcal{U}$ and set of FDs $F$
- Locally extended database schema $S = \{(R_1, \mathcal{K}_1), \ldots, (R_p, \mathcal{K}_p)\}$

compute with

- $T_1$: Dependency Preservation ($S$ fully characterizes $F$)
- $S_1$: $S$ is in 3NF under $F$
- $T_2$: Lossless-Join Decomposition
- $S_2$: Minimality, i.e.,
  \[ \forall S' : S' \text{ satisfies } T_1, S_1, T_2 \text{ and } |S'| < |S| \]
Design Methods: Example

- Database schemas badly designed if only one of these four criteria is not fulfilled.
- Example: \( S = \{ (AB, \{A\}), (BC, \{B\}), (AC, \{A\}) \} \) fulfills \( T1, S1 \) and \( T2 \) under \( F = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow C \} \)
  - in third relation \( AC \) tuple redundant or inconsistent.
- Correct: \( S' = \{ (AB, \{A\}), (BC, \{B\}) \} \)
Decomposition

- Given: Initial universal relation schema $\mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}(F))$ with all attributes and a set of implied keys implied by FDs $F$ over $R$
  - Set of attributes $\mathcal{U}$ and set of FDs $F$
  - Find all $K \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ with $K$ minimal, for which $K \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \in F^+ (\mathcal{K}(F))$

- Wanted: Decomposition into $D = \{\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \ldots \}$ of 3NF-relation schemas
Decomposition: Algorithm

DECOMPOSE(\(R\))

Set \(D := \{R\}\)

while \(R' \in D\), does not meet 3NF

/* Find attribute A that is transitively dependent on K */
if Key K with \(K \rightarrow Y, Y \not\rightarrow K, Y \rightarrow A, A \notin KY\)
then

/* Decompose relation schema R w.r.t. A */
\(R_1 := R - A\), \(R_2 := YA\)
\(R_1 := (R_1, \mathcal{K})\), \(R_2 := (R_2, \mathcal{K}_2 = \{Y\})\)
\(D := (D - R') \cup \{R_1\} \cup \{R_2\}\)

end if

end while

return \(D\)
Decomposition: Example

- Initial relation schema $R = ABC$
- Functional dependencies $F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$
- Keys $K = A$
Decomposition: Example /2

- Initial relation schema $R$ with Name, Vineyard, Price, Color, District, Region
- Functional dependencies

$f_1$: Name, Vineyard $\rightarrow$ Price
$f_2$: Name, Vineyard $\rightarrow$ Vineyard
$f_3$: Name, Vineyard $\rightarrow$ Name
$f_4$: Name $\rightarrow$ Color
$f_5$: Vineyard $\rightarrow$ District, Region
$f_6$: District $\rightarrow$ Region
Decomposition: Assessment

- Advantages: 3NF, lossless-join decomposition
- Disadvantages: other criteria not fulfilled, depends on order, NP-hard (search for keys)
Synthesis Method

- Principle: Synthesis transforms original set of FDs $F$ into a resulting set of key dependencies $G$ such that $F \equiv G$
- “Dependency Preservation” built into the method
- 3NF and minimality also achieved, independent of order
- Computational complexity: quadratic
Comparison Decomposition — Synthesis

\[ \mathcal{U}, \text{FDs } F \]

\[ R, \mathcal{K} \]

\[ R_1', \mathcal{K}_1', \ldots, R_m', \mathcal{K}_m' \]

\[ R_1, \mathcal{K}_1, \ldots, R_n, \mathcal{K}_n \]

\[ \text{FDs } F' \]

\[ \text{FDs } F'' \]

Decomposition  Synthesis
Synthesis Method: Algorithm

- Given: Relation schema \( R \) mit FDs \( F \)
- Wanted: Join-lossless and dependency-preserving decomposition into \( R_1, \ldots R_n \) where all \( R_i \) are in 3NF
- Algorithm:

\[
\text{SYNTHESIZE}(F):
\]
\[
\hat{F} := \text{MINIMALCOVER}(F) \quad /* \text{Determine minimal cover} */
\]

Compute equivalence classes \( C_i \) of FDs from \( \hat{F} \) with equal or equivalent left sides, i.e., \( C_i = \{X_i \rightarrow A_{i1}, X_i \rightarrow A_{i2}, \ldots \} \)

For each equivalence class \( C_i \) create a schema of the form
\[
R_{C_i} = \{X_i \cup \{A_{i1}\} \cup \{A_{i2}\} \cup \ldots\}
\]

if none of the schemas \( R_{C_i} \) contains a key from \( R \)
then create additional relation schema \( R_K \) with attributes from \( R \), which form the key

return \( \{R_K, R_{C_1}, R_{C_2}, \ldots\} \)
Equivalence Classes

- Class of FDs whose left sides are equal or equivalent
- Left sides are equivalent if they determine each other functionally
- Relation schema \( R \) with \( X_i, Y \subset R \), set of FDs \( X_i \rightarrow X_j \) and \( X_i \rightarrow Y \) with \( 1 \leq i, j \leq n \) can be expressed as

\[
(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n) \rightarrow Y
\]
Equivalence Classes: Example

- Set of FDs

\[ F = \{ A \rightarrow B, AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow E \} \]

- Minimal cover

\[ \hat{F} = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow E \} \]

- Aggregation into equivalence classes

\[ C_1 = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A \} \]
\[ C_2 = \{ C \rightarrow E \} \]

- Result of synthesis

\[ (ABC, \{ \{A\}, \{B\} \}), (CE, \{C\}) \]
Achieving a Lossless-Join Decomposition

Achieve a lossless-join decomposition by a simple “trick”:

- Extend the original set of FDs $F$ with $U \rightarrow \delta$, where $\delta$ is a dummy attribute
- $\delta$ is removed after synthesis

Example: $\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow E\}$

- Result of synthesis $(AB, \{A\}), (CE, \{C\})$ is not lossless, because the universal key is not part of any schema
- Dummy-FD $ABCE \rightarrow \delta$; reduced to $AC \rightarrow \delta$
- Yields third relation schema

$(AC, \{AC\})$
Synthesis: Example

- Relation schema and set of FDs from Slide 5-49
- Steps
  1. Minimal cover: removal of $f_2, f_3$ as well as Region in $f_5$
  2. Equivalence classes:
     
     $$C_1 = \{ \text{Name, Vineyard} \rightarrow \text{Price} \}$$
     $$C_2 = \{ \text{Name} \rightarrow \text{Color} \}$$
     $$C_3 = \{ \text{Vineyard} \rightarrow \text{District} \}$$
     $$C_4 = \{ \text{District} \rightarrow \text{Region} \}$$

- Derivation of relation schemas
Summary

- Functional dependencies
- Normal forms (1NF – 3NF, BCNF)
- Dependency preservation and lossless-join decomposition
- Design methods
Control Questions

- What is the goal of normalizing relational schemas?
- Which properties of relational schemas do the normal forms take into account?
- What is the difference between 3NF and BCNF?
- What does it mean for a decomposition to be *dependency-preserving*? What is a *lossless-join decomposition*?