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NORMALIZATION: WHY

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## NORMALIZATION

Why?

Three types of misbehavior

- UPDATE
- Insertion
- Delete

Each Relation Should describe a Single concept

A relation is in third Normal Form if every determinant is key



# NORMALIZATION

ITEM	PRICE	DATE	QTY ordered
Toaster	20.00	1/10/78	2
Toaster	20.00	2/15/78	5
Mixer	28.00	4/6/75	3

Insertion Problem ] Lack of inf.  
Deletion Problem ] loss

item	Price	item	Date	Qty

IF

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow C$$

THEN  $A \rightarrow C$

②

IF

$$A \rightarrow B$$

THEN

$$AB \rightarrow B$$

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

$$A \rightarrow D$$

$$A \rightarrow E$$

$$AB \rightarrow C$$

$$R_1(A, B, C) \quad R_2(A, D, E)$$

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be subset of all attributes( $U$ ) of a relation  $R$ .

### AXIOMS

① IF  $Y \subseteq X \subseteq U$

Then  $X \rightarrow Y$

Reflexivity

② IF  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Z \subseteq U$

Then  $XZ \rightarrow YZ$

Augmentation

③

IF  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow Z$

Then  $X \rightarrow Z$

Transitivity

## THEOREM

ARMSTRONG'S AXIOMS ARE  
SOUND and COMPLETE.

### SOUND :

IF  $X \rightarrow Y$  is deduced from F and Axiom,  
THEN  $X \rightarrow Y$  is true in any relation in which  
F is true.

REFLEXIVITY : IF two tuples of  $\tau$   
agree on  $X$ , they must agree on  
a subset of  $X$ .

### AUGMENTATION:

IF two tuples agree on  $XZ$   
but not on  $YZ$   
then they must agree on  $X$  but not on  $Y$   
contradiction ( $X \rightarrow Y$ ).

### TRANSITIVITY :

IF two tuples agree on  $X$ , they  
agree on  $Y$ . If they agree on  $Y$ , they  
agree on  $Z$ . So  $X \rightarrow Z$

# Functional Dependency (Revisited)

$$X \rightarrow Y$$

means

X functionally determines Y

or Y is functionally dependent on X

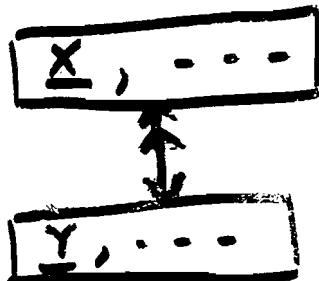
if it is not possible that relation R  
has two tuples that

agree on value of X

and disagree on value of Y

Many - one mapping

$$X \rightarrow Y$$



one to one mapping

$$X \rightarrow Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow X$$

## Some more rules

union

IF  $X \rightarrow Y, X \rightarrow Z$

THEN  $X \rightarrow YZ$

Pseudotransitivity-

IF  $X \rightarrow Y$

and  $WY \rightarrow Z$

Then  $XW \rightarrow Z$

Decomposition

IF

$X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Z \subseteq Y$

Then  $X \rightarrow Z$

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IF  $F$  is a set of functional dependencies

$F^+$  is the set of all functional dependencies derivable from  $F$   
 $F^+$  is called closure of  $F$ .

of

## Union Rule

$$X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow X \rightarrow XY$$

$$X \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow XY \rightarrow ZX \text{ (or } YZ)$$

$$\text{So } X \rightarrow XY \rightarrow YZ$$

QED

## Pseudotransitivity Rule

$$X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow XW \rightarrow YW$$

$$\text{But } YW \rightarrow Z$$

$$\text{So } XW \rightarrow Z$$

QED

## Decomposition Rule

$$X \rightarrow Y$$

Tuples that agree on  $X$  do agree on  
and so they do agree on  
subset of  $Y$

But  $Z \subseteq Y$  So they do agree on

$$\text{So } X \rightarrow Z \quad \text{QED.}$$

EXAMPLE

$$R = (A, B, C, D, E, G)$$

F :

$$\begin{array}{ll} AB \rightarrow C & D \rightarrow EG \\ C \rightarrow A & BE \rightarrow C \\ BC \rightarrow D & CG \rightarrow BD \\ ACD \rightarrow B & CE \rightarrow AG \end{array}$$

$(BD)^+$  = Set of attributes that  
are dependent on  
attributes B, D

$$= ABCDEG = R$$

Thus BD determines R

We call BD as the key of R

A relation by definition is in  
FIRST NORMAL FORM

- A relation is in 2<sup>nd</sup> NF if anyone of the following is true
  1. The key consists of a single attribute
  2. There are no non-key attributes
  3. Every non-key attribute depends on all of the key

Example

$R(\underline{A}, B)$  Case 1

$R(\underline{A}, \underline{B}, C)$  Case 2

$R(\underline{A}, \underline{B}, C, D)$  Case 3.

and  $AB \rightarrow C$

$AB \rightarrow D$

- A relation is in 3NF, if it is in 2<sup>nd</sup> NF and has no transitive dependencies

## Mathematically

R is in 3NF

if  $\nexists$  key X for R and  $Y \subseteq R$

and a non-key attribute A not in  $X \cup Y$

Such that

1.	$X \rightarrow Y$	$\overbrace{X}$	$\overbrace{A}$
2.	$Y \rightarrow A$	$\overbrace{X}$	$\overbrace{A}$ $\overbrace{Y}$
3.	$Y \not\rightarrow X$	$\overbrace{X}$ $\overbrace{Y}$	$\overbrace{A}$

IF Y is a subset of X

Then R has partial dependency

IF Y is not a subset of X

Then R has a transitive dependency

A set of  $F$  is minimal if

- a) Every right side is a single attribute
- b) For no  $x \rightarrow A$ ,  $F - \{x \rightarrow A\} \equiv F$
- c) For no  $x \rightarrow A$ ,  $z \subset x$   
$$[F - \{x \rightarrow A\}] \cup \{z \rightarrow A\} \equiv F$$

Lemma:

$F$  is covered by  $G$  in which no right side has more than one attribute

IF  $x \rightarrow A$  in  $G$        $x \rightarrow Y$  in  $F$  and  $A \in Y$   
By decomposition       $x \rightarrow A$  in  $F^+$   
So       $G \subseteq F^+$

Let  $Y = A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$

IF  $x \rightarrow Y$  in  $F$  Then  $x \rightarrow A_1$  in  $G^+$   
 $x \rightarrow A_2$   
 $\dots$   
 $x \rightarrow A_n$

So       $F \subseteq G^+$

$$\underline{F^+ \equiv G^+}$$

## Lossless join Decomposition

Let  $\gamma$  be a relation for scheme R satisfying dependencies D

let  $\rho = \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$  be a decomposition satisfying D.

Then the decomposition is lossless if

$$\gamma = \pi_{R_1}(\gamma) \bowtie_1 \pi_{R_2}(\gamma) \bowtie_1 \dots \bowtie_1 \pi_{R_n}(\gamma)$$

= Natural Join of its projections  
on the  $R_i$ 's.

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$$\text{Let } m_\rho(\gamma) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \pi_{R_i}(\gamma)$$

Decomp is lossless if

$$\gamma = m_\rho(\gamma)$$

$$\text{Let } \gamma_i = \pi_{R_i}(\gamma)$$

Lemma

a)  $r \subseteq m_P(r)$

b) If  $s = m_P(r)$ , then  $\pi_{R_i}(s) = r_i$

c)  $m_P(m_P(r)) = m_P(r)$

## Testing Lossless Joins

$$R = A_1, \dots, A_n \quad P = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k)$$

	$A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot A_j \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$
$R_1$	-
$R_2$	- - - - - X
:	
$R_k$	

$$x = a_j \text{ if } A_j \in R_2$$

$$x = b_{2j} \text{ if } A_j \notin R_2$$

Do Recursively:  
If ONE row is all a's. HALT

let  $x \rightarrow Y$   
look 2 rows that  
agree on x  
Equate elements  
of Y  $\Rightarrow$  if one is a  
both are a  
if both are b, leave the  
as b.

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

$$R_1 = AD$$

$$R_2 = AB$$

$$R_3 = BE$$

$$R_4 = CDE$$

$$R_5 = AE$$

$$A \rightarrow C \checkmark$$

$$B \rightarrow C$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$DE \rightarrow C$$

$$CE \rightarrow A \checkmark$$

	A	B	C	D	E
AD	a <sub>1</sub>	b <sub>12</sub>	b <sub>13</sub>	a <sub>4</sub>	b <sub>15</sub>
AB	a <sub>1</sub>	a <sub>2</sub>	b <sub>23</sub>	<del>a<sub>4</sub></del>	b <sub>25</sub>
BE	<del>b<sub>31</sub></del> a <sub>1</sub>	a <sub>2</sub>	<del>b<sub>23</sub></del> a <sub>3</sub>	<del>b<sub>34</sub></del> a <sub>4</sub>	a <sub>5</sub>
CDE	b <sub>41</sub>	b <sub>42</sub>	a <sub>3</sub>	a <sub>4</sub>	a <sub>5</sub>
AE	a <sub>1</sub>	b <sub>52</sub>	b <sub>53</sub>	<del>b<sub>54</sub></del> a <sub>4</sub>	a <sub>5</sub>

Proof: Algorithm correctly determines if a decomposition has a lossless join.

One way

Suppose the final table does not have a row with all a's. Let this be a relation  $\gamma$  for R.

Then we must prove  $\gamma \neq m_p(r)$

Now for each  $R_i \exists t_i \in \gamma$  with all a's in its row.

$m_p(r) = \prod_{i=1}^K \pi_{R_i}(r)$  contains a row with all a's.

So  $\gamma$  with no rows of a  $\neq m_p(r)$  with a row of all a's.

Reverse

Please read yourself

Superkey - superset of a key

Candidate key - minimal set of attributes

key - one designated Candidate key

$R(\text{city}, \text{st}, \text{zip})$

$(\text{city}, \text{st}) \rightarrow \text{zip}$

$\text{zip} \rightarrow \text{city}$

$(\text{city}, \text{st})$      $(\text{st}, \text{zip})$  are keys

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An Att is prime att of R

if it is a member of any key of R

Non prime att  $\Rightarrow$  not a member of any key of R

3NF

$X$  is a superkey of  $R$   
 $A$  is a prime att of  $R$

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$A_{rel}$  is 3NF

if every non-prime att of  $R$

is  
1) Fully functionally dep  
on every key of  $R$

or  
2) Non-transitively dep  
on every key of  $R$

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$A_{rel}$  is 2NF

if every non-prime att  $A$   
in  $R$  is not partially dep  
on any key of  $R$

Boyce Codd Normal Form

A rel R with attr F is  
in BCNF if

$X \rightarrow A$  holds in R  
and  $A \notin X$

$X$  is a superkey of R

$X$  is or contains the key.

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Diff between 3NF & BCNF

3NF allows t to be prime  
if X is not a superkey.

NP Complete to determine  
if a R is in BCN

## Theorem

Every set of dependencies  $F$  is equivalent to a set of dependencies  $F'$  that is minimal.

Proof by construction

Step 1

Change  $F$  to get single attribute on right side

Step 2

If a dependency  $x \rightarrow F$  can be eliminated without changing  $F'$  do it.

(you may have several choices)

Step 3

Eliminate attributes from the left side.

$$\begin{array}{l} XY \rightarrow Z \\ Y \rightarrow Z \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Eliminate } X$$

## Theorem

IF a relation R is in BCNF

Then it is in 3<sup>NF</sup>.

### Proof

Let R in BCNF & not in 3<sup>NF</sup>

Then  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow A$  is in F (Partial  
or  
Transitive)

X is a key for R

A ⊈ X or A ⊈ Y and Y ↳ X

IF  $Y \nrightarrow X$

Then Y does<sup>not</sup> include the key for R

But  $Y \rightarrow A$  violates that R in BCNF.

4<sup>th</sup> NF, Multivalued Dependencies?

Theorem:

If  $P = (R_1, R_2)$

Then  $P$  has a lossless join w.r.t  $F$

iff  $R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  }  $\in F^+$   
or  $R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ .

Example

$$R = (A, B, C)$$

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

$$R_1(A, B)$$

$$R_2(B, C)$$

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = B$$

$$R_1 - R_2 = A$$

$$R_2 - R_1 = C$$

$$B \nrightarrow A, B \nrightarrow C$$

So Decomposition is lossy

$$R_1(A, B)$$

$$R_2(A, C)$$

$$R_1 \cap R_2 = A$$

$$R_1 - R_2 = B$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

Decomposition

has a lossless join

# Algorithm for Lossless Join Decomposition into B-C NF.

Initially  $P = R$ .

For  $S \in P$  if  $S$  not in BCNF

then  $X \rightarrow A$  holds in  $S$

$\exists X$  does not include a key for  $S$   
and  $A \notin X$

let attribute  $A_K \in S$

$\notin A$   
 $\notin X$

Then  $S = (S_1, S_2)$

$\exists S_1 = (X, A)$

$S_2 = (S - A) \neq \emptyset \because$  contains  
 $A_K$ ,

Decomposition of  $S$  is  $(S_1, S_2)$

Keep Iterating till all  $S_i$  in BCN

Lemma

$$\rho = (R_1, \dots, R_i, \dots, R_k)$$

~~Decomposition (lossless join)~~

$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$$

If  $\rho$  has a lossless join wrt F

$$\rho_1 = (R_1, \dots, R_{i-1}, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m, R_{i+1}, \dots, R_k)$$

$\rightarrow \rho_1$  has a lossless join wrt F

$$\rho_2 = (R_1, \dots, R_i, \dots, R_k, R_{k+1}, \dots, R_n)$$

$\rho_2$  include  $\rho$  and some more

then  $\rho_2$  also has a lossless join wrt F

## Decompositions that Preserve Dependencies

Projection of  $F$  onto  $Z$  ( $\pi_Z(F)$ )

is set of dependencies  $X \rightarrow Y$  in  $F^+$   
such that  $XY \subseteq Z$ .

A decomposition  $P$  preserves a  
set of dependencies  $F$

if  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \pi_{R_i}(F) \subseteq F$

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^k \pi_{R_i}(F) \right)^+ = F^+$$

# Relation Schema

↓  
Lossless Join Decomposition

↓  
B-C NF

↓  
Lossless Join  
and  
Dependency preserving  
Decomposition

↓  
3NF

$R(c, s, z)$        $F:$

$R_1(s, z)$        $c, s \rightarrow z$

$R_2(c, z)$        $z \rightarrow c$

↓

Is it a lossless join Decomp?  
Is it a FD preserving Decomp?

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

$\rho = \{AB \rightarrow BC \rightarrow CD\}$

$F: A \rightarrow B$

$B \rightarrow C$

$C \rightarrow D$

$D \rightarrow A$

$R_1(A, B)$

$F_1: A \rightarrow B \quad \therefore \pi_{R_1}(F^+) = F_1.$

and  $B \rightarrow A$

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$R_1(A, B, C, D) \quad \rho(A, B, C, D)$

$F: A \rightarrow B$

$C \rightarrow D$

Preserves Functional Dep.  
but yet lossy join.

Example

$$R_1 = (C, T, H, R, S, G)$$

$$C \rightarrow T$$

$$HR \rightarrow C$$

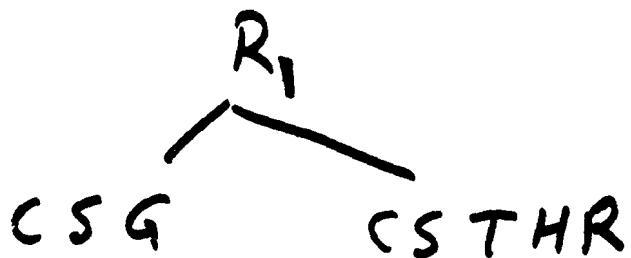
$$HT \rightarrow R$$

$$CS \rightarrow G$$

$$HS \rightarrow R$$

$$(HS)^+ =$$

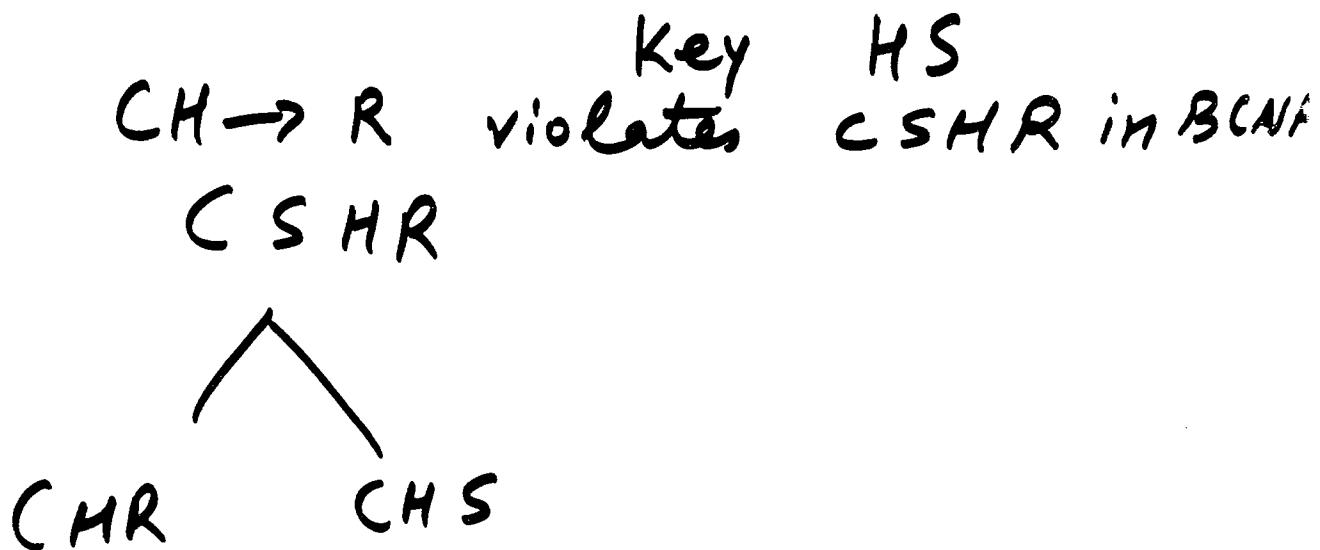
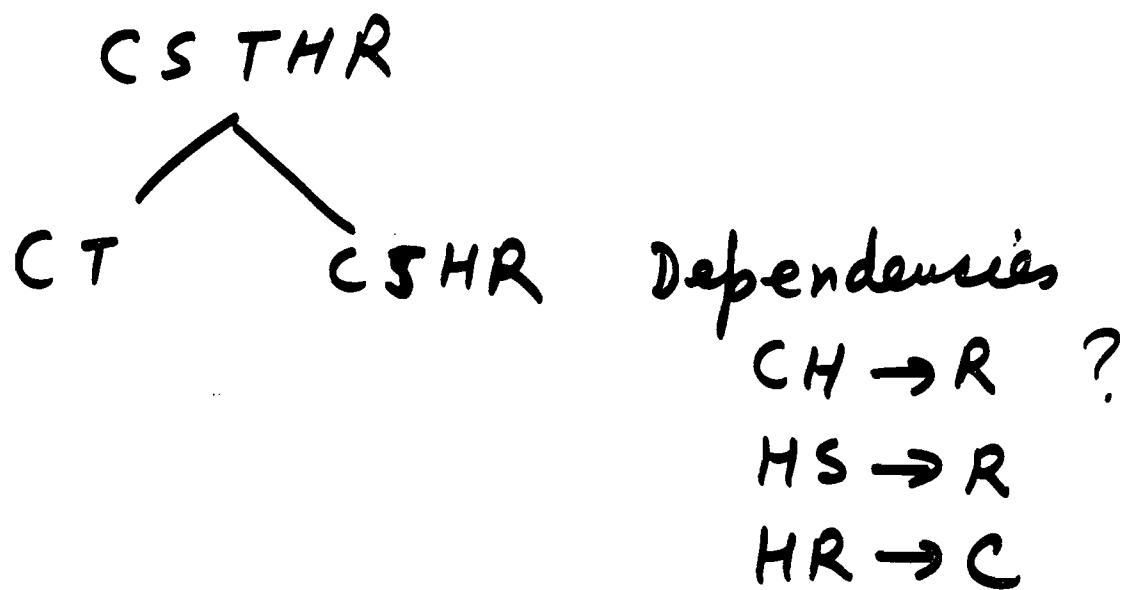
Now  $CS \rightarrow G$  violates that  $R_1$  is BCNF



To break  $CSTHR$ , project  $F^+$   
on  $C, S, T, H, R$

$$\begin{array}{ll} C \rightarrow T & HT \rightarrow R \\ HR \rightarrow C & HS \rightarrow R \end{array}$$

What is the key for CSTRH, HS  
 $C \rightarrow T$  violates that CSTRH in BCNF



$R_1 = \{ CGS, CT, CHR, CHS \}$  is in BC

Exponential Complexity  
To test if  $R$  in BCNF is NP-COMPLETE.

✓  $CE \rightarrow A$  eliminated because  $C \rightarrow A$

✓  $ACD \rightarrow B$  reduced to  $CD \rightarrow B$

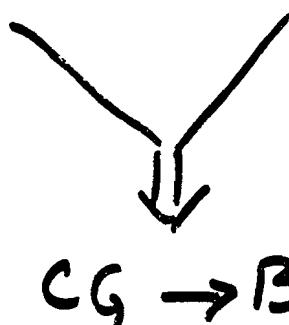
✓  $CG \rightarrow D, C \rightarrow A, ACD \rightarrow B$



$CG \rightarrow CD$



$CD \rightarrow B$



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## DECOMPOSITION OF RELATION SCHEME

$$R = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$$

$\downarrow$   
Decompose

$$P = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k\} \ni R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \dots \cup R_k = R$$

Example  $R = \{S, A, I, P\}$        $R_1 = \{S, A\}$   
 $R_2 = \{S, I, P\}$

R

| lossless join

$$P = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_K)$$

Each  $R_i$  in BCNF

& so in 3<sup>NF</sup>

Preserve set of dependencies

$$\tau = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m)$$

Let  $\tau = \sigma \cup \{X\}$

where  $X$  is the key for R

All relation in  $\tau$  are in 3<sup>NF</sup>  
decomposition preserves depend.  
of has a lossless Join.

AH xcomp	$Y_i A_i$ $R - X$	X
	row of a's	
X	aaaaaa	aaaaa

$$Y_i \subseteq X \cup (R - X)$$
$$Y_i \rightarrow A_i$$

## Alg 5.4 Dependency Preserving Decomp.

into 3NF

- If any attribute not in F  
it is one decompos.
- If any dependencies contains all attributes of R,  
R is one decomp
- Otherwise  
Decomposition is  $R = X A$   
where  $X \rightarrow A$  in F

$$R = \{C, T, H, R, S, G\}$$

Minimal cover

$$C \rightarrow T$$

$$HR \rightarrow C$$

$$HT \rightarrow R$$

$$CS \rightarrow C$$

$$HS \rightarrow R$$

$$F = \{CT, HRC, HTR, CSG, HSR\}$$